

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 3rd July 2022

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 2nd – Sun. 3rd July 2022

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Cemetery Masses during 2022

Clonenagh, Fri. 8th July

(Cemetery on Left – From Mountrath)

Clondarrig. Wed. 3rd August

Boghlone Wed. 7th September

All Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

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

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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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

Neill Bresnan R.I.P.

We extend sympathy to Hannah Meade and Family, Cloncourse on the death of Hannah's brother, Neill, who died peacefully on Friday last, 24th June

Margaret (Maggie) Teehan - Drim R.I.P.

We pray for Maggie who died peacefully at Brookhaven N. H., Ballyragget on Wed. 29th June. (In her 103rd Year) Maggie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Fri. 1st July followed by burial in St. Fintan's Cemetery, Mountrath. We extend sympathy to her nephews and nieces, her dedicated carers, neighbours, friends and extended family.

Sr. Gerard Majella (Mary Therese) Egan. R.I.P.

We pray for Sr. Gerard who died peacefully in McAuley Nursing Home, Beaumont on Fri, June 24th. Born on 17th August 1929 to Margaret and Fintan Egan, Borris-in-Ossory, Mary Therese was educated at the local Sisters of Mercy Primary School and completed her Secondary Education at Brigidine Convent, Mountrath. She entered the Sisters of Mercy at Carysfort Park in 1952 and made her Final Profession in 1957. She trained as a nurse in the Mater Hospital from 1951 and during her lifelong ministry there as theatre nurse she was involved in numerous programmes and developments. In 1975, Sr. Gerard led the nursing team when Professor Maurice Nelligan performed the first heart bypass surgery in Ireland. She did further studies in operating theatre techniques in Hammersmith, London in 1969 and later obtained a Diploma in Education at the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin.

After "retiring" Sr. Gerard set up the "Mater Thrift Shop" and also organized an Annual Art Exhibition in the Hospital where she raised a staggering €2 Million for Mater Hosp. funds over five years.

Sr. Gerard was superior in the Mater Convent from 1988 to 1993. She had a wonderful warm personality and character, was a woman of prayer and generously shared her time and talents with all whom she interacted.

We extend sympathy to Sr. Gerard's family, sisters Frances (Coyne) and Ursula (Mulhall) and their families, sister-in-law Elizabeth, brothers-in-law Michael and Shem, nieces and nephew, grandnieces and grandnephews, colleagues, her many friends and her Mercy Community.

May Neill, Margaret (Maggie) and Sr. Majella rest in the peace of Christ

Patrick (Paddy) Doyle, Rathellen. R.I.P.

We extend sympathy to Nancy Dowling and family, Conard, on the death of her cousin, Paddy Doyle who died peacefully on Wed. 29th June at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny. Paddy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Lazerian's Church, Leighlinbridge on Fri. 1st July followed by burial in the adjoining Cemetery.

May Paddy rest in the peace of Christ

Parish Visitation July

Tues. 5th Mountrath Country

Wed. 6th Mountrath Town

Thurs. 7th Ballyfin Parish

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 2nd to Sun. 10th July

Mountrath

Sat. 2 nd July	7.00 pm	Thomas (Tom) Tynan, (Jnr) Patrick St., 2 nd Anniv.
Sun. 3 rd July	9.00 am	The Hollow Ch.
	11.30 am	14 th Sunday in Ord. Time
Mon. 4 th July	10.00 am	Alan Lalor Fitzpatrick, St. Fintan's Terrace. 12 th Anniv.
Tues. 5 th July	10.00 am	
Wed. 6 th July	10.00 am	
Thurs. 7 th July	10.00 am	
Fri. 8 th July	10.00 am	Altar List of the Dead Cemetery Mass at 7.00 pm in Clonenagh (Left side - from Mountrath)
Sat 9 th July	7.00 pm	Catherine Olive Dooley, St. Fintan's Terrace. 5 th Anniv. Eamon Delaney, Trumera 6 th Anniv. Mary Delaney (Nee Cullen) Trumera 6 th Anniv. Paddy, Maura and Billy Kerwin, Clonard.
Sun. 10 th July	9.00 am	The Hollow Ch. 15 th Sun. Ord. Time.
	11.30 am	Paddy Parkinson. Trumera. Month's mind.

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Ballyfin

Fri. 1 st July	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 2 nd July	8.00 pm	Tom Goode, Ballylusk, 9 th Anniv. Parents, James and Annie And Brothers, Patrick, David, Christopher
Sun. 3 rd July	10.00 am	Tom Coleman, Esker.
Mon. 4 th July	7.00 pm to 9.00 pm	Apostolate of Santification
Fri. 8 th July	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.
 Cemetery Mass at 7.00 pm in Clonenagh (*Left side - from Mountrath*)
 Sat. 9th July 8.00 pm Leighlin Thompson, The Harrow. 2nd Anniv.
 Bernard Thompson, - Mountrath 5th Anniv.
 Betty and Dermot Conroy, Barkmills
 Michael John Coyne, Boughlone - 41st Anniv.
 Sun. 10th July 10.00 am Jim Dunne, Deerpark - 26th Anniv
 And his son John who died on 5th February

Ballyfin Cemetery Mass - 12th June 2022.

A note of thanks to everyone involved in our Cemetery Mass. – Organizing Committee, Readers, Choir, Ministers of Holy Communion, Stewards, People who organized the parking and Tommy Ferns and team on sound. It was good that we were all able to remember – once again, in a fitting manner, our loved ones who have been called home, in the way that we do best, - assemble in prayer and in hope as a Christin Community around the graves of our loved ones, to celebrate the Eucharist. *Thank you* for your participation in our Cemetery Mass and for your dedication to the continued care and attention to your family graves.

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Lourdes Invalid Fund Church Gate Collection.

Eleanor Duff, Mountmellick has been in contact with me regarding the Lourdes Church Gate Collection. – A Garda Permit has been issued for this Church Gate

Collection for weekend of 2nd – 3rd July . If you would like to help out with this collection in either Mountrath or Ballyfin, I invite you to contact Eleanor directly
Eleanor's Contact number is 087 7670915



New Children's Playground in Ballyfin – It's on the Way

This Summer Ballyfin CDA will break ground on the new playground and we need your support. We are currently running a fundraiser to raise €15,000 towards the cost of the playground equipment.

The playground will be situated in the car park at the top of the GAA grounds. In the true spirit of community, both Ballyfin Parish and Ballyfin GAA have very generously donated a space for the new playground.

Phase I of the project will see a playground for up to 12 year olds on Ballyfin Parish lands, it is anticipated that with your support we can then move to Phase II in 2023 which will include lands generously provided by Ballyfin GAA to allow a further extension of the playground. While €15,000 might seem like an ambitious target with your help and generosity we believe we can achieve this and deliver a top class playground for the children of Ballyfin and beyond.

I hope you can help us by donating whatever you can. We do suggest that families, in particular with preschool and primary school age children, consider the benefit of this amenity on their doorstep 365 days a years and the value to be had.

Donations can be made online at www.idonate.ie/ballyfinplayground
 or directly to Committee members
 or via envelope at Masses - clearly marked Ballyfin Playground

A Note of Appreciation from Ballyfin Cemetery Committee

Many thanks to the volunteers who came up a couple of evenings prior to the Cemetery Mass to clean up the graves, paths & scrub bed, cut the grass & hedge, a credit to all who helped out.

.Season of Creation

The Season of Creation will take place, as in other years, from September 1-October 4. Care of the earth and care of the poor are central to our faith and this is an invaluable opportunity to highlight

this in our parishes. Resources will be available on <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Listen to the Voice of Creation is this year's theme. The burning bush is the symbol for 2022. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. Creation cries out as forests crackle, animals flee, and people are forced to migrate due to the fires of injustice. On the contrary, the fire that called to Moses as he tended the flock on Mt. Horeb did not consume or destroy the bush. This flame of the Spirit revealed God's presence. This holy fire affirmed that God heard the cries of all who suffered, and promised to be with us as we followed in faith to our deliverance from injustice. In this Season of Creation, this symbol of God's Spirit calls us to listen to the voice of creation.

. Would you like to work as a Health Care
Support Assistant?

The HSE require Community Health Care Support Assistants (formally known as Home Help) to provide care to clients in their own homes in the following South East Community Health Care areas: Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford. For more information on how you can join the team please check the job search section on www.hse.ie using reference code: SECH22HCSAR. This is a rolling campaign and applications can only be accepted by email using the application form available on www.hse.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.

Matt Talbot, Freedom from Addiction Mass

The next Matt Talbot, Freedom from addiction Mass takes place on Monday 4th July at 10:00am in Carlow Cathedral. We welcome you to join us at this Mass to pray for all those battling addiction, their families and all those affected by addiction. We pray specifically at this Mass for all those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society. If you wish to enrol somebody in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please call 028 71262894 or email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com

Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction?

Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. steals life from so many people. You are welcome to visit the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot Street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2pm, to join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for the miracle of freedom from all these addictions. For more information,

visit www.mattalbotprayersociety.com or

contact vita@mattalbotprayersociety.com ROI (048) 71262894

Apostolate of Santification Mon. 6th June 2022

St. Fintan's Church, Church. Ballyfin 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!



Ballyfin Lotto Wed. 29th June

Nos. Drawn 3 14 17 19

Jackpot of € 10,000 not won.

21 Match 3 Rec. € 48 each

1 Local Winner

Winner Niamh and Seamus Quinn
 Promoter Kathleen Dunne

Next Week's Jackpot € 11,000

Mountrath Lotto 30th June

Nos. Drawn 10 13 18 30

Jackpot € 12,000 - Not Won

9 Match 3's Rec. € 112 each

New Jackpot €13,000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin and Mountrath Parish Lottos - Organizing 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

ALONE - The Organisation that supports Older People to Live Independently.

"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.

A Note from Triona. Library Manager, Mountrath

Would you like to avail of the free Borrowbox online service from Laois Libraries?

Learn how to download e-books and listen to audio books on your device. Phone Portlaoise Library at 057/8622333 for further details.

Synod News

The diocesan synod synthesis will be available for view on the diocesan website, www.kandle.ie from Wednesday, June 1. Every diocese was required to submit the synthesis in a particular format with a 10 page limit. Parishes as well as the diocese will no doubt be looking to what emerged in local conversations as well as what will emerge in the national synthesis in the next few months. Again, thank you to all who took part. If you didn't get to, we very much hope that you will have a chance to do so in the future. Pope Francis is calling us to a new way of being Church together where we will continue to creating spaces and develop the habit of listening to one another locally and in the wider church.

A Pentecost Novena of thanksgiving for the diocesan phase of the synod began in the Irish Church on Friday, May 27th. The daily prayers can be

accessed on the diocesan synod webpage on www.kandle.ie and are posted daily on the diocesan Facebook page and Twitter account.

2022 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
MOUNTMELLICK - BALLYFIN - MOUNTRATH

5 - 12 AUGUST 2022 | 7 NIGHTS

PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS
Mass at the Grotto
Anointing of the Sick
Torchlight Procession
Blessed Sacrament Procession
International Mass

FOR DETAILS AND BOOKINGS
ELEANOR DUFF
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INCLUDING

- Fully escorted pilgrimage
- Led by Spiritual Director
- Return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- Bus to and from airport
- 7 nights at Hotel La Solitude
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- 20kg check-in bag per person
- Airport transfers

€879 per person sharing
*€266 single supplement

€500 children under 16 accompanied

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2022 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Ballyfin – Mountrath

Mountmellick

5th - 12th August

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