

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

31st Aug. 1st Sept.

22nd Sun. in Ord. Time

Relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis to visit Portlaoise

3rd March 2024



A relic of blessed Carlo Acutis will be brought to Portlaoise Ch. next month

By Fr Paddy Byrne

Next month, a relic of blessed Carlo Acutis will be brought to Ireland by three Franciscan friars from Assisi, where his mortal remains repose. Portlaoise Parish Church is privileged to be one of the places chosen to host this visit. We look forward to this from 11-13 September.

This soon to-be-the first millennium saint is extremely popular and indeed relevant for our times. His youthful statue differs from the traditional ones: a young man dressed in jeans with an iPhone in his hand. His relatability has made him extremely attractive, especially to young people, who are all too familiar with the challenges of social media. This will be a blessed occasion for the people of Laois and beyond, to gather and venerate the relics of such an iconic, holy young man, soon to be canonised.

I am also greatly taken by the life story of Carlo Acutis – a young, talented and deeply spiritual teenager whose life story is a real example of Christian hope. Carlo was born in London on 3 May 1991 to Italian parents, who soon returned to Milan. He was a pious child, attending daily Mass, frequently praying the Rosary and making weekly confessions. Exceptionally gifted in working with computers, Carlo Acutis developed a website which catalogued Eucharistic miracles. This website was the genesis of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, an international exhibition which highlights such occurrences.

Acutis died of leukaemia in Monza near Milan on 12 October 2006. Acutis stated that “to always be close to Jesus, that’s my life plan. I’m happy to die because

I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God". He also said that "our aim has to be the infinite and not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. We have always been expected in Heaven", and he called the eucharist "my highway to heaven".

Carlo Acutis died at the age of 15 of a galloping leukaemia, leaving in the memory of all those who knew him a great feeling of emptiness and great admiration for his brief-but-intense testimony of authentic Christian life. From the day he received his First Holy Communion at the age of seven, he never missed an appointment with daily Holy Mass. He always tried, either before or after the eucharistic celebration, to pause before the tabernacle to adore the Lord, always truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady was his great confidant and he never failed to honour her by reciting the Holy Rosary every day. Carlo's modern and up-to-date ways combined perfectly with his profound eucharistic life and Marian devotion, which helped to make him that very special boy who everyone admires and loves.

To quote Carlo's own words: "All people are born as originals, but many die as photocopies." To move towards this goal and not "die as photocopies", Carlo said that our compass must be the Word of God, that we have to measure up to constantly. But to reach such a lofty goal, very special measures are necessary: the sacraments and prayer.

Carlo was very gifted with everything related to the world of computers so that both his friends and adults with computer engineering degrees considered him a genius. Everyone was amazed at his ability to understand the

secrets of computers, which are normally only accessible to those who have specialised university degrees.

Carlo's interests involved computer programming, film editing, website creation, editing and laying out small publications, to helping those most in need, especially children and the elderly. This young believer of the diocese of Milan was a mystery who, before he died, was able to offer his suffering up for the pope and the Church.

"To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life." These few words of Carlo Acutis, the boy who died of leukaemia, outline the distinctive feature of his short life: living with Jesus, for Jesus, in Jesus. "I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute of it on anything unpleasing to God."

And Carlo asks of us the same thing: he asks us to spread the Gospel through our lives, so that each of us can be a beacon to light the journey of others. Carlo, like many adolescents of our time, was busy at school with his friends and for his young age was an expert in computers. In the midst of all his commitments, he encountered Jesus Christ.

This teenager, sociologically similar to his school mates, was an authentic witness that the Gospel can be lived fully, even by a teenager. His short life, oriented to that encounter with Jesus, was like a light, not only to shine on the path of those who knew him but also of those who will come to know his story. I am sure that this first biography of Carlo Acutis, edited by Nicola Gori, with his well-known ability to involve the reader, will help today's adolescents, so

problematic and so conditioned by the mass media, to reflect on the meaning of life and on the Gospel values to realise it fully. Looking at this teenager, our children will be put in touch with a life experience that has not taken anything away from the wealth of young teenage years but has enhanced them even more. Carlo's witness to the Gospel is not only an incentive for today's adolescents but it also helps parish priests and teachers to question themselves about the value of the formation they give to young people of our parish communities and how to make this formation effective and incisive.

Prayer to Blessed Carlo

*Father, who has given us the ardent testimony,
of the young Blessed Carlo Acutis,
who made the eucharist the core of his life
and the strength of his daily commitments
so that everybody may love you above all else,
let him soon be counted among the saints in your church.*

*Confirm my faith,
nurture my hope,
strengthen my charity, in the image of young Carlo
May all young people be blessed with courage and hope.*

Mum-Dance 80s

Inspired Fitness Class For Women.

Come to Mum-Dance where fitness feels like a girls night out.
You don't have to be a mum and you defo don't have to be a dancer!

Love the skin your in & get you back!

New 7 Week Term

Starting Monday 2nd Sept Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Bloom HQ For full details and Bookings

Contact Marian on 086 885 7116

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 1st Sept. '24

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Contacts

Website www.mountrathparish.ie

Email - jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Yoga Classes in Ballyfin Old School

'New 4-week Term of Yoga starting in September in Ballyfin Old School.

Weekly classes of Beginners, Intermediate and Chair Yoga. Please contact Aisling (089 4122157) to book your spot'.



MOUNTRATH JIVE
3-WEEK BEGINNERS JIVE COURSE

STARTS
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 3
8-9.30 PM

BLOOM HQ
MOUNTRATH
R32 DT9F

Jiving to Nathan Carter, Derek Ryan, Mike Denver, etc

No partner or experience required.

In my 3-week course you'll start with the basics on Week 1, then progress each week. By Week 3 you'll be confident to jive at any wedding or social event.

€40 payable on 1st night

JiveTom@gmail.com  TomJive.com 0873995877

ACP Zoom Gathering

Gráinne Doherty: "Go and Tell" : The Prophetic Voice of Women

ZOOM – Thu 19th Sep. 2024 – 8.00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82083102910?pwd=gAlmUV4wQDF909H8aKNbstc3ukbuvx.1>

Meeting ID: 820 8310 2910 Passcode: 910816

Positioned on the margins of systems of power, the prophet is identified with, on the one hand, giving voice to the pain and fragility of such systems while, on the other hand, holding out a deep hope and belief in the values of the reign of God.

*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.**

Thank you for your generous support of Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

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

BALLYFIN PARISH ACCOUNTS 2023

INCOME

Basket Collection:	€ 16,305
Envelope Collection:	€ 25,986
Shrine Income:	€ 876
Rental Income:	€ 5,800
Fundraising:	€ 3,140
Donations:	€ 1,050
Tax Refunds:	€ 22,807
Church Bookings:	€ 460
Lotto Income:	€ 13,898
Other Income:	<u>€ 2,421</u>

Total: € 92,743

Thank you - for your very generous support of and continued and ongoing commitment to Ballyfin Parish Finances and Ballyfin Parish Lotto - throughout 2023 Your kind and generous support is very much appreciated.

EXPENDITURE

Diocesan Levy:	€ 6,576
Insurance:	€ 5,775
Light and Heat:	€ 17,570
Repairs and Maintenance:	€ 21,532
Pastoral Programmes:	€ 1,720
Security:	€ 273
Cleaning:	€ 263
Rates, Water, Waste:	€ 421
Diocesan Retirement Fund:	€ 1,000
Missallettes:	€ 1,870
Altar Requisites:	€ 3,657
Telephone/Broadband:	€ 1,379
Computer Hardware:	€ 3,219
Youth/Community:	€ 640
Bank Charges:	€ 880
Collections:	€ 200

Total: € 66,975

Adult Literacy for Life (For Everyone)

Do you know that in Ireland, 1 in 6 adults struggle with reading and writing,
1 in 4 adults struggle with maths and 1 in 2 adults struggle with digital skills?.....
Do you or a family member need to improve your reading, writing, maths or ... digital skills?

We can help. All courses are free.

Contact: Kilkenny Adult Learning Service (KCETB) 056 776 3149 or Carlow Adult Learning Service
(KCETB) 059 913 5544 or freephone 1800 20 20 65
or email allinnovation@solas.ie

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

A very sincere thank you - to you and your family - for your very generous support of
and continued commitment to Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish and Mountrath and
Ballyfin Lotto

See our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne
Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins.
Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,
c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 163

Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette

In September and October this year, the relics of Saint Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once-in-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese. The relics of St Bernadette will visit Kildare and Leighlin this October, on the 7th in Carlow Cathedral and on the 8th in Portlaoise Parish. Further details relating to the visit to Kildare & Leighlin will follow shortly.



Blessed Carlos Acutis

The relics of Carlos Acutis will visit the Church of St's Peter & Paul, Portlaoise on 11th and 12th Sept.

Full Details next week

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 31st Aug. Sun. 8th Sept.

- Fri. 30th Aug. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.
- Sat. 31st Aug. 8.00 pm Patrick Brennan, Pallas. 1st Anniv.
 Patricia Dunne, Pallas, 1st Anniv.
 Joseph Dunne, Pallas (Patricia's husband) 14th Anniv.
 William, Maureen and Eamon Phelan. O'Moore Forest.
 Carmel Gormley (Nee Phelan)
- Sun. 1st Sept. 10.00 am 22nd Sun. In Ord. Time
- Mon 2nd Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.
- Wed. 4th Sept. 7.00pm Mass in Boghlone Cemetery.
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- Fri. 6th Sept. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.
- Sat. 7th Sept. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time
- Sun. 8th Sept. 10.00 am 23rd Sun. In Ordinary Time
- Mon. 9th Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

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

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 31st Aug - Sun. 8th Sept.

Sat. 31st Aug. 7.00 pm Desmond (Des) Bredin – Shannon St., Woodbrook Month's Mind Mass
Ceremony of Committal of Des' ashes will take place in family plot in Mountrath Cemetery after

Mass this evening

Roma Allman (Nee Phelan) 1st Anniv. Warwickshire

John Phelan, Knockanina. 2nd Anniv.

Sun. 1st Sept.. 9.00 am The Hollow Church 19th Sun. Ord. Time

11.30 pm Seán Madigan, Old Forge Cresc. Month's Mind

Agnes Byrne 17th Anniv - John Byrne. 43rd Anniv. Late of Main St.,

Tues 3rd Sept. 10.00 am Eileen and Bob Deacon, Shannon St.,

Wed. 4th Sept. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Thurs 5th Sept 10.00 am

Fri. 6th Sept. 10.00 am Niall Deegan. R.I.P. Shannon St., Funeral Mass

Sat. 7th Sept 7.00 pm

Sun. 8th Sept 9.00 am The Hollow Church.

Fr. Danny Horan – Westminster Diocese

11.30 am Elizabeth (Lily) Russell, Clonad formerly Patrick St. 6th Anniv.

We pray for Niall Deegan, Shannon St., Formerly London, who died on Thurs. 1st Aug. Niall's
Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Fri. 6th Sept. at 10.00 am.

We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers all Niall's family and friends in London and
Mountrath at this very difficult time for them.

1st Anniv. Mass Remembrance

Sat. 21st Sept. 7.00 pm Denise Delaney (Nee Reynolds) Kiln Lane.

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Guidance Information Morning

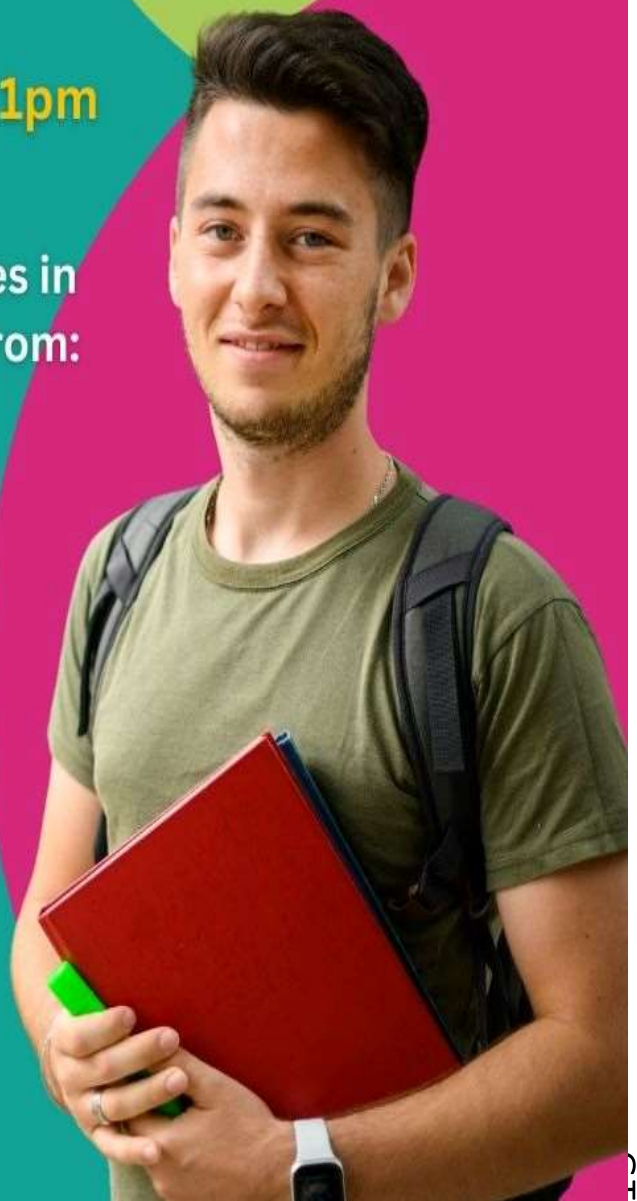


 **27 August 2024**  **10am - 1pm**

To learn more about PLCs,
Apprenticeships and Tertiary degrees in
Laois, come and talk with our staff from:

- ✓ Abbeyleix FETC
- ✓ Portlaoise Institute
- ✓ Portlaoise FETC
- ✓ Laois School of Music
- ✓ Portarlinton FETC
- ✓ Apprenticeship Services
- ✓ LOETB /SETU Tertiary degrees

Visit the
Portlaoise LOETB Information Hub
Unit 1, Lyster Square, Portlaoise
Tel: 057 8630093



Fatima Pilgrimage 2025

The Diocesan Office has circulated details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima at Easter 2025. I have included all relevant information received from the Diocesan Office on my Online Newsletter
(See below - from Page 71)

Medjugorje Pilgrimages

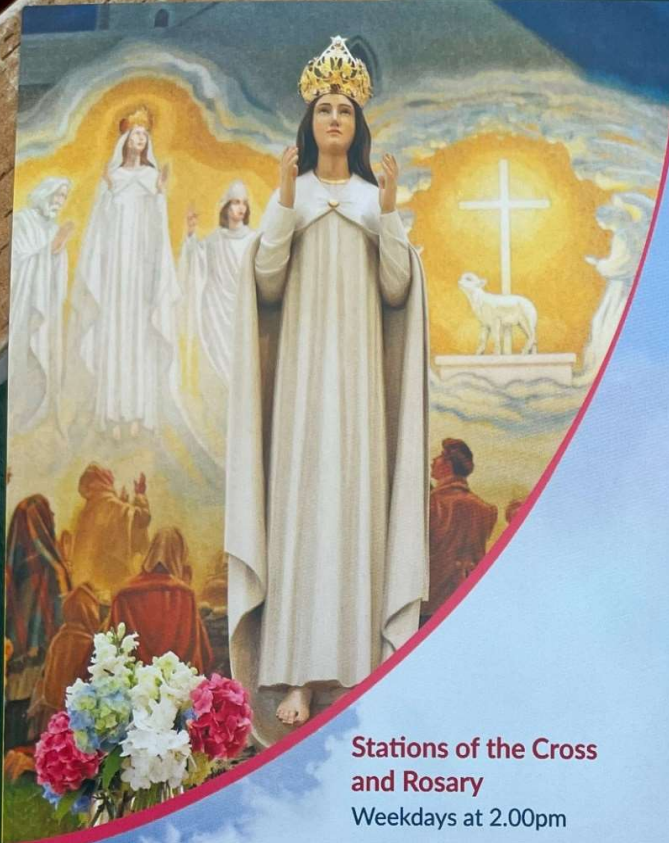
April – Oct 2024. 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or
website www.med-irishcentre.com

Harvesting Gratitude – Dominican Retreat 13th - 15th Sept '24

This weekend retreat offers us the invitation to pause, ponder, acknowledge and celebrate with gratitude the many blessings in our lives.

Cost: €280.00 Residential, €180.00 Non-Residential. For bookings please contact the Dominican Retreat Centre Tallaght, call: 01 4048189

email: dominicanretreat@gmail.com



**Stations of the Cross
and Rosary**
Weekdays at 2.00pm

Confessions 10.30am – 4.30pm Daily

Mini Vigils Mini Vigils take place on the first Friday of each month during the pilgrimage season. 9.00pm to Midnight in the Parish Church

NOVENA 14 – 22 August 2024.
Daily ceremonies at 3pm & 8pm.
See www.knockshrine.ie for further details of guest speakers.

Creation Walk

Weave your way through the evolution of our planet, while prayerfully pondering God's Creation.

This new walk has been created under the guidance of Fr. Brian Grogan SJ.



Knock Prayer Centre

Open daily 10am to 6pm from May 6th, 2024.
Guided Prayer sessions throughout the day.
Spiritual Direction available at Chapel of Reconciliation.

KNOCK



SUMMER PROGRAMME 2024

Mass times: SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

9.00am Parish Church
10.30am & 12noon Basilica
3.00pm Basilica

Adoration

11.30am–6.30pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7.00pm – 9.00pm Apparition Chapel (Evening Prayer 8.30pm)

Sundays: Pilgrimage Ceremonies

2.00pm Rosary
2.30pm Anointing of the Sick
3.00pm Concelebrated Mass followed by Eucharistic Blessing.
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament,
Outdoor Rosary Procession (*weather permitting*)

Mass times: WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAYS

9.00am Parish Church
12noon Basilica
3.00pm Basilica with Anointing of the Sick
7.30pm Parish Church (Rosary at 7pm)

Adoration

9am – 6.30pm Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7.00pm – 9.00pm Apparition Chapel (Evening Prayer 8.30pm)

Knock Museum

Find out more about the compelling story of Knock Shrine at the award-winning Knock Museum.

Open daily from 10am to 6pm with free admission.



Knock Counselling Centre

Drop-in Listening Service available every Thursday and Sunday, 11am to 3pm.





Mountrath Parish Lotto 29th Aug.

Nos. Drawn 6 10 13 15

No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3's Won € 72.00 each

1 Local Winner

Breda Russell Promoter, Heather Mortimer

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Ballyfin Parish Lotto 28th Aug

Nos. Drawn 16 24 25 29

No Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3s Rec. € 125 each

1 Local Winner

Mary Crowley Promoter, Sheila Dowling

Next Week's Jackpot €12,000

*Thank you - for your very generous support of and continued and
ongoing commitment to Ballyfin Lotto*

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Ballyfin € 12,000

Mountrath € 20,000



Save the Date
Rás na mBan
 Thurs. 5th Sept. 2024
 Stage Finish on Patrick St.,
 Mountrath

SAVE THE DATE

Come out to cheer on the Rás na mBan
Thursday 5th September 2024

Check <https://rasnamban.com/2023-route/> for route times in your area

A Word from the people at Mary's Meals

I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of Mary's Meals Ireland for your support and for posting our Walks from Kilkenny and Thurles in your weekly newsletter to help us spread the word.

Could you please place a post of our thanks for all who came out to show support, donated, helped with collections, walked, offered accommodation or provided food and refreshments and prayed for us and the children we feed.

Your kindness and generosity have touched our hearts and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

May God continue to bless you in all that you do.

Warm regards

Josephine Donaghey
Volunteer for Mary's Meals

Mountrath: New 7 week term, starting on Monday 02.09.24. Time: 7.30pm.

Cost per term: €65.

For bookings contact Marian on 086 8857116

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Mum & Baby/Toddler Gym class



10 am Tuesday

starting 24th September

€ 50 for 6 Weeks



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Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy, Patrick st, Mountrath, R32 DC58



Harvesting Gratitude

With Carol Barry



13th to 15th September 2024

At the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght, D24 KA40

This weekend retreat offers us the invitation to pause, ponder, acknowledge and celebrate with gratitude the many blessings in our lives.

In light of the great Judeo-Christian tradition of **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**, a graced space is offered during these days to glean the kernels of truth and wisdom hidden in the mystery of our own daily life.

This will be a time to **“ingather”**, i.e. to reflect, remember and recognise the grace of God at work within and around us in order to cultivate a spirit of gratitude, hope and outreach - **“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”**, Rom 15:13

Carol Barry will accompany and guide us on this weekend drawing on the biblical-cultural tradition and symbols of this ancient Judeo-Christian tradition of celebrating Harvest time. She will facilitate the day drawing on her experience and skills as a Theologian, Lecturer in Biblical Spirituality, Retreat Director, Anam Chara and practitioner of Bibliodrama and Deep Talk and Elder Pastoral care.

Cost: €280 Residential; € 180 non-Residential.

For bookings please call the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght on 01 4048189 or email at dominicanretreats@gmail.com.

Events In Bloom HQ

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Music Teachers wanted

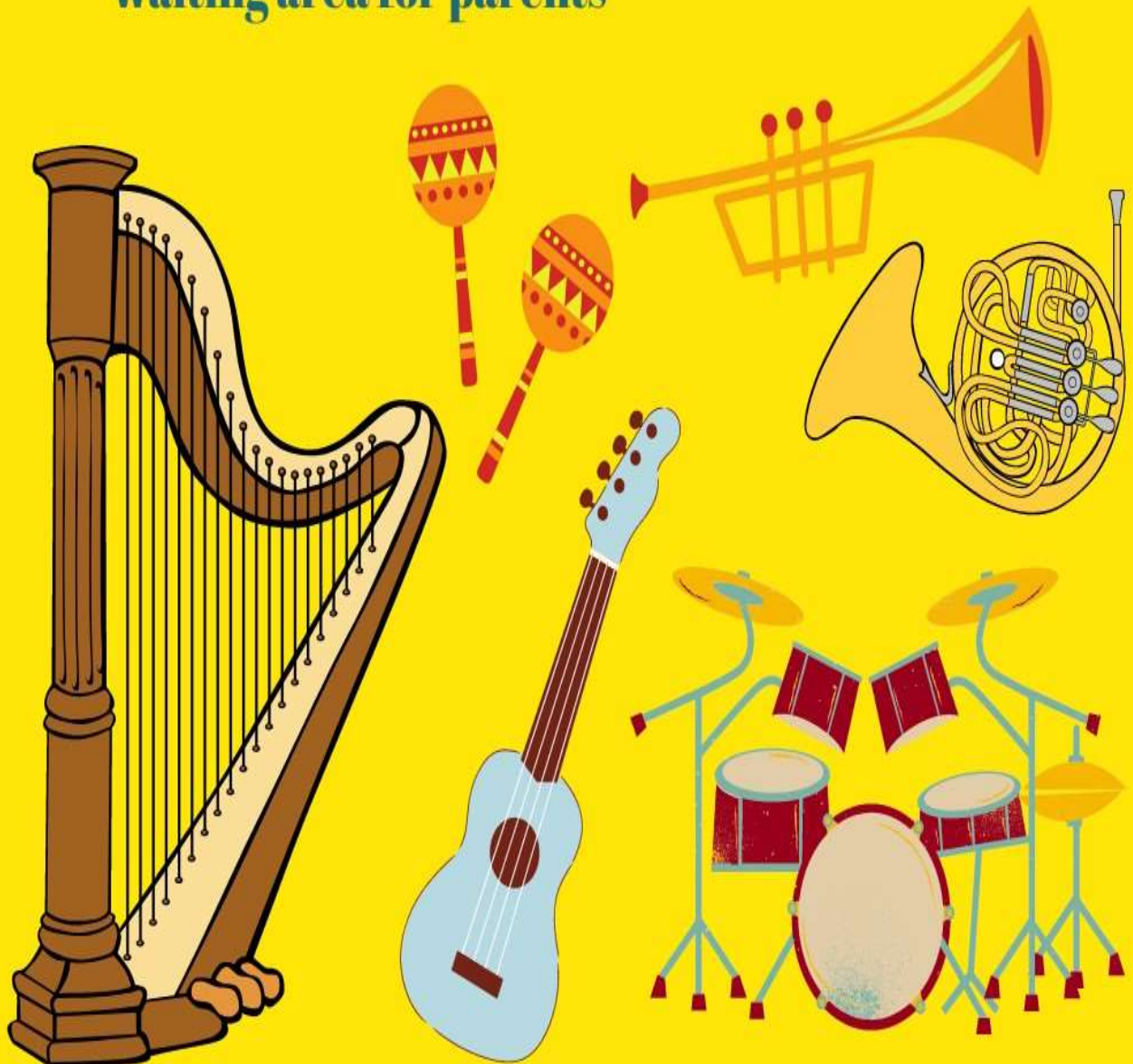


for Mountrath Music School

*soundproof rooms

*free parking

*waiting area for parents



contact Lucy 087 259 7895

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Bloomhq, Patrick St, Mountrath R32 DC58



MOUNTRATH JIVE

3-WEEK BEGINNERS JIVE COURSE



*Jiving to Nathan Carter,
Derek Ryan, Mike Denver, etc*

No partner or experience required.

In my 3-week course you'll start with the basics on Week 1, then progress each week. By Week 3 you'll be confident to jive at any wedding or social event.

**STARTS
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 3
8-9.30 PM**

**BLOOM HQ
MOUNTRATH
R32 DT9F**

**€40 payable
on 1st night**

JiveTom@gmail.com  **TomJive.com 0873995877**



Basketball in Mountrath

Now 11-12 am **Saturdays**



Kids 6-10 years

1 hour sessions



€2 per child per session



Outside in Bloomhq or in Philomena's
hall if raining!

VENUE

BLOOMHQ, PATRICK ST,
MOUNTRATH, R32 DC58

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

July 2024

TIMETABLE

**PAYG
and
Members
Always
Welcome**

*These Classes
are not included
in the
Membership fee

Monday

10 am Mature Movers

11 am Activator Poles Inc.

7 pm Mixed Circuit Training
(suitable for Beginners & Advance)

7 pm Karate*

Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX

7 pm Ged Fit*

Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers

7 pm Mixed Circuit Training

7-8 pm BJJ (8-12)

8-9 pm BJJ (13+)

Thursday

7 pm Ged Fit*

Friday

5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)*

6.30 pm Kickboxing (8-12)*

7.30 pm Kickboxing (13+)*

Saturday

9 am Circuit Training

10 am BJJ (8-12)

11 am BJJ (13+)

12 am Pilates*

Music Classes in Mountrath



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am 6 + years

€ 8 for 30 min group class

Eabha 083 856 6083



Piano

Sunday mornings 5+ years

€20 per 30 min lesson

Heather 083 054 7772

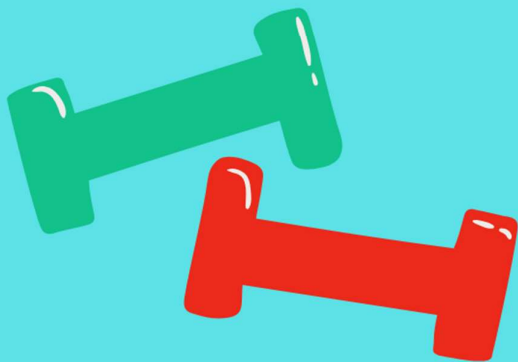




Mature Movers

50 + Gym Classes

Strength
Flexibility
Balance
a bit of Endurance
& a lot of Fun



6 week block starting Monday 19th August

Mondays 10 am & Wednesdays 11 am

45 mins in Mountrath

€ 60 for 6 weeks

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761





Pilates

Saturdays 12-1 pm
6 weeks starting 14th
September



Mountrath Health &
 Fitness Academy,
 Patrick st, Mountrath
 R32 DC58

€ 60 for 6 weeks

Sabrina 087 646 7305

<https://www.mountrathgym.com/memberships/pilatesinmountrath>



Seated Exercise Adult Inc Class





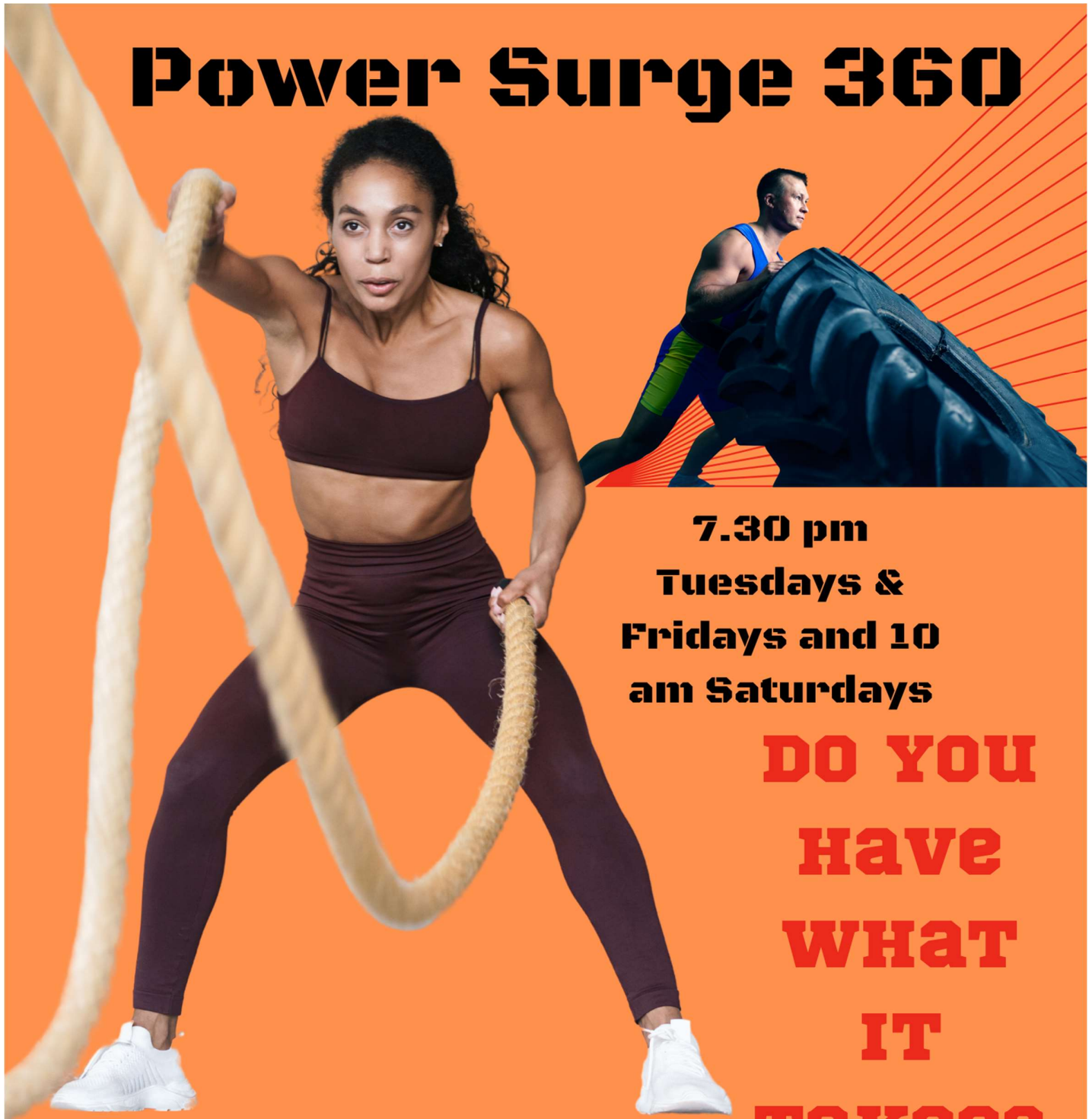
11 am Thursdays

€4 per class

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy, Patrick st, Mountrath, R32 DC58

Power Surge 360



**7.30 pm
Tuesdays &
Fridays and 10
am Saturdays**

**DO YOU
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IT
TAKES?**

€ 130 FOR 6 WEEKS (18 CLASSES!)

Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy, Patrick st, Mountrath, R32 DC58

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761



Early Bird HITT classes



**6 am Tuesday
& Thursday**

Starting Tuesday 17th September

8 week block x 2 classes a week

€ 130

Plus bonus Saturday 10 am classes for free



*Come join
our new
trainer Tobi
and get
stronger,
fitter and
healthier at
our Early
Bird class!*



For more info contact
Ruth on 089 2647761

At Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy, Patrick St, Mountrath R32 DC58

Mum & Baby/Toddler Gym class



10 am Tuesday

starting 24th September

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Upper Body Classes

Have you been injured/had a fall?

Are you attending a Physio and need extra support?



Here in **Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy** we are putting together a program to help you progress your healing more quickly!



Starting September 24th
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 -6.45 pm

Limited to 6 people

6 weeks twice a week, 45 min sessions

Pre program Ruth will go through your current exercises and injuries then develop a program to help all heal and increase Mobility, Flexibility, Balance & Strength.

€120 for the 12 sessions!

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761



Book on

<https://mountrathgym.squarespace.com/memberships/upperbodyinjuryclass>

Lower Body Classes



Have you been injured/had a fall?

Are you attending a Physio and need extra support?



Here in **Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy** we are putting together a program to help you progress your healing more quickly!



Starting September Tuesdays & Thursdays 8.15-9 pm

Limited to 6 people

6 weeks twice a week, 45 min sessions

Pre program Ruth will go through your current exercises and injuries then develop a program to help all heal and increase Mobility, Flexibility, Balance & Strength.



€120 for the 12 sessions!

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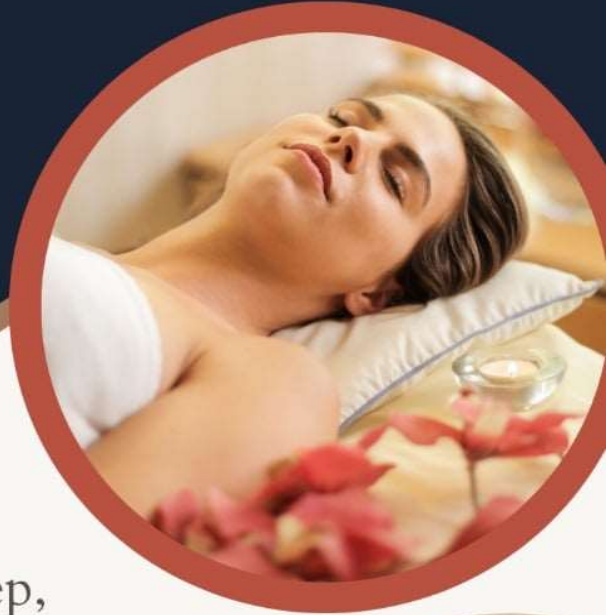
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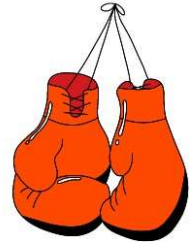
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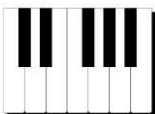


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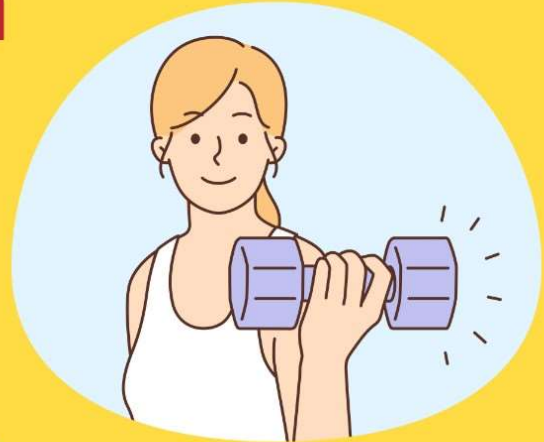
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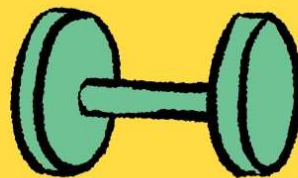
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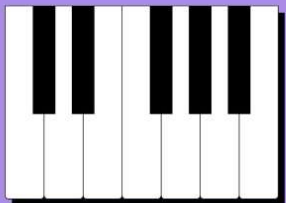
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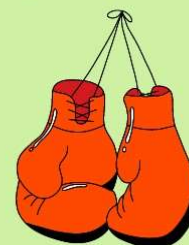
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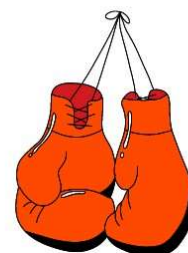
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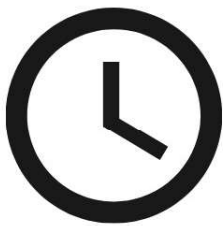
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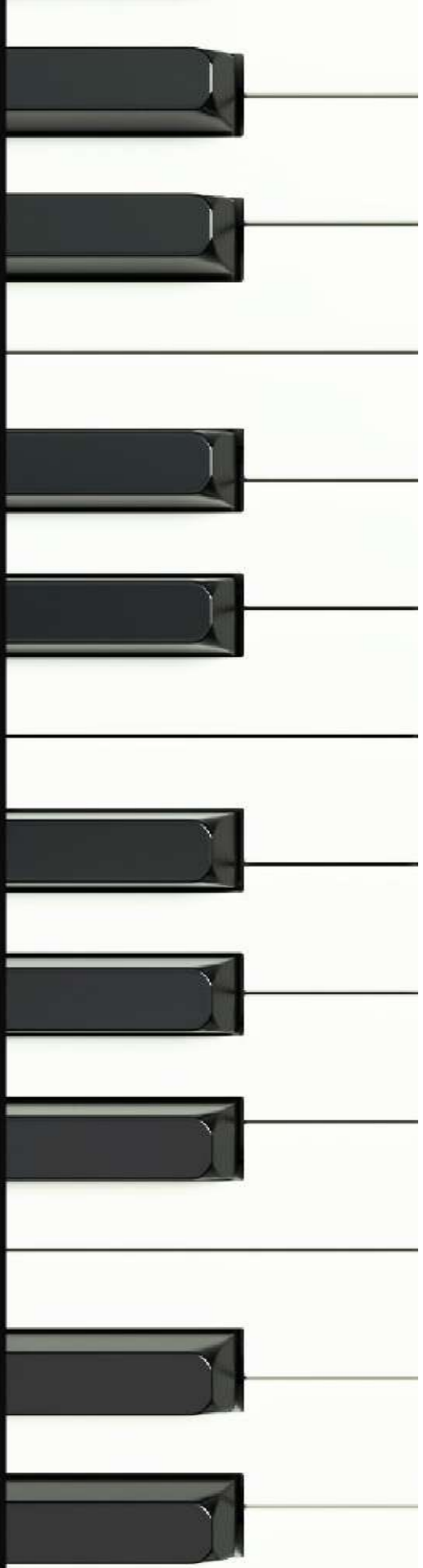
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- On arrival transfer to Fatima where we will check into our hotel.
- Lunch will be provided at the hotel.
- Free time for optional activities.
- Dinner at Hotel.
- This evening we will attend Holy Thursday Mass.

Day 2 - Good Friday (Apr 18th)

- Following breakfast at our hotel we will walk the Way of the Cross.
- Lunch in Hotel.
- This afternoon, we will have a guided tour of the Sanctuary area visiting, the Capelhina, Rosary Basilica, the graves of the three children.

Day 3 - Holy Saturday (Apr 19th)

- This morning after breakfast we will visit the Parish Church, Valinhos and Aljustrel.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Following dinner we will attend the Vigil Mass in the Sanctuary.

Day 4 - Easter Sunday (Apr 20th)

- Following breakfast, we will attend the Rosary and international Mass in the Sanctuary on this Easter Sunday morning.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Afternoon is free for optional activities.
- Dinner in Hotel.

Day 5 - Easter Monday (Apr 21st)

- After breakfast, we will depart Fatima on our optional tour of Nazare & Bathala.
- A packed lunch will be provided.
- For those staying in Fatima, lunch will be provided in the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Tuesday (Apr 22nd)

- We bid farewell to Fatima and make our way to Lisbon Airport.
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17th - 22nd APR '25

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