

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

23rd - 24th Nov. '24 Feast of Christ the King

STARTING THIS TUESDAY

ZUMBA FOR KIDS IN MOUNTRATH !

AGE: 7 – 12 YEARS



6P.M TUESDAYS

STARTING 26TH NOVEMBER



VENUE:

BLOOM HQ,
MOUNTRATH
R32DT9F

€10 PER CLASS
PAYG OR PAYPAL

LET'S DANCE, PLAY AND HAVE FUN !

LIMITED SPOTS! BOOKING ESSENTIAL !

CONTACT DETAILS: ZANETA 0876431743, FB ZANETA ZUMBA

Watch and Pray on Feast of Our Lord Christ, King of the Universe

This Sun. (24th Nov). is the Final Sunday of the Church Year. Each year in Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Churches we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a short while on this special Day - The Feast of Christ the King - We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness, mindful of the many blessings we have received during the year, Parishioners from all our Parish townlands are invited to be part of this special time.

Ballyfin Parish Townlands

Immediately after Mass (About 10.45) Irey, Ross, Springfield, Lower Irey, Cappinrush, Ballylusk, Knocknakearn, Brockera, Cloncullen, Cappagh South, Ockanroe, The Harrow.

11.00 am - The Knocks, Cavansheath, Ballycormack, Cappinaclare, Upper and Lower Sconce, Briscula, Upper Ballyfin, Rossmore, Upper Clonurke, Catholes, Deerpark, Clonurke.

11.15 pm Camcloon, Cappinrush, Esker, Clonagown, Clontowra, The Oak, Barkmills, Barnashrone. O'Moore's Forest, Cappagh Nth, Clontyglass, Clondarrig, Clonrooske

11.30 am Pallas, Pallas Little, Pallas Big, Clonagh
Coolnamona, Ballina, Boughlone, Clonboyne, Clonkeen, Clondouglas.
Oldtown, Aston Manor, Hillview, Rockdale, Mountrath Road.

Concluding Prayer at about 11.45 am

Mountrath Parish Townlands

12.25 pm (Immediately after Mass) Clonard, Moonbawn, Forest Hill, .
Knockanina, Redcastle, Clonenagh, Derrough,

12.45 pm Ringstown, Derrylusk, Cappagh, Trumera, Dysartbeigh, Coldblow, .
r. O'Connor Crescent, Shannon St., Stillbrook, Portlaoise Rd.

1.00 pm Church St. Factory St. and Kiln Lane. The Square, Thomas Court, .
Patrick St. Main St. The Hollow.

1.15 pm Clonadacasey, Cloncourse, Shannon St. St. Fintan's Tce. Woodbrook.

Concluding Prayer at about 1.30 pm

Gaelscoil Thromaire (057) 8756306

School Enrolment 2025/2026

Príomhoide: Áine Mhic Aodha Bhuí

Enrolment forms available from 25th Oct. to 29th Nov.

for the above School for Junior Infants and any other classes.

Gaelscoil Thromaire, Trumera, Mountrath, Co. Laois R32R5RF

Website: gaelscoilthromaire.ie

Closing date for application 29th Nov. 2024

Ballyfin N.S. School Enrolment 2025 / 2026

Ballyfin NS is accepting applications for admissions for the school year 2025/26 from Monday November 4th to Monday November 25th. Application forms are available on the school website www.ballyfinns.weebly.com, by emailing office@ballyfinns.ie or from the school office.

Choir Practice for Christmas

Tues. 26th Nov.

Ballyfin Church 8.00 pm

Everyone Welcome

Ballyfin Community Alert

Grant aided personal monitored alarms are available to people aged 65 and over.

If you know of a family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin who could benefit from this scheme please contact Sheila on 086 157 0145 for information/application form.



Congratulations and well done to Ballyfin N.S. Parents Assoc.
 on a very successful evening with Dr. David Coleman
 At Ballyfin N.S. last Thursday evening.
 (Pic. Courtesy of Brigid Bennett, Principal, Ballyfin N.S).

Date for the Diary
Gala Dinner in Midlands Park Hotel. - Sat. 6th September 2025

BUIOCHAS PRODUCTIONS PRESENT

Lovely LAOIS

HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

GALA DINNER

THE MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL, PORTLAOISE
 SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 4 Course Dinner
- Official Presentation to a well known Laois Celebrity
- Official Presentation to 4 unsung hero's from Lovely Laois
- Folk & Ballads by The Musketeers (Mick Foster, Billy Morrissey & TR Dallas)
- Dancing to Trudi Lalor, Shawn Cuddy & Damien Bowe

Doors Open 7pm
 Dinner served @ 8pm sharp

TICKETS €59

Wake in The West



Cast of "Wake in the West"

| | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Tom Healy | John Fingleton (Friday night) |
| Tom Healy | Brian Walsh (Saturday Night) |
| Mary Healy | Anne Marie Colgan |
| Martin Healy | Cormac Smith |
| Rose | Colette Cashin |
| Margaret | Grace Milne |
| Barney | David O'Brien |
| Joan | Gráinne Linden |
| Fr. Cassidy | Larry Ryan |

Hospitality and Production Crew

Front of House

Marie-Claire Burke Annie Phelan Aoife O'xley

Raffle Tickets and Ushers

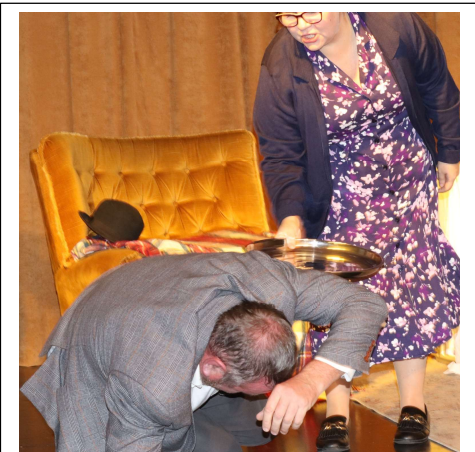
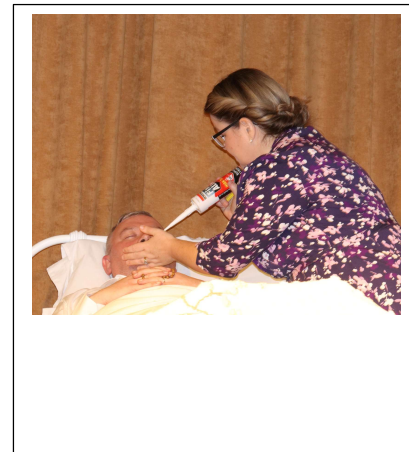
Mary Kate Milne Alison Connolly Aoibheann O'Rourke
 Lights and Sound Nathan Flanagan
 Set Design Gráinne Linden A.C. Reynolds
 Prompters A.C. Reynolds Triona O'Rourke
 Props and Costumes Carole Mooney
 Our Master of Ceremonies (Donncha Phelan)
 Director A.C. Reynolds

Wake in the West

On Friday and Saturday night at the Balcony Theatre in Mountmellick we were just blown away with the fabulous production of "Wake in The West" written by M. J. Ginnelly, set in the West of Ireland in the 1960's and beautifully performed by newly re-formed "Ballyfin Players"

This was the first theatre project of the newly re-formed Ballyfin Players and their first time to perform in 2 years since "The Case" which was under the keen direction of Frances Harney.

Congratulations and well done for a powerful performance
by all the Ballyfin Players
and Production Crew. – What a night was had by everyone.



Sacrament of 1st Penance

The Sacrament of 1st Penance (with children preparing for 1st Holy Communion) will be celebrated in March of next year.

Details of dates, times and venues will be arranged in due course.

Ballyfin N.S.

Service of Carols in Ballyfin Church

Hosted by 5th 6th Class Pupils, their Families and teachers of Ballyfin National School Wed. 18th Dec. 7.00 pm

Concert with Liam Lawton and Friends

O Holy Night, Concert with Liam Lawton and Friends (including Perfect Harmony Choir) in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry on 8th Dec.

Doors open: 6.30 p.m., Concert: 7.00 p.m.,

Tickets: €15.00 available: Parish Centre - 046 973 3311.

Diary Date 2025

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

on Fri. 23rd May 2025

Ceremony will commence at 11.00 am

The Ceremony of Confirmation will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Holy Communion Days in 2025

Mass Dates and Times

Gaelscoil Thromaire Sunday 4th May 2025

The Hollow Church - 9.00 am

Barnashrone National School Sunday 4th May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Scoil Bride, Mountrath.

St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath

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

Ballyfin National School Sunday 25th May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 24th Nov. '24

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

Feast of Christ, The Universal King

Parish Contacts

Website www.mountrathparish.ie

Email - jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Bishop Denis' Visit to Ethiopia

Recently, Bishop Denis and representatives of the Irish Bishops' Conference undertook a pastoral visit to Tigray, Ethiopia, as part of a delegation organised by Trócaire. Bishop Denis shares his thoughts on the trip - Clip available at

<https://www.kandle.ie/bishop-denis-thoughts-on-his-recent-trip-to-ethiopia-with-trocaire/>

Choir Practice for Christmas

Tues. 26th Nov.

Ballyfin Church 8.00 pm

Everyone Welcome

Dates of "Do This in Memory" Masses, Mountrath and Ballyfin, 2024/25

Preparation Masses for 1st Holy Communion 2025.

Enrolment Mass: Mountrath Church Saturday 29th September Time 7.00 pm

Enrolment Mass: Ballyfin Church Sunday September 29th Time 10.00 am

"Do This In Memory" Masses

Mountrath

Ballyfin

Saturday 19th Oct. Saturday 8th Feb.

Sunday 20th Oct Sunday 9th Feb.

Saturday 16th Nov. Saturday 8th March

Sunday 17th Nov Sunday 9th March

Saturday 14th Dec Saturday 5th April

Sunday 15th Dec Sunday 6th April

Saturday 11th January

Sunday 12th Jan

1st Holy Communion Preparation - Continued

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion in May of next year are required to attend all these Masses with their parents or guardian.

Ref. Mountrath Parish

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to bring your child to Saturday evening Mass in Mountrath you are most welcome to bring you child to the Sunday morning Mass in Ballyfin Church at 10.00 am on the following morning.

Ref. Ballyfin Parish

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to bring your child to Sunday morning Mass in Ballyfin you are most welcome to bring you child to the Saturday evening Mass in Mountrath Church at 7.00 pm on the previous evening.

Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction.

Contact the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via www.pioneers.ie/pray

"Dilexit nos - He loved us" - Encyclical of Pope Francis

Prayers and Reflections based on "the Human and the Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ" are available on www.pioneers.ie

*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.**

Thank you for your generous support of Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

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

A very sincere thank you - to you and your family - for your very
 generous support of and continued commitment to Mountrath and
 Ballyfin Parish and Mountrath and Ballyfin Lotto

See our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

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: 085 802 163

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Ballyfin Anniversaries Mass Times Anniversaries

Fri. 22nd Nov. to Sun. 1st Dec.

- Fri. 22nd Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- Sat. 23rd Nov. 8.00 pm Johanna (Josie) McGill, Clonboyne Month's Mind
 Margaret (Peg) Brennan, Pallas Big. 4th Anniv.
 Seán Gilligan, Brockera - 6th Anniv. and his parents, Sarah and Martin Gilligan and deceased members of Gilligan Family
 Maureen and Billy Troy and deceased family members.
 Sr. Frances Teresa Dunne
 and deceased members of Dunne Family, Brockera.
- Sun. 24th Nov 10.00 am Our Lord Christ - King of the Universe
 Brendan Breen, Croyden Court. 8th Anniv.
 Charlie Phelan O'Moore Forest
 Gus Hade, Boghlone.
 Joe Breen, Richard Butler, The Knocks
- Mon. 25th Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.
- Fri. 29th Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Sat. 30th Nov. 8.00 pm Owen Heffernan, Redgates, 5th Anniv.
 Liam Linden, O'Moore Forest. 6th Anniv.
 Ned and Annie Fitzpatrick, Pallas Big.
- Sun. 1st Dec..10.00 am 1st Sunday of Advent - Year C
- Mon.. 2nd Dec. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Lord, for your faithful people, Life is changed, Not ended.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 23rd Nov. - Sun. 1st Dec

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

- Sat. 23rd Nov. 7.00 pm Edward Delaney, Rita Delaney. Trumera.
Jack Hyland, Cavansheath. 5th Anniv.
Patrick and Angela Wallace, Patrick St.,
- Sun. 24th Nov. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**
Catherine and Laurence Fitzpatrick. Trumera Cross
Richard and Martha Phelan, Mountrath
11.30 am Nurse Sally McCormack Nurse Helen White.
(Late of Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin)
- Tues. 26th Nov. 10.00 am John and Eileen Brennan.
Fintan, Benny and Catherine Russell, Shannon St.,
- Wed. 27th Nov. 10.00 am Willie Farrell, Woodbrook.
- Thur. 28th Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.
- Fri. 29th Nov. 10.00 am Patrick and Michael Doheny, Patrick St.,
- Sat. 30th Nov. 7.00 pm John Keenan, Beechlawn. 3rd Anniv.
Patrick and Philomena Carter, St. Fintan's Tce.
Patrick (Paddy's) 3rd Anniv,
John (Jackie) Hetherington, New Line Road. 11th Anniv.
Elizabeth Sinnott, Shannon Rd., 11th Anniv.
- Sun. 1st Dec. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**
11.30 am Mary Redmond (Nee Bergin) Redcastle. 6th Anniv
Brigid Dunne (Nee Lalor) Woodbrook 3rd Anniv.
Peter Bennett, The Square. 7th Anniv.
Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Clonbarrow. 8th Anniv.

1st Anniversary

Mass

Remembrance

Sat. 14th Dec.

7.00 pm

Catherine Tobin

(nee Duggan)

Ballyfin Rd.,



Mountrath Parish Lotto 21st Nov.

Nos. Drawn 12 15 21 3

€ 17,000 Jackpot

10 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 100 each

3 Local Winners

Holly Ryan Promoter, Mary Hosey

G and B Promoter Betty O'Rourke

John Carroll Promoter Pam Killeen

Next Week's Jackpot € 17,000

Ballyfin Parish Lotto 20th Nov

Nos. Drawn 8 20 23 29

No Jackpot Winner

13 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 77 ea

1 Local Winner -

Kevin Hooban Promoter, Mary Hooban

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

*Thank you for your continued and most
generous support of our Parish Lottos*

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Ballyfin € 20,000

Mountrath € 17,000

Events In Bloom HQ

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Mountrath of Yesterday Year

(Photo taken on Market Sq. in the direction of Shannon St.)

Reference

Mountrath Square (1900-1920). Eason PhoMountrath Town Team Logotographic Collection_NLI

Ref: Eas 2749

Mountrath Town Team Logo



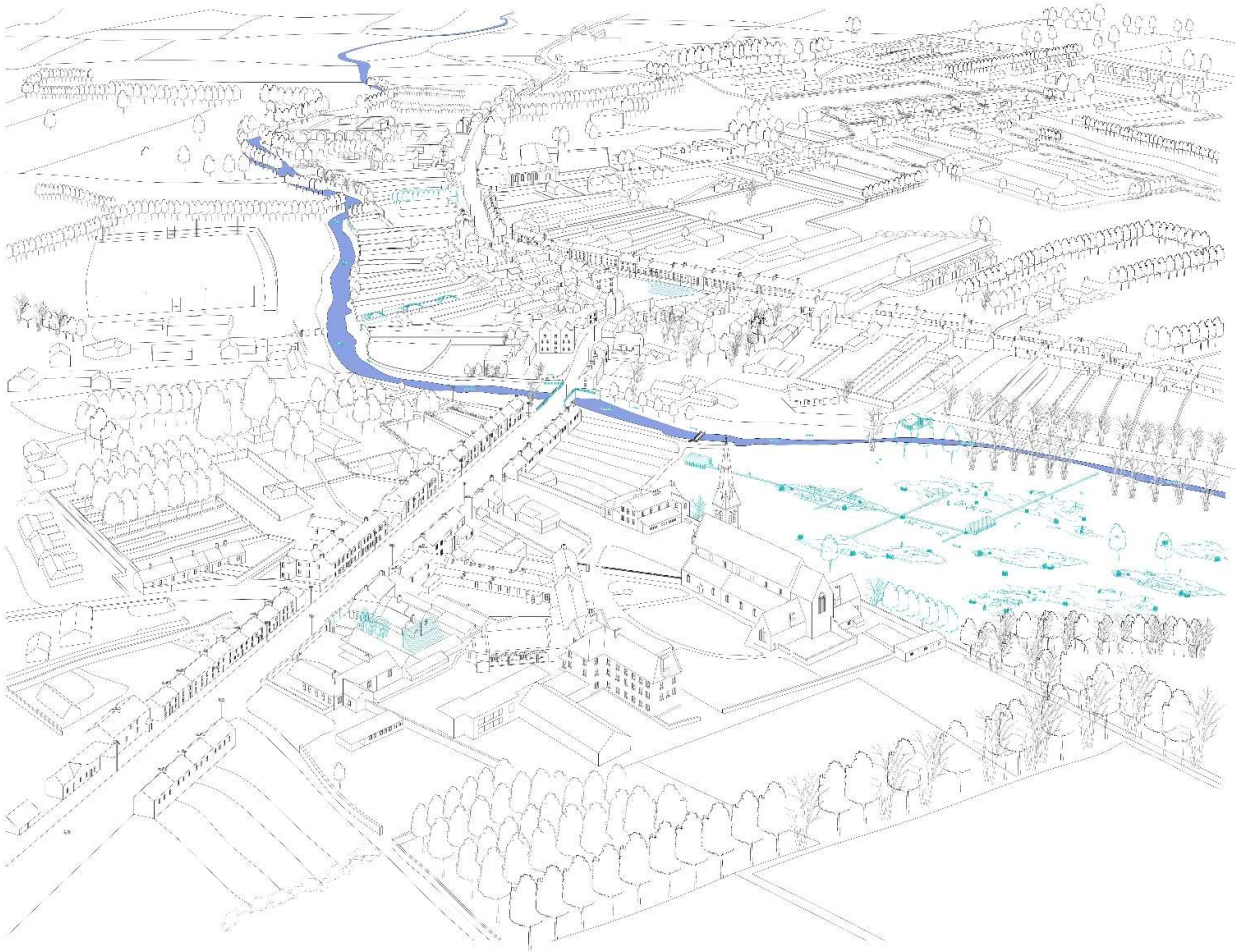


Image 02

Birds eye view of Mountrath opportunities.

(Credit Joseph Mackey Architects)



Media Release (From Mountrath Town Team)

15th November 2024

Invitation to the 'Reimagine Mountrath' Exhibition

For the past 6 months Mountrath Town Team have been working with Joseph Mackey Architects to develop proposals which will specifically examine how the Whitehorse River can contribute to the regeneration of Mountrath Town Centre.

The Mountrath Town Team are excited to announce that these proposals will be put on public display from Monday 25th November to Friday 29th November 2024 in Bloom HQ. The proposals on display are based on consultations with community stakeholders and will highlight the concepts by Joseph Mackey Architects to regenerate Mountrath. The proposals are in line with the Government's Town Centre First Policy and will support the Town Team in their efforts to revitalise the town centre.

This project was funded by the Irish Architect Foundation as part of their Re-Imagine Programme.

The Exhibition will display plans and proposals in respect of 4 innovative projects designed to animate the town:

- Installation of railings on Patrick St Bridge wall to expand eye-line of river.
- Covered walkway arch over lane from Main Street to Whitehorse River.
- Pitched roof over Town Square in footprint of old Market Building linking the town community space to the river.
- Suggested development of a nature reserve wetland/amenity in town park land

"This project has provided an opportunity for the Mountrath Town Team to engage with an architect and create a connection between the town and one of its most important amenities, the Whitehorse River" says Mark Sheeran, Chairperson of Mountrath Town Team. Through consultation and collaboration with the local community, the project has engaged the public imagination.

“The site of the river was used as an opportunity to explore and remember important cultural histories and social practices and to see how the town could reconnect artistically, with the river”, explains Joseph Mackey, Architect, MRIA.

“The Exhibition at Bloom HQ is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to view the research and recommendations envisaged for Mountrath Town Centre” says Denise Rainey, Town Regeneration Officer, Laois County Council.

The exhibition will open from 25th to 29th November – 9am –to 5pm. Smaller scale drawings will be available to view in Mountrath Public Library.

For more Information:

Joseph Mackey, Joseph Mackey Architects T. 085 8543246 E. info@josephmackey.ie

Denise Rainey, Town First Regeneration Officer, Laois County Council T. 057 866 4103, E.

drainey@laoiscoco.ie / Lesley Cowper, Laois County Council, T. 057 866 4256 E.

lcowper@laoiscoco.ie

@laoiscountycouncil @IrishArchitect Foundation @LaoisPartnership

Note

The findings of Reimagine Mountrath project can also be viewed in Mountrath Library, Shannon Road, Mountrath as well as in St Fintan’s Church, Patrick St, Dysartbeag, Mountrath. Co. Laois. Mountrath has a rich history dating back to the early 17th when it was founded by the Coote family. The location on the Whitehorse River allowed the town to become an industrial hub with extensive linen and cotton weaving traditions. The project endeavours to reimagine this historical location with a modern-day interpretation.

Images relevant to the project and that are licensed to be used for promotional purposes, with photographer's credits:

Image 01 – Mountrath Square (1900-1920). Eason Photographic Collection_NLI Ref: Eas 2749

Image 02 – Birds eye view of Mountrath opportunities. Credit Joseph Mackey Architects.

Image 03- Mountrath Town Team MR 1

About Hometown Architect Project:

Reimagine Mountrath is one of three projects selected for Hometown Architect 2024 by the Irish Architecture Foundation. The project proposal met the Hometown Architect brief by focusing on an issue of particular concern and an opportunity for innovation for town centre regeneration in line with the Government of Ireland's Town Centre First Policy. Accordingly, the Hometown Architect Joseph Mackey Architects were funded by the foundation to undertake research and provide concept proposals. The team for the Mountrath Hometown Architect project who collaborated on the project includes Joseph Mackey (Joseph Mackey Architects), Denise Rainey (Town Regeneration Officer, Laois County Council), Mountrath Town Team, comprising representatives from all the local community groups in Mountrath.

- ENDS -



White-Horse

Adults

INDOOR BOWLS

Every Thursday (8pm)
St Philomena's Hall - Bloom HQ

Beginners Very welcome
Come along and give it a try!
Runners or Flat sole shoes are all you need!



Feeling tired sitting at your desk all day?

LUNCHTIME HIIT WORKOUT



Tuesdays and Thursday @1.00pm

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

Bloomhq, Patrick St, Mountrath, R32DT9F



September 2024 TIMETABLE

Monday

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

Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX
 10 am Mother & Baby
 class*
 11 am Activator Poles Inc
 1 pm Lunchtime HITT

Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers
 7 pm Mixed Circuit
 Training

*These Classes
 are not included
 in the
 Membership fee

PAYG
 and
 Members
 Always
 Welcome

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

12 am Pilates*
 11.00 am Kids Basketball*

For more info contact
 Ruth on 089 2647761

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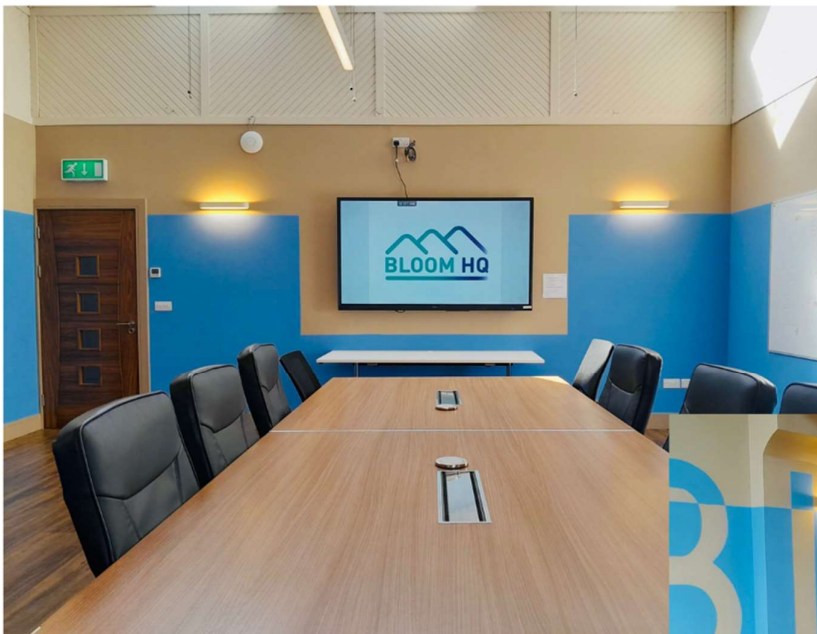
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manager@bloomhq.ie

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Christmas in the Convent

Sunday 8th December 1-5pm

Contact James
086 258 3212

Christmas markets
Carol singing
Lots of activities for kids
Santa visit



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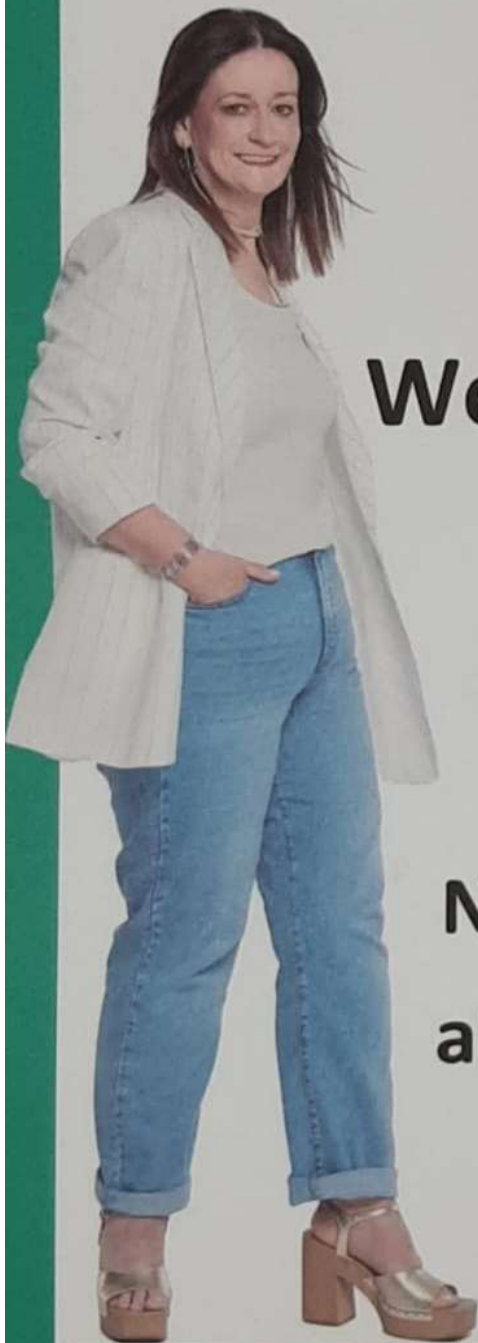
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Pilates

Saturdays 12-1 pm
6 weeks starting 14th
September



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 Patrick st, Mountrath
 R32 DC58

€ 60 for 6 weeks

Sabrina 087 646 7305

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



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*waiting area for parents



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VENUE

BLOOMHQ, PATRICK ST,
MOUNTRATH, R32 DC58

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

Music Classes in Mountrath



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am 6 + years

€ 8 for 30 min group class

Eabha 083 856 6083



Piano

Sunday mornings 5+ years

€20 per 30 min lesson

Heather 083 054 7772





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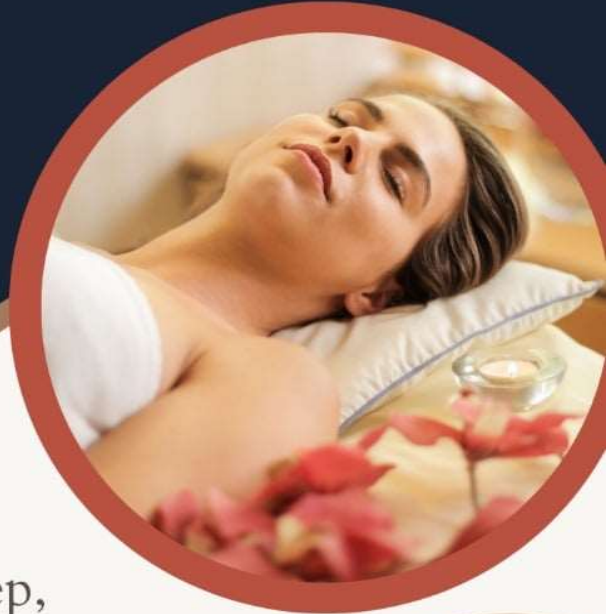
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Violin

Thursdays 3-30 pm on from 3 years -adult
 € 20 for 30 min individual lesson
 Irene 089 981 8065



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Saturdays from 11 am 6 + years
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R32 DC58**

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DAY/WEEKLY
CONTACT 089 272 2885 OR
MANAGER@BLOOMHQ.IE



Music Classes in Mountrath



Violin

Thursdays 3-30 pm on from 3 years -adult
 € 20 for 30 min individual lesson
 Irene 089 981 8065



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am 6 + years
 € 8 for 30 min group class
 Eabha 083 856 6083



Piano

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





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



Karate

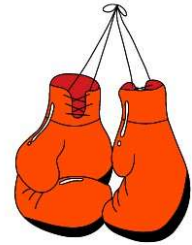
Mondays & Thursdays 7 pm
from 6 years up, €6 per class
Sensei Donal: 087 760 7063

Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7

Kickboxing 6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7

First trial class free

Shane: 086 339 9287



Brazilian Jiu-jitsu* 8-12 years,
Wednesdays 7-8 pm & Saturdays 10-11 am
€ 35 per month or €5 per class
Jamie; 085 200 2497



Art & Craft

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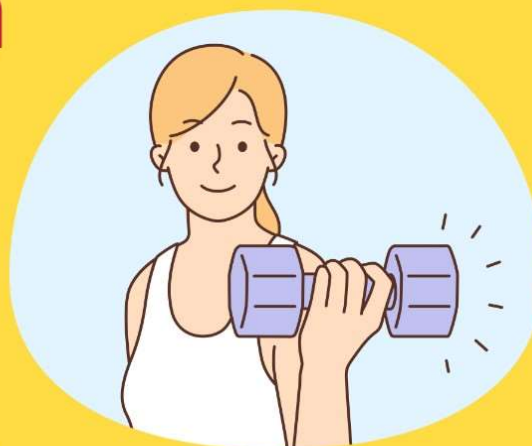
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to book talk to the relevant teacher

Saturday Morning Circuit Training



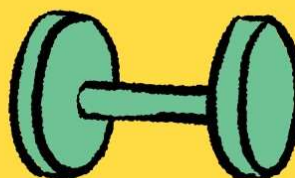
9-10 am



€ 7 PAYG

or

part of your monthly
membership



contact 086 3262 570

**The Old Convent,
Patrick St,
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Mountrath Music Rooms

Lessons in BloomHQ



Violin Lessons
by Irene Ramos

089 9818065

iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com

Thursdays

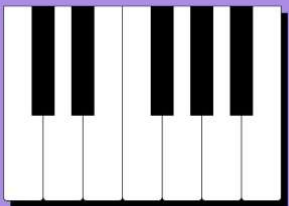


Irish Traditional Music, Whistle,
Flute, Concertina, Accordion, Fiddle,
Banjo and Mandolin

Cliona & Eabha Dowling McDonald

083 8566083

Saturdays



Piano Lessons

by Heather Gavigan 083 054 7772

Sundays



Contact the relevant teacher
for times, prices, etc.

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu/BJJ in Mountrath



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

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

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

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

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

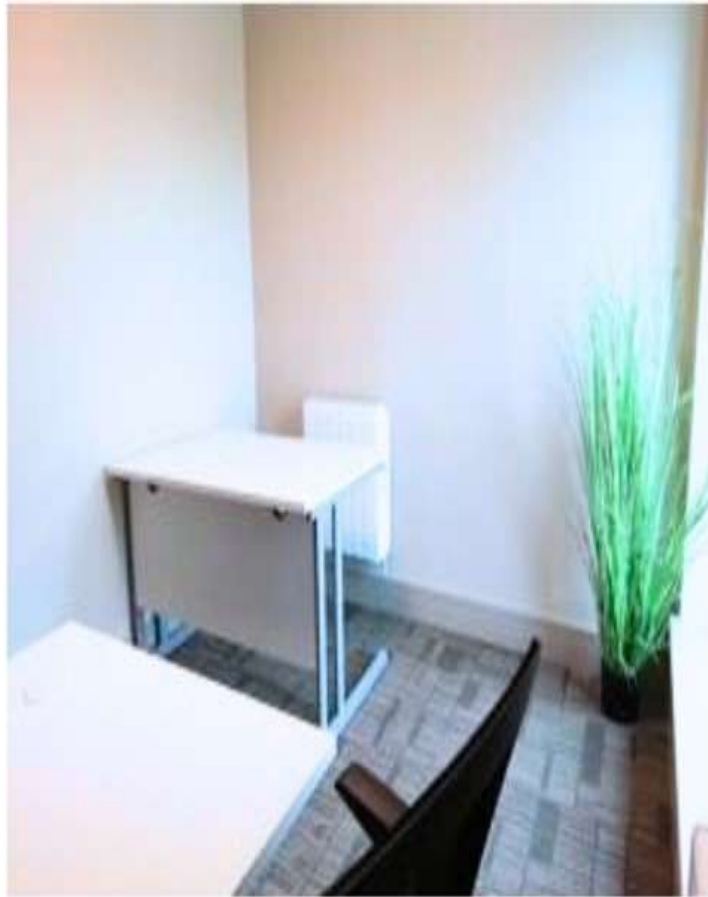
Saturdays
Kids 10- 11 am
Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

contact Jamie 085 200 2497

Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Mountrath, R32 DC58



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



Contact 0892722885 manager@bloomhq.ie



Mountrath Music Rooms



**Contact 089 272 2885
or 057 930 0036**

***Soundproof rooms**

***From € 15 per hour**

***Perfect for music lessons, counselling or grinds**

***free easy car park**

***Waiting space**

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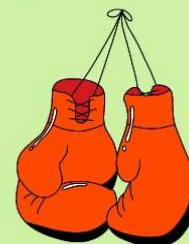
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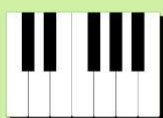


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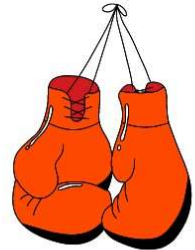
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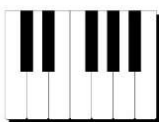


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Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

Mick Smith is teaching the new
RSA approved Motorcycle Initial Basic Training (IBT)
here in BloomHQ, the old Convent Mountrath.

For more details and to book see:

www.roadcraft.ie

www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie



Music Teachers wanted



for Mountrath Music School

*soundproof rooms

*free parking

*waiting area for parents



contact Lucy 087 259 7895

Activities suitable for Senior Citizens in Mountrath

Mature Movers 50 +
Mondays & Wednesdays 11 am



Bowls inclusive 11 am Tuesdays
Bowls 8 pm Thursdays

Mountrath Men's Shed
Tuesdays 10 am- 1 pm
Thursdays 2 pm- 4 pm
contact 085 705 3855



Activator Poles Inclusive
Thursdays 11 am

contact Ruth 086 3262 570



VIOLIN LESSONS

by Irene Ramos

- Discover the joy of music and unlock your creativity
- Weekly individual and ensemble classes for all ages
- From 3-year-olds to adults
- Studio based Mountrath

FULLY QUALIFIED SUZUKI TEACHER & ABRSM DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE

FOR RATES AND/OR MORE
INFO PLEASE CONTACT ME

Phone: 0773222323

Email: iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com

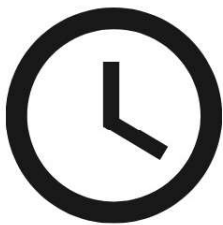
 Irene Ramos
VIOLIN STUDIO



Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
Patrick Street**



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

Contact 0857053855

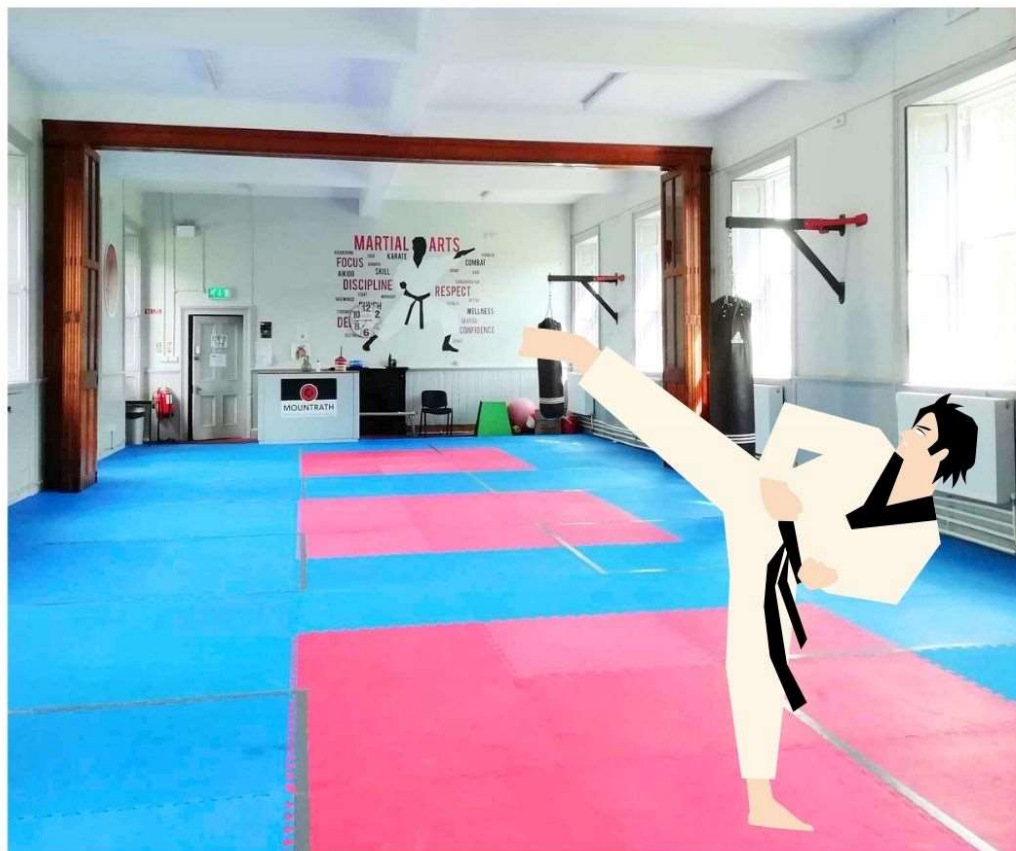




Karate Classes



Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm



Juniors and Adults



Okinawan Karate



Black Belt Instructors

contact Sensei Donal, 5th dan

Martial Arts Centre, Old
Convent, Mountrath.



HIIT LUNCHTIME CLASS

High-Intensity Interval Training

Tuesdays & Thursdays

1.15 pm for 40 mins

5 euro a class

OR

part of your monthly

gym package

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Irish Traditional
MUSIC
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**Whistle, Flute, Concertina, Accordion,
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Clióna and Éabha
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More Information :

Contact 083

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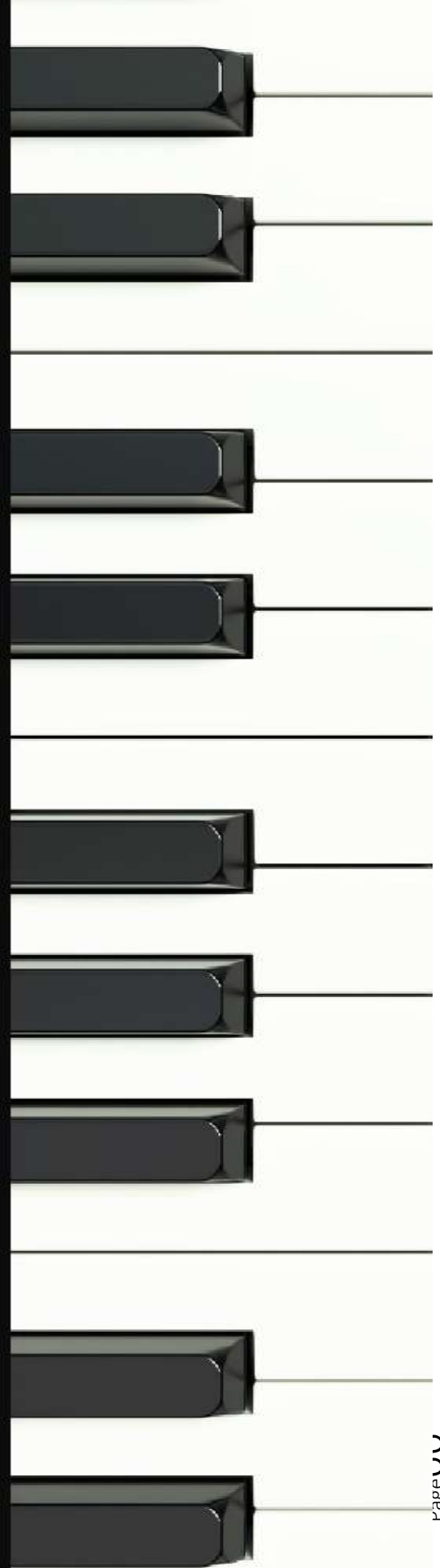
PIANO TEACHER WANTED



For our new Music Rooms
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Mountrath Scouts



Looking for a way for your kids to learn new skills and spend time in the great outdoors why not try scouts!

For all ages from beavers to ventures and into leaders !



Scouts is a way to

- Meet new people.
- Learn new skills.
- Spend time outside.
- Make friends for life.

Friday nights

In the brigidine convent (Bloom HQ) Patrick street mountrath
R32 DC58

7:00 till 8:30

€5 pp

or

€4 per sibling



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

– Tia Walker



LESSONS
LEARNED
Life

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

Flying with TAP Airlines

Also 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony,

13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun

Contact James Treacy 061921470

jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Payment can be made by instalments

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - Holy Thursday (Apr 17th)

- Depart Dublin Airport at 05.35 a.m. and arrive into Lisbon Airport at 08.35a.m.
- On arrival transfer to Fatima where we will check into our hotel.
- Lunch will be provided at the hotel.
- Free time for optional activities.
- Dinner at Hotel.
- This evening we will attend Holy Thursday Mass.

Day 2 - Good Friday (Apr 18th)

- Following breakfast at our hotel we will walk the Way of the Cross.
- Lunch in Hotel.
- This afternoon, we will have a guided tour of the Sanctuary area visiting, the Capelhina, Rosary Basilica, the graves of the three children.

Day 3 - Holy Saturday (Apr 19th)

- This morning after breakfast we will visit the Parish Church, Valinhos and Aljustrel.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Following dinner we will attend the Vigil Mass in the Sanctuary.

Day 4 - Easter Sunday (Apr 20th)

- Following breakfast, we will attend the Rosary and international Mass in the Sanctuary on this Easter Sunday morning.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Afternoon is free for optional activities.
- Dinner in Hotel.

Day 5 - Easter Monday (Apr 21st)

- After breakfast, we will depart Fatima on our optional tour of Nazare & Bathala.
- A packed lunch will be provided.
- For those staying in Fatima, lunch will be provided in the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Tuesday (Apr 22nd)

- We bid farewell to Fatima and make our way to Lisbon Airport.
- Enroute, we will have a short visit to Santarem and visit the Church of The Holy Miracle. We will have time for private prayer in this special place.
- We will then continue onto Lisbon Airport.
- Our flight departs Lisbon at 3.20pm and arrives into Dublin Airport at 6.10pm.





FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

17th - 22nd APR '25

Group Leader: James Treacy
Escorted Tour

FATIMA where the Blessed Virgin appeared to the three children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta in 1917 is now one of the greatest Marian Shrines in the world.

VISITING: Chapel of the Apparitions - The Church of the Holy Trinity - Guided tour of the Sanctuary - Hungarian Stations of the Cross - Aljustrel - Partake in the Easter Celebrations

INCLUDES:

- Return flights ex Dublin to Lisbon
- 23kg checked in luggage per person
- Coaching as per the itinerary
- 5 nights full board basis staying at 3* Santo Amaro Hotel
- Religious itinerary with a guided tour of the Sanctuary area and excursion to Aljustrel
- Taxes and Charges

EXTRAS:

- Single room supplement: €200.00 for duration (first come first served basis)
- Travel Insurance*: €50 per person up to 79 years of age and €75 per person between 80 & 94 years of age
- Items of personal nature.
- Additional meals not listed.
- Valid Passports are required.
- Optional Day Trip - prices will be given locally by our guide.

**Any person taking our travel insurance must get a form signed by their GP at time of booking and this form must be taken to Fatima with you.*

HOTEL SANTA AMARO:

Located a 5-minute walk from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, Hotel Santo Amaro is the place where comfort and well-being are privileged. Hotel Santo Amaro offers you services of the highest quality so that you can enjoy your stay to the fullest. Our two excellent restaurants, where you can taste the typical cuisine of the region, are worthy of special mention. The hotel also has a chapel, two bars, and a souvenir shop. All guests have access to free wifi.

Cost Per Person

€859pp sharing

Non-refundable €300 deposit plus insurance premium required at time of booking to secure place



For further information please contact:

Medjugorje Pilgrimages April – Oct 2024

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7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you.

Tel. 01 4434510 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Thank you - for your very generous support of and continued and ongoing commitment to Ballyfin Parish Finances and Ballyfin Parish Lotto - throughout 2023 Your kind and generous support is very much appreciated.

BALLYFIN PARISH ACCOUNTS 2023

INCOME

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Basket Collection: | € 16,305 |
| Envelope Collection: | € 25,986 |
| Shrine Income: | € 876 |
| Rental Income: | € 5,800 |
| Fundraising: | € 3,140 |
| Donations: | € 1,050 |
| Tax Refunds: | € 22,807 |
| Church Bookings: | € 460 |
| Lotto Income: | € 13,898 |
| Other Income: | € 2,421 |

Total: € 92,743

EXPENDITURE

| | |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Diocesan Levy: | € 6,576 |
| Insurance: | € 5,775 |
| Light and Heat: | € 17,570 |
| Repairs and Maintenance: | € 21,532 |
| Pastoral Programmes: | € 1,720 |
| Security: | € 273 |
| Cleaning: | € 263 |
| Rates, Water, Waste: | € 421 |
| Diocesan Retirement Fund: | € 1,000 |
| Missallettes: | € 1,870 |
| Altar Requisites: | € 3,657 |
| Telephone/Broadband: | € 1,379 |
| Computer Hardware: | € 3,219 |
| Youth/Community: | € 640 |
| Bank Charges: | € 880 |
| Collections: | € 200 |

Total: € 66,975

- **Synodality: Path and Practices Online Course 2024**

The online course will be delivered via Zoom

- from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm over 6 nights
(6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November and 4th, 11th December).

Speakers include:

Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop Michael Router, Julie Ann Moran,

- Dr Anne Codd, Dr Donagh O'Brien
• and Bishop Patricia Storey.

Booking/Enquiries to: The Secretary 057 8626153

Email:

- secretary@mountstannes.com

For full detail of these and all our courses see

- www.mountstannes.com.

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

In Pictures: All smiles as Laois County Council host Civic Reception for two primary school students

By [Alan Hartnett](#)

18th November 2024



Two primary school students received a Civic Reception from Laois County Council last week.

Tomas Ramsbottom and Emma Burke of Timahoe National School were the guests of honour in the council chamber.

They were joined by their families, teachers and friends for a very special event.

This was organised because back in March, Tomas and Emma were crowned All-Ireland champions at the Intel Mini Scientist Exhibition.

The pair qualified for the Grand Final after winning at the regional finals the previous December with their project entitled 'Perfectly Paced'.