

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

31st Jan. - 1st Feb. 2026

Feast of St. Brigid

Prayer to St. Brigid

May St. Brigid bless us and make us Generous in our giving,

Pleasant in our greeting,

Honest in our speaking

Loyal in our loving

Clear in our thinking.

Strong in our working

And joyful in our living

When it's time for our homecoming,

May there be peace in our passing and a warm welcome in heaven.

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

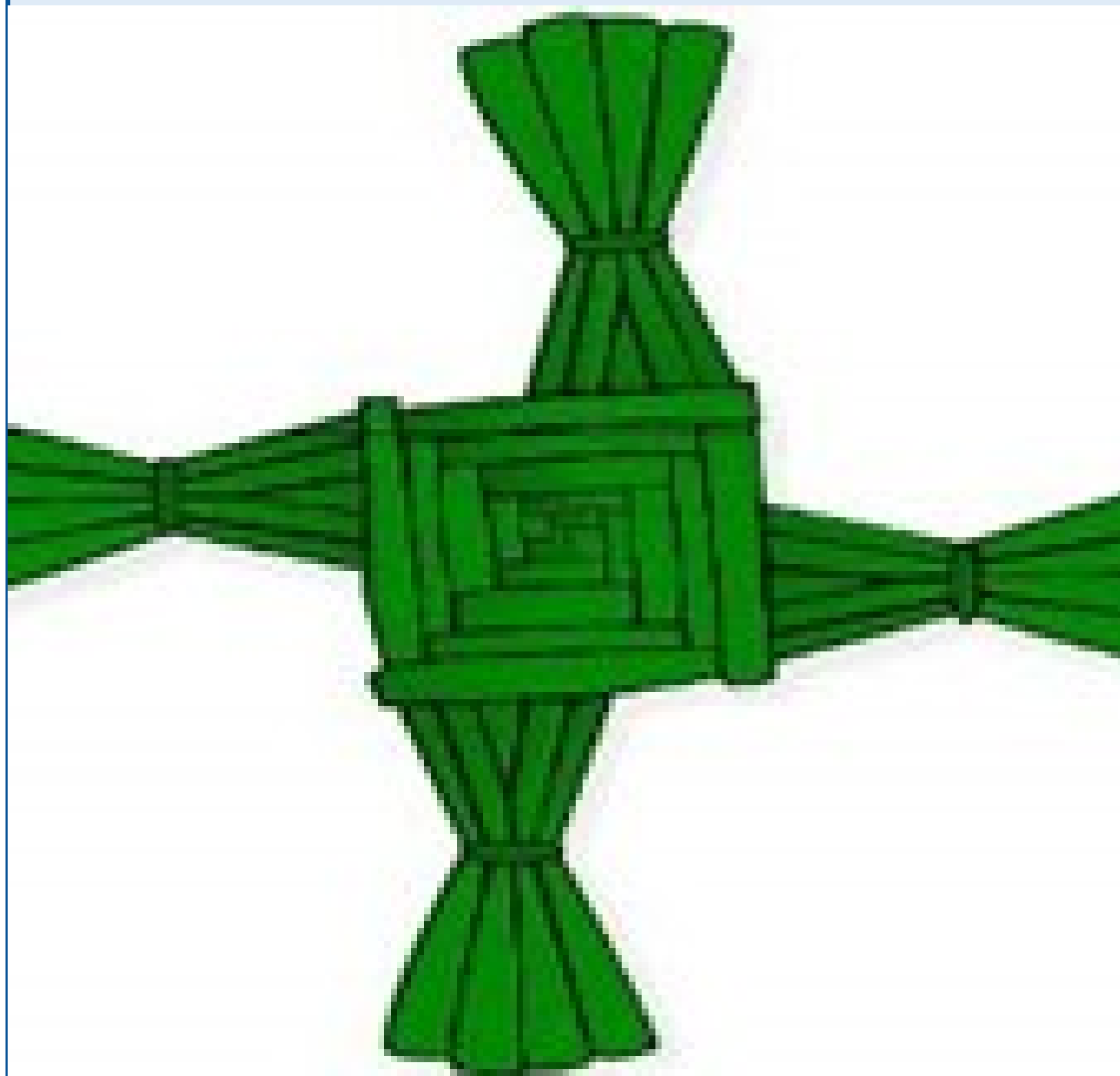
St.

Brígid



St. Brigid

Patron Saint of our Diocese
(Kildare and Leighlin)



(Extract from Diocesan Liturgical Calander
for Feb)

Sun. 1st Feb. Feast of St. Brigid

St Brigid is the female patron saint of Ireland. Irish people have prayed to her for many hundreds of years. St. Brigid was Abbess of the monastery at Cill Dara (the Church of the Oak) in the 6th century.

Tradition tells us that as Brigid explained the passion and death of Christ to the dying pagan chieftain, she took some rushes from the floor of the bothán and fashioned a cross.



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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ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK MON. 2ND FEB.

Monasterevin Parish have organised
a Camino Walk in honour of St. Brigid. Starting
at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice W34X529
on the Monasterevin – Rathangan Road (414) at 11.00am
on Monday 2nd February (walk is approx. 6km).

Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross. The walk will be led
by Bishop Denis Nulty and will journey via Umeras along the
New Canal Blue Way, finishing in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church,
Drogheda Street, Monasterevin (W34KD61)
with a Service of Light at 12.30pm.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

*We extend our best wishes to Ailish and her partner
at this special time*

Safeguarding Message

Maternity Cover for Diocesan DLP., Ailish Higgins,

is being provided on a part-time basis

by Michelle Hughes, our current deputy DLP.

Ash Wednesday

Wed. 18th February

Mass in Mountrath

10.00 am 7.30 pm

Mass in Ballyfin

7.30 pm

Ashes Blessed and Distributed
during All Masses

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John Moore. O'Moore Forest. R.I.P.

We pray for John who died peacefully at Regional Hosp., Portlaoise on Wed. 21st Jan. John's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Sat. 24th Jan. followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to his wife Margaret (Maggie) and her family, daughters, Mary and Sheila. sons Peter, Ger and Terry and their families, his nine grandchildren Pauric, Maria, Mairead, James, Sean, Sarah, Conor, Luke and Darragh and their families, his two great-grandchildren Rachel and Rosín, Sons-in-law Joe and Pete, daughters-in-law Theresa and Ailish. His sisters Dympna and Ronnie, Nieces, nephews and their families, relatives, neighbours and a large circle of friends.

May John rest in the peace of Christ

Patrick (Paddy) Heffernan, Bermingham
(Formerly Paddock) R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died at his home in Bermingham
on Tues. 13th Jan. We extend sympathy to his sister,
Margaret O'Brien and family, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.
and all the Heffernan family.

May Paddy Rest in the Peace of Christ

Sean Chistin Events R32X5D6

Monday 11.00 am

Sequence Dancing for older adults

(waltz, quickstep, foxtrot, jive)

Tuesday 11.00 am Line Dancing

Wednesday 8.00 pm Set Dancing

Thursday 11.00 am Movement to Music for
persons living with Parkinsons Disease.

Thursday 8.00 pm Line Dancing.

Details from Maureen 087 648 2038.

Tues. 3rd Feb.
Feast of St. Blaise

Rite of Blessing of Throats.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop
and martyr, may God deliver you and free you
from every disease of the throat,
and from every other disease.

In the name of the Father and of the Son,
+ and of the Holy Spirit. R. Amen.

Tues. 3rd Feb. Feast of St. Blaise

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. The first known record of the saint's life comes from the medical writings of Aëtius Amidenus, where he is recorded as helping with people suffering from objects stuck in their throat.

Many of the miraculous aspects of St. Blaise's life are written of 400 years after his martyrdom in the Acts of St. Blaise. Saint Blaise is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a physician of souls. He then retired to a cave, where he remained in prayer. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

In 316, the governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, Agricola, arrested then-bishop Blaise for being a Christian.

On their way to the jail, a woman set her only son, who was choking to death on a fish bone, at his feet. Blaise cured the child, and though Agricola was amazed, he could not get Blaise to renounce his faith and killed him.

Mountmellick Drama Group

Presents

"Albertine in Five Times"

A Play by Michael Tremblay

Mountmellick Arts Centre

Thurs. 12th, Fri. 13th,

Sat. 14th Feb.

8pm Nightly

Prayer for the Day

I pray that I may get myself

out of the way,

so that God's power

may flow in.

I pray that I may

surrender myself

to that power.

Week 1 - Results

Football Forecasting Competition

Round 1. Jan 24th / 25th

1st Place: 17 points

Eoghan Hyland (Bracknagh NS):

2nd Place: 12 points

Cora Gorman, Frances Harney, Mark Forde, Jack Hanlon,

Peter Brady (Ballyfin NS), James

Maher, Ian McCabe, Pat Kelly (Bracknagh NS),

3rd Place: 11 points,

Colm and Laura Linehan, Derek Delaney, Msgr John Byrne,

Diarmuid Fennell, Pj and Nicola Croke, Harry Allen,

Tiernan McBride (Ballyfin NS),

Michael Dowling, Cathal Bannon, Podge Walsh,

Ber Wyer (Bracknagh NS),

Thanks to all participants.

Football Forecasting Competition

An online sign-up form is available

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

It's not too late to join the fun
– sign up by contacting the school or at



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.)

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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



MOUNTMELICK, BALLYFIN, MOUNTRATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026

Spiritual Director: Fr Mícheál 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
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- LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE.

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SCHEMES AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT COLETTE:
0874162377**

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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. 31st Jan.

To

Sun. 8th Feb.

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Fri.. 30th Jan. to Sun. 8th Feb.

Fri. 30th Jan .5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 31st Jan. 8.00 pm Rita Fitzpatrick, Esker 4th Anniv

Seán Fitzpatrick, Esker 20th Anniv

Lily O'Connor. Knocknakeran. 6th Anniv.

Ann Costello, Ballyfin Rd.,

. Deceased members of Hooban family, Upper Sconce

Sun. 1st Feb. 10.00 am Feast of St. Brigid

Esther (Essie) Lanham, Upper Sconce. 2nd Anniv .

Augustine Lanhan, Upper Sconce.

Fri. 6th Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Fri.. 30 Jan th to Sun. 8th Feb.. Continued

Sat. 7th Feb. 8.00 pm Dan and Maisie Tynan, Clonkeen.

Kathleen and Matthew Dunphy, Barkmills

Patrick and Ellen O'Rourke, Coolnamona.

Paddy and Maureen Fitzpatrick, Pallas Little

Sun 8th Feb. 10.00 am John Hearn, Hillview, Portlaoise 1st A.

Seán Heffernan, Brockera, 14th Anniv.

John and Nora Keating, Brockera

Mon. 9th Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Mon. 2nd Feb. Candlemas Day

Blessing of Candles at our weekend Masses

Tues. 3rd Feb. Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of throats at Sunday's Masses

Blessing of throats at 10.00 am Mass in Mountrath

On Tues. – (Feast of St. Blaise)

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sun. 15th Feb. 10.00 am Micheál Conroy, Ross.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 31st Jan. - Mon. 8th Feb.

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

Sat. 31st Jan. 7.00 pm Bill Sinnott, Shannon Rd., 2nd Anniv
Philip Murphy, Forest. 4th Anniv.

Teresa O'Keeffe, Woodbrook.

And her son, Bernard O'Keeffe (Jnr)

George and Alice Tobin, Woodbrook.

May and Billy Tynan, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Dan and Anne Costello, Mountrath

Sun. 1st Feb.. St. Brigid's Day. Patron Saint of our Diocese

Blessing of Candles at our weekend Masses

Blessing of throats at all Sunday Masses

9.00 am The Hollow Ch. Mass of Feast of St. Brigid.

11.30 am Cathal Keegan, Dunmasc, Portlaoise. 19th Anniv.

Tues. 3rd Feb. 10.00 am Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats

Ann McCarthy, Knockanina. 38th Anniv.

Wed. 4th Feb. 10.00 am

Thur. 5th Feb. 10.00 am

Fri. 6th Feb. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 31st Jan. - Sun. 8th Feb Continued

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

Sat. 7th Feb. 7.00 pm Anthony Heffernan, Ringstown. 3rd Anniv.
. Patsy and Peg Keeshan, Patrick St., Peg's 6th Anniv.
. Helen Phelan (nee Moore) Patrick St., 23rd Anniv.

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

John, Daniel and Marie Tynan, Clonkeen.

11.30 am Sr. Philomena Browne, Brigidine Sister. 1st Anniv.

Patrick Parkinson, Woodbrook. 2nd Anniv.

Tom Lalor, Portlaoise Rd., 2nd Anniv.

Elizabeth Russell, Patsy and Tim Ryan, Patrick St.,

. James and Kathleen Tynan, Patrick St.,

*Lord, for your faithful people,
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Ballyfin Parish

Ministries Rota

Sat. 7th - Sun. 8th Feb.

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Triona O'Rourke Catherine Carroll

Sun. 10.00 am Catherine Carroll Br. Nicholas Leahy

Collectors for February

Sat. Mick Rice Sun. Chris Phelan Tom Bowe

"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

Date To Be Arranged

For Confirmation Candidates

and their parents in Mountrath Parish.

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis Ballyfin

Date To Be Arranged

For Confirmation Candidates

and their parents in Ballyfin Parish.

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Candidates

This years Confirmation Candidates, from both Parishes, have been invited to the Cathedral in Carlow to Meet Bishop Denis on Mon 9th Feb.

Bishop Denis will preside at a Ceremony of Blessing of the Holy Oils (Oils which will be used at Confirmation Ceremonies) as he begins this years' Confirmation Ceremonies throughout the Diocese.

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This Ceremony of Blessing will commence at 12 midday



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in Mountrath.....

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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.

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friend or neighbour in Ballyfin or Laois area
who may qualify, please contact

Sheila on 086 157 0145

for information/application form.

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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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 10.30am (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

Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Penance with 1st Holy Communion children

Thurs. 23rd April 11.30am

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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.

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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 quite 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

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Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

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Safeguarding Message

Maternity Cover for Diocesan DLP., Ailish Higgins, is being provided on a part-time basis by Michelle Hughes, our current deputy DLP.

*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.**

Parish Newsletters.

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.

All items for Newsletters are always most welcome

Letter, email or WhatsApp

Email address for Newsletters - jmbrophy2@gmail.com

As Newsletters go to print at 2.00 pm Thursdays, the Deadline
for items for Parish Newsletters is 12.00 (midday) Thursday

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

Mountrath Parish

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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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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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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

Thurs. 23rd April 11.30am

The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

with Confirmation Candidates

Tues. 28th April 7.30pm (Ballyfin Church)

All "Do This In Memory" Masses will be on the

2nd Sunday of the month.

(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.

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

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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.

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In 2024, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented Mountrath Parish finances
by over € 17,000

If you receive a CHY3 Form later on in the Spring please consider completing the details and returning it .

If you would like more information please contact me.

If you are already part of the Tax Back Scheme — *Thank You*

If you are not yet part of the tax back Scheme, I ask you to consider becoming part of it - It is of huge benefit to the Parish

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In 2024, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented our Parish finances by €12,000

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

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

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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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 28th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 4 11 29 21

1 Jackpot Winner of € 13,000

Congratulations to John Coughlan,

Clonbullogue

59 Match 3 Rec. € 17 each

2 Local Winners

Damien and Adrian Dowling

Promoter, Sheila Dowling

Eilish Goode

Promoter, Ann Heffernan.

Next Week's Jackpot. €10,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 29th Jan.

Nos. Drawn 5 12 24 27

No Jackpot Winner

19 Match 3 Rec. € 53 each

5 Local Winners

Winner

Promoter

Michael Heffernan Frances Byrne

Rian Cripps Celine Cripps

Hannah Phelan Gerry Dooley

John Gosling Rita Watkins

Callie, Holly and Noah Phelan

Promoter, E. Phelan

New Jackpot. € 15,000

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	€ 15,000
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Ballyfin	€ 10,000
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News From Around The Diocese

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

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.

Full training will be provided. There are a number of essential post-drive administration tasks that will require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings).

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

Invitation to Kildare and Leighlin Parishioners: Baptised and Sent in Lent - Exploring the Lenten Sunday Gospels

Our diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation and Diocesan Synod Committee are Inviting parishes, groups and individuals to make this new, short series a centre piece of their Lenten journey this year. *Can you give one hour a week, for five weeks, to join with others to reflect on the Sunday Gospel and its links to what it means to be baptised, as well as its links to some of the pastoral priorities that have emerged in synod conversations in our diocese and beyond? Would you like to find out more about being part of, or even running this series locally?*

An INFORMATION SESSION will take place in Newbridge Parish Centre on Tuesday, 3rd February. Tea/coffee available from 7 pm. Information session starts promptly at 7:30 pm- 9:00 pm.

Registration essential through fds@kandle.ie

If you would prefer to attend via zoom, please email fds@kandle.ie to request a zoom registration link.

Confirmation Candidates

This years Confirmation Candidates, from both Parishes, have been invited to the Cathedral in Carlow to Meet Bishop Denis on Mon 9th Feb. – Bishop Denis will preside at a Ceremony of Blessing of the Holy Oils (Oils which will be used at Confirmation Ceremonies) as he begins this years' Confirmation Ceremonies throughout the Diocese.

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This Ceremony of Blessing will commence at 12 midday

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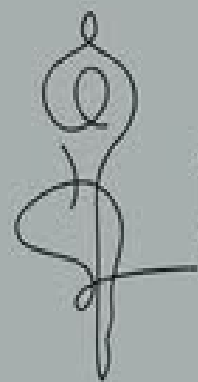
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@8PM

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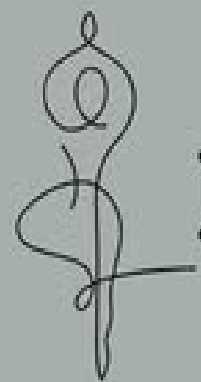
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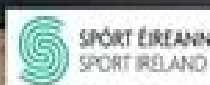
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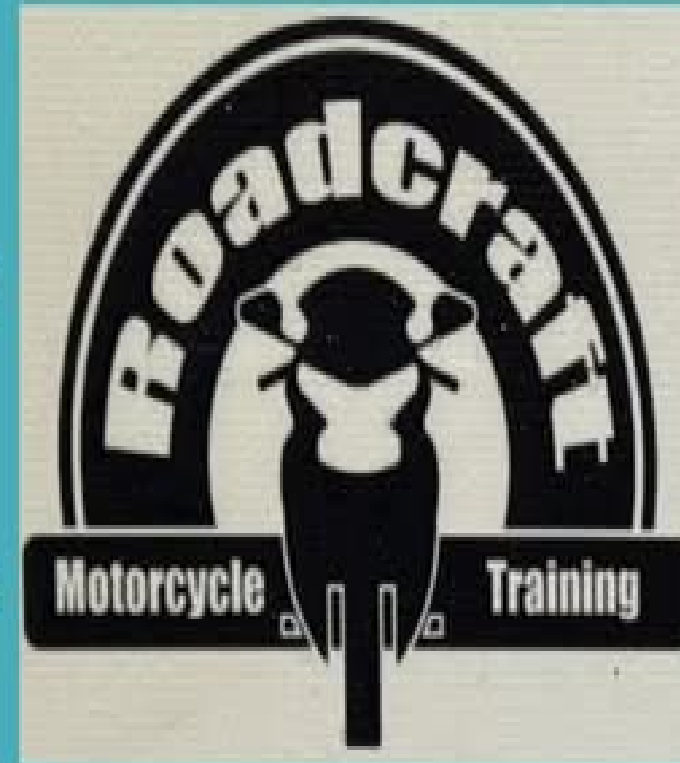
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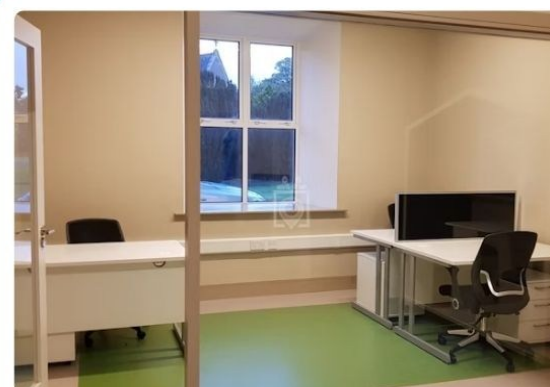
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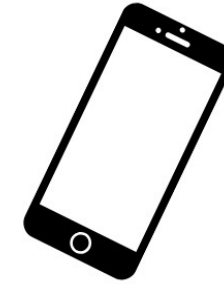


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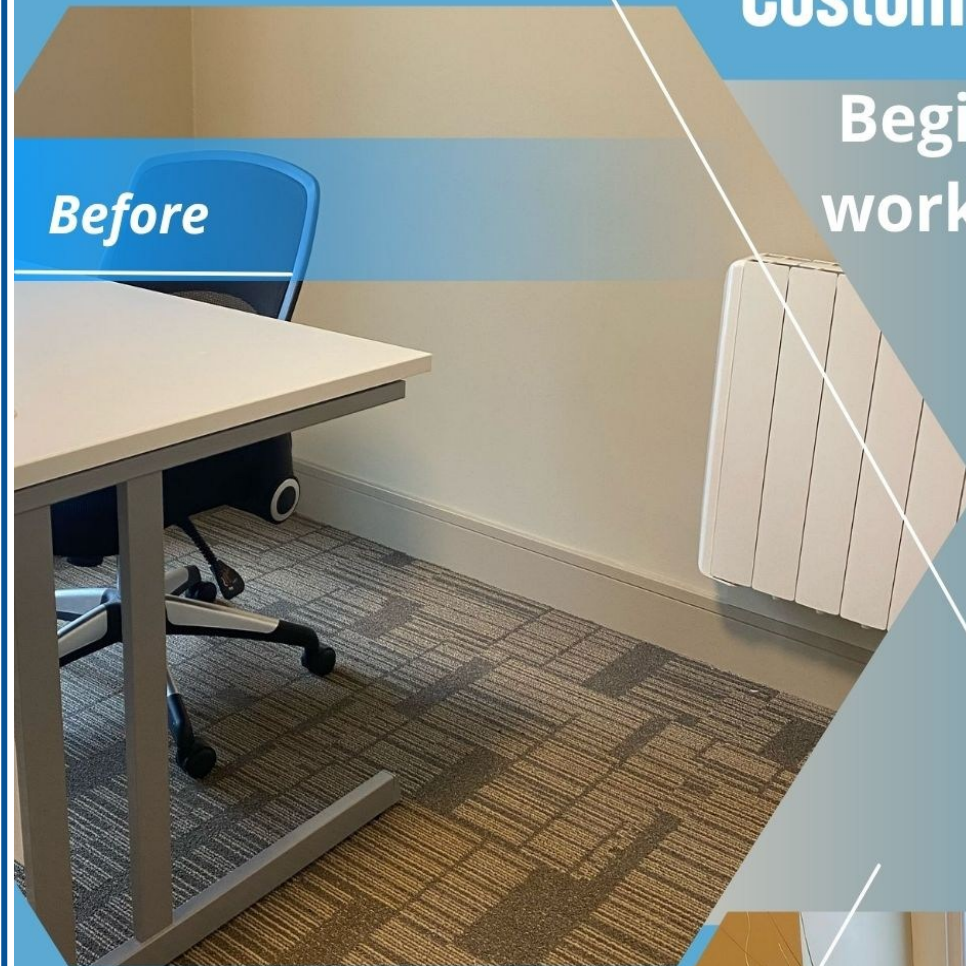
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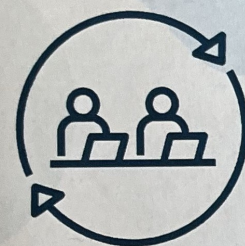
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Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

(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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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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If you receive a CHY3 Form later on in the Spring please consider completing the details and returning it . If you would like more information please contact me.

If you are already part of the Tax Back Scheme — *Thank You*

If you are not yet part of the tax back Scheme, I ask you to consider becoming part of it - It is of huge benefit to the 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)*

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

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

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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 Retire't Fund	€ 1,000 .00
Other Income	€ 2,984 .00	Printing/Missalettes	€ 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
		Youth/Community	€ 260.00
		Hire of Equipment	€ 1,141.00
		Music/Choir	€ 250.00
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