

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 20th November 2022

Lock Up - Light Up
Burglary Prevention Tips from
An Garda Siochana

See Below

Feast of Christ the King

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath ~ Ballyfin

Sat. 19th - Sun. 20th Nov. 2022

Final Sunday of Church Year

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald C.C. 087) 605 5783

Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on FM 104.5

www.ballyfinparish.ie www.mountrathparish.ie -

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Watch and Pray - Sunday, 20th Nov.

This Sun, 20th Nov. is the Final Sunday of the Church Year
Each year in Mountrath Parish Church we have Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament for a while during this special Day.

The Feast of Christ the King.

We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend some
time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in
silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness. Listed below are
adoration / silent prayer times allocated to
each of our Townslands in both Mountrath and Ballyfin

Parish Station Areas.

See Below

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Mountrath Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 19th- Sun. 27th Nov.

- Sat. 19th Nov. 7.00 pm Jack Hyland, Cavansheath. 3rd Anniv.
Maura Phelan, Shannon Rd. 15th Anniv.
- Sun. 20th Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Church. Feast of Christ the King
Paddy Cullen, Clonenagh
Richard and Martha Phelan, St. Fintan's Tce.
Laurence and Catherine Fitzpatrick, Trumera.
11.30 am Mas of Feast of Christ the King.
- Mon. 21st Nov. 10.00 am
- Tues 22nd Nov. 10.00 am
- Wed. 23rd Nov. 10.00 am
- Thur. 24th Nov. 10.00 am
- Fri. 25th Nov. 10.00 am Fintan, Benny and Catherine Russell, Shannon St.,
Willie Farrell, Woodbrook.
- Sat 26th Nov. 7.00 pm Elizabeth Sinnott (Nee Hensey) Shannon Rd., 9th Anniv.
Angela and Patrick Wallace, Patrick St.,
- Sun. 27th Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Church. 1st Sunday of Advent.
11.30 am Paddy Carter, St. Fintan's Terrace. 1st Anniv.
(also Paddy's wife, Philomena)

1st Anniversary Remembrances

Sat. 3rd Dec. 7.00 pm Brigid Dunne, (nee Lalor) Woodbrook

Lord, For your faithful people, - Life is changed not ended

Diary Dates

Enrolment for 1st Holy Communion takes place on Sat. next, 26th Nov. during
our 7.00 pm Vigil Mass - Mountrath

Enrolment for 1st Holy Communion takes place on Sun. next, 27th Nov. during
our 10.00 am Sunday Mass - Ballyfin

Christmas Carol Services

Mountrath Community School Wed. 14th Dec. 12 Midday (Mountrath Ch)

Scoil Bhríde (Girls School) Fri. 16th Dec. 12 Midday (Mountrath Ch)

Ballyfin Church Wed. 14th Dec. 7.30 pm (Cup of Tea afterwards)

Ballyfin - Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 18th - Sun. 27th Nov.

Fri. 18 th Nov.	5.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
.	7.30 pm	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 19 th Nov.	8.00 pm	Maureen Troy, Pallas 10 th Anniv.
.		And deceased members of Troy Family
.		John Dunne, Catholes. 54 th Anniv.
Sun. 20 th Nov.	10.00 am	Peggy Brennan (Nee O'Meara) Pallas. 2 nd A.
.		Ita Dunne, Deerpark. 4 th Anniv.
.		Charles Phelan, O'Moore Forest, 13 th A.
.		Sr. Frances Teresa Dunne and deceased
.		members of Dunne Family, Brockera.
.		Peter Fitzpatrick, Cappinaclaire (Peter died in 1989)
Mon. 21 st Nov.	7.00 pm	Apostolate of Sanctification.
Fri. 25 th Nov.	5.00 pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
.	7.30 pm	Altar List of the Dead
Sat. 26 th Nov.	8.00 pm	Owen Heffernan, Redgates. 3 rd Anniv.
.		Gus Hade, Boughlone.
Sun. 27 th Nov.	10.00 am	Brendan Breen, Craydon Court 6 th Anniv.
Mon. 28 th Nov.	7.00 pm	Apostolate of Sanctification

**Christmas
Carol Service**
 Ballyfin Church
 Wed. 14th Dec.
 7.30 pm (Cup
 of Tea
 afterwards)

Winifred Flanagan (Nee Goulding) Tullamore - Formerly Ballyfin R.I.P.

We pray for Winifred who died peacefully at Regional Hosp., Tullamore on Wed. 16th Nov. Winifred's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of the Assumption, Tullamore on Fri. 18th Nov. followed by burial in St. Manman's Cemetery, Clonaslee. We extend sympathy to husband John, sons Kevin and Dermot and their families, brother Michael and Maureen and family, Ross, Ballyfin, sister Frances and family, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Winifred rest in the peace of Christ.

In November We Remember

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them – May they rest in peace, Amen

We keep in our Prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill – at home,
in Hospital or in a Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical procedures,
at this time

Christmas 2022

The First Sunday of Advent is Sun. 27th Nov.

We will be starting all over again with
Year A of the 3 year Cycle. - Year A is the Year of Matthew

Watch and Pray - Sunday, 20th Nov. - Ballyfin

Sunday, 20th Nov. is the Final Sunday of the Church Year –
Each year in Ballyfin Parish Church there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
after Mass until 12 Midday on this day
Parish Townslands and Times of Adoration / Silent Prayer as follows,

10.45 (Immediately after Mass) - Irey, Ross, Springfield, Lower Irey, Cappinrush, Knocknakearn, Brockera, Cloncullen, Cappagh South, Ballylusk, Ockanroe, The Harrow.

11.00 am The Knocks, Cavansheath, Ballycormack, Cappinaclare, Upper Sconce, Lower Sconce, Brisculia.

11.15 am Upper Ballyfin, Rossmore, Upper Clonurke, Catholes, Deerpark, Clonurke.

11.30 am Campcloon, Cappinrush, Esker, Clonagown, Clontowra, The Oak, Barkmills, Barnashrone. O'Moore's Forest,

11.45 am Clonagh, Cappagh North, Clontyglass, Clondarrig, Clonrooske, Pallas Big. Pallas, Pallas Little, Coolnamona, Ballina, Boughlone, Clonboyne, Clonkeen, Clondouglas. Oldtown, Aston Manor, Hillview, Rockdale, Mountrath Road.

Concluding Prayer at 12 midday

Moutrath Watch and Pray - Sunday, 20th Nov. Moutrath

Next Sunday, 20th Nov. is the Final Sunday of the Church Year

Each year in Mountrath Parish Church we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a few hours during this special Day,

The Feast of Christ the King

We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness. Listed below are adoration / silent prayer times allocated to each of our 30 Townlands in the Parish, Station Areas.

12.15 pm (Immediately after Mass)

Clonard, Moonbawn, Forest Hill, Knockanina, Redcastle, Clonenagh, Derrough,

12.30 pm Ringstown, Derrylusk, Cappagh, Trumera, Dysartbeigh, Coldblow,

12.45 pm Fr O'Connor Crescent, Shannon St., Stillbrook, Portlaoise Rd.

1.00 pm Church St. Factory St. and Kiln Lane. The Square, Thomas Court, Patrick St. Main St. The Hollow.

1.15 pm Clonadacasey Cloncourse. Shannon St. St. Fintan's Tce. Woodbrook.

Concluding Prayer at 1.30 pm

Painting of Mountrath Church. Update

The scaffolders will begin scaffolding out the Sanctuary area of Mountrath Church beginning on Mon. 21st Nov. – It is estimated that it will take one week to put the scaffolding in place. Preparatory work for the Painting of the Church (Sanctuary area) will commence on Mon. 28th Nov. As I said recently, there will be some disruption and for safety reasons some areas of the Church will be cordoned off for the duration of the work.

For the safety of everyone using the church during the painting project, we rely on your co-operation and understanding. *Many thanks.*

Man Available

for Garden Maintenance
and General Handywork

085 176 5423

Excellent References Available

Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme

Grant aided personal monitored alarms are available to people aged 65 and over. If you know of a family member, friend or neighbour in Laois who could benefit from this scheme please contact Sheila on 086 1570145 for information/application form.

Irish Guide Dog For The Blind.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind are again selling Christmas Cards and 2023 Calendars to support our fundraising efforts.

These can be purchased at Aidan Byrne's shop Main St.
or give Seán a ring at 087 767 6318.

Your continued support is very much appreciated

Ballyfin Church Choir

Ballyfin Church Choir has now begun rehearsals for our Christmas Carol Service (Arranged for Wed. 14th Dec) and for our Christmas Masses.

If you would like to join Ballyfin Church Choir you are invited to ring 087 901 5014 or – if you prefer, join the choir practice this coming week – The next choir practice is arranged for this coming Wednesday at 8.00 pm in Ballyfin Church.

Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in





Christmas Fair

in aid of Mary's Meals

in

**Ballyfin Community
Centre**

on

Sunday 4th December

11am ~ 3pm

Variety of Stalls to suit all ages
Cake Sale Christmas Raffle

*A great day is guaranteed – your
support is always appreciated*

For more information, or to donate unwanted gifts or other items,
please contact Kathleen Dunne at 086-1024752, Sheila Dowling at
086-1570145 or Margaret Bradford at 087-9823109



Mary's Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

*It costs **€18.30** to feed a child in a place of education for an entire school year.*

*Mary's Meals currently feed **2,279,941** children each school day.*



Mountrath Parish Lotto

17th Nov

Nos. Drawn 10 12 28 29

No Jackpot Winner

5 Match 3 Winner. Rec. € 200

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

1 Local Winner K and B O'Keeffe

Sponsor Anne O'Keeffe

Thank you for your Generous and continued

Support of all our Parish Collections



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

16th Nov.

Nos. Drawn 2 6 9 17

No jackpot winner €10,000

No Jackpot Winner

28 Match 3 Rec. Each € 36

Next Week's Jackpot € 11,000

Thanks to everyone involved in
Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish
Lotto for support and your
generosity

"ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home?
? We are seeking volunteers to make Support and Befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering

Would you like to read the Catechism in a year?

We are a friendly group that reads and discusses a section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church each week. In 2023, we will follow The Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

<https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear>

Join us on Mondays at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre, Prosperous. Contact Alice 087 6505803

In November We Remember

Memorial Service

For babies, who passed away through miscarriage, Still birth and Neo Natal deaths is being held in the Church of Our Lady & St.

Joseph, Caragh on Friday, November 28th at 7pm

All are most welcome.

Lock Up - Light Up

Burglary Prevention Tips from An Garda Siochana

As we approach the time of year when the clocks are set to go back, we are once again appealing to people to secure their homes and premises and to Lock Up and Light Up during the winter months.

Traditionally Burglaries increase by 20% over the winter months of October to March. Some simple methods can make your home and premises less vulnerable to Criminal Attack.

- *Lighting around the house on a sensor or photocell.*
- *Lighting inside on timers*

Natural Surveillance- trim shrubs down to 1m and trees up to 2 m.

- *Use Bogus Caller Cards*

- *Close Curtains during hours of Darkness.*

What Attracts the Burglar:

- *Signs of being unoccupied.*
- *Open Windows*
- *Hidden keys*
- *A build up of Post /Milk, etc.*
- *No alarms.*
- *High vegetation*
- *Ladders or tools in easy reach*
- *Easy access to the rear of your house*
- *Poor lighting or house lights on at the wrong time.*

See WWW.garda.ie for Home Security Tips and Advices.

Ossory Adult Faith Development Pilgrimage to Rome

The Eternal City has a remarkable array of religious works of art – frescoes, paintings, sculptures, mosaics, stuccos. Over the centuries these treasures have inspired, educated and uplifted countless people. Our itinerary will explore the religious and catechetical meaning of some of these masterpieces. Traveling dates March 9th – 14th 2023, €710 p.p

sharing. For more information and to book your place please contact Kieran and Laura Troy, Myriam Tours at 057-9355050 or email info@myriam.ie

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) will be offered on an on-going basis at University Hospital Kerry from January 2023. CPE can be used as preparation for pastoral ministry in many different settings, for discernment, faith formation, sabbatical. It involves three components - education, supervision and clinical placement. If you feel this is something worth exploring, please contact Dr Margaret Naughton at 066-7184000 or email naughtonmargaret@yahoo.com to begin the conversation.

Mortgage Arrears / Abhaile Scheme

Are you in mortgage arrears? Are you worried about losing your home? If so, there is help. You may be entitled to Government support under the Abhaile Scheme.

For more information, feel free to contact Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland on 085 8674883 www.fsireland.ie

Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

Bishop Denis invites this prayer for peace in Ukraine to be prayed at all our Masses

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need. Amen.

Apostolate of Sanctification

St. Fintan's Church, Church, Ballyfin Every Monday Starts at 7.00 pm

Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45pm in our parish church, St. Fintan's Ballyfin. All are invited to join in the two hour session which consists of community prayer, reciting -The Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditations on The Holy Rosary and a chaplet offered for our Bishops and priests in the presence of The Blessed Sacrament. When we pray for our priests, Our Lady of Knock blesses us and our families abundantly. All most welcome!

ALPHA ONLINE

Is there more to life than this? For questions like this, try Alpha.

Alpha is a series of 10 interactive sessions, exploring Christianity and Faith. Each session consists of a 30 min video followed by a 30min open discussion and sharing of experiences.

For more details click on the link <https://alphaireland.org/try>

Starting Thursday 29th September for one hour 8pm to 9pm.

Where:- Online in the comfort of your own home.

All are welcome, we promise you will not be disappointed.

Please register by supplying your name, email and phone number to the presenters:-

Des O'Doherty, odohertydes@gmail.com or 087-122-1345

Kevin Kiernan, kevinkiernan9@gmail.com or 086-244-6436

We will then send you the link to the zoom meeting.

Transmitting Faith in Contemporary Culture

In processing the diocesan synodal reports the ACI steering group concluded that no issue seemed of greater concern than the growing absence of young people, including younger parents, from regular weekly liturgies - even before the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic in the spring of 2020.

A zoom gathering has been organised by the Association of Catholics in Ireland takes place on Thursday October 6th, 2022 at 8.00 pm. Professor Michael Conway (Professor of Faith and Culture, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth) will present his own view of the issue of faith transmission today, and will be followed by open discussion. All are welcome to join in.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85073799955?pwd=VlpicXViUGlmT2FIQXlmOHVlWjFpZz09>

Meeting ID: 850 7379 9955 Passcode: 690623

Clane Parish Pilgrimage to The Holy Land

Accompanied by Fr Paul O'Boyle, travelling from 19th – 26th April 2023. Price per person, €1665, includes return flights from Dublin to Tel Aviv, 3 nights in Legacy Hotel Nazareth, 4 nights in Manger Square Hotel Bethlehem (all nights dinner bed & breakfast basis), all transfers, boat trip on Sea of Galilee and all admissions, tips and local taxes. For more details visit

<https://marian.ie/destinationIndiv.asp?id=Holy%20Land&tour=5893>

Pledge for November

Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem. Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/pray

Date for the Diary:

Pope John Paul II Awards, 15 December, 7.30pm, Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow.



MIND AND BODY CLASSES. FEEL LIKE

NOBODY LISTENS ,

NO BODY UNDERSTANDS?

***Meet with like minded people in a safe , non judgemental
environment .***

Pick up some tools to improve Mental Health.

BLOOM HQ, MOUNTRATH.

WEDNESDAY'S , 7.30 PM.

Call/Text /Whatsapp

087 6100908.



**Rome Itinerary
2023**

Fr. Liam Merrigan,
McEvoy, Rathvilly.



25th -31st May

Monasterevin & Fr. John

Assisi 25th- 27th May 2023 2 nights Half Board



Assisi Walking Tour including St Francis Basilica

Rome 27th May -31st May 2023 4 nights B&B

Visiting the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel

Irish college for Mass on Sunday

Catacombs of Rome & Ancient Appian Way

Walking Tour of the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain,
Spanish Steps and Colosseum
Papal Audience in the Vatican & visit St Peter Basilica

Total Price: €1265 per person/ Deposit: €150

Return air ticket including 10kg luggage and taxes

Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 2 nights in Assisi
on half board basis

Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 4 nights in Rome on
B&B basis

Entrance tickets to the Vatican, Sistine chapel, Catacombs & the
Colosseum

Optional Extras

Travel Insurance up to the age of 69 years @ €35 subject to T&Cs

Single Supplement subject to availability for €195.00

For reservations phone: 059 9136100

FROM: POPE FRANCIS
TO: THE EARTH



THE LETTER

A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH

'The Letter' Film Screening

Venue: The Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Kildare

Date: Friday, 18th November

Time: 7.30 - 9:30pm

One of the cast Lorna Gold, will attend the screening and answer questions.

**"Right now, unity means saving mother earth,
 saving ourselves and saving our children"**
 - Pope Francis.



TheLetterFilm.org