

# Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

Lent begins this Week



11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Masses on Ash Wednesday**

14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024

Mountrath Church 10.00 am

7.30 pm

Ballyfin Church 7.30 pm

*Blessing and distribution of Ashes at  
all our Masses today*

## Lent is What We Do !

Trócaire Boxes are now  
available to collect.

## World Day of Prayer

Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> March - 7.30 pm

Bloon HQ - Convent Chapel

*You are most welcome to join us*

## St. Brigid's Crosses

Sr. Helan has asked me to express thanks, on her own behalf and on behalf of the pupils of Scoil Bhride, for the very generous response to the "Sale" of St. Brigid's Crosses on St. Brigid's Day when a total of €505 was donated.



Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes -

World Day of the Sick

You are most welcome to come forward for the Anointing of the Sick after our Mass on Saturday or Sunday this weekend, when we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick – If you or a family member is unable to attend this Ceremony and would like either Fr. P.J. or myself to call to your home – or the home of a loved one, just let us know and we will be happy to attend you and celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick, with you.

HEALING  
SERVICE



## Patrick (Paddy) Parkinson, Woodbrook. R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died peacefully at his home on Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. Paddy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his family, John, Angela, Lucia, Patrick, Monica, Christine and Oliver and their families, sons-in-law Paul and Cathal, daughter-in-law Susan, grandchildren Brenda, Jacinta, Jennifer, Jean, Ciara, Kieran, Deirdre, Laura, Alison, Olivia, Peter, Seán, Elizabeth and Darren, great grandchild Lily, nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

## Esther (Essie) Lanham (Nee Conroy) Upper Sconce. R.I.P.

We pray for Essie who died peacefully at Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. Essie's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. at St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Sheila, George, Stephen and Gus and their families, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, extended family, her many cousins, neighbours and friends.

*May Paddy and Essie rest in the peace of Christ.*

## *Prayer attributed to St. John Henry Newman*

Lord, may you support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.



## Some Parish Events during 2024

### (Mountrath)



Ash Wednesday 14th Feb.

Mass in Mountrath Ch. 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes during both Masses

### Easter Season

Palm (Passion Sunday) 24th March

Blessing and Distribution of "Palm" at both Masses.

Holy Thurs. 28th Mch Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 pm

Renewal of Commitment of Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass

Good Friday 29th Mch Liturgy of the Passion 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7.30 pm

Holy Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil 8.00 pm

### Easter Sunday 31st Mch

The Hollow Church Mass of the Resurrection 9.00 am

Mountrath Church Mass of the Resurrection 11.30 am

Renewal of Baptismal Promises at both Masses

### Ceremony of Confirmation Fri. 26h April

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## Fr. Liam Lawton's New Mass "Mass of St. Brigid"

Will be used at the Chrism Mass this year (Cathedral, Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> March)

Rehearsals for Chrism Mass Will be on the following dates Sts. Peter and Paul Church,

Portlaoise Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> March - 8.00 pm Carlow Cathedral Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> March 8.15 pm

*Please let Christine in FDS know if you plan to attend and indicate which venue, by phoning 059-9164084 or emailing [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie).*

## We Hold and Keep in our Thoughts and Prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill or unwell – at home, in hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. -

We wish them a speedy recovery

## Mountrath Parish

### Distribution of Parish Envelopes for 2024

Thank you if you have taken your box of Envelopes for this year. We appreciate your continued generous support. I ask if you have not already done so - to please put your name and address on just one envelope before you return it - so we can keep track of all your contributions to Parish Funds.

## Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish    Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish    Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins.

*Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,*

c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 163

# Ballyfin Anniversaries

## Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb

Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament.

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8.00 pm Daniel Dunne, Catholes.

Pauline McManus, Briscola

Joe and Kathleen Lanham. Upper Sconce.

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick - Anointing of the sick after Mass

On Sat. evening only (Because of Funeral on Sunday)

Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes during Mass

Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8.00 pm Pat and Ellen O'Rourke, Coolnamona

Paddy and Maureen Fitzpatrick, Pallas Little.

Dan and Maisie Tynan, Clonkeen

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8.00 pm Anne Holohan (Nee Kane) Springfield



# Mountrath Anniversaries

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**Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm Peter and Molly Rice,  
Val and Vera Rice. Rosie Kenny.  
James and Kathleen Tynan, Patrick St.,

World Day of the Sick tomorrow. Sacrament of Anointing after Mass tonight

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.00 am - The Hollow Church

**11.30 am** Tom Lalor, R.I.P. Portlaoise Rd., Funeral Mass  
Gerard (Gerry) Halpin, R.I.P. Ballyfin Rd., Month's Mind  
Peter Redmond, R.I.P. Redcastle. Month's Mind

Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.

**Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am and 7.30 pm Ash Wednesday**

7.30 pm Mass in Ballyfin.

Blessing and distribution of Ashes at all our Masses today

Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am Martin Ruane, Derrylusk, 11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am Alfie Hurson, Dublin.

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm Paddy Murphy, Spa Hill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv  
Mary Tynan, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** Brendan Fitzpatrick, Clonboyne  
Brendan died 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2000 - Aged 19 years

**11.30 am** 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of Lent

**Month's Mind Masses Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm**

Lila Lynch (Nee Nolan) Kiln Lane - Bill Sinnott, Shannon Rd.,

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. Mass** Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.00 pm Adan Kirwan, Derrough

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## "Do This in Memory" Programme

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin

### Enrolment Ceremonies

Mountrath Parish Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mass 7.00 pm All Schools

Ballyfin. Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Mass 10.00 am Both Schools

### "Do This in Memory" Children's Masses

1. Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov Mountrath Church, 7.00 pm

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

2. Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

3. Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Jan. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

4. Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

5. Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Mch.. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> Mch. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

6. Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. . Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

7. Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

### (The) Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance

will be celebrated in March. Arrangements for the celebration of this Sacrament will be put in place in due course in conjunction with the Schools.

### Dates for Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

With Children of all Mountrath Schools -- Note Change of Date

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm With Children of Barnashrone National School

# Mountrath Parish Lotto

8<sup>th</sup> Feb.



*Numbers Drawn 3 18 20 24*

*No Jackpot Winner*

14 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 72 Each.

1 Local Winner

Colm and Noel McGrath - Promoter Margaret McGrath

**New Jackpot - €12,000**

*A very sincere thank you - for your very generous support of and continued commitment to Mountrath Parish Lotto throughout the year.*

# Ballyfin Parish Lotto 7<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Nos. Drawn 7 9 14 17

1 Jackpot Winner - Rathvilly / Kiltegan Parish

20 Match 3's won €50 ea. -

## 2 Local Winners

Derbhla Allen - Promoter, Harry Allen

Carol Mooney - Promoter, Ann Heffernan.

**New Jackpot € 10,000**

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# Next Week's



Ballyfin € 10,000

Mountrath € 12,000

Fr. Liam Lawton's New Mass

## "Mass of St. Brigid"

Will be used at the Chrism Mass this year

(Cathedral, Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30 pm)

*An Invitation from Fr. Liam*

Kildare & Leighlin Faith Development Services  
Cathedral Parish Centre  
College Street  
Carlow Co. Carlow

Rooted in Christ, Faith Development Services is a coordinated team directed by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin to encourage, resource, facilitate and support the people of the Diocese to know, live and pray their faith

Tel: 059-9164084 Fax: 059-9164020 E-Mail: [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie)

6<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Friends I wish to invite you to Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, at 8.00pm or Carlow Cathedral on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> March, at 8.15pm to rehearse my new Mass, the Mass of St. Brigid, and other music for the annual Chrism Mass, which will take place on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral.

Please inform Christine in FDS if you are attending and indicate which venue. You can do this by phoning 059-9164084 or emailing [fds@kandle.ie](mailto:fds@kandle.ie).

Yours, *Fr. Liam Lawton*

Diocesan Director of Music  
The Parochial House,  
St. Mary's Road, Edenderry,  
Co. Offaly .

# Divine Mercy Conference

The conference will take place in the RDS this year on the 23rd, 24th and 25th February 2024. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. The conference will be broadcast online through our website [www.divinemercuryconference.com](http://www.divinemercuryconference.com) free of charge and on [churchservices.tv](http://churchservices.tv). It will also be available (audio only) on [www.RadioMaria.ie](http://www.RadioMaria.ie) and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277 and also on [www.ShalomWorld.org](http://www.ShalomWorld.org).

The theme of this year's Conference is: "Jesus I Trust In You." This is a call to trust in God. Trust is the opposite of fear. Our speakers for this year are: Bishop Alphonsus Cullinane D.D. Fr Pat Collins C.M, Fr. Eunan Mc Donnell SDB, Fr. Brendan Walsh SAC, Fr Jaimie Twohig SAC, Sr. Mary Claire Kenneally OLM and Sr. Donata Farbaniec OLM.

Tickets: €40 weekend, Saturday €35 and Sunday €25, available through PayPal on our website; from 22 Castle Grove, Clondalkin, Dublin D22Y2W9; or at the RDS door.

## Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme

As darker evenings are upon us please be aware that grant aided personal 24/7 monitored alarms are available to people aged 65 and over. If you know a family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin or Laois area who may qualify please contact Sheila on 086 157 0145 for information or for application form

## A Note from Edel Moloney, Supervisor, Mountrath CE Scheme

We have the following upcoming vacancies :

Caretaker - MYT - Mountrath CES 2308848

Caretaker - GAA - CES 2301698

Env Worker - Mountrath Town - CES 2254234

Env Worker - Castletown Village - CES 2268516

Shop Assistant - Vincents Mountrath - CES 2315874

Hours 19.5 hours per week.

### Application Details:

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to people who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 yr. or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Eligibility will have to be verified by the Department.

You can register your interest by selection "Register your interest" on [JobsIreland.ie](http://JobsIreland.ie), or you can contact a case officer in your local Intreo Centre quoting the relevant reference number above.

You can also call into our office on Patrick St, Mountrath or

email [mrtacpecoltd@gmail.com](mailto:mrtacpecoltd@gmail.com)



# Arts & Craft Classes



**6 week program  
starting 28th February**



**Wednesdays 5-6 pm**

**7-12 year olds**

**\*life drawing**

**\*painting**

**\*clay**

**\*print making**

**\*textile art**

**6 weeks € 30  
only 12 places**



contact Rhiannon 089 211 5183

Book online at <https://mountrathgym.squarespace.com/memberships/kidsartcraft>

Brigidine Convent,  
Patrick St,  
Mountrath R32 DT9F

The logo for Bloom HQ, featuring a stylized green mountain range above the text "BLOOM HQ" in a bold, sans-serif font.

The logo for Mountrath Martial Arts & Fitness Academy, featuring a red and black circular emblem with a white figure inside, above the text "MOUNTRATH" and "Martial Arts & Fitness Academy" in a bold, sans-serif font.

# 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.

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

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

**Saturdays**

Kids 10- 11 am

Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

**Wednesdays**

Kids 7-8 pm

Teens /Adults 8-9 pm

**Free Trial this week 14th & 17th Feb**

contact Jamie 085 200 2497

Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Mountrath, R32 DC58

**MOUNTRATH**  
Martial Arts & Fitness Academy

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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:

[www.roadcraft.ie](http://www.roadcraft.ie)

[www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie](https://www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie)



# Music Teachers wanted

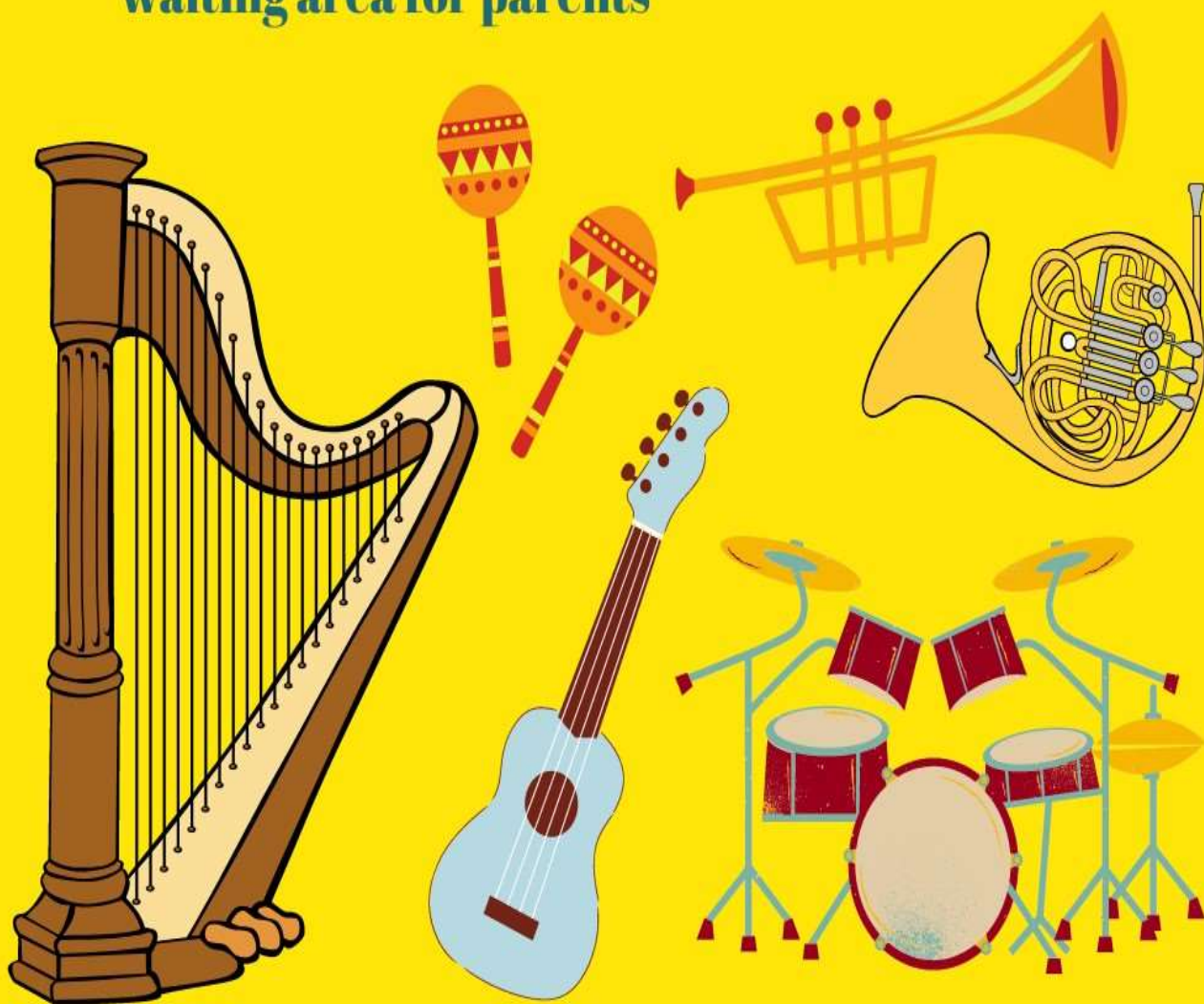


for Mountrath Music School

\*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



Activator Poles Inclusive  
Thursdays 11 am

contact Ruth 086 3262 570



# “MY WORLD”



## PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

by Mountrath & District Camera Club

Opening 7pm Friday 2nd February  
in the

**Gallery of Divine Inspiration**

Bloomhq, Mountrath

All Welcome

Photos will be on display for the month



# VIOLIN LESSONS

by Irene Ramos

- Discover the joy of music and unlock your creativity
- Weekly individual and ensemble classes for all ages
- From 3-year-olds to adults
- Studio based Mountrath

FULLY QUALIFIED SUZUKI TEACHER & ABRSM DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

FOR RATES AND/OR MORE  
INFO PLEASE CONTACT ME

Phone: 0773222323

Email: [iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com](mailto:iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com)

 Irene Ramos  
VIOLIN STUDIO





# Hot Desks in Mountrath

Need somewhere to work for a day with fast broadband?  
Free parking, canteen onsite.

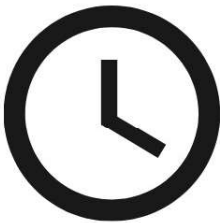
Desks from 10 euro per day  
Book on <https://connectedhubs.ie>



# Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on  
Patrick Street**

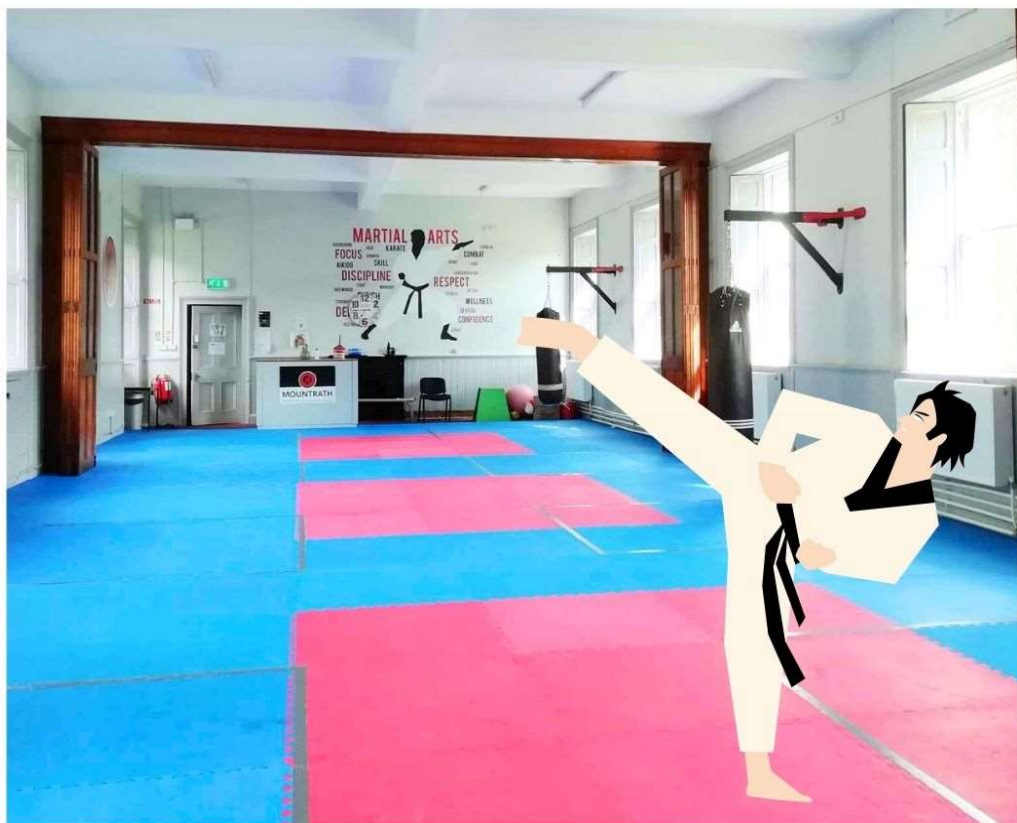


**Tuesdays 10am - 1pm  
Thursdays 2pm - 4pm**

**Contact 0857053855**



## 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  
Convent, Mountrath,  
R32 DC58



# HIIT LUNCHTIME CLASS

## High-Intensity Interval Training

Tuesdays & Thursdays

1.15 pm for 40 mins

5 euro a class

OR

part of your monthly  
gym package

Book with Ruth 086 3262 570





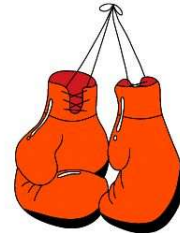
## Karate

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

## Kickboxing

First trial class free

Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7  
6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7  
Shane: 086 339 9287



## Brazilian Jiu-jitsu\*

\*starting 14th & 17th Feb  
with free trial

8-12 years,  
Wednesdays 7-8 pm &  
Saturdays 10-11 am  
€ 35 per month  
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 min group classes  
Eabha 083 8566083



to book talk to the relevant teacher

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# Bowls All Inclusive Ilam Tuesdays

St. Philomena's Hall,  
Brigidine Convent,  
Patrick Street,  
Mountrath

Contact Ruth 086 3262570





Irish Traditional

# MUSIC

# LESSONS

Whistle, Flute, Concertina, Accordion,  
Fiddle, Banjo and Mandolin



Clíona and Éabha  
Dowling McDonald

**More Information :**

Contact 083

8566083



# Music Classes in Mountrath

- **Lessons in BloomHQ**
- **Violin Lessons by**  
**Irene Ramos**  
**0773222323**  
**iramos.violinstudio@**  
**gmail.com**

*Contact the relevant  
teacher to arrange  
days/times/prices*

- **Irish Traditional**  
**Music, Whistle, Flute,**  
**Concertina,**  
**Accordion, Fiddle,**  
**Banjo and Mandolin**  
**Cliona & Eabha**  
**Dowling McDonald**  
**083 8566083**





# School of Music - Mountrath



Please use your recyclable blue token to vote for us in the Tesco Community Fund.



# PIANO TEACHER WANTED



For our new Music Rooms  
Contact Lucy 087 259 7895

The Old Convent,  
Patrick St,  
Mountrath,  
R32 DC58



# 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



# Date for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in

Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes on **Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Church will Commence

at 2.30 pm

Bishop Denis will lead us in both our celebrations



# Ash Wednesday

## A Prayer to begin my Lenten journey

Loving Jesus,  
as I receive on my forehead the sign of your saving cross  
You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.  
Walking into Lent  
my heart is set on you.  
May my *fasting* fill me with hunger for you,  
May my *prayer* draw me deeper into your presence.  
May my *acts of charity* bring your love to my home and community.  
Lord of life,  
grant that by turning back to you in these 40 days  
I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith;  
for you raise me up from fear and despair  
and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always.  
With you, I will rise again. Amen.

# Carlow Union of Parishes Lent - Easter Talks 2024 *Living Faith*



1. Thursday 22nd February 7.30pm **"Lent/Easter, The Journey"**  
Dean Tom Gordon, Cathedral Church of Saint Laserian's, Leighlin.
2. Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm **"Prayer / Spirituality"**  
Rev. Liam Dunne Chaplain, Carlow/Saint Patrick's College.
3. Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm **"The Cross"**  
Rev. Katherine Kehoe, Carlow and Kilkenny Methodist Church,
4. Wednesday 13th March 7.30pm **"Triduum / Resurrection"**  
Bishop Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
5. Friday 15th March 7.30pm **"Songs of Prayer, Faith and Praise"**  
with the Carlow Community Choir and their Director Mary Amond O' Brien.
6. Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm **"Grief and Loss - A Christian Perspective"**  
Rev. Paul Fitzpatrick, in conjunction with the Carlow Mental Health Association.

**Saint Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow R93YW77**

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

– Tia Walker

