

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

Sat. 30th Sun. 31st May 2026

June

Month of the
Sacred Heart

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

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

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

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(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Patrick Joseph Phelan,

Ashbrook, Pike of Rushall,

(formerly Mountrath) R.I.P.

We pray for Patrick who died following a tragic accident at Beaumont Hospital on Mon. 25th May. Patrick's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Canice's Church, Borris-in-Ossory on Sat. 30th May followed by burial in Derrinsallagh Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife Sheila and family, Gary, Patrick Jnr, Eamon, Mark and Adrian and their families, his 10 grandchildren, sister Maura, brothers Richie and John, and their families, nieces, nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends. Patrick is brother of Bernard (Benny) Phelan (Mountrath and Portarlinton) who died on 12th Oct. of last year.

May Patrick rest in the peace of Christ.

Student Seeks Summer Work

Hard working honest and reliable student
looking for summer work from the
(Mon) 1st June 2026.

Experience in construction and farming.
Available for general labourer farm or yard work
and any odd jobs that might need doing.

References available.

Please contact Rory 085 182 9591

Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June

Mountrath Cem Fri. 26th June

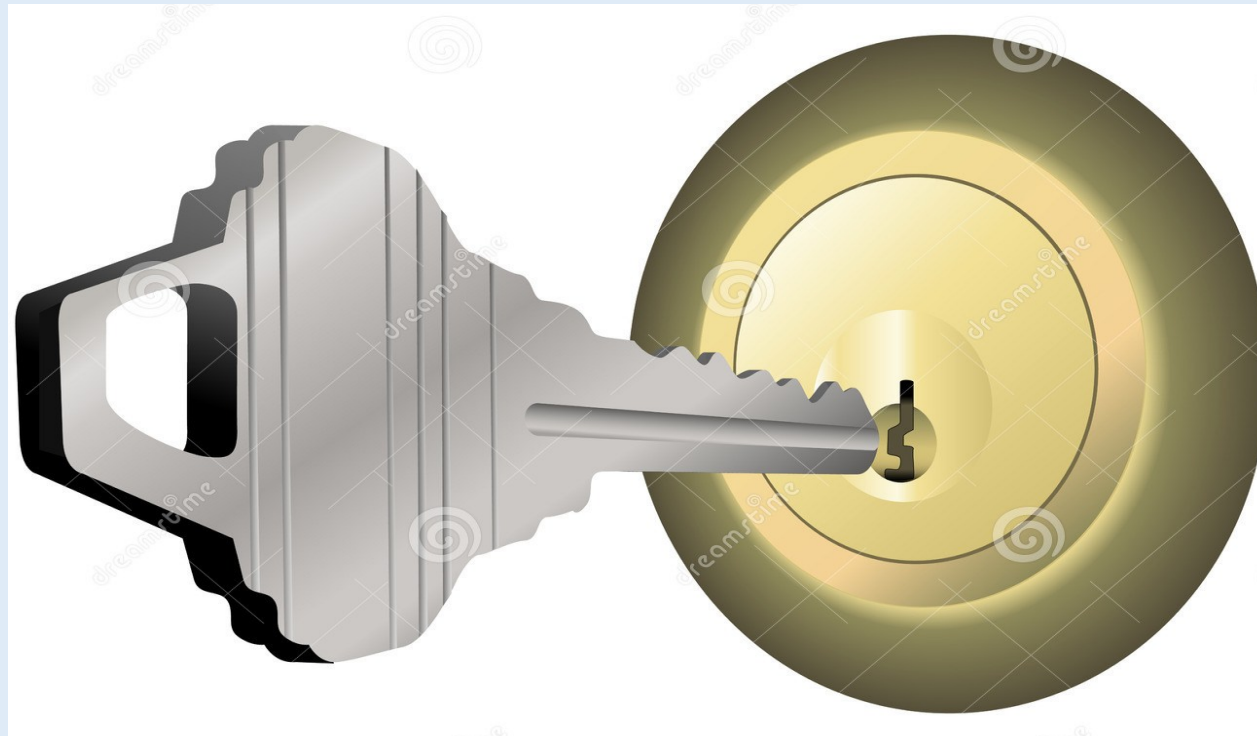
Clonenagh Cem, Fri. 10th July

Cemetery on Left - Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Cem. Wed. 5th Aug.

Boughlone Cem. Wed. 2rd Sept.

Cemetery Masses Commence at 7.00 pm



Lost and Found

Single "Latch Key" found

in

Ballyfin Cemetery recently.

Contact Fr. Joe at any time

if you think this key

belongs to you.

Thank You

*Thank you for your continued and generous
support of Mountrath Parish Weekly Lotto
and Mountrath Parish Collections.*

And

*Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lotto
and Ballyfin Parish Collections.*

*Your kind and generous support is
much appreciated*

Letter from
Bishop Denis
to
Confirmation
Candidates

On Saturday 23rd May, I concluded my thirteenth season of Confirmation with ceremonies here in the Cathedral for candidates attending Bishop Foley School, Scoil Mhuire gan Smal with more participating in the Parish Programme from Carlow National School on the Green Road and Carlow Educate Together. In all this year 2,157 received the sacrament of Confirmation from me, beginning in Doonane on February 12th and concluding in the Cathedral on May 23rd.

Over thirteen seasons confirming,
28,886 received the Sacrament.

The most popular saints names continue to be Patrick for boys and Mary for girls. Many other names feature but not to the extent of these more traditional names.

The influence of grandparents cannot be under estimated. That is why the celebration in July every year of the World Day of the Elderly and Grandparents is so important and must be celebrated.

The theme offered this year

Was

"Loved, Necessary, Chosen"

taken from a homily delivered by Pope Benedict XVI that *"each of us is the result of a thought of God: each of us is willed, loved and necessary"*.

I am always impressed how the candidates engaged with the theme, taking on projects such as creating a *"Wellness Jar"* in Doonane, composing a song in Newbridge, fundraising for Africa in Askea, for the HOPE foundation in Caragh, creating a photographic collage in Rath and Emo, fundraising for St. Clare's Hospitality in Ballyadams and in Leighlin, supporting homeless dogs in Myshall, producing artwork in Rathvilly and in the Cathedral and finally visiting local nursing homes in Baltinglass and Rathangan to mention but a few.

The taking of the pledge is making a welcome return into the ceremonies of Confirmation with around a fifth of our liturgies including it this year. The Covid pandemic changed how we celebrate Confirmation resulting in simpler but perhaps more meaningful ceremonies. 65% of the ceremonies were this year within the celebration of Mass, which is a huge increase since Covid days. I welcome either ceremony, within Eucharist or outside it, but I would be concerned that some ceremonies are returning to a time when everyone being confirmed must have a role in the ceremony. The ones that flow easiest are where parish readers lead us in proclaiming God's Word and parents read the Prayers of Intercession. It allows the young person to focus on the essentials of Confirmation and not on having to read a reading or lead a prayer.

I love their letters and read every one. When they are done by the candidate themselves operating out of a few guidelines, they offer a fresh perspective on the sacrament for every ceremony. I thank our priests, teachers, catechists, musicians, sacristans, parents but most of all the candidates themselves for the joy they bring into all our lives on the day they are fully confirmed.

+ Denis Nulty

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A Note of thanks for your
generous contributions to our
recent Church Gate Collection
(Ballyfin Church)
for Lourdes Fund
€ 212.00 contributed

Your support much appreciated

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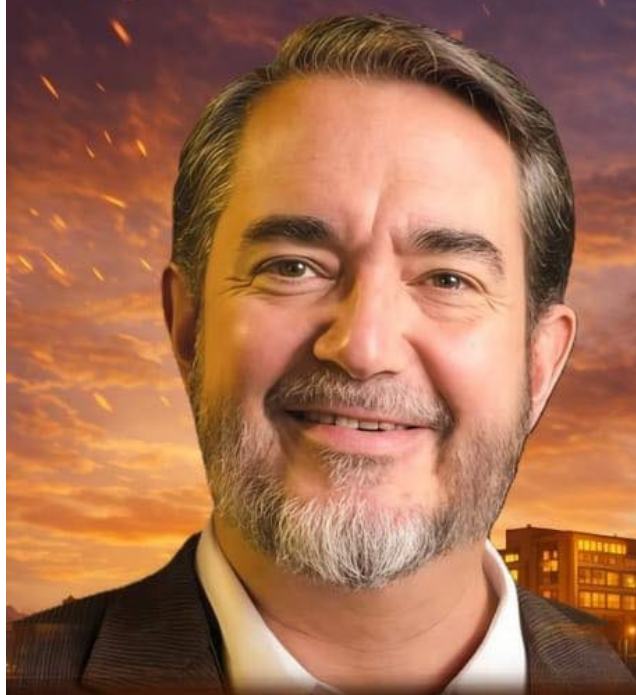
CONFERENCE

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)



Parishes Alive - Becoming Synodal:

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite you to the 3rd Annual Parishes Alive Day on Sat. June 20th from 10am to 4pm in Carlow College, St. Patrick's. The day will be facilitated by Dr Donagh O'Brien, CEO of Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre and Janet Forbes the Youth Director in the Archdiocese of Armagh and a Member of the National Synodal Team. Much of the day will be interactive and workshop based. Lunch and refreshments provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality.

Because these are "roundtable" sessions, numbers are limited so earlybooking is advised.

To book or for further information email Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development, on parishdevelopment@kandle.ie or phone (office hours) 083-830 5681.

23rd May to 31st May

Pray for Life

NOVENA

Join the 9-day Novena online:
Each day's intention is
accompanied by a short reflection
and suggested actions to help
build a culture of life in Ireland.

See more at www.prayforlife.ie



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Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

*We extend our best wishes to Ailish and her partner
at this special time*

Safeguarding Message

Maternity Cover for Diocesan DLP., Ailish Higgins, is being provided on a part-time basis by Michelle Hughes, our current deputy DLP.

Tots and Co

Afterschool Service

Register for September



A safe, fun and supportive afterschool service for school-age children.



What we offer

-  Homework support
-  Arts & crafts
-  Games and activities
-  Outdoor play
-  Healthy snacks
-  Caring, supervised environment

Places available **now**

Register early to secure your child's place.



Email Colette@totsandcoplayschool.ie
Or call Colette **0874162377**

LEARN
PLAY
GROW

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.

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

– Tia Walker



Lessons
LEARNED
Life

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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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Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, commencing Mon. 13th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 8th June.

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.

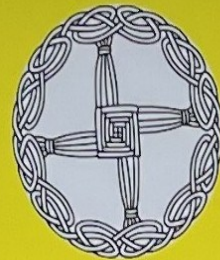
Monday 1st June

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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Rosary Rally



Join 10,000+ people

SAT JUNE 6

KNOCK SHRINE



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"A World at Prayer is a World at Peace."

-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



20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
IN QUALITY CHILDCARE

**ECCE & NCS
SCHEMES AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT COLETTE:
0874162377**

MOUNTRATH, CO. LAOIS

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Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 30th May

To

Sun. 7th June

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 30th May - Sun. 7th June

Fri. 29th May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 30th May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Trinity Sunday

Sun. 31st May 10.00 am Feast of Most Holy Trinity

Mon. 1st June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 5th June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 6th June 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - Feast of Pentecost.

John, Brigid and Michael Ryan.

Barnashrone. John's 13th Aninv.

Sun. 7th June 10.00 am Feast of Corpus Christi

Margaret Fitzpatrick, Springfield. 2nd Anniv.

Maureen Fitzpatrick, Pallas Little. 8th Anniv.

Deceased Members of Fitzpatrick family, Ross

Mon. 8th June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 30th May to Sun. 7th June

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

Sat. 30th May 7.00 pm Liam McRedmond, Forest. 39th Anniv.

Sun. 31st May 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

Michael (Mick) Holland, Trumera. 16th Anniv.

11.30 am Feast of Most Holy Trinity.

Tues. 2nd June 10.00 am

Wed. 3rd June 10.00 am

Thur. 4th June 10.00 am

Fri. 5th June 10.00 am

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

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 30th May to Sun. 7th June

Continued

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- Sat. 6th June 7.00 pm Peadar Rice, Forest. 6th Anniv.
Johnny Doheny, Patrick St., 9th Anniv.
and deceased members of Doheny and Delaney families
James Tobin, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.,
Rebecca Fitzpatrick, Derrough. 11th Anniv.
- Sun. 7th June 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)
Declan Phelan, Clonadacasey 27th Anniv.
- 11.30 am Feast of Corpus Christi
Patrick Wall, Woodbrook.
Tom Byrne, Derrough. 5th Anniv.
and deceased members of Byrne family.

Ballyfin Parish

Ministries Rota

Sat. 6th Sun. 7th June

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Linda Meredith Deirdre Fitzpatrick

Sun.10.00 am Carole Maher Crescentia Phelan

Collectors for June

Sat. Mairead Delaney

Sun. Paul Ruane

Mountrath Parish

Ministries Rota

Sat. 6th Sun. 7th June

Reader Sat. 7.00 pm Pauric Tobin

Ministers of Holy Communion

Mary Kerwin Niamh O Hara Paulo Jacob

Sun. 11.30 am

Reader Anne Stanley

Ministers of Holy Communion

Margaret Carroll Margaret Keegan

Collectors for June

Sat. Noel Tobin Rita Watkins

Sun. Anthony Deegan

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,

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.'

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US

SUNDAY MASS CREATES AND CELEBRATES COMMUNION AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

'Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and communion with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ.

Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.'

What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?

What does Sunday and Sunday Mass mean to you?

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:
AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

'The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith.

Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God's word and receive the Body of Christ.'

*How does our presence
at Mass
contribute
to making the Church
visible and alive ??*

*If you wish to contribute directly through your Bank account
to Parish funds*

Here are our Bank Account details

Ballyfin Parish - (A.I.B. Portlaoise Branch)

Lyster Square, Portlaoise.

Name of Account - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Bank of Ireland) (Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account -

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 -

BIC. - BOFIE2D

**If contributing to Parish directly through our bank account please include
your own name as the reference.**

Parish Newsletters.

There are three Parish Newsletters prepared
and published each week -

2 - A4 Print editions for Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes -
available at all our Masses and online (in PDF format)
and 1 online Newsletter, uploaded to our Parish App.

[Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes](#)

and to our parish Website, www.mountrathparish.ie
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)

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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

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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.

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Prayer to the Holy Spirit at Exam Time

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

Fill my mind with clarity and my heart with calm.

Dispel all fear and anxiety,

And replace them with trust in Your loving presence.

Guide my thoughts to recall what I have learned,

Sharpen my focus, and steady my hand.

Help me to work with patience,

And to answer with truth and confidence.

May my efforts be joined with Your grace,

So that whatever the outcome,

I may grow in knowledge, humility, and faith.

Amen.

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

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 26th June

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

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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. 27th May

Nos. Drawn 5 11 23 25

No Jackpot Winner

21 Match 3's Rec. € 48 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Thank you

for your continued and generous support

of Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lotto

and Ballyfin Parish Collections.

Your kind and generous support is much appreciated

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 28th May

Nos. Drawn 3 5 9 24

No Jackpot Winner

25 Match 3's Rec. € 40 each

5 Local Winners

Winner

Promoter

Sr. Helen

Bernie Phelan

Declan Carroll

Betty O'Rourke

Breda Carter

Rita Watkins

Pam Killeen

Pam Killeen

F Meade & Family

Mary Haslam

Next Week's Jackpot € 13,000

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 € 13,000

Ballyfin € 20,000



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

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The 21st Annual Solemn Novena will take place in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, commencing Mon. 13th April and will run for nine consecutive Monday nights until 8th June.

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.

All are most welcome.

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

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, Mountrath
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>





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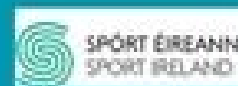


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Yoga



Starting on Tuesday
the 5th of May
6.30 pm
6 Week block

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**SATURDAY
30TH MAY**



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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

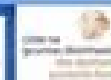
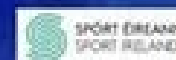


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MAY 1st – 31st 2026

A SOLO EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY SHEILA HOUGH

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



Pilates With Derinn

Wednesdays 8pm
6 weeks starting 29th April

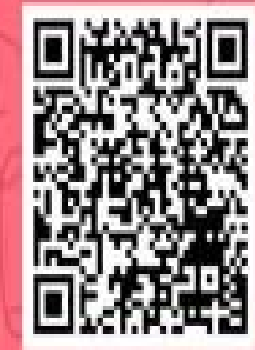


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3rd April - 1st May 2026

Bloom HQ, Brigidine Convent, Patrick Street, Mountrath
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Exhibition opens Friday 3rd April at 7pm, all welcome.
Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm
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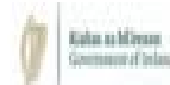
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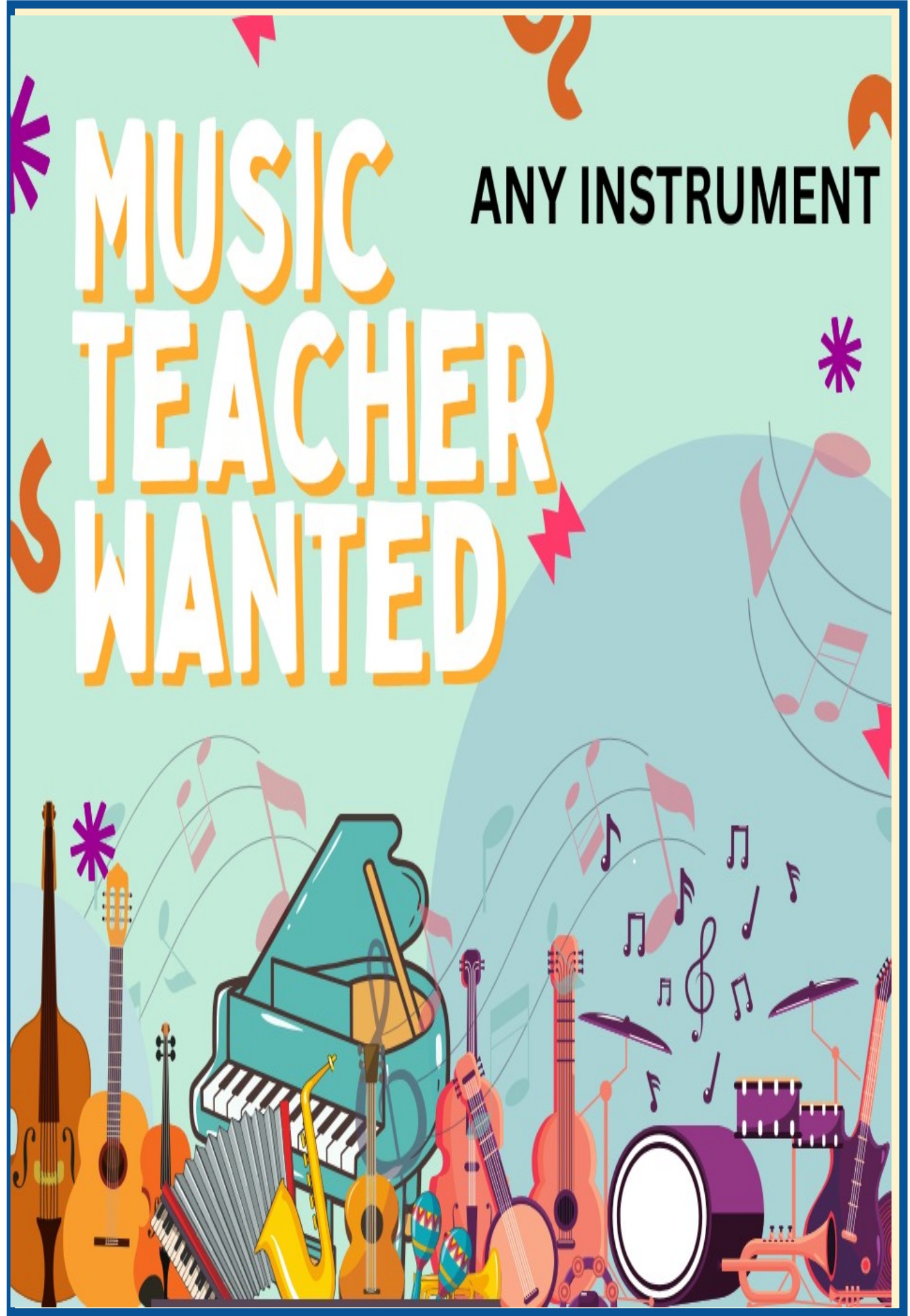
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Contact us: **089 264 7761**

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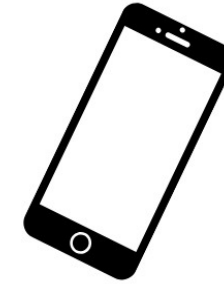


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How to use phones better



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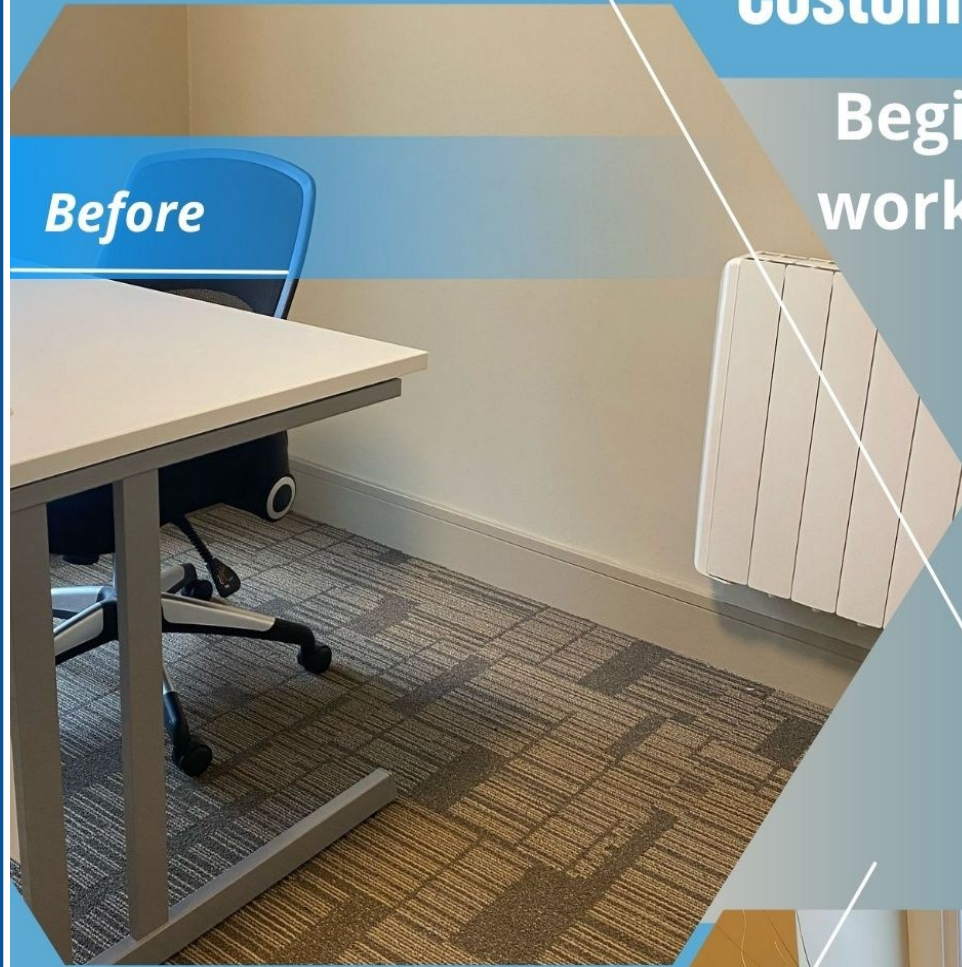
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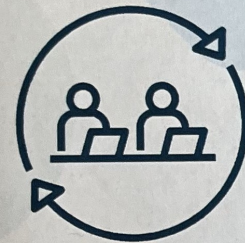
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**Old School on
Patrick Street**



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- Meet new people.
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Parish Finances

Tax Back Scheme (Ballyfin Parish)

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**Copy of Financial Statements
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Notice Board at back of Church
and on Online Newsletter**

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Accounts
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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

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Expenditure

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,412

Insurance: € 19,107.29

Security: € 484.54

Light and heat: € 19,823.12

Rates, Water, LPT : € 1,444.69

Repairs and Maintenance: € 103,631.35

Diocesan Levy: € 11,005.80

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Clergy Fund: € 2,342

Missalettes/Printing: € 13,534.29

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 8,353.98

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,400

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 2,880

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(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
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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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
	Donations € 1,700.00
Total: € 226,586.00	Total: € 186,173.00

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

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Fundraising € 3,225 .00	Cleaning € 200.00
Donations € 71,400.00	Rates/Water/Waste € 579.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate € 3,121 .00	Maintenance/Repairs € 79,602.00
Church Bookings € 500.00	Diocesan Levy € 11,006.00
Lotto Income € 31,631.00	Loan Interest € 3.00
Office € 1,899 .00	Bank Charges € 926.00
Deposit Interest € 36.00	Diocesan Retire't Fund € 1,000 00
Other Income € 2,984 .00	Printing/Missalettes € 9,233.00
	Altar/Shrine € 10,616.00
	Telephone/Broadband € 600.00
	Computer/servicing € 5,051.00
	Accountancy Fees € 540.00
	Youth/Community € 260.00
	Hire of Equipment € 1,141.00
	Music/Choir € 250.00
	Legal/Professional € 828.00
	Donations € 1,700.00
Total: € 226,586.00	Total: € 186,173.00

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