

# Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

### St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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#### 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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#### Dr. Pat O'Dwyer, Castletown Road, Mountrath R.I.P.

We pray for Dr. Pat who died peacefully in Mount Carmel Nursing Home, Roscrea on Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> April. Dr. Pat's Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 am, followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We hold and keep in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time, his family, Paddy, Robert, John, Catherine, Gearóid and Turlough, daughters -in-law and partners, sister Bridie, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and his many friends in the communities of Mountrath, Ballyfin, Castletown, Camross, Raheen and in the many areas where he ministered tirelessly as our family doctor for many years.

May Dr. Pat ( affectionally known to many as "The Doc"  
 enjoy rest from his labours.

#### Ukrainian Collections

A very big thank you for your most generous support of the Collection for the people of Ukraine which was taken up at all our Masses over the past two weeks.

#### Mountrath Parish

€ 4,025.00

#### Ballyfin Parish

€3,920.00

Just to let you know that cheques for these two amounts have been forwarded to the Diocesan Office in Carlow

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 Your generosity is most truly very much appreciated.



We have many lovely memories of the day Bishop Jim led us in the Bicentenary Celebrations  
On 19th April 2009 to mark 200 years of Brigidine presence in Mountrath

Bishop Jim led us in the Celebration of Confirmation on 4 occasions in Ballyfin Parish  
1st April 2003 - 12th April 2005 - 22nd March 2007 - 13th March 2009

Bishop Jim led us in the Celebration of Confirmation on 4 occasions in Mountrath Parish  
30th April 2004 - 7th April 2006 - 14th March 2008 - 19th March 2010

## An Invitation to you from Bishop Denis - Chrism Mass

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass in Carlow Cathedral on Monday 11th April at 7.30pm.

### 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.

## Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April Holy Week Ceremonies - Ballyfin

- Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Apr. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am Teresa McHugh , Brothers and Sisters. Upper Ballyfin  
Bishop Jim (James) Moriarty - (Died on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Mch)  
Bishop Jim appointed Bishop of K and L 4<sup>th</sup> June 2002 – Resigned 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr. 2010
- Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> Apr. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification
- Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> Apr. 8.00 am Penitential Service  
Penitential Service in Mountrath Church at 7.00 pm
- Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 7.30 pm Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Renewal of Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass  
Exposition of Blessed Sacrament after Mass  
concluding with Night Prayer (of the Church) at 11.45 pm
- Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Apr. 3.00 pm Good Friday - Liturgy of the Passion  
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross.
- Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Apr. 8.00 pm Easter Vigil - Lighting and Blessing of Paschal Fire 8 pm
- Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am Easter Sunday. Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord.
- Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Apr. 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification  
Celebration of the Eucharist at 7.30 pm

## Holy Saturday - (16<sup>th</sup> April 2022)

Individual Confession in Mountrath and Ballyfin Churches commencing at 10.30 am

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Matthew and Margaret Harrington, Trumera.
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Apr. 9.00 am The Hollow Church. John Holland, Trumera.  
11.30 am Dr. Pat O'Dwyer, Castletown Rd., R.I.P. Funeral Mass  
Leo Dowling, Knockanina. Month's Mind.  
Anthont Tobin, Woodbrook. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.  
Teresa McHugh, Brothers and Sisters. Upper Ballyfin
- Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am Mass of Monday of Holy Week
- Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am Mass of Tuesday of Holy Week  
Penetential Service - 7.00 pm  
Penitential Service in Ballyfin Church at 8.00 pm
- Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am Mass of Wednesday of Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)
- Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr 7.30 pm Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper  
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Robert and Mary Wall, Patrick St.,  
Margaret Taylor, Norah Dunne, Annie Wilson, Monabaun.  
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Patrick St., and their daughter in law, Paula Byrne.  
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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

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## Daffodil Day in Mountrath - Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

*A Note from Rita McMahon.*

The final sum collected for the Daffodil Day has realised €7705. A very big "Thank You" to all concerned. Last week when thanking the Stores who so greatly accommodated the collectors, the Mace Store, Portlaoise Road was inadvertently omitted.

## Laois Spring Clean Up Week

Ballyfin Community Alert have registered to take part in Laois County Council Clean Up Week. Litter pickers, bags and gloves will be distributed to volunteers on 16<sup>th</sup> April at Community Centre from 10.00 -10.30 am. Bags of litter only to be left behind recycling bank. Collection date by Council is Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> April from 7am.

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## Prison Visitation

The following recruitment notice is from the Guild of St. Philip, Portlaoise which is part of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Members visit inmates in both prisons in Portlaoise.

Matthew 25 Verse 40 *"I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

Inmates are easy to forget. Locked away they seem to disappear from society.

The Guild of St. Philip is a voluntary organisation that visits inmates in prison twice per month. Do you have time to spare? Would you like to offer a hand of

friendship? If so please contact Catherine on 086 046 2405 for more information

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## Towards a Synodal Church

We had a lovely meeting in the Convent on last Wednesday evening when we prepared our Parish Submission for the Synod. Thanks to everyone who attended. Following the meeting our Submission was collated and is now ready to be forwarded to the Diocesan Office in Carlow. At the end of May after conducting consultation and listening, and after hosting a Synodal gathering to synthesize the fruits of this consultation, each diocese will submit their Synodal document to the Irish Bishops' Conference .

### Synod News: Practical Information on our Listening Lent

The K&L Synod Committee is preparing templates for parishes to use in listening sessions during Lent. Parishes are very welcome to join with other parishes in hosting these sessions. We will also be offering an online survey that we ask parishes to promote during Lent. Parishioners might be invited to take out their phones at an appropriate point at Mass, perhaps during the homily, and find the link to the survey for use later. While the diocesan committee will host focus groups during Lent, Parishes are also very welcome to identify particular groups they wish to hear from using the template as a tool. The intentional listening that might take place between two people over a cup of coffee will be equally welcome . A youth listening template will be offered also.

Digital submissions from parishes will be able to be submitted to a dedicated email address Guidelines for how the submissions can be assembled will also be offered in due course.

## Towards a Synodal Church,

On 7th March 2021 Pope Francis convoked the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in October 2023 on the theme: ["For a synodal Church: - Communion, Participation and Mission"](#). Over the coming weeks we here in the Parishes of Mountrath – Ballyfin will be meeting to prepare our submission to be presented to the Diocese – At the end of May after conducting consultation and listening, and after hosting a Synodal gathering to synthesize the fruits of this consultation, each diocese will submit their Synodal document to the Irish Bishops' Conference .

## We will be engaging with 3 Questions

1. Thinking about the Church and about my local Parish, how and when did I find being part of it a source of joy or nourishment for me in my Faith - When might it bring me disappointment or pain ?
2. When I hear the word "Church" - who do I think of ? Who is missing? Whom do we need to listen to ?  
How can we become more inclusive ?
3. Thinking about how we as Parish community bring the love of Christ into the world, what one thing does our local Parish do really well ? What one thing could it do better with ? What one thing could I do ?

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

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

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## Apostolate of Santification Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> March

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 6<sup>th</sup> April

Jackpot € 12.000

Nos. Drawn 1 11 15 16

1 Jackpot Winner

Mairead Byrne Hacketstown Promoter Sean Murphy

21 Match 3 Rec. €48 each

5 local Winners

John Hayes

Paul Dunne

Hannah, Grace & George McEvoy

Mary McEvoy

Aidan McEvoy

Mary McEvoy

Kathleen Guilfoyle

Denis Daly

Eamonn Lawlor

Carmel Lawlor

**New Jackpot € 10,000**

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

**Mountrath Lotto 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**Jackpot € 17.000**

Nos. Drawn - 1 5 29 30



One Jackpot Winner  
 Congratulations to  
 Sarah Burke Promoter M.T. Burke

5 Match 3 Rec. € 200 ea.

New Jackpot €10,000

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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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**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](http://www.alone.ie) or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering.

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**DPC News: (Diocesan Pastoral Council)**

There is now a dedicated page on the diocesan website for the DPC – you can view it at <https://www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesan-pastoral-council/> where you will find information on membership, the mission statement and identified themes. It also announces Gerry Martin as the new Chair of the DPC and Jean Roche as its secretary.

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