

# Mountrath Ballyfin

## Online Newsletter

Sat. 27th Sun. 28th June 2026

🎉 A huge congratulations to Aidan Byrne on taking home the Golden Cone for the second year in a row! 🏆

An incredible achievement. Winning back-to-back titles is no small feat!

Congratulations, Aidan & Bernie and all the Byrne's!  
👏👏



**Leinster Express / Laois Live**

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🎉 We have a winner! 🏆👏

We asked you where the best 99 ice ... more



Sun. 28th June

13th Sun. In Ordinary  
Time

June

Month of the  
Sacred Heart

## Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place my trust in Thee,  
Whatever may befall me,  
Lord, though dark the hour may be;  
In all my woes, in all my joys,  
though naught but grief I see,  
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I place my trust in Thee.

When those I loved have passed away  
and I am sore distressed  
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
I fly to Thee for rest.  
In all my trials, great or small,  
my confidence shall be  
Unshaken as I cry, dear Lord,  
I place my trust in Thee.

This is my one sweet prayer,  
dear Lord, my faith, my trust, my love,  
But most of all in that last hour,  
when death points up above,  
Ah then, sweet Saviour,  
may Thy Face smile on my soul set free.  
Oh may I cry with rapturous love,  
I've placed my trust in Thee. Amen.

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**Website** [www.mountrathparish.ie](http://www.mountrathparish.ie)

or [www.ballyfinparish.ie](http://www.ballyfinparish.ie)

Email [jmbrophy2@gmail.com](mailto:jmbrophy2@gmail.com)

**Name of Parish App.**

*Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

# **Ballyfin Vintage Club** **Co. Laois**

**Vintage Tractor & Car Road Run**

**Sunday 28th June 2026**

**Assembly at Ballyfin Community Centre**  
**at 12 noon**

**Returning to Deadman's Inn**  
**In Aid of Suicide Awareness**

**All are Welcome**



# Vacancies at Mountrath CE Scheme

Env Worker - Mountrath Town - CES 2434729

Env Worker - Castletown Village - CES 2434727

Shop Assistant Vincents - CES 2440786

Care Taker- St Fintan's GAA - CES 2434731

Care Taker - St Fintan's Church - CES 2440786

Hours 19.5 hours per week. Contract: Temporary

Start date: To be confirmed Salary: Community Employment Rates

## Application Details

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups.

Your eligibility will have to be verified by the department.

You can register your interest by selection "Register your interest" on [JobsIreland.ie](https://www.jobsireland.ie) or you can contact a case officer in your local In-treo Centre quoting the relevant reference number above. You can

also call into our office on Patrick St, or

email [mrtacpecoltd@gmail.com](mailto:mrtacpecoltd@gmail.com)

"Mountmellick, Mountrath  
and Ballyfin

Lourdes Pilgrimage Group

Church gate collection

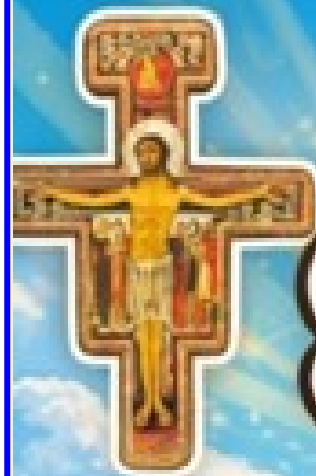
next weekend

4th and 5th July

*As always, your support much appreciated*



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# SUMMER FAITH CAMP

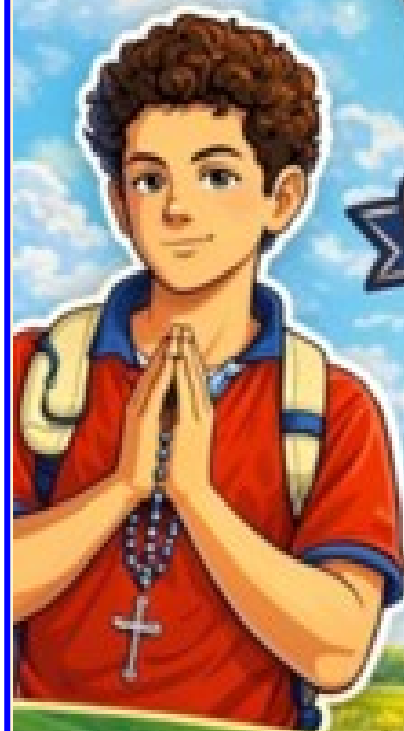
Boys & Girls (5-13yrs)

Mon-Thurs

20th-23rd

July 2026

9:30am-2:30pm



- Arts • Crafts
- Music • Drama
- Team games • Prayer

**Bloom HQ, Old Convent, Montrath (R32DT9f)**

**Only €45 per child** (30 per additional child in family)

To book contact: **Caroline** on 0852430529

or **Laura** 0876313370

or email: [camppio2024@gmail.com](mailto:camppio2024@gmail.com)



# WALK THE CROSS

25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
CROKE PARK, DUBLIN

33 MILES OVER TWO DAYS  
A MILE FOR EVERY YEAR JESUS LIVED

CONFESSIONS  
SPEAKERS

BENEDICTION  
EXALTATION OF THE CROSS  
HOLY MASS

Beginning at St Brigid's Church, Kildare  
Day 1: Holy Mass at 9:30am, followed by the walk to Naas  
Day 2: The pilgrimage resumes from Naas, walking to St Agatha's  
Church, near Croke Park, concluding with Holy Mass at 6:00pm  
Day 3: Eucharistic Procession from Saint Agatha's to Croke Park  
ending with Holy Mass, Benediction & talk from Father Mark Goring

Register by emailing [walkthecross33@gmail.com](mailto:walkthecross33@gmail.com)

[www.walkthecross.ie](http://www.walkthecross.ie)



## Cemetery Masses

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Cemetery Masses Commence at 7.00 pm

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# LEARN TO CYCLE CAMP



Our Learn to Cycle Camp is perfect for beginners, providing a safe and enjoyable environment to develop confidence, balance, and cycling skills. It features sessions for all ages, including inclusive options for participants with disabilities, running over three days to allow everyone to learn at their own pace.

## 📅 WHEN:

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday  
16<sup>th</sup> July, 2026

## 📍 WHERE:

Astro Turf - Leisure centre  
Portlaoise - R32 YP11

## 📞 CONTACT:

Catriona - 0867935234

## 💰 COST:

€30 per child

SCAN ME!



# Parks Tennis Summer Camp



**July 27th - 31st**

**BloomHQ / Mountrath  
Health & Fitness Academy**



**Ages 6-10 - 9:30AM - 11:00AM**

**Ages 11-16 - 11:15AM - 13:15PM**

**REGISTER ONLINE.** 



**All Equipment Provided!  
FANTASTIC VALUE!**



**If your child has a special requirement,  
please let us know as we aim to deliver  
an inclusive programme.**

**CONTACT Ruth Delaney - 089 264 7761**



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The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making. Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes..

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality.

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*And*

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# 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.

# Tots and Co

## Afterschool Service

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### What we offer

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Places available **now**

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To care for those  
who once cared for us  
is one of the highest  
honors in life.

– Tia Walker



Lessons  
LEARNED  
Life

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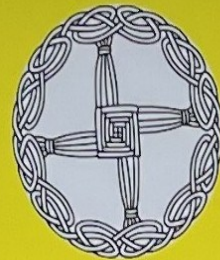
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**Name of Parish App.**

*Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

Best Wishes to Scoil Bhríde  
As they embark on  
Their New Weekly Lotto



Scoil Bhríde  
Mountrath

## Fundraiser Weekly Draw

Your support makes a real difference

**Join Now**

Scan the QR code  
or go to our website  
below



[www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbmountrath](http://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbmountrath)



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# TOTS AND CO PLAYSCHOOL

## REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE  
IN QUALITY CHILDCARE

**ECCE & NCS  
SCHEMES AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT COLETTE:  
0874162377**

**MOUNTRATH, CO. LAOIS**

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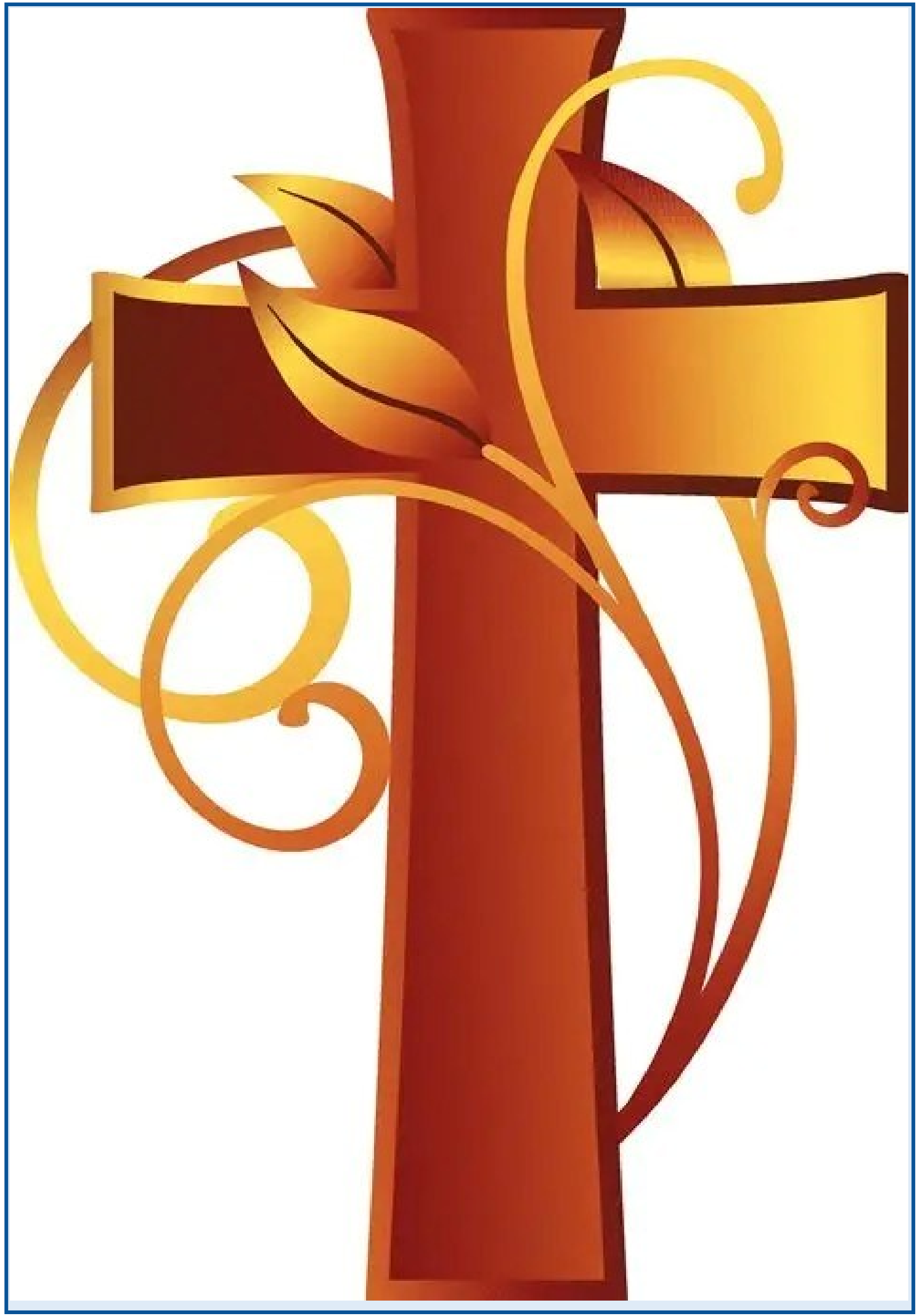
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*Anniversary*

*MASSES*

*Mountrath Ballyfin*

*Parishes*



# *Anniversary Masses*

*Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes*

Sat. 27th June

To

Sun. 5th July

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

# Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> June to Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> July

Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> June 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 13<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ord Time

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am John Phelan, Pallas. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

John O'Rourke, Cappanrush

Paddy Keating, Brockera 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

# Ballyfin Anniversaries

## Anniversary and Mass Times

### Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 27th June to Sun. 5th July Contd.

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> July 8.00 pm Rosaleen (Rosie) Dunne, Deerpark.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

Tom Goode, Ballylusk. 13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Parents, James and Annie Goode

Brothers, Patrick, David and Christopher Goode.

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> July 10.00 am 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Ann Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 18<sup>th</sup> Aniv.

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

**11.30 am** Phyllis and James Dunne, 45 Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

Phyllis' 20<sup>th</sup> Aniv - James' 3<sup>rd</sup> Aniv.

Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am Kieran, Nora and Jim Phelan, Coldblow.

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> July 10.00 am William (Billy) McInerney, Castletown Rd.,

Month's Mind Mass

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 10.00 am Patrick Dunne, Woobrook

and his sister, Áine Burmiston

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Sat. 27th to Sun. 5th July Contd

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## Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 pm Joseph (Joe) Carroll, Clonard.

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> July 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

**11.30 am** Catherine (Olive) Dooley. St. Fintan's Tce.

9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

*Lord, for your faithful people, Life is Changed, Not ended*

# Ballyfin Parish

## Ministries Rota

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> June

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Eva Timmons Sheila Dowling

Sun. 10.00 am Jacinta Connolly Brid Duff

## Collectors for June

Sat. Mairead Delaney

Sun. Paul Ruane

## Parables - Fr. Mike Schmitz is coming to Ireland

We are delighted to share with you that the Evangelisation and Youth Ministry Sub-Council of the Irish Bishops' Conference has been working alongside the Ascension Presents team to bring a very special event to Ireland.

The *Parables* Tour, with Fr Mike Schmitz will take place at the National Arena, Dublin on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 from 7 pm – 9 pm.

The youth ministry sub-council has secured tickets especially for a youth audience to be present from every Diocese in Ireland.

To this end if any Parish in our Diocese would like to avail of these tickets please email Fr. David Vard at [youth@kandle.ie](mailto:youth@kandle.ie) ASAP (before Friday 8th May). Additionally if, as a Parish you have already secured tickets,

## 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 quiet 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

*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.

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](http://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](mailto: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:

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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,  
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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.

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# Parish

# News



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## Prayer to the Holy Spirit at Exam Time

*Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and understanding,*

Fill my mind with clarity and my heart with calm.

Dispel all fear and anxiety,

And replace them with trust in Your loving presence.

Guide my thoughts to recall what I have learned,

Sharpen my focus, and steady my hand.

Help me to work with patience,

And to answer with truth and confidence.

May my efforts be joined with Your grace,

So that whatever the outcome,

I may grow in knowledge, humility, and faith.

Amen.

# Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery      Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> June

Mountrath Cemetery   Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> June

Clonenagh                Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> July

## Cemetery on Left

## Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig                Wed. 5<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Boughlone                Wed. 2<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

Cemetery Masses commence at 7.00 pm

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!!



# Bingo in St. Fintan's Hall

Every Monday night.

Commencing Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.,

Blue and Yellow Sheets will be increased by  
€50, bringing the Full House to €300.

Please support your local Bingo.

All are very welcome.



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your own name as the reference.**

# Parish Lottos



# Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 24th June

Nos. Drawn 4 14 17 20

No Jackpot Winner

17 Match 3 Winners

Rec. € 59 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

*Thank you* for your continued and

*generous support*

*of Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lotto*

*and Ballyfin Parish Collections.*

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# Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> June

€ 12,000 Jackpot

Nos. Drawn 1 9 15 25

No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3's Rec. € 72 each

**Next Week's Jackpot € 13,000**

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# 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 € 13,000

Ballyfin € 20,000



News From Around  
The Diocese

Events  
at  
Bloom HQ



*Reflections  
of a  
World Weary Wanderer*



The Gallery  
of Divine Inspiration  
Mountrath County Laois  
7PM Friday 5th June

Hosts: Dain Flemming

From Canada to Ireland via  
Australia I am now reflecting on  
my life's journey through the  
medium of watercolour. Join me  
on a tour of my life's circle

# Early Bird Classes



**NEW**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

6:00am - 6:50am → first class

7:00am - 7:50am → second class

\*10 Spaces available in each class

**6 am**



**7 am**



These Classes will be starting  
in 2-3 weeks once we have the numbers

**€80 per month**

→ That's 12 Classes for less than €7 per class!

- Treadmills
- Air Bike
- Rowing Machine
- Skiing Machine
- Med Balls
- Dumbbells
- Kettlebells
- Squat rack

# Mountrath Health and Fitness Academy

Our early bird classes are starting soon and places are filling up fast, we have just 3 spaces left for our 6am and 4 left for our 7am, hit the link and book you're space today..

starting early may , anyone who send on emails

will receive email this week



# Pilates

Mountrath Health  
Fitness Academy  
Patrick st, Mount  
R32 DC58

## With Derinn

Saturdays 11AM  
6 weeks starting  
16<sup>th</sup> of May - 20<sup>th</sup> of June

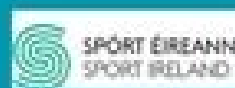


€60 for 6 weeks



**\*Spaces still available**

<https://www.mountrathgym.com/memberships/pilatesinmountrath>





# Yoga



Starting on Tuesday  
the 5<sup>th</sup> of May  
6.30 pm  
6 Week block

€60

**\*spaces are limited so book today**





**Padel 100**

**Tours of new  
gym rooms**

Patrick Street,  
Mountrath,  
Co. Laois  
R32DT9F

# PADEL OPEN DAY

**18th April 2026  
14-00 to 18-00  
FREE**

Music, Games,  
refreshments



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

# **LAOIS AFRICA DAY 2026**



**SATURDAY  
30TH MAY**



**COMING SOON!!!**

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The Gallery of Divine Inspiration  
Presents

**THE BOG GOTHC:**  
PRIMEVAL PLACE, THE CONTESTED GROUND



**MAY 1st – 31st 2026**

A SOLO EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY SHEILA HOUGH

Curated by Kevin McCann

Opening on the May 1st, 7-9pm by Kate Walsh, Art Historian of Damer  
House Gallery

[www.bloomhq.ie](http://www.bloomhq.ie)



Unit 1, Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Dysartbeagh, Mountrath, Co. Laois, R32 DT9F



# Pilates With Derinn

Wednesdays 8pm  
6 weeks starting 29<sup>th</sup> April

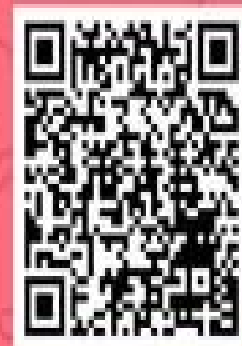


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# war means

3rd April - 1st May 2026

Bloom HQ, Brigidine Convent, Patrick Street, Mountrath  
R32 DT9F

Exhibition opens Friday 3rd April at 7pm, all welcome.  
Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm  
Closed Saturday to Sunday  
Admission free

# ACCELERATE YOUR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

with European Digital Innovation Hubs (EDIHs) and the Applied IoT Technology Gateway Cluster.



25th  
March

11:00 - 14:00

Midlands  
Park Hotel,  
Portlaoise,  
Laois

## Why attend?

Hear from real case studies using digital technologies from IoT to artificial intelligence.

Understand De Minimus funding for R&D.

Collaborative support between the EDIH's and Applied IoT Cluster.

## Supported by:



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## JOIN TODAY!



**JOIN WEDNESDAY  
BLOOM HQ  
MOUNTRATH  
7-8PM**

**FIRST WEEK €20 (incl registration)  
€12 WEEKLY THEREAFTER**

**4 stone  
weight  
loss**



Caroline Davis  
Unislim Member



Customize your space!

Begin your remote work journey today

*Before*

*After*

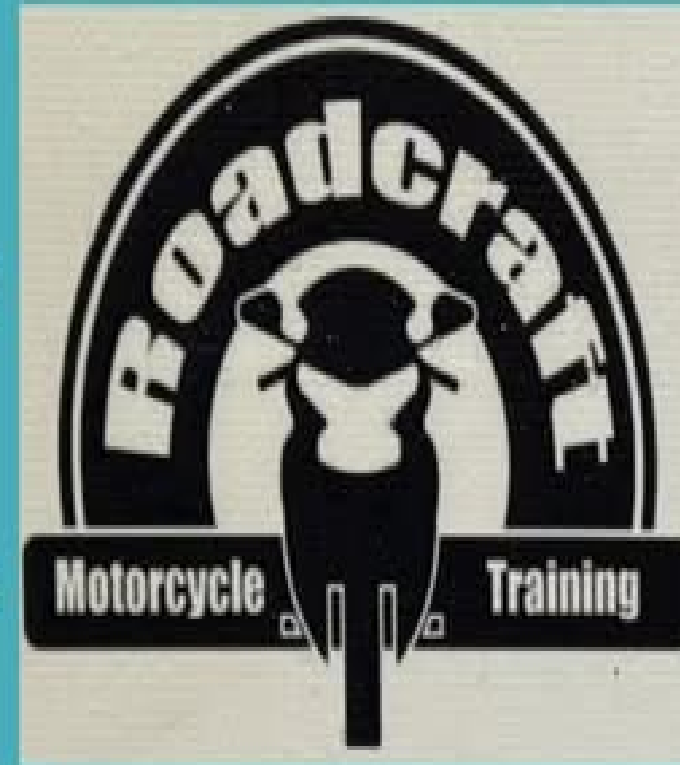
Contact US!

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089 2722885

# Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

RSA Approved IBT  
Centres in  
Waterford, Wexford &  
Laois.



**IBT (Initial Basic Training)**  
**Pre-Test Lessons**  
**Insurance Skills Assessments**  
**Advanced Motorcycle Training**  
**School Bike Hire**



Bloom HQ,

# MATHS GRINDS

**HIGHER LEVEL  
LEAVING CERT  
MATHS GRINDS**

**FOR 5TH AND  
6TH YEAR STUDENTS**

**CONTACT:  
Orlaith  
0892336930**





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Designed for modern professionals, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, our dynamic workspace offers the perfect blend of flexibility, community, and productivity.

From hot desks to gym areas....

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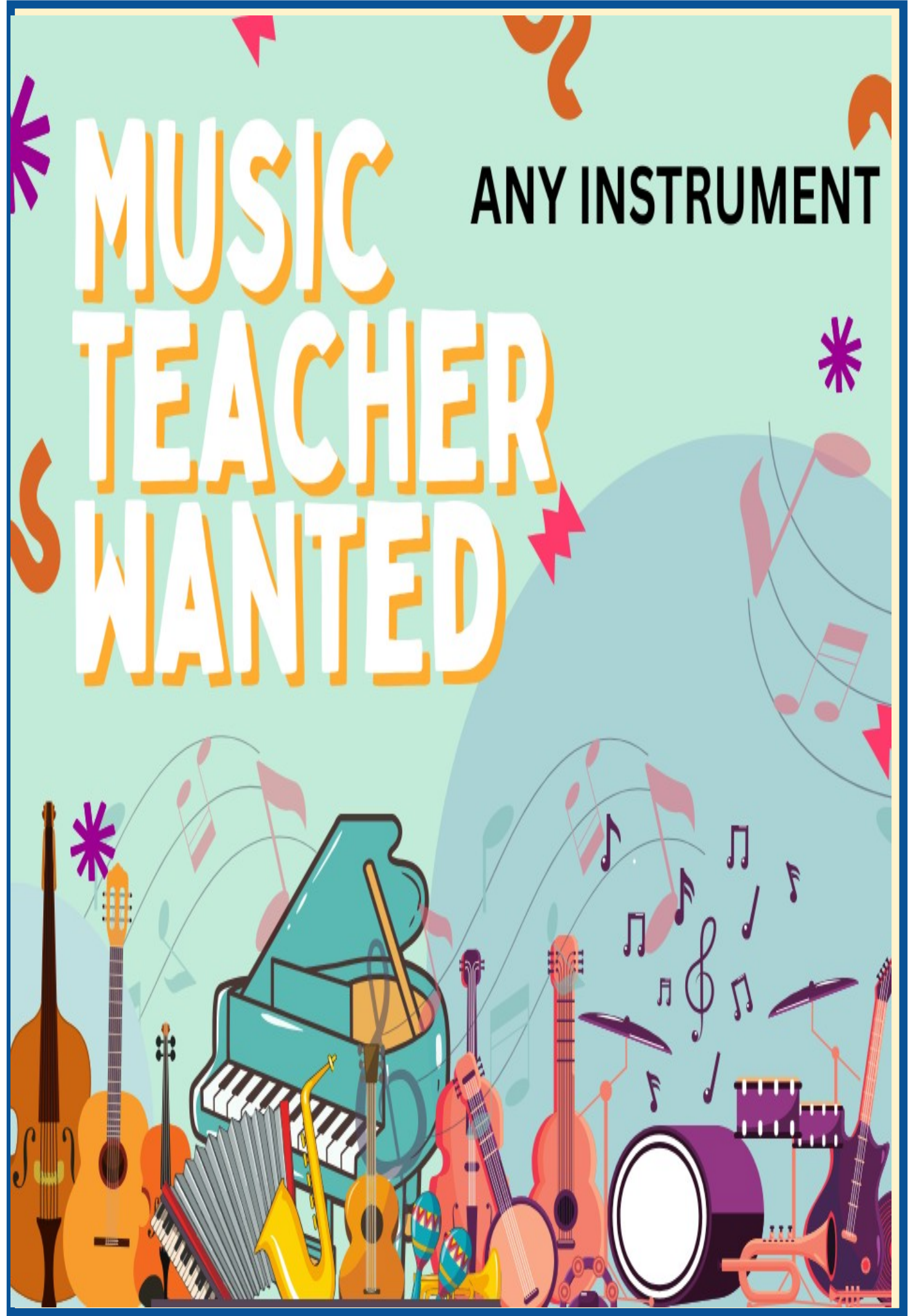
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# MUSIC TEACHER WANTED

ANY INSTRUMENT



R32DT9F,  
Patrick St,  
Mountrath,  
Co.Laois

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! 🪑

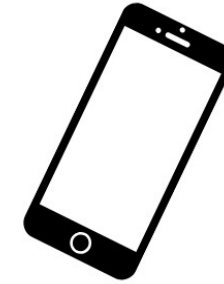


**COMING  
SOON**

**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!**



**BLOOMHO'S IS DELIGHTED TO  
ANNOUNCE.....**

**Child care facilities  
coming early 2026**

**RIGHT HERE IN BLOOMHQ!!**

Keep an eye on our socials for more details,  
updates and notices



# BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

Everything worth knowing  
— all in one place....



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# Calling all teachers & tutors!

Are you offering grinds and looking for a base?

BloomhQ is the place for you...  
With dedicated rooms, whiteboards,  
free advertising and more!!

.....  
Email: [Marketing@bloomhq.ie](mailto:Marketing@bloomhq.ie)

# Piano Lessons now Available!

- All levels welcome – beginner to advanced!
-  Highly qualified teacher & choral conductor
  -  Over 30 years' experience in piano & music education
  -   Lessons for all ages – kids & adults
  -  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**

# Looking for an office space to rent in Laois?



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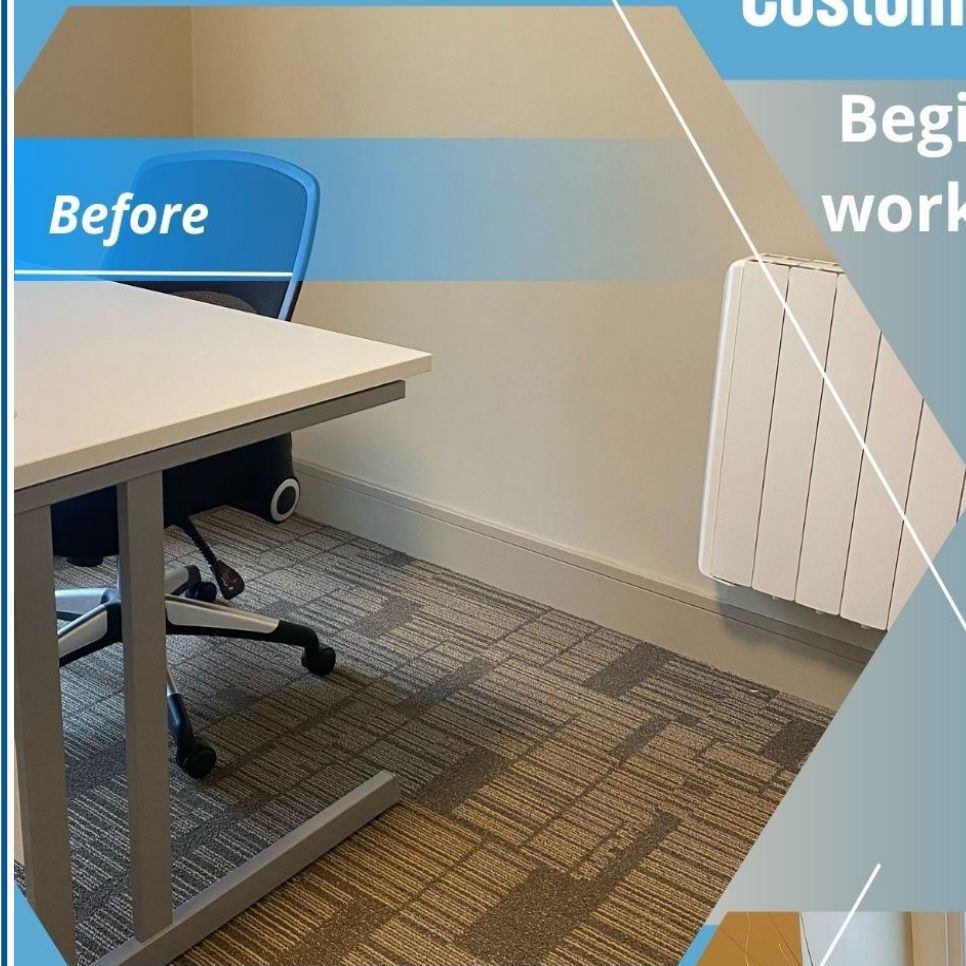
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remote work  
with every thing  
you need on  
hand**

## **Hot desks at BloomHQ,**



**Contact:  
manager@bloomhq.ie**



**For just €20 a day**

# ***BOWLS***

**Thursdays @ 8pm**

**Philomenas Hall**

**R32DT9F,  
Patrick St.  
Mountrath,  
Co.Laois**



# GYM



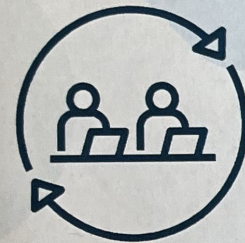
- Join our large, loving gym community! 💪❤️
- Build strength and friendships. 🤝
- Everyone's included –come as you are!
- Don't miss out, join today! ☀️


**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!** 🚀



# ***CONFERENCE ROOMS***

**From just €55**

**Seating 2-20**

**Ideal for company meetings,  
general meetings, training  
courses etc**

**Contact BloomHQ to book  
today.....**

# Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

Mick Smith is teaching the new  
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here in BloomHQ, the old Convent Mountrath.

For more details and to book see:

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[www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie](https://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



# TOTS AND CO PLAYSCHOOL

## REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE  
IN QUALITY CHILDCARE

ECCE & NCS  
SCHEMES AVAILABLE

CONTACT COLETTE:  
**0874162377**

MOUNTRATH, CO. LAOIS



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# CAFE DONATE

Something has been brewing  
in Mountrath.....

Coming  
Soon  
Now  
Open



Check out our socials

# Parish Finances

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**Copy of Financial Statements  
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## 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**

# Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

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for Ballyfin Parish for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2024)

## 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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Envelope Collection: € 41,068

Shrine income: € 9,059

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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## Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
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
	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
<b>Total: € 226,586.00</b>	<b>Total: € 186,173.00</b>

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## Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenses</b>
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
	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
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