

Mountrath

Ballyfin

Online

Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> October 2023

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ballyfinparish.ie) [www.mountrathparish.ie](http://www.mountrathparish.ie)

Email [jmbrophy2@gmail.com](mailto:jmbrophy2@gmail.com)

# Fundraiser

Donate Unwanted Clothes  
to Scoil Bhride

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Teachers Required  
for Mountrath  
School of Music  
and School of Grinds

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Cookery Demonstration in  
St. Philomena's Hall

Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

With Edward Hayden (From Ireland AM)

Fundraiser for Class of 1990 Restoration Project

8.00 pm Start - Doors open - 7.00 pm

## Social Dancing

in St. Philomena's Hall,  
October Bank Holiday

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct.

9.30 – 12 midnight

Adm. € 10.00

Music by Glen Flynn



# Universal Synod on Synodality

(Began in Rome on 4<sup>th</sup> Oct)

## Blessing at the end of Mass During the Synod

The Lord be with you! – **All. And with your spirit.**

May God our Father, who many times and in various ways spoke to our fathers through the prophets, always guide you and the whole Church in fidelity to His Word and in the discernment of His will. **All. Amen.**

May the Son, sent in the fullness of time to manifest to us the riches of the Father's mercy, keep us in communion with Him and with our brothers and sisters. **All. Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit lead all of us and in particular the Synod Assembly, to recognise the signs of the times so that, adhering in everything to the will of God, we bear abundant fruit of unity for the life of the Church for the proclamation of the Gospel. **All. Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, The Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit, descend upon us and remain with us forever. **All. Amen.**

## Please Note.

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To follow events as they happen  
log onto  
Vatican Website

[www.synod.va/en](http://www.synod.va/en)

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

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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. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Ceremony in Mountrath Parish Ch. at 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Ch. at 2.30 pm

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**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Dates See Page 9**

**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.

**We Keep and Hold in our thoughts and Prayers**

## John (Johnny) Callaghan, Trumera. R.I.P.

We pray for John (Johnny) who died peacefully at his home on Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. Johnny's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. followed by burial in Raheen Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Peg, Séan, Fintan, Michael, Declan, Patrick, Mary, Margaret, Breda, Martina, Linda and their families - 24 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, brother-in-law, Mick Farrell, sister-in-law Bridie Masterson and their families, relatives, neighbours and a large circle of friends.

## Donal Kirwan, Clonard R.I.P.

We pray for Donal who died peacefully at his home on Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. Donal's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Joan, Niamh, Grainne, Eamhair and families. Sisters Marian and Sheila and brothers Eddie (Kirwan's Bar) and Tony and their families, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and a large circle of friends.

## Teresa Ridgeway (Nee McGoldrick) Garryhinch Formerly Mountrath. R.I.P.

We pray for Teresa who died peacefully on Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. - Teresa's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton on Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to sister Sheila, and brother Albert, St. Fintan's Terrace, the Ridgeway family, Garryhinch and all her family, relatives and neighbours.

*May John (Johnny) Donal and Teresa rest in the peace of Christ.*

*Prayer attributed to St. John Henry Newman*

Lord, as 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.

# 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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*

## 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

### 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," .

### Highlights from the Synod

The first session of the Synod draws to a close on Sun. Oct. 29. Synod delegates have been discussing throughout this week the assembly's final document, which is set to be voted on in the evening of Oct. 28. They are also due to vote on the publication of a separate, brief "Letter to the People of God" that is meant to convey the general experience of the synod.

# Mountrath

## Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct - Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Peg Maguire (Nee Pattison) New Line Road.

And her mother, Annie Pattison..

Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**

11.30 am Peggy Ruane, Ballylusk. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Keith Russell, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. No 10.00 am Mass today

Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. 10.00 am

7.00 pm Vigil Mass for Feast of All Saints.

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch. - Feast of All Saints.

10.00 am **Mountrath Church (Note change of Time)**

**Feast of All Saints**

Benny and Mary Clarke, Patrick St.,

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 10.00 am Feast of All Souls

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of The Dead.

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Daniel and Bridie Lalor, Main St.,

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**

11.30 am Noel Ryan. (Snr) Factory St. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

John Finlay, Clondouglas. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

**Month  
of  
November**

**Dedicated to  
the  
Holy Souls**

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





# Ballyfin

## Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. - Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.00 pm Nicholas Brennan, Brockera 11<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Rita Fingleton (Nee Farrell) Ross. 11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun .29<sup>th</sup> Oct.10.00 am Jerimiah and Kathleen Dunne, Pallas

And their son, Barney

Johnny Fennelly, Cappinrush

Joe (Joseph) Breen, The Knocks

Richard Butler. The Knocks

Matt. Sally and Frank Lalor, Clonagown

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification..

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov . 7.30 pm Feast of All Souls

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. .4<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8.00 pm Mary Thompson (Nee Kenna) Ireys.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Nov.10.00 am 31<sup>st</sup> Sun. Ord Time

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Apost. of Sanctification

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## "Do This in Memory" Programme

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin

#### Enrolemnt Ceremonies

Mountrath Parish Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mass 7.00 pm All Schools

Ballyfin. Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Mass 10.00 am Both Schools

#### "Do This in Memory" Children's Masses

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

#### (The) Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

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

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With Children of Barnashrone National School



## Ballyfin Lotto Results 25<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Nos. Drawn 10 30 31 32

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3's Rec. € 167.00 ea

**Next Week's Jackpot € 13,000**

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 - 26<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Nos. Drawn 2 13 16 18

No Jackpot Winner 7 Match 3's Rec. € 143 ea.

### 3 Local Winners

EBJC - Promoter, Lucy Conroy

Ruby and Darcy - Promoter, Lucy Conroy

J. Fitzpatrick - Promoter, Gerry Dooley

**Next Week's Jackpot. € 20,000**



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*Next  
Week's*



€ 20,000 - Mountrath

€ 13,000 Ballyfin



# GLEN FLYNN BAND



**IRELANDS FINEST DANCING BAND**

St. Philamena's Hall  
Mountrath

Bank Holiday Mon.

30<sup>th</sup> Oct ~ 9.30 - 12.mn

Supper Served. Adm.€ 10

FOR BOOKINGS CALL 087 224 12 55



# EDWARD

# Hayden

FROM "IRELAND AM"

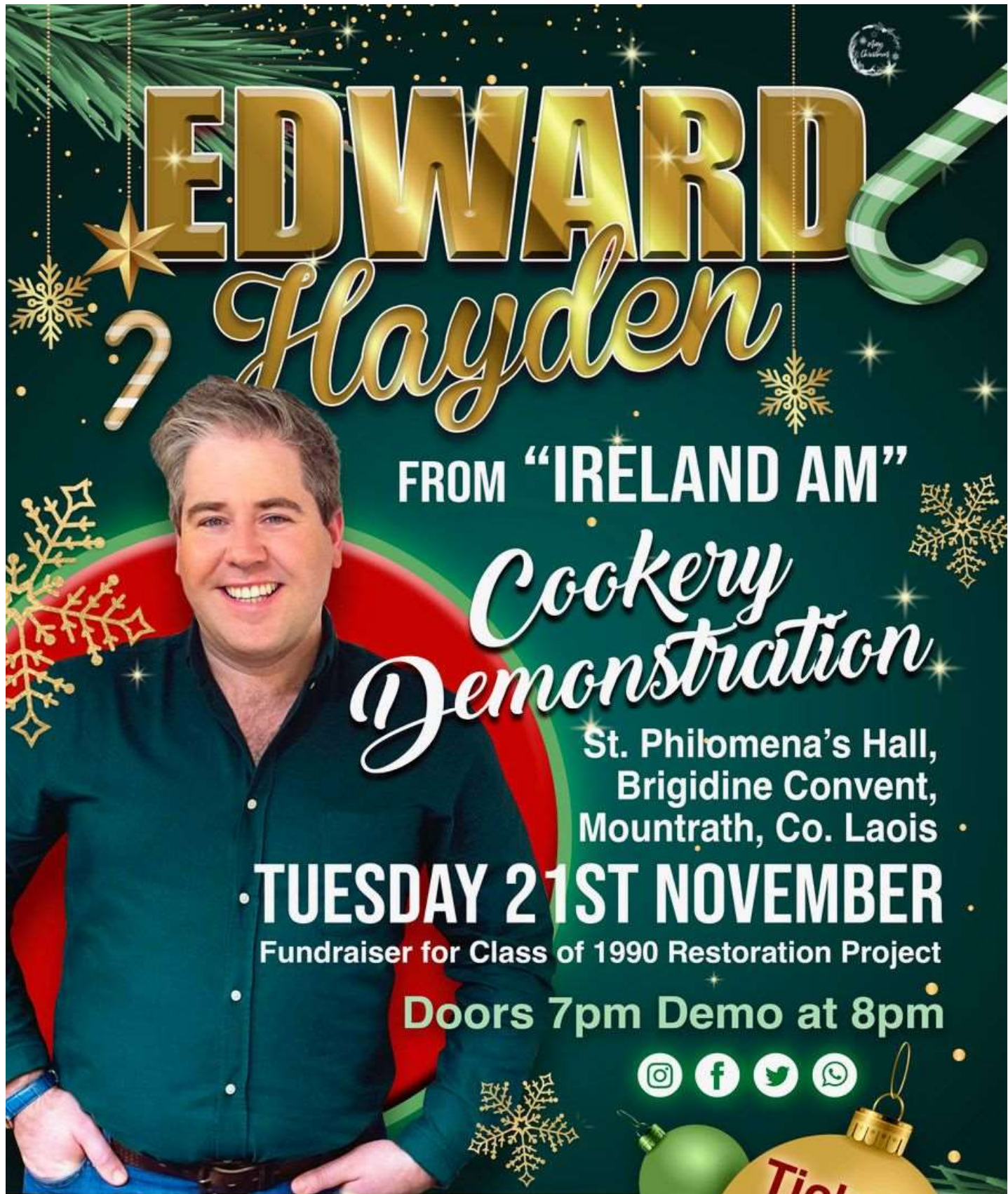
# Cookery Demonstration

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)





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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](http://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/](http://www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)





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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info.retrouvaille2020@gmail.com) or see [www.retrouvaille.ie](http://www.retrouvaille.ie) Completely confidential.

## Caragh Pastoral Council invites you to:

Suicide Remembrance Service Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Family Mass Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> (10am): If any family is interested in getting involved, they can contact Philly Cassells on 087 6269244

Remembrance Service Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>:– We remember our Dead Memorial service for babies, who passed away through miscarriage, Still birth and Neo Natal deaths Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, "Their time was short, yet very precious". All are very welcome to attend.

For more details please contact Caragh Parish Office, (045) 875602

## 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](mailto:vocations@glencairnabbey.org)  
Or visit [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://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](http://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/](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 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





# 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.**

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

If you're interested in renting a spot please

Contact **Lucy on 087-2597895**





# Teachers needed

Primary School

and

Secondary school- all subjects



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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**



# Trial Balance – Formatted - Ballyfin Parish

Date Range 1st Jan 2022 To 31st Dec 2022

Code	Description	2022	2021
		Current €	Comparative €
Profit and Loss			
Sales			
001	Basket Collection	14,838.73	8,149.38
002	Envelope Collection	28,782.63	28,603.02
003	Shrine Income	743.19	725.72
004	Rental Income	12,680.00	1,215.00
005	Fundraising	-	-
006	Donations Bequests	526.00	-
007	Tax Refunds/Rebate	17,250.71	600.23
008	Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	-	-
009	Income from Parish Investment Fund	-	-
010	Deposit Interest Received	-	-
011	Other Investment Income	-	-
012	Office Shop Margin	-	16.40
013	Lotto Income	7,302.00	12,206.65
014	Diocesan Levy Collection	-	-
015	Other Collections	120.15	-328.63
020	Other Income	701.37	-
		<b>€82,944.78</b>	<b>€51,187.77</b>
Cost of Sales			
		-	-
	<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>€82,944.78</b>	<b>€51,187.77</b>
	<b>Gross Profit %</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>
Overhead Expenses			
301	Wages and salaries	-	-
303	Employers NIC (UK) PRSI (Ireland)	-	-
305	Pension costs	-	-
309	Pastoral Programme Expenses	1,517.00	1,250.80
322	Rent payable	-	-
326	Insurance	4,520.68	4,901.67
330	Security	273.24	273.24
331	Light and heat	14,484.25	9,643.12
332	Cleaning	245.01	1,885.45
333	Rates, Water, LPT Waste Collection	261.28	2,843.77
334	Repairs and maintenance	15,475.32	4,398.56
335	Diocesan Levy	6,576.00	4,110.00
336	Clergy Fund	-	-
337	Diocesan Retirement Fund	1,000.00	2,000.00
341	Missalettes, Printing Stationery	3,244.32	4,661.08

342	Altar Shrine Requisites	3,766.12	2,455.10
345	Telephone, Broadband and Internet related expenses	4,661.02	1,814.03
346	Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	1,440.00	2,202.09
347	Hire of Equipment	262.88	400.00
348	Music/Choir Expenses	-	-
365	Legal and Professional	-	904.76
368	Accountancy Fees	1,576.03	220.08
370	Youth and Community Expenses	-	-
371	Bank charges	1,632.13	776.32
375	Donations/Collections	-	-102.94
376	Interest on Parish Investment Fund Loans	-	-
378	Other Loan Interest	94.51	4.19
381	General expenses	-	-
391	Depriciation of intangible assets	-	-
392	Depreciation of tangible assets	-	-
394	Profits/losses on disposals of tangible assets	-	-
399	Capital gains/losses on disposal of property	-	-
		<b>€61,029.79</b>	<b>€44,641.32</b>
Other Income		-	-
	<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>€21,914.99</b>	<b>€6,546.45</b>
Bank Interest Income		-	-
Investment Income		-	-
Interest Payable		-	-
Profit and Loss Suspense		-	-
	<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>€21,914.99</b>	<b>€6,546.45</b>

Stay connected with us!

Parish Website [www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie](http://www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie) -

Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish





MAY YOUR LOVE BE  
UPON US, O LORD,  
AS WE PLACE ALL  
OUR HOPE IN YOU.

PSALM 124



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.

## Synod News – Highlights from the Synod

The first session of the Synod draws to a close on October 29. Synod delegates have been discussing throughout this week the assembly's final document, which is set to be voted on in the evening of Oct. 28. They are also due to vote on the publication of a separate, brief "Letter to the People of God" that is meant to convey the general experience of the synod process. Both documents are expected to provide a framework for further areas of reflection and engagement with the local levels of the church, ahead of the second session of the synod in October 2024.

Highlights from the Synod are available at [www.synod.va](http://www.synod.va)



# 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](http://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,".*

*The Pope has asked churches everywhere to participate by organizing similar initiatives.*

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

0 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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