## Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

3rd - 4th Amy 2025 3rd Sunday of Easter

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"Come Holy Spirit and fill the hearts of your faithful"

## Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Fr. Joe Brophy P.P. (087) 241 1594

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or <u>www.ballyfinparish.ie</u>

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

## Paddy Lowry, Kiln Lang R.I.P.

Fungral Mass in Mountrath Church on Mon. 5th May at. 10.00 am

Marie Murphy (Nee Delaney)

Clonadacasey, Mountrath

R.I.P.

Fungral Masss in Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise Monday 5th May 12. midday

May Paddy and Maric

Rest in the peace of Christ

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

We pray for Pat who died peacefully on Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Pat's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul Church,
Portlaoise on Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> 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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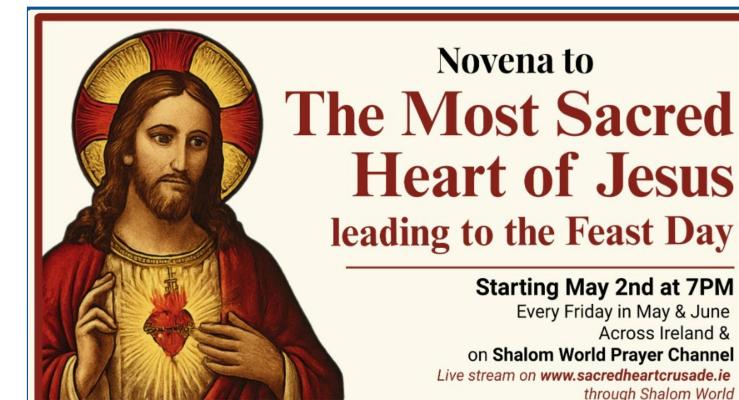
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The Church of the Holy Child, Thatch Rd, Whitehall, Dublin,

D09 HX99

Bishop Paul Dempsey ( Dublin Auxiliary )

Friday, May 9th

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Bishop Fintan Monahan

Friday, May 16th

Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barrowstrand St,

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Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan

Friday, May 23rd

St John's Cathedral, Limerick, V94 H521

Bishop Brendan Leahy

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Church of the Sacred Heart, 132 Dublin Rd, Cloughoge,

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Archbishop Eamon Martin

Friday, June 6th

Church of the Assumption, Old Church St, Cullairbaun,

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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

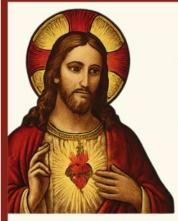
"Corpus Christi" Knock Shrine, Mayo, F12 7226

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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Friday, May 2nd



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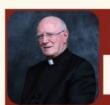
Alphonsus Cullinan

Cath. of the Most Holy Trinity
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Bishop



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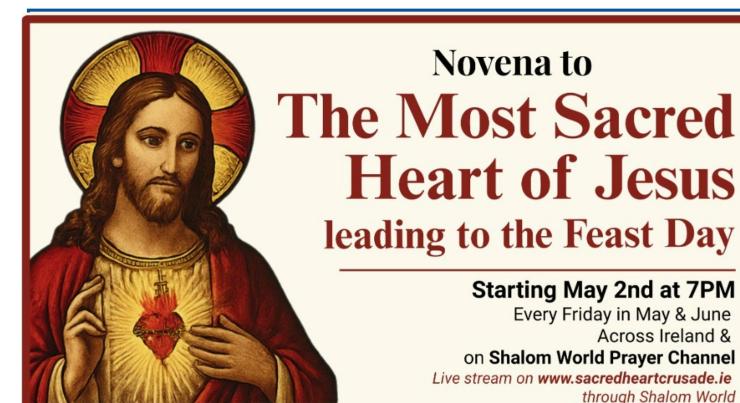
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#### WATCH LIVE ON



shalomworld.org/sacred-heart-2025



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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

## Jubilge Year

2025

"We are

Pilgrims

Of

Hope"

# 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 Jubliee 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.



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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

4<sup>th</sup> May 18<sup>th</sup> May

## Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Confirmation Candidates and their families Wed. 14th May

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin
7.00 pm

at

# Ceremony of Confirmation in Ballyfin Parish will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin

on Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Ceremony will commence at 11.00 am

The Ceremony of Confirmation will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty

## Parish Ngws



## Parish Visitation May

Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> Ballyfin Parish

Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Mountrath Country

Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> Mountrath Town

## March for Life 2025

The March for Life 2025, organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes place on Monday, 5th May in Dublin at 2pm (Meeting point: St Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! For more information and to check out bus transport to the event.

See www.marchforlife.ie

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## A Note from DLI

(Drama League Ireland)

We in Drama World are much saddened to hear of the recent death of Michael Joe Ginnelly, author of "Wake in the West"

which was staged in November of last year

by Ballyfin Drama Group.

Michael wrote this play in 2005.

Michael, thanks for the fun and laughter you have given us — and to so many over the years.

## 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. Jae)* 



## 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' (f) (iii) (iii)











# SIGN UP HELP STOP SUICIDE

4:15am • May 10th

From Irish Prison Service College, Dublin Road, Portiaoise, R32 NX53 Register Today

darknessintolight.ie

CHY16913 CRA 20062026

## "Darkness into Light" Walk Venue Irish Prison Service College, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, R32 NX53 Date Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Start time – 4.15am To register, the address

is www.darknessintolight.ie

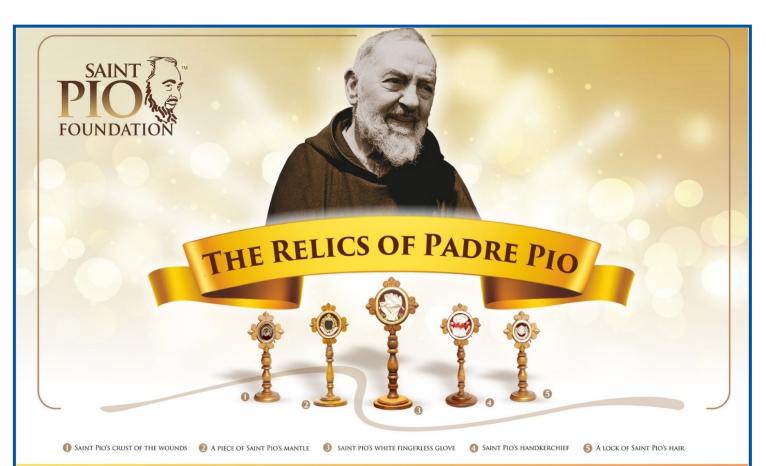
## **Pieta Services in Laois**

- 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
- Community Education Programmes- Amber Flag- amberflag@pieta.ie and Resilience Academy- resilience@pieta.ie

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



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



## visit to Holycross Abbey, Thurles, Co. Tipperary E41PH01

## Saturday 24th May

10am - Welcome & Mass
10.45am - Veneration
12 noon - Rosary & Veneration
6pm - Evening Prayer
6.30pm - Veneration
8pm - Church Closed



### Sunday 25th May

9am - Veneration

11am - Sunday Mass

12 noon - Veneration

#### St. Pio National Pilgrimage

1.30pm - Rosary

2pm - Stations of the Cross

2.40pm - Anointing of the Sick

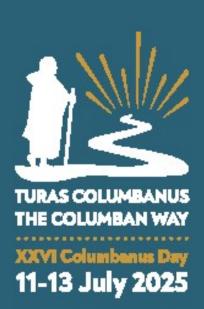
3pm - Mass in honour of St. Pio

4pm - Veneration

<u>7pm</u> - Evening Prayer & Farewell

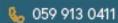
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For information contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com





FOR MORE INFORMATION





## 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 COMMUNITY IN ACTION



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







## **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. 8<sup>th</sup> June (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. June) Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> June (Last Fri. Jun)

Clonenagh Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July (2<sup>nd</sup> Fri. July)

Cemetery on Right - Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. (1<sup>st</sup> Wed. August)

Boghlone Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. (1<sup>st</sup> 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

# 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Days in 2025 Mass Dates and Times

Gaelscoil Thromaire Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The Hollow Church - 9.00 am

Barnashrone National School Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Scoil Bride, Mountrath.

St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath Time 11.30 am

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## Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 3rd May
To
Sun. 11th May

Lord, for your faithful people, Life is Changed, not ended

## Ballyfin Anniversaries

#### Anniversary and Mass Times

#### Fri. 2nd to Sun. 11th May

Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.30 pm Requiem Mass for Pope Francis

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 8.00 pm Michael Newsome, Rossmore. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Tom Greene, Ross 9th Anniv.

Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am Mary Ann and Matthew Coss.

Their son, Peter - daughter, Mary and her husband Pat Kelliher.

Elizabeth and Brian O'Donnell, Clonkeen

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day Barnashrone National Sch. 2.00 pm

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

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

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

4<sup>th</sup> Sun. of Easter Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> May. 10.00 am

Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> May. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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#### Mountrath Anniversaries

# Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 3rd Sun. 4th May

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

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 7.00 pm Michael (Mick) Boyhan. Fr. O'Connor Cr. M.M.

Thomas Connor and Dorothy Connor, Cappagh

Thomas 53<sup>rd</sup> Anniv Dorothy 31<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Seamus Fitzpatrick, Woodbrook.

And deceased family members

Thomas and Margaret Phelan, Shannon Rd.,

And deceased family members

Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 am The Hollow Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Easter

1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Day with pupils of Gaelscoil Thromaire

11.30 am Tom Treacy, Woodbrook. 1st Anniv.

Patrick (39th Anniv) and Ann Fitzpatrick, (11th Anniv) Clonbarrow Kathleen Dollard, Forest.

Continued on next page

#### Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Mon. 5th — Sun. 11th May

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am Paddy Lowry, Kiln Lane R.I.P.

**Funeral Mass** 

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

Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am

Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am

Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

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

Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> May 9.00 am The Hollow Church 4<sup>th</sup> Sun of Easter 11.30 am Brendan (Benny) Tynan, Ard Erin. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

1st Holy Communion Day with pupils of Scoil Bhride

And St. Fintan's Boys School

# Darish



## Ballyfin Parish Lotto,

Wed 30th April

Nos. Drawn 1 23 31 32

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3 Winners

Rec. € 167 each

#### Next Week's Jackpot € 17,000

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

#### Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 1st May

Nos. Drawn 2 9 22 29

No € 20,000 Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 91 each

1 Local Winner

Eoin and Jardinia Grady Promoter, Mary Costello

#### 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,

уоц,

who purchase a Lotto ticket every week.

I extend a very sincere "thank you" for your continued support and generousity.

#### Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

## Next Week's

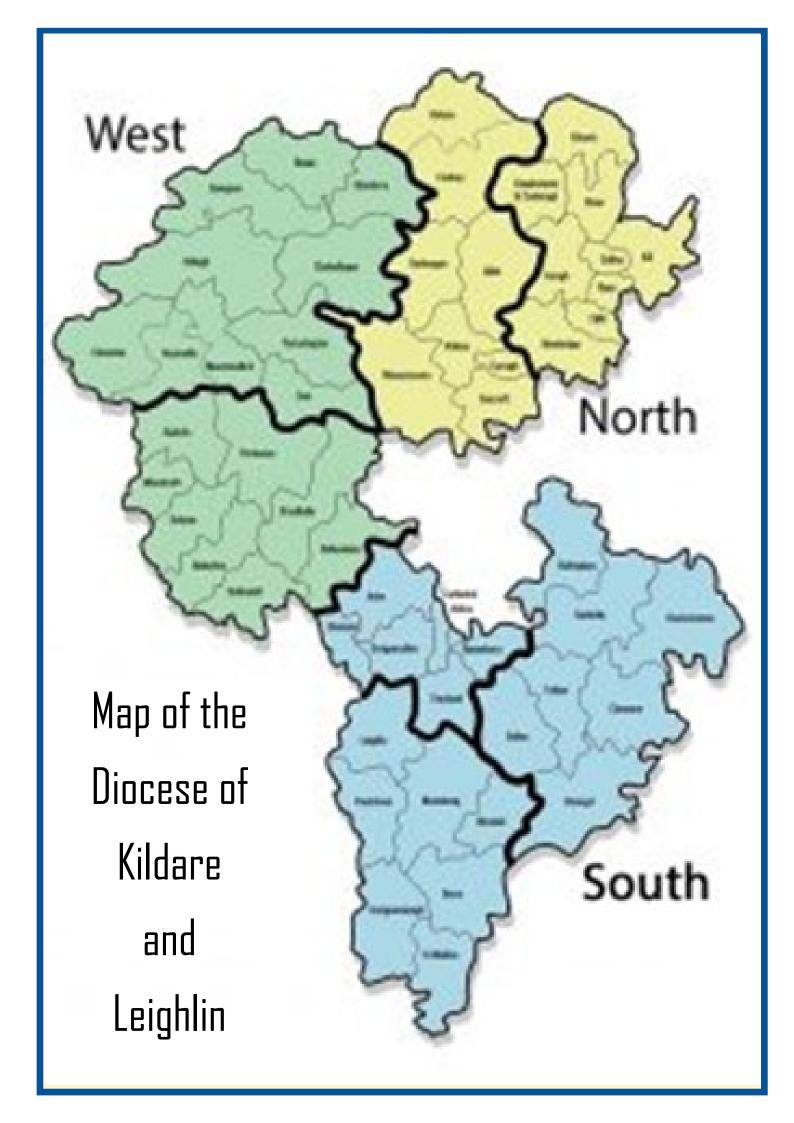


Mountrath € 20,000

Ballyfin € 17,000



# News From Around The Diocese



# Events at Bloom HQ

#### Monday

10 am Mature Movers11 am School Program2 pm Golden years club7 pm Mixed Circuit Training7 pm Karate\*

#### Juenday

10 am TRX
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PAYG and Members Always Welcome

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#### Fricialy

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

#### Saturday

11.30 am Pilates\*

\*These Classes are not included in the Membership fee

For more info contact Ruth on 089 2647761









#### Classes will be held in BloomHQ

Spacious, modern rooms Wifi

Sound proofed areas Free parking

Music stands And much more..

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Teachers on ALL instruments accepted

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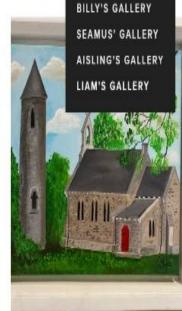


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Adults

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Tuesdays and Thursday @1.00pm

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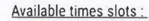






Games, conversation practice, writing, reading and help with homework





- · 5pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday
- · 1pm to 2pm Friday

Group classes in Bloom HQ (min. 3 students) or one on one in student's home (Mountrath town centre)



Fees:

Group classes: 20€/hour Private classes: 25€/hour



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#### Mountrath Health and **Fitness Academy**







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# Music Classes in Mountrath



#### **Trad Music**

Saturdays from 11 am 6 + years



Eabha 083 856 6083



#### **Piano**

Sunday mornings 5+ years €20 per 30 min lesson Heather 083 054 7772





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#### Mountrath

#### Violin

Thursdays 3-30 pm on from 3 years -adult

€ 20 for 30 min individual lesson

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# State of the Art Conference Centre with 7M Screen, projector, Full Audio Visual, Gigabyte Broadband





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#### Classes for Primary School aged Children in Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy





Karate

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

Kickboxing 6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7

Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7

Shane: 086 339 9287

First trial class free



8-12 years,

Brazilian Wednesdays 7-8 pm & Saturdays 10-11 am

Jiu-jitsu\* € 35 per month or €5 per class

Jamie; 085 200 2497



Art & Craft

Wednesdays 5-6 pm, 7-12 years € 30 for block of 6 classes

Rhiannon: 089 211 5183

Thursdays 3.30 pm on. From 3 years - adult €20 for 30 min individual lesson

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to book talk to the relevant teacher







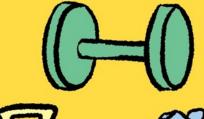
## Saturday Morning **Circuit Training**



9-10 am



€ 7 PAYG or part of your monthly membership







contact 086 3262 570

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## Mountrath Music Rooms

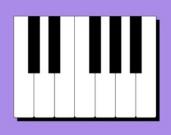
Lessons in BloomHQ



Violin Lessons
by Irene Ramos
089 9818065
iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com
Thursdays



Irish Traditional Music, Whistle, Flute, Concertina, Accordion, Fiddle, Banjo and Mandolin Cliona & Eabha Dowling McDonald



Saturdays

083 8566083

Piano Lessons
by Heather Gavigan 083 054 7772
Sundays



Contact the relevant teacher for times, prices etc

#### Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu/BJJ in Mountrath



Thinking about learning self-defence and the Art of Jiu-Jitsu? A sport that suits all ages from 8 years.

- \*mobility improvement
- \*improve full body strength
- \*better cardio
- \*helps weight loss
- \*improves flexibility

8 yrs- 18 €35 per month Adults €45 per month

€5 per class for under 18's €7 per class for Adults or included in Monthly Membership

#### Wednesdays

Kids 7-8 pm Teens /Adults 8-9 pm

#### **Saturdays**

Kids 10- 11 am Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

contact Jamie 085 200 2497

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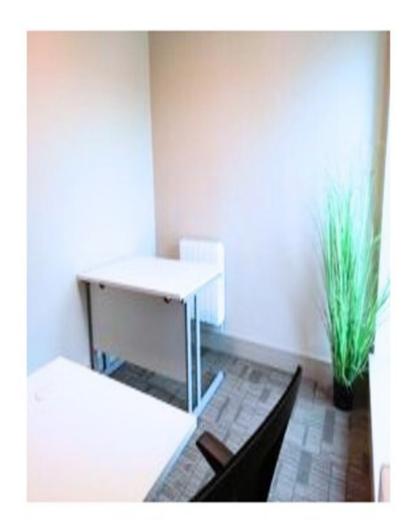






## 1 - 2 person offices for rent in our Social Enterprise centre in Mountrath





Contact 0892722885 manager@bloomhq.ie



### **Mountrath Music Rooms**



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- \*Soundproof rooms
- \*From € 15 per hour
- \*Perfect for music lessons, counselling or grinds
- \*free easy car park
- \*Waiting space

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## Class of 90 Presents

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 Restoration Project

## Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

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



## 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 contact 085 705 3855





Activator Poles Inclusive Thursdays 11 am

contact Ruth 086 3262 570











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#### **Mountrath Men's Shed**







## Old School on Patrick Street



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

Contact 0857053855







#### **Karate Classes**



#### Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm





**Juniors and Adults** 



Okinawan Karate



**Black Belt Instructors** 

contact Sensei Donal, 5th dan 087 760 7063 Martial Arts Centre, Old Convent, Mountrath, R32 DC58



## **HIIT Lunchtime class**

## **High-Intensity Interval Training**

Tuesdays & Thursdays

1.15 pm for 40 mins 5 euro a class

part of your monthly gym package

or

Book with Ruth 086 3262 570











## 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



"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"

Sports

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#### 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





## LITERARY EVENT

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



#### 11AM-1PM

#### CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

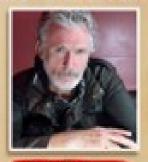
with Helen Moorhouse Mountmellick native, author of five published novels and Creative Writing Tutor, Helen Moorhouse hosts First Steps To Your Story for writers starting their first novel.



#### 2PM-4PN

#### 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

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#### **OPEN MIC**

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OMECOMING FESTIVA Doors Open 7pm Dinner served @ 8pm sharp Folk & Ballads by The Musketeers (Mick Foster, Billy Morrissey & TR Dallas) SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025 THE MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL, PORTLADISE Official Presentation to 4 unsung hero's from Lovely Laois Dancing to Trudi Lalor, Shawn Cuddy & Damien Bowe Official Presentation to a well known Laois Celebrity PACKAGE INCLUDES: BUIOCHAS PRODUCTIONS PRESENT 4 Course Dinner

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

Flying with TAP Airlines

Also 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony,

13<sup>th</sup> 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

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 79years 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.

\*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.

#### **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







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



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

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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	d € 1,000 00
Other Income	€ 2,984 .00	Printing/Missallettes	€ 9,233.00
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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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World Mission € 615.00

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Collection for Gaza (Good Friday) € 390.00

Total € 4,700.00

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