Mountrath Ballyfin Online News

Weekend of 21st Nov. 22nd Nov. '26.

Sun.
22nd Nov.

Feast of Christ, Universal King

Next Weekend

Sun. 29th Nov. 10.00 am

1st Sunday of Advent.

Year B.

The Year of St. Mark. Evangelist.

In November - We Remember

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Watch and Pray

The Feast of Our Lord Christ, King of the Universe Next Sun. (22nd Nov). is the Final Sunday of the Church Year. Each year in Ballyfin Parish Church 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 townslands are invited to be part of this special time.

Parish Townslands and Times - Immediately after Mass (10.45) Irey, Ross, Springfield, Lower Irey, Cappinrush, Ballylusk, Knocknakearn, Brockera, Cloncullen, Cappagh South, Ockanroe, The Harrow

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

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

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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*

Watch and Pray on Feast of Christ, Universal King

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We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness. Listed below are adoration / silent prayer times allocated to each of our 30 Townslands in the Parish, Station Areas. Parishioners from all our Parish townslands are invited to be part of this special time.

Parish Townslands and Times

12.20 pm (Immediately after Mass) Clonard, Moonbawn, Forest Hill, Knockanina. Redcastle, Clonenagh, Derrough, Rushall. Radharc Na Sleibhte. Wallis St., New Line Close.

Watch and Pray on Feast of Christ, Universal King Continued

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

1.00 pm Church St. Factory St. Kiln Lane. The Square, Ard Eireann Thomas Court, Patrick St. Old Forge Crescent. Main St. The Hollow.

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

Concluding Prayer at about 1.30 pm

Litany of Diocesan Saints.

- Lord, have mercy Christ have mercy
- Lord, have mercy
- Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us. God, the Father of heaven, Have mercy on us. God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
- Have mercy on us.
- God, the Holy Spirit, Have mercy on us.
- Holy Trinity, One God, Have mercy on us.
- Holy Mary, Pray for us. Holy Mother of God, Pray for us. St. Brigid, Pray for us. (Kildare)
- St. Fintan, Pray for us (Clonenagh)
- St. Conleth, Pray for us. (Newbridge)
- St. Corban. (Naas)
- St. Laserian, Pray for us. (Leighlin)
- St. Coleman, Pray for us. (Stradbally)
- St. Columbanus, Pray for us. (Myshall)
- St. Moling, Pray for us. (St. Mullins)

• St. Abban, Pray for us. (Arles)

• St. Clare, Pray for us. (Graigecullen)

• St .Coca, Pray for us. (Kilcock)

• St. Mochua, Pray for us. (Timahoe)

• St. Ailbe, Pray for us. (Clane)

• St. Fiacc, Pray for us (Graiguecullen)

• St. Willibrord, Pray for us. (Clonmore)

• Blessed John Sullivan, Pray for us.

• (Clongowes Wood College))

• All you holy men and women of God,

• Pray for us. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, an increase of your grace to us who celebrate the memory of the Saints of our Diocese, that as, on earth, we rejoice to be one with them, so, in Heaven, we may deserve to share with them the joy of the eternal banquet. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

In November -
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Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin

Triona O'Rourke - Peter Byrne

Mountrath

Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes

c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd,, Carlow

Ph: 085 802 1633

Christmas O Holy Night LIVE

The Three Tenors LIVE

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Conor Gibbons/ Philip Klubicka/ Paul Feery

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 7:30 PM

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Christmas & Classic Mix
from Popular Favourites to Andrea Bocelli

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW ON SALE €30

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Compere: Our own Claire Byrne

Hear the Hits: Merry Christmas Everyone O Holy Night/ Caledonia/ The Prayer/ Christmas 1915/ Bring Him Home/ The Parting Glass/ Nessun Dorma

Three Tenors Concert Live

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

Sun. 29th Nov. 7.30 pm

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Link to Buy tickets online

- Christmas Concert In Mountrath Church

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- Thank you for your Loyal Support-
- It Is much appreciated

The Three Tenors Concert

Tickets available around the Town

- Spar - The Square (Carrolls)
- Telford's Main St.,
- Aidan Byrne Main St.,
- Keegan's Butchers Main St.,
- Centra (Ann Martyn) Main St.,
- Eddie Phelan's Main St.,
- Pat McSpadden, Redcastle
- Mary Teresa Burke. Shannon St.,
- Conroy's Chemist. Shannon St.

Thank you for your support

Anniversary

Masses

Ballyfin Parish

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 21st Nov. to Sun. 29th Nov.

Sat. 21st Nov. 8.00 pm
Vigil Mass - Feast of Christ,
Universal King
Joseph, Ellen and Rory Culleton,
Clonagown.
Maureen and Billy Troy, Pallas.
Sun. 22nd Nov. 10.00 am
Feast of Christ, Universal King
Sr. Francis Theresa and deceased
. members of Dunne Family,
Brockera.
Gus Hade, Boghlone.
Mon. 23rd Nov. 7.00 pm
Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Parish - Anniversaries

Sat. 21st to Sun. 29th Nov.

Continued

Sat. 28th Nov. 8.00 pm Owen Heffernan,
Redgates. 7th Anniv.
Ned and Anne Fitzpatrick, Pallas Big.
John and Mary Murphy, Pallas Little.

Sun. 29th Nov. 10.00 am

1st Sunday of Advent. Year B

Next weekend 28th – 29th Nov. is the 1st Sunday of Advent Year B.
The Year of St. Mark. Evangelist.

Margaret (Peg) O'Meara, Pallas Big.
6th Anniv. and Peg's parents,
Mary and Michael O'Meara.

Mon. 30th Nov. 7.00 pm
Apostolate of Sanctification

Mountrath Parish

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 21st to Sun. 29th Nov.

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Ch. unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 21st Nov. 7.00 pm Margaret Brophy,

. Trumera. 2nd Anniv.

Jack Hyland, Cavansheath. 7th Anniv.

Maura Phelan, Shannon Rd.,

Paddy Cullen, Clonenagh.

Patrick and Angela Wallace, Patrick St.,

Annual Mass Remembrance for Deceased

. Members of St. Fintan's G.A.A. Club, Mountrath

Sun. . 22nd Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch.

Feast of Christ, Universal King

Richard and Martha Phelan, St. Fintan's Tce.,

11.30 am Feast of Christ, Universal King

Daniel Grehan and Gerald Grehan, Derrylusk

Mountrath Parish

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 21st to Sun. 29th Nov.

Continued

Tues. 24th Nov. 10.00 am

People who are ill, in the Parish.

Wed. 25th Nov. 10.00 am

Fintan, Benny, Catherine and

Martin Russell, Shannon St.,

Thur .26th Nov. 10.00 am

Altar List of the Dead.

Fri. 27th Nov. 10.00 am

Lorcan Fitzpatrick and deceased

members of O'Brien Family,

Patrick St.,

Mountrath Continued

Sat. 28th Nov. 7.00 pm Paddy and Philomena Carter, St. Fintan's Tce. .

Liz Sinnott, Shannon Rd., 13th Anniv. .

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Sun. 29th Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch

Joe Delaney, Kilbricken

Jerimiah Delaney, Clonard. 64th Anniv.

11.30 am

Jimmy Fitzpatrick, Clonbarrow. 10th Anniv.

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

Mountrath Continued

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrances

Sun. 6th Dec.

9.00 am The Hollow Ch.

11.30 am Mountrath Ch.

Patrick (Patsy) Conroy, Redcastle.

Fri. 11th Dec. 10..00 am

Anne Farrell (nee Lowry) Patrick St.

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Cemetery Prayer

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Changing Gears

Age & Opportunity

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Age & Opportunity are delighted to offer Changing Gears in collaboration with Portlaoise Library this November and December 2026.

Changing Gears is a course designed to boost wellbeing and resilience for those aged 50+ years. It supports people to manage transitions/change in mid to later life. The change may be to do with: retirement, having more free time, bereavement, job-loss, ill health, becoming a carer or relationship breakdown. Its aim is to: help participants to identify what has served them well to date in life, the successes and challenges they have experienced, what supports they have in their lives and what they may need to put in place, and/or discard, for the next stage of life. It aims to lay the foundations for a positive and fulfilling approach to mid/later life.

How does it work?
Changing Gears runs over 5 weeks with weekly sessions of 2 ½ hours. It offers participants time to:

- Develop skills and techniques build resilience and confidence in managing life-changes or transitions
- Reframe change as opportunity with positive options and also challenging negative stereotypes about ageing

Who are Age & Opportunity?
Age & Opportunity is the national organisation creating opportunities that empower older people to enhance individual and community wellbeing through participation in physical activity and recreational sport, arts and creativity, personal development and active citizenship initiatives.

Visit our website: www.ageandopportunity.ie

Venue: Portlaoise Library, 23 Main St, Maryborough, Portlaoise, Co. Laois R32 N7EP
Dates: Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, 25 November and 2 December 2026
Times: 10.30 - 13.00 (Refreshments will be provided)

To book your place please contact Fiona on engage@ageandopportunity.ie or call on 01 9133922

"I am really enjoying the presentation, the interaction, the musical content and the general dynamic of the class. I look forward to attending the class in The Lexicon every Wednesday. Wishing you every success in your important work in Age & Opportunity"

Teresa, Dublin participant, Changing Gears, March 2025

"A belated thank you for the most enjoyable Changing Gears course. Brian Dooney was a fabulous facilitator, full of energy and enthusiasm with the coursework beautifully put together, especially the writing and music. I so hope you are able to run a Stage Two course."

Clare participant, Changing Gears, February 2026

This course has been funded by the HSE and is free of charge. Participation requires attendance at each of the five sessions.

Age & Opportunity is funded by HSE Sport Ireland / Spórt Éireann arts council / an chomhairle ealaíon funding the arts

Parish

Lotto

Results

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 19th

Nos. Drawn 2 14 15 23

No Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3's Rec. € 125.00 each

2 Local Winners

Breda Hosey

Promoter Heather Mortimer

Doran Family

Promoter Ann Lanham

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

18th Nov.

No Jackpot Winner

Nos. Drawn 4 14 21 27

18 Match 3's

Rec. € 56.00 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 18,000

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Parish Lottos

Next Week's Jackpots

Mountrath € 20,000

Ballyfin € 18,000

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My Health Matters

A 7-week health and wellbeing course for adults
in partnership with the HSE

Feel better, move more, and take charge of your wellbeing

Join a friendly course for adults to explore simple, everyday ways to stay healthy, active, and confident in managing your health.

Course Content:

- **Friendly group sessions** to share ideas and experiences
- **Learn about health and wellbeing**, like staying active and eating well
- **Find out about local services** and useful supports
- **Gain confidence** to manage your health and talk to professionals

Session 1 -
My Wellbeing and My Brain Health

Session 2 -
My Mobility

Session 3 -
My Meals

Session 4 -
My Local Health Services

Session 5 -
My Medicines

Session 6 -
What Matters to Me

Session 7 -
My Technology (optional)

Starting: Monday, 09 November
10.00 am - 12.30 pm
Vicarstown Old Community Centre

To book your place contact Tamara on:

tlatham@loetb.ie
085 856 0160

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Hosted by

Ballyfin Sch.

Parents Council

8.00 pm

All Welcome

Cash4Clothes Fundraiser

for Ballyfin N.S. Parents Council Ballyfin Parents Council are doing a Clothes Collection next week

Drop off at the GAA on

Fri. 20th Nov. from 1.45 to 3.30

Sat. 21st Nov. 10am till 12pm

Items we can Collect:

Women's, Men's and Children's Clothing - Paired Footwear, Handbags, Belts Soft Toys (Teddies)

Curtains, Towels, Bedlinen (duvet covers) Sheets, Pillowcases, Blankets, Throws

NO PILLOWS OR DUVETS OR CARPETS

All Support greatly appreciated.

The Laois County Fire & Rescue Service are providing Free Smoke Alarms which will be installed by crews to support older and vulnerable people in Laois.



Laois County Fire & Rescue Service

Smoke Alarm Initiative

The smoke alarm initiative aims to support older or vulnerable people in our community and help them live in their own home with independence and safety in mind.

If you are in this category or know someone that would benefit from a free smoke alarm please contact the details below to register your interest and / or receive a free fire safety in the home booklet.

Email: lo@locallink.ie or fireadmin@laoiscoco.ie
Tel: 057 86 92168

Join us at the Annual

Christmas Market!

Brigidine Convent, Patrick Street, Co Laois

Sunday, Dec 13th @1.00pm

✨ A wonderful festive day with something for everyone!

🎅 A Special Visit from Santa

🎶 Carol Singing

🛍️ Christmas Stalls

🛍️ INTERESTED IN HAVING A STALL?

Calling all businesses, makers, crafters and community groups! Come along and be part of the festive fun at our Christmas Market. 🎄✨

📞 Contact James on 086-2583212 for more information.

See you there! 🎄🎅✨


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TAG RUGBY
NON CONTACT
GAMES & FUN SESSIONS
30 TO 40 MINUTES
RUN
TAG
PLAY
HAVE FUN!
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!
MAKE FRIENDS
STAY ACTIVE
LEARN NEW SKILLS
KIDS RUGBY KIDS HAPPIER!
WEDNESDAY
28TH OCTOBER
11:00
BLOOM HQ
Contact: Joe Carbery
for more information
085-761 8645
BLOOM HQ
SPORT • COMMUNITY • MORE
PLAY
MAKE FRIENDS
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Note from Ruth Delaney

Tag rugby is back at **Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy**

Free for boys and girls age 9year and over ..

Joe Carbery and Dave Whelan are back teaching the kids some tag rugby and different drills ..

Come on down and try it out.. the lads will be out on the grass behind the padel courts or in the hall if it's raining ..

The kiosk at the padel courts will be opened if parents want to stick around and have a coffee.and chat .

Please share to anyone with kids..if we can get bigger number we can make it more of a regular activity for the kids

Guild of St. Philip Neri

Members of the Guild of St. Philip Neri, Portlaoise, visit prisoners in Portlaoise and Midlands Prisons as befrienders/listeners. The Guild is a conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society.

To mark Prisons Week the guild is accepting applications from anyone interested in this work.

Further information. at 086-046 2405 -

midvisitorscentre@gmail.com

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Short Film –
Lives of Mission, Lives of Hope

The Embassy of Ireland to the Holy See is proud to share a short film entitled 'Lives of Mission, Lives of Hope' (30 mins). The film was made by Colm Flynn and specially commissioned by the Embassy with the support of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Through the voices of Sr. Collette Keane O.P., Sr. Julie Buckley SMR, Sr. Pat Murray CJ and Sr. Mary Barron OLA, we hear first-hand about their lives and work – from the early years in Ireland to their vocations to the religious life, and their work both in Ireland and overseas. These women have been, and continue to be, outstanding advocates for Ireland's values in the world - truly global citizens in some of the world's most difficult places.

Link to film –

Lives of Mission, Lives of Hope'

Ballyfin Parish Ministries Rota

Ministries Rota

Sat. 28th - Sun. 29th Nov.

Reader

Sat. 8.00 pm Joe Fingleton

Min. of Holy Comm

Teresa Mc Cormack

Sun. 10.00 am Mary Finn

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Collectors for November

Sat. Mary Hooban Mary Dunne

Sun. Carmel Lanham

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ALL IRELAND LUNG CANCER PATIENT SYMPOSIUM 2026

Lung Cancer: Care, Research, and Progress

PROGRAM

MORNING SESSION (11:00 - 13:00)

Welcome ILCC Updates	Seamus Cotter *Chairperson, ILCC*
Living with Lung Cancer	Samantha Vaughan *Committee Member, ILCC*
The Drug Approval Process in Ireland	Joan O'Callaghan *Lead on Patient and Public Involvement, NCPE*
The Shape of Lung Cancer Clinical Trials in Ireland	Eithne Nicole Senior *Senior Clinical Project Manager, Cancer Trials Ireland*
Networking Lunch	Free Lunch for All Participants!

AFTERNOON SESSION (13:30 - 16:30)

Surgery & Lung Cancer	Gery Fitzmaurice *Thoracic Surgeon, St James's Hospital*
Exercise, Rehabilitation and Prehabilitation	Matthew Beggs *Physiotherapist, Queen's University Belfast*
Update on the Lung Health Check Programme	Sandra Roche *Programme Manager, Lung Health Check, Beaumont RCSI Cancer Centre*
Lung Cancer 101	Anne-Marie Baird *Senior Research Fellow, Trinity College Dublin*
Wellbeing: Sound Therapy	Ollie Plunkett *Golden Egg Holistic*
Launch of Lung Cancer Biomarker Educational Videos	Anne-Marie Baird & Samantha Vaughan
Shine a Light on Lung Cancer	Anne-Marie Baird
Closing Remarks	Seamus Cotter
Networking Coffee	

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!

JOIN US!

14 NOV 2026
Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise

Ballyfin National School

Children's Christmas

Concert Thurs. 17th

Dec. 2026

St Fintan's Church, Ballyfin

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Parents Council 8 pm

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Camp Pio Presents –

November Children's Art

Competition

Theme – Courage with Christ -

Remembering Our Saints.

Ages 5 to 15 years 3 Categories

Closing Date 6th Dec. 2026

Full details on Homepage Parish

Website

and Online Newsletter

Contact person

- Laura 057 631 370

CampPio

November Children's Art Competition

Theme: "Courage with Christ: Remembering our Saints"



Competition Categories

Category A (Ages 5-8)
St. Patrick or St. Brigid

Category B (Ages 9-11)
St. Patrick, St. Brigid or St. Columba

Category C (Ages 12-15)
St. Fintan or Bishop Daniel Delany (Founder of the Patrican Brothers and Brigidine Sisters)

Closing Date

6th December '26

More information at:
https://www.mountrathparish.ie **or**
Contact : Laura on 0876313370

Please use A3 paper/canvas!

Special Opportunity

All winning entries will be exhibited at

Bloom HQ, Mountrath
For the month of February 2027

Prizes

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- Gift Vouchers
- Exhibition Opportunity

Create with heart. Inspire with faith.
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