

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 6th Aug. '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 5th – Sun. 6th Aug. 2023

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Parish Visitation Aug.

Tues. 8th Mountrath Country

Wed. 9th Mountrath Town

Thurs. 10th Ballyfin Parish

Social Dancing in St. Philomena's Hall
Mountrath.

Mon 7th Aug.

9.30 – 12 midnight.

Music by Dermot and Irene Ring

(August Bank Holiday Monday)

Cemetery Masses In Ballyfin

Boghlone Wed. 6th Sept.

Cemetery Masses begin at 7.00 pm

10th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Denis Nulty

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Photo of Bishop Denis taken on the day of his ordination as Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin on 4th Aug. 2013



Prayer for Fine Weather

Bishop Denis has included a 'Prayer for Fine Weather' this week and encourages us to use it given that it impacts us in so many ways but particularly people in food production for which we are all reliant.

All-powerful and ever-living God,
We find security in your care
and love for us.

Give us the fine weather we pray for
and now badly need.

Bless the hard work and efforts
of so many of our people
that their labours may come
to fruition.

We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.

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.

YOUTH 2000

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10th August to Sunday 13th August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie



Stage 3 finishes in Mountrath on Friday September 8th.
**Portlaoise - Stradbally - Emo - Mountmellick - Clonastee - The Cut - Mountrath - Ballacolla -
 Abbeyleix - Mountrath**
 See link for stage route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41818995>
 Further Information www.rasnamban.com
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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. You

are invited to the official launch of the Laois Stage of Rás na mBan –

International Women's Cycle Race on Wed. 12th July in Bloom HQ at 7.30pm.

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

Mountrath

Sat. 5th - Tues. 15th Aug.

Sat. 5th Aug. 7.00 pm Thomas Dargan, New York. 1st Anniv.

Mary and Eddie Lynch, New York. 2nd Anniv

Paddy and Moire Kennedy,

Shannon St., Paddy's 6th Anniv.

Sun. 6th Aug. 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

11.30 am Margaret and Seamus Holland, Trumera

Margaret's 4th Anniv - Seamus' 18th Anniv.

Teresa Doheny (Nee Duggan) Kiln Lane, 6th Anniv

Mon. 7th Aug. 10.00 am

Tues. 8th Aug. 10.00 am

Wed. 9th Aug. 10.00 am

Thur 10th Aug. 10.00 am Margaret Kelly, Clonagown.

Fri. 11th Aug. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 12th Aug. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for 19th Sunday

Thomas and Dorothy Connor, Cappagh

Sun. 13th Aug. 9.00 am *The Hollow Church.*

11.30 Jane Reynolds (Nee Whelan) St. Fintan's Terrace. 2nd Anniv.

Fintan (Ted) McCarthy 49th Anniv.

Keith Russell, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

40th Birthday Remembrance.

Mon. 14th Aug. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish

7.00 pm Vigil Mass for Feast of the Assumption

Feast of the Assumption

Tues. 15th Aug. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch. Mass of the Feast.

11.30 am Mary Patterson (Nee Foyle) Patrick St.,

And Deceased members of the Foyle Family

1st Anniv. Remembrance

John Phelan, Knockanina

Mountrath Church.

Sat. 26th Aug. 7.00 pm

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

Ballyfin - Mass Times Anniversaries

Fri, 4th - Tues. 15th Aug.

Fri. 4 th Aug.	7.30 pm	Altar List of the Dead.
Sat. 5 th Aug.	8.00 pm	Vigil Mass of Feast of Transfiguration of the Lord.
Sun. 6 th Aug.	10.00 am	Feast of Transfiguration of the Lord.
Mon. 7 th Aug.	7.00 pm	Apostolate of Sanctification
Fri. 11 th Aug.	5.00 pm	Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.
	7.30 pm	Celebration of the Eucharist.
Sat. 12 th Aug.	8.00 pm	Vigil Mass of 19 th Sun. in Ord. Time.
Sun. 13 th Aug.	10.00 am	19 th Sun. in Ord. Time.
Mon. 14 th Aug.	7.00 pm	Apostolate of Sanctification..
Tues. 15 th Aug.	7.30 pm	Mass for Feast of the Assumption.
		Sheila Egan (Nee Costello) Redgates - 1 st Anniv.

Cemetery Mass

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

Mass commences at 7.00 pm



Mountrath - Ballyfin Lotto Results.

Ballyfin Lotto Results for
2nd August.

Nos. Drawn 15 16 26 30

No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3 Winners



This is the first time that there was no Jackpot Winner
 and no
 Match 3 Winner

Next Week's Jackpot € 14,000

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. 3rd Aug

Nos. Drawn 1 14 19 22

No Jackpot Winner - 12 Match 3's Rec. € 84 3 Local Winners

Ryan, Cian and Kasey Fitzpatrick

Promoter, Celine Cripps

Breda Conroy Promoter, Breda Conroy

John Mortimer. Promoter, Anne O'Keeffe

Next Week's Jackpot. € 11,000

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€ 11,000 - Mountrath

€ 14,000 Ballyfin

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St. Philomena's Hall, Mountrath

August Bank Holiday Mon. (7th Aug) 9.30 - 12

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

Cemetery Masses In Mountrath ~ Ballyfin During 2023

Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6th Sept.

All our Cemetery Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

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 7184000



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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 Adult 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

The Pilgrimage will take place on 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.
