

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 4<sup>th</sup> June '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

## Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> June

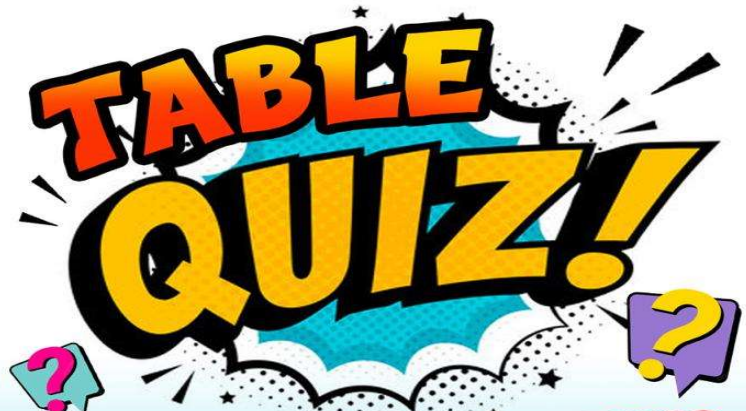
Clonenagh Cemetery. Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> July

*Cemetery on Right (Mountrath to Portlaoise)*

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

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

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## 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.

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For all students preparing for exams and their families. The organisers of this Mass invite people in this situation to take some time out from their studies for a quiet moment to ask for God's strength and guidance as they move through their exam period. Students, preparing for exams are invited to bring their pencil case to have it blessed.

## Mountrath Daffodil Day - *A Special Note of Thanks*

The Organisers of our Daffodil Day wish to thank everybody who so generously supported them on the day. A special word of thanks to all who gave fresh daffodils and personal donations. Thanks to Centra, Spar and Mace. Special thanks to the many who gave their time to help with the Collection. . Total amount raised in Mountrath € 9,298.00

. . Thanks again for your most generous support.

Congratulations to our girls and boys who were Confirmed in their faith  
at St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> May by Bishop Denis Nulty.

Congratulations to our girls and boys who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy  
Communion at St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> May

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Congratulations to our girls and boys who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy  
Communion at The Hollow Church on Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> May









We hold and keep in our prayers

Gerard Patrick (Gerry) O'Brien, Carlow (formerly Mountrath)

R. I. P.

We pray for Gerry who died peacefully on Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> May at St. Luke's Hosp., Kilkenny. Gerry's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> May. Predeceased by brothers John and baby Anthony, sisters Angela, Anne and nephew Lorcan. We extend sympathy to

sisters, Terry, Breda and Ita, sons-in-law, PJ, Jim and Joe, brothers-in-law,  
extended family and friends..

*May Gerry rest in the peace of Chri*

## Retired Priests Collection

The Diocesan Collection for retired priests took place at all Masses on  
last weekend.

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/](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 2nd June in the Credit Union or online

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

*New subscribers welcome.*

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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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**Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> June**

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7.00 pm

Rebecca Fitzpatrick (Nee Fallon) Derrough. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Jim Tobin, 20 Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**

Michael (Mick) Holland, Trumera. 13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Declan Phelan, Clonadacasey. 24<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

. 11.30 am Mass of Feast of Most Holy Trinity.

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am

Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am

Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am Mass for Students starting State Exams today

Thur. 8<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am Patrick Wall. Woodbrook.

Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Jack Killeen, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Month's Mind.

Johnny Doheny, Patrick St., 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Deceased members of Doheny and Delaney Families

George Tobin, Bray.

Mary Byrne (nee O'Connor) Redcastle. 17<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch..](#)

11.30 am Patrick (Paddy) Parkinson, Trumera. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Tom Byrne, Derrough. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

*Lord, for your faithful people, life has changed, not ended.*

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# Ballyfin - Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> - Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> June

Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

7.30 pm Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> June 8.00 pm John, Brigid and Michael Ryan.

Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am Fionnuala McDermott, Barnashrone. 10<sup>th</sup> A

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Dan Gorman and John Troy

And deceased members of Gorman and Troy families

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> June 8.00 pm Fint. Jack and Elizabeth Horan, Pallas.

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am Feast of Corpus Christi

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament after Mass

Jason Gilligan, Brockera - 17<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

7.00 pm Cemetery Mass in Ballyfin

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## Diary Dates for 2023

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Results for 31<sup>st</sup> May

Nos. Drawn 8 12 23 28

No Jackpot Winner

21 Match 3 Rec. € 48 ea. 1 Local Winner

Teresa Dunphy - Promoter, Paul Dunne.

Next Week's Jackpot € 15,000



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Mountrath Parish Lotto Results for 1<sup>st</sup> June

Nos. Drawn 12 14 16 22

No Jackpot Winner -

11 Match 3 - € 99 each - 1 Local Winner

Margaret Brophy - Promoter, Betty O'Rourke

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

*Next  
Week's*



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€ 15,000      Ballyfin

€ 20,000 - Mountrath

*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

Ballyfin New Cemetery Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> June

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

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All our Cemetery Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

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**Corpus Christi Prayer**

The Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invites parishes to hold a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for vocations after their Vigil Masses for Feast of Corpus Christi, finishing with Night Prayer

*Angela Moore, Support Engagment Officer with Mary's Meals has asked me to include this note in this week's Newsletters.*

## Bus to Knock Shrine

The National Mary's Meals Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Bus will leave Roscrea at 9 am. To book a seat (€20), please contact Angela at

089 433 9592.

# LOURDES



## MOUNTMELICK, MOUNTRATH, BALLYFIN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Spiritual Director: Fr Noel Dunphy

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## 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.

## 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.*

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

## Carlow Choral Society

### *Presents*

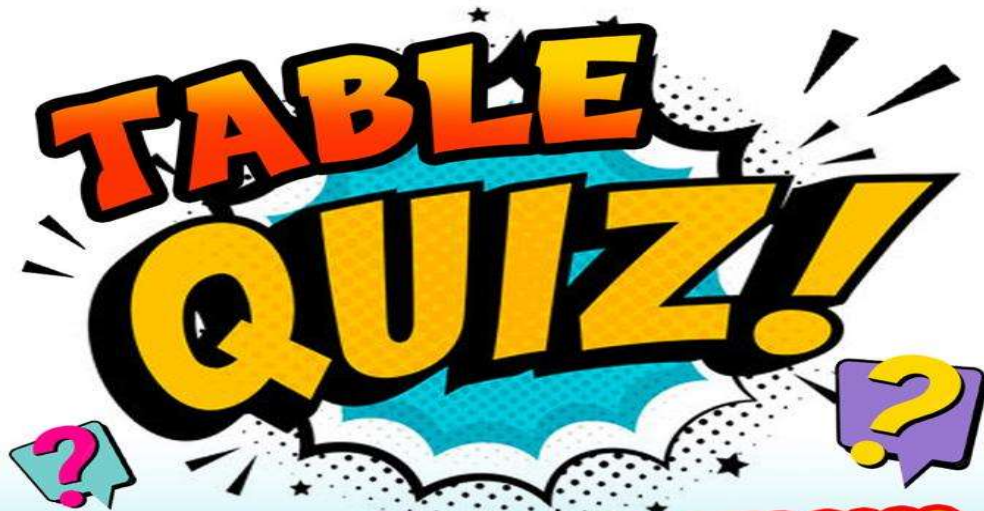
Brahms Requiem on Fri. June 9th at 8pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption,  
Carlow. - Conducted by Blánaid Murphy and  
accompanied by the RTÉ Concert Orchestra and Yvonne Collier on Piano.

Soloists include Ailish Tynan, Soprano and Benjamin Russell, Baritone - Full  
details on online newsletter

Contact number for tickets 087 942 2608

# Table Quiz

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