

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 10th July 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 9th – Sun. 10th 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

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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

Mary Grant (Nee Gorman) Artane (Formerly, The Lodge, Ballyfin) R.I.P.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully at St. Gabriel's Nursing Home, Edenmore, on Tues. 28th June. Mary's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Our Lady of Mercy Church, Artane, followed by burial in Fingal Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all her family, relatives, neighbours and friends in Dublin and Ballyfin. We also remember Shirley Gorman – wife of Michael Gorman, Cappanrush, who died earlier this month in England

Maura Fitzpatrick (Nee Carmody) - Cappanrush R.I.P.

We pray for Maura who died peacefully in Kilminchy Lodge Nursing Home on Sun. 3rd July. Maura's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Tues. 5th July followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Annemarie, Trisha, Eileen, Eddie, brother, Michael and sister-in-law Rena and families, grandchildren, Ryan, Paul, Conor, Niall, Dylan, Scott, Jessica, Ella, Liam and Lily. Son in laws, Mark, Cormac, John and daughter in law Fiona, nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family, neighbours, and a wide circle of friends.

May Mary, Shirley and Maura rest in the preace of Christ.

Mountrath and Clonenagh Cemetery Masses - 24th June 8th July

A note of thanks to everyone involved in our Cemetery Masses – Cemetery Committees, 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 a spirit of hope as a Christin Community around the graves of our loved ones, to celebrate the Eucharist. *Thank you* for your participation in our Cemetery Masses and for your dedication to the continued care and attention to your family graves.

As a mark of tribute to Kathelen Seale (Nee Collier), Secretary and longstanding member of Clonenagh Cemetery Committee. who died tragically following a farm accident at the Seale family farm, Clonenagh, on Mon. 31st Jan. a bouquet of flowers was presented to the Seale family during our Cemetery Mass in Clonenagh Cemetery on Fri. 8th July, to be placed on Kathleen's grave in Mountrath Cemetery.

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Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 9th to Sun. 17th July

Mountrath

- Sat 9th July 7.00 pm Catherine Olive Dooley, St. Fintan's Terrace. 5th Anniv.
Eamon Delaney, Trumera 6th Anniv.
Mary Delaney (Nee Cullen) Trumera 6th Anniv.
Paddy, Maura and Billy Kerwin, Clonard.
- Sun. 10th July 9.00 am The Hollow Church. 15th Sun. Ord. Time.
11.30 am Paddy Parkinson. Trumera. Month's mind.
Mary Ann Walsh, (Nee Breen) Tinnakill, Camross. 41st Anniv.
Rupert O'Rourke, Clonbarrow.
- Mon. 11th July 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.
- Tues 12th July 10.00 am Bernard Thompson, Ard Erin. 5th Anniv.
- Wed. 13th July 10.00 am Michael and Elizabeth Heffernan, Paddock, their son Mick
and deceased members of Heffernan and Delaney families.
- Thurs. 14th July 10.00 am
- Fri. 15th July 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.
- Sat. 16th July 7.00 pm
- Sun. 17th July 9.00 am The Hollow Church
Mary and James Fitzpatrick, Clonadacasey.
11.30 am Tom Costello, Portlaoise Rd., 3rd Anniv.

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Ballyfin

- Fri. 8th July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

- 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.
- 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
- Mon. 11th July 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Apostolate of Santification
- 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
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Summer Holidays

Best wishes to our all our young people as they begin their Summer Holidays. Our wish for you is that your Summer Days from School will be an enjoyable and carefree time for you and your families, Best wishes also to all our teachers and school staff. We hope this Summer time will be a time of refreshment and that you get an opportunity to recharge and renew – to do it all again come September.

Marie Dunphy - Best Wishes to you on your Retirement

A Note from Michael Moloney, Principal, Ballyfin National School.

Maria Dunphy, School Secretary at Ballyfin N.S. retired at the end of the school year. Maria has worked in Ballyfin N.S. for the past twenty three years and was well liked and

respected by pupils, parents, management and school staff. Maria was hard working and kind and we will all miss her presence around the school.

As Pupils, Staff and Board of Management, we all wish Maria good health and happiness in her retirement.

Lourdes Church Gate Collection

(Last weekend)

Mountrath €437.38

Ballyfin €367.72

Thanks for your support



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.mattalbotprayersociety.com or
 contact vita@mattalbotprayersociety.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 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. 6th July

Nos. Drawn 12 13 14 29

Jackpot of € 11,000 not won.

10 Match 3 Rec. € 100 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 12.000

Mountrath Lotto 7th July

Nos. Drawn 8 9 26 27

Jackpot € 13,000 - Not Won

10 Match 3's Rec. € 100 each

1 Local Winner Declan Keenan Promoter, Celine Cripps

New Jackpot €14.000

Thanks for your generous support

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
 *26€ single supplement

€500
 children under 16
 accompanied

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Ballyfin – Mountrath

Mountmellick

5th - 12th August

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