

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

18th - 19th Jan. 2nd Sun. in Ord. Time

Ballyfin GAA

6 K Run / Walk Next Sunday

26th Jan. 11.30 am

Registration on Eventbrite

Run / Walk through the grounds of Ballyfin Demesne



Jubilee Year 2025.

We are "Pilgrims of Hope"

With the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, the Holy Year was begun. Across the world, the Jubilee Year began on the feast of the Holy Family. (Sun. 29th Dec. 2024) To echo the theme of hope, Pope Francis is calling on us all to renew the hope of Christ, using Saint Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,

Pilgrims of Hope,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

*We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road
We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load*

(From the Servant Song by Richard Gillard)

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Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

John McDermott, Trumera R.I.P.

We pray for John who died peacefully at Portlaoise Reg. Hosp., on Thurs. 9th Jan. John's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun, 12th Jan. We extend sympathy to his wife Christine, daughters and sons, Josephine, Pauline, Deirdre, Seán, Cathal and families, sisters Anne and Teresa (Morrin, Woodbrook) brothers Willie (Barnashrone) Charlie and Michael and families. grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Emily Ellen Culhane, Boley, Abbeyleix

We pray for Emily Ellen Culhane, Boley, Abbeyleix who died suddenly after a short illness at Beaumont Hosp., on Sun. 5th Jan. Emily's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Tues. 14th Jan. We extend sympathy to her parents, Sean and Bernie and her brother, Sam. Gran, Pat. Aunts and uncles and all her family and classmates at TY, Scoil Chriost Ri, Borris Rd., Portlaoise. Emily is niece of Declan and Aisling Looby. Declan is vice-principal at Ballyfin National School.

May John and Emily Ellen rest in the peace of Christ.

Richard Maybury, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. R.I.P.

We pray for Richard who died suddenly on Fri. 10th Jan. Richard's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 15th Jan. followed by burial in Raheen Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to his mother, Margaret (Peg) son, Richie and his partner, Rachel, sister, Lily and her husband, Eugene, niece, Lisa and nephew, John, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends in "The Crescent" and in Mountrath.

Richard was part of the fabric of Mountrath Town over many years, having worked as barman in Roches, Kenny's, Ray Coss' among other establishments. Richard excelled on the field of play and graced many a pitch with his excellent hurling skills. Richard, described by many as a very skilled hurler, indeed, described as "The Christy Ring of Mountrath"

May Richard rest in the peace of Christ.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from Sat. 18th to Sat. 25th Jan. This year of 2025, in addition to being a Jubilee Year based on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope', is also the 1700th anniversary of the 1st Ecumenical Council of the Church, the Council of Nicaea, held in 325. That Council gave us the Nicene Creed which we profess on Sundays and other Solemnities. Fittingly, the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity this year is *"Do you believe this?"*, based on the Gospel of Jn. 11:17-27 and Martha's confession of faith to Jesus.

Some 2025 Diary Dates

St. Brigid's Day Sat. 1st Feb.

Patron Saint of Kildare and Leighlin

Our No. 1 - Ireland's No. 2

Ash Wednesday 5th March

Mass in Mountrath 10.00 am 7.30 pm

Ballyfin 7.30 pm

St. Patrick's Day Mon. 17th March

Ireland's National Saint

Masses The Hollow Ch. 9.00 am

Mountrath 10.00 am

Ballyfin 10.00 am

Thursday 17th April Holy Thursday 7.30 pm

Ministers of Holy Communion Renewal during Mass

Good Fri. 18th April

Liturgy of the Passion 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross 10.00 am - 7.30 pm

Easter Sunday 20th April

Football Forecasting Competition

A Football Forecasting Competition, in aid of our Ballyfin NS's Astro Turf Project, begins the weekend of January 25th/26th. Everyone welcome to participate. Correctly predict the winning teams in the National Football League for a chance of winning one of seven weekly €100 prizes or the overall €500 prize - and the glory of being known as a GAA expert! Cost €40, can be paid by bank transfer (details on sign up form). Sign up forms available from the school or <https://forms.gle/BAD6WzZkSD37Bft47> .

Your support will be greatly appreciated .

SAVE THE DATE!!

QUIZ NIGHT

FUN NIGHT FULL OF CHALLENGES!!

DATE: FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY 2025

LOCATION: THE DEADMANS'S INN, BALLYFIN

TIME: 8:30PM

Hosted by The Parents Council In aid of Ballyfin
National School Astro Turf Project.

**TICKETS €5 EACH.
TABLES OF 4, WITH A RAFFLE ON THE
NIGHT.**



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

Cemetery Masses

2025

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 8th June (2nd Sun. June)

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 27th June (Last Fri. Jun)

Clonenagh Fri. 11th July (2nd Fri. July)

Cemetery on Right - Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Wed. 6th Aug. (1st Wed. August)

Boghlone Wed. 3rd Sept. (1st Wed. Sept)

All Cemetery Masses commence at 7.00 pm

Football Forecasting Fundraiser (Ref. Ballyfin School)

As part of our Astro-turf fundraising efforts, we are running a Football Forecasting competition based around the seven weeks of the Allianz National Football League. Each week participants will be asked to predict the outcomes of the matches, gaining one point for a successfully predicted win and 3 points for a successfully predicted draw. The person with the highest score each week wins €100, with the overall winner at the end of the competition winning a €500 prize. This has been a very successful and enjoyable fundraiser in other schools and clubs.

All aspects of the competition can be completed online, so please do spread the word among friends and family living further afield. Even if you are not in the running for the prize-money boasting rights can be earned by being the best in your family/workplace etc! An online sign-up form is available at <https://forms.gle/BAD6WzZkSD37Bft47>.

For people who are not comfortable filling out forms online, there will also be a paper option, with hard copy forms being distributed from the school each week to those who have indicated their preference for this.

Each family will receive two paper version sign-up forms today – one for the family and one to be passed on to a family member or neighbour please. It is hoped that every household in Ballyfin will be offered the chance to participate, even those with no direct connection to the school.

Entry for the seven weeks of the competition is €40, with a weekly €6 payment option also offered if you prefer. Details are available on the sign-up sheets. As the league starts on Jan 25th, we hope to have everyone signed up by **January 21st** to allow time for the response forms to be circulated.

Your support for and advertising of this fundraiser for us will be hugely appreciated. If you have any queries please contact footballforecasting@ballyfinns.ie

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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. 8th Feb.

Ballyfin Sun. 9th Feb.

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 at this time ?

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

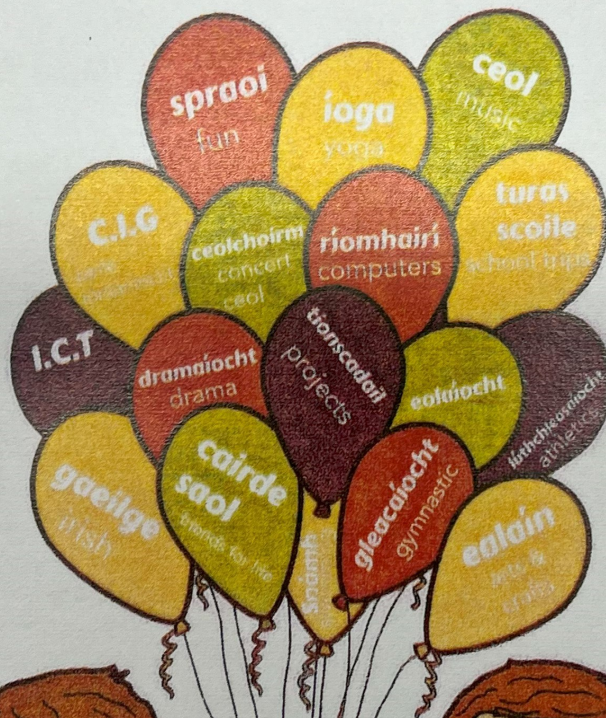
Enrolment Forms now available

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

Gaelscoil Thromaire, Trumera, Mountrath,
Co. Laois R32R5RF

Gaelscoil Thromaire

Would you like your child to be
bilingual?



Ag clárú anois

Uimhir:

057 8756306



Gaelscoil



Thromaire



Fáilte roimh gach duine.

gaelscoilthromaire00@gmail.com

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. 8th Feb.

Sun. 9th Feb.

Sat 8th March

Sun 9th March

Sat. 5th April

Sun. 6th April

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

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. 17th to Sun. 26th Jan.

Fri. 17th Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 18th Jan. 8.00 pm Anne Holohan, Springfield. 1st Anniv.

Julia Gorman, Irej. 7th Anniv

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today

Sun. 19th Jan. 10.00 am Sheila Fitzpatrick, Cappinaclare. 4th Anniv.

Fintan Lawlor, Cappinaclare

Mary (May) McCormack. Late of Clonurk

Mary and Michael McCormack

Mon. 20th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 24th Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 25th Jan. 8.00 pm Kathleen Guilfoyle, Pallas Big. Month's Mind

Tommy O'Rourke, Ballycormick 5th Anniv.

Maura and Patsy Feighery, O'Moore Forest

and grand-daughter, Claudia Buckley

Deceased members of Hooban Family, Sconce

Sun. 26th Jan. 10.00 am Seán Keegan, Bermingham,

(Formerly Mountmellick)

Johanna Whitaker, Ashgrove, Mountmellick Formerly London 4th Anniv

Jim Delaney, Clonagown. 4th Anniv. Parents, Edward and Brigid

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends today

Mon. 27th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

1st Anniversary Remembrance Sun. 2nd Feb. 10.00 am

Esther (Essie) Lanham (Nee Conroy) Upper Sconce

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 11th to Sun. 12th Jan

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

Sat. 18th Jan. 7.00 pm Noel Ryan (Jnr) Factory St., 4th Anniv.

Sheila and Joe Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Sun. 19th Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** 2nd Sun. Ord. Time

11.30 am Kathleen Holland (nee Murray) Trumera. 1st Anniv.

Billy Brophy, Woodbrook. 3rd Anniv.

Tues. 21st Jan. 10.00 am

Wed. 22nd Jan. 10.00 am Peter, Bridget and Kieran Farrell, Dys-
artbeigh

Thur. 23rd Jan. 10.00 am

Fri. 24th Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Continued on the following page

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

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 18th - Sun. 26th Jan. 2025

Continued from previous page

Sat. 25th Jan. 7.00 pm Lila Lynch (Nee Nolan) Lln Lane. 1st Anniv
Bill Sinnott, Shannon Rd., 1st Anniv.
Joe Keily, Shannon Rd., 12th Anniv.
George and Alice Tobin, Woodbrook.
Peter and Molly Rice. Val, Vera and Rose Kenny.
Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Kiln Lane. 7th Anniv.

Sun. 26th Jan. 9.00 am *The Hollow Church.*

3rd Sun. in Ord. Time **Sunday of the Word of God**

Elizabeth (Beth) Seale and deceased family members

11.30 am Christopher Phelan, Loon. 4th Anniv.

Dan Heffernan, New Line Rd.,

Month's Mind Mass

Sun. 9th Feb. 11.30 am John McDermott, Trumera.

1st Anniversary Remembrances

Sun. 2nd Feb. 11.30 am Paddy Parkinson, Woodbrook.

Sat. 8th Feb. 7.00 pm Tom Lalor, Portlaoise Rd.,

Peg Lalor (Nee Fitzpatrick) Portlaoise Rd., (2nd Anniv)

Ballyfin Parish Statement of Account 2023

Income		Expenses	
Basket Collection	€16,305	Pastoral Programmes	€1,720
Envelope Collection	€25,986	Insurance	€5,775
Shrine Income	€876	Security	€273
Rental Income	€5,800	Light/Heat	€17,570
Fundraising	€3,141	Cleaning	€264
Donations	€1,050	Rates/Water/Waste	€422
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€22,807	Maintenance/Repairs	€21,532
Church Bookings	€460	Diocesan Levy	€6,576
Lotto Income	€13,898	Diocesan Retirement Fund	€1,000
Other Income	<u>€ 2,421</u>	Printing/Missalettes	€1,870
Total:	€ 92,744	Altar/Shrine	€3,657
		Telephone/Broadband	€1,379
		Computer/servicing	€2,750
		Accountancy Fees	€1,000
		Youth/Community	€640
		Bank Charges	€863
		Donations	€200
		Loan Interest	<u>€485</u>
		Total:	€67,976

A very sincere "Thank You" for your continuous and generous support of Ballyfin Parish

Tax Back Scheme (Ballyfin Parish)

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

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

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

In 2023, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented our Parish finances by almost € 23,000

If you are not, as yet, part of this scheme and would like more information, please contact me at your convenience. *(Fr. Joe)*

Ballyfin Parish Third Party Collections 2024

Retired Priests € 1,525.00

Peter's Pence € 852.00

World Mission € 1,123.00

Trocaire € 2,462.96

Collection for Gaza (Good Friday) € 500.00

Total € 6462.96

I wish to thank you for your support of the work of Trocaire, the Missions, Peter's Pence Collection and the Retired Priests Fund throughout the year .

Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

Income		Expenses	
Basket Collection	€ 35,932.00	Pastoral Programmes	€ 721.00
Envelope Collection	€ 33,378.00	Insurance	€ 38,065.00
Shrine Income	€ 11,590.00	Security	€ 503.00
Rental Income	€ 30,890.00	Light/Heat	€ 23,349.00
Fundraising	€ 3,225 .00	Cleaning	€ 200.00
Donations	€ 71,400.00	Rates/Water/Waste	€ 579.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€ 3,121 .00	Maintenance/Repairs	€ 79,602.00
Church Bookings	€ 500.00	Diocesan Levy	€ 11,006.00
Lotto Income	€ 31,631.00	Loan Interest	€ 3.00
Office	€ 1,899 .00	Bank Charges	€ 926.00
Deposit Interest	€ 36.00	Diocesan Retire't Fund	€ 1,000 00
Other Income	€ 2,984 .00	Printing/Missalettes	€ 9,233.00
Total:	€ 226,586.00	Altar/Shrine	€ 10,616.00
		Telephone/Broadband	€ 600.00
		Computer/servicing	€ 5,051.00
		Accountancy Fees	€ 540.00
		Youth/Community	€ 260.00
		Hire of Equipment	€ 1,141.00
		Music/Choir	€ 250.00
		Legal/Professional	€ 828.00
		Donations	€ 1,700.00
		Total:	€ 196,173.00

A very sincere "Thank You" for your continuous and generous support of Mountrath Parish

Ballyfin Parish Lotto,

First Draw of '25

Wed. 5th Jan.

Nos. Drawn

No Jackpot winner

Match 3 's Rec € each

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Thank you for your continued
support throughout the Year

New Jackpot € 20,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 16th Jan.

Numbers Drawn 6 11 12 21

No Jackpot Winner

16 Match 3 winners Rec. € 63 ea

2 Local Winners

Sophie Ball	Promoter	Jerry Dooley
Conor Mason	Promoter	Michael Keegan

Next Week's Jackpot € 16,000



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 € 16,000

Ballyfin € 20,000



DANIA'S Cross & Cloak CONCERT



IN AID OF THE ALL-IRELAND SACRED HEART CRUSADE



SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

Featuring local artists

7:30pm (Doors open at 6:30pm)

The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co.Laois, R32 VE24

Tickets €25 (Book on [eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie))

For more information contact

Antoinette: **0860803047**



www.monasterevinparish.ie

St Brigid's

CAMINO

MONASTEREVIN PARISH

ST BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY



PASSPORT



ST. BRIGID'S ORIGINS

St Brigid is reputed to have been born in the Townsland of Umeras. Just outside Monasterevin Co. Kildare.

This year a new Bank Holiday to honour St. Brigid takes Place on Monday 3rd February.

TO COMMEMORATE BRIGID

Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in her honour. Starting at St Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice W34X529 on the Monasterevin - Rathangan Road (R414) at 11am on Monday 3rd February (walk is approx 6km) car parking provided at Mountrice Cross. The walk will be led by the Bishop and will Journey via Umeras then along the Canal Blueway, finishing in Sts Peter & Paul Church W34KD61 Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm.

BUS & CAMINO PASSPORT

A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30am to Mountrice and return to Mountrice at 2pm. For those who wish to avail, payment on the bus. All those who participate will be issued with a special St Brigid Camino Passport that will be stamped at Sts Peter & Paul Church W34KD61 .St Brigid's Crosses & refreshments will be provided on the day.

Poster by
L.Fitzpatrick

Info: Parish Office 045 525346

BUJOCHAS PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

Lovely LAOIS

HOMECOMING
FESTIVAL

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

Sacred Heart Crusade
-of love and hope-
2025 Jubilee, Ireland



Ask! Seek! Knock!

The Cross & Cloak Charity Concert

In aid of the Sacred Heart Crusade 2025



Featuring

Dana

An Chéad Ghlúin Eile & The Cullinane Family

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2025

7.30pm (Doors open at 6.30pm)

The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois, R32 VE24

Tickets €25 (Book on [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie))

*For more information contact Antoinette on
086 080 3047*



DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE, RDS Dublin,

Day return bus (from Jnl7 plaza Portlaoise)
Saturday 22nd February. Fantastic speakers
including His Excellency Archbishop Farrell,
Fr. Pat Collins, Fr. Jim Blount and many
more, great day of spiritual inspiration and
refreshment.

€70 for bus and entry ticket. Contact via WhatsApp/
text please: Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-
2752578 for enquiries and bookings. €40 deposit
via Revolut, PayPal or Post secures bus.

if you like to ask any more on this notice please contact
Seamus on 087 2752578.

Bus To Knock

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock and Co Mayo, 10th February 2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry.

Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236

or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

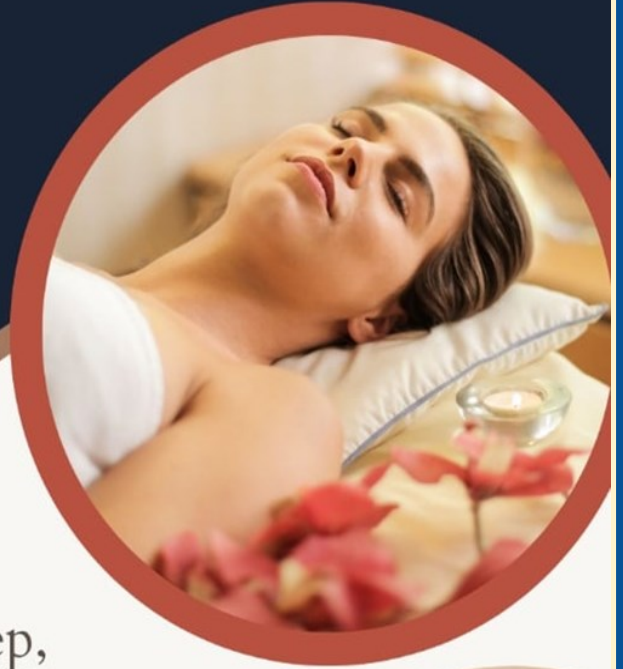
Events

at

Bloom HQ

Revive Swedish Massage

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CROWN
REVIVE SWEDISH MASSAGE
RELAX AND REVIVE TODAY



Swedish Massage is gentle yet deep, it is used to aid relaxation, relieve tension energize the body and improve overall health.

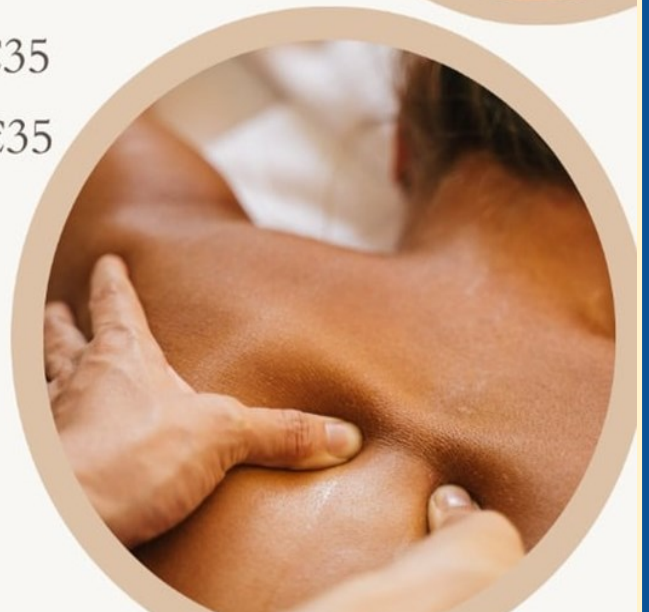
Our Services

- 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](#)



Congratulations to
The Class of '90
And to all involved in
Brigid in Bloom Festival
Which was held in Bloom HQ
In August.



Winner

Brigid In Bloom Festival

The Class of 1990 (Brigidine
Convent, Mountrath, Laois)



2024
National
Heritage Week
Awards

A Heritage Council programme



*County Laois
National Heritage Week*

*Winners
2024*





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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*

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- 1pm to 2pm Friday

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Basketball in Mountrath

Now 11-12 am **Saturdays**



Kids 6-10 years

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€2 per child per session



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MOUNTRATH, R32 DC58

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Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am 6 + years

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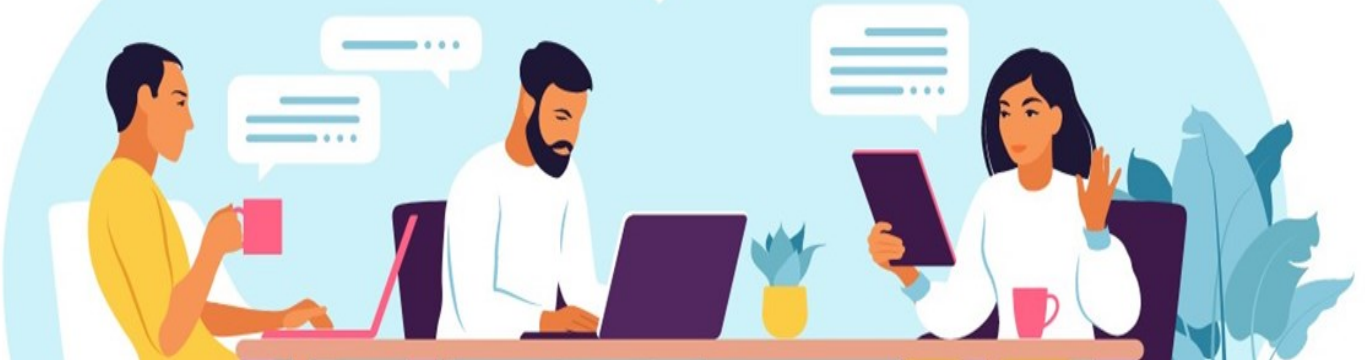
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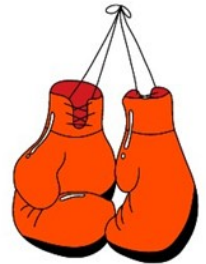
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Brazilian

8-12 years,

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Jiu-jitsu*

€ 35 per month or €5 per class

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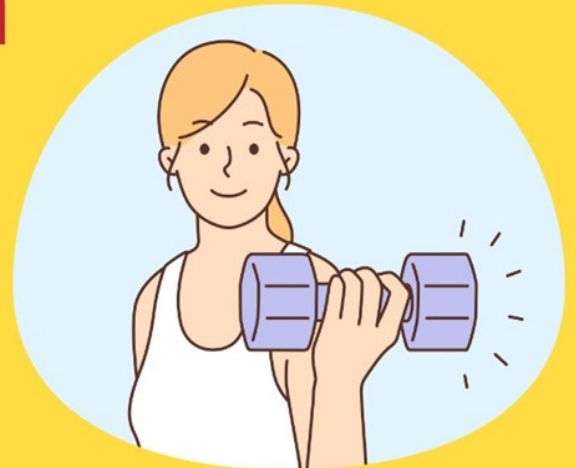
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Saturday Morning Circuit Training



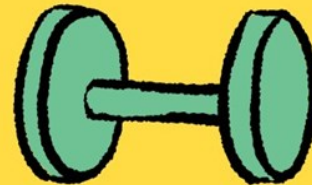
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Sundays



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

Wednesdays

Kids 7-8 pm

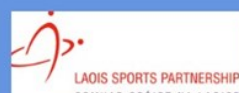
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Kids 10- 11 am

Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

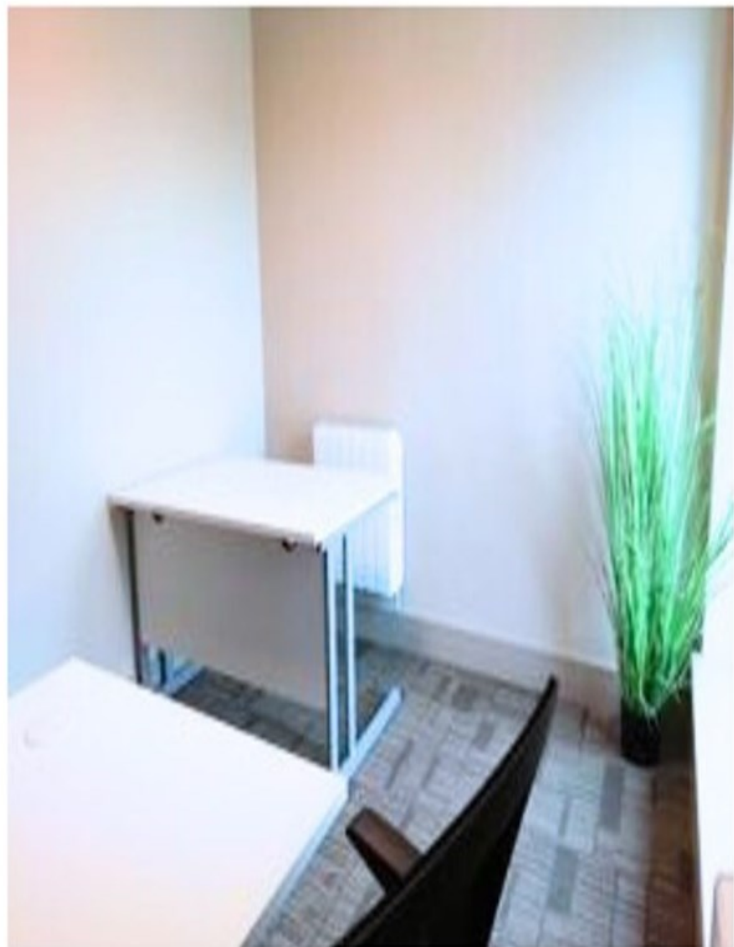
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1 - 2 person offices for rent in our Social Enterprise centre in Mountrath



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Activities suitable for Senior Citizens in Mountrath

Mature Movers 50 +
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Bowls inclusive 11 am Tuesdays
Bowls 8 pm Thursdays

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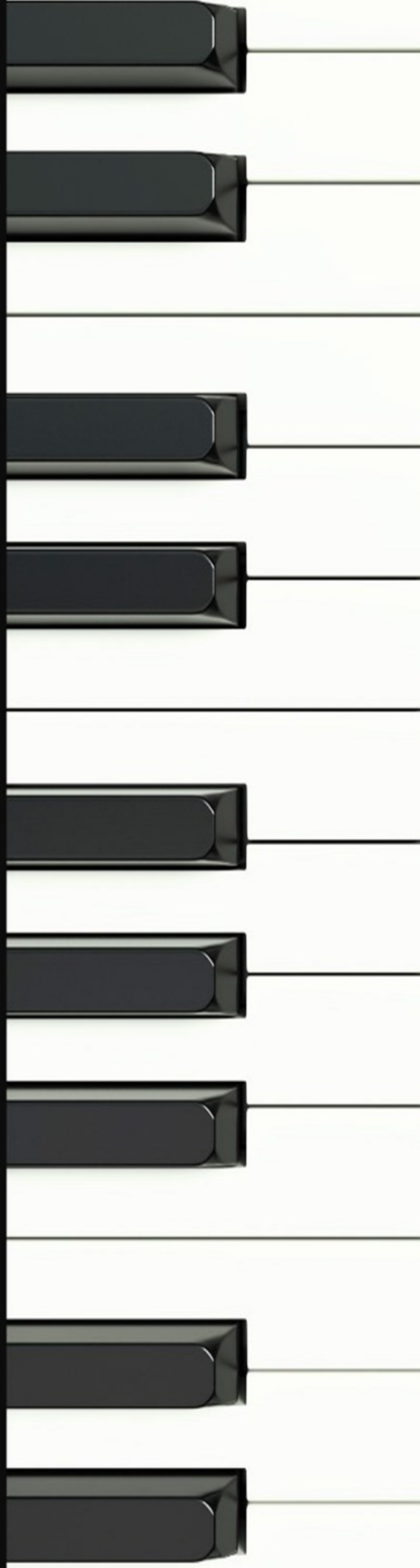


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For all ages from beavers to ventures and into leaders !



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

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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

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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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