

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News - 20th March 2022

3rd Sunday - 3rd Week of Lent

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 19th - Sun. 20th March 2022 - 3rd Sunday – Week of Lent

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

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Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

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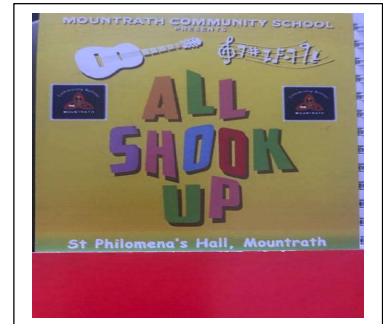
c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Bingo Returns

Bingo returns tomorrow night in St. Fintan's Community Hall at 8pm. Please support your local bingo. All are very welcome.

Daffodil Day

Daffodil Day is next Friday, March 25. Please support the volunteers who are out selling fresh daffodils and badges. All donations go to Cancer Research.



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.

For All Anniversary Mass Remembrances see Parish Newsletters

Month's Mind Masses

Sat. 26th Mch 8.00 pm William (Willie) Seale, Clonagown Month's Mind.
Sun. 27th Mch. 10.00 am Breda Thompson (Nee Mooney) Ballylusk. Month's Mind

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

Special Collection for Ukraine:

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses on the weekend of 26/27 March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. The Irish Bishops ask us to be as generous as we can and express thanks for your support. Envelopes marked "Special Collection for Ukraine" will be at tables at the back of the Church from this weekend

Please Drop envelopes into Envelope Collection Boxes next weekend

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 ?

Towards a Synodal Church

All parishioners are invited to a Meeting to make submissions about the way forward for the church. These submissions will be forwarded to the preparatory committee of the forthcoming Synod. This is your opportunity to have your say about the church. This meeting will take place in the Bloom Centre in the Chapel of the old convent on Wed. 23rd March - 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
All are most welcome

Apostolate of Santification Mon. 21st March

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

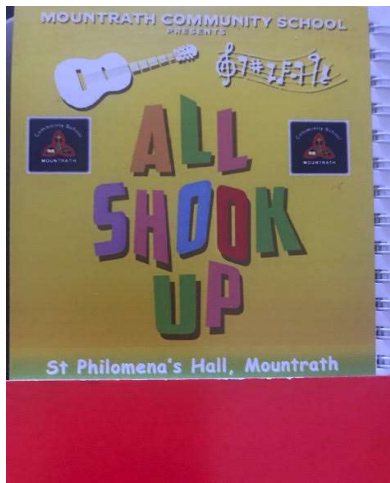
Intercession for Bishops and Priests, through Our Lady of Knock takes place each Monday night at 6.45pm in our parish church, St.Fintan's Ballyfin. All are invited to join in the two hour session which consists of community prayer, reciting - The Divine Mercy Chaplet, meditations on The Holy Rosary and 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!

Tues. 22nd Wed 23rd
Thurs. 24th Mch.

at 8pm each night.

Tickets are € 10 for children
and students and € 15 for
adults.

Available in the School Office,
Centra, Spar and on the Door.



MCS Musical
in St.
Philomena's
Hall



Ballyfin Lotto

Nos. Drawn 2 6 20 30

1 Winner of €17,000 Jackpot

Congratulations to Barbara Lalor, Mountmellick

20 Match 3 Rec. €50 ea.

2 Local Winners

J P Seale - Promoter Caroline Dunne

Aoife Keenan - Promoter Mary Hooban

New Jackpot € 10,000

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

Mountrath Lotto 16th Mch.

Nos. Drawn 2 6 20 01

No Winner of €14,000 Jackpot

10 Match 3 Rec. € 100 each

2 Local Winners

Peg Russell Promoter David Tobin

David Bracken Promoter, M.Farrell

New Jackpot €15.000

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

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.

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.
