

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

7th - 8th June 2025

Feast of Pentecost

Visit to Ballyfin Mountrath Parishes of Sacred Relics

Thanks to Ballyfin Prayer Group who have organised and arranged this "special visit" of the relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Claude to our Parishes this week.

See Page 5 for Details

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

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Two day visit of the relics from
Paray le Monial, France
to the Parishes of St. Fintan's
Mountrath and Ballyfin, Co. Laois

HOLY MASS

WITH

**VISITING RELICS OF
ST. MARGARET MARY ALOCOQUE
&
ST. CLAUDE**



MONDAY 9TH JUNE

Holy Mass 7:30pm

St. Fintan's Church Ballyfin

(R32 TD61)

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE

Holy Mass 10:00 am

(providing there is no funeral mass that morning)

St. Fintan's Church Mountrath

(R32X338)

Contact Fr. Joe Brophy 087 241 1594

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

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

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Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 -

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your own name as the reference.**

Paddy Bowe, Redcastle, Mountrath. R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died unexpectedly on Sat. 24th May.

Paddy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church,

Mountrath on Thurs. 29th May followed by burial in

Mountrath Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to all his family, brother, sisters, nephews,
brother-in-law, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Paddy rest in the peace of Christ.

Jubilee Tour

Jubilee Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 08th June 2025. €699.00 pps. Price includes return train/bus, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Guest speaker Marion Carroll who was cured at Knock.

All entertainment, excursions and transport included.

Visit Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick.

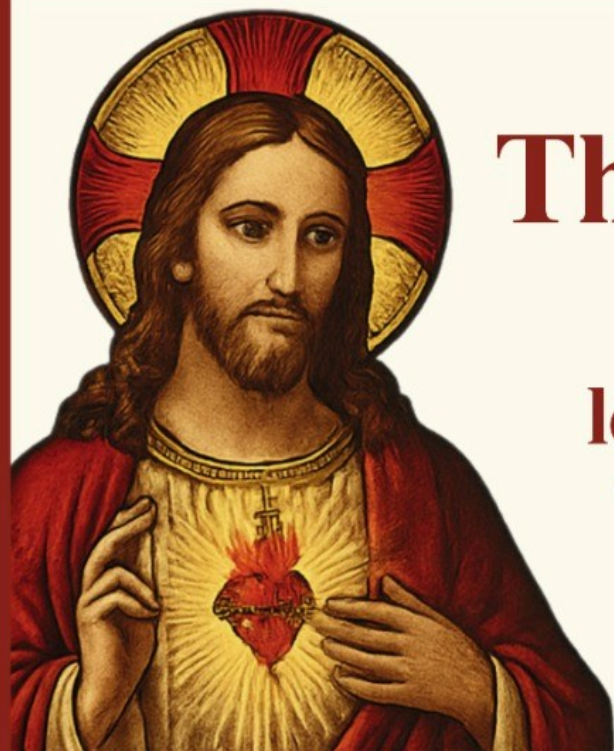
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Contact 094 900 6426 or 087 1890 236

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email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

National
Novena
to the
Most Sacred
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of Jesus



Novena to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus leading to the Feast Day

Starting May 2nd at 7PM

Every Friday in May & June

Across Ireland &

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The Church of the Holy Child, Thatch Rd, Whitehall, Dublin, D09 HX99

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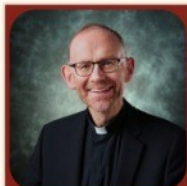
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present from Paray-le-Monial, France at each Friday Novena Mass



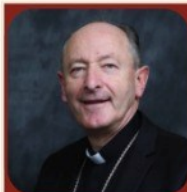
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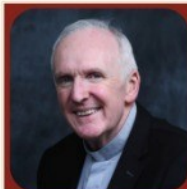
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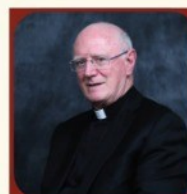
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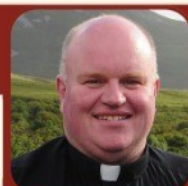
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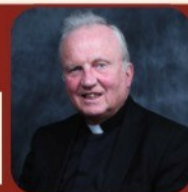
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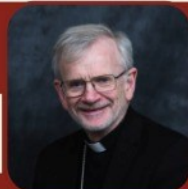
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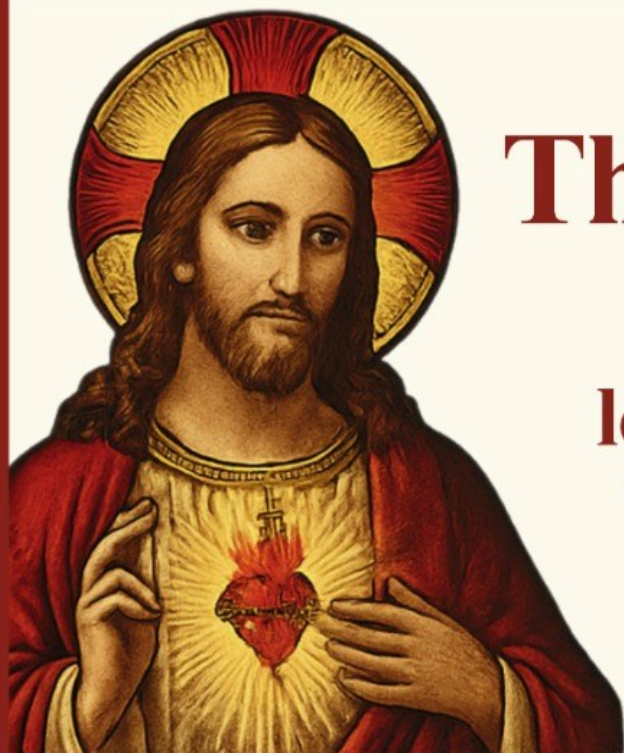


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SYNOD NEWS:

Be Part of the Conversation

What are the priorities for us as members of the
Church in Ireland?

- In 2022 Church members across Ireland identified key themes
- In 2023-2024 the Universal Synod addressed these themes

Now in 2025 you are invited to name the priorities for action arising from them for the Irish Church

How:

Watch a series of short videos or the compilation video outlining the themes on **www.synod.ie/resources-for-spring-gatherings-2025/** or via the **QR code** (less than 10 mins in total)

- Consider the question: **What themes are emerging for you?**

- **REGISTER**

- Come to a meeting to share your feedback and to listen to others

WHEN AND WHERE:

Tuesday, 1st April, 7:00 pm Tea/Coffee 7:30-9:30 Listening Session
Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre, Killenard, Co. Laois.

REGISTER:

Book your place at **fds@kandle.ie** /0599164084

Jubilee Year

2025

“We are
Pilgrims
of
Hope”

Jubilee year
Pilgrims of Hope



Jubilee Year 2025.

Pilgrims of Hope

During the 18th and 19th Century in the time of persecution and the penal laws, the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin resided in Allen Parish. People attended Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague. As part of the Jubilee year - Pilgrims of Hope - Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague on Sunday 15th June at 2pm.

For people who wish to walk the 2.5kms in pilgrimage, please assemble at 12.30 pm at the GAA clubhouse in Ballyteague W91 VEW8. For people who do not wish to walk, car parking will be available beside the Mass Rock which will be signposted on the day.

Jubilee Year 2025.

We are "Pilgrims of Hope"

With the opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve, the Holy Year was begun. Across the world, the Jubilee Year began on the feast of the Holy Family. (Sun. 29th Dec. 2024) To echo the theme of hope, Pope Francis is calling on us all to renew the hope of Christ, using Saint Paul the Apostle as a guide for this special year.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,

Pilgrims of Hope,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

*We are pilgrims on a journey, fellow travellers on the road
We are here to help each other, walk the mile and bear the load*

(From the Servant Song by Richard Gillard)

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.



DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS
REGARDING EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

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Parish News



Bus to Knock

on June 22nd for the
Sacred Heart Crusade.

If interested,
please call 087 780 0429

Laois Music Centre

Open Evening

Tues. 17th June, 6-8pm,

all welcome/free admission. Meet the team

of tutors from Laois School of Music

and Music Generation Laois.

Try out lots of instruments.

Laois Music Centre, Church Ave, Portlaoise, R32 Y074,

see musicgenerationlaois.ie

Or Tel: (057) 86 8 1782



Music Generation Laois/Laoise

Laois Music Centre

Open Evening



**LAOIS SCHOOL OF
MUSIC**

Jubilee of Youth in Rome, July 29th to Aug. 4th '25.

If you would like to be leader, please let me know as soon as possible, as places are very limited.

Please let me know your name,
contact number and email address.

(Fr. Joe)

Registration for the
2025 Laois GAA Cúl Camps
are now open:

Register for your local camp here:

[https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/
booking/?county=Laois&venue=&week=](https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/booking/?county=Laois&venue=&week=)

(See next frame)



Cúl Camps 2025 is approaching fast and we are looking for your help in promoting the camps for the kids in your school, community and local GAA club. Can I ask all school admins to pop the following notice via Aladdin for the attention of the parents of your kids.

Registration for the 2025 Laois GAA Cúl Camps are now open:

Register for your local camp here:

[https://
www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/
booking/?
county=Laois&venue=&week=](https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/booking/?county=Laois&venue=&week=)



BALLYFIN

Mon 7th July - Fri 11th July

Dean Malone dean.malone.gdc.laois@gaa.ie

Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery

Sun. 8th June

Mountrath Cemetery

Fri. 27th June

Clonenagh Fri. 11th July

Cemetery on Right -

Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Wed. 6th Aug.

Boghlone Wed. 3rd Sept.

Masses commence at 7.00 pm

Cemetery Mass

Ballyfin Cemetery

Sun. 8th June 7.00 pm

A Note from Ballyfin Cemetery Committee

As it is coming near the Cemetery Mass time the Committee request that you attend to your family graves. If you have any free time to help out with some weeding & tidying up around the Cemetery this would be greatly appreciated. We will meet at the Cemetery on Wednesday the 4th at 6.30pm so hope to see a good turn out.

Cemetery Mass

Ballyfin Cemetery

This Sunday Sun. 8th June

Commencing at 7.00 pm

Moving Forward in Hope!"

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people and clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin and how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. We are building on the work done previously by the DPC, the Council of Priests, Faith Development Services, and across parishes. The day will comprise inputs from guest speakers, along with prayer, general discussion and intentional listening.

This Meeting takes place on Saturday, 21st June 2025 in Carlow College with registration at 9:30am, starting promptly at 10am and concluding at 4 pm. Lunch is included.

Booking essential

through parishdevelopment@kandle.ie providing your name and parish.

Tax Back Scheme Mountrath Parish

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you supported the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Mountrath Parish of over €250 have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme. It is of huge benefit to the Parish if we know the amount parishioners donate and the name of the donors. Hence this year we are sending out numbered boxes to all households in the Parish.

We sent out CHY3 Forms to eligible parishioners (who donated over € 250) for the first time in 2023 and we were able to claim back over € 13,739 for the years 2021 and 2022 . This is of immense benefit to the Parish. Thank you to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

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

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

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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)*



**Are you caring for a loved one
at home with additional
care needs?**

NO ONE SHOULD CARE ALONE.

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but it can also be difficult, frightening and isolating. It shouldn't be.

Family Carers Ireland (FCI) want carers to know they have the support they need to care safely, to make it less of a battle and to know they are not alone. We are the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family and young carers across the country who are caring for their loved ones with additional care needs. We believe no one should care alone.

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS!

Alongside our FREE supports and services, FCI offers an annual membership for family carers (and young carers for free), with over 100+ discounts, such as free venue entry, fuel discounts, Three mobile/broadband deals plus much more, for only €20 per year!

Apply online or call us on 057 9370 221.



Local
Centre
Support

Freephone
National
Careline

Rights &
Entitlements
Guidance

One-One
Advocacy

Learning/
Training

Crisis Support/
Counselling

Family Carer Support Groups are also organised locally across all our centres nationwide.

www.familycarers.ie

Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24

Search 'Carers Ireland'







**TURAS COLUMBANUS
THE COLUMBAN WAY**

.....
XXVI Columbanus Day

11-13 July 2025

FOR MORE INFORMATION

 info@carlowtourism.com

 059 913 0411

 www.kandle.ie

WALKING TOGETHER IN HOPE

FRIDAY 11TH JULY

- 1.45PM Opening Address & Words of Welcome by Bishop Denis Nulty, Carlow County Museum
- 2:00PM Launch of Exhibition "Ireland and the Birth of Europe" with Prof. Dáibhí Ó Cróinín, Carlow County Museum
- 3:00PM Symposium - "If You Want to Know the Creator, Understand Creation", facilitated by Cynthia Ní Mhurchú MEP, Carlow College, St Patrick's
- 5:00PM Ceremony of welcome and reception, Carlow College, St Patrick's
- 8:00PM Ecumenical Evening Prayer with Columbanus Relics, Adelaide Memorial Church, Myshall followed by procession with the Columbanus relics to the Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Myshall

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

- 10:00AM Assemble for Walk from Nine Stones to Myshall on the Columban Way (2.5 hours)
- 1:00PM Buffet Lunch in Myshall Hall following walk
- 2:30PM Talk: "Columbanus, the Man from Myshall" – Former President Mary McAleese – Church of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Myshall
- 5:00PM Reception for Pilgrims and Guests hosted by Carlow County Council in Carlow College, St Patrick's
- 8:00PM Concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow followed by an Irish Music Night in Carlow Town

SUNDAY 13TH JULY

- 8:00AM Breakfast in Carlow College, St. Patrick's
- 9:45AM Welcome for Religious Leaders & Civic Authorities in Carlow College, St. Patrick's
- 10:30AM XXVI Columbanus Day Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow
- 12:30PM Pilgrims' Lunch in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow



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

Bingo

every Monday night

In St. Fintan's Hall at 8pm.

Come along and bring a friend.!!



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Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 7th June

To

Sun. 15th June

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Sat. 7th June - Sun. 15th June

Sat. 7th June 8.00 pm Brigid, John and Michael Ryan,
Barnashrone.

Sun. 8th Jun .10.00 am Margaret Fitzpatrick, Springfield
1st Anniv.

Maureen Fitzpatrick, Coolnamona 7th Anniv.

And deceased members of Fitzpatrick family.

Jason Gilligan, Brockera. 19th Anniv.

7.00 pm Mass in Ballyfin Cemetery

Mon. 9th June. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

7.30 pm Mass (Celebration of Eucharist)

Fri. 13th June 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 14th June 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of Feast of Most Holy Trinity

Sun. 15th June 10.00 am Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 7th June Sun. 15th June

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

Sat. 7th June 7.00 pm Margaret Connor (Nee McDonald)

Clonbarrow. Month's Mind.

Peadar Rice. Forest. 4th Anniv.

Johnny Doheny, Patrick St., 8th Anniv.

And deceased members of Doheny and Delaney families

Rebecca Fitzpatrick Derrough. 10th Anniv.

James Tobin, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 44th Anniv.

Sun. 8th June 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** Pentecost Sunday.

Edward and Brian Murphy, Clonadacasey, 10th Anniv.

Declan Phelan, Clonadacasey. 25th Anniv.

11.30 am Patrick (Paddy) Parkinson, Trumera. 3rd Anniv.

Bill and Mai Thompson, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Bill's 6th Anniv - Mai's 17th Anniv.

Patrick Wall, Woodbrook.

Tues. 10th June 10.00 am Julia McGoldrick, St. Fintan's Tce. 22nd Anniv

Visit of Relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Claude

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Sat. 7th June — Sun. 15th June

Continued from previous frame

Wed.. 11th June 10.00 am Robert and Mary Wall, Woodbrook
William, Margaret, Michael, Lily and Seán Kelly. Clonagown

Thur. 12th June 10.00 am

Fri. 13th June 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

Sat. 14th June 7.00 pm Mary Byrne, Redcastle. 19th Anniv.

Sun. 15th June 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

Marie Murphy, Clonadacasey R.I.P. (Marie died on 1st May)

11.30 am Sarah Dunne, Trumera 4th Anniv.

Tom Byrne, Derrough. 4th Anniv. and deceased family members.

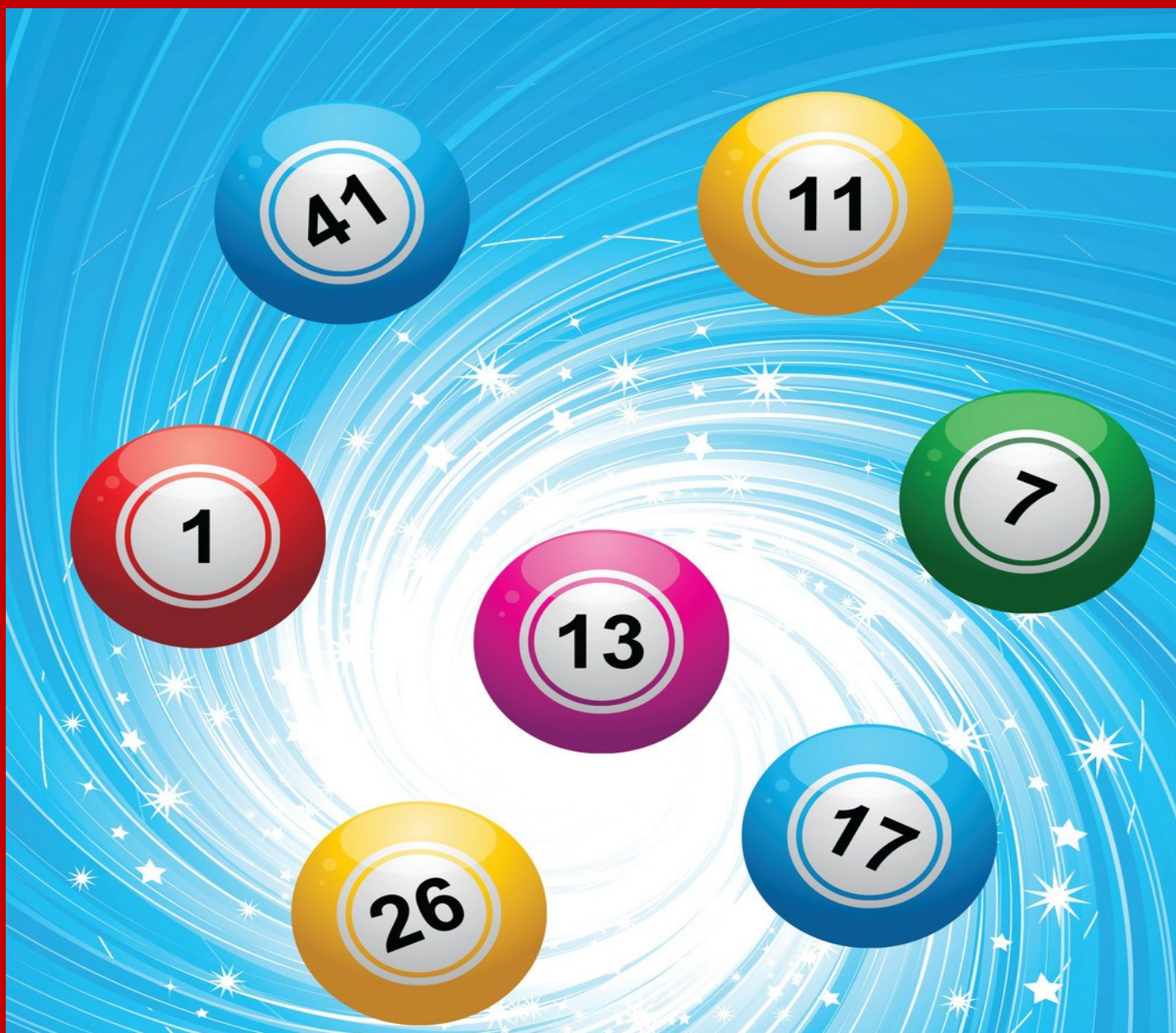
Patrick and Elizabeth Winters and deceased family members.

1st Anniv. Mass Remembrance

Tues. 24th June 10.00 am Johnny Bowe, Link Rd.,

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

Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto,

Wed 4th June

Nos. Drawn 13 19 22 30

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners

Rec. €100 each

Next Week's Jackpot €13,000

*Thank you for your continued
and generous support of
Ballyfin Parish Lotto.*

Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 5th June

Nos. Drawn 7 17 30 32

No € 20,000 Jackpot Winner

9 Match 3 Winners rec. € 112 each

1 Local Winner

Winner

Emma Scully

Promoter

Anne O'Keeffe

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

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	€ 20,000
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News From Around The Diocese

Jubilee of Youth in Rome,
July 29th to Aug. 4th '25.

If you would like to be a leader,
please let me know as soon as possible,
as places are very limited.

Please let me know your name, contact number and email address.

Leaders must be over 18 years old.

For more information give me a call

On 087 241 1594

(Contact Fr. Joe)

Dare to Hope

YOUNG ADULT FAITH GATHERING

Event for 18 to 30 year olds

Principal Speaker: Fr Conor McDonough

A variety of workshops including:

- Serving Jesus on the Edge,
- Breaking Open the Word of God,
- How to Speak About Our Faith,
- Reconciliation Service and much more

Celebration of the Eucharist with
Bishop Fintan Gavin

Saturday, June 14th 2025
in The Youth Village, Knock Shrine
9.30am – 5.30pm

Cost €20 | Bookings via Eventbrite



IRISH CATHOLIC
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE
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KNOCK

Ireland's International Eucharistic
and Marian Shrine

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service

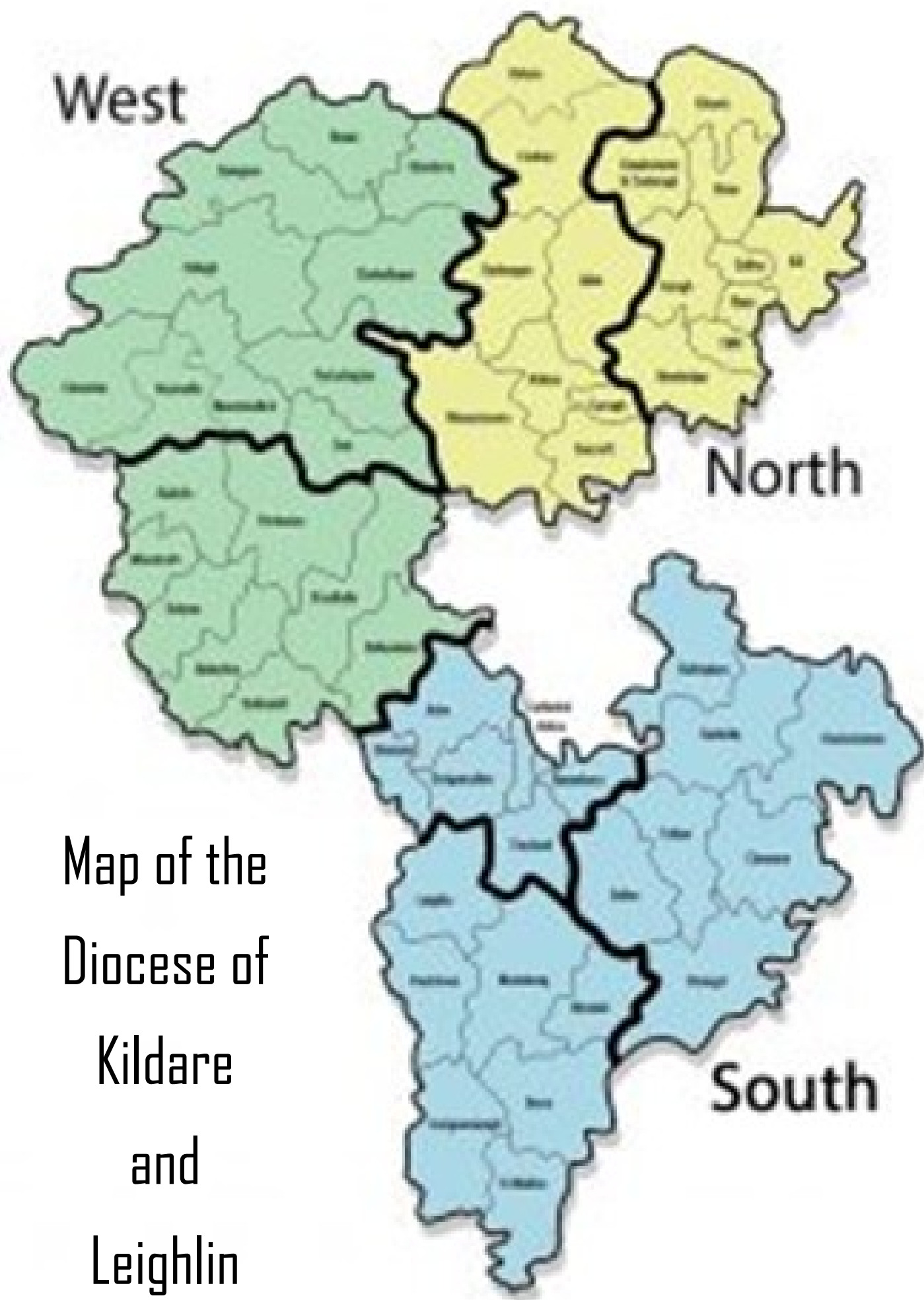
Volunteer Drivers Needed

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.



Map of the
Diocese of
Kildare
and
Leighlin



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JUNE 2025

Methods and places of Participation in the local Church

Promoted by the Evangelii Gaudium Center at Sophia University Institute (Italy) in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Synod.



The Synodal pathway goes forward!

We have entered the implementation phase of the Synod «For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission» that will bring the People of God to an ecclesial Assembly in 2028. The Church in Ireland is engaged in this process, through the development of its Synodal Pathway in harmony with the whole Church.

In this workshop we will learn more about the theological fundamentals and synodal Spirit; we will practice synodal methods (listening, discerning, evaluating the impact, conversation in the Spirit), to help make the places in our churches more synodal.

It is a way of building a Church that is journeying together more and more, within the horizon of the hope that does not disappoint.

Participants:

The course is open to all who desire to lead fruitful synodal processes – clergy, religious men and women and active parishioners.

Dates:

Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th June 2025

Location:

Curryhills House Prosperous Co. Kildare - Ireland

Program:

Friday 27th, beginning with dinner at 6pm

ending on Sunday 29th at 4pm

(Day participants are welcome for the Saturday programme only: 9.30am - 5.30pm.)

Cost:

€ 160.00 (Course fee € 20.00 and accommodation € 145.00)

Non residential: € 70.00 (Course fee, Friday and Saturday dinner and lunch on Saturday and Sunday)

Day participants on Saturday: € 32 including lunch (€ 20 without lunch)

Registration by 15th June 2025 using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/1haKNuZSxX8LpH5t6>

Graiguecullen Killeshin Parish

OFFICE MANAGER



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED AND
SELF-MOTIVATED INDIVIDUAL**

- ✓ 30 hours per week
- ✓ Previous experience in an office environment essential
- ✓ Accounting experience/background necessary
- ✓ Role profile and duties available from
GKparishrecruitment@gmail.com



Email a letter of application, CV & two recent referees to
Gkparishrecruitment@gmail.com
by 5pm Friday 6th June

Events
at
Bloom HQ

May / June 2025 TIMETABLE

Monday

10am mature movers
7pm circuit training
7pm karate*
8pm TRX

Tuesday

10am TRX
10am mother and baby group
11am active poles
1pm HIIT
6:15pm beginner TRX
7pm strength and conditioning

Wednesday

11am mature movers
7pm circuit training

Thursday

9am TRX
11am seated exercise
6:15pm beginner TRX
7pm TRX
7pm karate*

Friday

5:30pm kickboxing*
6:30pm kickboxing*
7:30pm kickboxing*

Saturday

11:30am pilates*

***These Classes
are not included
in the
Membership fee**

**PAYG
and
Members
Always
Welcome**

For more info contact Ruth on 089 2647761

MUSIC TEACHER WANTED

ANY INSTRUMENT



BASKETBALL

VOLUNTEERS

**We are looking for
Volunteers to help out
with kids basketball**

SATURDAYS @11.00AM

R32DT9F, Patrick
ST, Mountrath,
Co.Laois

CONTACT US: 089 264 7761
inof@mountrathgym.com



TENNIS VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help
out with kids Tennis



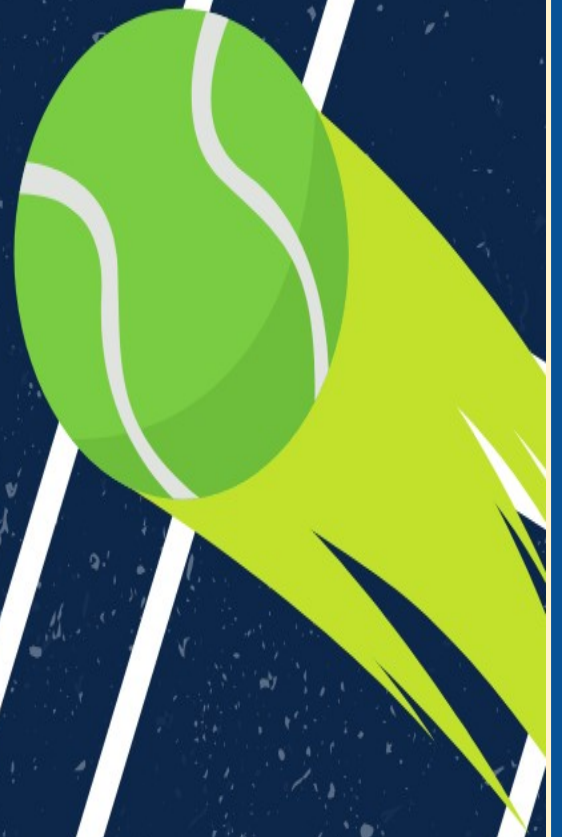
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MOUNTRATH, CO.LAOIS**

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Patrick St,
Mountrath,
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Contact us: **089 264 7761**

Bowls

🎯 Enjoy competitive yet friendly games, perfect for all skill levels. Roll with us and make new friends! 🤝



Seated exercise

Thurs - 11am

Move, stretch,
and stay
active! 🪑



COMING SOON

Talks on...

Help with using MiGov.ie

How to use phones better



Using local bus services

NEW ACTIVITIES

Exciting games and activities —laughter, challenges, and good vibes guaranteed!

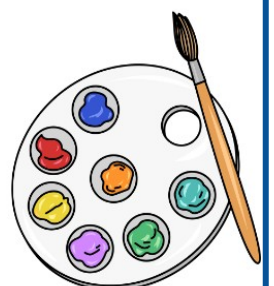


BOOK CLUB

Dive into new worlds—our book club is starting soon!

ART CLASSES

Embark on your creative journey
—art classes starting soon!





2025 SUMMER CAMP

JULY

22ND, 23RD, 24TH

10-2PM

ARTS & CRAFTS | FUN GAMES | ACTIVITIES
AND A LOT MORE...

7 - 12 YEARS

€85

 **089 264 7761**

bloomHQ, patrick's st, mountrath, R32DT9F

BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

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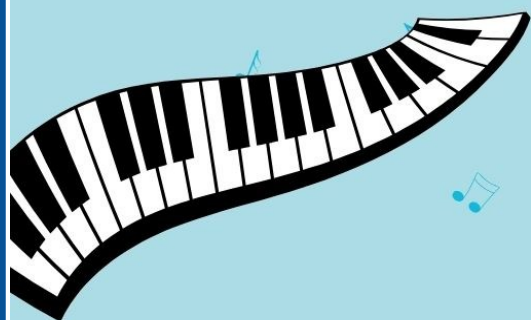


Piano Lessons now Available!



All levels welcome – beginner to advanced!

-  Highly qualified teacher & choral conductor
-  Over 30 years' experience in piano & music education
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-  Director of children's choirs in
- Ukraine & Ireland
-  BloomHQ, Mountrath



for more details>>



 Free first meeting – come meet the teacher!

 **Book now – Call Lana: 087 3347112**

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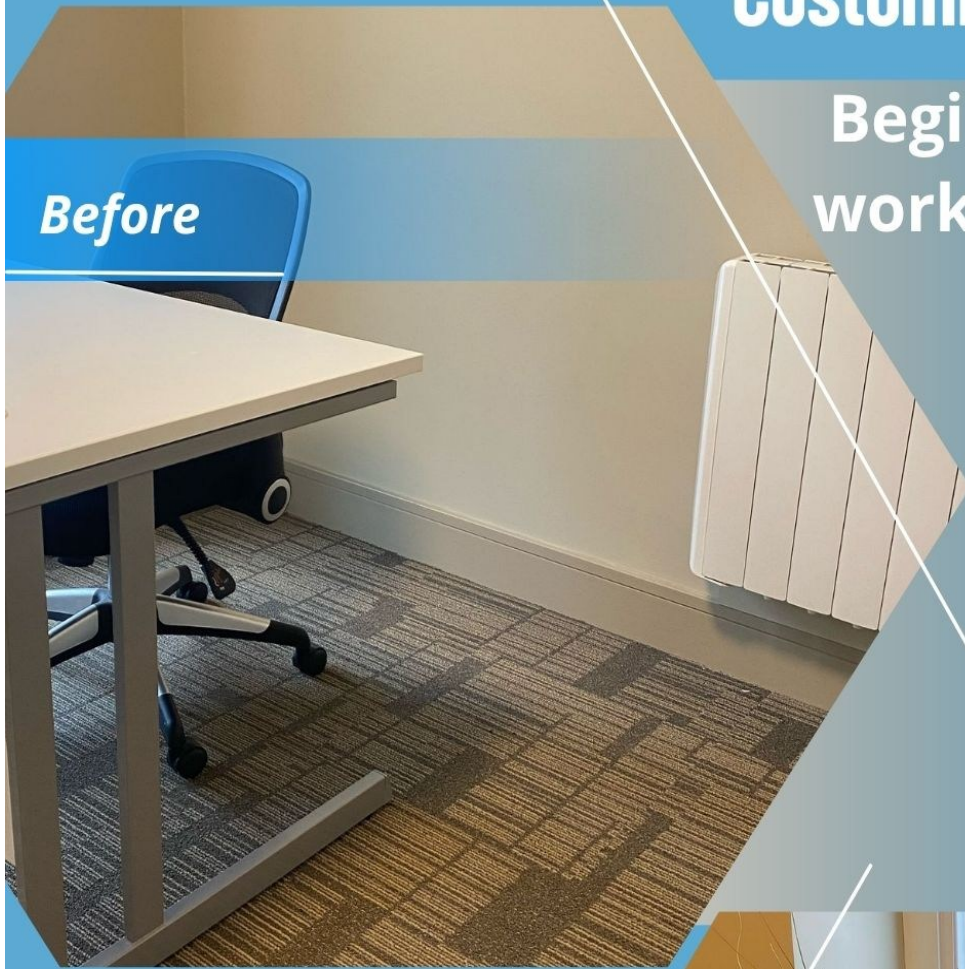


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you need on
hand**

Hot desks at BloomHQ



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For just €20 a day

BOWLS

Thursdays @ 8pm

Philomenas Hall

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GYM



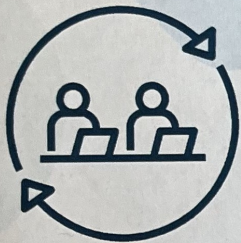
- Join our large, loving gym community! 💪❤️
- Build strength and friendships. 🤝
- Everyone's included —come as you are!
- Don't miss out, join today! 🌟


New timetable each month



BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

SPACES TO RENT



 **HOT DESKS – JUST €20/DAY!**

JUMP IN, PLUG IN, AND GET TO WORK ⚡

POWER SOCKETS & GREAT LIGHTING 🔌💡

CLEAN, MODERN, AND READY TO GO 🧼✨

NO COMMITMENT – JUST SHOW UP AND WORK! 🚀






BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

SPACES TO RENT



Private Offices Available



- Flexible leases — short or long-term 
- Choose from private or shared office space 
- Clean, spacious, and modern 
- Ideal for individuals or small teams 
- Quiet, professional environment 

ART CAMP

**AGES
5-12**



**AGES 5-12
10AM TO 3PM**

€80

ACTIVITIES:

- FUN CRAFTS
- DRAWING
- SCULPTING
- CANVAS PAINTING & MORE



DATES:

**30TH JUNE – 4TH JULY (5-8 YRS)
7TH – 11TH JULY (9-12 YRS)
14TH – 18TH JULY (5-8 YRS)
21ST – 25TH JULY (9-12 YRS)**

**MOUNTRATH
BLOOM HQ**



**SIGN UP
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Seating 2-20

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Mick Smith is teaching the new
RSA approved Motorcycle Initial Basic Training (IBT)
here in BloomHQ, the old Convent Mountrath.

For more details and to book see:

www.roadcraft.ie

www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie



Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
Patrick Street**



**Tuesdays 10am - 1pm
Thursdays 2pm - 4pm**

Contact 0857053855



**Kindling for sale.
Call in to purchase
on times above**

Mountrath Scouts



Looking for a way for your kids to learn new skills and spend time in the great outdoors why not try scouts!

For all ages from beavers to ventures and into leaders !



Scouts is a way to

- Meet new people.
- Learn new skills.
- Spend time outside.
- Make friends for life.

Friday nights

In the brigidine convent (Bloom HQ) Patrick street mountrath
R32 DC58

7:00 till 8:30

€5 pp

or

€4 per sibling



Other

News

Lovely LAOIS HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

"This is a call out to all our sports clubs in Laois to organize an event as part of the **Lovely Laois Homecoming Festival** on the weekend of September 5th, 6th and 7th"



Remember The Past

Organise a re-union event for past players, members and supporters from at home and abroad.

Return, Reconnect, Reunite. Regale past games and memories. Peruse old photographs and video clips. Enjoy each others company again.

Glimpse The Future

Perhaps combine the re-union event with juvenile games and activities. Let our past friends see our future stars in action.

Enjoy The Present

Put the icing on the cake by inviting local musicians, dancers and storytellers to join the festivities entertaining young and old.

You can use part or all of the above format or feel free to come up with other activities of your own. Should you organize an event please let us know so that we can include you in our Calendar of Events.

Laois Sports Partnership Office • Telephone: 0578671248

Lovely LAOIS



HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

FREE Afternoon

TEA Dance

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

FROM 2PM - 5PM

ST. PHILOMENA'S HALL

BLOOM HQ (FORMERLY THE BRIGIDINE CONVENT)

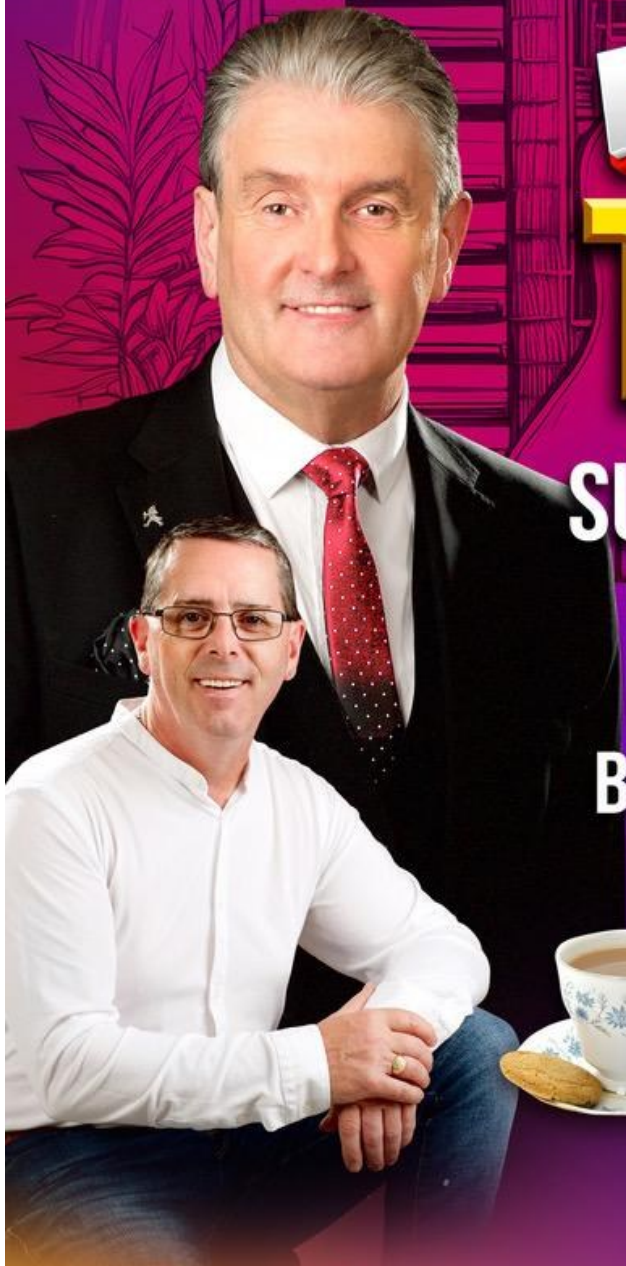
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MICHAEL CAHILL
with Special Guest

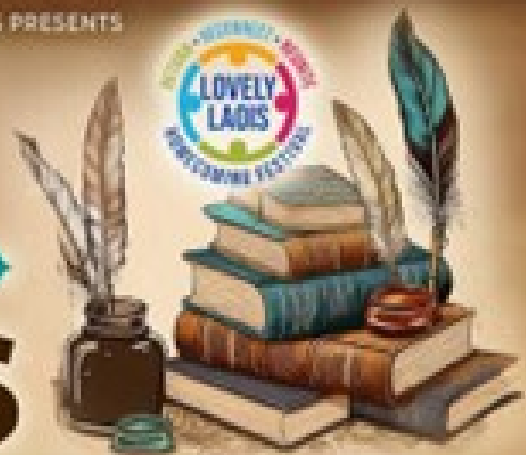
SHAWN CUDDY

Complimentary Refreshments Served




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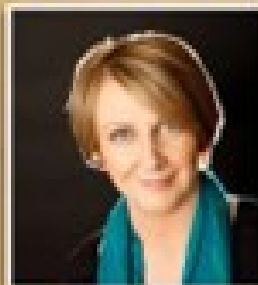
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HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

LITERARY EVENT

PRESTON HOUSE, ABBEYLEIX  *Preston House*
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025



11AM-1PM

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

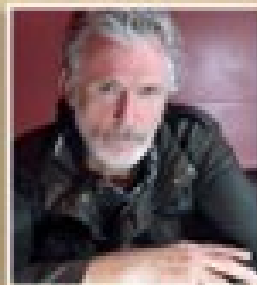
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HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

GALA DINNER

THE MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL, PORTLAOISE
SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 4 Course Dinner
- Official Presentation to a well known Laois Celebrity
- Official Presentation to 4 unsung hero's from Lovely Laois
- Folk & Ballads by The Musketeers (Mick Foster, Billy Morrissey & TR Dallas)
- Dancing to Trudi Lalor, Shawn Cuddy & Damien Bowe

Doors Open 7pm
Dinner served
@ 8pm sharp

TICKETS
€59



Special Kildare/Carlow Pilgrimage
(Limited availability)
to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025

Flying with TAP Airlines

Also 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony,

13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun

Contact James Treacy 061921470

jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Payment can be made by instalments

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - Holy Thursday (Apr 17th)

- Depart Dublin Airport at 05.35 a.m. and arrive into Lisbon Airport at 08.35a.m.
- On arrival transfer to Fatima where we will check into our hotel.
- Lunch will be provided at the hotel.
- Free time for optional activities.
- Dinner at Hotel.
- This evening we will attend Holy Thursday Mass.

Day 2 - Good Friday (Apr 18th)

- Following breakfast at our hotel we will walk the Way of the Cross.
- Lunch in Hotel.
- This afternoon, we will have a guided tour of the Sanctuary area visiting, the Capelhina, Rosary Basilica, the graves of the three children.

Day 3 - Holy Saturday (Apr 19th)

- This morning after breakfast we will visit the Parish Church, Valinhos and Aljustrel.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Following dinner we will attend the Vigil Mass in the Sanctuary.

Day 4 - Easter Sunday (Apr 20th)

- Following breakfast, we will attend the Rosary and international Mass in the Sanctuary on this Easter Sunday morning.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Afternoon is free for optional activities.
- Dinner in Hotel.

Day 5 - Easter Monday (Apr 21st)

- After breakfast, we will depart Fatima on our optional tour of Nazare & Bathala.
- A packed lunch will be provided.
- For those staying in Fatima, lunch will be provided in the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Tuesday (Apr 22nd)

- We bid farewell to Fatima and make our way to Lisbon Airport.
- Enroute, we will have a short visit to Santarem and visit the Church of The Holy Miracle. We will have time for private prayer in this special place.
- We will then continue onto Lisbon Airport.
- Our flight departs Lisbon at 3.20pm and arrives into Dublin Airport at 6.10pm.





FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

17th - 22nd APR '25

Group Leader: James Treacy

Escorted Tour

Barter's
Travelnet

FATIMA where the Blessed Virgin appeared to the three children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta in 1917 is now one of the greatest Marian Shrines in the world.

VISITING: Chapel of the Apparitions - The Church of the Holy Trinity - Guided tour of the Sanctuary - Hungarian Stations of the Cross - Aljustrel - Partake in the Easter Celebrations

INCLUDES:

- Return flights ex Dublin to Lisbon
- 23kg checked in luggage per person
- Coaching as per the itinerary
- 5 nights full board basis staying at 3* Santo Amaro Hotel
- Religious itinerary with a guided tour of the Sanctuary area and excursion to Aljustrel
- Taxes and Charges

EXTRAS:

- Single room supplement: €200.00 for duration (first come first served basis)
- Travel Insurance*: €50 per person up to 79 years of age and €75 per person between 80 & 94 years of age
- Items of personal nature.
- Additional meals not listed.
- Valid Passports are required.
- Optional Day Trip - prices will be given locally by our guide.

HOTEL SANTA AMARO:

Located a 5-minute walk from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, Hotel Santo Amaro is the place where comfort and well-being are privileged. Hotel Santo Amaro offers you services of the highest quality so that you can enjoy your stay to the fullest. Our two excellent restaurants, where you can taste the typical cuisine of the region, are worthy of special mention. The hotel also has a chapel, two bars, and a souvenir shop. All guests have access to free wifi.

Cost Per Person

€859pp sharing

Non-refundable €300 deposit plus insurance premium required at time of booking to secure place

**Any person taking our travel insurance must get a form signed by their GP at time of booking and this form must be taken to Fatima with you.*



For further information please contact:

Group Leader James Treacy : Tel 061-921470 or Mob 086-0572216

Barter's Travelnet : 021 485 1700 or kcallaghan@travelnet.ie

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Lovely Laois Homecomi...



Trudi Lalor



Admin

21h



FREE Family Fun Day on Saturday 6th September at The Old Fort in Portlaoise. 4 Hours of entertainment featuring ABBA Gold - ABBA Tribute Band. There will also be a DISCO and side shows .
The Old Fort is a beautiful venue in Portlaoise town (behind the new Library) and is the ideal location for this family fun day event . We will also have FREE side shows and face painting . So save the date and ALL are welcome . Family tickets will be available through Eventbrite and are FREE of charge . The link to your free family tickets will be made available here in the coming weeks



Parish Finances

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
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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
		Legal/Professional	€ 828.00
		Donations	€ 1,700.00
		Total:	€ 186,173.00

A very sincere "Thank You" for your continuous and generous

Ballyfin Parish Third Party Collections 2024

Retired Priests € 1,525.00

Peter's Pence € 852.00

World Mission € 1,123.00

Trocaire € 2,462.96

Collection for Gaza (Good Friday) € 500.00

Total € 6462.96

I wish to thank you for your support of the work of Trocaire, the Missions, Peter's Pence Collection and the Retired Priests Fund throughout the year .

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		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
		Legal/Professional	€ 828.00
		Donations	€ 1,700.00
		Total:	€ 186,173.00

A very sincere "Thank You" for your continuous and generous support of Mountrath Parish

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Third Party Collections 2024

Retired Priests € 530.00

Peter's Pence € 550.00

World Mission € 615.00

Trocaire € 2,615.00

Collection for Gaza (Good Friday) € 390.00

Total € 4,700.00

I wish to thank you for your support of the work of Trocaire, the Missions, Peter's Pence Collection and the Retired Priests Fund throughout the year .