

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 21st May '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Sat. 20th – 21st May 2023

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald C.C. (087) 605 5783

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Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on

FM 104.5

www.ballyfinparish.ie www.mountrathparish.ie

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

All Ireland Vintage Rally

in Ballyfin

Sun. 28th May

See Online Newsletter

For Full Details

Tea Day for Alzheimer's

Tues. 23rd May 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Kiln Lane Day Centre -

All Most Welcome

Join us for the best cup o' tea - ever

Cemetery Masses In Mountrath Ballyfin

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 11th June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 28th June

Clonenagh Cemetery. Fri. 7th July

Cemetery on Right (Mountrath to Portlaoise)

Clondarrig Cemetery Wed. 2nd Aug.

Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6th Sept.

Sponsored Walk for Scoil Bhríde.

Hosted by Scoil Bhríde Parents' Council.

Sat. 27th May at 12 noon, starting at the

School and following the Slí na Sláinte

route around the town. The children of

the School will be delighted to supply

sponsorship cards.

Your support will be greatly appreciated

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. - We wish them a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to our girls and boys who were Confirmed in their faith at St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Fri. last, 12th May



We keep in our prayers

Jack Killeen, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. R.I.P.

We pray for Jack who died peacefully at his home on Fri. 12th May. Jack's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun. 14th May followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Lizzie, John, Pamela, Fintan, Michael, Linda, Kevin and their families, 15 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, brother Peter and family, extended family, neighbours and his many friends.

Fintan Morrissey, Newbridge - Formerly Woodbrook R.I.P.

We pray for Fintan who died peacefully at his home on Sat. 13th May. Fintan's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Cill Mhuire, Ballymany on Wed. 17th May followed by burial in St. Conleth's Cemetery, Newbridge. We extend sympathy to Kathleen, Deirdre, Paul, Dominic, Stephen, Fintan, Tara, Denise, Lisa and Marie, and their families, 14 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, sister Breda, sister-in-law Peg, nieces and nephews, extended family and his many relatives and friends in Mountrath and beyond.

James (Jimmy) Brennan, Glasthule, Lr Crutt, Clough. R.I.P.

We pray for Jimmy who died peacefully in St Vincent's Hospital (in the care of Glengara Park Nursing Home). Jimmy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St.

Joseph's Church, Glasthule on Thurs. 18th May followed by burial in St Patrick's Cemetery, Clogh, Castlecomer. We extend sympathy to his wife Ann, sister Anne (Carroll) and family, Cappagh, nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends.

May Jack, Fintan and Jimmy rest in the peace of Christ.

Retired Priests Collection

The Diocesan Collection for retired priests takes place at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 28th May. Many thanks to all for supporting and contributing to this Collection.

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction in Ireland. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators.

www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Bealtaine Festival - Dance with Maureen Culleton

Laois Sports Partnership invite you to Bealtaine Festival (Activities and Events) taking place for the month of May. Please contact Catriona on (086) 793 5234 to register as numbers are limited. Looking forward to seeing you all and having fun!

Thurs. 25th May (11am – 1pm) **Castletown Community Centre**

Deadline for Parish Newsletters

Items for Parish Newsletters are always most welcome. If you wish to have an item included in the Parish Newsletters (Print or online Edition) we request that they be in by 11.00 am on Thursdays

Text Message, Email, Whatsapp, Letter or Pop into Parochial House.

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

Choir Practice for "Saturday Night Choir"

Saturday night choir practice takes place on Tuesday nights 7.00pm in the church, if you would like to join the choir do come along to the practice. The choir will sing at the Saturday night Masses on 13th and 27th May.

*A Very Sincere "Thank you" for Your Most Generous Support
of all our Parish Collections*

Rescheduled Pastoral Areas Meetings

A revised schedule of Pastoral Area Meetings for Clergy and Parish Representatives has been announced. As we are in the Portlaoise Pastoral Area our Meeting is arranged for Tues. 23rd May in Portlaoise Parish Centre. 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with tea / coffee available from 7pm.

See letter from Jim Deeds on Page 24 of this Newsletter

Mountrath Community Alert

Annual text alert fee of €10 for 2023 -'24 now due. Fee may be paid until Friday 2nd June in the Credit Union or online at <http://www.communityalerts.ie>

New subscribers welcome.

Laudato Si Day Caring for our Common Home

Tuesday 30th May, An Gairdin Beo. (Beside St. Leo's Convent, Carlow). Time ; 11.00 am to 3.30 pm, Parking available in An Gairdin Beo. Lunch 1.00 to 2.00 pm.

Presented by Jane Mellett (Trocaire). A day together; to nourish our spirit, to be inspired by the words of Pope Francis and to share practical suggestions for parishes. Please book by Tuesday 23rd by phoning or emailing Aisling at Bishop's House, 059-9176725 or aisling@kandle.ie

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Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

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Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. –

We wish them a speedy recovery

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Mountrath Sat. 20th - Sun. 28th May

- Sat. 20th May 7.00 pm Kitty Byrne, Ringstown. 20th Anniv.
- Sun. 21st May 9.00 am Hollow Church. 1st Holy Communion Day
 . 11.30 am Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.
- Mon. 22nd May 10.00 am
- Tues. 23rd May 10.00 am
- Wed. 24th May 10.00 am
- Thur. 25th May 10.00 am
- Fri. 26th May 10.00 am
- Sat. 27th May 7.00 pm Liam Doyle, Shannon Rd., Month's Mind.
 His father, Tom. 10th Anniv. and brother, Paul
 Sally Osborne, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 1st Anniv.
 Peadar Rice, Forest 1st Anniv
 Bobbie Mulhall, Portlaoise Rd., 1st Anniv.
 Liam McRedmond, Forest.
 John and Anne Mulhare. Andy and Mary McGrath
 Br. Bosco (Michéal) The Square.
- Sun. 28th May 9.00 am The Hollow Ch. Fintan and Mary Dooley,
 11.30 am Paddy Carroll, Cappagh.

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

Ballyfin - Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 20th - Sun. 28th May

- Fri. 19th May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm William and Julia Conroy, Barkmills.
- Sat. 20th May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass.
- Sun. 21st May 10.00 am Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.
 2.00 pm Celebration of 1st Holy Communion
 With children of Ballyfin National School
- Mon. 22nd May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification
- Fri. 26th May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
 7.30 pm William and Julia Conroy, Barkmills.
- Sat. 27th May. 8.00 pm Fint. Jack and Elizabeth Horan, Pallas.
- Sun. 28th May. 10.00 am Feast of Pentecost.
 2.00 pm Celebration of 1st Holy Communion
 With children of Barnashrone National School



Diary Dates for 2023

The Hollow Church

Sun. 21st May Time 9.00 am - With children of Gaelscoil Thromaire.

1st Holy Communion Date - Ballyfin Parish

Sun. 21st May 2023 Time 2.00 pm

Sun. 28th May

(With children of Barnashrone NS) Time 2.00 pm



Mountrath - Ballyfin Lotto Results.

Ballyfin Lotto Results 17th May

Nos. Drawn 2 4 13 14



No Jackpot Winner.

19 Match 3 Rec. € 53 2 Local Winners

Kevin Dunne - Teresa McCormack

Promoter Kathleen Dunne

Next Week's Jackpot € 13,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 18th May

Nos. Drawn - 10 13 26 30

No Jackpot Winner - New Jackpot € 20,000

5 Match 3 - € 200.00 ea 2 Local Winners

John Gosling Sponsor Rita Watkins

Betty and Bernie . Sponsor Betty Phelan

- 10 13 26 30

*Next
Week's*



€ 13,000

Ballyfin

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€ 20,000 - Mountrath

All Ireland Vintage Rally in Ballyfin

Sun. 28th May

See full details below

**Irish Vintage Society All Ireland
National Vintage Rally**



Sunday 28th May

Ballyfin Vintage Club



Co. Laois. R32 AD92



085 1184563 / Auto Jumble 087 7824481



Irish Vintage Society
All Ireland National Rally
Sunday 28th May 2023



Hosted by

Ballyfin Vintage Club, Co Laois R32AD92



- Traditional Steam threshing
- Display of Vintage tractors and Cars.
- Stationary engines
- Die-cast Display
- Children's entertainment
- Card making
- Music & dancing
- Steam driven Saw Bench
- Rare vintage collection of Lanz tractors
- Auto-jumble
- Dog show
- Face painting
- Butter making
- Variety of other attractions

Contact: Robbie 0851184563

Die Cast Majella 0863101822

Auto Jumble Paddy 087 7824481

Pre Booking Essential

ALL Ireland Nation Vintage Rally

(Irish Vintage Society)

Hosted By

Ballyfin Vintage Club

Co. Laois.

@ R32 AD92



Sunday 28th May 11am -6PM

Show for all the Family

*Steam Threshing, Steam Powered Saw Bench, Butter making,
Wood Turning, Die Cast miniature display, Dog Show, Vintage
Tractors, inc. Lanz Bull Dog tractor display, Vintage Cars,.
Stationary Engines, Auto Jumble,
Music & Dance, Tradition Entertainment for Children, many
more stalls & lots more entertainment...*

Pre Entry Required

Pat 0877824481 (Auto Jumble)

Secretary 0851184563

Mary's Meals Pray in May Campaign

Pray in May is a grassroots campaign where we invite individuals, churches, and faith groups to pray with us – that our work continues to flourish and grow, and that more children and communities will see their lives transformed through the provision of a daily meal in a place of education.

For more information about this global movement, check out marysmeals.ie

Angela Moore Supporter Engagement Officer

Mary's Meals Ireland



**We are now feeding 2,429,182
children every school day!**

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meals**
a simple solution
to world hunger

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Alzheimer's
TEA day

May 23rd
2023

Join us
For the best cup of tea ...ever!

teaday.ie
f t i in

Let's get together to help support families living with dementia

Venue: Mountrath Day Centre
KILN LANE.

Date: Tuesday May 23rd, 2023:

Time: 1pm- 3pm. "All Are Welcome!"

THE Alzheimer SOCIETY OF IRELAND

DONATE NOW

CHY No. CHY7868 CRN: 20018238

Community Alert Text Alert Renewal

Renewal subscription €20 per phone will take place in Community Hall after Mass on Sat. 13th and Sun. 14th May.

Pin Point Alerts provide the Service which costs €500 per year.

Names will be removed from Service if subscription remains unpaid.

[New members welcome.](#)

Contact Sheila on 086 157 0145 for more information.

Parish Finances. - A Word of Thanks

Thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds.

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are not doing too bad, thanks in no small part to your generosity, I wish to acknowledge your support given via the weekly envelopes (2023 boxes are ready for distribution at present). Contributing to the Parish by envelope allows us to keep track of your donations for the whole year and, where possible, (and totally at your discretion) claim the additional 45% back from Revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. If you are

not as yet, part of this scheme – and would like more information, please contact me when you get a chance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it is very much appreciated.

Different ways of supporting your Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable to “Mountrath Parish” - or “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.

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website – www.kandle.ie) ⇐

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ⇐

The following are our Bank Account Details

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50

BIC. - BOFIE2D

Ballyfin Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Please include your own name as the reference.

⇒ Support Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos ←

If you have any queries or would like to speak with us regarding donating to the Parish or participating in the charity tax donation scheme,
just ring me on 087 241 1594 (Fr. Joe)

Stay connected with us!

Parish Website www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie - Links to Webcams on
Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish

Cemetery Masses In Mountrath ~ Ballyfin During 2023

Ballyfin New Cemetery Sun. 11th June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 30th June

Clonenagh Cemetery. Fri. 7th July

Condarrig Cemetery Wed. 2nd Aug.

Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6th Sept.

All our Cemetery Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

LOURDES



MOUNTMELICK, MOUNTRATH, BALLYFIN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Spiritual Director: Fr Noel Dunphy

2 August 2023

7 Nights from Dublin Airport

€995 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights 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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- » Optional single supplement €39 per night

For information please contact: **Eleanor Duff 087 7670915**

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Contact Person - Eleanor Duff - 087 7670915

Silver Screenings

The IMC Cinema, Fairgreen, Carlow are running a weekly over 60's club on Thursdays at 1.30pm. Latest releases, reduced volume, raised lighting and special rate of €7.

Diocesan News

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Portlaoise Parish to the Holy Land led by Mgr John Byrne, travelling from 7th Sept – 15th Sept 2023. Cost per person €2190, single supplement €769. Cost includes coach transfer from Portlaoise to Dublin airport return, flights, accommodation on half board basis, courier service in the Holy Land and a full religious programme. For more details please contact Tullys Travel Carlow on 059-9136100.



Afternoon Recital

SUONO
Ladies Choir

Musical Director OWEN C LYNCH

Piano ANN CULLEN

Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow
Sunday 21st May 2023 @ 4pm

Program to include works by Faure, Hagenberg,
Casals, Esenvalds, Humperdinck & Whitacre

FREE ADMISSION
DONATIONS WELCOME

Afternoon Recital

Suono Ladies Choir will perform in the Cathedral of the Assumption Carlow on Sunday 21st May at 4pm. Program to include works by Faure, Hagenberg, Casals, Esenvalds, Humperdinck and Whitacre. Musical Director; Owen C Lynch, Piano; Ann Cullen. Free admission and all are welcome.

A Note from Jim Deeds

Friends,

Peace be with you all. My name is Jim Deeds, and I am facilitating a process designed to help us all think, talk and pray about the future in Kildare and Leighlin Diocese. Unfortunately, I have taken a fall here in my home in Belfast and have broken my back. This injury will heal in time, but it has taken me off the road.

Accordingly, I invite you to an in-person meeting with fellow lay people and clergy in your pastoral area (the group of parishes in your geographical area). I will join you by Zoom and help facilitate our dialogue with members of your Diocesan Pastoral Council being present in the room to facilitate as well.

We will begin by hearing from Bishop Denis set out the call for the Diocese to 'Put Out Into Deep Water'. I will then lead us in prayer with the beautiful text that Bishop Denis has encouraged us to see as the guide text for this new time – Luke 5:1-7. Following on, and flowing out, from that time in prayer I will invite you to begin to explore how we feel about this mission – our hopes, our concern and the prompts of the Holy Spirit.

We might set out some principles that we can gather round together to help us make decisions as we 'put out into the deep'.

We will finish by considering if there are some action points, we could set ourselves for the coming months.

The proposal is that we would meet again in September to further our dialogue and take stock of our progress.

I look forward to seeing you.

Jim

Dates for Pastoral Area Meetings: (Summer)

Each meeting will be from 7.30pm to 9.30pm with tea & coffee available from 7pm in each venue.

Mon 22nd May – Kildare Pastoral Area - Aras Bhride Parish Centre, Kildare Town

Tuesday 23rd May – Portlaoise Pastoral Area - Portlaoise Parish Centre

Tuesday 30th May – Carlow Pastoral Area - Askea Parish Centre

Wednesday 31st May – Borris Pastoral Area - Leighlin Parish Centre

Thursday 8th June – Tullow Pastoral Area - Tullow Parish Centre

Thursday 22nd June – Portarlinton Pastoral Area - Mount St Annes

Mon 26th June – Naas Pastoral Area – Church of Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, Naas