

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

10th - 11th May 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Our New Pope - Pope Leo XIV



Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Marie Murphy (nee Delaney) Clonadacasey

R.I.P.

We pray for Marie who died peacefully at her home on Thurs. 1st May.

Marie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Mon. 5th May, followed by burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portlaoise.

We extend sympathy to Olive, Eamonn, Marie and Paul, brothers Brian, Ray and Noel and families, grandchildren, great grandchildren and their families, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Marie rest in the peace of Christ

Paddy Lowry, Kiln Lane R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died peacefully at St. James' Hosp., Dublin on Fri. 2nd May. Paddy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Mon. 5th May followed by burial in St. Fergal's Cemetery, Camross. We extend sympathy to his wife Anne, - Patrick, David, Nicola, Darren, Annette and Craig and their families. Parents, Tim and Mary, Grandchildren, Aaron, Jack and Eoin. Sisters, Mary, Kathleen, Breda, Sean, Margaret, Anna, Angela, Nuala, Martin, brothers, Tim, Brendan and Andrew and their families.

Sadly missed by daughters in law Veronica, Cora, Mag and Linda.

Sadly, missed by Uncle Jack Lowry, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and wide circle of family and friends.

May Paddy rest in the peace of Christ

Margaret Connor (Nee McDonald)

Clonbarrow. R.I.P.

We pray for Margaret who died suddenly on Sun. 4th May.

Margaret's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Tues. 6th May followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to her husband, Michael, Julie, David and Anita and their families, grandsons Michael, Stephen and Rory, son-in-law Mattie, daughter-in-law Mary, brother Mattie, sister Catherine, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Margaret rest in the peace of Christ

Pat Tynan, Borris Little, Portlaoise (Kilbricken) R.I.P.

We pray for Pat who died peacefully on Mon. 28th April.
Pat's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul Church,
Portlaoise on Thurs. 1st May followed by burial in Sts. Peter and
Paul Cemetery, Portlaoise. We extend sympathy to Marie,
son Ronan, daughter Orla, mother Joan, brothers Noel and Eddie,
Sisters Pauline, Caroline, Annette and Joan, brothers-in-law,
sisters-in-law, aunts, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours,
friends and his work colleagues and customers in Peig's Bar,
Portlaoise.

May Pat rest in the peace of Christ.

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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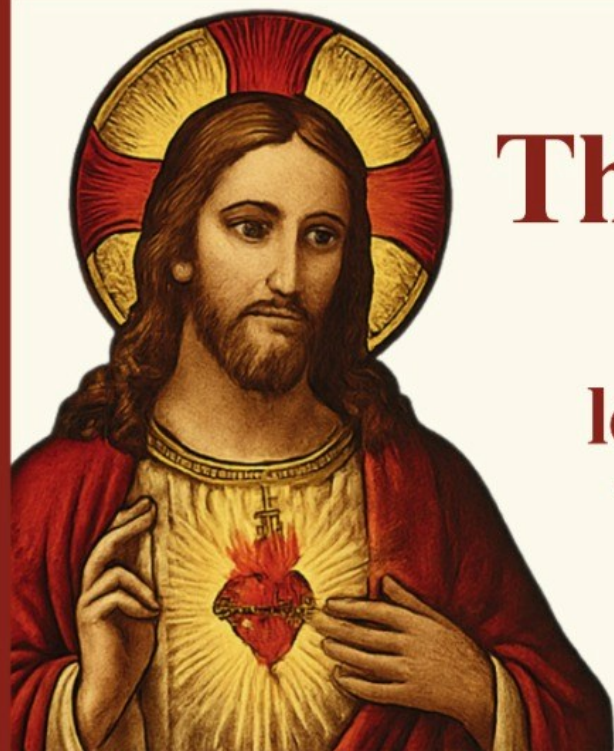
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National
Novena
to the
Most Sacred
Heart
of Jesus



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 &

on **Shalom World Prayer Channel**

Live stream on www.sacredheartcrusade.ie
through Shalom World

Friday, May 2nd

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

Bishop Paul Dempsey (Dublin Auxiliary)

Friday, May 9th

Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Ennis, Co.Clare, V95 D951

Bishop Fintan Monahan

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Archbishop Eamon Martin

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Fr.Charlie McDonnell

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Bishop Donal McKeown

Friday, June 20th

St Peter's Cathedral, St. Peters Square N, Belfast, BT12 4BU

Bishop Alan McGuckian

Sunday, June 22nd

"Corpus Christi" Knock Shrine, Mayo, F12 7226

*Archbishop Eamon Martin renews Ireland's consecration
to the Most Sacred Heart*

Friday, June 27th

Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sacred Heart Church, Malahide, Dublin, K36 HC99

Holy Mass 11:30 am

Archbishop Dermot Farrell



Novena to The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

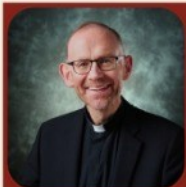
Relics of St Margaret Mary Alacoque
& St Claude la Colombière

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



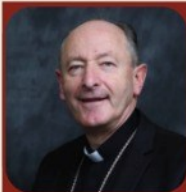
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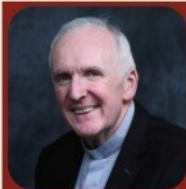
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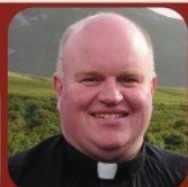
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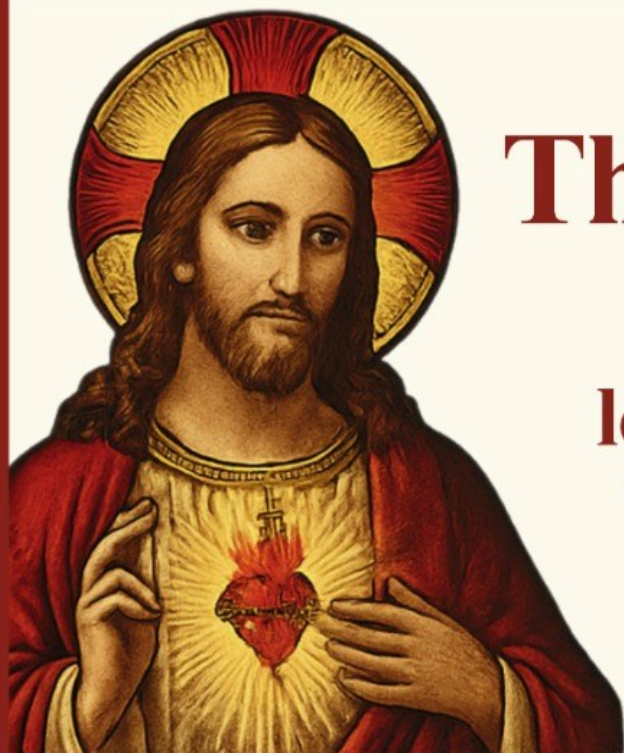


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SYNOD NEWS:

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
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Jubilee year
Pilgrims of Hope



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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Confirmation

2025

Ballyfin Parish

Confirmation Catechesis

with Confirmation Candidates and
their parents continues following
10.00 am Sunday Mass on the
following dates

4th May 18th May

Celebrating the Sacrament
of Reconciliation

with

Confirmation Candidates
and their families

Wed. 14th May

at

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin

7.00 pm

Ceremony of Confirmation

in Ballyfin Parish will be
celebrated in St. Fintan's Church,
Ballyfin

on Fri. 23rd May 2025

Ceremony will commence at 11.00 am

The Ceremony of Confirmation will be led by
Bishop Denis Nulty

Parish News



Trocaire Collections

2025

Mountrath €2640.00

Ballyfin € 2117.45

Good Friday Collection

€ 921.00

Congratulations to
Pupils and Staff of
Scoil Bhride, Mountrath

'Grannie's Revenge'

shortlisted at
Young Filmmaker of the Year Awards

See full article (from Laois Today) below.

Well done to Scoil Bhride
(Some nice pics., too)

Laois students excel as
'Grannie's Revenge' shortlisted
at
Young Filmmaker of the Year
awards

By Alan Hartnett
7th May 2025.

Fifth and Sixth Class students from Scoil Bhríde in Mountrath were honoured at the Young Filmmaker of the Year awards recently. At the start of April, students travelled to the Omniplex Cinema in Limerick for the Junior finals of the competition. Scoil Bhríde's short film 'Grannie's Revenge' was shortlisted from over a hundred entries, from all corners of Ireland, to be screened at the finals.

The journey to Limerick started a number of years ago when Ms Michelle Pearson applied for Scoil Bhríde to be part of Creative Schools.

Aideen McHugh came to the school to facilitate lots of different workshops and the girls were given different opportunities to work creatively.

It was from this work that the students decided they had a particular interest in film.

As a result, last September Lee Williamson of Shuttermanic Productions started working on film making with all of the students.

Time was spent learning about storyboards, shot lists, interview skills, filming equipment, sound effects and much more. It was at this point that the story of 'Grannie's Revenge' was born.

When asked about the experience they gained from the filmmaking workshops the students' gave some of the following quotes: "It was an unforgettable experience." "I love acting even more now." "The whole experience has encouraged me to try out more film making."

Scoil Bhríde have enjoyed continued success with the film 'Grannie's Revenge'. Last December, they were awarded second place at the 'Roscommon Mini Motion Pictures Film Festival' where they won ten Samsung tablets.

Principal of Scoil Bhríde, Ms Mary Rohan said that being shortlisted for the finals in Limerick was a huge achievement for the school and hopes that this experience will inspire lots more filmmaking at Scoil Bhríde in the future.





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.

Tax Back Scheme

(Ballyfin Parish)

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Donations to Ballyfin Parish of over €250 via the Parish envelopes have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme.

“Thank you” to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

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'



Vocation Sunday

'The Church needs pastors....capable of saying yes to the Lord
with trust and hope. 'Pope Francis''

This Vocations Sunday we find ourselves embarking on a new era
in the life of the Church. We pray that young men and women
hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the
priesthood and religious life and that the Church will always
have pastors who care for God's people
with the heart of Christ himself.

Pieta Services in Laois

- Free phone and video therapy services
- Free 24/7 crisis helpline **1800 247 247** or text **HELP** to **51444**
- Suicide Bereavement Liaison Officer Service*- [**www.pieta.ie**](http://www.pieta.ie)
- Community Education Programmes- Amber Flag- [**amberflag@pieta.ie**](mailto:amberflag@pieta.ie) and Resilience Academy- [**resilience@pieta.ie**](mailto:resilience@pieta.ie)

Note- our therapy is provided to those who have suicidal ideation, are self-harming or bereaved by suicide



*SBLO- A therapist supports families in the immediate aftermath of a death by suicide

Sharing from the Table of the Lord

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: This diocesan programme will be led by Fr Tom O'Byrne and Julie Kavanagh on Saturday, 24 May from 10am to 4 pm in Carlow Cathedral Parish Centre. Attendees are asked to bring a lunch – tea/coffee will be provided. Suitable for people new to this ministry in the parish or for existing ministers who would like a refresher.


If you would like to take part in this training
please contact your Fr. P.J. or Fr. Joe.




**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



2025

A COMMUNITY IN ACTION



The Book Bank

A social enterprise prioritizes social and environmental goals alongside financial objectives. All money generated is reinvested into the activities of the social enterprise.

The Bookbank social enterprise aims to create positive impacts, by providing social & cultural spaces, skills training & generating sustainable income. This income will be reinvested in education, creativity, art, culture & events for the community to enjoy.

By blending the efficiency and innovation of business with a commitment to social change, we can offer a sustainable approach to community challenges.

WE NEED YOU!



THE BOOK BANK SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

A COMMUNITY BOOKSHOP



**JOIN IN
GIVE BACK**



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Board of Management
- Shop Volunteers
- Events Organisation
- Social Media Promotion

Public Information Meeting The Book Bank 26th March 1pm & 6pm

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

Cemetery Masses

in

Mountrath

Ballyfin

Parishes

Cemetery Masses

2025

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 8th June (2nd Sun. June)

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 27th June (Last Fri. Jun)

Clonenagh Fri. 11th July (2nd Fri. July)

Cemetery on Right - Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Wed. 6th Aug. (1st Wed. August)

Boghlone Wed. 3rd Sept. (1st Wed. Sept)

All Cemetery Masses commence at 7.00 pm

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.!!



1st Holy
Communion
(1st Eucharist)
2025

1st Holy Communion Days in 2025

Mass Dates and Times

Gaelscoil Thromaire Sunday 4th May 2025

The Hollow Church - 9.00 am

Barnashrone National School Sunday 4th May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Scoil Bride, Mountrath.

St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath

Sunday 11th May 2025 St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

Time 11.30 am

Ballyfin National School

Sunday 25th May 2025

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Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 10th May

To

Sun. 18th May

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Fri. 2nd to Sun. 11th May

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

Fri. 9th May 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 10th May 8.00 pm John (Seán) Tynan, Roscrea. 1st Anniv.

Sun. 11th May. 10.00 am 4th Sun. of Easter

Mon. 12th May. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 16th May 7.30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 17th May 8.00 pm Martin Phelan, Clondalkin 1st Anniv.

(Late of Cavansheath)

Josie Phelan, Patrick St., Mountrath 8th Anniv.

William and Julia Conroy, Barkmills.

Sun. 18th May 10.00 am Edward and Mary Brennan, Brockera.

Mon. 19th May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sun. 8th June 10.00 am Margaret Fitzpatrick, Springfield.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 10th Sun. 11th May

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

Sat. 10th May 7.00 pm Jack Killeen, Fr. O'Connor Crescv. 2nd Anniv.

Tom O'Brien, Factory St., 11th Anniv

Sun. 11th May 9.00 am The Hollow Church 4th Sun. of Easter

11.30 am Brendan (Benny) Tynan, Ard Erin. 1st Anniv.

1st Holy Communion Day with pupils of Scoil Bhride

And St. Fintan's Boys School

Continued on next page

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Tues 13th — Sun. 18th May

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Wed. 14th May 10.00 am

Thurs. 15th May 10.00 am Tim Burke, Shannon St., 42nd Anniv.

Fri. 16th May 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 17th May 7.00 pm Thomas and Teresa Watkins. St. Fintan's Tce.

Elizabeth Wall, Woodbrook. -

Killy Byrne, Ringstown. 22nd Anniv.

Sun. 18th May 9.00 am The Hollow Church 5th Sun. of Easter

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Life is changed not ended*

Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto,

Wed 7th May

Nos. Drawn 3 10 14 31

No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3 Winners

Rec. € 91 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 18,000

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

Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 8th May

Nos. Drawn 1 12 16 17

No € 20,000 Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 100 each

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

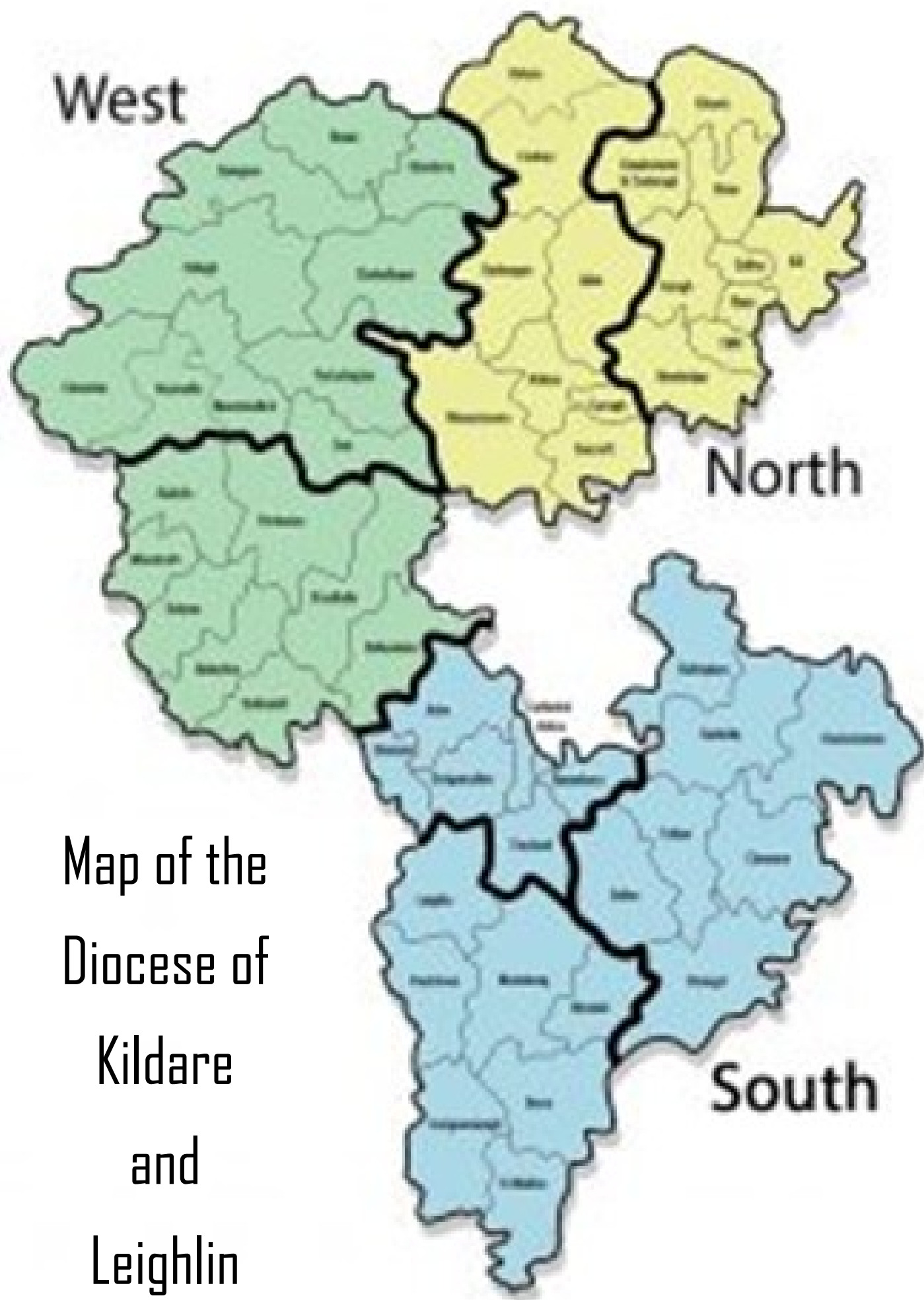


Mountrath € 20,000

Ballyfin € 18,000



News From Around The Diocese



Events
at
Bloom HQ

February 2025 TIMETABLE

Monday

10 am Mature Movers
11 am School Program
2 pm Golden years club
7 pm Mixed Circuit Training
7 pm Karate*

Tuesday

10 am TRX
10 am Mother & Baby class*
11 am Activator Poles Inc
1 pm Lunchtime HITT
6 pm Kids Zumba*
6.15 pm Beginner TRX*
7 pm Advanced TRX

Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers
7 pm Mixed Circuit Training

Thursday

9 am TRX
11 am Seated Exercise Inc.
1 pm Lunchtime HITT
6.15 pm Beginner TRX*
7 pm Advanced TRX
7 pm Karate*
8 pm Bowls*

Friday

5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)*
6.30 pm Kickboxing (8-12)*
7.30 pm Kickboxing (13+)*

Saturday

11.30 am Pilates*

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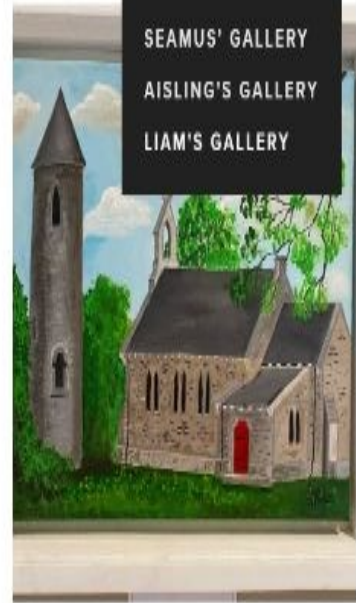
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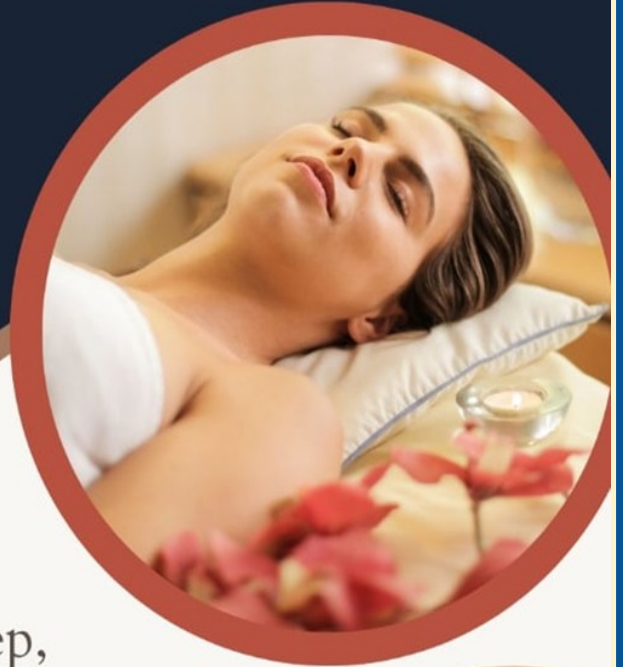
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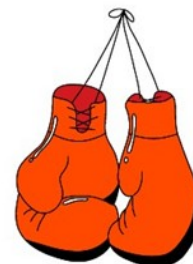
Karate

Mondays & Thursdays 7 pm
from 6 years up, €6 per class
Sensei Donal: 087 760 7063

Kickboxing

First trial class free

Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7
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Brazilian

8-12 years,

Jiu-jitsu*

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€ 35 per month or €5 per class
Jamie: 085 200 2497



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Wednesdays 5-6 pm, 7-12 years
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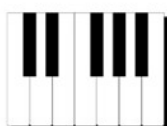
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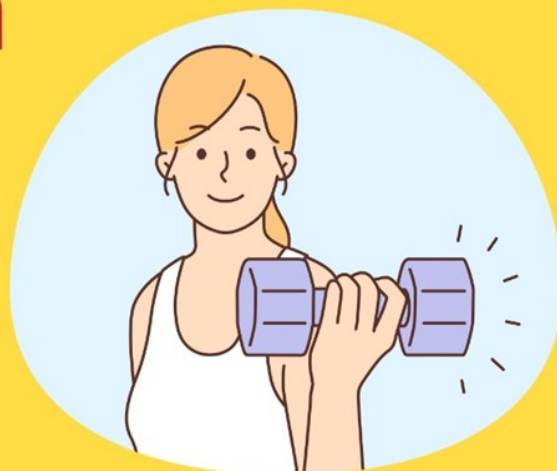
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to book talk to the relevant teacher



Saturday Morning Circuit Training

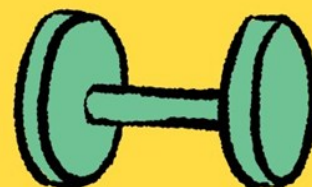
9-10 am



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Saturdays

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Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

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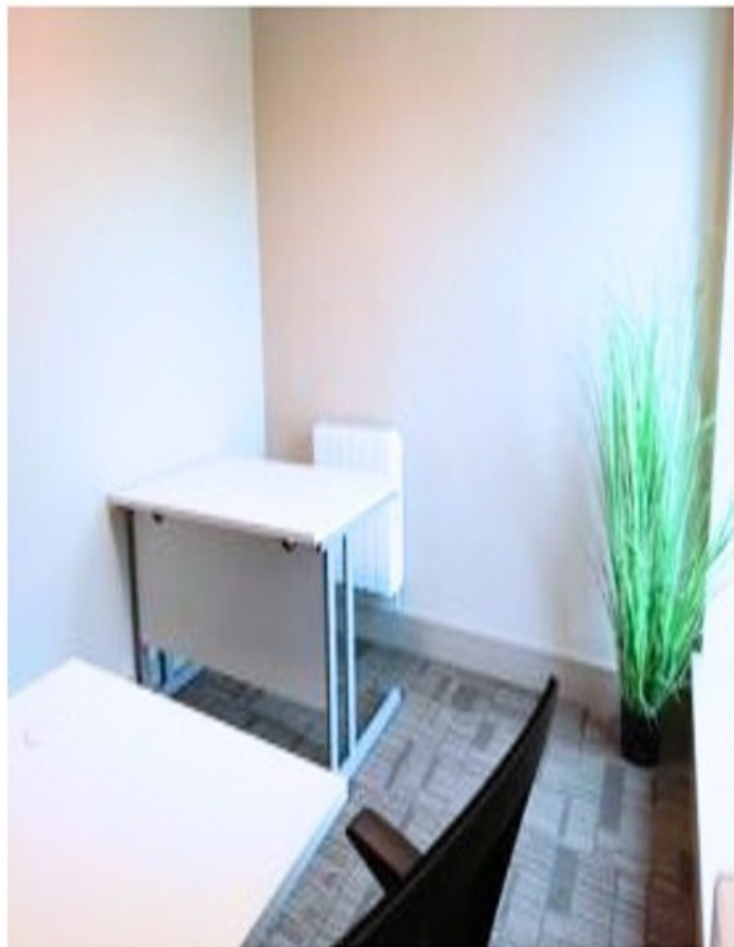


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At Bloom HQ

Table Quiz

Thurs. 1st May

Starts at 8.30 pm

€ 10.00 per person

Tables of 4

All proceeds to Class of 90

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Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

Mick Smith is teaching the new
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For more details and to book see:

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Activities suitable for Senior Citizens in Mountrath

Mature Movers 50 +
Mondays & Wednesdays 11 am



Bowls inclusive 11 am Tuesdays
Bowls 8 pm Thursdays

Mountrath Men's Shed
Tuesdays 10 am- 1 pm
Thursdays 2 pm- 4 pm
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Activator Poles Inclusive
Thursdays 11 am

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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

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HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

FREE Afternoon

TEA Dance

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

FROM 2PM - 5PM

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BLOOM HQ (FORMERLY THE BRIGIDINE CONVENT)

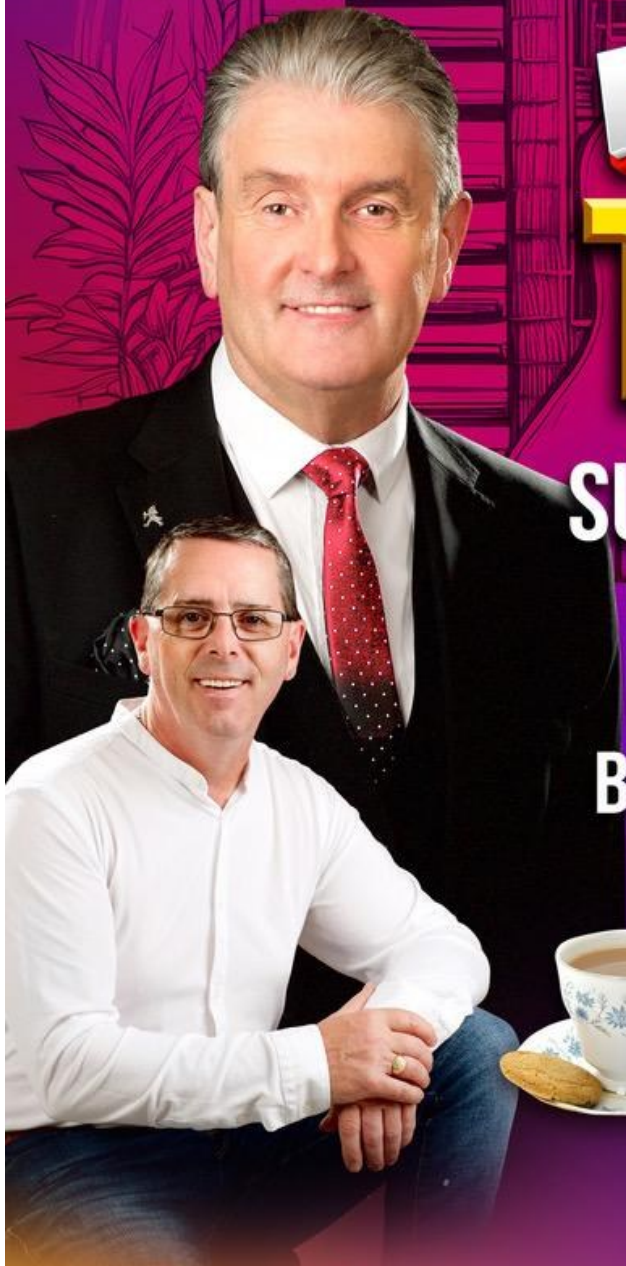
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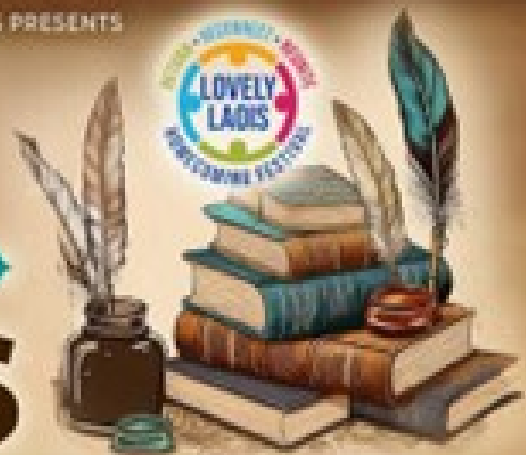
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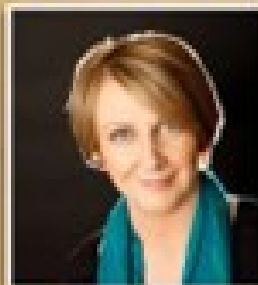
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HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

LITERARY EVENT

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



11AM-1PM

CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

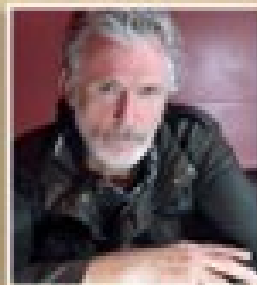
with Helen Moorhouse
Mountmellick native, author of five published novels and Creative Writing Tutor, Helen Moorhouse hosts *First Steps To Your Story* for writers starting their first novel.



2PM-4PM

PLAYWRIGHT WORKSHOP

with Frances Harney
Prolific Ballyfin playwright, author and drama teacher, Frances Harney, will take aspiring writers through techniques for writing for the stage.



4PM-5PM

AN AUDIENCE WITH PATRICK BERGIN

Distinguished Hollywood actor whose screen credits include 'Sleeping With The Enemy' 'Robin Hood' and 'Patriot Games'; and TV roles in 'Red Rock' and 'Eastenders'; singer and poet, Patrick Bergin will read from his extensive creative output in an intimate audience. An exclusive event not to be missed!



5PM-6PM

OPEN MIC

Writers of all persuasions, ages and experience are invited to share their stories and poems in a five minute slot before an audience. Local poet Arthur Broomfield and storytellers Johnny Thompson and Pat Critchley will participate - all are welcome!

Please Note: Tickets for the Literary Event are FREE
However, you must book your place through [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) (Places are limited)



BUIOCHAS PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

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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

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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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Trudi Lalor



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
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
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

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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
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/Missallettes	€ 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 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

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