

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

7th – 8th Dec '24 2nd Sun. of Advent



**Christmas in the
Convent**

Sunday 8th December 1-5pm

Contact James
086 258 3212

Christmas makets
Carol singing
Lots of activities for kids
Santa visit

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

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

Fr. Joe Brophy P.P. (087) 241 1594

Website www.mountrathparish.ie

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

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



Camp Pio



Advent Hour

For children: Junior Infants - 6th Class
All Welcome!

*Let's prepare our hearts
for Jesus this Christmas*

Through prayer time, music, art & visuals

Dates:

Friday 29th November

Friday 6th & 13th December

Sunday 15th December

Time: 4-5pm

Location: St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath
(R32X338)

Contact: Laura on 0876313370

Advent Preparation
Camp Pio - St. Fintan's Church -
Mountrath
Fridays 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm





Advent Preparation

Camp Pio

St. Fintan's Church Mountrath

Fridays 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm

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. 14th Dec.

Ballyfin Sun. 15th Dec.

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.

1st Sunday of Advent Year C.

This Sunday marks a new Church Year
Year C. The year of Luke.

As we know Luke “built” his Gospel on St. Mark’s Gospel. Luke, a close of St. Paul, is believed to be a gentile (i.e. not Jewish) a physician, a medical doctor. All our four Gospels are so special, distinct and unique but in Luke’s Gospel we get something extra when it comes to Jesus’ human side. Luke gives us a special insight into the circumstances of the conception, birth and early life of Jesus. Luke brings us the beautiful stories we are so familiar with (and found only in Luke) The Prodigal Son, The Good Samaritan. Luke’s Gospel could be described as an accurate, chronological understanding of Jesus’ life, ministry, death, and resurrection and Ascension Luke also wrote a sister book “The Acts of the Apostles”

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

S V P Annual Collection

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very much appreciated.*

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. 13th to Sun. 15th Dec.

Fri. 6th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 7th Dec. 8.00 pm Mary Gorman, Cappagh 17th Anniv.

Sr. Mary Lalor, Formerly Cloagown

(Sr. Mary died in England in 14th Nov)

Sun. 8th Dec. 10.00 am Carmel Croke, Pallas. 3rd Anniv.

Mon. 9th Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

7.30 pm Mass on Feast of Immaculate Conception.

Fri. 13th Dec. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 14th Dec. 8.00 pm Pauline McManus, Briscula 30th Anniv.

And deceased members of McManus family.

Sun. 15th Dec. 10.00 am 3rd Sunday of Advent Year C

Fr. (Monsignor) Terry Moore. 1st Anniv.

Diocese of Salt Lake City (Utah)

(Formerly O'Moore Forest)

Charles and Elizabeth O'Neill, Clontyglass.

Mon. 16th Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

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

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries __ Sat. 7th Dec. - Sun. 15th Dec

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

Sat. 7th Dec. 7.00 pm William Tynan, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

John Doheny. Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 6th Anniv.

Sun. 8th Dec. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

Gerimiah Delaney, Clonard. 62nd Anniv.

The Holland Family, Trumera.

Patrick (Paddy) Hurley, Mountrath. 9th Anniv.

11.30 am Patty and John O'Connell (Patty's 7th Anniv)

Thomas Court, Margaret and Joseph Connolly, Main St.
and their daughter Eilish Tan (nee Connolly)

Dan Bergin. Redcastle. 40th Anniv.

Mon. 9th Dec. 10.00 am Feast of The Immaculate Conception.

Tues. 10th Dec. 10.00 am Frank and Mary Brophy, Clonin

Wed. 11th Dec. 10.00 am Tom and Anna Mai Martyn, Woodbrook

And their son, Seán.

Thurs 12th Dec. 10.00 am Christy Wall, Woodbrook.

Martin and Maureen Wall, Woodbrook.

Fri. 13th Dec. 10.00 am Eugene and Seán McCarthy, Thomas Court

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Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 7th - Sun. 15th Dec

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Sat.. 14th Dec. 7.00 pm Catherine Tobin (nee Duggan) Ballyfin Rd.,
1st Anniv.

Denis Carroll, Shannon Rd., 8th Anniv.

Terry and Elizabeth McMahon. Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Margaret (Peg) Maguire, Newline Road.

and her mother, Mrs. Annie Patterson.

Eilish and James McKeon, Stillbrook.

Noel and Marie Hogan, Stillbrook.

Sun. 15th Dec. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch.

3rd Sun. of Advent. Year C

11.30 am Maura Kelly, Main St. 13th Anniv.

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

Fr. Joe Fleming PE CC Retired P.P. Clonegal

Originally from Ardattin, Co. Carlow 1933 - 2024

We pray for Fr. Joe who died suddenly at his home on Thurs. 28th Nov. Fr. Joe's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Clonegal on Mon. 2nd Dec. followed by burial in adjoining church grounds. We extend sympathy to his sister Teresa Nolan and her family, nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, grand-nieces, sister-in-law Rosaleen Fleming and all their families. Fr. Joe served as curate in Mountrath Parish from 1980 to 1985. I read in the Register of Baptisms for Mountrath Parish that Fr. Joe celebrated his first Baptismal ceremony in Mountrath Parish on 16th March 1980 and his final ceremony of Baptism on 17th July 1985. (Fr. Joe officiated his 1st Wedding ceremony in Mountrath Parish on 15th March 1980) - Fr. Joe was preceded as curate in Mountrath Parish by Fr. Denis Doyle and was succeeded by Fr. Tom Lalor. Studied in Maynooth College, ordained priest on 23rd June 1957 - Served as curate in Tullow (1957 - 1958) Hacketstown (1958 - 1969) Mountmellick (1969 - 1980) Mountrath (1980 - 1985) Served as P.P. Doonane 1985 - 1996) Clonegal (1996 - 2012) - was PE CC Clonegal 2012 - 2024)

Fr. Joe was truly one of life's gentlemen and I was privileged to have know him when I served as curate in Rathvilly Parish.

May Fr. Joe now find rest after a lifetime labouring in the Father's vineyard.

Noel Scully, Pallas Big. Portlaoise. R.I.P.

We pray for Noel who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Mon. 2nd Dec. Noel's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Fri. 6th Dec. followed by burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portlaoise. We extend sympathy to his wife Bridie, daughter Catriona Small (Brisbane) - sons Padraig and Peter and their families, granddaughter Niamh, sister Ann Fox, brothers Pat, Peter and Liam and their families, nieces, nephews, neighbours and a large circle of friends.

May Noel Rest in the peace of Christ.

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."Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind"

Christmas Cards and 2025 Calanders are now available. Contact Seán at 087 7676318 or call to Byrne's shop Main St. We will also have a Stand at this year's Christmas Market in BloomHQ Dec 8th.

Your continued support is very much appreciated.

The Golden Years Club

expresses thanks for your generous support of their recent Church gate collection. Also many thanks to the collectors on the day .

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 4th Dec

Nos. Drawn 6 19 24 30

No Jackpot Winner

20 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 50 each

3 Local Winners

Eilish Brennan

Promoter Paul Dunne

Damian Gorman

Promoter Paul Dunne.

Caroline and Jimmy Farrell Promoter, Kathleen Dunne

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto 5th Dec.

Nos. Drawn 2 3 13 20

No Jackpot Winner

18 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 56 each

6 Local Winners

Winner

Promoter

Carla and Noel McGrath

Margaret McGrath

Edward Doheny

Margaret Doheny

Kyle Conroy

Breda Conroy

Cait Tobin

S. McDowell

Teresa Nevin

Bernie Phelan

Bernie Tynan and Michael Farrell

Promoter, Michael Farrell

Next Week's Jackpot € 11,000

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

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath € 11,000

Ballyfin € 20,000

Ballyfin N.S.

Service of Carols in Ballyfin Church

Hosted by 5th and 6th Class Pupils,

their Families

and Teachers

of Ballyfin National School

Wed. 18th Dec. 7.00 pm

All Are Most Welcome

Concert with Liam Lawton and Friends

O Holy Night, Concert with Liam Lawton and
Friends (including Perfect Harmony Choir)
in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry on 8th Dec.

Doors open: 6.30 p.m., Concert:
7.00 p.m.,

Tickets: €15.00 available: Parish Centre

- 046 973 3311.

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GALA DINNER

THE MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL, PORTLAOISE
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 4 Course Dinner
- Official Presentation to a well known Laois Celebrity
- Official Presentation to 4 unsung hero's from Lovely Laois
- Folk & Ballads by The Musketeers (*Mick Foster, Billy Morrissey & TR Dallas*)
- Dancing to Trudi Lalor, Shawn Cuddy & Damien Bowe

Doors Open 7pm
Dinner served
@ 8pm sharp

TICKETS
€59

Date for the Diary

Gala Dinner in Midlands Park Hotel.

- Sat. 6th September 2025

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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'.

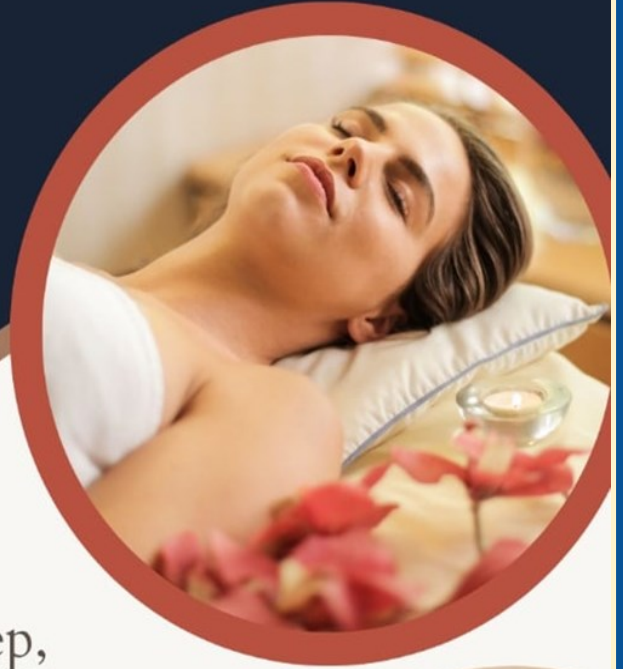
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Bloom HQ

Revive Swedish Massage

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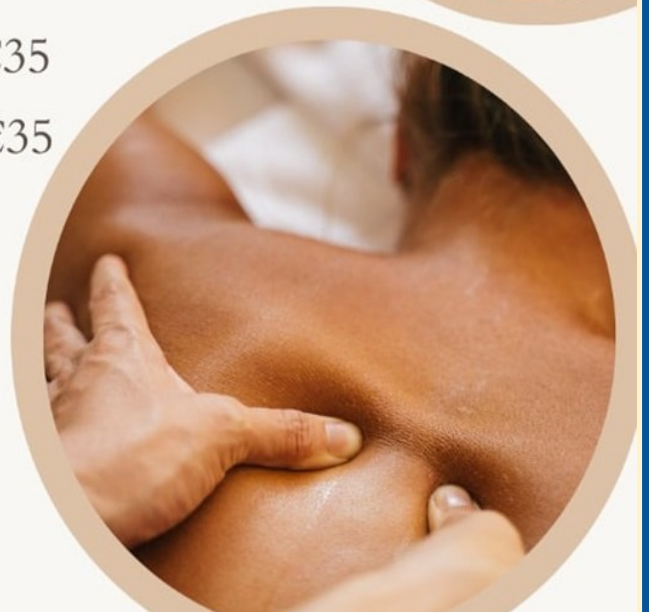
Our Services

- Full Body Massage 1 hour €50
- Upper Body Massage 45 minutes €35
- Lower Body Massage 45 minutes €35

 085 200 2497

 Bloomhq, Mountrath, R32 DC58

[Book Your Appointment](#)



Service of Carols Ballyfin Church

Hosted by 5th 6th Class
Pupils, their Families
and teachers of Ballyfin
National School

Wed. 18th Dec. 7.00 pm

All most welcome



White-Horse

Adults

INDOOR BOWLS

Every Thursday (8pm)
St Philomena's Hall -Bloom HQ

Beginners Very welcome
Come along and give it a try!
Runners or Flat sole shoes are all you need!



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LUNCHTIME HIIT WORKOUT



Tuesdays and Thursday @1.00pm

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

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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

12 am Pilates*
11.00 am Kids Basketball*

PAYG
and
Members
Always
Welcome

*These Classes
are not included
in the
Membership fee

For more info contact
Ruth on 089 2647761

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- 1pm to 2pm Friday

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Group classes: 20€/hour
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Myriam Schultz

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Christmas in the Convent

Sunday 8th December 1-5pm

Christmas markets

Carol singing

Lots of activities for kids

Santa visit

Contact James

086 258 3212



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Wednesdays 7-8pm

Class Talk 8pm

New members
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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>



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





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



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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

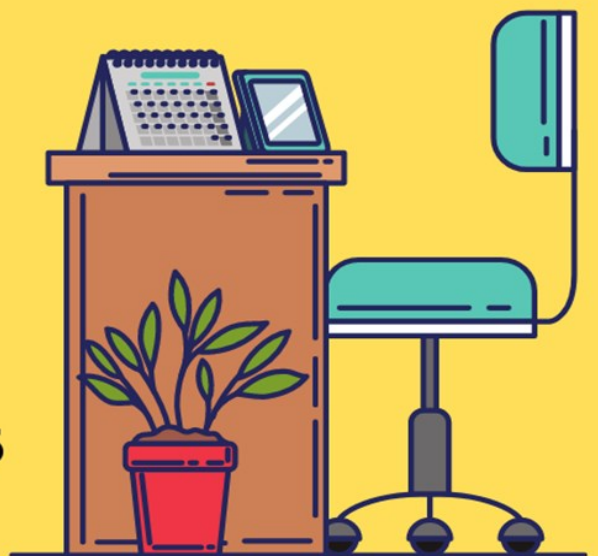
Heather 083 054 7772



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Violin

Thursdays 3-30 pm on from 3 years -adult

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**Brigidine Convent,
Patrick st,
Mountrath,
R32 DC58**

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**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

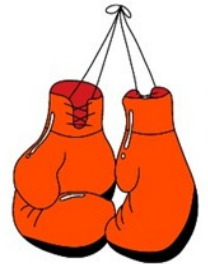
Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7

Kickboxing

6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7

First trial class free

Shane: 086 339 9287



Brazilian

8-12 years,

Wednesdays 7-8 pm & Saturdays 10-11 am

Jiu-jitsu*

€ 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

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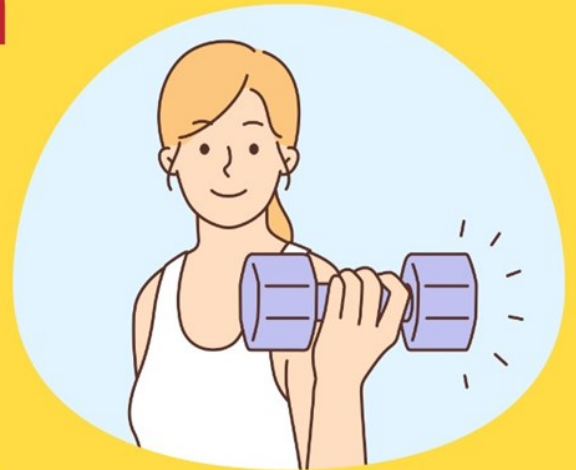
to book talk to the relevant teacher



Saturday Morning Circuit Training



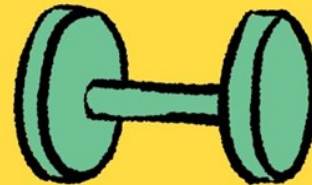
9-10 am



€ 7 PAYG

or

part of your monthly
membership



contact 086 3262 570

**The Old Convent,
Patrick St,
Mountrath, R32 DC58**



Mountrath Music Rooms

Lessons in BloomHQ



Violin Lessons

by Irene Ramos

089 9818065

iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com

Thursdays



Irish Traditional Music, Whistle,
Flute, Concertina, Accordion, Fiddle,
Banjo and Mandolin

Cliona & Eabha Dowling McDonald

083 8566083

Saturdays



Piano Lessons

by Heather Gavigan 083 054 7772

Sundays



Contact the relevant teacher
for times, prices etc

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu/BJJ in Mountrath



Thinking about learning self-defence and the Art of Jiu-Jitsu? A sport that suits all ages from 8 years.

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- *improve full body strength
- *better cardio
- *helps weight loss
- *improves flexibility

8 yrs- 18 €35 per month
Adults €45 per month

€5 per class for under 18's
€7 per class for Adults
or included in Monthly Membership

Wednesdays

Kids 7-8 pm

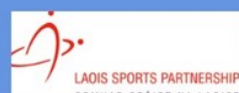
Teens /Adults 8-9 pm

Saturdays

Kids 10- 11 am

Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

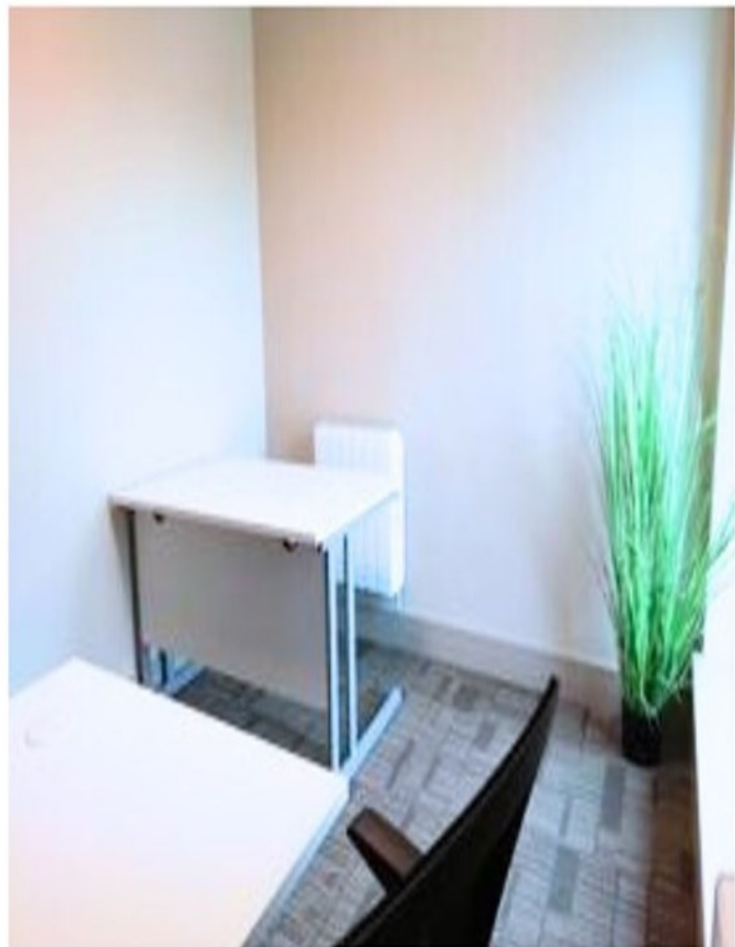
contact Jamie 085 200 2497



Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Mountrath, R32 DC58



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
or 057 930 0036**

***Soundproof rooms**

***From € 15 per hour**

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

***free easy car park**

***Waiting space**

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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

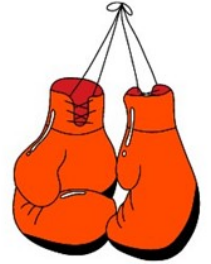
Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7

Kickboxing

6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7

First trial class free

Shane: 086 339 9287



Brazilian

8-12 years,

Wednesdays 7-8 pm & Saturdays 10-11 am

Jiu-jitsu*

€ 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

Thursdays 3.30 pm on. From 3 years - adult

Violin

€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

to book talk to the relevant teacher



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:

www.roadcraft.ie

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
contact 085 705 3855



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Thursdays 11 am

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Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
Patrick Street**



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

Contact 0857053855





Karate Classes



Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm



Juniors and Adults



Okinawan Karate



Black Belt Instructors

contact Sensei Donal, 5th dan
087 760 7063

Martial Arts Centre, Old
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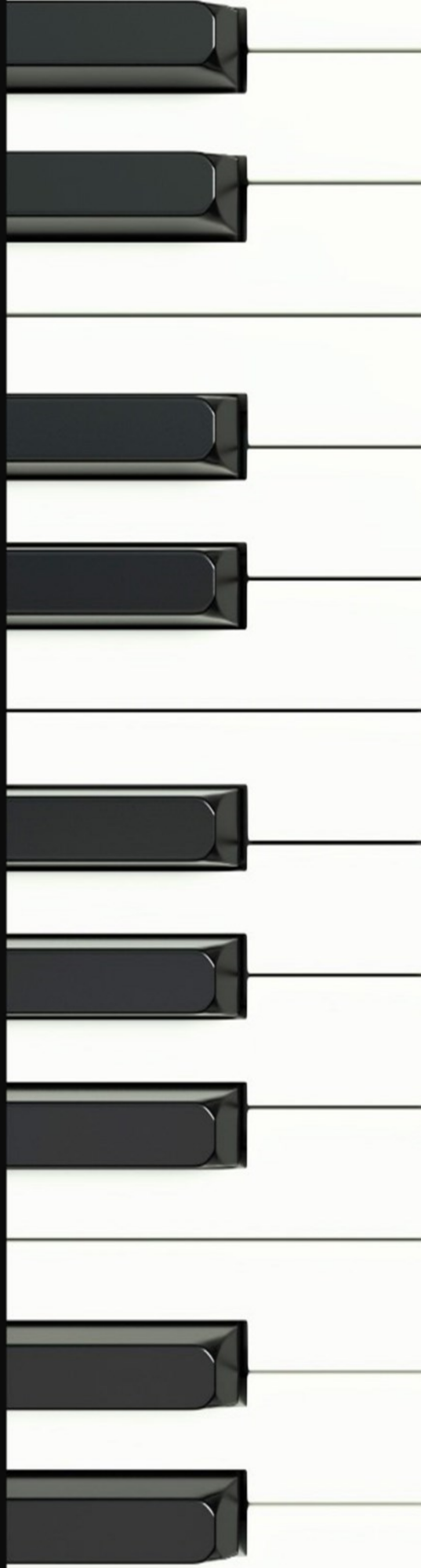


PIANO TEACHER WANTED



For our new Music Rooms
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Mountrath Scouts



Looking for a way for your kids to learn new skills and spend time in the great outdoors why not try scouts!

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



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

— Tia Walker



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

Medjugorje Pilgrimages

April - Oct 2024

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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.

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Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Synodality: Path and Practices

Online Course 2024

The online course will be delivered via Zoom
from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm over 6 nights
(6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November and 4th, 11th December).

Speakers include:

Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop Michael Router,

Julie Ann Moran,

Dr Anne Codd, Dr Donagh O'Brien

and Bishop Patricia Storey.

Booking/Enquiries to: The Secretary 057 8626153

Email:

secretary@mountstannes.com

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

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