

Mountrath

Ballyfin

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Newsletter

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# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

## Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

*Note from Diocesan Office in Carlow*

**Safeguarding Evening, Thurs. Jan.**

**25<sup>th</sup>, Mt St. Annes**

An evening for priests and local safeguarding representatives will be held in Mt St Annes on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The evening will be led by Dr Jesse Rogers who will give an address on "The Theology of Safeguarding" Representatives from Parish Youth Groups will also give information on how their youth groups are working and the engagement they are receiving from young people and the wider parish community. Tea and coffee will be available from 7pm and all parish clergy and safeguarding representatives are encouraged to attend.

### School Enrolment

Ballyfin National School will be accepting applications for admissions to Junior Infants for the school year 2024/25 from Monday January 8th to Monday January 29th. Application forms and more information can be found at [www.ballyfinns.weebly.com](http://www.ballyfinns.weebly.com) or by contacting the school at [office@ballyfinns.ie](mailto:office@ballyfinns.ie) or 057 8755225'.



**Ger (Gerard) Halpin, Ballyfin Rd., Formerly Skerries. R.I.P.**

We pray for Gerry (Gerard) who died peacefully at his home on Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan..

Ger's Memorial Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on this Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. (11.30 am) followed by removal to his home town of Skerries. We keep and hold in our prayers at this time, his wife, Christine and family and the Halpin and Kirwan families, relatives, neighbours and his friends in Mountrath and Skerries.

**Martin Mulhall, Shannon Rd. R.I.P.**

We pray for Martin who died unexpectedly on Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. in Regional Hosp., Portlaoise. Martin's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00 am followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We keep and hold in our prayers in a very special way at this time, his mother Kathleen, her partner Tom, sisters Deborah, Linda, Martina, Catherine and Ellen, brothers George and Michael and their families, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and extended family.

*May Gerry and Martin rest in the peace of Christ.*

Lord, may you support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

**We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers**

People, their families and carers, who are ill or unwell – at home, in hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. -

We wish them a speedy recovery

# A New Year Blessing

May God make this new year a fulfilling one,  
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it unfolds.

Not by making our path easy,  
But by making us sturdy to travel any path.

Not by taking hardships from us,  
But by taking fear from our heart.

Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,  
But by keeping our face bright,  
even in the shadows.

Not by making our life always pleasant,  
But by showing when people  
and their causes need us most . . . .  
*and by making us anxious to be there to help.*

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*God's Love, Peace, Hope, and Joy to you,  
in abundance, for the year ahead.*

# Ballyfin Anniversaries

## Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of Bl. Sacrament

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm Feast of the Epiphany

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am **The Baptism of the Lord.**

Patrick (Paudge) Quinn, Pallas. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass – Family.

**Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am** Mai. O'Rourke (nee Conroy)

Springfield. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

### Month's Mind Mass

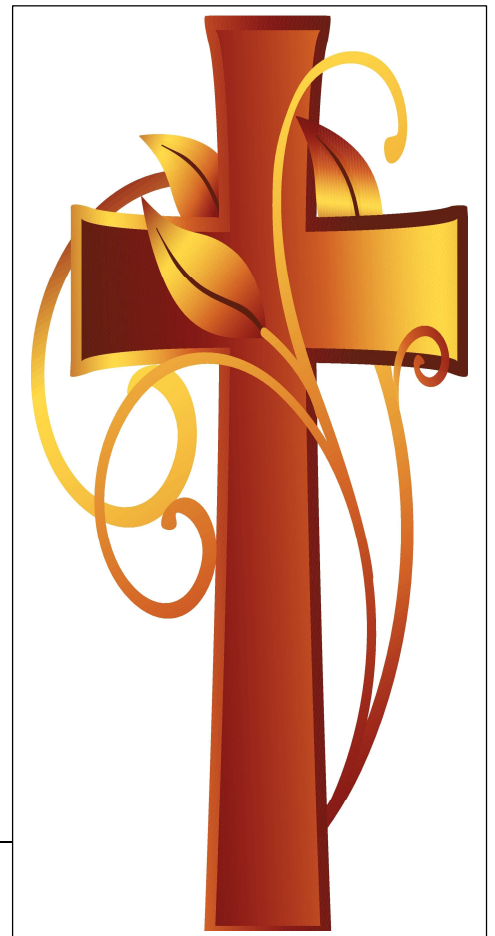
Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.00 pm Fr. Terry Moore,

Salt Lake City, Utah, Formerly, O'Moore Forest.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Remembrance

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 8.00 pm Pat Hooban

Cherrygarth, Portlaoise, .Formerly Upper Sconce.




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*Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended* ■

## Mountrath Anniversaries

### Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.** Feast of the Epiphany.

10.00 am (Mountrath Ch.) Feast of the Epiphany.

7.00 pm Kate Carthy, Woodbrook.

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**

**11.30 am** Gerard (Gerry) Halpin. Ballyfin Rd. Memorial Mass

Andy Sinnott, Lower Sconce. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Tom Fitzpatrick, Derrylusk 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

And Jim and Anna Sinnott. Co. Wexford

Kate Delaney, Bacca. 27<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Martin Mulhall, Shannon Rd., R.I.P. Funeral Mass

Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Andrew and Mairead Nichol

Eilish McManus, Late Main St.,

Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Thur. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am Matt, Teresa and Ed. O'Donovan

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.00 am James McSpadden, Redcastle.

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Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan .7.00 pm Catherine Tobin (Nee Duggan) Ballyfin Road

Month's Mind

John Connor, Cappagh, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

Joe and Sheila Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Agnes Delaney (Nee Mulhall) Coote Terrace.. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Denis Delaney, Coote Terrace.

Moirra Delaney, The Square 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan . 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

11.30 am 2nd Sun. Ord. Time

1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Remembrance

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7.00 pm

Eilis O'Hara (Nee Culleton) Patrick St.,

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life is changed, not ended.*



## "Do This in Memory" Programme

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin

### Enrolement Ceremonies

Mountrath Parish Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mass 7.00 pm All Schools

Ballyfin. Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Mass 10.00 am Both Schools

### "Do This in Memory" Children's Masses

1. Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Mountrath Church, 7.00 pm  
Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
2. Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm  
Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
3. Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm  
Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
4. Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm  
Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
5. Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Mch.. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm  
Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Mch. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
6. Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm  
Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. . Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
7. Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May Mountrath Church 7.00 pm  
Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

### (The) Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance

will be celebrated in March. Arrangements for the celebration of this Sacrament will be put in place in due course in conjunction with the Schools.

### Dates for Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

With Children of all Mountrath Schools -- Note Change of Date

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm With Children of Barnashrone National School



# Mountrath Parish Lotto

Lotto Gift Cards available

from Promoters 4<sup>th</sup> Jan.



*Numbers Drawn 9 13 22 31*

10 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 100 Each. 1 Local Winner

Gerry O'Brien. Promoter, M Farrell.

**New Jackpot, € 13,000**

*A very sincere thank you - for your very generous support of and continued commitment to Mountrath Parish Lotto throughout the year.*

**Ballyfin Parish Lotto 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan.**

Nos. Drawn 3 19 20 27

22 Match 3's won € 46 ea. 1 Local Winner

Majella and Kieran O'Connor Promoter, Paul Dunne.

**New Jackpot €14,000**

A very sincere thank you - for your very generous support of  
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the year.

## Next Week's



**Ballyfin      € 14,000**

**Mountrath    € 13,000**

# Brigid 1500

On Thurs. 1st Feb. 2024, Churches across Kildare and Leighlin, and beyond, will come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare entitled, 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving' dedicated to commemorating the Feast Day of St Brigid and the 1500th anniversary of her death.

The co-leaders of this thanksgiving service are the Most Rev Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and the Most Rev Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Joyce, Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street in the heart of London, will deliver the sermon.

At the end of the Service, a Pause for Peace will be observed in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Aligning with a broader initiative whereby the people of Kildare are extending a global invitation, urging individuals worldwide to pause for a minute's silence at midday (local time) on St Brigid's Day, the 1st of February 2024. Livestreaming of the service will also be available worldwide. (Full press release attached and on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) )



Happy

New Year  
2024

# Music Classes in Mountrath

- **Lessons in BloomHQ**
- **Violin Lessons by  
Irene Ramos  
0773222323  
iramos.violinstudio@  
gmail.com**

*Contact the relevant  
teacher to arrange  
days/times/prices*

- **Irish Traditional  
Music, Whistle, Flute,  
Concertina,  
Accordion, Fiddle,  
Banjo and Mandolin  
Cliona & Eabha  
Dowling McDonald  
083 8566083**



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# Synod News

Work is beginning towards the next phase of the Synod and the Second General Assembly in Rome next October.

There is a dedicated page on the diocesan website: [www.kandle/synod](http://www.kandle/synod) where we can keep up to date. Much more information can be found at [www.synod.ie](http://www.synod.ie) and on the Vatican website, [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va).

## Date for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes on **Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Church will Commence at 2.30 pm  
Bishop Denis will lead us in both our celebrations

