

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

17th - 18th Jan. 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catholic Schools Week 2026

18th to 24th January

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Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes



The people of Kildare, Ireland, call on people worldwide to Pause for Peace for 1 minute's silence/reflection at 12 noon, local time, on St. Brigid's day, February 1st each year. By pausing for Peace we send out a message that we actively oppose warfare and the proliferation of arms in our world.

The Pause for Peace is promoted by trained peace ambassadors from schools throughout County Kildare and further afield – an initiative of Kildare Town Community School.

Join us! Answer the call!

A global Pause for Peace Movement was jointly launched by Kildare Tourism and Solas Bhríde in Kildare in 2023 to mark the new national holiday in honour of St. Brigid who was renowned as a Peacemaker in early Ireland. One of the most popular legends associated with Brigid is that of giving away her father's precious sword to a poor person so that it could be bartered for food to feed his family. It is a rolling pause for peace commencing in New Zealand and moving seamlessly through continents and islands on St. Brigid's Day.

Since its inception in 2023, the Pause for Peace is gaining widespread support nationally and internationally.

Let us continue to sow seeds of peace across the globe.

www.solasbhride.ie www.intokildare.ie

Supporters for the Pause for Peace Movement include

Michael D. Higgins, Former President of Ireland
Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann
Kildare Local Authority
Irish Embassies and Consulates

A quotation from President Higgins with reference to the Pause for Peace:
"Your efforts to bring together communities from across the globe in the name of Naomh Bríd (St. Brigid) is truly admirable. Mar Uachtarán na hÉireann (As President of Ireland) may I thank you for this initiative which constitutes a form of active global citizenship at its best.

This new Pause for Peace Movement is a unique event which breaks new ground in recognising the cultural and historical importance of St. Brigid beyond borders and aims to form a spirit of solidarity and peace in societies all over the globe."

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Tom (Tommy) Cripps, Roskelton. R.I.P.

We pray for Thomas who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Fri. 9th Jan. Thomas' Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen on Mon. 12th Jan. followed by burial in Raheen Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to his sister Christina, brother Seamus, their families and all the Cripps family, nieces, nephews and their families, gran-nieces, gran-nephews, relatives, neighbours and friend.

Tom joined us for Mass and prayed with us in the Hollow Church every Sunday morning over many years.

One tribute on r.i.p.ie described Tommy as a dedicated and dependable member of Laois Co. Co. Machinery Yard Staff.
- a pleasant and likeable gentleman.

May (Tommy) Tom rest in the peace of Christ.

Poet's Corner

Wild Geese by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.

You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.

Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.

Meanwhile the world goes on.

Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.

Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

takes place from 18 to 25 January.

The theme this year is

"One Body, One Spirit"

based on Ephesians 4. For '26, the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

Football Forecasting Competition

It's time for the Football Forecasting Competition again! We were delighted with its success last year here, both in terms of funds raised and fun generated and hope for more of the same in 2026.

The proceeds this year will go towards funding equipment for our newly opened ASD classroom.

To recap, and for our new families, the Football Forecasting is based around the 7 weeks of the 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.

Last year six people shared the final prize, as each scored 71 points. Can Greg Kerrigan, Greg Corcoran, John Clare, Pauric Carroll, Sean Larkin and Ballyfin's own Tom Finn be surpassed this year?

For added interest, for 2026 we are being joined by participants from Bracknagh National School, on the Offaly Kildare border. (The proceeds raised by each school will be retained by them).

Even if you are not in the running for the prize-money, bragging rights can be earned by being the best in your family/workplace etc! An online sign-up form is available

at <https://forms.gle/JvbFcMJ4AceY39vg8>

Hard copy sign-up forms will also be sent home tomorrow – one for each 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. All aspects of the competition can be completed online weekly via a google form, so please do spread the word among friends and family living further afield. There will also be a paper option for people who are not comfortable using google forms.

How to Enter

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 24th, 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.

Thanking you in advance,

Brigid (Bennett (Principal, Ballyfin N.S.)

Table Quiz

Fri. 23rd Jan.

The Deadman's 8.00 pm

Ballyfin National School

Parents Council

€ 5 per ticket

Your Support much Appreciated

Raffle on the Night

Thank You (Ballyfin Parish)

A very special note of thanks to all involved in our various and enriching Ministries here at Ballyfin Church, throughout the year.

Servers, Readers (Proclaimers of the Word) - Ministers of Holy Communion - Collectors - Church Cleaners - Ministries co-ordinators, Esther and Crescentia, Sacristans, Musicians, Organists, Singers, Choirs and coordinators and all who enhance our celebration of the Eucharist and liturgies here in Ballyfin Parishes.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the preparation and decoration of the Christmas Tree and Christmas Crib and thanks to all who helped with all our Christmas preparations inside and outside. Please know that our help and co-operation is very much appreciated.

Fr. Joe - Parish Priest

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Please know that your help and co-operation is very greatly acknowledged and much appreciated.

Portlaoise and District Ploughing Assoc.

Table Quiz
In the "Deadmans"
(This) Sat. 17th Jan. 8.00 pm
Table of 4 € 40.00
Great Prizes -
Fun for All the Family

Your support much appreciated

Mountmellick, Ballyfin Mountrath Lourdes Pilgrimage '26

Spiritual Director Fr. Micheál Murphy

(P.P. Mountmellick)

20th July - 7 Nights Hotel La Solitude

€ 1,120.00 per person sharing

See next frame for Details

LOURDES



MOUNTMELLICK, BALLYFIN, MUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

Spiritual Director: Fr Micheál Murphy

20th July 2026

7 Nights Hotel La Solitude

€1,120 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights' accommodation in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Mass at the Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Visit places associated with the life of St. Bernadette
- » Full assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports
- » Single rooms available supplement is €49 per night
- » Travel Insurance available €55 up to 79 years; €75 for those 80 - 94 years old
- » Deadline for deposits (€200 per person) is Friday 30th January 2026.
LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE.

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TOTS AND CO PLAYSCHOOL REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



**20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
IN QUALITY CHILDCARE**

**ECCE & NCS
SCHEMES AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT COLETTE:
0874162377**

MOUNTRATH, CO. LAOIS

Copy of Financial Statements
(For Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes)
available on
Notice Board at back of Church
and on Online Newsletter

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Accounts
for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Thank you for your continued and generous
support of
Mountrath / Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lottos
and Mountrath / Ballyfin Parish Collections.

Your kind and generous support is much appreciated

See Below Parish Finances From Page 113

Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 17th Jan.

To

Sun. 25th Jan.

Lord, for your faithful people,
Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Fri. 16th to Sun. 25th Jan.

Fri. 16th Jan. 11.00 am Anne Kehoe (Nee Murphy) Boughlone
Funeral Mass R.I.P

5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 17th Jan. 8.00 pm Ann Holohan, Springfield. 2nd Anniv.

Julia Gorman, Irey. 8th Anniv.

Denis and Brigid Walsh

Patrick and Maureen Lynch.

Sun. 18th Jan. 10.00 am Sheila Fitzpatrick, Cappinaclaire 5th Anniv

Mary and Michael McCormack, Clonurk.

Sally Lalor, Clonagown. 10th Anniv.

Her daughter, Margaret Brown (nee Lalor).

Fielbrook, who died on Tues. 13th Jan. R.I.P.

Fintan Lawlor, Cappinaclaire

Mon. 19th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Anniversaries
Anniversary and Mass Times
Fri. 16th to Sun. 25th Jan. Continued

Fri. 23rd Jan. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 24th Jan. 8.00 pm Margaret (Maggie) O'Rourke,

(nee Bowe) R.I.P. Lower Sconce. Month's Mind .

Maura and Patsy Feighery, O'Moore Forest.

and their grand-daughter, Claudia Buckley

Sun. 25th Jan. 10.00 am Mary Conroy, Ross - Sutton 1st Anniv.

Jim Delaney, Clonagown 5th Anniv.

And parents, Edward and Brigid Delaney

Thomas (Tommy) O'Rourke, Ballycormack. 6th Anniv

Seán Keegan, Birmingham and Mountmellick

Johanna Whitaker, Ashgrove, Mountmellick.

Formerly London

Mon. 26th Jan. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sun. 8th Feb. 10.00 am John Hearns, Hillview, Portlaoise.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 17th - Mon. 25th Jan.

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

Sat. 17th Jan. 7.00 pm Noel Ryan (Jnr) Patrick St., 5th Anniv.

Jackie Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cr. 5th Anniv.

Seamus (Seamie) Osborne, Fr. O'Connor Cress. 7th Anniv.

Kathleen Lalor (née Delaney) Northgrove, Mountrath. R.I.P.

Sun. 18th Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

11.30 am Kathleen Holland, Trumera, 2nd Anniv.

Billy Brophy, Woodbrook. 4th Anniv.

Tues. 20th Jan. 10.00 am

Wed. 21st Jan. 10.00 am Ann Farrell (nee Lowry) Patrick St., R.I.P.

Ann died on 11th December 2025

(Mass at request of Mountrath St. Vincent de Paul Society)

Thur. 22nd Jan. 10.00 am Peter, Brigid and Kieran Farrell, Dysartbeigh

Fri. 23rd Jan. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 17th - Sun. 25th Jan. Continued

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

Sat. 24th Jan. 7.00 pm John Delaney, Kiln Lane. Month's Mind

Phina and Pat Kavanagh, Clonard, Kilbricken. Month's Mind

Bernadette (Bernie) Tynan (Nee Carroll) Fr. O'Connor Crec.

Bernadette (Bernie) died on Thurs. 23rd Oct. 2025

(Mass at request of Fr. O'Connor Crec. Residents Assoc)

Lyla Lynch, Kiln Lane / Main St. 2nd Anniv.

Peter and Molly Rice, Val and Vera Rice

And Rosie Kenny

Kay Downey (Nee Delaney) The Hermitage

Formerly, Trumera. 9th Anniv.

Joseph (Joe) Dowling, Clonard. 18th Anniv.

Sun. 25th Jan. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.**

Elizabeth (Liz) Seale, Clonadacasey.

11.30 am Seán and Eileen Moore, Woodbrook.

Jimmy Lalor Fitzpatrick, Kiln Lane. 8th Anniv.

Mountrath Parish

Ministries Rota

Sat 24th Sun. 25th Jan

Readers Sat. 7.00 pm Pauric Tobin
Sun. 11.30 am Niamh Cahill

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 7.00 pm
Mary Kerwin, Niamh O'Hara, Paulo Jacob
Sun. 11.30 am
Dolores Mulhare, Elaine Doheny, Rachel Hill

Collectors

Sat. William Fitzpatrick Joe Hosey
Sun. Anthony Deegan

Ballyfin Parish

Ministries Rota

Ministries Rota Sat. 24th - Sun. 25th Jan.

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Sheila Dowling Sheila Dowling

Sun. 10.00 am Br. Gerry Reburn Brid Duff

Collectors for January

Sat. Denis Bowe Sun. John Coughlan

“Do This In Memory”

Our Next

“Do This In Memory” Mass

is arranged for

Mountrath Church

Sat. 7th Feb. 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Church.

Sun. 8th Feb. 10.00 am

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis - Mountrath

Sat. 24th Jan. after 10.00 am Mass

For Confirmation Candidates

and their parents in Mountrath Parish.

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis Ballyfin

Sun. 25th Jan. after 10.00 am Mass

For Confirmation Candidates

and their parents in Ballyfin Parish.



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Something has been brewing
in Mountrath.....

*Coming
Soon*
**Now
Open**



Check out our socials

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 086 157 0145 for information/application form.

Sunday Missals 2026. (Year A)

Mountrath

Our Readers (Proclaimers of the Word) are invited to collect
their Sunday Missals

A very special note of thanks to all involved in our various
Ministries here at Mountrath Church. Servers, Readers
(Proclaimers of the Word) - Ministers of Holy Communion -
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Geraldine and Paulo, Sacristans, Musicians, Singers, Choirs
and coordinators and to all who enrich our celebration of the
Eucharist here in Mountrath and Ballyfin Churches.

Sacramental Dates

Mountrath Ballyfin

Parishes

1st Holy Communion Preparation

"Do This In Memory" Mass.

Sat. 7th February

Mountrath Ch. 7.00 pm

1st Holy Communion Preparation

"Do This In Memory" Mass.

Sun. 8th February

Ballyfin Ch. 10.00 am

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Sacramental Dates Mountrath Parish

1st Holy Communion Sun. 26th April 11.30 am

Ceremony of Confirmation

Friday 1st May 11.00 pm

Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Penance with 1st Holy Communion children,

Tues. 21st April 11.30am

The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

with Confirmation Candidates

Tues. 28th April 7.30pm (Mountrath Ch)

Enrolment for 1st Holy Communion

Sat. 11th Oct. 7.00 pm Mass

“Do This In Memory” Masses

All “Do This In Memory” Masses will be on the
2nd Sunday of the month.

Vigil Mass on Saturday evening 7.00 pm

(Unless otherwise indicated)

Sacramental Dates

'25 - '26 Ballyfin Parish

1st Holy Communion

Ballyfin Sch. Sun. 17th May 10.00 am

Barnashrone School

Sun. 24th May 10.00 am

Enrolment - Sun. 12th Oct. 10.00 am

Ceremony of Confirmation

Friday 1st May 2.30 pm

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1st Eucharist Preparation Programme

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion next year are required to attend all "Do This In Memory" Masses with their parents or guardian.

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

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

Or

To the Sunday morning Mass in Mountrath at 11.30 am

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

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish

Triona O'Rourke Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish.

Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person

Ms. Ailish Higgins.

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person:

Ms Michelle Hughes c/o

Bishop's Hse, Dublin Rd, Carlow Phone 085 802 1633

*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. - BOFIIE2D

**If contributing to Parish directly through our bank account please include
your own name as the reference.**

Parish Newsletters.

There are three Parish Newsletters prepared
and published each week

2 - A4 Print editions for Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes -
available at all our Masses
and online (in PDF format)

and 1 online Newsletter, uploaded to our Parish App.

[Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes](#)

and to our parish Website,

www.mountrathparish.ie

and available to view from early Saturday morning.

Deadline for items for Parish Newsletters

12.00 midday Thursday

Items for Parish Newsletters always most welcome

Ways of Supporting Mountrath Parish:

Weekly Envelopes

Contributing to the Offertory Collection during Mass

Supporting Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Standing Order or Transfer directly to Parish Account

Direct payment - Cash / Cheque

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable

to "Ballyfin Parish"

Please indicate - Parish Fund

or Clergy Fund (for support of the priests of the Parish)

Cheques can be posted to - Parish Office, Parochial House, Ballyfin,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

or deposited in the wall safe at back of Church

Online Facility See Diocesan Website - www.kandle.ie

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Ballyfin Parish

Times of Funeral Masses

Funeral Masses are celebrated in Ballyfin Parish at the following times

Weekdays (Monday to Saturday) 11.00 am

Sundays 10.00 am

The Celebrant is the priest on duty in the Parish.

Funeral Masses are transmitted live on the Parish Webcam

And are recorded and available to playback or download

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Would you like to become more involved
in Mountrath or Ballyfin Parish ?

As

- Minister of Holy Communion
- Member of our hospitality team who looks
after our church building
- Reader, Proclaimer of The Word
 - Collector at Mass
 - Member of our parish choir
- Member of any of our Parish Organisations
 - Server at Mass

We would welcome your involvement.

Please contact either Fr. P.J or myself
with an expression of interest.

Fr. P.J. 087 605 5783 Fr. Joe 087 241 1594

Parish News



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The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

with Confirmation Candidates

Tues. 28th April 7.30pm (Mountrath Ch)

Enrolment for 1st Holy Communion

Sat. 11th Oct. 7.00 pm Mass

“Do This In Memory” Masses

All “Do This In Memory” Masses will be on the
2nd Sunday of the month.

Vigil Mass on Saturday evening 7.00 pm

Sunday Missals 2026.

(Year A)

Ballyfin and Mountrath

Our Readers (Proclaimers of the Word)

are invited to collect their

Sunday Missals for next year.

1st Holy Communion Preparation

Next

"Do This In Memory" Mass.

Sat. 7th February

Mountrath Ch. 7.00 pm

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Next

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Sun. 8th February

Ballyfin Ch. 10.00 am

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis - Mountrath

Sat. 24th Jan. after 10.00 am Mass

For Confirmation Candidates

and their parents in Mountrath Parish.

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis Ballyfin

Sun. 25th Jan. after 10.00 am Mass

For Confirmation Candidates

and their parents in Ballyfin Parish.

Sacramental Dates

'25 - '26 Ballyfin Parish

1st Holy Communion

Ballyfin Sch. Sun. 17th May 10.00 am

Barnashrone School

Sun. 24th May 10.00 am

Enrolment - Sun. 12th Oct. 10.00 am

Ceremony of Confirmation

Friday 1st May 2.30 pm

Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Penance with 1st Holy Communion children

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(Unless otherwise indicated)

1st Eucharist Preparation Programme

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion next year are required to attend all "Do This In Memory" Masses with their parents or guardian.

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

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Or

To the Sunday morning Mass in Mountrath at 11.30 am

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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 086 157 0145 for information/application form.

Portlaoise and District Ploughing Assoc.

Table Quiz In "The Deadmans"

Sat. 17th Jan. 8.00 pm

Table of 4 € 40.00

Great Prizes - Fun for All the Family

All support much appreciated

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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

Some 2026 Diary Dates

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

Patron Saint of Kildare and Leighlin Our No. 1 - Ireland's No. 2

Ash Wednesday 18th February

Mass in Mountrath 10.00 am 7.30 pm Ballyfin 7.30 pm

St. Patrick's Day Tues. 17th March Ireland's National Saint

Masses

Vigil Mass as on Sundays Both Parishes

The Hollow Ch. 9.00 am

Mountrath 10.30 am

Ballyfin 10.00 am

Thurs. 2nd April Holy Thursday Mass at 7.30 pm Both

Ministers of Holy Communion Renewal during Mass

Good Fri. 3rd April (Both) Outdoor Stations of the Cross 10.00 am

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross 7.30 pm

Easter Vigil - Mass at 8.00 pm Both

Easter Sunday 5th April Ballyfin Ch. Mass at 10.00 am

Mountrath Parish The Hollow Ch. 9.00 am Mountrath Ch. 11.30 am

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In St. Fintan's Hall at 8pm.

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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 14th Jan.

No Jackpot Winner

Nos. Drawn 1 24 26 32

8 Match 3 Rec. €125 each

Next Week's Jackpot.

€12,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs 15th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 4 9 10 21

No Jackpot Winner

16 Match 3 Rec. € 63 each

2 Local Winners, Celine Cripps

Promoter, Celine Cripps

Eileen, Joan, S.C and D

Promoter, Joan Bergin

Next Week's Jackpot.

€13,000

A Note of Thanks

to everyone involved in

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos

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.

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath € 13,000

Ballyfin € 12,000



News From Around
The Diocese

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service

Volunteer Drivers Needed

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If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

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Quote from Bishop Denis Nulty

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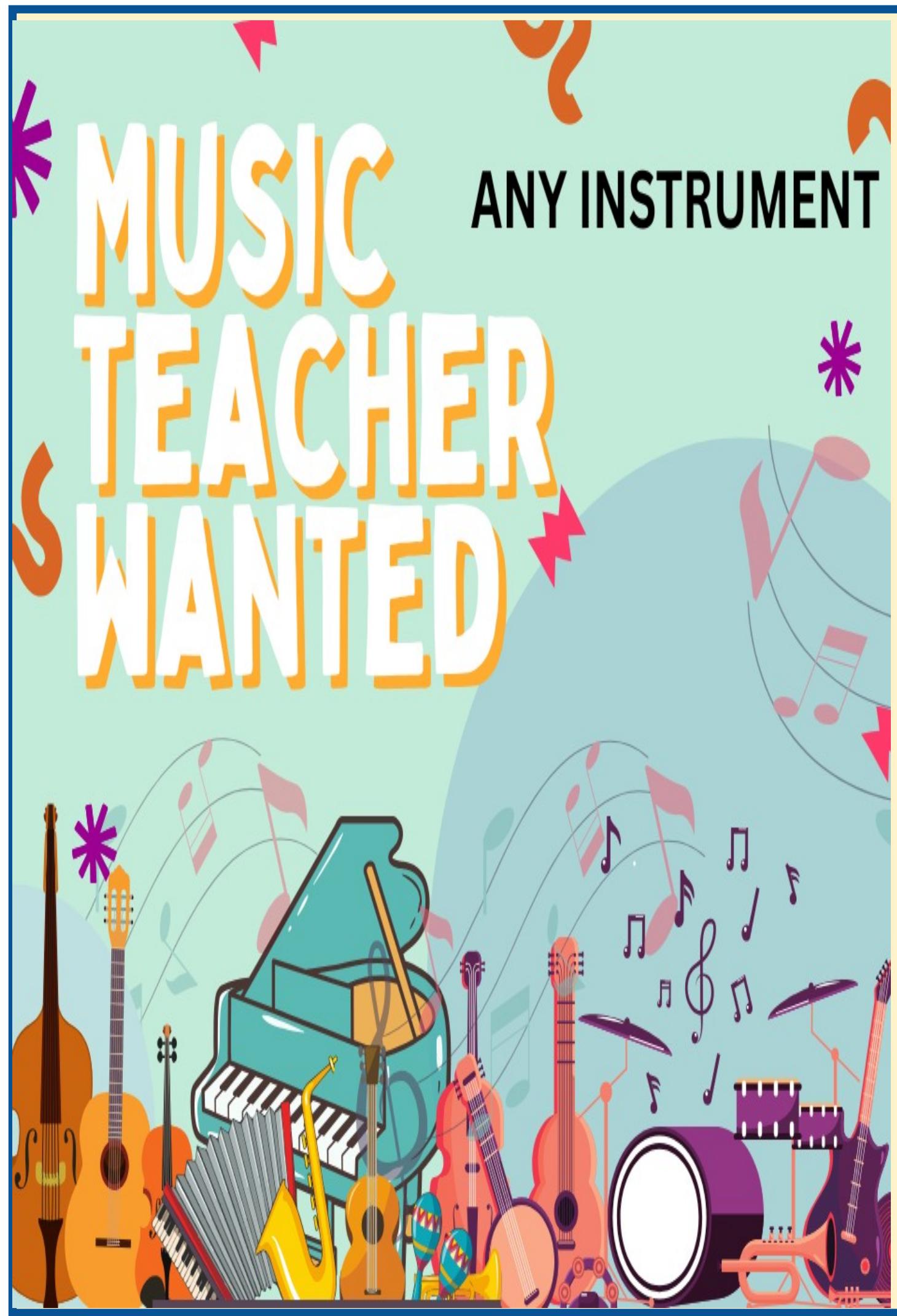
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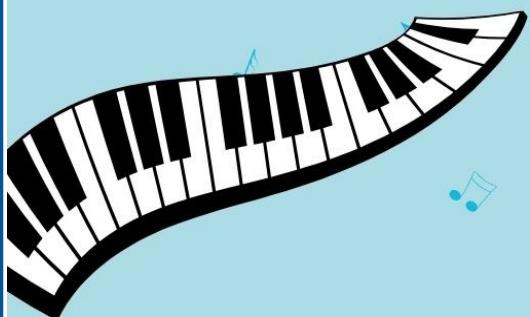
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Workshop fee includes admission to concert

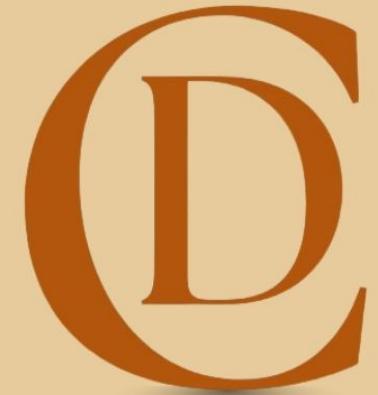
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Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Ballyfin Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Income:

Basket Collection: € 15,971.70

Envelope Collection: € 36,274.99

Shrine income: € 569.24

Rental income: € 14,320

Tax Refunds / Rebate: € 12,000.07

Church Bookings: € 250

Lotto income: € 11,036.10

Other Income: € 1,389

Total Income € 91,811.10

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Expenditure:

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,895

Insurance: € 4,042.27

Security: € 579.16

Light and Heat: € 13,266.21

Rates, Water, LPT : € 736.78

Repairs and Maintenance: € 11,930.20

Diocesan Levy: € 6,576.

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Missalettes/Printing: € 7,692.22

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 4,176.35

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,165.16

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 690

Hire of Equipment: € 1,333

Music/choir expenses: € 200

Accountancy Fees: € 300.29

Bank Charges: € 828.11

Donations/Collections: € 880

Total :Expenditure € 57,290.75

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Envelope Collection: € 41,068

Shrine income: € 9,059

Rental income: € 34,425

Donations: € 6,615

Tax Refunds / Rebate: € 17,018.07

Church Bookings: € 635

Deposit interest: € 127.44

Office: € 978

Lotto Income: € 30,157

Other Income: € 15,732.87

Total Income € 196,084.38

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Expenditure

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,412

Insurance: € 19,107.29

Security: € 484.54

Light and heat: € 19,823.12

Rates, Water, LPT : € 1,444.69

Repairs and Maintenance: € 103,631.35

Diocesan Levy: € 11,005.80

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Clergy Fund: € 2,342

Missalettes/Printing: € 13,534.29

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 8,353.98

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,400

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 2,880

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Expenditure (Continued)

Hire of Equipment: € 2,903

Music/Choir Expenses: € 525

Accountancy Fees: € 300.29

Bank Charges: € 969.37

Donations/Collections: € 1,185

Other loan Interest: € 5.37

Interest: € -26.26

Total Expenditure € 192,280.83

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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 Retirement Fund	€ 1,000.00
Other Income	€ 2,984.00	Printing/Missallettes	€ 9,233.00
		Altar/Shrine	€ 10,616.00
Total:	€ 226,586.00	Telephone/Broadband	€ 600.00
		Computer/servicing	€ 5,051.00
		Accountancy Fees	€ 540.00
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		Donations	€ 1,700.00
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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
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HAPPY NEW YEAR , NEW LIFE

TIME IS LIFE - LIFE IS PRECIOUS

EVERY DAY IS PRECIOUS

Time is treasure; using it in a worthwhile way makes every day special and life becomes fulfilling.

EVERY BREATH IS PRECIOUS

Just as an ocean absorbs rivers, I must learn to merge everything that comes to me so that deep within there is always calmness.

EVERY MOMENT IS PRECIOUS

Let me fill myself with so much peace and stability that whoever comes in front of me at any time is at ease and uplifted.

EVERY FEELING IS PRECIOUS

When there are pure feelings in my heart they will keep my head cool and clear and will be expressed through my eyes.

EVERY THOUGHT IS PRECIOUS

The more I am able to keep thinking positively and kindly, the more I accumulate inner power.

EVERY WORD IS PRECIOUS

Let me fill every word that I speak with love, wisdom and honesty and then be confident that the truth will prove itself, just as a diamond will sparkle even in the dark.

LIFE IS PRECIOUS

When I see the light in the eyes of a child full of life and joy of the moment, let me remember my own original freedom and purity of spirit.

