

Mountrath
Ballyfin
Online
Newsletter

5th Nov. 2023

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 5th Nov. '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 28th – Sun. 29th Oct. '23

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

Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on FM 104.5

www.ballyfinparish.ie www.mountrathparish.ie -

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Teachers Required
for Mountrath
School of Music
and School of Grinds

See Pages 15 and 16

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

Church Gate Collection
Sat. 11th – Sun. 12th Nov.

*Your generous support is always
very much appreciated "*

Fundraiser

Donate Unwanted Clothes
to Scoil Bhríde

See Page 28



Cookery Demonstration in

St. Philomena's Hall

Tues. 21st Nov.

With Edward Hayden (From Ireland AM)

Fundraiser for Class of 1990 Restoration Project

8.00 pm Start - Doors open - 7.00 pm

MOUNTMELICK 

PRESENTS A
THREE ACT COMEDY
BY JIMMY KEARY

MAMMY'S
BOY

NOVEMBER
THURS 23RD | SAT 25TH | SUN 26TH
AT 8.15 PM

MOUNTMELICK MACRA HALL
TICKETS PURCHASED ON THE DOOR

Ceremony of
Commemoration
the
Faithful Departed in
Mountrath Cemetery

Sun. 5th Nov. 2.30 pm

Table Quiz in The Deadman's
Fri. 17th Nov. 8.30 pm
for
Ballyfin National School

See full Details on Page 14

Hosted by Ballyfin School Parent's
Council

A November Prayer before Bedtime

O my God,
As the evening falls
I come to you in prayer.
I thank you for being with me
in every moment of this day,
guiding me and protecting me,
keeping me from harm.

On this November night
I bring before you in prayer
all those dear to me who have died.
(Name those for whom you wish to pray)
Remember them God
in your loving kindness.
May they now rest in your eternal peace.

May all of us who still miss them and
grieve for them
find comfort in our belief
that we will one day see them again
in the kingdom of heaven.

I remember in my prayer this night
all those who have died and who have no
one to pray for them.

For these and for our loved ones I pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

@KANDLEI

- Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

Our New-Look Parish App. came online recently Check it out.

*A Very Sincere "Thank you" for Your Most Generous Support
of all our Parish Collections*

Dates for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated
in Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes

on Fri. 26th April 2024

Ceremony in Mountrath Parish Ch. at 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Ch. at 2.30 pm

1st Holy Communion Dates See Page 9

Iollenda Masuku, Kiln Lane, R.I.P.

We pray for Iollenda who passed away on the 26th Oct. at Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise. Iollenda's Funeral Service was conducted in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sat. 4th Nov. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Hope, Faith and Ariel Lily their family friends, her mother and sister and their families, extended family, neighbours and friends.

Brenda Houston (née O'Neill) Chiswick, London

Formerly Trumera R.I.P.

We pray for Brenda who died peacefully on 30th Oct. at Charing Cross Hospital, London. We extend sympathy to sons David and Paul, their father John, daughter in-law Anastasia, David's partner Helen, her grandchildren Fox, Evie and Lula, - Sisters, Maria, Gráinne, Mairéad, Gertrude and Suzette, Brothers, Diarmuid, Colm, Liam and Killian, their families,,her wider family and large circle of friends.

May Iollenda and Brenda rest in the peace of Christ.

Prayer attributed to St. John Henry Newman

Lord, ay you support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

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. -

We wish them a speedy recovery.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins.

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

A Message from Ailish Higgins, newly appointed Director of Safeguarding

Hi All, I have officially taken over the mantle from Kathleen Sherry as of 24th Oct. 2023. Let me take this opportunity to thank Kathleen again. As you are probably aware the role of Director is shared with the Diocese of Ossory, so my time will be spread across both Dioceses.

For continuity, I will be using the same phone number and email address as Kathleen which are noted below. Phone: 085 802 1633

Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie By mail: Bishops House, Old Dublin Road, Carlow

If you have any queries regarding safeguarding of children or of vulnerable adults, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you, to visiting your parishes and meeting in person in the not-so-distant future. *Le meas, Ailish*

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Deadline for Parish Newsletters

Items for Parish Newsletters are always most welcome. If you wish to have an item included in the Parish Newsletters (Print or online Edition) we request that they be in by 12 midday on Thursdays
Text Message, Email, Whatsapp, Letter or Pop into Parochial House.
(Our Parish Newsletters are online and on App. from early Saturday morning)

Friday, 27 Oct. - Pope Francis calls for World Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace

In his weekly general audience last week, Pope Francis invited people throughout the world to a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Israel – Hamas conflict on 27 Oct. 2023. He also announced that on that day at 6:00 p.m. (5 pm Irish time) in St. Peter's Basilica, he will lead an hour of prayer "in the spirit of penance" to implore God for "peace in our days, peace in this world," .

Mountrath

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 4th - Sun. 12th Nov

Sat. 4th Nov. 7.00 pm Daniel and Bridie Lalor, Main St.,

Sun. 5th Nov. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#).

11.30 am Noel Ryan. (Snr) Factory St., 2nd Anniv.

John Finlay, Clondouglas. 20th Anniv.

2.30 pm Ceremony of Commemoration of the
Faithful Departed in Mountrath Cemetery

Mon. 6th Nov. No 10.00 am Mass today

Tues. 7th Nov. 10.00 am

Wed. 8th Nov. 10.00 am

Thurs. 9th Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of The Dead.

Fri. 10th Nov. 10.00 am Seán Kelly, Clonagown. 20th Anniv.

Sat. 11th Oct. 7.00 pm John (Johnny) Callaghan, Trumera. Month's Mind

Billy Byrne, Ringstown. 10th Aniv.

Joe and Catherine Parkinson.

Fintan McCarthy. 30th Anniv.

Sun. 12th Nov. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#).

11.30 am Sheila Gee (Nee Cuddy) Woodbrook. Month's Mind.

John and Mary O'Neill, Shannon St.,

Deceased Members of Gillmam Family, Woodbrook

Month
of
November

Dedicated to
the
Holy Souls

Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 25th Nov. 7.00 pm Donal Kirwan, Clonard

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is changed, not ended



Ballyfin

Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 3rd - Sun. 12th Nov.

Fri. 3rd Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 4th Nov. 8.00 pm Mary Thompson (Nee Kenna) Ireys. 1st Anniv.

Sun. 5th Nov. 10.00 am 31st Sun. Ord Time

Mon. 6th Nov. 7.00 pm Apost. of Sanctification

Fri 10th Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 11th Nov. 8.00 pm Eamon Dunne, Cappanrush. Month's Mind
Helen and Mick O'Rourke, Upper Ballyfin

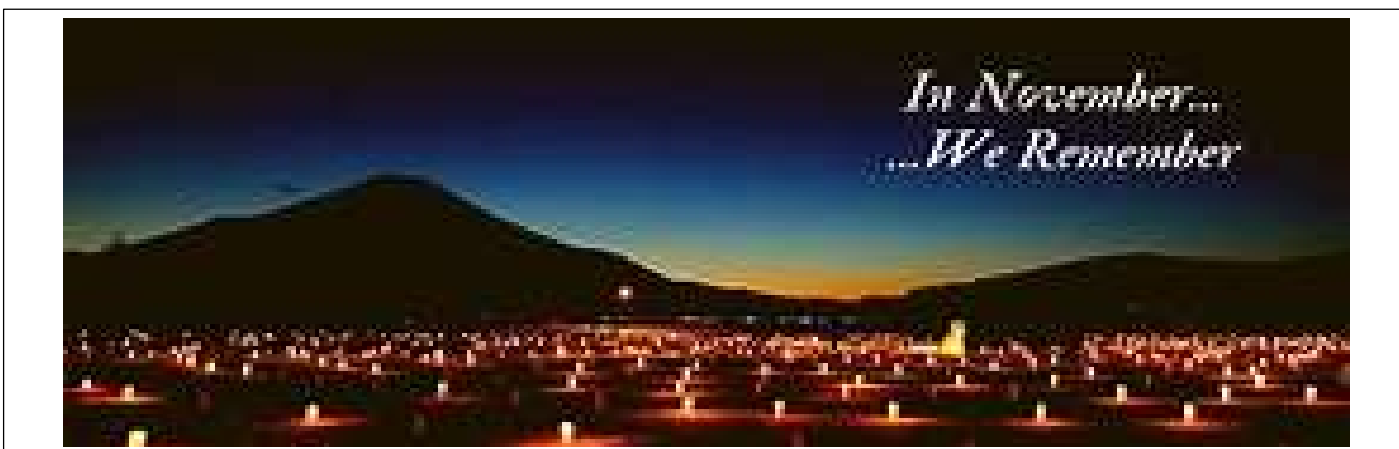
Sun. 12th Nov. 10.00 am 32nd Sun. In Ord. Time

Mon. 13th Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification..

*Lord, for your faithful people,
Life is changed, not ended.*

Please Note.

Regrettably, because of Fr. P.J.'s illness, there will be no 7.30 pm Mass on Friday evenings in Ballyfin Church for the time being – with immediate effect. Anniversary Mass Remembrances which have already been arranged for 7.30 pm Friday evenings, will be moved to the Saturday evening, 8.00 pm Mass or if you prefer you are most welcome to make alternative arrangements. *Fr. Joe*



1st Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin

Enrolemnt Ceremonies

Mountrath Parish Sat. 30th Sept. Mass 7.00 pm All Schools

Ballyfin. Sun. 1st Oct. Mass 10.00 am Both Schools

"Do This in Memory" Children's Masses

1. Sat. 11th Nov Mountrath Church, 7.00 pm
Sun. 12th Nov. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
2. Sat. 9th Dec. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 10th Dec. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
3. Sat. 13th Jan. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 14th Jan. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
4. Sat. 10th Feb. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 11th Feb. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
5. Sat. 9th Mch.. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 10th Mch. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
6. Sat. 13th Apr. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 14th Apr. . Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
7. Sat. 4th May Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 5th May Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

(The) Sacrament of 1st Penance

will be celebrated in March. Arrangements for the celebration of this Sacrament will be put in place in due course in conjunction with the Schools.

Dates for Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Sun. 5th May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 26th May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

With Children of all Mountrath Schools -- Note Change of Date

Sun. 19th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With Children of Barnashrone National School



Ballyfin Lotto Results 1st Nov.

Nos. Drawn 2 3 16 31

No Jackpot Winner

12 Match 3's Rec. € 84.00 ea

Next Week's Jackpot € 14,000

A note of thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, 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 support and generosity.

Mountrath Lotto - 2nd Nov.

Numbers drawn were: 04, 12, 17, 20.



1 jackpot winner received €20,000

Congratulations to the Jackpot Winners: Lisa and Cathal O'Neill and all Match 3 Winners.

30 Match 3's won €34.00 each:

10 Local Winners

Breda Connolly -	Promoter, Peg Keenan
Molly Rose Fitzpatrick -	Promoter, Declan Fitzpatrick
Bee Lee	Promoter, Vera
C. Killeen	Promoter, Celine Cripps.
Adrienne Doheny	Promoter, Rita Watkins
Mick Maurm	Promoter, David Tobin
Maura Tobin	Promoter, David Tobin
Marie Moore	Promoter, Betty O'Rourke.
Dan Kinsella	Promoter, Ann Carroll
Anne Dunne	Promoter, Ann Carroll.

*Next
Week's*



€ 13,000 - Mountrath

€ 14,000 Ballyfin



EDWARD

Hayden

FROM "IRELAND AM"

Cookery Demonstration

St. Philomena's Hall,
Brigidine Convent,
Mountrath, Co. Laois

TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Fundraiser for Class of 1990 Restoration Project

Doors 7pm Demo at 8pm



MONSTER Raffle on the Night

**Book your tickets now
through Eventbrite**

**Tickets
€25**
(includes FREE
Refreshments)

Save the Date!!!!

Table Quiz

Date: Friday 17th November 2023

Location: The Deadmans's Inn, Ballyfin

Time: 8:30pm

Hosted by The Parents Council

In aid of

BALLYFIN NATIONAL SCHOOL.

Tickets €5 each.

Tables of 4, with a raffle on
the night.



Teachers needed

Primary School

and

Secondary school- all subjects



State of the art facilities at **Bloom HQ** in **Mountrath** to hold grind classes.

Rooms can be booked for **€15 an hour**

Each room can comfortably hold 4-5 students

Rooms will have a whiteboard/desks and chairs

You can set your own **hours, rate and time.**

This is a perfect spot to teach **groups or individuals.**

If you're interested in renting a spot please

Contact **Lucy** on **087-2597895**



Music Teachers needed

All instruments

All genres of music- trad, classical, jazz etc

State of the art facilities at **Bloom HQ in Mountrath** to hold grind classes.

Rooms can be booked for **€15 an hour**

Each room can comfortably hold 4-5 students -

Rooms will have a whiteboard, music stands, desks and chairs

The Mountrath community forum may be in a position to buy instruments so that students can rent these. This will be discussed on an individual basis.

You can set your own **hours, rate and time.**

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--- *And Much Much More*

Laois County Council

Notice to all staff, former staff, members and their families



You are invited to attend the annual prayer service in memory of deceased staff and members of Laois County Council which will be held on:

Tuesday 7th November at 6.00 p.m

in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise, Co Laois

Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please note that people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Social Club Committee



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any
Sacramentally married couple.

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause
you to lose touch with your spouse.

This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and reconnect
privately. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 3rd to Sunday
5th November 2023.

At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork. To book your place visit our
website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087-2162436

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. Why: Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/



DEADLINE:

Newsletter Articles

Midday - Thursdays



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The Pope has asked churches everywhere to participate by organizing similar initiatives. We are attaching a sheet with a suggested prayer for use at a suitable time during Mass or elsewhere on that day, as well as Prayer of the faithful that can also be used on Sunday. You are very welcome to share the prayer formatted for use on parish social media platforms.

Parish Finances. - A Word of Thank

Thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds.

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are not doing too bad, thanks in no small part to your generosity, I wish to acknowledge your support given via the weekly envelopes (2023 boxes are ready for distribution at present). Contributing to the Parish by envelope allows us to keep track of your donations for the whole year and, where possible, (and totally at your discretion) claim the additional 45% back from Revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. If you are not as yet, part of this scheme – and would like more information, please contact me when you get a chance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it is very much appreciated.

Different ways of supporting your Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable

to "Mountrath Parish" - or "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, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website - www.kandle.ie ←

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ←

The following are our Bank Account Details

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50

BIC. - BOFIE2D

Ballyfin Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Please include your own name as the reference.

⇒ Support Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos ←

If you have any queries or would like to speak with us regarding donating to the Parish or participating in the charity tax donation scheme,
just ring me on 087 241 1594 (Fr. Joe)

News From Across The Diocese

Is your parish interested in finding out how to become an eco-parish?

Find out more at this Eco-Congregation Ireland online gathering for all friends in the Leinster region!

Date and Time: Saturday 11 November 2023, 10.00am – 11.00am

This event is open to those in Leinster who are interested in learning how to start their church's eco journey, work towards their ECI Award and develop their work into the future.

We will hear from faith communities who have received their ECI Award. They will tell us how they began their journey and how they have continued their work for God's creation. There will be an opportunity for discussion, questions and ideas sharing.

If you would like to attend, drop a line to info@ecocongregationireland.com to book a place and you will be sent the zoom link closer to the time

Second book of writings of the late Fr John Cummins

Following the 'runaway success' of the first book, the family of Fr John Cummins have issued a second publication in his memory. This new book, also named "My Life in Your Hands", contains more sermons of Fr. John's.

The new publication is an accompaniment to the initial book which contained the sermons for Sundays in Year A of the 3-year liturgical calendar. This second volume contains Fr. John's sermons for Year B and Year C of the church cycle. It also contains reflections for secondary school students, tributes by friends and numerous photographs.

The late Fr. Cummins was known for his good humour and easy manner as well as his preaching skills. As a young priest, he spent five years in Rome studying for his doctorate in Celtic Spirituality. Fr. John spent most of his priestly ministry in Carlow town where he was chaplain in the then Regional College and Administrator in the Cathedral. A native of Newbridge, he earlier served in Naas.

He became PP of Abbeyleix and Ballyroan only 18 months before his death. The homilies of Fr. John are rooted not only in scripture, but also in the everyday issues of contemporary Ireland. They will be useful for personal reflection at any time and will be valued by anyone with an interest in religion and spirituality. "My Life in Your Hands" retails at € 15 and all proceeds after printing costs will be donated to the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

It is available in parish offices throughout the diocese and Woodbine Books Kilcullen and Farrell & Nephew, Newbridge. For further information please see <https://www.kandle.ie/my-life-in-your-hands-sermons-of-the-late-fr-john-cummins/>

Conferences on Key Roles of Catechists and Educational Leaders

This November St Kieran's College is welcoming people who will attend two exciting conferences. The two conferences – one on International Perspectives on Forming Catechists and the second on International Perspectives in Catholic Educational Leadership, are timely and certainly draw together an impressive group of speakers on these topics. These conferences are a collaboration between St Kieran's College and the University of Notre Dame Australia. Catechists will play a key role in our Church in the years to come. Aware of both the importance of this ministry in the life of the Church internationally and of Catholic educational leadership in general everywhere, the Diocese of Ossory will host these Conferences from 28th November -2nd December 2023, in St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Spaces at both conferences will be limited so please book now by emailing notredameaustralia@stkieranscollege.ie

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline for Married Couples

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Unable to communicate effectively? Are you hurt, frustrated or angry with your spouse? Does talking about it only make it worse? The Retrouvaille programme can help marriages at all stages. Next VIRTUAL programme commences 19 th – 22 nd October, 2023. For information contact Mike- 087 2526812 /Anne - 087 6874658 or send an enquiry to info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com or see www.retrouvaille.ie Completely confidential.

Catechism in a Year

Would you like to read the Catechism in a year? We are a friendly group that reads and discusses a section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church each week. In 2023, we will follow The Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear> Join us on Mondays, 8:00pm - 9:30 pm in the Parish Centre, Prosperous. For any enquiries, please contact Alice on 087 6505803

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer & contemplation, monastic work and community life?

The Cistercian Community at St. Mary's abbey, Glencairn invite single women, aged 19-40, to our upcoming monastic vocations weekend on 27-29 October, 2023

Please contact our vocation director, Sr Sarah at vocations@glencairnabbey.org
Or visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more details

Catholic Marriage Encounter

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland a special Weekend has been scheduled for the 10th -12th November 2023. Venue:

The Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Eircode W91 XR23

This Weekend is available to all married couples at no fixed charge beyond the deposit of €50 per couple and a voluntary donation. To book

visit www.marriageencounter.ie

Sharing the Good News

The Catholic Communications Office edits and publishes a five-story weekly ezine

Sharing the Good News. The ezine is an accessible news report on the work of

bishops' subscribe to this resource by

visiting <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

There are over 2 million domestic gardens in this country. Just imagine the difference it could make if 2 million gardens became biodiversity friendly! Gardening for Biodiversity also has advantages for human health and wellbeing. For gardens to be good for pollinators, they need to provide food in the form of flowers, shelter for nesting and safety from chemicals. pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Donate Unwanted Clothes for Scoil Bhríde

We are collecting your unwanted clothes to raise funds for Scoil Bhríde, Mountrath. Simply pack a bag with items that are no longer needed and drop it into Scoil Bhríde between 17th – 23rd November. We greatly appreciate your support!

ITEMS ACCEPTED:✓

- Clothes (men's, ladies, children's)
- Socks in pairs, underwear, bras.
- Shoes in pairs.
- Sports shoes, runners, rugby boots, etc. (Can be soiled, but not ripped)
- Hats, scarves, belts, suits, jewellery &, etc.
- Soft toys (no plastic parts)
- Cups, plates and small brick-a-brack
- All items must be in good, usable or wearable condition.



ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:✗

- NO Pillows or duvets
- NO Ripped, damaged, wet, soiled, or moldy clothes/shoes.
- NO Single or ripped shoes
- NO Slippers or flip-flops.
- NO duvets, curtains, table cloths or towels



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Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish





PSALM 91
FAMILY
PRAYER
GROUP

WHEN: FIRST SATURDAY OF
EVERY MONTH AT 10.30AM
WHERE: PORTLAOISE PARISH
CENTRE

HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS, MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST."

Community Climate Action Programme (Note from Diocesan Office)

We have been contacted by the Community Climate Action Officer for Carlow Local Authority however there is a similar position in every Local Authority so this information applies to everyone. Funding has been ring fenced (Community Climate Action Programme) by each local authority for carbon reduction initiatives which is a big item on the agenda at the moment. I am attaching a copy of the Powerpoint Presentation for Carlow and the general information is the same for each county. Funding will be available for projects which:

- Reduce or support reduction of greenhouse gases,
 - Increase production of renewable energy,
 - Improve energy efficiency,
 - Improve climate resilience,
- Are nature based projects, enhance biodiversity and climate resilience,
 - Assist with transition to low carbon economy,
- And provide innovative solutions to climate change.

Run to Remember

5K Run - Jog - Walk



Sunday 5th November 2023 at 12pm
Kildare Town

*Your person being remembered will be added
to the memory wall*

ALL REGISTERED WILL RECEIVE A
REMEMBRANCE CANDLE
CHIP TIMED

Adults - €15.00 - Child - €7.50 - Family - €35.00



Register : www.justrunsevents.ie

DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE 27 OCTOBER 2023

Pope Francis has invited people throughout the world to a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Israel – Hamas conflict on 27 October 2023. He also announced that on that day at 6:00 p.m. (5 pm Irish time) in St. Peter's Basilica, he will lead an hour of prayer "in the spirit of penance" to implore God for "peace in our days, peace in this world,".

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Prayer for use at an appropriate time during Mass or other gathering on October 27, 2023:

God, Creator of all,

of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael,

hear the cries of your people throughout the world

who hunger for peace and for justice.

We pray to you for an end to the violence and injustice

in Israel and the Palestinian territories.

We pray that weapons be silenced,

that those who wage violence against the innocent

turn away from the evil of their actions,

and that leaders in the international community and locally

work tirelessly to find a pathway to lasting peace in the Holy Land.

God of love,

comfort those who grieve terrible losses,

console and heal the injured,

be close to and protect the children and all those living in fear,

give courage to those who have been captured and strength to their families

who await their safe return.

God of peace,

rise up the peace makers the world needs,

so that your light may reach and overcome the darkest depths of this conflict

and people will come to know and live in peace, as is your will. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

On this day of fasting and prayer for peace, we remember and pray for the people of Palestine and Israel. We pray for the innocent children and their families who are enduring terrible suffering and death, we pray for those held captive and for their families who await their safe return, and we pray that those in leadership on all sides will turn away from the ways of violence to find a pathway to lasting peace.

Lord, hear us.



Prayer for Peace

27 October 2023

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of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael,
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comfort those who grieve terrible losses, console and heal the injured,
be close to and protect the children and all those living in fear,
give courage to those who have been captured
and strength to their families who await their safe return.**

**God of peace,
rise up the peace makers the world needs,
so that your light may reach and overcome the darkest depths of this conflict
and people will come to know and live in peace, as is your will.**

Amen.

