

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

Sat. 16th Sun. 17th May 2026

May

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The Month
of Mary

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald S.P.S C.C. (087) 605 5783

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

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or www.ballyfinparish.ie

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Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

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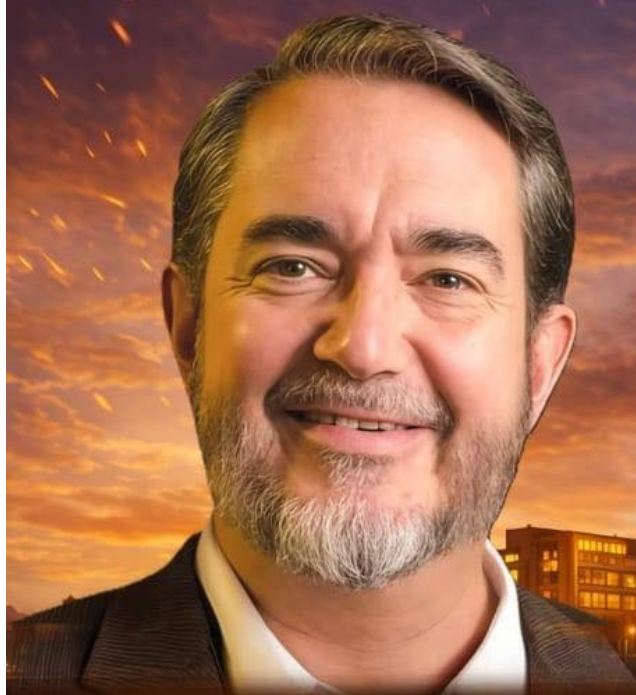
CONFERENCE

Embers into flames

 Saturday,
May 23rd

 Dublin Convention
Centre

 9:00 am to 7:00 pm



SCOTT
HAHN



MICHELLE
WARD



FR. CONOR
McDONOUGH O.P.



MAURA
MURPHY



FR. PATRICK
CAHILL



For more information & to book tickets, please visit

www.dominicans.ie

For group bookings, please call 01-4048187 (10am – 2pm)



Note From the Diocesan Office

Retired Priests Collection

This collection takes place at all Masses

- throughout the Diocese -

on the weekend of 23rd / 24th May.

The generosity of Parishes and parishioners
in supporting this Collection is deeply appreciated.

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.

**Esther Dunne (Nee Guilfoyle) Gash Court,
(St. Fintan's Tce.) R.I.P.**

We pray for Esther who died peacefully on Thurs. 7th May. Esther's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Sat. 9TH May followed by burial in Churchtown Cemetery. We extend sympathy to husband P.J, and family, Derek, Donna, Lorraine, Patrick and Emma, and their families, grandchildren Leah, Katie, Sarah, Ryan, Jamie, Joe, Karlie, Charlie, Addison and Harry, sisters, brother and their families, nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends.

May Esther rest in the peace of Christ.

New Defibrillator at Ballyfin Old School

Official Name of Device - Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

(An AED is a portable device and can be used by anyone to help someone experiencing cardiac arrest)

A new state of the art defibrillator and cabinet have been installed at Ballyfin Old School. This Unit has been installed for the protection of patrons of Ballyfin Old School and Ballyfin Community Centre / Ballyfin Parish Hall.

A note about the Defibrillator.

The Cabinet containing the defibrillator is not locked and is available to use, instantly, at any time. When the cabinet door is opened an alarm sounds.

I would like if a number of local people would engage in a training / familiarization programme in the safe use of the Defibrillator. If a number of people come forward, I will organize suitable training – To ensure that the defibrillator is always in working order and fit for purpose, it needs to be checked out on a regular basis. I would like if a kind local person would commit to looking after the unit on behalf of the Parish. I very much appreciate your help and co-operation. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming involved in this project.

For Sale

Ford Mondeo Diesel Car

Year 12 1.6 Engine

Tax 31st May NCT 21st July

Reasonably Priced

Contact 087 232 4217

Cemetery Masses

7.00 pm

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 26th June

Clonenagh Fri. 10th July

Cemetery on Left Mt.rath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Wed. 5th Aug.

Boughlone Wed. 2rd Sept.

Safeguarding Training

Refresher training will take place in Portlaoise Parish Centre on 27th May from 7 – 9.30pm.

Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

Please provide your name, Parish, role and email address to bishopshouse@kandle.ie to book training.

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Each night begins with praying the Rosary at 7pm

led by our beloved Poor Clare Sisters

followed by Mass at 7.30pm

celebrated by Parish Priest Fr. John Dunphy.

Each night a guest speaker will share their own faith story.

Monday 25th May

Edward Hayden: TV Chef and Broadcaster

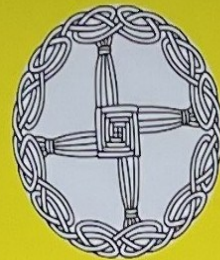
Monday 1st June

Katelyn Cummins: Rose of Tralee 2025

Monday 8th June

Bishop Denis Nulty: Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin Diocese

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



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SAT JUNE 6

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AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

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-Venerable Patrick Peyton



HOLY CROSS
FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sat. 6th June

Knock Shrine

Letter from Bishop Denis to First Communicants, parents and families,

Dear First Communicants, parents and families,

Warm greetings and blessings to you on this very special day.

Children, today you receive the Body of Christ for the first time. This is the gift you have been preparing for. Now, I also know that you will receive lots of gifts today from many people who love you and are so happy for you on this day. But I ask you to remember just one thing for me. Please, remember that the gift of Jesus in Holy Communion is the most precious gift of them all. And the wonderful thing is that after today you can come to Mass and keep receiving this gift, again and again. I very much hope and pray that you do.

Parents and families - you and your family are important members of the family of God and of this parish. You are loved, you are wanted and you are needed. And when you are not here you are missed. As Christians we need the nourishment of God's Word and Eucharist to bring meaning and peace to our lives. That is why Sunday matters and why Sunday Mass is so important.

As you celebrate this wonderful day as a family my parting request to you is to seriously think about making Sunday Mass here in the parish, (whether on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning), a part of your family life, if it is not already so. The first step might be simply deciding to make it a habit in your week.

I pray that today may be a treasured day in the life of all your families. And, for our First Communicants, that it is the first of a life time of receiving Jesus, the Bread of Life.

Every blessing, X Denis Nulty

Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin

29.04.2026

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TOTS AND CO PLAYSCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



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IN QUALITY CHILDCARE

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See

Parish Finances

From

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Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 16th May

To

Sun. 24th May

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 16th - Sun. 24th May

Fri. 15th May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 16th May 8.00 pm Ascension of the Lord. Vigil Mass .

Patrick, Ellen, Seán, and Con Twomey

and Mary Nolan. Seán and Michael O'Sullivan. Pallas.

The Message of Today's Gospel Story on the feast of The Ascension of the Lord. As Jesus returning to the Father, He leaves us with his powerful message

"Know, that I will be with you always, Yes, to the end of time."

Sun. 17th May 10.00 am Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Patrick (Paudge) Quinn, Pallas Little. 7th Anniv.

Mon. 18th May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 16th - Sun. 24th May

Continued

Fri. 22nd May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 23rd May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Feast of Pentecost.

Sun. 24th May 10.00 am Feast of Pentecost

Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Mon. 11th May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 16th to Sun. 24th May

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

Sat. 16th May 7.00 pm Tom O'Brien, Factory St., 12th Anniv.

Kitty Byrne, Ringstown. 23rd Anniv.

Sun. 17th May 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am Elizabeth (Liz) Wall, Woodbrook.

Tues. 19th May 10.00 am

Wed. 20th May 10.00 am

Thur. 21st May 10.00 am

Fri. 22nd May 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 16th to Sun. 24th May Continued

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Sat. 23rd May 7.00 pm Robert (Bobby) Mulhall , Portlaoise Rd.,
5th Anniv. (Robbie died on 25th May 2021)
Sarah (Sally) Osborne, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.
4th Anniv. (Died on 27th May 2022)

Sun. 24th May 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am Paddy Carroll, Cappagh

James and Ann Brennan, Tom and Ellen Berry.

Lord, for your faithful people

Life is Changed, not ended

Ministries Rota - Ballyfin

Sat.23rd - Sun. 24th May

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Br. Nicholas Leahy Denis Bowe

Sun.10.00 am Joe Fingleton Br. Gerry Reburn

Collectors for May

Sat. Donal McCormack

Sun. John Coughlan Raymond Keating

Ministries Rota

Mountrath

Sat 23rd - Sun. 24th May

Readers Sat. 7.00 pm Paulo Jacob

Sun. 11.30 am Margaret Keegan

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 7.00 pm Mary Kerwin/Niamh

O'Hara/Paulo Jacob

Sun. 11.30 am Dolores Mulhare

Elaine Doheny Rachel Hill

Collectors During May

Sat. Niamh O'Hara

Sun. Donal Doheny Pat McSpadden

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 20th 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 ASAP (before Friday 8th May). Additionally if, as a Parish you have already secured tickets,

1st Holy Communion
Ballyfin Parish

Sun. 17th May 10.00 am

Sun. 24th May 10.00 am

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

WHY SUNDAYS MATTER
AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS
FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invite parishioners across the diocese to reflect on the letter from the Irish Bishops, 'WHY SUNDAY MATTERS', for these remaining weeks of Eastertide up to the 'Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ' on June 7.

From next weekend we will post a short excerpt from the letter each week for you to think about, with a link to the full text.

See <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass. Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account to see this weekend's highlighted material,
including a video message from Bishop Denis.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

– CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US:

'Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a Faith Community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.'

*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

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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
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

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:

Weekly Envelopes

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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Ballyfin Parish

Times of Funeral Masses

Funeral Masses are celebrated in Ballyfin Parish at the following times

Weekdays (Monday to Saturday) 11.00 am

Sundays 10.00 am

The Celebrant is the priest on duty in the Parish.

Funeral Masses are transmitted live on the Parish Webcam

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Would you like to become more involved
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.

Fr. P.J. 087 605 5783 Fr. Joe 087 241 1594

Parish

News



Sacramental Dates

Ballyfin Parish

1st Holy Communion

Ballyfin Sch.

Sun. 17th May 10.00 am

Barnashrone School

Sun. 24th May 10.00 am

Tots

and Co.

Mountrath

Ballyfin Vintage Rally.

Sun. 24th May 2026

Something for All the Family.

Dog Show Tug o' War.

And Loads more

Venue Eircode R32 AD92

BALLYFIN

Vintage Rally

24TH MAY 2026

R32Ad92



• Contact Majella 086 3101822 •

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

Sunday 7th June

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. (Corpus Christi)

2.30 pm Ceremonies begin with Anointing of the Sick

3.00 pm Pilgrimage Mass Main Celebrant, Bishop Denis

Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5pm.

Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June

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Clonenagh Fri. 10th July

Cemetery on Left

Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Wed. 5th Aug.

Boughlone Wed. 2rd 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. 1st 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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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed 13th May.

Nos. Drawn 14 16 24 25

No Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3's Rec. € 125 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 18,000

Your generous support is always

much appreciated

Mountrath Parish Lotto
Thurs. 14th May

Nos Drawn 22 23 26 31

3 Match 3's Rec. € 334 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 11,000

Thank you for your generous support of Mountrath Parish Lotto

It is always much appreciated.

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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 € 11,000

Ballyfin € 18,000



News From Around
The Diocese

Diocesan Pilgrimage
to Knock

Sun. 7th June 2026

2026 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

TO KNOCK SHRINE

To Parish / Group Leaders: from Fr. Ger Ahern

I wish to bring to your attention the following details concerning our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 7th June, the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Buses travelling from various Parishes around the Diocese will arrive into Knock between 11 am and 12.30 pm depending on time of departure.

Upon arrival: Pilgrims may use this time for lunch, shopping, availing of Confession, visiting the Chapel of Adoration or making the Way of the Cross.

2.30 pm Ceremonies begin in the Basilica with the Anointing of the Sick

3.00 pm Pilgrimage Mass Main Celebrant, Bishop Denis

Followed by Rosary Procession and concluding with Benediction
(outdoors – weather permitting).

Ceremonies are usually concluded by 5pm. Please advise pilgrims travelling with you about the time of departure.

You are invited to bring your Parish banner and assign someone to carry it in the Rosary Procession. The person with the banner should make their way to the Basilica sacristy by 2.15pm for instructions.

If I can be of any assistance to you please contact me on 087 6298881. Wishing you every blessing under the guidance of Our Lady of Knock. Yours sincerely,

Gerard Ahern PP Tullow, Co. Carlow

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Capuchin Franciscan priest-friar and mindfulness teacher

25th May

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1st June

Katelyn Cummins:

Rose of Tralee 2025

8th June

Bishop Denis Nulty: Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin Diocese

Events

at

Bloom HQ



Pilates

Mountrath Health
Fitness Academy
Patrick st, Mount
R32 DC58

With Derinn

Saturdays 11AM
6 weeks starting
16th of May - 20th of June

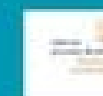
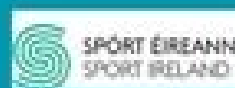


€60 for 6 weeks



***Spaces still available**

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





Yoga



Starting on Tuesday
the 5th 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!!!

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

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



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



Pilates With Derinn

Wednesdays 8pm
6 weeks starting 29th April

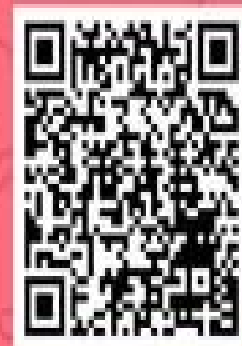


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€ 60 for 6 weeks

Mountrath Health &
Fitness Academy,
Patrick st, Mountrath
R32 DC58

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





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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 WEDNESDAY
BLOOM HQ
MOUNTRATH
7-8PM**

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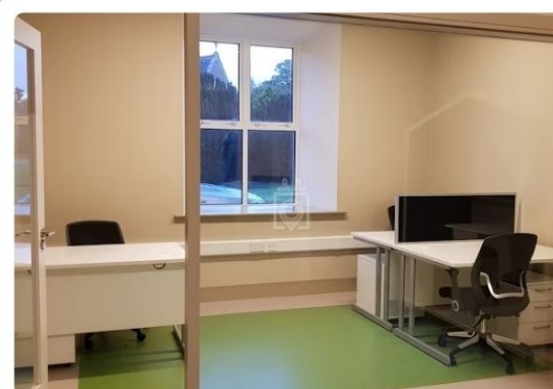
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Contact us: **089 264 7761**

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🎯 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! 🪑

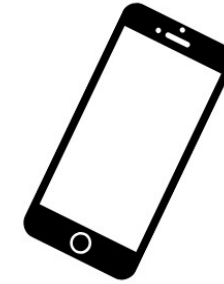


**COMING
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Talks on...

Help with using MiGov.ie

How to use phones better



Using local bus services

NEW ACTIVITIES

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BOOK CLUB

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

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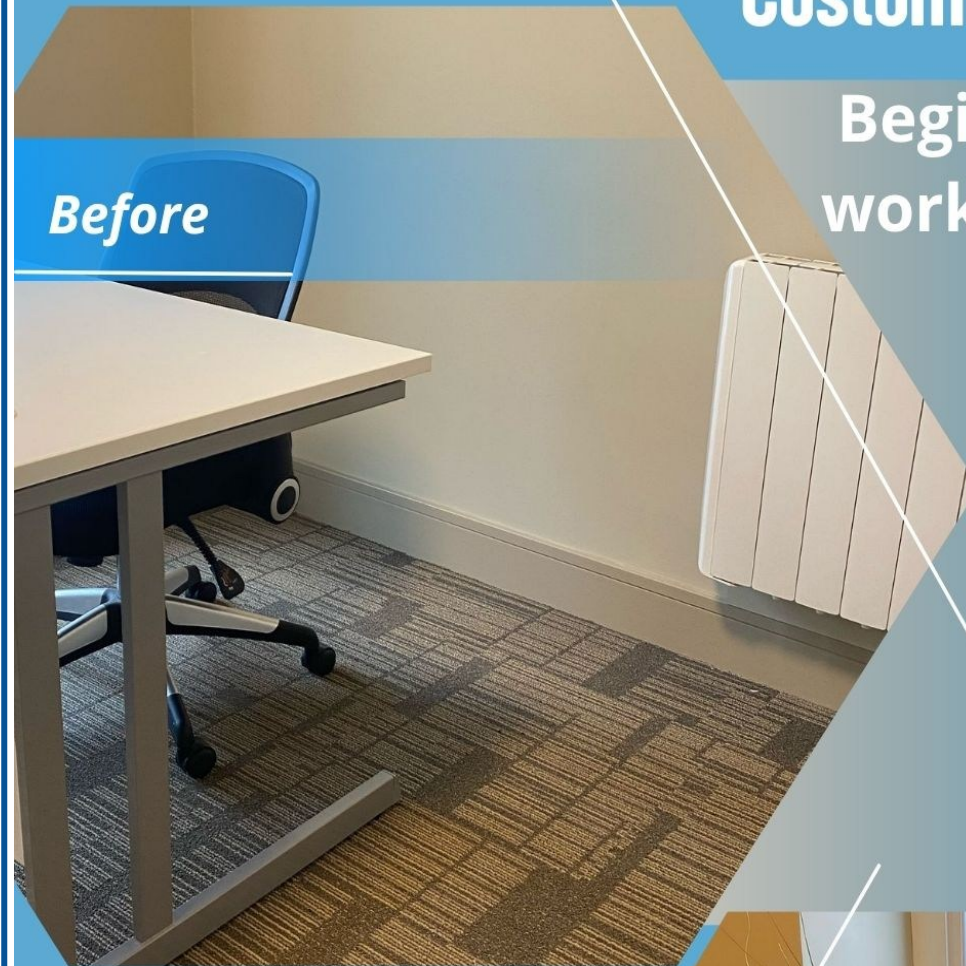
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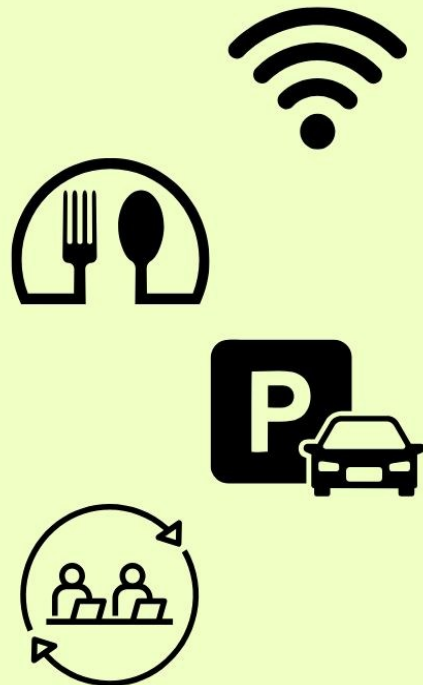


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Hot desks at BloomHQ



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For just €20 a day

BOWLS

Thursdays @ 8pm

Philomenas Hall

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GYM



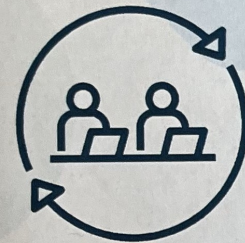
- Join our large, loving gym community! 💪❤️
- Build strength and friendships. 🤝
- Everyone's included –come as you are!
- Don't miss out, join today! ☀️


New timetable each month



BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

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**Old School on
Patrick Street**



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on times above**

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- Learn new skills.
- Spend time outside.
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Parish Finances

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**In 2024, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented Mountrath Parish finances
by over € 17,000**

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If you would like more information please contact me.

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**Copy of Financial Statements
(For Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes)
available on
Notice Board at back of Church
and on Online Newsletter**

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Accounts
for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Thank you for your continued and generous
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Mountrath / Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lottos
and Mountrath / Ballyfin Parish Collections.

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*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.

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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

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your own name as the reference.**

Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Ballyfin Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

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

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Ballyfin Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st 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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Income:

Basket Collection: € 40,269

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

Mountrath Parish Accounts 2024

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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

Mountrath Parish Accounts 2024

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for Mountrath Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

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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Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

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

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
	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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