

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 17th July 2022

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 16th – Sun. 17th July 2022

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Cemetery Masses during 2022

Clondarrig. Wed. 3rd August

Boghlone Wed. 7th September

Both Masses 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

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

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

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

Pat Phelan, Old Forge Crescent - Castletown R.I.P.

We pray for Pat who died peacefully at Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Wed. 13th July.

Pat's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Sat. 16th July followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife, Betty,

sons Paul and Mark, daughter Orna, sisters Margaret, Monica, Anne and Maeve, brothers Sean and Joseph, daughter in law Caoimhe and adored grandson Fionn,

Orna's partner John, sisters in law, brothers in law, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and his many friends in Mountrath, Castletown and Ballyfin.

May Pat rest in the peace of Christ.

Note from Mountrath Amalgamated CEP CLG

We at Mountrath Amalgamated CEP CLG have the following vacancies on our Scheme, coming up in the next few weeks:

Env. Worker - Mountrath CES 2226208

Env. Worker - Castletown CES 2220987

Admin. Assistant - Mountrath CES 2220989

Edel Moloney, CE Supervisor Contact No. 087 682 9081

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 16th to Sun. 24th July

Mountrath

- Correction** - The Mass intention for last Tuesday morning should have read
 Tues 12th July 10.00 am Deceased members of the Doocey Family, Woodbrook.
 Bernard Thompson, Ard Erin. 5th Anniv.

- Sat. 16th July 7.00 pm Elizabeth (Lil) Burke (Nee Dollard) Shannon St. 5th Anniv.
 Sun. 17th July 9.00 am The Hollow Church - 16th Sun. in Ord. Time
 Mary and James Fitzpatrick, Clonadacasey.
 11.30 am Tom Costello, Portlaoise Rd., 3rd Anniv.
- Mon. 18th July 10.00 am
 Tues. 19th July 10.00 am
 Wed. 20th July 10.00 am Martin Fitzpatrick, Patrick St., (Form. Forest). 5th Anniv.
 Thurs. 21st July 10.00 am
 Fri. 22nd July 10.00 am Fintan and Margo Delaney, Patrick St.,
 Daughters, Paula Byrne and Mairead Kavanagh.
 Son, James (James died 4th Oct. '20 in New York)
 Sat 23rd July 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for 17th Sun. in Ord. Time

Sun. 24th July 9.00 am The Hollow Church.
 . 11.30 am Betty Meade (Nee Fitzpatrick), Ringstown. 2nd Anniv.
 Jozef Bilicz 3rd Anniv.
 Lorcan Fitzpatrick, Trumera - 7th Anniv.
 Tom Lanham, Kiln Lane.

Ballyfin

Fri. 15th July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm Sarah and Martin Gilligan, Brockera.
 Sat. 16th July 8.00 pm
 Sun. 17th July 10.00 am Patrick and Mary Ellen Conroy, Ballylusk.
 John and Ruby Seale, Clonboyne.
 Mon. 18th July 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification
 Fri. 22nd July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.
 Sat. 23rd July 8.00 pm
 Sun. 24th July 10.00 am
 Mon. 25th July 7.00 pm Apostolate of Santification
 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist

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

Month's Mind Mass

Fri. 29th July 7.30 pm Maura Fitzpatrick (Nee Carmody) Cappanrush.

Reek Sunday 2022

The annual Reek Sunday Pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 31st at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am - 2:00pm. Mass hourly from 8:00am - 2:00pm

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

On Sunday, July 24, the Second *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "*In old age they will still bear fruit*" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock

Celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place at Knock Shrine on Sunday 24th July with Mass at 3pm followed by the Rosary. Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm.

‘Grandparents, this is your day - all are welcome’

Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are being sought for position of Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator. See full details on <https://www.kandle.ie/diocesan-youth-ministry-coordinator/>

Closing date for Applications - Friday 29th July



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

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

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.matttalbotprayersociety.com or

contact vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com ROI (048) 71262894



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.



Apostolate of Santification

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. 13th July

Nos. Drawn 6 18 20 26

Jackpot of € 12,000 not won.

710 Match 3

Rec. € 143 each

Next Week's Jackpot €13,000

Mountrath Lotto 14th July

Nos. Drawn 1 8 17 19

Jackpot € 14,000 - Not Won

13 Match 3's Rec. € 77 each

3 Local Winners

Pat Scully Promoter, Mai Murphy

Teresa Byrne Prom, Betty Phelan

Julia, Daniel and Cillian

Promoter Mary Haslam

New Jackpot €15.000

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.

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
MOUNTMELICK - 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

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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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Ballyfin – Mountrath

Mountmellick

5th - 12th August

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