

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

Sat. 18th April - Sun. 19th April 2026

Sacramental Dates

1st Holy Communion

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath.

Sun. 26th April 11.30 am

Confirmation Day. Fri. 1st April

Mountrath Church 11.00 am

Ballyfin Church. 2.30 pm

Main Celebrant - Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Holy Communion Ballyfin Parish

Sun. 17th May and Sun. 24th May 10.00 am



**Tours of new
gym rooms**

**Patrick Street,
Mountrath,
Co. Laois
R32DT9F**

PADEL OPEN DAY

**18th April 2026
14-00 to 18-00
FREE**

Music, Games,
refreshments



Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald S.P.S C.C. (087) 605 5783

Fr. Joe Brophy P.P. (087) 241 1594

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or www.ballyfinparish.ie

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

"Check it Fits"

Peace of mind that your child's car seat is fitted correctly

According to our [Check it Fits research](#), as many as 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can result in serious injury or a fatality in the event of a collision.

Our 'Check it Fits' roadshow offers a full-time, nationwide, free service. Our team of experts will not only check that your child's car seat is fitted safely, they will also give a demonstration and answer any questions you might have.

A list of our upcoming 'Check it Fits' event locations and dates are listed below. You don't need to book an appointment.

Check It Fits IS COMING TO →

Kilkenny
Laois

21/04 - Loughboy
Shopping Centre,
Kilkenny

22/04 - Aldi Portlaoise

23/04 - Aldi
Portlarlinton



See rsa.ie/checkitfits

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, commencing Mon. 13th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 8th June.

Each night begins with praying the Rosary at 7pm

led by our beloved Poor Clare Sisters

followed by Mass at 7.30pm celebrated by Parish Priest Fr. John Dunphy.

Each night a guest speaker will share their own faith story.

13th April Mary Hulgraine:

Two-time All-Ireland Football Champion and Woman of Deep Faith

20th April Br. Tom Walsh: De La Salle Brother and Teacher

27th April Bernard Dunne: Former World Boxing Champion

4th May Jim Breen: Founder of Pulse Learning and Cycle Against Suicide

11th May Davy Fitzgerald: Hurling Manager,

Former player and winner of Two All-Ireland titles

18th May Br. Richard Hendrick:

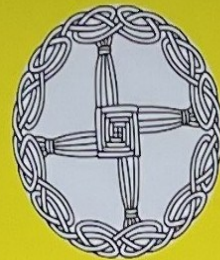
Capuchin Franciscan priest-friar and mindfulness teacher

25th May Edward Hayden: TV Chef and Broadcaster

1st June Katelyn Cummins: Rose of Tralee 2025

8th June Bishop Denis Nulty: Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin Diocese

Best Wishes to Scoil Bhríde
As they embark on
Their New Weekly Lotto



Scoil Bhríde
Mountrath

Fundraiser Weekly Draw

Your support makes a real difference

Join Now

Scan the QR code
or go to our website
below



www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbmountrath



Elizabeth (Liz) Cleary (née Brennan) R.I.P.

Kilkenny - Conahy, We extend sympathy to John Fingleton and Family, Ross, on the death on Sun. 12th April of his aunt, Elizabeth (Liz) - Liz's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Colman's Church, Conahy, on Wed. 15th Apr. followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. R.I.P.

Patrick Fanton, Charleville. Shannon St., R.I.P.

We pray for Patrick who died peacefully at Charleville Nursing Home on Sat. 11th April. Patrick's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Holy Cross Church, Charleville. on Tues. 14th Apr. followed by burial in Holycross Cemetery, Charleville. We extend sympathy to his wife Mary and family, brother Frank and his family, niece Ashley, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Patrick rest in the peace of Christ.

Pope Francis R.I.P.

We remember Pope Francis this weekend

as we mark the

1st Anniversary of his death

– which occurred on 21st April of last year.

May Pope Francis rest in the peace of Christ.

Pope Leo's Visit to Africa

Pope Leo XIV has embarked on an 11 day, four nation tour of Africa, emphasizing peace, interfaith dialogue, and the growing importance of the continent to the Catholic Church, visiting 11 cities and travelling nearly 18,000 kilometers on 18 flights. This is the first major international tour of his papacy and marks the first ever papal visit to Algeria, a Muslim majority country with fewer than 10,000 Catholics among its 48 million people.

Itinerary Highlights

Algeria (April 13-15):

Visits include Algiers, the Martyrs Memorial, the Basilica of Our Lady of Africa, and Annaba (ancient Hippo), connecting to St. Augustine, whose teachings inspire Pope Leo.

Cameroon (April 15-18):

Focus on peace meetings in conflict affected regions, including Bamenda and large public Masses, with an expected attendance of around 600,00 in Douala.

Angola (April 18-21):

Visits to the Sanctuary of Mama Muxima, hospitals, and youth focused events, including a public rosary expected to draw approximately 2 million pilgrims.

Equatorial Guinea (April 21-23):

Events include visits to prisons and memorials, highlighting human rights and social justice concerns in one of Africa's most Catholic nations.

Daffodil Day. A Note of Thanks

The 2026 Daffodil Day Collection for the Irish Cancer Society was a huge success. With € 11,032.00 raised locally. Special Thanks to everyone involved. To all who gave fresh daffodils, sellers and helpers. Retail premises, co-ordinators, all who facilitated and donated very generously to Daffodil Day. The Funds gathered in Laois support cancer patients in Laois with vital services such as night nursing and patient transport to treatment centres.

Thanks to everyone who made this happen.

Bernie and the Mountrath Daffodil Day Team.

Apostolate

Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage

To Knock

Sunday 19th April.

Bus travelling

from Athy through Portlaoise

. Cost €25.

Contact Barbara Kinsella to book a seat

086 163 7311

1st Holy Communion Day

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With girls and boys of Scoil Bhride and St. Fintan's Boys School.

Confirmation Day. Fri. 1st April

Mountrath Church 11.00 am Ballyfin Church. 2.30 pm

Main Celebrant - Bishop Denis Nulty

With children of Scoil Bhride - St. Fintan's Boys School

Gaelscoil Thromaire and Clonenagh N.S.

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Sun. 19th April. after 10.00 am Mass (Ballyfin Church) for all Confirmation Candidates
and their parents.

The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) with Confirmation
Candidates Tues. 28th April 10.30am (Mountrath Church)

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with Confirmation Candidates

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Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

Maternity Cover for Diocesan DLP., Ailish Higgins,
is being provided on a part-time basis by Michelle Hughes,
our current deputy DLP.

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TOTS AND CO PLAYSCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
IN QUALITY CHILDCARE

ECCE & NCS
SCHEMES AVAILABLE

CONTACT COLETTE:
0874162377

MOUNTRATH, CO. LAOIS

**Copy of Financial Statements
(For Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes)
available on
Notice Board at back of Church
and on Online Newsletter**

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Accounts
for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Thank you for your continued and generous
support of
Mountrath / Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lottos
and Mountrath / Ballyfin Parish Collections.

Your kind and generous support is much appreciated

See Below Parish Finances From Page 113

Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 18th April

To

Sun. 26th April

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 18th - Sun. 26th April

Sat. 18th Apr. 8.00 pm 3rd Sunday of Easter.

Sun. 19th Apr. 10.00 am Betty and Dermot Conroy, Barkmills

Mon. 20th Apr. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Sat. 25th Apr. 8.00 pm

Sun. 26th Apr. 10.00 am 4th Sun. Easter

Mon. 27th Apr. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Lord, for your faithful people, Life is changed, Not ended

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 18th April to Sun. 26th April

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Church unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 18th Apr. 7.00 pm Helena (Lena) McEvoy, Trumera. 4th Anniv.

Maura and Frank Byrne, Patrick St.,

And their daughter-in-law, Paula Byrne.

Sun. 19th Apr. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am Marie Tobin, Churchfield Heights, Month's Mind

Andy O'Connor, Dysartbeigh 6th Anniv.

James (Jim) Wall, Woodbrook. 7th Anniv.

Tues. 21st Apr 10.00 am

Wed. 22nd Apr 10.00 am

Thur. 23rd Apr 10.00 am

Fri. 24th Apr 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Lord, for your faithful people, life has changed not ended.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 18th April to Sun. 26th Apr. Continued

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Church unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 25th April 7.00 pm Eugene Lalor, Trumera. Month's Mind
Christy Cullen, Cloncourse. 1st Anniv.
Thomas and Dorothy Connor, Cappagh
Thomas' 54th Anniv. Dorothy's 34th Anniv.

Sun. 26th Apr. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am 4th Sunday of Easter

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrances.

Sat. 2nd May 7.00 pm Paddy Lowry, Kiln Lane.

Sat. 2nd May 7.00 pm Margaret Connor, Clonbarrow.

Ministries Rota - Ballyfin

25th April - 26th April

. Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Triona O'Rourke Alacoque Gilligan

Sun.10.00 am Laura Ruane Noreen Ryan

Collectors for April

Sat. Sheila Dowling Charlie Gorman

Sun. Edward Coughlan Denis Daly

Ministries Rota Mountrath

Sacramental Dates

Mountrath Ballyfin

Parishes

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis - Mountrath

Sat. 18th April - 7.00 pm Mass

For Confirmation Candidates

and their parents in Mountrath Parish.

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Sacramental Dates

Mountrath Parish

1st Holy Communion Sun. 26th April 11.30 am

Ceremony of Confirmation

Friday 1st May 11.00 pm

Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Penance with 1st Holy Communion children,

Tues. 3rd March 11.30am (Please Note Change of Date)

The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

with Confirmation Candidates

Tues. 28th April 10.30am (Mountrath Ch)

Enrolment for 1st Holy Communion

Sat. 11th Oct. 7.00 pm Mass

"Do This In Memory" Masses

All "Do This In Memory" Masses will be on the

2nd Sunday of the month.

Vigil Mass on Saturday evening 7.00 pm

(Unless otherwise indicated)

Sacramental Dates

'25 - '26 Ballyfin Parish

1st Holy Communion

Ballyfin Sch. Sun. 17th May 10.00 am

Barnashrone School

Sun. 24th May 10.00 am

Enrolment - Sun. 12th Oct. 10.00 am

Ceremony of Confirmation

Friday 1st May 2.30 pm

Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Penance with 1st Holy Communion children

Thurs. 23rd April 11.30am

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2nd Sunday of the month.

(Unless otherwise indicated)

1st Eucharist Preparation Programme

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion next year are required to attend all "Do This In Memory" Masses with their parents or guardian.

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to bring your child to Saturday evening Mass in Mountrath you are most welcome to bring your child to the Sunday morning Mass in Ballyfin Church at 10.00 am on the following morning.

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to bring your child to Sunday morning Mass in Ballyfin you are most welcome to bring your child to the Saturday evening Mass in Mountrath Church 7.00 pm on the previous evening

Or

To the Sunday morning Mass in Mountrath at 11.30 am

Arranging Anniversary Mass or Month's Mind Mass

The traditional way of arranging an Anniversary Mass remembrance was by visiting the Sacristy before or after Mass and making the necessary arrangement with the priest, who wrote the intention into the Anniversaries Diary, there and then. However, since Covid this practice has changed.

Arrangements for Anniversary Mass remembrances and Month's Mind Masses are, more often than not, now arranged by email, text message, whatsapp, by phone, among many other ways. Which is great.

On the down-side, it can be quiet difficult to keep track of all these ways. - Sometimes emails can go to folders on the computer other than the main folder and are not seen straight away. The same can apply to text messages and Whatsapp. messages. This can cause a problem when I have no knowledge of these emails / messages coming in and are sometimes not detected at the time.

Can I ask you -

if you send me an email, text message or a message on Whatsapp, or any way, other than visiting the Sacristy, requesting an Anniversary Mass remembrance or arrangements for a Month's Mind Mass and don't hear from me or don't see the relevant name / names in the Newsletter,

please give me a call on 087 241 1594

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

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Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

*We extend our best wishes to Ailish and her partner
at this special time*

Safeguarding Message

Maternity Cover for Diocesan DLP., Ailish Higgins, is being provided on a part-time basis by Michelle Hughes, our current deputy DLP.

*If you wish to contribute directly through your Bank account
to Parish funds*

Here are our Bank Account details

Ballyfin Parish - (A.I.B. Portlaoise Branch)

Lyster Square, Portlaoise.

Name of Account - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Bank of Ireland) (Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account -

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 -

BIC. - BOFIE2D

**If contributing to Parish directly through our bank account please include
your own name as the reference.**

Parish Newsletters.

There are three Parish Newsletters prepared
and published each week -

2 - A4 Print editions for Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes -
available at all our Masses and online (in PDF format)
and 1 online Newsletter, uploaded to our Parish App.

[Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes](#)

and to our parish Website, www.mountrathparish.ie
and available to view from early Saturday morning.

All items for Newsletters are always most welcome

Letter, email or WhatsApp

Email address for Newsletters - jmbrophy2@gmail.com

As Newsletters go to print at 2.00 pm Thursdays, the Deadline
for items for Parish Newsletters is 12.00 (midday) Thursday

Ways of Supporting Mountrath Parish:

Weekly Envelopes

Contributing to the Offertory Collection during Mass

Supporting Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Standing Order or Transfer directly to Parish Account

Direct payment - Cash / Cheque

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable

to "Ballyfin Parish"

Please indicate - Parish Fund

or Clergy Fund (for support of the priests of the Parish)

Cheques can be posted to – Parish Office, Parochial House, Ballyfin,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

or deposited in the wall safe at back of Church

Online Facility See Diocesan Website – www.kandle.ie

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Ballyfin Parish

Times of Funeral Masses

Funeral Masses are celebrated in Ballyfin Parish at the following times

Weekdays (Monday to Saturday) 11.00 am

Sundays 10.00 am

The Celebrant is the priest on duty in the Parish.

Funeral Masses are transmitted live on the Parish Webcam

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Would you like to become more involved
in Mountrath or Ballyfin Parish ?

As

- Minister of Holy Communion
- Member of our hospitality team who looks after our church building
 - Reader, Proclaimer of The Word
 - Collector at Mass
 - Member of our parish choir
- Member of any of our Parish Organisations
 - Server at Mass

We would welcome your involvement.

Please contact either Fr. P.J or myself

with an expression of interest.

Fr. P.J. 087 605 5783 Fr. Joe 087 241 1594

Parish

News



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Ceremony of Confirmation

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Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 26th June

Clonenagh Fri. 10th July

Cemetery on Left

Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Wed. 5th Aug.

Boughlone Wed. 2rd Sept.

Cemetery Masses commence at 7.00 pm

Tax Back Scheme Mountrath Parish

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you supported the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Mountrath Parish of over €250 have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme. It is of huge benefit to the Parish if we know the amount parishioners donate and the name of the donors. Hence this year we are sending out numbered boxes to all households in the Parish.

We sent out CHY3 Forms to eligible parishioners (who donated over € 250) for the first time in 2023 and we were able to claim back over € 13,739 for the years 2021 and 2022 . This is of immense benefit to the Parish. Thank you to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

**In 2024, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented Mountrath Parish finances
by over € 17,000**

If you receive a CHY3 Form later on in the Spring please consider completing the details and returning it .

If you would like more information please contact me.

If you are already part of the Tax Back Scheme — *Thank You*

If you are not yet part of the tax back Scheme, I ask you to consider becoming part of it - It is of huge benefit to the Parish

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“Thank you” to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

In 2024, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented our Parish finances by €12,000

If you are not, as yet, part of this scheme and would like more information, please contact me at your convenience. *(Fr. Joe)*

CLEAN UP LAOIS WEEK

6th - 10th April 2026



AES 
Recycling

LAOIS



Comhairle Contae
Laoise | Laois
County Council



Laois/ Ballyfin Clean Up Week

Thanks to all who participated in Clean Up Week 2026 ; thanks To Ger Whelan in Deadman's for storing bags in his yard.

A very sincere *Thank You*

to you and your family -

for your very generous support of

and continued commitment to

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Funds

And

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos

Get Well Wishes

We keep and hold in our Thoughts and Prayers,

People, their families and carers,

who are ill or unwell, at home,

in Hospital or Nursing Home

or undergoing any surgical or medical

procedures at this time.

We wish you a speedy recovery

Bingo

every Monday night

In St. Fintan's Hall at 8pm.

Come along and bring a friend!!



Bingo in St. Fintan's Hall

Every Monday night.

Commencing Mon. 1st Dec.,

Blue and Yellow Sheets will be increased by
€50, bringing the Full House to €300.

Please support your local Bingo.

All are very welcome.



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Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 -

BIC. - BOFIE2D

**If contributing to Parish directly through our bank account please include
your own name as the reference.**

Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 15th April

Nos. Drawn 2 16 20 26

No Jackpot Winner

17 Match 3's Rec. € 59.00 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 14,000

Your generous support is always
much appreciated

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 16th April

Nos. Drawn 11 20 26 31

No Jackpot Winner

7 Match 3's Rec. € 143.00 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 16,000

Thank you for your generous support of Mountrath Parish Lotto

It is always much appreciated.

A Note of Thanks

to everyone involved in
Mountrath and Ballyfin 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.

I extend a very sincere "thank you"
for your continued support and generosity.

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath € 16,000

Ballyfin € 14,000



News From Around
The Diocese

Diocesan Pilgrimage
to Knock

Sun. 7th June 2026

Full details to follow

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, commencing Mon. 13th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 8th June.

Each night begins with praying the Rosary at 7pm led by our beloved Poor Clare Sisters followed by Mass at 7.30pm celebrated by Parish Priest Fr. John Dunphy.

All are most welcome.

Each night a guest speaker will share their own faith story.

13th April Mary Hulgraine:

Two-time All-Ireland Football Champion and Woman of Deep Faith

20th April Br. Tom Walsh: De La Salle Brother and Teacher

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18th May Br. Richard Hendrick:

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25th May Edward Hayden: TV Chef and Broadcaster

1st June Katelyn Cummins: Rose of Tralee 2025

8th June Bishop Denis Nulty: Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin Diocese

Events

at

Bloom HQ



Pilates With Derinn

Wednesdays 8pm
6 weeks starting 29th April



***Spaces still available**

€ 60 for 6 weeks

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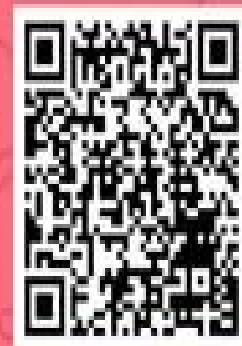


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3rd April - 1st May 2026

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Exhibition opens Friday 3rd April at 7pm, all welcome.
Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm
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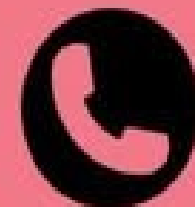


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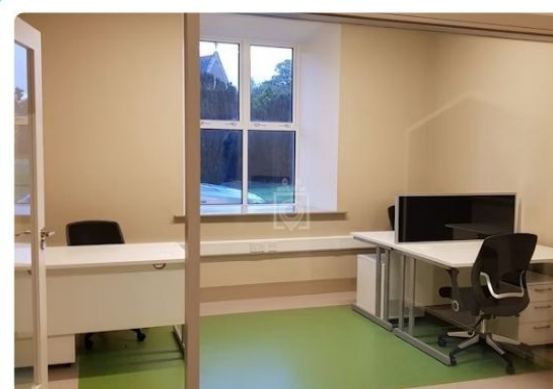
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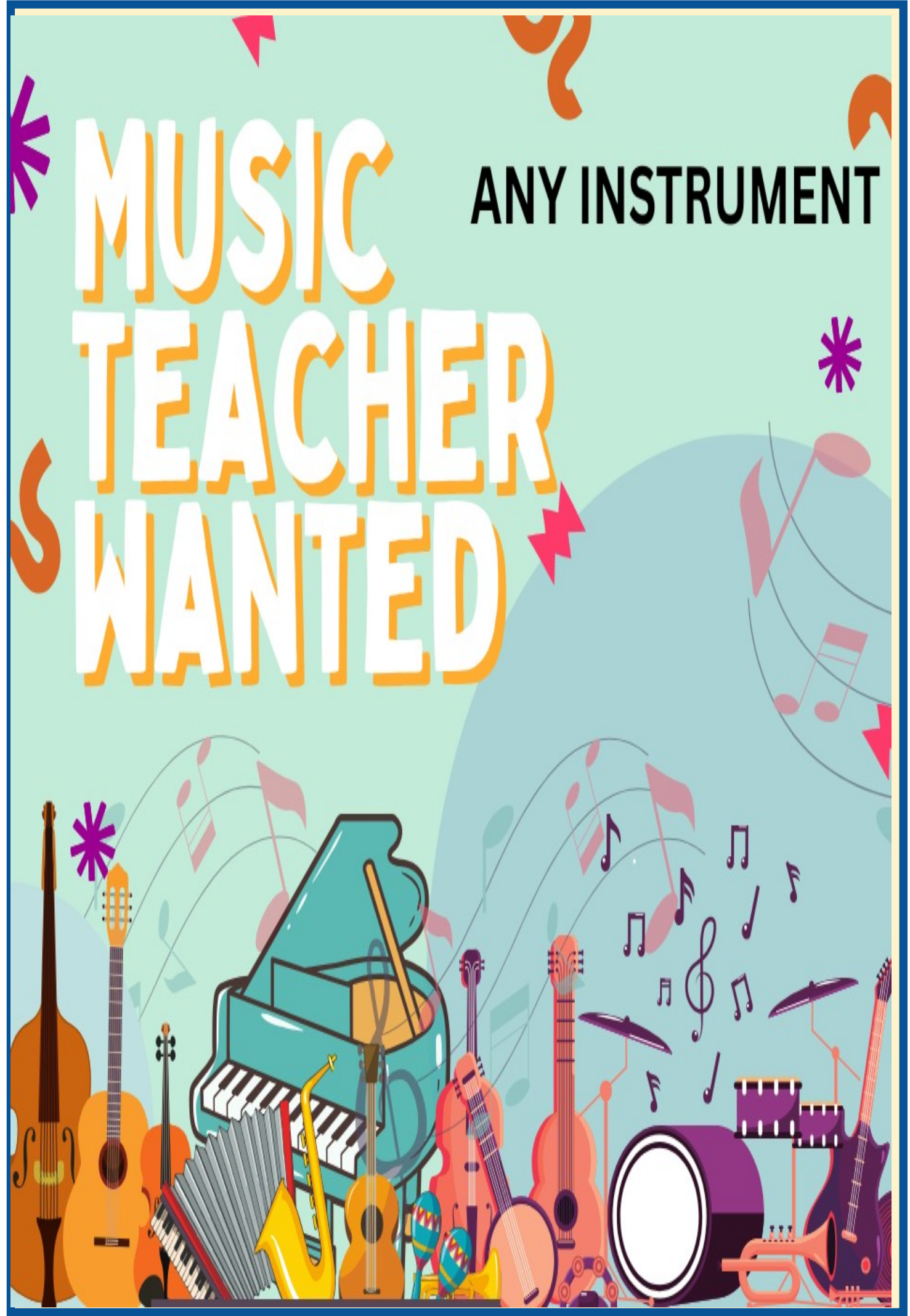
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Seated exercise

Thurs - 11am

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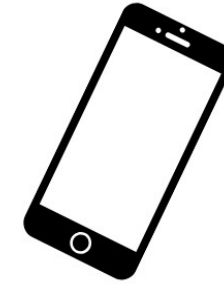


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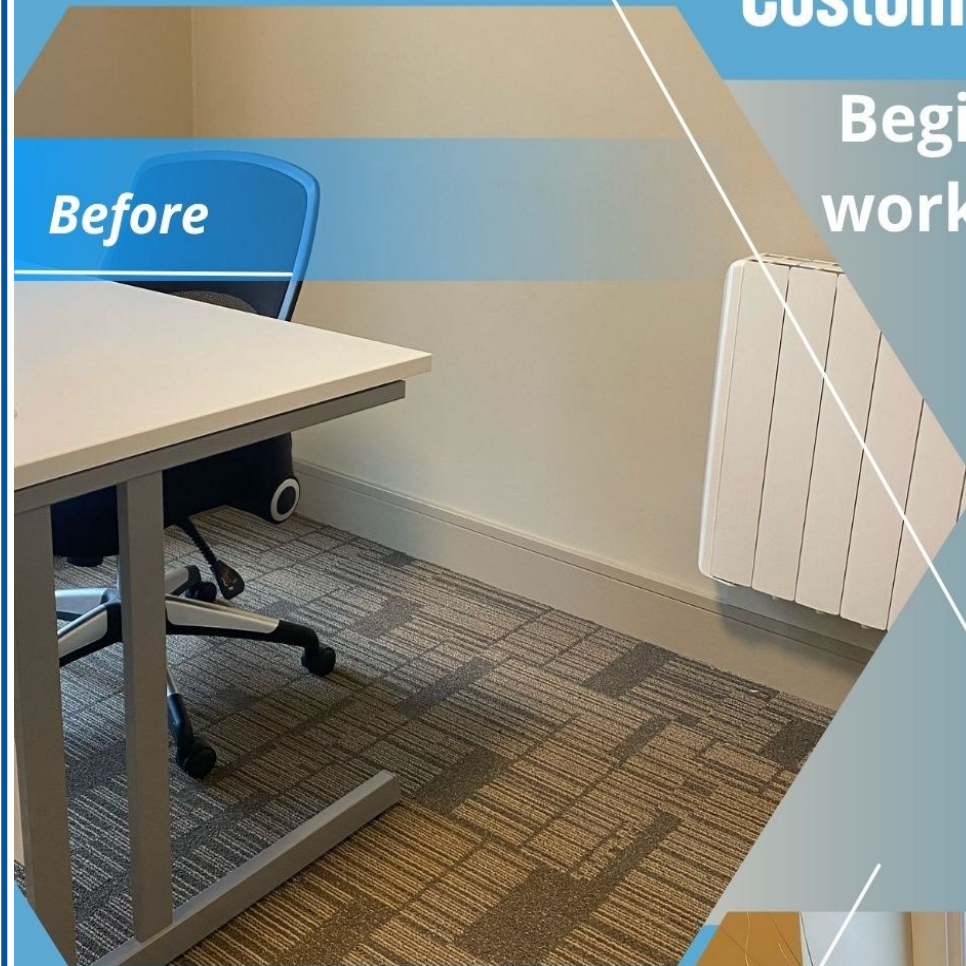
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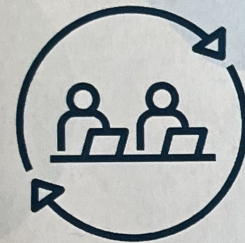
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- Learn new skills.
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Parish Finances

*If you wish to contribute directly through your Bank account
to Parish funds*

Here are our Bank Account details

Ballyfin Parish - (A.I.B. Portlaoise Branch)

Lyster Square, Portlaoise.

Name of Account - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Bank of Ireland) (Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account -

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 -

BIC. - BOFIE2D

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your own name as the reference.**

Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Ballyfin Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Income:

Basket Collection: € 15,971.70

Envelope Collection: € 36,274.99

Shrine income: € 569.24

Rental income: € 14,320

Tax Refunds / Rebate: € 12,000.07

Church Bookings: € 250

Lotto income: € 11,036.10

Other Income: € 1,389

Total Income € 91,811.10

Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Ballyfin Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Expenditure:

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,895

Insurance: € 4,042.27

Security: € 579.16

Light and Heat: € 13,266.21

Rates, Water, LPT : € 736.78

Repairs and Maintenance: € 11,930.20

Diocesan Levy: € 6,576.

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Missalettes/Printing: € 7,692.22

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 4,176.35

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,165.16

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 690

Hire of Equipment: € 1,333

Music/choir expenses: € 200

Accountancy Fees: € 300.29

Bank Charges: € 828.11

Donations/Collections: € 880

Total :Expenditure € 57,290.75

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Mountrath Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Mountrath Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Income:

Basket Collection: € 40,269

Envelope Collection: € 41,068

Shrine income: € 9,059

Rental income: € 34,425

Donations: € 6,615

Tax Refunds / Rebate: € 17,018.07

Church Bookings: € 635

Deposit interest: € 127.44

Office: € 978

Lotto Income; € 30,157

Other Income: € 15,732.87

Total Income € 196,084.38

Mountrath Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Mountrath Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Expenditure

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,412

Insurance: € 19,107.29

Security: € 484.54

Light and heat: € 19,823.12

Rates, Water, LPT : € 1,444.69

Repairs and Maintenance: € 103,631.35

Diocesan Levy: € 11,005.80

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Clergy Fund: € 2,342

Missalettes/Printing: € 13,534.29

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 8,353.98

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,400

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 2,880

Mountrath Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Mountrath Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Expenditure (Continued)

Hire of Equipment: € 2,903

Music/Choir Expenses: € 525

Accountancy Fees: € 300.29

Bank Charges: € 969.37

Donations/Collections: € 1,185

Other loan Interest: € 5.37

Interest: €-26.26

Total Expenditure € 192,280.83

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Tax Back Scheme Mountrath Parish

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you supported the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Mountrath Parish of over €250 have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme. It is of huge benefit to the Parish if we know the amount parishioners donate and the name of the donors. Hence this year we are sending out numbered boxes to all households in the Parish.

We sent out CHY3 Forms to eligible parishioners (who donated over € 250) for the first time in 2023 and we were able to claim back over € 13,739 for the years 2021 and 2022 . This is of immense benefit to the Parish. Thank you to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

If you receive a CHY3 Form later on in the Spring please consider completing the details and returning it . If you would like more information please contact me.

If you are already part of the Tax Back Scheme — *Thank You*

If you are not yet part of the tax back Scheme, I ask you to consider becoming part of it - It is of huge benefit to the Parish

Tax Back Scheme (Ballyfin Parish)

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In 2023, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented our Parish finances by almost € 23,000

If you are not, as yet, part of this scheme and would like more information, please contact me at your convenience. *(Fr. Joe)*

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

A very sincere *Thank You*

to you and your family -

for your very generous support of

and continued commitment to

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Funds

And

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos

Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

Income	Expenses
Basket Collection € 35,932.00	Pastoral Programmes € 721.00
Envelope Collection € 33,378.00	Insurance € 38,065.00
Shrine Income € 11,590.00	Security € 503.00
Rental Income € 30,890.00	Light/Heat € 23,349.00
Fundraising € 3,225.00	Cleaning € 200.00
Donations € 71,400.00	Rates/Water/Waste € 579.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate € 3,121.00	Maintenance/Repairs € 79,602.00
Church Bookings € 500.00	Diocesan Levy € 11,006.00
Lotto Income € 31,631.00	Loan Interest € 3.00
Office € 1,899.00	Bank Charges € 926.00
Deposit Interest € 36.00	Diocesan Retire't Fund € 1,000.00
Other Income € 2,984.00	Printing/Missalettes € 9,233.00
	Altar/Shrine € 10,616.00
	Telephone/Broadband € 600.00
	Computer/servicing € 5,051.00
	Accountancy Fees € 540.00
	Youth/Community € 260.00
	Hire of Equipment € 1,141.00
	Music/Choir € 250.00
	Legal/Professional € 828.00
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A very sincere "Thank You" for your continuous and generous

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