

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 2<sup>nd</sup> July '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

## 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> – Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

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

Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on

### Church Gate Collection

Lourdes Invalid Fund for  
Mountmellick, Mountrath and Ballyfin  
will take place This Weekend Thank  
you for your continued generosity  
and support.

Ballyfin Mountrath

Mountmellick

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug. – 9<sup>th</sup> Aug. 23

*Contact Person - Eleanor Duff*

### Cemetery Masses In Mountrath Ballyfin

Clonenagh Cemetery. Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> July ☒

Clondarrig Cemetery Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug.

Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

All Cemetery Masses begin at 7.00 pm



See below for note of thanks from Mr. Michael  
Moloney at reception marking his retirement as  
principal of Ballyfin school.

Some nice pics also further on in the newsletter

**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.

**We hold and keep in our prayers**

**James (Seamie) Dunne, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. R.I.P.**

We pray for Seamie who died peacefully at Villa Maria Nursing Home, Roscrea on Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> June. Seamie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> June followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to son Brian, sister Betty, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nephews, nieces, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. May Seamie rest in the peace of Christ.

**An Tathair (Fr) Caoimhín (Kevin) Ó Néill, Trumera. R.I.P.**

Sagart, Monsignor. Formerly Trumera, Edenderry and President of St. Patrick's College, Carlow. Predeceased by his parents Liam (Billy) and Brigid and his siblings Barbara, Aengus and Siobhán. Cúis mhór bróin a bhás dá dheartháracha agus deirfiúracha Brenda, Diarmuid, Colm, Maria, Gráinne, Liam, Mairéad, Gertrude, Suzette agus Killian, nianna, gar-nianna, neachtanna

gar-neachtanna agus gaolta. Fr. Kevin's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of The Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, on Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> July followed by burial in St. Fintan's Cemetery, Mountrath.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

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## **Goodbye to Ballyfin N.S.: *A Note from Michael Moloney***

***29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.***

To Staff, Pupils and Parents and Board of Management

Thank you to our Chairperson, Fr. Joe Brophy and the members of our Board of Management. You have been a great source of support and guidance to me.

I would just like to thank our parents in Ballyfin N.S. Thank you for your kindness and support over the years. A word of thanks also to our Parents Council for all the work you do on behalf of the children here in the school.

We have a wonderful staff in Ballyfin N.S. They work hard and are in the pupils in their care. I have been very lucky to have worked with such a group.

I hope they will continue to be welcoming and inclusive of all.

And to all our boys and girls in Ballyfin N.S. You have all been just wonderful and a pleasure to work with. I have enjoyed every moment with you.

Thank you everyone. It's been an honour and a privilege.

A very sincere note of thanks to all the staff of Ballyfin School, Ballyfin N.S. Parents Council and so many from Ballyfin Community for all the preparations and indeed for the Mass and Reception afterwards, in the School on Sunday last, to mark my retirement. I, myself and my family have been truly overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity. Thank you so much. As I leave Ballyfin N.S. I bring so many very precious memories with me which I will treasure and hold dear for ever.

*Michael Moloney,* Principal Ballyfin N.S.

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### 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/](http://www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## 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

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

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 7<sup>th</sup> July in the Credit Union or online

at <http://www.communityalerts.ie>

*New subscribers welcome.*

## *Say it with Flowers*



A note of thanks to Imelda for looking after the Altar flowers  
in all our churches.

Imelda and Mick, we wish you all the best in your new Shop in  
Derrylusk

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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. –

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## Mass Times – Anniversaries

### Mountrath

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Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> - Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> July

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> July 7.00 pm

Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9.00 am      The Hollow Church.

11.30 am      13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10.00 am

Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am      Martin and Mary Brophy, Woodbrook

and deceased family members

Patrick and Anne Delaney, Derryguile

And deceased family members

Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am      Patrick Dunne and Ann Burmiston



Thur. 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am Jack Killeen Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

(At request of Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Residents Assoc)

7.00 pm Mass in Clonenagh Cemetery.

(Cemetery on Right – Mountrath to Portlaoise)

Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 pm Ellen (Elsie) McCarthy. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Catherine Olive Dooley, St. Fintan's Tce. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Eamon and Mary Delaney, Trumera. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> July 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

11.30 am Mary McCarthy 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

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## Ballyfin - Mass Times Anniversaries

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> June - Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> July

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> July 8.00 pm Tom Goode, Ballylusk. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. Parents, James and  
Annie - Brothers, Christopher, Paddy and Dave.

Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10.00 am Paddy Keating, Brockera

Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> July 8.00 pm

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am Betty and Dermot Conroy, Barkmills

Jim Dunne, Deerpark, 27<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Michael John Coyne, Boghlone.

Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.





## Mountrath - Ballyfin Lotto Results.

Ballyfin Lotto

Results for 28<sup>th</sup> June

Nos. Drawn 5 12 15 26

No Jackpot Winner

24 Match 3 Rec. € 42 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 19,000



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A note of thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, 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 support and generosity.

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## Mountrath Parish Lotto Results for 29<sup>th</sup> June

Nos. Drawn 18 24 27 31

No Jackpot Winner -

9 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 112 each

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

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Week's*



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€ 19,000      Ballyfin

€ 20,000 - Mountrath

# Dermot & Irene Ring



St. Philomena's Hall, Mountrath

August Bank Holiday Mon. (7<sup>th</sup> Aug) 9.30 - 12

## *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](http://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](http://www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie) -

Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish

Cemetery Masses In Mountrath ~ Ballyfin During 2023

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# 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
- » Full assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports
- » Optional single supplement €39 per night

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

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## Ballyfin Mountrath Mountmellick

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2<sup>nd</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023

*See online News! For Full details*

*Contact Person - Eleanor Duff* Phone No. 087 767 0915

## Diocesan News

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Portlaoise Parish to the Holy Land led by Msgr John Byrne, travelling from 7<sup>th</sup> Sept – 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Rally for Life 2023

DON'T MISS IT! Rally for Life on the 1st of July! Join thousands of fellow Catholics & pro-life supporters at the biggest annual pro-life event, now in its 17th year. Gather at 1PM at Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Activities for both children and adults, a family friendly event!

For more info or to book a place on the bus going up to the rally visit [www.thelifeinstitute.net](http://www.thelifeinstitute.net) , or call 01 873 0465

### **Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Programme**

At University Hospital KERRY, 12-week modules involving education, supervision, faith formation and a clinical placement. January/May/September each year. For further information contact

Dr Margaret Naughton Email: [margaret.naughton2@hse.ie](mailto:margaret.naughton2@hse.ie) Phone: 066 7184000

### **Retracing the footsteps of St. Brigid and St. Conleth**

An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty takes place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. The walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh at

12 noon and concludes with a prayer service in St Brigid's Church,

Kildare at 4pm. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to join. To register for the walk please contact Aras Bhride on 045-521352

or email [kildareparish@gmail.com](mailto:kildareparish@gmail.com)



Assemble at Parnell  
Square, Dublin 1

# 2023

# RALLY FOR LIFE

Ireland's Annual March for the Right to Life

## SATURDAY JULY 1ST DUBLIN

### SATURDAY, JULY 1ST: BE THERE!

Join thousands at the **All-Ireland RALLY FOR LIFE** – as pro-life people from across the country join together to Stand for Life.

We're marching to demand the government acts on the heartbreaking abortion numbers - 8,500 abortions in 2022 alone. And to insist that the 3-day wait period which may save up to 1,000 babies a year be **RETAINED**. The Rally theme for 2023 sends a special message: **STOP ABORTING OUR FUTURE**.

## RALLYFEST!

CELEBRATE LIFE AT THE RALLY FOR LIFE

We are excited to hold our first ever **RallyFest** - a full schedule of exciting events around the main Rally for Life march - a family-friendly day and time for pro-life people to be re-energised and join together: **BE THERE!**

#### Contact us:

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**Tel:** 01 8730465 (Rep. of Ireland) / 028 90278484 (N. Ireland)

For more info visit [www.rallyforlife.net](http://www.rallyforlife.net)



**Support Rally for Life  
on social media:**

**#rallyforlife #Keep3DayWait  
#StopAbortingOurFuture**



**Book your seat on a  
Rally Bus from your area.  
Call 01 8730465 or contact  
your local bus leader:**



SCAN TO REGISTER  
FOR RALLYFEST



**RALLY for LIFE**

Some photos taken at the reception in Ballyfin School on Sunday last  
making the retirement of Mr. Michael Moloney  
(Courtesy of Laois Today)







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at

# University Hospital KERRY



12-week modules involving education, supervision, faith formation and a clinical placement.

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