

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News - 24th April 2022

2nd Sunday of Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday



St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 23rd - Sun. 24th April 2022 - 2nd Sunday of Sunday

Divine Mercy Sunday

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Martin Conroy , St. Brigid's Place R.I.P.

We pray for Martin who died peacefully on Fri. 22nd April -
 Martin's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter and Paul
 Church, Portlaoise on Mon. 25th April at 12 midday. We keep
 and hold in our prayers at this time all Martin's family,
 especially Martin's brother, Micheál and family, Ross.

May Martin rest in the peace of Christ.

Safeguarding Children Parish Representatives

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry

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Mary Cahill (Nee Guilfoyle), Westfield, Castletown Formerly Shannon St.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully at Ballard Lodge Nursing Home on Wed. 20th April.

Mary's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Fri. 22nd April
 followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to husband Paddy, sons Ken
 and Vivian, daughters Mary and Cathleen, sister Kit (Phelan), daughter in law Martina, sons in
 law Sham and Steve, grandchildren Patrick, Blayne, Niamh and Ronan, great-grandchild
 Connell, sisters in law, nieces nephews ,extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Peters and Mary Cahill rest in the peace of Christ.

Mary Peter (Nee O'Shea) Clontarf R.I.P.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully on Wed. 30th March. Mary's Funeral Mass was
 celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, Clontarf on Thurs. 21st April followed by burial in
 Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her daughter, son in law Tony, grandchildren
 Andrew, Christine, Georgina and Anthony, Andrew's wife Ellen, great grandchild Mackenzie,
 sister Anne, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 23rd – Sun. 1st May

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Sat. 23rd Apr. 7.00 pm Mai and Bill Thompson, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.
 Norah Phelan (Nee Delaney) Coldblow 4th Anniv.

Sun 24th Apr. 9.00 am The Hollow Church.
 . 11.30 am 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mon. 25th Apr. 10.00 am Br. Justin Madden, Shannon Road. 7th Anniv.

Tues. 26th Apr. 10.00 am George and Mary Butler

Wed. 27th Apr. 10.00 am Patrick and Mary Connolly
 and Patricia Connolly, Kilbricken

Thurs. 28th Apr 10.00 pm

Fri. 29th Apr. 10.00 am

Sat 30th Apr. 7.00 pm

Sun. 1st May 9.00 am The Hollow Church Mary Graham, Portlaoise.
 . 11.30 am Peter and Mary Haslam , Clonenagh.

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Fri. 22nd Apr. 7.30 pm John Joe Downey and Deceased family members

Sat. 23rd Apr. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sun. 24th Apr. 10.00 am Mass of 2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mon. 25th Apr. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

Fri. 29th Apr. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.

Sat. 30th Apr. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Sun. 1st May . 10.00 am 3rd Sunday of Easter

Mon. 2nd May 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification

1st Anniversary Remembrance Sat. 7th May Michael Newsome, Rossmore

A Word of Thanks

To all involved in our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies this year, a very special "Thank You". It was great to have our Congregations in our churches once again – after a 2 year absence. To all involved and indeed committed to our various Liturgy Ministries, Reader of the Word - Ministers of Holy Communion - Sacristans - Organists and Choirs – Stewards and Cleaners – Sanitizers - Imelda, who prepares the flowers for us in both Parishes, Collectors and Counters. To all who contributed in any way to the experience of Holy Week we express a heartfelt word of appreciation. Our hope is that for you who were involved in and part of, our Easter Ceremonies that they were for you, prayerful and meaningful. Please God, in spite of everything that comes our way and in spite of everything that life throws at us, we will always be an Easter People - Hope Filled

Fr. P.J. and Fr. Joe

Alleluia
He is

Risen

An Easter Message from Bishop Denis

Everyone remarks these days on how good it is to be able to gather together. These past two years of restricted and curtailed ceremonies, in this most sacred week of the year, was very challenging. While we continue to emerge out of that more restricted period we are learning, now, what we must do to live alongside this pandemic. The mantra from health authorities has moved, positively, from 'regulation' to our taking on 'personal responsibility'.

Earlier this week, our Chrism Mass offered us the opportunity to gather in large numbers for the first time in three years. And we have continued to gather in those numbers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and into the great Easter Vigil and Easter Day. Isn't it great to gather, wonderful to see each other in a faith context again?

Today on Easter Sunday we gather at an empty tomb in the realisation that Jesus has risen: "*Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen*" (Lk.24:5), the two men tell the women as they gather at first light at the empty tomb. He is alive, then and now, and His life brings joy and hope to our Church.

During Lent we gathered in different groups, in different fora, as we took part in the Listening Lent on the Universal Synod journey which Pope Francis has invited us. In those gatherings you spoke honestly about your joys, your pains, your hopes for the Church, your Church, our Church.

These gatherings remind us of the importance of our listening to one another; as the women listened to the angels, and the disciples listened to the women.

It is also very important to listen to the Risen Lord. Holy Week has offered us very tangible ways to experience our faith: the washing of the feet – our invitation to service, the veneration of the Cross – our invitation to reverence, the Easter Vigil fire – our invitation to be that light for one another.

Christ is our Light. His light comes from an empty tomb. A light that penetrates the darkness of war and the prevalence of evil in our world. A light that reminds us, we have nothing to fear. A light, in a world that is broken that offers hope. A light that illuminates a message we need now to hear.

As we gather, wherever we gather, may we put before the Risen Lord our joys and hopes, our griefs and anguishes in the knowledge that in Him all things are redeemed, all hope restored, and all life is made new. –

Blessings for Easter, Bishop Denis

An Easter Blessing

*May Christ's Glory
and the Promise of this Joyous
time of year, bring peace
and happiness to you and those
you hold most dear.*

Fr. P.J. and Fr. Joe

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

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Ballyfin CDA AGM Wednesday 27th April 8.00 pm

Ballyfin Community Development Association will hold its AGM at 8:00pm on Wed. 27th April in the Function Room of The Deadmans Inn, Ballyfin. All residents [over 18 years of age] of the Ballyfin area are invited to attend. Details of a grant received to develop Stage 1 of a children's playground for Ballyfin will be announced at the meeting and the plan for the development will be displayed.

We hope to see you there ... follow us on Facebook @BallyfinCDA

Laois Spring Clean-Up Week

Ballyfin Community Alert have registered to take part in Laois Co. Co. Clean-Up Week. Litter pickers, bags and gloves will be distributed to volunteers on Sat 16th April at Community Centre from 10.00 -10.30 am. Bags of litter only to be left at recycling bank. Collection date by Council is Mon. 25th Apr from 7am.

Please bring bags to Bottle Bank by Monday 25th April.

St Fintan's GAA Mountrath

■ **This Saturday night**



Dinner Dance & Presentation Night
Celebrating Our 2019 Junior B Hurling
League & Championship Winners
Saturday 23rd April in Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix.
Music by Abbeyfolk.

Doors open @ 7pm - Dinner served @ 7.30pm sharp. Tickets - €30

Tickets available from

Catherine Williams (086 1591760),

Patsy Sydes (087 9784371)

Kevin Grehan (087 6950545)

Bishop Denis' Prayer for the People of Ukraine

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

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.

We remember in our Prayers

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The 2022 Annual Kildare and Leighlin
Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine has
been arranged for Sunday 5th June ---
Full details in due course.

Apostolate of Santification Mon. 18th April 2022

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

Celebration of the Eucharist - 7.30 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!



Ballyfin Lotto 20th April

Nos. Drawn 2 6 7 31

No Winner of €11,000 Jackpot

14 Match 3 Rec. € 72 each

2 Local Winners

John and Gwen Dunne

Promoter Mary Hooban

George Dunne Promoter Harry Allen

New Jackpot € 12,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto – your loyal support is much appreciated

Mountrath Lotto

Thurs. 21st April

Nos. Drawn 4 13 28 32

No Winner of

€11,000 Jackpot

2 Match 3 Rec. € 500 each

New Jackpot €12.000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish Lottos - Organising Committees, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. We extend a very sincere "thank you" for your loyal support and your unending generosity

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