

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

Sat. 22nd Sun. 23rd Aug. 2026

Bishop Denis'

Pastoral Letter

issued on Tuesday last

(25th August)

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(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Sun. 30th August
2026

22nd Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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Dear friends, I am writing this Pastoral Letter in response to the new reality that now faces us in Kildare and Leighlin Diocese. The decline in the number of priests, as some are recalled by their own orders or returned to their own dioceses, continues to present significant challenges. I am also very conscious of the age profile of our priests, many of them serving parishes, long beyond the acceptable retirement age in the secular world. While we continue to earnestly pray for vocations to the priesthood, we also must deal with these stark realities.

I acknowledge and appreciate that when a priest is moving on from a parish it can be difficult, both for the priest himself, and for parishioners with whom a relationship has been built. Following the recent announcement of diocesan changes, I want to once again thank all those priests involved in the changes this year for the great contribution they have made to their parishes and to their previous appointments - a contribution that is deeply appreciated by all.

Change is never easy, particularly when it involves those close to us or impacts our own lives in a very real way. This is very acute in the parish setting. Our diocese has 56 parishes and 117 churches who find their home now within 11 Pastoral Areas. This year's diocesan changes will require adjustments, greater cooperation and a willingness to do

The shortage of priests inevitably sharpens the focus on parish schedules and workloads. This will necessitate a deeper look at the sacramental activities in each parish, the Mass times, particularly where Mass times clash, optimum locations, the different chaplaincies (schools, hospitals, nursing homes etc) and how services can be delivered more efficiently by working more closely together. With any discussion on the number of Masses, there is also the fear of a reduction in income, so I thank you for your generosity and ask you to continue to find ways to support your parish. All this will have obvious implications for the individual parishes within each Area and I urge all priests and people to engage wholeheartedly in this process in which these difficult decisions are discerned and acted upon.

I am aware that our priests carry an enormous burden of responsibility and are expected to be available 24/7 to cope with all kinds of situations, meet all kinds of challenges and attend so many gatherings and functions beyond their normal sacramental duties – more than that could be too great a challenge. I ask parishioners not to make unreasonable demands or to have unrealistic expectations of their priest. The pastoral needs of parishes are centred around the sacraments and the Eucharist, and these must be the top priority of every priest.

I have ordained 16 permanent deacons and we have 25 lay pastoral ministry students, who are about to begin Year II of their two-year Diploma. Both are and will be tremendous assets to parishes. Lay involvement, with the support of priests and deacons, is one way in which we can continue to nourish the faith of all and sustain our parishes as vibrant faith-filled Gospel communities. Lay-led prayer services, funeral and baptism ministries, sacramental preparations and volunteerism around the liturgical life of the church are essential.

Supporting each other in these tasks is double edged – priests/deacons need to allow and encourage lay involvement in an even greater way than is happening right now and lay people need to step up into greater roles.

I believe we must now pause and step back while thinking about more available and sustainable solutions, praying that the Holy Spirit will help us understand '*What is God saying to the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin at this time?*

The synodal journey our Church has embarked on in recent years, reminds us that the most important sacrament is baptism – our baptism. It is out of a deeper and richer understanding of what our baptism means that we all begin to find our place in the Church today.

What we are experiencing in Kildare & Leighlin is no different to any other diocese in Ireland. However, we must never forget the Church belongs to Christ whom we serve and, as St. Oscar Romero reminded us, "*we may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own*". I see this as a time that is certainly challenging but is also hope-filled. There will always be changes in life, but there are realities which do not change and that is our faith in God "*who can do immeasurably more than we can ever ask or imagine*" (Eph.3:20).

+ Denis Nulty

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Season of Creation 2026

Runs from 1st Sept. to 4th Oct. (Feast of St. Frances) This year's theme "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12. Each year from 1st Sept. to 4th Oct. the Christian family unites for this world wide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

See www.seasonofcreation.org

to access all the materials and to link to a live worldwide online opening prayer at 2.00 pm Irish time on Tues. 1st Sept.

Obituaries

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Margaret (Peg) Fitzpatrick (nee Phelan)
Rossmore (Orig. Bacca) R.I.P.

We pray for Peg who died peacefully at her home on Sat. 22nd Aug. Peg's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Tues. 25th Aug. followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to her family, Paddy, Dinny, Chris, Shem, Sheila and Margie and their families, sister Nora Lowry, brother Jack Phelan and their families, grandchildren, Cella, Lorraine, Annmarie, Helen, Michelle, Brian, P.J., Chris, Christy. and their families. great-grandchildren, Nadine, Ronan, Charlie, Hannah and Hannah. Nieces and nephews, neighbours, relatives and her many faithful friends.

May Fr. Tom and Peg rest gently in the peace of Christ.

Susan (Susie) Quarney, Rushin, R.I.P.

We pray for Susie who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Mon. 17th Aug. Susie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Thurs. 20th Aug. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her grandchildren, Andi, Charli and Ruby, her siblings Liam, Jimmy, Donie, Catherine, Monica, Ger, Ann, Pauline and Angie and their families, nieces, and nephews and their families, extended family, neighbours and friends.

Dominic Casey. Dublin, Formerly Mountrath. R.I.P.

We pray for Dominic who died suddenly at St James Hosp., Dublin on Mon. 10th Aug. A memorial Service was held at Garden Chapel, Mount Jerome, Cemetery, Harold's Cross on Mon. 18th Aug. followed by committal ceremony. We extend sympathy to Esther, Richard, Joseph and Timothy and their families, nephews, and nieces and their families, extended family and friends.

James (Jim) McKeown, Brocagh, Co. Tyrone.
R.I.P.

We pray for Jim who died peacefully at Craigavon Area Hosp., on Tues. 18th August. Jim's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St Brigid's Church, Brocagh on Fri. 21st Aug. followed by burial in adjoining cemetery. We extend sympathy to all his family, grandchildren, great grandchildren, sister, brothers, nieces, nephews and their families and the extended McKeown and Doherty family circle and friends. We extend sympathy to Jim's daughter, Colette and her husband Eddie Phelan, Ballyfin Rd., and their family at this difficult time.

Bishop Denis' Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Appointments

Fr. Tom Dooley, PP Portarlington and Emo to retire.

Fr. Yanbo Chen, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Theodore Tomasik, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Erik Ebot, SVD CC, Portlaoise, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Eugen Dragas Tamas, CC, Portarlington & Emo

Returning to Iasi Diocese in Romania.

Fr. Ciprian Matei, C C, Portlaoise returning to Bucharest Archdiocese in Romania.

Fr. Joe O'Neill, PP, Kill to take sabbatical leave.

Fr. David Vard P P Stradbally taking personal leave of absence with my full support.

Fr. Pat Hughes, P P, Myshall and Clonegal, to become PP, Portarlington and Emo.

Fr. Andy Leahy, C C, Myshall and Clonegal, to become PP Myshall & Clonegal while continuing to reside in St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan.

Fr. Yohan Fernando, C C, Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House, to become Adm., Kill while remaining part of the team in Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House Pastoral Area.

Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, Polish Chaplain, to become C C in the Portarlington Mountmellick Pastoral Area, while continuing to support the Polish community.

Fr. Petru Medves, C C, Abbeylax, Ballinakill & Raheen, to become also CC, Portlaoise.

The three curates in Portlaoise (Fr. Adriano de Oliveira, Fr. Simon Jin and Fr. Petru Medves) will assist in ministry in the wider Pastoral Area.

As previously announced (which came into effect on 1st August):

Fr. Sean Maher, P P Balyna, appointed to staff of the St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Fr. Brian Kavanagh, C.C, Allen & AP Newbridge, to become P P, Balyna.

Kildare and Leighlin

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Day

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27.

Find peace in a day of Prayer and Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Rev. Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen and Ms Mary Connolly.

Location: Mount St. Anne's, Portarlinton. (R32 WN59)

Date: Sat. 29th Aug. 9.30am - 4.00pm.

Concludes with Holy Mass 3pm

Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30-1.15. Cost €25.00

Booking Essential. Call or Text with name and number
of companions

Barbara Kinsella 0861637311

Recovery College Southeast

You are invited to join us in our new Recovery Education Programme for Autumn/Winter 2026. All our courses and workshops are co-produced and co-delivered by those who have lived experience in partnership with professional expertise, *“the expert by experience working alongside the expert by profession”*. Courses and workshops at the Recovery College South East are for everyone and are free. For more detailed information on the workshops go to the Workshop Section of our Website –

www.recoverycollegesoutheast.com

Lovely LAOIS

HOMEcoming FESTIVAL

Gala DINNER

THE MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL, PORTLAOISE
SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dinner and Award Ceremony To celebrate our
Guest of Honour and our Unsung Heroes



EILEEN DUNNE
VP GUEST OF HONOUR

- EILEEN DUNNE
- NOEL BURKE
- ARC PROJECT
- TOM DUFFY
- ABBEYLEIX HOUSE
AND FARM

Entertainment by

- TRUDI LALOR
- NOEL FITZPATRICK BAND
- DAMIEN BOWE
- THE MATRIMONY BAND



★ For further information contact The Midlands Park Hotel:
057 867 8588 or LovelyLaoisHomecoming.ie

DOORS OPEN @ 6.30PM
DINNER SERVED @ 7.30PM (SHARP)
UNRESERVED SEATING

National Synodal Pathway Update

Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland.

To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr. Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please visit <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

Irish Synodal Pathway

The 7 Priorities Proposed

Belonging: Fostering a Church of welcome, inclusion, and safety where each person finds a home in community and in Christ.

Coreponsibility and Lay Ministry: Empowering all the baptised, women and men alike, to share responsibility for leadership and mission through new models of ministry and decision-making.

Family: Supporting the domestic Church as the primary place of faith transmission and belonging, and strengthening its connection with parishes and schools

Formation and Catechesis: Deepening faith through lifelong formation that is Christ centred, experiential, and equips the baptised for discipleship in today's world.

Healing: Acknowledging wounds, especially those caused by abuse; committing to accountability, justice, and reconciliation; and ensuring safe spaces for survivors and all who carry pain.

Women: Recognising and including women's gifts, leadership, and coreponsibility at every level of Church life, as a matter of justice and credibility.

Youth: Engaging young people with authenticity offering our youth meaningful roles in leadership and mission, and listening to their hopes and challenges.



WALK THE CROSS

25th, 26th & 27th September 2026
CROKE PARK, DUBLIN

**33 MILES OVER TWO DAYS
A MILE FOR EVERY YEAR JESUS LIVED**

CONFESSIONS
SPEAKERS

BENEDICTION
EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
HOLY MASS

Beginning at St Brigid's Church, Kildare
Day 1: Holy Mass at 9:30am, followed by the walk to Naas
Day 2: The pilgrimage resumes from Naas, walking to St Agatha's Church, near Croke Park, concluding with Holy Mass at 6:00pm
Day 3: Eucharistic Procession from Saint Agatha's to Croke Park ending with Holy Mass, Benediction & talk from Father Mark Goring

Register by emailing walkthecross33@gmail.com

www.walkthecross.ie



Cemetery Masses

Boughlone Cemetery

Wed. 2rd Sept.

Masses Commence at 7.00 pm

New Defibrillator at Ballyfin Old School

Official Name of Device - Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

(An AED is a portable device and can be used by anyone to help someone experiencing cardiac arrest)

A new state of the art defibrillator and cabinet have been installed at Ballyfin Old School. This Unit has been installed for the protection of patrons of Ballyfin Old School and Ballyfin Community Centre / Ballyfin Parish Hall.

A note about the Defibrillator.

The Cabinet containing the defibrillator is not locked and is available to use, instantly, at any time. When the cabinet door is opened an alarm sounds.

I would like if a number of local people would engage in a training / familiarization programme in the safe use of the Defibrillator. If a number of people come forward, I will organize suitable training –

To ensure that the defibrillator is always in working order and fit for purpose, it needs to be checked out on a regular basis. I would like if a kind local person would commit to looking after the unit on behalf of the Parish. I very much appreciate your help and co-operation.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming
involved in this project.

Thank You

*Thank you for your continued and generous
support of Mountrath Parish Weekly Lotto
and Mountrath Parish Collections.*

And

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*Your kind and generous support is
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A Note of Thanks

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*One day of prayer in honour
of St. Carlo Acutis:*

Sun. 6th, Sept.; Bus departs:

*Monasterevin, Kildare,
Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock,
Maynooth, M3 Parkway.*

To book your place

Telephone / Text Deirdre 087 2467594

Email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

Parishes Alive - Becoming Synodal:

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite you to the 3rd Annual Parishes Alive Day on Sat. June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated by Dr Donagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team. Much of the day will be interactive and workshop based. Lunch and refreshments provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality.

Because these are "roundtable" sessions, numbers are limited so earlybooking is advised.

To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, on parishdevelopment@kandle.ie or phone (office hours) 083-830 5681.

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*We extend our best wishes to Ailish and her partner
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Safeguarding Message

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

Tots and Co

Afterschool Service

Register for September



A safe, fun and supportive
afterschool service for
school-age children.



What we offer

-  Homework support
-  Arts & crafts
-  Games and activities
-  Outdoor play
-  Healthy snacks
-  Caring, supervised environment



Places
available
now

Register early to
secure your child's place.



Email Colette@totsandcoplaysschool.ie
Or call Colette **0874162377**

LEARN
PLAY
GROW



Afterschool Service



September Enrolment



Limited Spaces



To care for those
who once cared for us
is one of the highest
honors in life.

— Tia Walker



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The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making. Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes..

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Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin

Parishes



Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 29th August

To

Sun. 6th Sept.

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 29th Aug. to Sun. 6th Sept.

Fri.. 28th Aug. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 29th Aug. 8.00 pm Mary Kate and Tim Heffernan .

Denis and Lena Dunne, Clontyglass.

Sun. 30^h Aug. 10.00 am 22nd Sun. Ord. Time

Mon. 31st Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri.. 4th Sept. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 5th Sept. 8.00 pm

Sun. 6th Sept. 10.00 am 23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time

Mon. 7th Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 29th Aug. to Sun. 6th Sept.

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

Sat. 29th Aug. 7.00 pm Alo Heffernan (Nee Phelan) New Line Road

Month's Mind

Majella Hill, Clonin Hill Month's Mind

Thomas and Eileen McKevitt and their son, Noel McKevitt, Main St.,

Andy O'Brien, Patrick St., 14th Anniv.

Sun. 30th Aug. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am Seán Dooley, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 2nd Anniv.

Also his parents Bernard and Helena

And his brother, James

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Sat. 29th Aug. to Sun. 6th Sept. Continued

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Tues. 1st Sept. 10.00 am Frances Thompson, Woodbrook. 2nd Anniv .
and deceased members of Doocey Family

Roma Allman Warrilow (Nee Phelan)

Bahm. 2nd Anniv.

Agnes and John Byrne, Main St.,

Wed. 2nd Sept.. 10.00 am Elizbeth Killeen, (Nee Tynan) Fr. O'Connor .
Cresc. (at request of Resident's Association)

Thurs. 3rd Sept. 10.00 am Sid and Maureen Fitzpatrick,
Eileen and Bob Deacon.

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

Sat. 5th Sept.. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

11.30 am 23rd Sun. in Ordinary Time.

Ministries Rota

Sat. 5th ,

Sun. 6th Sept..

Ballyfin Parish

Ministries Rota Sat. 29th – Sun. 30th Aug.

Reader

Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Linda Meredith Catherine Carrroll

Sun. 10.00 am Carole Maher Br. Nicholas Leahy

Collectors for September

Sat. Machael Carroll

Adrian Greene

Sun. Chris Phelan

Mountrath Parish

Ministries Rota

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 quite 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

*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,
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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

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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



Rainbows Peer Support Programme

Places available for September offering a 9 week programme of weekly of 1 hour sessions of peer support to children aged 7 years and older experiencing loss through bereavement or parental separation.

Please contact the coordinator on 0871256199 or email rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com

This service is completely free of charge.

Based in Askea, Carlow.

Kildare & Leighlin Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Day

Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27.

Find peace in a day of Prayer and Adoration.

K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites
you to join them

at Mount St. Anne's, Portarlinton. (R32 WN59)
on Sat.29th Aug. 9.30am - 4.00pm. Concludes
with Holy Mass at 3.00 pm

Full details from Barbara Kinsella 086 163 7311

Ted Fest in Mountmellick

At The Druid on Sun, 23rd Aug

Inspired by the much-loved Father Ted series, Ted Fest will feature live music, food, drinks, competitions and entertainment throughout the afternoon. (from 3pm,) with Paul Watchorn of The Dubliners, Spoonfed and The Jury all set to perform.

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GROW



Afterschool Service



September Enrolment



Limited Spaces



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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Weekend Details

Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare -

Dates: Fri 2nd – Sun 4th Oct. Arrival: Friday from 7:00 p.m.,
programme concludes Sun. approx. 4:30 p.m.

Register at: www.marriageencounter.ie

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,

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or undergoing any surgical or medical

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We wish you a speedy recovery

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every Monday night

In St. Fintan's Hall at 8pm.

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(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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clude your own name as the reference.*

Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto 26th Aug

Nos. Drawn 4 17 23 27

1 €16,000 Jackpot Winner

Congratulations to One Lucky Winner in Rhode Parish

24 Match 3's Rec. €42 each

6 Local Winners

Winner

Promoter

Damien O'Rourke

Patrick

Paddy Hayes

Mary Hooban

Paul Finn

Mary Finn

Shane O'Rourke

Harry Allen

Matthew Keegan

Denis Daly

Ann Quinn

Bridie Byrne

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 27th August

Nos. Drawn 8 14 20 30

No € 20,000 Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3's Rec. € 72 each

3 Local Winners

Winner

Promoter

Peter Watkins

- Rira Watkins

Vera and Girls

Vera Richardson

Tom Meade

Mary Haslam

New Jackpot € 20,000

*Thank you for your continued and
generous support*

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 € 20,000

Ballyfin € 10,000



News From Around The Diocese

Events
at
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6th OF SEPTEMBER

Bikers Shed Ladies Day

FROM 12PM



**Raffle - Free BBQ - 🎵
Tattoos - Craft Stalls**

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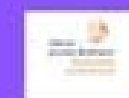
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€60 for 6 weeks
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July / August 2026 **TIMETABLE**

Monday

6:15am Early bird
10am Mature Movers
6:30pm Bootcamp

Tuesday

10am TRX
11am Senior Movers + inc

6:30pm Bootcamp
6:30pm Yoga with Cathy* (PAYG)
7:30pm Kenpo Karate Adults*
7pm Mens Volleyball*
8pm Broga (July ONLY)

Wednesday

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10pm Mature Movers
6:30pm Bootcamp
7pm Zumba*

Thursday

9am TRX
10am Mother and Baby*
11am Senior Movers + inc
6:30pm Bootcamp

Friday

6:15am Early bird
6pm Hyrox solo training
7pm Hyrox solo training
5:30pm Kickboxing* 3-7yrs
6:30pm Kickboxing* 8-11yrs
7:25pm Kickboxing* 12yrs+ Adults

Saturday

10am Bootcamp
11am Pilates* (PAYG)

***These Classes
are not included
in the
Membership fee**

**PAYG
and
Members
Always
Welcome**

For more info contact Ruth on 089 2647761



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*10 Spaces available in each class

6 am



7 am



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€80 per month

→ That's 12 Classes for less than €7 per class!

- Treadmills
- Air Bike
- Rowing Machine
- Skiing Machine
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- Kettlebells
- Squat rack

Mountrath Health and Fitness Academy

Our early bird classes are starting soon and
places are filling up fast, we have just
3 spaces left for our 6am and 4 left for our
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today..

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A FREE 8-week hybrid exercise and health education programme for farmers

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Weekly Timetable

Choose 2 exercise classes that fit your schedule and watch 1 health masterclass per week.

Mondays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
7:45-8:30pm Prime Time for Farmers Online Exercise		1:00-1:20pm Health Masterclass Online
8:30-8:50pm Stretch & Mobility Online Exercise	7:30-8:30pm Prime Time for Farmers Mountrath Exercise	7:00-7:45pm LIFT Online Exercise
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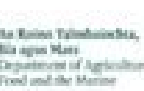
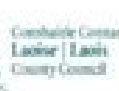
- The in-person exercise classes are delivered in Mountrath Martial Arts & Fitness Academy.
- The online exercise classes and masterclasses are delivered via Zoom.
- The masterclasses are delivered by the EduFIT team and are recorded so you can watch anytime.



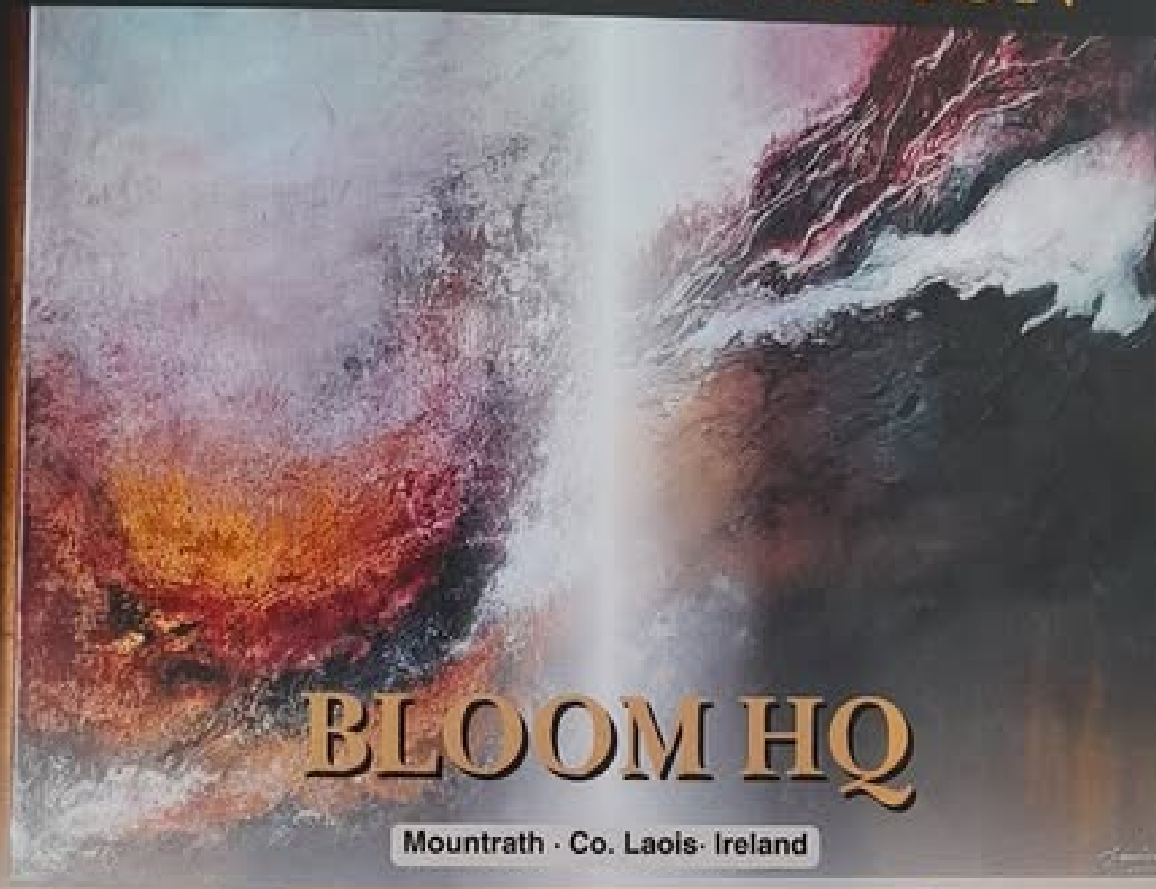
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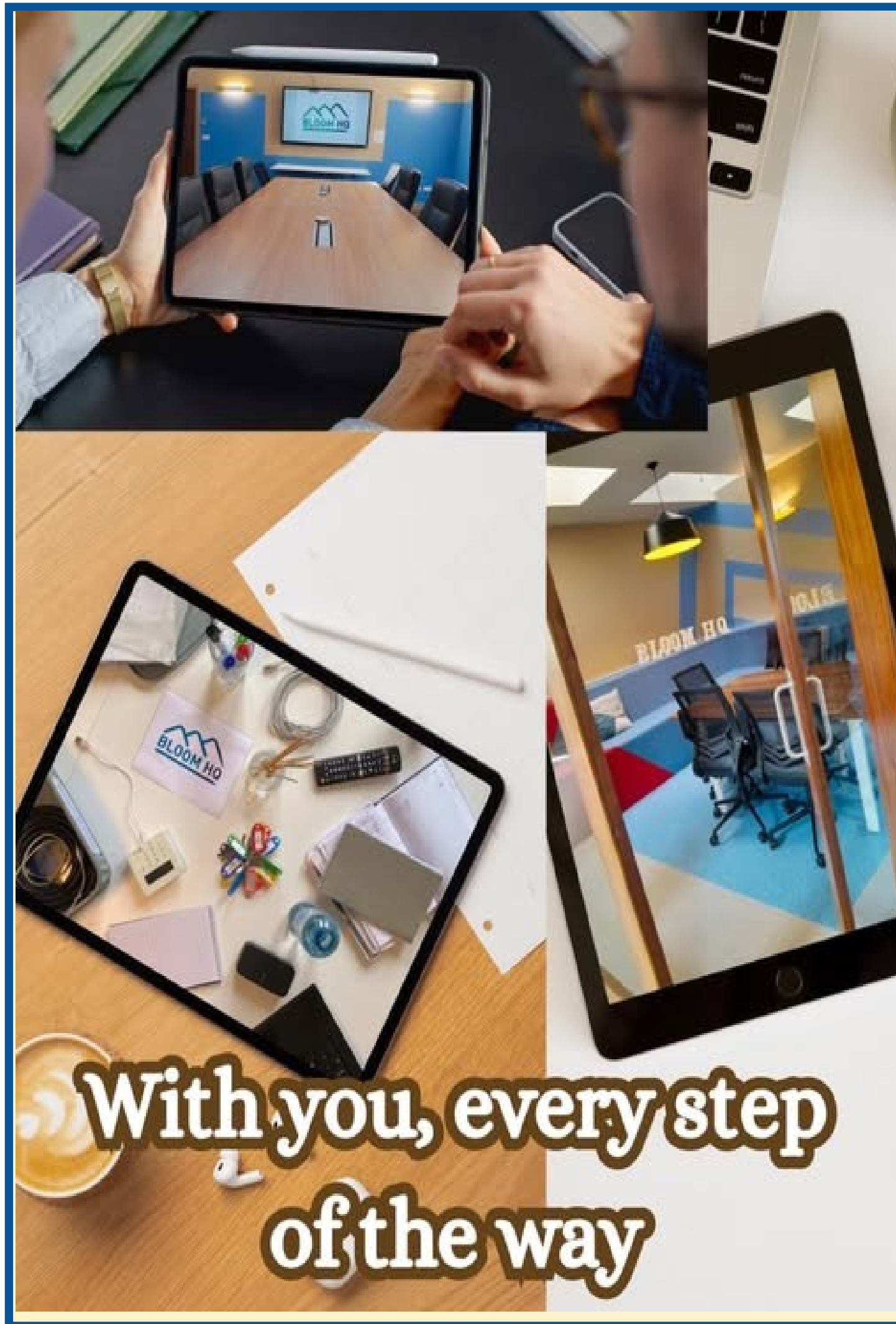


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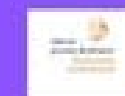
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Seated exercise

Thurs - 11am

Move, stretch,
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Talks on...

Help with using MiGov.ie

How to use phones better



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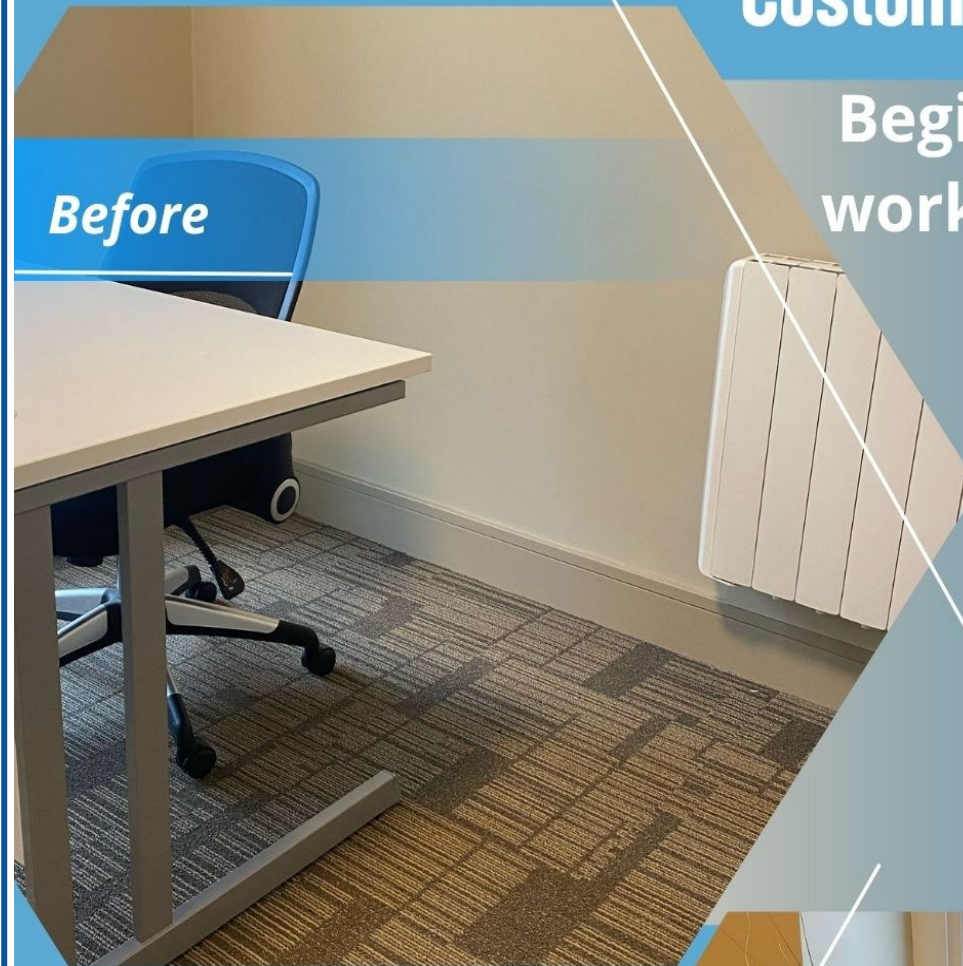
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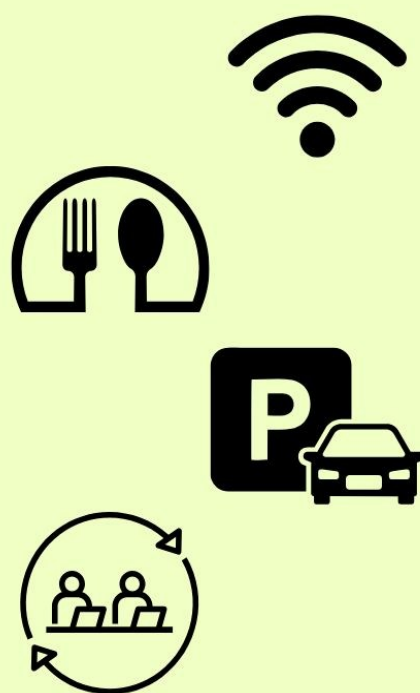


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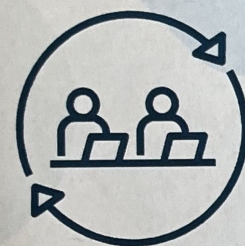
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**Old School on
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**Tuesdays 10am - 1pm
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**For all ages from beavers to
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Other News

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Parish Finances

Tax Back Scheme (Ballyfin Parish)

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you support the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year.

We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Ballyfin Parish of over €250 via the Parish envelopes have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme.

“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

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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

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
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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

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Income:

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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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*Thank you for your
continued and generous support
of Mountrath Parish Weekly Lotto
and Mountrath Parish Collections
throughout the year.*

Your kind and generous support is much appreciated

*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.**

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)

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you support the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year.

We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Ballyfin Parish of over €250 via the Parish envelopes have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme.

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

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
Total:	€ 226,586.00	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
		Donations	€ 1,700.00
		Total:	€ 186,173.00

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