

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 20th Aug. '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 19th – Sun. 20th Aug. 2023

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

Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on

FM 104.5

www.ballyfinparish.ie www.mountrathparish.ie

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

**Rosenallis Festival of the
Mountain and Vintage Rally**
This Sun. 20th Aug. 1.00 pm.
Vintage exhibits on field by
12.30 pm

See Online Newsl. - Parish App.
for full details

**Mountrath Festival Committee
Presents**

Hawaii 80's Disco

Sat. 19th Aug. In the Marquee at
Eddie Kirwan's Pub Tickets €15

All Proceeds will go to fund Mountrath
Christmas Lights

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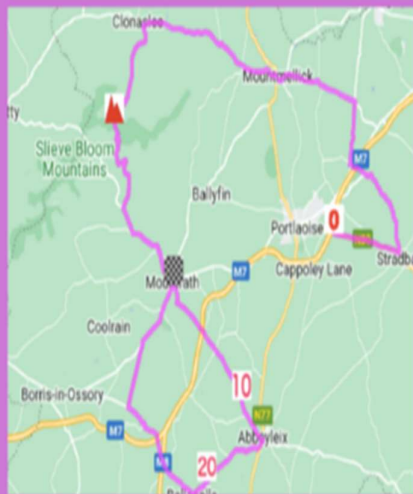
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If you would like to become involved in celebrating the 5th Anniv. of World Meeting of Families please let me know. You are most welcome to become involved if you would like to do so.

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. -

We wish them a speedy recovery.



Stage 3 finishes in Mountrath on Friday September 8th.
Portlaoise – Stradbally – Emo – Mountrillick – Clonaslee – The Cut – Mountrath – Ballacolla –
Abbeyleix – Mountrath
See link for stage route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41818995>
Further Information www.rasnamban.com
Imagery credit: Rás na mBan



Rás na mBan

Rás na mBan – International Womens Cycle Race –

takes place from 6th to 10th Sept.

Stage 3 (102 kilometers) takes place in Laois on Friday 8th September, after a

ceremonial start at Aras An Chontae the race will pass through –

Stradbally – Emo - Mountmellick –

Clonaslee – The Cut - Mountrath –

Aghaboe - Ballacolla - Abbeyleix

– finishing in Mountrath at approximately 2pm.

Riders from all over Europe, the USA, Oceania, Africa and Asia as well as the best of Ireland's international and locally-based racers will descend on Laois for the event which will showcase the beauty and landscape of our county.

Deadline for Parish Newsletters

Items for Parish Newsletters are always most welcome. If you wish to have an item included in the Parish Newsletters (Print or online Edition) we request that they be in

by 12 midday on Thursdays

Text Message, Email, Whatsapp, Letter or Pop into Parochial House.

(Our Parish Newsletters are online and on App. from early Saturday morning)

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

Our New-Look Parish App. Came online during the week

■ Check it out.

*A Very Sincere "Thank you" for Your Most Generous Support
of all our Parish Collections*

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Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

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

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Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 19th - Sun. 27th Aug.

Mountrath

Sat. 19th Aug. 7.00 pm Sarah Parkinson, Clonard 17th Anniv.

Sun. 20th Aug. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#).

(Baby) Conor Dunne, Trumera, 7th Anniv

. 11.30 am Sean Brophy, Knockanina 5th Anniv.

And deceased members of Byrne family.

Mon. 21st Aug. 10.00 am

Tues. 22nd Aug. 10.00 am

Wed. 23rd Aug. 10.00 am

Thurs. 24th Aug. 10.00 am Fintan (Fint) Wall, Woodbrook.

John Deegan, Factory St.,

Fri. 25th Aug. 10.00 am Paddy Dowling, Factory St., 4th Anniv.

Sat. 26th Aug. 7.00 pm John Phelan, Knockanina 1st Anniv.

Marie Williams (Nee Phelan) Moanbaun. 2nd Anniv.

Also, Patrick and Fintan Dunne, Moanbaun.

Thomas, Eileen and Noel McKeivitt, Late of Main St.,

Sun. 27th Aug. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#).

11.30 am Maura (Máire) Kissane (Nee Miller) Main St., 6th Anniv.

Mass Times Anniversaries Fri, 18th - Sun. 27th Aug.

Ballyfin

Fri. 18th Aug. 7.30 pm Brigid and Dan Mooney, Old Post Office, Ballyfin.

Sat. 19th Aug. 8.00 pm Patricia Allen (Nee Doocey) Pallas – 8th Anniv.

Peter Coughlan and deceased family members

Sun..20th Aug. 10.00 am Timothy and Mary-Kate Heffernan, Brockera.

Mon. 21st Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 25th Aug. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

. 7.30 pm

Sat. 26th Aug. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of 21st Sun. in Ord. Time.

Sun. 27th Aug. 10.00 am 21st Sun. in Ord. Time.

Mon. 28th Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification..

Cemetery Mass *(Commences at 7.00 pm)*

Mass in Boghlonge Cemetery will be celebrated on Wed. 6th Sept. If you would like to read at this Mass or if you would like to prepare and lead the Prayer of the Faithful, or prepare (and read) a Post Communion Reflection please let Fr. P.J. know

Lord, for your faithful people, Life is changed, not ended.

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Mass in Boghlane Cemetery will be celebrated on Wed. 6th Sept. If you would like to read at this Mass or if you would like to prepare and lead the Prayer of the Faithful, or prepare (and read) a Post Communion Reflection please let Fr. P.J. know

Mass commences at 7.00 pm



Mountrath - Ballyfin Lotto Results.

Ballyfin Lotto Results 16th August.

Nos. Drawn 3 12 17 30

No Jackpot Winner

15 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 67.00



Next Week's Jackpot € 16,000

A note of thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, 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 support and generosity.

Mountrath Lotto - Thurs. 17th Aug

Nos. Drawn 2 17 22 28

No Jackpot Winner - 13 Match 3's Rec. € 77 ea.

2 Local Winners

Caroline Byrne. Promoter, David Tobin

Tori, Danny and Jamie McKeon Promoter, Anne O'Keeffe.

Next Week's Jackpot. € 13,000

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€ 13,000 - Mountrath

€ 16,000 Ballyfin

Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6th Sept.

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All our Cemetery Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

Mountrath Festival Committee

Presents

Hawaii 80's Disco

Saturday, 19th August, 2023

Venue:- The Marquee in Eddie Kirwan's Pub

Bar available on the night

Tickets - €15.00

Ticket event only – It is a Hawaii themed night

All proceeds to fund Mountrath Xmas Lights

Rosenallis Festival of the Mountain & Vintage Rally

This Sunday, 20th August 2023 at 1.00 PM
Vintage exhibits on field by 12:30PM

Vintage and Classic Vehicle Exhibits including Tractors, Cars,
Lorries, Engines, Motorcycles (Pre-1990)
Arts and Craft Stalls Music
Dog Show
Bread, Butter and Pancake Making
Spit-Roast Pork and Colcannon
Children's entertainment
Food stalls and More!

Venue: Festival Field, Rosenallis

Admission: €10 Adults | Children Free

Contact:

Daniel - 085 184 7390 Ger - 087 213 7494

Email - info@rdvcc.ie

Treasure Ireland

A new video series launched recently by the Irish Dominicans is an ambitious project that will take the friars to every county in Ireland, filming roughly ten videos in each county, highlighting the many and varied stories that make up the history of Irish Christianity. The series is currently focussed on the counties which overlap with the territory of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin: Laois, Kildare, Carlow, and (soon!) Kilkenny.

Some of the sites visited include Timahoe, the Rock of Dunamase, and the Brownshill Dolmen. The story of Jesuit photographer, Fr Frank Browne, is told in a video recorded in Emo Court, and that of pioneering scientist, Fr Nicholas Callan, in a video from Maynooth.

The stories of the great saints of these counties feature prominently: there are videos on St Brigid, St Mochua, St Moling, St Fergal of Aghaboe, and the Dominican martyr, Blessed Peter O'Higgins. There'll soon be added to that list the stories of two great bishops of Kildare and Leighlin: Daniel Delany (d. 1814) and James Doyle (d. 1834), also known as J.K.L. ('James of Kildare and Leighlin').

All of these stories are told in a way designed to interest believers and non-believers alike, showing, bit by bit, that the Gospel is woven inseparably into the fabric of Irish history.

The videos can be viewed

on <https://www.kandle.ie/treasureireland/> and <https://www.youtube.com/irishdominicans>

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Diocesan News

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any
Sacramentally married couple.

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause
you to lose touch with your spouse.

This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and
reconnect privately. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday
3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023.

At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork. To book your place visit our
website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087-2162436

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Portlaoise Parish to the Holy Land led by Msgr John Byrne, travelling from 7th Sept – 15th Sept 2023. Cost per person €2190, single supplement €769. Cost includes coach transfer from Portlaoise to Dublin airport return, flights, accommodation on half board basis, courier service in the Holy Land and a full religious programme. For more details please contact Tullys Travel Carlow on 059-9136100.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Programme

At University Hospital KERRY, 12-week modules involving education, supervision, faith formation and a clinical placement. January/May/September each year. For further information contact

Dr Margaret Naughton Email: margaret.naughton2@hse.ie Phone: 066 718 4000



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'Under Mary's Mantle'

Under Mary's Mantle is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35) with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in the historic All Hallows campus, DCU, Dublin.

A chance to build your faith in friendship with young men and women from across the country.

Keynote speakers include poet and convert Sally Read, a one-time radical feminist who embraced the Faith, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Cistercian Fr Aelred McGee, Marian theologian Professor William A Thomas and many more.

The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical Year! Mass and Confessions take place both days.

The conference takes place Saturday and Sunday, with a discounted ticket available for both days. If you're free for one, single day tickets are also available. Two day

Saturday & Sunday – €60 Day rates – Saturday €40; Sunday €30

STUDENTS get a 10% discount – contact deusetpatria@gmail.com for discount code.

There is a limited amount of accommodation available in DCU, contact deusetpatria@gmail.com or call 085 1442423 for rates and more information.

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. Why: Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/



**19-20
AUGUST**

UNDER MARY'S MANTLE

Young Adults Conference



BUY TICKETS

ALL HALLOWS COLLEGE, DCU D09 N920

Join us for talks, workshops, mass, guided holy hours, and great socialising!

BUY TICKETS ON EVENTBRITE.

TWO DAY RATE €60, SATURDAY RATE €40, SUNDAY RATE €30.

OVERNIGHT RATES AVAILABLE, CALL 085 144 2423.



SALLY READ



BISHOP CULLINAN



MICHAEL KELLY

EMAIL DEUSETPATRIA@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE INFO

A Legion of Mary Project

Kildare Carmelite Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sun. 10th Sept. 2023. Bus will leave The Square, Kildare Town at 8 am

SHARP. To secure a place on the bus, inquiries to Carmelite Church

Shop Kildare, or contact: Martin Cowley 087 255 3582

Esther Brady 087 673 2848 - Cost €20 per person.

Parish Finances. - A Word of Thank

Thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds.

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are not doing too bad, thanks in no small part to your generosity, I wish to acknowledge your support given via the weekly envelopes (2023 boxes are ready for distribution at present). Contributing to the Parish by envelope allows us to keep track of your donations for the whole year and, where possible, (and totally at your discretion) claim the additional 45% back from Revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. If you are not as yet, part of this scheme – and would like more information, please contact me when you get a chance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it is very much appreciated.

Different ways of supporting your Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable
to "Mountrath Parish" - or "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.

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website - www.kandle.ie) ⇐

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ⇐

The following are our Bank Account Details

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50

BIC. - BOFIE2D

Ballyfin Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Please include your own name as the reference.

⇒ Support Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos ←

If you have any queries or would like to speak with us regarding donating to the Parish or participating in the charity tax donation scheme, just ring me on 087 241 1594 (Fr. Joe)

Stay connected with us!

Parish Website www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie -

Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish

