

## St. Fintan's Parish, Ballyfin

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2021 – 19<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

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### Mass Times – Anniversaries Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	8.00 pm	Vigil Mass 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time
Sun. 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10.00 am	John and Margaret Bowe, Clonagown
Fri. 13 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
	7.30 pm	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	8.00 pm	Patricia Allen (Nee Doocey) Pallas 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.
Sun. 15 <sup>th</sup> Aug.	10.00 am	Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

#### 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

*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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### Ministries Rota Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug

#### Readers (Proclaimers) of the Word

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Aug. 8.00 pm Joe Fingleton

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. 10.00 am Andrea Gashin

#### Ministers of Holy Communion

Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Br. Matthew Hayes Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Sheila Dowling

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug Brid Duff

#### Cleaners Group 6 – For August

Stacy Connolly Kathleen O'Connor Emma Fitzpatrick

Sinead Leonard Siobhan Hooban Gwen Dunne

#### Collectors for August

Sat. – Catherine Carroll Austin Lanham

Sun. Stacey Connolly Richard Coughlan

### Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Nos. Drawn 8 13 26 31

No Winner of €13,000

14 Match 3 – Each Rec. €72

1 Local Winner

Bridie O'Rourke

Promoter – Patrick O'Rourke

Next Week's Jackpot €14,000

Next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

### A word on the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated. Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had levelled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as *Aelia Capitolina* in honour of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become what we know as the Feast of the Assumption.

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbled with divine life from the very beginning, readying her for the exalted role of mother of the Saviour.

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven." With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

*Excerpted from Fr. Clifford Stevens in Catholic Heritage*