

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

21st – 22nd Dec '24 4th Sun. of Advent

Christmas Ceremonies

Tues. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve.

Mass in Mountrath 10.00 am

Individual Confessions Both Mountrath and Ballyfin Churches

After 10.00 am Mass (Mountrath) 11.00 am (Ballyfin Ch)

Vigil Masses in both Parish Churches at 8.00 pm

Service of Carols at 7.45 pm

Wed. 25th Dec. Christmas Day.

Mass in the Hollow Church at 9.00 am

Mass in Ballyfin Church at 10.00 am

Mass in Mountrath Church at 11.30 am

A Prayer this Christmas

Dear Lord, As we celebrate Christmas, we thank you for the countless blessings in our lives.

Help us to cultivate a heart of wonder as we celebrate your presence as one of us, in our lives and in our families.

Help us to cultivate a heart of gratitude, recognising your hand in all we have – and are.

May we not take for granted the gift of your son and the many blessings we give us.

Help us Lord, to truly reach out to our family and friends with whom we will be sharing this Christmas Time.

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

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Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

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

A PRAYER BY THE CRIB



God, our Father,
as we look upon this crib, we thank you
for all who are part of the Christmas story and our story, too.

We thank you for the gift of Jesus, your Son,
who was born like us, lived like us, struggled like us,
and who has shown us how to be fully human;
to our lives, he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

May this crib be a beacon of hope
for us and for the whole world.
May the star of Bethlehem which shone brightly over the first
crib stand guard over our home,
filling it and all the earth with your light and peace.
And may we know, believe, and share the
Christmas message of Emmanuel, God is with us.
Through Christ our Lord.

**Cathal Morrin. Ardreich, Athy.
Kilcullen, Mountrath. R.I.P.**

We pray for Cathal who died peacefully at Naas General Hosp., on Sat. 14th Dec. Cathal's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 18th Dec. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his sister, Niamh, uncles and aunts, Seán Dg, Seamus, Kathleen and Phyllis and their families, extended family, relatives and his many friends in Athy, Kilcullen and Mountrath.

Kathleen Kennedy (Nee Scully) Lacca. R.I.P.

We pray for Kathleen who died unexpectedly on Thurs. 12th Dec. Kathleen's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fergal's Church, Camross on Mon. 16th Dec. followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Johnny, Michael, Seamus. Mary and Olivia and their families. Grandchildren, Eimear, Doireann, Cillian, Cian, Fianna, Kevin and Róisín. Great Granddaughter, Éireann. Sisters Teresa and Marion, brother Martin and their families, Jim and Agnes Kennedy and family, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. extended family, neighbours and her many friends.

May Cathal and Kathleen rest in the peace of Christ

Seamus Dunne, Hackney, London

• Formerly Trumera. R.I.P.

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- We pray for Seamus who died peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospice, Hackney on Wed. 11th Dec. Seamus' Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, Hackney on 17th Jan. We extend sympathy to his wife Kathleen, Vincent, Catherine and James and their families, grandchildren Joshua and Brenna. extended family, relatives and his many friends in Trumera and Hackney. Seamus was in his 90th year and was the last surviving member of the Dunne family, Trumera. His siblings were William, James, Har, Peter, Fintan, Martin, Mai, Bridie, Margaret, Kathleen and Josie.

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May Seamus and all his family, now reunited in Christ, rest in his peace.,

eternally

Dana's Cross and Cloak Concert – Abbeyleix

Dana's Cross & Cloak Concert

in aid of the All-Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade,

takes place on Sunday 2nd February 2025

in The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix,

Ticket €25.00 (Book on [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)).

Or Ring 086 080 3047.

Get Well Wishes

We keep and hold in our Thoughts and Prayers,

People, their families and carers,

who are ill or unwell, at home,

in Hospital or Nursing Home

or undergoing any surgical or medical

procedures at this time.

We wish you a speedy recovery

Next "Do This In Memory" Mass

Mountrath Sat. 11th Jan.

Ballyfin Sun. 12th Jan.

1st Holy Communion Preparation

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion in May of next year are required to attend all these Masses with their parents or guardian, family.

SeniorLine

Would like someone to talk to over Christmas?

SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people open every day of the year
10am-10pm,

Freephone 1800 80 45 91.

You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family.

SeniorLine's older volunteers are trained to listen,
to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary.

So don't be alone and lift the phone.

Phone SeniorLine 1800 80 45 91,
No problem too big or too small.

Diary Date 2025

Ceremony of Confirmation in Ballyfin

Parish will be

celebrated in St. Fintan's Church,

Ballyfin

on Fri. 23rd May 2025

Ceremony will commence at 11.00 am

The Ceremony of Confirmation will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty

Gaelscoil Thromaire

(057) 8756306

School Enrolment

2025/2026

Príomhoide: Áine Mhic Aodha Bhuí

Enrolment Forms now available

for the above School for Junior Infants
and any other classes.

Gaelscoil Thromaire, Trumera, Mountrath,
Co. Laois R32R5RF

1st Holy Communion Days in 2025

Mass Dates and Times

Gaelscoil Thromaire Sunday 4th May 2025

The Hollow Church - 9.00 am

Barnashrone National School Sunday 4th May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Scoil Bride, Mountrath.

St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath

Sunday 11th May 2025 St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

Time 11.30 am

Ballyfin National School

Sunday 25th May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Dates of "Do This in Memory" Masses, Mountrath and Ballyfin, 2024/25

Preparation Masses for 1st Holy Communion 2025.

"Do This In Memory" Masses

Mountrath

Ballyfin

Sat. 19th Oct.

Sat. 8th Feb.

Sun. 20th Oct

Sun. 9th Feb.

Sat 16th Nov.

Sat 8th March

Sun 17th Nov

Sun 9th March

Sat. 14th Dec

Sat. 5th April

Sun. 15th Dec

Sun. 6th April

Sat. 11th January

Sun. 12th Jan

1st Holy Communion Preparation - Continued

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion in May of next year are required to attend all these Masses with their parents or guardian — family

Ref. Mountrath Parish

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

Ref. Ballyfin Parish

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

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish

Triona O'Rourke Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish

Caroline Moore 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

Christmas Thought

A little child,
A shining star,
A stable rude,
The door ajar.

Yet in that place,
So crude, forlorn,
The Hope of all
The world was born.

~ Anonymous

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

*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.**

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Fri. 20th to Sun. 29th Dec.

Fri. 20th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 21st Dec. 8.00 pm Martin Gilligan, Ballyfin Rd., Mountrath. 2nd A

Tim Heffernan, Brockera. 17th Anniv

Sun. 22nd Dec. 10.00 am 4th Sun. of Advent

Mon. 23rd Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Tues. 24th Dec. Christmas Eve.

Individual Confessions 11.00 am

7.45 pm Service of Christmas Carols

8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas Eve

(Vigil Mass in Both Parishes Churches at 8.00 pm)

Christmas Day

Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wed. 25th Dec. 10.00 am Richard (Dick) O'Rourke 8th Anniv.

And his daughter, Fiona. 40th Anniv.

Fri. 27th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday after Christmas - Feast of the Holy Family

Sat. 28th Dec.. 8.00 pm

Sun. 29th Dec. 10.00 am Feast of Holy Family

Tommy and Bernie Fitzpatrick, Cloncullen. 4th Anniv.

Mon. 30th Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

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

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 21st - Sun. 29th Dec

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

Sat. 21st Dec. 7.00 pm Simon Walsh, Clonard. 6th Anniv.
Michael and Mary Ann Culliton, Gurteen
Thomas Taylor, Moanbaun 66th Anniv.

Sun. 22nd Dec 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** Ann Heffernan, Clonkeen
11.30 am Tom Meade, Ringstown.

Christmas Eve

Tues. 24th Dec. 10.00 am Fitzpatrick Family, Woodbrook
and Phelan and Keogh Families

Individual Confessions after Mass this Morning

Vigil Masses in both Parish Churches at 8.00 pm

Service of Carols before both Vigil Masses

Christmas Day

Feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Wed. 25th Dec. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** The Tynan Family, The Hollow
11.30 am John and Lucy Lally and their sons,
Noel and Pat Lally. Formerly Shannon Rd.,
and deceased members of Lally Family.

Continued on the following page

Mountrath Anniversaries
Mass Times Anniversaries
Sat. 21st - Sun. 29th Dec

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Thurs. 26th Dec. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Fri.. 27th Dec. 10.00 am Seán Moore, Woodbrook. 19th Anniv.

Sat.. 28th Dec. 7.00 pm Martin Dunne, Trumera. 7th Anniv.

And Martin's brother, Seamus who died in London on 11th Dec.

Peter Delaney, Clonard. 9th Anniv.

Sun. 29th Dec. 9.00 am *The Hollow Ch.* Feast of the Holy Family.

Michael Seale, Clonadacasey. 9th Anniv.

11.30 am Margaret Brophy (Nee Doorey) Trumera. Month's Mind

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Cleaner Required at Scoil Bhríde, Mountrath.

10 hours per week (hours will vary during school holidays).

Duties will include cleaning six classrooms, staffroom, kitchenette, GP room, corridors and toilet areas.

Experience is preferable but not essential.

Closing date of receipt of application is Mon., 6th Jan. 2025.

For more information you may contact the school by phone or email. Send CV, letter of applications and supporting documents to: Chairperson, Scoil Bhríde,
Stillbrook, Mountrath.,

Co. Laois. R32 F802.

Recycling Drive

Ballyfin N. S. are collecting bottles and cans for recycling under the Deposit Re-turn scheme. Eligible items, empty and washed out please, can be left into the school at any time during school hours or given to any pupil'.

Ballyfin Community Alert

Grant aided personal monitored alarms are available
to people aged 65 and over.

If you know of a family member,
friend or neighbour in Ballyfin area
who could benefit from this scheme
please contact Sheila

on 086 1570145 for information / application form.

Mountrath Parish Lotto,

Our Regular Weekly Fundraiser

continues to be a very important contribution to the Financial wellbeing of the Parish. Very sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who support our Lotto weekly and a very special thank you to our promoters and the attention to detail of the Organising Committee. Mountrath Parish Lotto has a very attractive Prize fund structure, Yearly and half yearly membership Gift Cards are now available from any of our dedicated promoters

½ Yearly (26 draws) € 50

Yearly (52 Draws) €100

Ballyfin Parish Lotto,

Note from Ballyfin Parish Lotto Committee

We wish to thank you for your continued support of Ballyfin Parish Lotto. A special word of thanks to our promoters for their dedication.

Last Draw of 2024 is on 18th Dec. Lotto resumes again 8th Jan. 2025.

Gift vouchers are available - 087 901 5014

½ Yearly (26 draws) € 50

Yearly (52 Draws) €100



Ballyfin Parish Lotto 18th Dec

Nos. Drawn 4 13 18 31

No Jackpot Winner

7 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 59 each

3 Local Winners

Winner	Promoter
Theresa McCormack	Kathleen Dunne
Sheila Bennett	Kathleen Dunne
Dan McNamara	Harry Allen

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000



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Last Draw of '24 Wed 18th Dec.

First Draw of '25 Wed. 8th Jan.

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Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto

19th Dec.

Nos. Drawn 13 16 22 29

No Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 125 each

2 Local Winners

Winner

Promoter

Paul Byrne

Catherine Byrne

M. Kinsella

Ann Carroll.

Next Week's Jackpot € 13,000

Thank you for your continued and generous
support of Mountrath Parish Lotto

A note of thanks

to everyone involved in

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos throughout 2024

- 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.

(From the Editor's Desk)

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath € 13,000

Ballyfin € 20,000



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- Sat. 6th September 2025

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Service of Carols Ballyfin Church

Hosted by 5th 6th Class Pupils,
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Ballyfin National School

Wed. 18th Dec. 7.00 pm

All most welcome

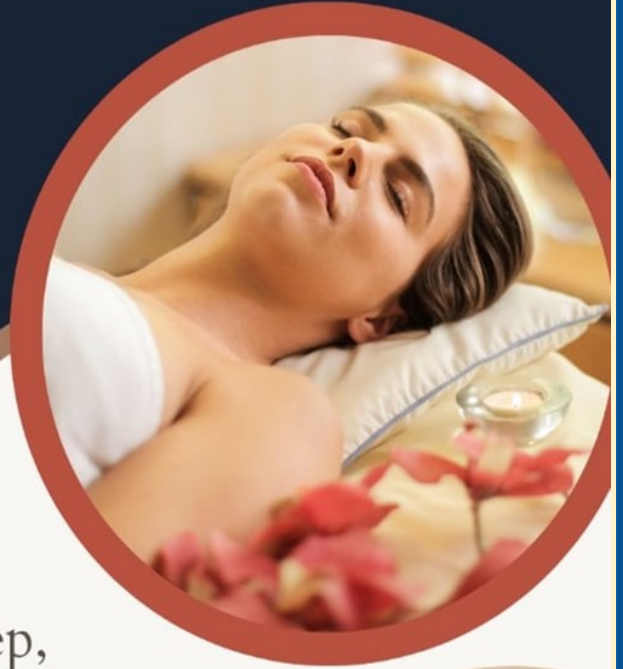
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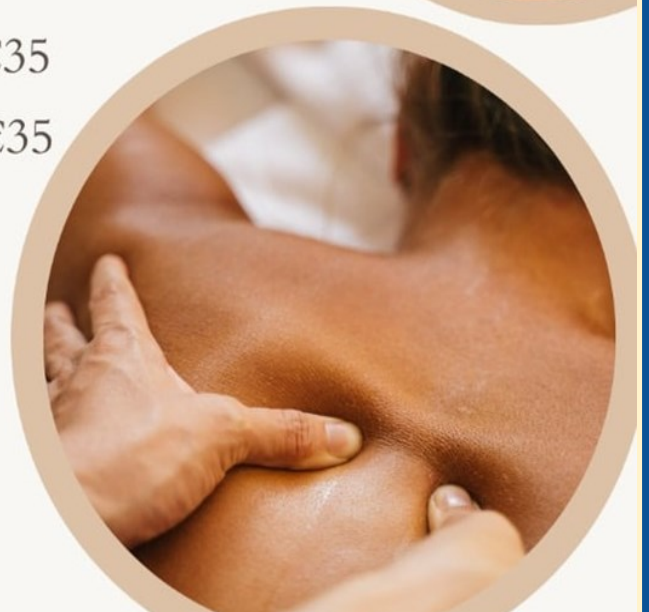
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September 2024 TIMETABLE

Monday

10 am Mature Movers
11 am School Program
2 pm Golden years club
7 pm Mixed Circuit
Training
7 pm Karate*
7.30 pm Mum Dance*

Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX
10 am Mother & Baby
class*
11 am Activator Poles Inc
1 pm Lunchtime HITT

Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers
7 pm Mixed Circuit
Training

Thursday

9 am Beginner TRX
11 am Seated Exercise Inc.
1 pm Lunchtime HITT
7 pm Karate*
8 pm Bowls*

Friday

5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)*
6.30 pm Kickboxing (8-12)*
7.30 pm Kickboxing (13+)*

Saturday

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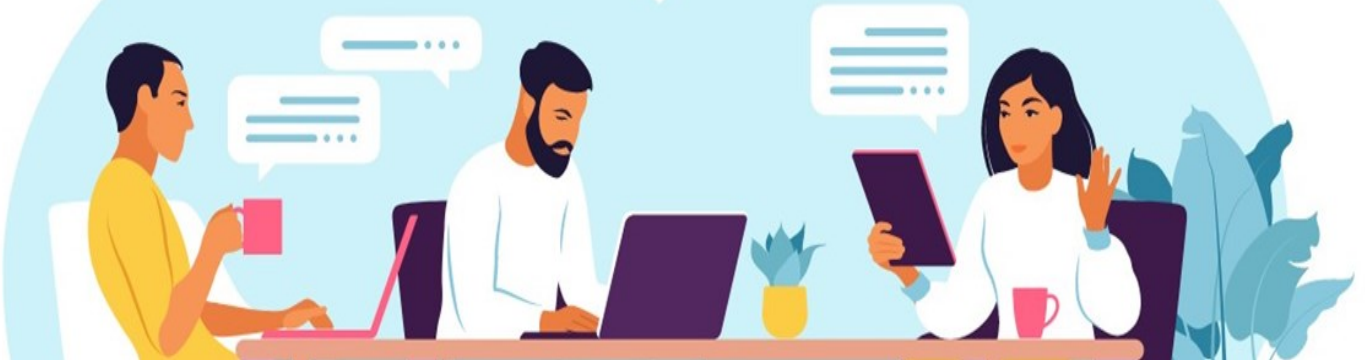
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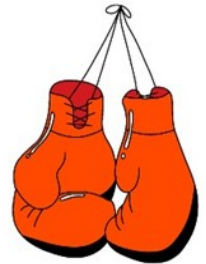
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Violin



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to book talk to the relevant teacher



Saturday Morning Circuit Training



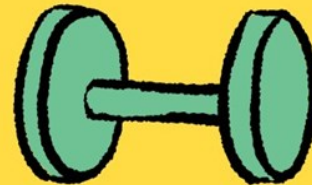
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Saturdays



Piano Lessons

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Sundays



Contact the relevant teacher
for times, prices etc

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or included in Monthly Membership

Wednesdays

Kids 7-8 pm

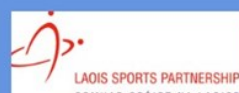
Teens /Adults 8-9 pm

Saturdays

Kids 10- 11 am

Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

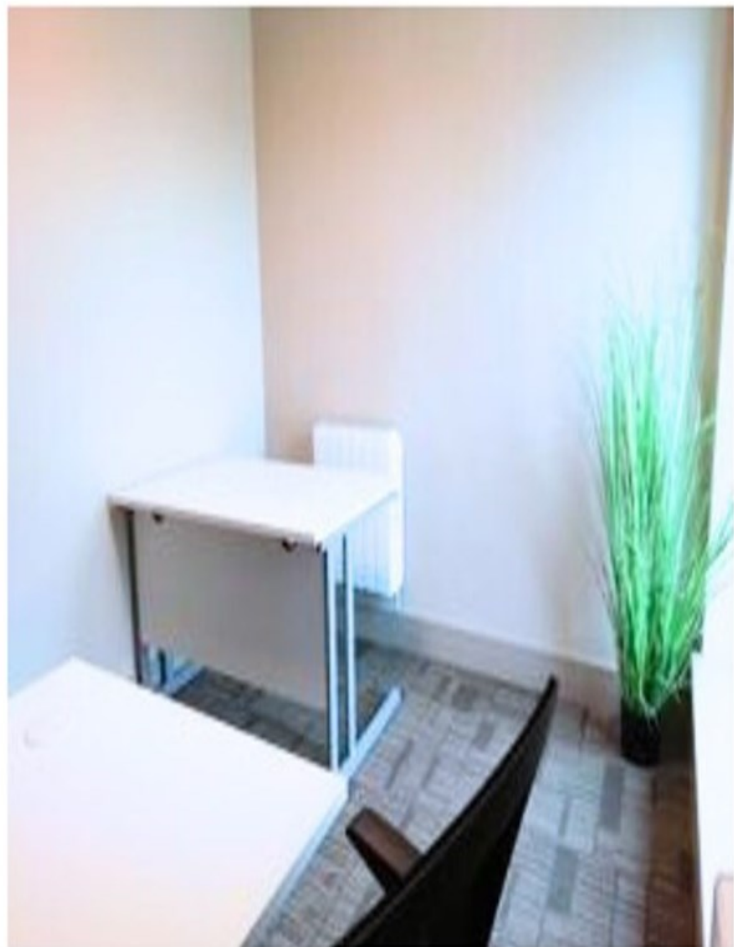
contact Jamie 085 200 2497



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1 - 2 person offices for rent in our Social Enterprise centre in Mountrath



Contact 0892722885 manager@bloomhq.ie



Mountrath Music Rooms



**Contact 089 272 2885
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***Soundproof rooms**

***From € 15 per hour**

***Perfect for music lessons, counselling or grinds**

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Classes for Secondary School aged teens in Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy



Karate

Mondays & Thursdays 7 pm

€6 per class

Sensei Donal: 087 760 7063

Kickboxing

First trial class free

Fridays 7.30-8.30 pm €7

Shane: 086 339 9287



Brazilian

Wednesdays 8-9 pm & Saturdays 11-12 am

€ 35 per month or €5 per class

Jiu-jitsu*

Jamie; 085 200 2497

Violin



Thursdays 3.30 pm on.

€20 for 30 min individual lesson

Irene: 089 981 8065



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am,

€8 for 30 mins group classes

Eabha 083 8566083



Piano

Sunday mornings

20 for 30 min individual lesson

Heather 083 054 7772

to book talk to the relevant teacher





Classes for Primary School aged Children in Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy



Karate

Mondays & Thursdays 7 pm
from 6 years up, €6 per class
Sensei Donal: 087 760 7063

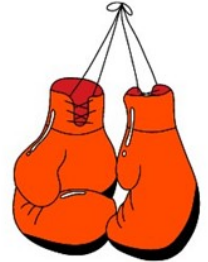
Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7

Kickboxing

6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7

First trial class free

Shane: 086 339 9287



Brazilian Jiu-jitsu* 8-12 years,
Wednesdays 7-8 pm & Saturdays 10-11 am
€ 35 per month or €5 per class
Jamie; 085 200 2497



Art & Craft

Wednesdays 5-6 pm, 7-12 years
€ 30 for block of 6 classes
Rhiannon: 089 211 5183

Violin



Thursdays 3.30 pm on. From 3 years - adult
€20 for 30 min individual lesson
Irene: 089 981 8065



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am, 6+ years
€8 for 30 mins group classes
Eabha 083 8566083



Piano

Sunday mornings €20 for 30 min individual
lesson Heather 083 054 7772

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Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

Mick Smith is teaching the new
RSA approved Motorcycle Initial Basic Training (IBT)
here in BloomHQ, the old Convent Mountrath.

For more details and to book see:

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www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie



Music Teachers wanted



for Mountrath Music School

*soundproof rooms

*free parking

*waiting area for parents



contact Lucy 087 259 7895

Activities suitable for Senior Citizens in Mountrath

Mature Movers 50 +
Mondays & Wednesdays 11 am



Bowls inclusive 11 am Tuesdays
Bowls 8 pm Thursdays

Mountrath Men's Shed
Tuesdays 10 am- 1 pm
Thursdays 2 pm- 4 pm
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**Old School on
Patrick Street**



**Tuesdays 10am - 1pm
Thursdays 2pm - 4pm**

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Karate Classes



Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm



Juniors and Adults



Okinawan Karate



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Martial Arts Centre, Old
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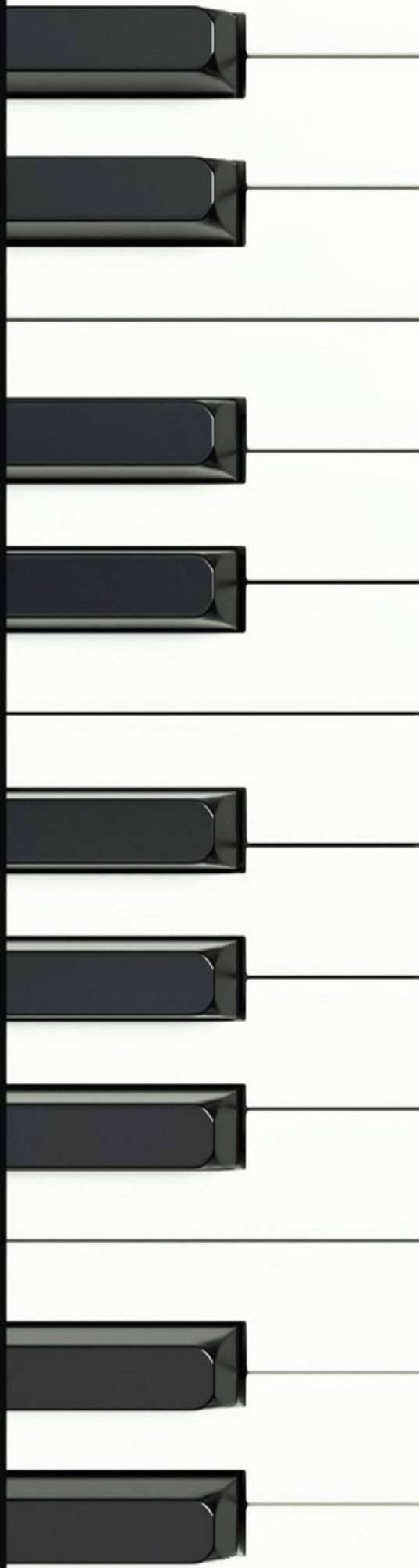
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Mountrath Scouts



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For all ages from beavers to ventures and into leaders !



Scouts is a way to

- Meet new people.
- Learn new skills.
- Spend time outside.
- Make friends for life.

Friday nights

In the brigidine convent (Bloom HQ) Patrick street mountrath
R32 DC58

7:00 till 8:30

€5 pp

or

€4 per sibling



Other

News

Special Kildare/Carlow Pilgrimage (Limited availability)
to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025

Flying with TAP Airlines

Also 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony,

13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun

Contact James Treacy 061921470

jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Payment can be made by instalments

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - Holy Thursday (Apr 17th)

- Depart Dublin Airport at 05.35 a.m. and arrive into Lisbon Airport at 08.35a.m.
- 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.
- Enroute, we will have a short visit to Santarem and visit the Church of The Holy Miracle. We will have time for private prayer in this special place.
- We will then continue onto Lisbon Airport.
- Our flight departs Lisbon at 3.20pm and arrives into Dublin Airport at 6.10pm.





FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

**Barter's
Travelnet**

17th - 22nd APR '25

Group Leader: James Treacy

Escorted Tour

FATIMA where the Blessed Virgin appeared to the three children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta in 1917 is now one of the greatest Marian Shrines in the world.

VISITING: Chapel of the Apparitions - The Church of the Holy Trinity - Guided tour of the Sanctuary - Hungarian Stations of the Cross - Aljustrel - Partake in the Easter Celebrations

INCLUDES:

- Return flights ex Dublin to Lisbon
- 23kg checked in luggage per person
- Coaching as per the itinerary
- 5 nights full board basis staying at 3* Santo Amaro Hotel
- Religious itinerary with a guided tour of the Sanctuary area and excursion to Aljustrel
- Taxes and Charges

EXTRAS:

- Single room supplement: €200.00 for duration (first come first served basis)
- Travel Insurance*: €50 per person up to 79 years of age and €75 per person between 80 & 94 years of age
- Items of personal nature.
- Additional meals not listed.
- Valid Passports are required.
- Optional Day Trip - prices will be given locally by our guide.

**Any person taking our travel insurance must get a form signed by their GP at time of booking and this form must be taken to Fatima with you.*

HOTEL SANTA AMARO:

Located a 5-minute walk from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, Hotel Santo Amaro is the place where comfort and well-being are privileged. Hotel Santo Amaro offers you services of the highest quality so that you can enjoy your stay to the fullest. Our two excellent restaurants, where you can taste the typical cuisine of the region, are worthy of special mention. The hotel also has a chapel, two bars, and a souvenir shop. All guests have access to free wifi.

Cost Per Person

€859pp sharing

Non-refundable €300 deposit plus insurance premium required at time of booking to secure place



For further information please contact:

Group Leader James Treacy : Tel 061-921470 or Mob 086-0572216

Barter's Travelnet : 021 485 1700 or kcallaghan@travelnet.ie

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April - Oct 2024

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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: € 2,421

Total: € 92,743

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

Missalettes: € 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