

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish News – 28th August 2022

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath - Ballyfin

Sat. 27th - Sun. 28th August 2022

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We keep in our Prayers

People, their families and
carers, who are ill – at home,
in Hospital or
in a Nursing Home, at this time

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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A note from the organizers of
Concern Church Gate Collection -
Thank you for your generous support
last weekend
.. We collected a total of €292.00

Sheila Egan (Nee Costello) Redgate. R. I. P.

We pray for Sheila who died at Portlaoise Regional Hosp. on Tues. 16th Aug.– Shelia's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Sun. 21st Aug. in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin followed by burial in St. Fintan's Cemetery, Ballyfin. We extend sympathy to Kevin, Marie, Matt, Martina, Julie, Eugene and Fiona and families. Grandchildren, Kevin, Tracey, Dara and Ashley. Sisters Bridgie and Phyllis and their families, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews, neices, relatives, neighbours and good friends.

May Sheila rest in the peace of Christ.

Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Sat. 27th Aug. to Sun. 4th Sept.

Sun. 21st Aug. 11.30 am Dorothy and Thomas Connor, Cappagh

Sat. 27th Aug. 7.00 pm Marie Williams (Nee Phelan) Moanbaun. 1st Anniv. Also, Marie's husband, Patrick and her brother in law, Fintan. Paddy Dowling, Factory St., 3rd Anniv.

Deceased members of Morrin Family, ShannonSt., Larry, Paddy, Joseph, Mai, Lillie, Francis (Morrin) Thomas, Eileen and Noel McKevitt, Main St.,

Sun. 28th Aug. 9.00 am The Hollow Church - 22nd Sun. in Ord. Time.

11.30 am Florrie Phelan (Nee Coffey) St. Fintan's Terrace. M.M. Máire (Maura) Kissane (Nee Miller) Main St., 5th Anniv. Deceased Members of Kissane and Miller Families

Mon. 29th Aug. 10.00 am

Tues. 30th Aug. 10.00 am

Wed. 31st Aug. 10.00 am

Thurs. 1st Sept. 10.00 am Agnes (15th) and John Byrne, (41st) Main St.,

Fri. 2nd Sept. 10.00 am Sid and Maura Fitzpatrick, Eileen and Bob Deacon.

Sat 3rd Sept. 7.00 pm (Shannon St)

Sun. 4th Sept. 9.00 am Laois Brigade of Old IRA (Centenary Remembrance)

11.30 am Billy Bergin, Redcastle - Month's Mind.

Elizabeth (Lily) Russell, Clonad formerly Patrick St. 4th Anniv. on 5th Sept.

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Ballyfin

Mass Times – Anniversaries Fri. 26th Aug to Sun. 4th Sept.

- Fri. 26th Aug. 7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist
- Sat. 27th Aug. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 22nd Week in Ord. Time.
- Sun. 28th Aug. 10.00 am Barney Dunne, Pallas Little - Month's Mind Mass
William, Maureen, Eamonn and Carmel Phelan,
O'Moore Forest.
Sean Fitzpatrick, Esker. (Died 25th Aug. 2006)
- Mon. 29th Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Santification
- Fri. 2nd Sept. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist
- Sat. 3rd Sept. 8.00 pm
- Sun. 4th Sept. 10.00 am
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Cemetery Mass Boghlone Wed. 7th September 7.00 pm

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Painting of Mountrath Church.

Following on from my chat with you during recent Masses, I write to let you know that I have begun planning the painting of Mountrath Church once again. As I said during my chat with you some weeks back, because of the Covid Pandemic, all my previous planning and all the arrangements which I had in place, had to be abandoned. (not once, but twice over) Please God, all going well we will get on better this time round.

I need to say from the outset, that the painting of Mountrath Church is a big job and it is going to be a very difficult task to undertake. Speaking with my builder's hat on for a moment, one of the major challenges which we will encounter will be access – access initially to the Church building itself and subsequently safe access to the areas to be painted. To put what I am saying into context, the apex of Mountrath Church stands 65 meters above ground. - in old money, this is well over 210 feet. It will be a huge challenge to provide and erect scaffolding to access all wall surfaces, which will be painted, safely and efficiently.

I am currently in contact with a number of painters and others, with a view to getting a “feel” for costings of scaffolding hire, paints and painting and the provision of other requirements.

I am making 3 Special Requests of you now.

If you know someone, whom you feel to be competent to undertake the painting (all or part) of Mountrath Church, (and would be interested in doing so) I ask you to get in contact with me and let me know. I have a very strong preference to engage local people - if possible.

As I said, also, I can't take on the painting of Mountrath Church without significant help and support from you as Parish. If you would like to become involved in the organizing committee, or if you know someone whom you feel would like to be involved, and would be competent to do so, I ask you to get in contact with me and let me know.

If you feel you know someone who would provide some sponsorship towards aspects of the painting job, (I am thinking of someone (or indeed more) who would look after the cost – for example, of the paint) I ask you to get in contact with me and let me know.

It is a bit early yet to discuss the costings of the painting of Mountrath Church. I'm sure we will have to do some serious fundraising in due course, but for now, all I will say is that because of the trogon work and coutineuos commitment of Mountrath Lotto Committee and indeed all who so generously support our Parish Lotto every week, as well as the proceeds of the Three Tenors Concert (21st Feb. '20) and also some personal donations which I have received towards the cost of the painting, we do have quite significant funds available to us.

My final thought for now – as I write this note, is, – with the good will and commitment of the people of Mountrath Parish, we can and we will, undertake and complete the painting of Mountrath Church soon. God's blessings to you and your family, always

Signed Fr. Joe (Fr. Joe Brophy P.P. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes)

Mountrath Parish Lotto 25th Aug.

Nos. Drawn 10 17 20 28 -
Jackpot € 19,000 Not Won
11 Match 3's Rec. € 91 each
3 Local Winners
Bridie Byrne Promoter Keegans
Kathleen Byrne
Promoter, Catherine Byrne
Kelly Ryan Promoter, Peg Ialor

Next Week's Jackpot €20.000

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in
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Ballyfin Lotto 24th Aug. Nos. Drawn 17 21 27 30 1 Jackpot Winner of € 18,000

14 Match 3
Rec. € 74.00 Each
1 Local Winner
Paul Dunne (Winner and Promoter)

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Church Gate Collection for

Fatima Invalid Fund 3rd and 4th
Sept. at Mountrath and Ballyfin
Churches

We extend our best Wishes to all
involved in Our Parish Schools as they
dust down the books and make a
return to the classrooms once more
for the new School year.
This is a very special time for all
whose first day in Big School is
Monday or Tues of this week.
Best wishes to all our staff, especially
staff, new to our schools.

Give Blood – Give Life

St. Fintan's Hall, Mountrath.
Thurs. 1st Sept. 3.45 – 8.00 pm -
To book an appointment
ring 1800 222111

Parish Visitation Sept.

Thurs. 1st Ballyfin Parish
Tues. 6th Mountrath Country
Wed. 7th Mountrath Town

Boughlone Cemetery Mass Wed. 7th Sept. 7.00 pm

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National Synthesis of Synodal Process

The national synthesis – which has now been submitted to the Synod Secretariat in the Vatican as part of the global synodal process announced by Pope Francis for the Church is available to read and download on www.kandle.ie

Dr Nicola Brady, Chair of the Synod Steering Committee, said, “We invite everyone to read the national synthesis and reflect on what we are called to do, as individuals and as a church community, as a result of what we have heard. The issues raised are not new, but the honesty and clarity with which they have been articulated in this process, and the relational approach that has characterised the work to date, offers a strong foundation to build upon. Some of the findings are stark, many of the experiences shared are painful, but there have also been many hopeful and encouraging aspects, notably the importance many people have placed on this process and the skills and experience we will take forward into the subsequent phases of this work. Important questions have been set out for deeper reflection and pastoral action at every level of Church life and there will be many more opportunities for people to get involved and help shape this process.”



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

Cardiac Rehab Podcast

"It's Cardiac Rehab" – A podcast series bringing together experts in cardiac rehab and patients who have attended cardiac rehabilitation.

Topics included are exercise, medication, healthy eating and the psychological impact of living with heart disease. If you have had a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, coronary artery stenting or coronary artery bypass surgery – log

onto <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/> for information and support.



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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 or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering

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 Every Monday 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!

Prayer of St. Augustine

"Watch, O Lord,
with those who wake,
or watch or weep tonight,
and give your holy angels charge
over those who sleep.