

Statement from Irish Episcopal Conference  
Regarding Referenda on 8<sup>th</sup> March

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Mountrath  
Ballyfin  
Online  
Newsletter

Lent is What  
We Do !

Trócaire Boxes are now available to  
Collect.

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

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2024

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

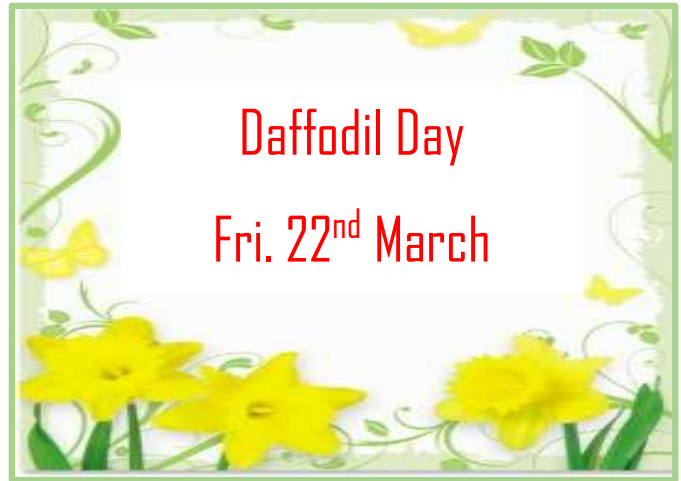
## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Work Opportunities

At

### Ballyfin National School

Ballyfin National School are currently updating their list of SNA substitutes. If you have completed an SNA course and would be interested in being considered for casual subbing at the School, please contact Sarah at [office@ballyfinns.ie](mailto:office@ballyfinns.ie) to request a Garda Vetting form. Please note that all SNA subs must be specifically vetted for this School before employment.



### World Day of Prayer

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

Venue has been changed to

St. Fintan's Hall

*You are most welcome to join us*

### Ballyfin Players Drama Group

There will be a Meeting for all interested in continuing the Ballyfin Players Drama Group. This Meeting is arranged for Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8.00 pm in Old School, Ballyfin. -- For Old and New members

*All interested parties are most welcome to come along to this meeting*

## 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

I really appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

## Mattie Byrne - Patrick St., R.I.P.

We pray for Mattie who died peacefully at his home on Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. Mattie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife, *Ann, sons, Fergal, Barry and Matthew and their families, grandchildren Niamh, Fianna, Kevin and Róisín and families, daughters-in-law Tina and Olivia, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.*

*May Mattie rest in the peace of Christ.*

### ***Ultimate Circuits***

By Ultimate Hell-Week DS Philip Loughman

Military style Circuit Classes

**Starting 04 March 2024**

Location: Ballyfin, Laois

(2 minutes drive from Community Hall in Ballyfin)

Suitable for all levels of fitness from  
beginner to advanced.

Price: €10 (booking essential)

Contact: 087-9479744 on phone/whatsapp

| Monday | Tuesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------|----------|--------|
| 6-7pm  | 6-7pm   | 6-7pm    | 6-7pm  |
| 7-8pm  | 7-8pm   | 7-8pm    | 7-8pm  |

# Irish Episcopal Conference Message regarding the Referenda on March 8th

Upon his arrival in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families on 25 August 2018, Pope Francis met at Dublin Castle with representatives of civil, cultural and religious life, including the Taoiseach and members of the Government. Pope Francis said he was visiting Ireland to help families "*reaffirm their commitment to loving fidelity, mutual assistance and reverence for God's gift of life in all its forms, but also to testify to the unique role played by the family in the education of its members, and the development of sound and flourishing social fabric*". He added, "*Families are the glue of society, their welfare cannot be taken for granted, but must be promoted and protected by every appropriate means*".

In this context, we wish to comment on the two important referendums on family and care which are taking place on the 8th of March 2024.

## The Family Amendment – 39th Amendment (amending Article 41)

The Family, based on the exclusive, life-long and life-giving public commitment of Marriage, is the foundational cell of society and essential to the common good. This reality of the Family corresponds to the unchanging plan of God for humanity and the importance of the Family continues to be acknowledged by people of good will, whether they be persons of faith or not.

The family is acknowledged as the place where generosity, tenderness, forgiveness, stability, care, love and truth can best be taught and learned by children.

We recognise, of course, that there are families in all our communities which are not founded on marriage. They form part of the reality of family life, which Pope Francis described as "*a challenging mosaic made up of many different realities, with all their joys, hopes and problems*".

We believe, however, that the commitment of marriage contributes to the common good in a unique way, by bringing stability to the family and to society, and that it consequently deserves the protection of the State, which is currently guaranteed in the Constitution. The Constitution of Ireland rightly qualifies the Family as a "*moral institution*" and one that enjoys "*inalienable and imprescriptible rights, antecedent and superior to all positive law*". We are concerned that the proposed 'family amendment' to the Constitution diminishes the unique importance of the relationship between marriage and family in the eyes of Society and State and is likely to lead to a weakening of the incentive for young people to marry.

While 'Marriage' entails a public and legal commitment, the term 'durable relationship' is shrouded in legal uncertainty and is open to wide interpretation. It does not make sense that such an ambiguous reality would be considered 'antecedent and superior to all positive law' and acquire the same 'inalienable and imprescriptible' rights as those ascribed to the 'family founded on marriage'. Various commentators have suggested that the term 'durable relationship' risks leading to unforeseen and unintended consequences.

## The Care Amendment – 40th Amendment (deleting Article 41.2 and inserting a New Article 42B)

In an age when people, and especially women, often emphasise the desirability of balancing work and domestic commitments, it is noteworthy that the Irish Constitution already recognises and seeks to facilitate the choice of mothers who wish especially to care for the needs of the family and the home. Contrary to some recent commentary, the present constitutional provision emphatically does not state that “a woman’s place is in the home”. Neither does it excuse men of their duties to the home and family.

It is reasonable to ask what benefit is it to Irish society to delete the terms ‘woman’ and ‘mother’ from the Constitution of Ireland? People generally recognise the enormous commitment that women in Ireland have given, and continue to give, in relation to care, love and affection in the home. Pope Francis has said “Families and homes go together”(AL44). We therefore have similar concerns about the removal of the term ‘home’ from this article.

In contemporary society there now exists a welcome co-responsibility between women and men for every aspect of domestic life, including the provision of care in the home. We believe that, rather than removing the present acknowledgement of the role of women and the place of the home, it would be preferable and consistent with contemporary social values that the State would recognise the provision of care by women and men alike. Care, both inside and outside the home, is at the core of compassion. Without such care in the family, the common good of society cannot be achieved. The State has to date failed to financially acknowledge the role of women in the home; once again there is no indication that there will be provision for the adequate financial remuneration of carers. The proposed term ‘strive to support’

appears to weaken the state's constitutional responsibility to materially and legislatively support such care. Indeed, the proposed new Article 42B does not actually confer any enforceable rights for carers or for those being cared for.

It is right to recognise that care within the family and the wider community takes many forms and is provided by a wide variety of people. In the words of Pope Francis speaking at the Festival of Families in Croke Park on 25 August 2018 "*in any family celebration, everyone's presence is felt: fathers, mothers, grandparents, grandchildren, uncles and aunts, cousins, those who cannot come and those who live too far away*".

The proposed amendment would have the effect of abolishing all reference to motherhood in the Constitution and leave unacknowledged the particular and incalculable societal contribution that mothers in the home have made and continue to make in Ireland. The present constitutional wording does not in any way inhibit women from working or taking their proper place in social and public life. It does, however, respect the complementary and distinct qualities that arise naturally within the Family. The role of mothers should continue to be cherished in our Constitution.

### *The Importance of voting*

Pope St John Paul II said in Ireland back in 1979: "*The family is the true measure of the greatness of a nation*". In a democracy that guarantees the freedom to vote, it is important that citizens cast their ballot on March 8th with matters of such importance at stake. As pastors, concerned for the common good as well as the moral and spiritual well-being of God's People, we offer these reflections in order to help inform the consciences of Christians and others who are concerned to preserve and foster the dignity and value of family life and motherhood



# Some Parish Events during 2024 (Mountrath)

## 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

Ceremony in Mountrath Church 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Church 2.30 pm

## 1st Holy Communion Days

The Hollow Ch. Sun. 19th May 9.00 am

Mountrath Church Sun. 26th May 11.30 am

## Church Gate Collection

A note of Thanks for your generous contributions to our Pro Life Campaign Church Gate Collection last weekend which raised € 300 - Thanks also to our collectors, Martin and Martina *(Maureen Ryan)*

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

*See our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes*

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Bishop Denis will lead us in both Ceremonies

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

Will be sung 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

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## 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. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mch.

Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Anne Holohan (Nee Kane) Springfield. Month's Mind

Willie Seale, Clonagown. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

Paugh Ryan, O'Moore Forest 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Paugh's parents, Johnny and Sarah Ryan

Paugh's brother, Seán Ryan

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> Mch. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Mch 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Lent.

Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mch 10.00 am Joseph (Joe) Connolly, Esker 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Essie Lanham (Nee Conroy) Upper Sconce. Month's Mind

Michael Kelly, Clonagown. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

# Mountrath Anniversaries

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## Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mch.

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.00 pm Lila Lynch (Nee Nolan) Kiln Lane. Month's Mind  
Bill Sinnott, Shannon Rd., Month's Mind  
Gerry Walsh, Borris in Ossory. Month's Mind  
Nancy Moloney (Nee Bradley) Shannon Rd., 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
Jimmy, Paddy, Margaret and Clare Marie O'Neill, Shannon St.,

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.00 am - The Hollow Church

11.30 am Fergal Farrell, Brockera. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Eileen Gosling (Nee Fahy) died on 24 February 2017 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Eileen's husband, John Gosling Died 10/11/1999

Eileen and John's Daughter Martina (Tina) Ramkhalawon

(Nee Gosling) 19/2/ 2022 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

Eileen and John's daughter, Bridie Branagan

(Nee Gosling) Died 7/5/2008

Eileen and John's Grandson, Neil Branagan 14/7/1990

And the Deceased Members of the Gosling, Fahy,

Ramkhalawon and Branagan Families.

Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am Pad Farrell, Woodbrook.

Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.00 am Eileen Moore, 5 Woodbrook

Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> Mch.. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

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Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mch. 7.00 pm Tom Lalor, Portlaoise Rd., Month's Mind  
Adam Kirwan, Derrough. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
Margaret Byrne, Redcastle 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
Tom Kelly, Main St.,  
Dan and Nora Ryan, New Line Road.  
Donal and Margaret Ryan, New Line Rd.  
Patrick and Peig Keeshan, Patrick St.,

Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mch. 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

11.30 am Paddy Parkinson, Woodbrook. Month's Mind  
Kathleen McDonald, Kiln Lane - 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

## "Do This in Memory" Programme

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

#### Enrolement 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

22nd Feb.

*Numbers Drawn 6 15 23 30*

*No Jackpot Winner*

11 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 91 Each.

3 Local Winners

Lucielle Fitzpatrick Promoter Declan Fitzpatrick

Agnes Kennedy Promoter, Gerry Dooley

Clodagh Bredin Promoter, David Tobin

**New Jackpot - €14,000**

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





# Ballyfin Parish Lotto

21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 2024

Nos. Drawn 13 20 23 28

17 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 59 ea.

Next Week's Jackpot € 12,000

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



# Next Week's



Ballyfin € 12,000

Mountrath € 14,000

Fr. Liam Lawton's New Mass

## "Mass of St. Brigid"

Will be sung 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

(This Weekend)

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.divinemercyconference.com](http://www.divinemercyconference.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.

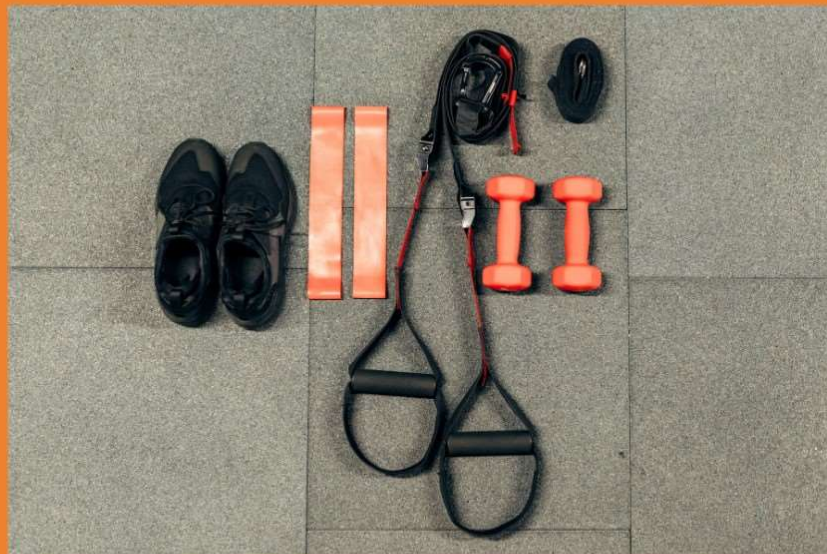
### Application Details:

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, 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)

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# Zumba



**Tuesdays 7.30 pm**

**St Philomena's Hall, Bloomhq, Mountrath R32 DC58**

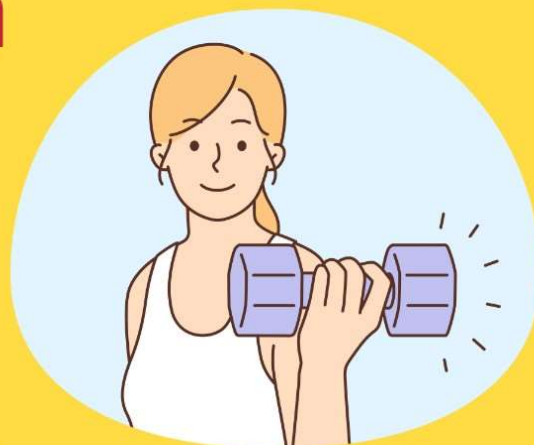
**Bookings [www.fitandjoy.ie](http://www.fitandjoy.ie)**

**for more information contact Joanna on 0894653938**

# 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](mailto:iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com)

Thursdays

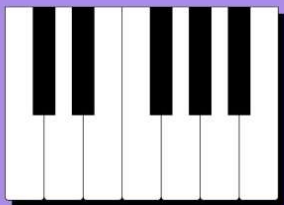


Irish Traditional Music, Whistle,  
Flute, Concertina, Accordion, Fiddle,  
Banjo and Mandolin

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





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



Contact 0892722885 [manager@bloomhq.ie](mailto:manager@bloomhq.ie)

# Arts & Craft Classes



## Second block of

### 6 week program

### starting 28th February

at the later time of

**Wednesdays 6-7 pm**



## 7-12 year olds

- \*life drawing
- \*painting
- \*clay
- \*print making
- \*textile art

## 6 weeks € 30 only 12 places



contact Rhiannon 089 211 5183

Brigidine Convent,  
Patrick St,  
Mountrath R32 DT9F



# **Piano Classes Available**

**Starting Sunday April 7th**

**BloomHQ Mountrath**

**Contact Heather**

**083 054 7772**



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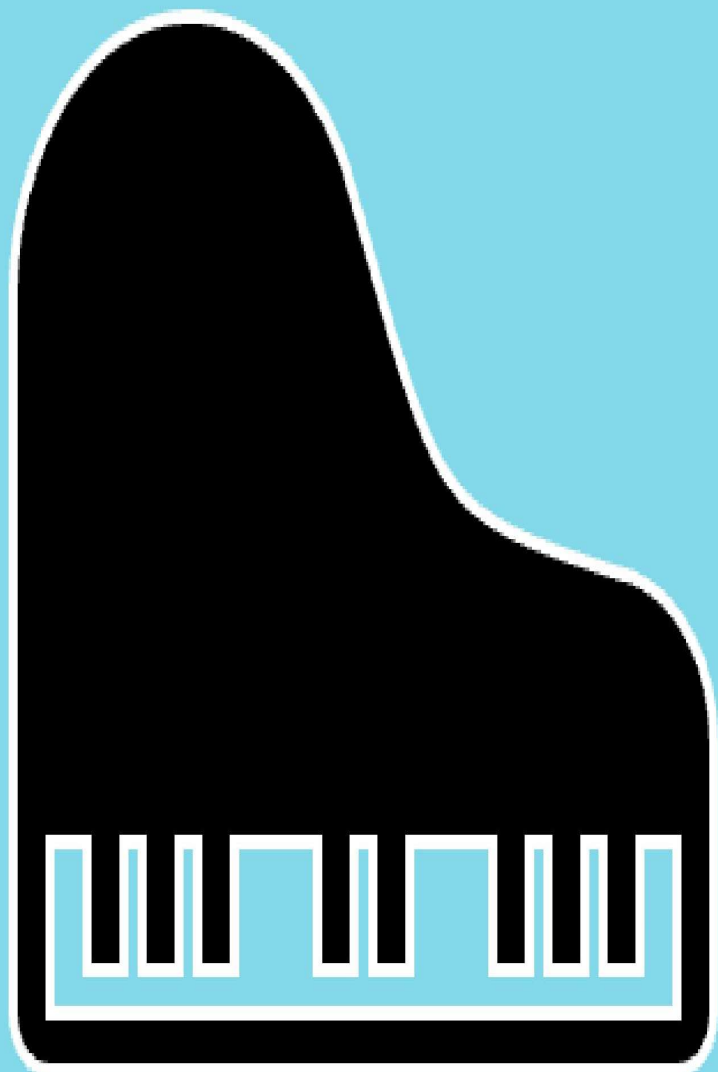
**Piano Classes Available**

**Starting Sunday April 7th**

**Bloom HQ, Mountrath**

**Contact Heather,**

**0830547772**



# 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>

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- \*mobility improvement
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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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# Music Teachers wanted



for Mountrath Music School

\*soundproof rooms

\*free parking

\*waiting area for parents



contact Lucy 087 259 7895

# 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)



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# 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





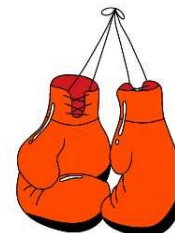
## Karate

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 11am 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**



Clióna 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  
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# 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

# 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





## Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme

Grant aided personal 24/7 personal monitored alarms

help people aged 65 and over to live securely in their homes with peace of mind. If you know a family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin or Laois area who may qualify please contact

Sheila on 086 1570145 for  
information/application form.