

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online News

Weekend of 17th / 18th Oct. 2026.

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*for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin
Parish Weekly Lotto and Ballyfin Parish Collections. -
Your kindness and your generous support is always
much appreciated.*

Note from the Editor (Fr. Joe)

In its wisdom, Microsoft have made the decision to, as they put it – to “Retire Microsoft Publisher” from the beginning of October of this year.

As I publish Mountrath Ballyfin Online News on Publisher I am in the process of adapting to new Microsoft programmes - This week I am publishing the Online Newsletter on “Microsoft Powerpoint”

Just to say, that until I get my head round all this change, I will be publishing a very limited edition of my Online Newsletter

Anniversary

Masses

Ballyfin Parish

Mass Times –Anniversaries Fri. 16th - Sun. 25th Oct

Fri. 16th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 17th Oct. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 29th Sun. in Ord. Time

James (Jim) O'Rourke, Lower Sconce. 2nd Anniv.

Daniel (Danny) Costello, Ballyfin Rd., 13th Anniv.

Sun.. 18th Oct. 10.00 am 29th Sun. in Ord. Time

Mon. 19th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Parish - Anniversaries

17th Oct. - 25th Oct. Continued

Fri.. 23rd Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 24^h Oct. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 28th Sun. in Ord. Time

Frances Lawlor, Cappinacaire. 8th Anniv.

(Frances, late Isle of Doagh, Ballyliffin, Co. Donegal)

Sun. 25th Oct. 10.00 am Josie McGill, Clonboyne, 2nd Anniv.

Mon. 26th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Mountrath Parish

Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 10th to Sun. 18th Oct.

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Ch. unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 17th Oct.. 7.00 pm Donal Kirwan, Clonard. 3rd Anniv.

Seamus Ryan, Patrick St., 12th Anniv.

Mick and Betty Farrell,

Bernard O'Keeffe (Snr) Woodbrook 23rd Anniv.

Sun. 18th Oct. 9.00 am The Hollow Church

11.30 am Annie Patterson, Patrick St., and her
daughter, Margaret (Peg) Maguire. New Line Road.

Teresa McHugh, (Formerly Upper Ballyfin)

Mountrath Parish - Anniversary Masses Contd.

Tues. 20th Oct. 10.00 am

Wed. 21st Oct. 10.00 am

Thurs. 22nd Oct. 10.00 am

Fri. 23rd Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 24th Oct.. 7.00 pm Bernie Tynan, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 1st Anniv.
 Sheila Gee, 3 Woodbrook. 3rd Anniv.
Sun. . 25th Oct. 9.00 am The Hollow Church
 11.30 am Keith Russell, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 8th Anniv.

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Tues. 3rd Nov. 10.00 am Brendan Murtagh, Woodbrook.

Annual Mass Remembrance for Deceased members of
St. Fintan's G.A.A. Club, Mountrath - Sat. 21st Nov 7.00 pm Mass

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Andrew (Andy) Phelan, Old Borris, Castletown.(Formerly Main St., Mountrath) R.I.P.

We pray for Andy who died peacefully at his home on Mon. 12th Oct. Andy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Thurs. 15th Oct. followed by burial in Churchtown Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his family, Phyllis and family, sons Michael, Alan, David, Gary and Carl and their families, sister Hilda and family, grandchildren Aisling, Aoife, Cathal, Eoghan, Hannah, Callum, Kali, Sorchu and Andrew, great-granddaughter Caragh, extended family, neighbours and friends. Many of us will remember Andy as the proprietor of the "White Horse Inn" on Main St., (In its time, "The White Horse Inn" comprised a grocery shop and 3 Bars) -- Andy, Phyllis and family retired from the pub and grocery business in 1992 when they moved to their new home in Old Borris, Castletown.

Maureen Harper (Nee Russell) (Formerly Patrick St) R.I.P.

We pray for Maureen who died peacefully at her home in Clapton, London on 7th Oct. We extend sympathy to brothers, Fintan and Buddy and their families and all her family, relatives and friends.

May Andy and Maureen rest in the peace of Christ.

Lotto

Results

Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 15th Oct.

Nos. Drawn 2 8 20 25

No Jackpot Winner

15 Match 3's Rec. € 67 each

4 Local Winners

Winner Ciara Holmes Promoter Bernie Phelan

Lucy Conroy

Lucy Conroy

Lorraine Doheny

Margaret Doheny

Niall and Susan Kearns

Catherine Kearns

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Next Week's Jackpot € 18,000

Service of Commemoration of Faithful Departed

Mountrath Cemetery

Sun. 1st Nov. 2.00 pm

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

Ballyfin Lotto 14th Oct.

No Jackpot Winner Nos. Drawn 3 7 15 19

27 Match 3's Rec. € 38 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 13,000

Synodal Pathway Update

The Synodal Assembly takes place this Saturday with delegates, including from our Diocese, addressing 35 proposals that have come through the last number of years of discernment nationally.

The Assembly will decide on each proposal whether to Highly Recommend; Recommend; Needs further discernment; Do not recommend. The Assembly's response will then be received by the

Bishops for the next step of discernment and implementation. The preparatory document for Saturday is very worthwhile reading for all involved in Parish life, It gives a clear vision of Church that has emerged through the participation of thousands across Ireland in the universal and national processes in recent years, as well as laying out the proposals themselves. The document can be read

on Kandle.ie and synod.ie

Enrolment of Candidates for Confirmation in Ballyfin Parish

This weekend we extend a very special welcome to our Candidates from Barnashrone and Ballyfin National Schools, parents / guardians as we set out on our journey of preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation. which takes place. during our Sunday Mass. Confirmation Catechises with Confirmation candidates and their parents will take place on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the end of our Sunday morning 10.00 am Mass – unless otherwise indicated.

Ministries Rota Sat. 24th Sun. 25th Oct - Ballyfin

Reader Min. of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Ken Molloy Mary Hooban

Sun. 10.00 am Laura Ruane Breda Meredith

Collectors for October

Sat. Dan Hooban Charlie Gorman

Sun. John Coughlan

2 Messages from Mairead Malone 1) Saturday 24th Oct.

Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre Portlaoise after 10am Mass on Sat. 24th in aid of
The Missionaries of Charity Sisters in their work with the poor.

Your support much appreciated.

2) Friday 30th October from 8.00 pm

"Night Adoration" in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, R32AH90 for The Holy Souls,
Starting at 8pm and Confessions are available 8-15pm - 9pm. Mass at 12 midnight for
The Holy Souls - concludes with Benediction, Sat morning at 8 am. If you would like to
commit to sitting with The Lord for a particular hour please message me on 086-890
0673.

1st Holy Communion Days in Ballyfin Parish

Barnashrone NS Sun. 23rd May 10.00 am Mass

Ballyfin N.S. Sun. 30th May 10.00 am Mass

1st Penance Ceremonies

Barnashrone N.S . Ballyfin N.S.

Thurs. 22nd April Ballyfin Church 11.30 am

Confirmation Day. Fri. 28th May 11.00 am and 2.00 pm

The Laois County Fire & Rescue Service are providing Free Smoke Alarms which will be installed by crews to support older and vulnerable people in Laois.



Laois County Fire & Rescue Service

Smoke Alarm Initiative

The smoke alarm initiative aims to support older or vulnerable people in our community and help them live in their own home with independence and safety in mind.

If you are in this category or know someone that would benefit from a free smoke alarm please contact the details below to register your interest and / or receive a free fire safety in the home booklet.

Email: lo@locallink.ie or fireadmin@laoiscoco.ie
Tel: 057 86 92168



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