

# Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

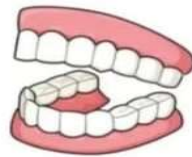
5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2024

27<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ord. Time.



**ballyfinplayers 3h**

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre



Ballyfin Players Presents

## *Wake in the West*

by Michael J. Ginnelly

Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick  
Arts Centre

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
of November 2024



A  
Date  
for  
the  
Diary

## Ballyfin Community Alert

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

If you know a family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin who could benefit from this scheme

Contact Sheila

on

086 157 0145 for information

/application form

## Diary Date 2025

Ceremony of Confirmation in Ballyfin Parish will be  
celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin  
on Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Ceremony will commence at 11.00 am

The Ceremony of Confirmation will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty

**Barnashrone National School** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

**Scoil Bride, Mountrath.**

**St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath**

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

**Ballyfin National School** Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

## Baptism Preparation Team

Meeting Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. in Bloom HQ.

(Old Convent) Time 7.30 pm

## Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance

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

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

## Visit of Relic of St. Bernadette

The visit of the Relic of Saint Bernadette to

St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Portlaoise

Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 am to 9.00 pm.

7.00 am Welcoming Ceremony 7.30 am Mass

9.30 am Rosary 10.00 am Mass

12 noon Ritual with water from Lourdes Grotto

6.30pm Rosary

7.00 pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick

9.00 pm Closing Ceremony

See online newsletter for times and details for visit of Relics to the Cathedral in Carlow.

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. '24

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Parish Contacts

Website [www.mountrathparish.ie](http://www.mountrathparish.ie)

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

Name of Parish App.

*Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*



## 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!

## Parish Visitation Oct.

Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Mountrath Country

Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> Mountrath Town

Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> Ballyfin Parish

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

### Preparation Masses for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2025.

Enrolment Mass: Mountrath Church      Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September      Time 7.00 pm

Enrolment Mass: Ballyfin Church      Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>      Time 10.00 am

### "Do This In Memory" Masses

#### Mountrath

#### Ballyfin

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.      Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct      Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.      Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov      Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec      Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec      Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan

## 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation - Continued

All candidates preparing to receive 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Guide Dogs for the Blind

Irish Guide Dogs for The Blind thank most sincerely all who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. Your continued generosity and support is greatly appreciated. Also a big thank you to all who helped with the Collection.

Re. Church Gate Collection in Ballyfin, last weekend. - A Note from the Organisers – Thank you for your most generous contributions to our Church Gate collection. *€ 185.00 received in contributions*

*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**

## 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



## October - The Month of the Holy Rosary

As you know, for the past while, we pray the Rosary every Sunday morning after Mass and all are most welcome to be part of this beautiful prayer. Just wondering, if you haven't been part, would you consider joining in the praying the Rosary after Mass for the month of October.

The praying of the Rosary commences immediately after Mass.

*The Rosary - "Gazing on the face of Jesus, with Mary"*

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

# Kildare and Leighlin Safeguarding Training Schedule

Autumn/Winter at Portlaoise Parish Centre

2. Full Day Safeguarding Training      Sat. 12th Oct. 10am-4pm

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# Ballyfin Anniversaries

## Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.

- Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.
- Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.00 pm Eamon Dunne, Cappanrush, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
 Damien Connolly, Springfield. 13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.
- Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am Michael Mooney, Old Post Office - 13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
 Jerimiah, Kathleen and Barney Dunne, Pallas -  
 And John Fennelly, Cappanrush.
- Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.
- Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.
- Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.00 pm Danny Costello, Ballyfin Rd., 11<sup>th</sup> Anniv
- Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 10.00 am Anne Hogan, Formerly Clonagown. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
 Denis, Catherine and Johnny Daly, Pallas
- Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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

# Mountrath Anniversaries

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Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Frances Thompson (nee Doocey) Woodbrook. Month's Mind.  
Paddy Carroll, St. Fintan's Terrace.

Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** Donal McDonald, Tullow  
. 11.30 am Martin and Catherine Ryan, Patrick St.,

Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.

Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am

Thur. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am Martin and Gertrude Phelan,

Birmingham and Saggart - Martin's 38<sup>th</sup> - Gertrude 44<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 7.00 pm Michael (Mick) O'Brien, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 17<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Martin and Mary Donohue, Clonad.

Peg Maguire (Nee Pattison) New Line Rd.,

And her mother, Annie Pattison

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.**

11.30 pm Kevin O'Rourke, Stillbrook. 17<sup>th</sup> Aniv.

Maggie Fitzpatrick (Nee Dunne) Portlaoise Rd., 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv

*Lord, for your  
faithful people,  
Life is Changed,  
Not ended.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Remembrances

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm Donal Kirwan, Clonard.

Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 11.30 am Sheila Gee (Nee Cuddy) Woodbrook

## Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette to Cathedral of the Assumption, Mon 7th Oct.

10am Mass The Relics will be received by Bishop Denis

12 noon A water ritual, with water from the Grotto,

3pm Mass for the Sick and the Sacrament of the Sick

8pm Torch light procession (Please note change) Assembling at Carlow College, St. Patrick's at 8pm. Torch light procession to the Cathedral for Rosary & Marian Devotion.

10pm The visit of the relics concluding with a prayer of thanksgiving.

The Relics may be visited throughout the day in the Cathedral.

The relics will visit the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Portlaoise on Tuesday 8th October.

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## Visit of the Relic of Saint Bernadette, Portlaoise 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. .

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The visit of the Relic of Saint Bernadette to St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Portlaoise

Takes place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 7.00 am to 9.00 pm.

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- 7am Welcoming Ceremony                      7.30am Mass
  - 9.30am Rosary                                      10am Mass
  - 12noon Ritual with water from the Lourdes Grotto
  - 6.30pm Rosary                                      7pm Mass with the Anointing of the Sick
  - 9pm Closing Ceremony
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# Nass Parish Novena

4<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

Speakers include:

Fr Hugh Lagan

Dr. Eddie Murphy, RTE Operation Transformation

- Julianne Moran, General Secretary of the National Synod
    - Fr. P.J. Madden
    - Jarlath Burns, GAA President
    - Gene Butler, K&L DPC
    - Peader Toibín TD
  - Geraldine Mullan, (grief and personal loss)
    - Bishop Donal Roche
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## Medjugorje Pilgrimages

April – Oct 2024. 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](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

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Diocesan Priest  
in Ireland**

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## EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD

If you are a Catholic man over the age of 18 and would like to find out more about being a diocesan priest, come to our open day in UCD. To find out more about the day and to register interest, scan the QR code or visit our website.



## University College Dublin (UCD)

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 from 11 am to 5 pm**



NATIONAL VOCATIONS OFFICE  
IRISH CATHOLIC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE

[vocations.ie](http://vocations.ie)

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NAAS  
SALLINS  
TWO MILE HOUSE  
PARISHES



# SOLEMN NOVENA



## TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

In the Church of Our Lady & St David, Naas.

**Fri 4th - Sat 12th Oct 2024**

ROSARY RECITED BEFORE MASS

Singing will be led by our Parish Choirs.

## PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER

The theme of our Novena is

### “Trust in God still and trust in Me”

At Mass each evening our guest speaker will speak about their work, faith journey and how their faith strengthens them in their ministry and work.

DATE	SPEAKER
Fri 4th Oct, 7:30pm	Fr. Hugh Lagan, priest with the Society of African Missions (S. M. A.S.A.) frequent leader of retreats and workshops internationally
Sat 5th Oct, 8pm	Dr. Eóin Murphy, clinical psychologist, mental health expert, writer and teacher. He has been the psychologist on PTT's Operation Tinseltown.
Sun 6th Oct, 8pm	Julianne Moran, a native of Newbridge parish and a graduate from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Julianne was appointed in 2022 as the General Secretary of the Synodal Pathway in Ireland. Julianne will offer a personal sharing of her faith journey.
Mon 7th Oct, 7:30pm	Fr. PJ Mulken, General Secretary of the INGO Division for the past few years (2019, 2021) served as Canon in Naas, Sallins and TMI from 2013-2015.
Tues, 8th Oct, 7:30pm	Juliah Burns, Healthcare CEO, President of the GAA since forming 2016. Completed his nurse's degree in an Ulster role in 1999.
Wed 9th Oct, 7:40pm	Gene Barker, Member of Keshon Bóth in Ga. Tania, a young mother of two children, previously a state member of the Keshon and English DPC.
Thur 10th Oct, 7:30pm	Práidir Tobin TD, first elected as Deaf TD for the South West constituency in 2011. In 2015, he founded the Irish Political Party, Aislinn.
Fri 11th Oct, 7:30pm	Geordina Mulvaney, who till her deeply personal story of how faith, hope and love have carried her since her life changed dramatically in 2020, when her husband and two children died tragically.
Sat 12th Oct, 6pm	Bishop David Bowler, native of Droicheadshigh. He has served in a number of parishes and has also served as a Chaplain and Teacher. Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin in May this year and titular Bishop of Cell Ausonia, an ancient maritime site of early Christianity.

People are invited to place their petitions in the boxes provided in the Church porches. We will pray for these intentions during our Novena.

## Mountrath Amalgamated CEP CLG

Have the following upcoming vacancies :

Admin. Assistant - Ballyfin - CES 2341762

Caretaker - GAA - CES 2301698

Env. Worker - Mountrath Town - CES 2254234

Env Worker - Castletown Village - CES 2268516

Hours 19.5 hours per week. Contract: Temporary

Start date: To be confirmed Salary: Community Employment Rates

### Application Details:

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to people who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups.

Your eligibility will have to be verified by the department.

You can register your interest by selection "Register your interest" on [JobsIreland.ie](https://www.jobsireland.ie), or you can contact a case officer in your local Intreo Centre quoting the relevant reference number above.



Nos. Drawn 6 12 27 29

No Jackpot Winner

9 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 112.00 each

**1 Local Winner**

Catherine and Katie Burke

Promoter Catherine Burke

**Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000**

*Thank you for your generous support*

# Ballyfin Parish Lotto 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

Nos. Drawn 1 9 13 23

No Jackpot Winner

30 Match 3s Rec. €34.00 ea.

1 Local Winner, Mary Hooban Promoter Mary Hooban

Next Week's Jackpot €17,000

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*Thank you for your generous  
support*

# Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

## Next Week's



Ballyfin € 17,000

Mountrath € 20,000

# CHILDREN'S DAY OF MISSION PRAYER



## FRIDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024

A collection of prayer resources to help schools, parishes and communities celebrate

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Here in Ireland, we have a deep-rooted tradition of supporting missionaries. Being missionary is an inherent part of being Christian. But if we want our youngest Christians to engage with the missionary outreach of the Church, we need to invest time, energy and resources. This is why, since 2007, we've celebrated Children's Day of Mission Prayer. Held on the second Friday of October, it is a celebration that motivates and encourages girls and boys to put their love into action through prayer and giving.

Thanks to children living out our motto *Children Helping Children*, the Missio family supports millions of the world's poorest children every year. This is done when children in over 120 countries, including Ireland, offer solidarity and hope through their prayers and donations. As a result, thousands of children's projects, led by missionaries, are supported. To find out more or to support our work, contact:

Missio Ireland, 64 Lower Rathmines Road, Dublin, D06 N2H1  
T: +353 (0)1 497 2035 E: info@missio.ie



### Children's Day of Mission Prayer 2024

'Share the Good News' is the theme for this year's Children's Day of Mission Prayer. As always, we want to make this day of celebration as large and inclusive as possible. Regardless of where you are on the day, we invite you and the children of your parish, school, or community to be part of this uplifting celebration! The day can be celebrated anywhere: in a local parish church, parish centre, school, classrooms or at home. Remember, children do not have to donate to participate, although any support given is always greatly appreciated. The most important part of the day is encouraging our young ones to pray for children around the world, who are just like them but have less. If you can't hold a celebration on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October, then please consider using these resources on another day during Mission Month. Thank you for allowing the children in your care to be there for others!



### Prayer Space

Prepare the prayer space with a large globe or map of the world along with five coloured candles representing the five continents where the Missio Family supports children around the world – one red candle, one green, one yellow, one white and one blue (if you cannot find coloured candles use white ones and put coloured ribbons around them). If you have one of our blue donation globes, you can add this to the prayer space also. If not, include a donation jar with some small coins inside. Add some drawings from the children based on their understanding of sharing the Good News and the Bible open on Acts 2:1-13.

Events In Bloom HQ

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# Mum & Baby/Toddler Gym class



## 10 am Tuesday

starting 24th September

€ 50 for 6 Weeks



Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy, Patrick st, Mountrath, R32 DC58





# UNISLIM

## Join Today!

### Bloom Hq

### Wednesdays 7-8pm

### Class Talk 8pm

### New members always welcome!



9 stone  
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**Mairead McCaul**  
Unislim Member

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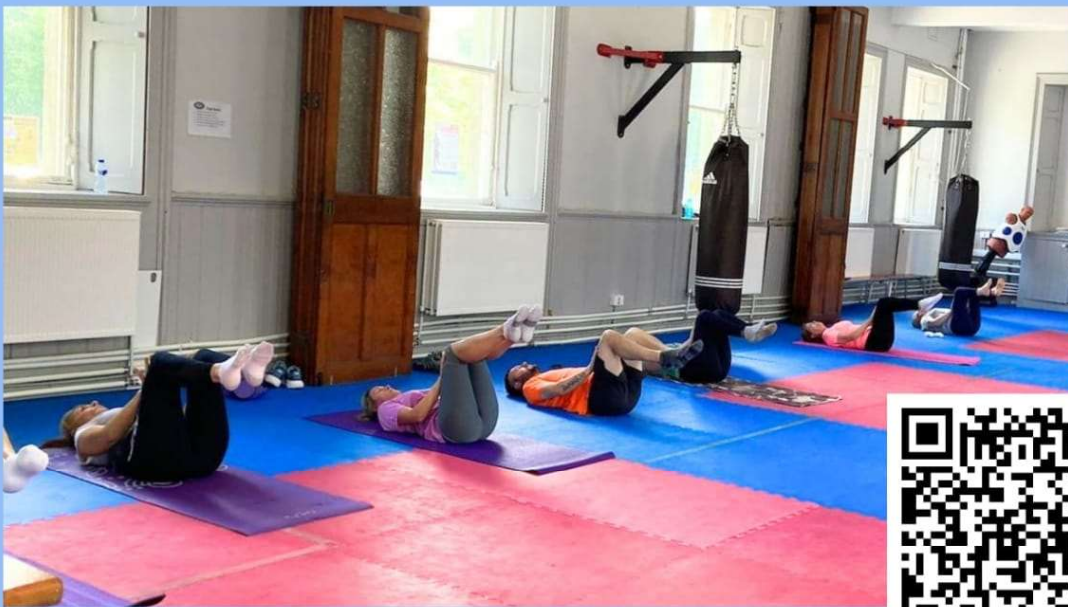


[unislim.com](http://unislim.com) | 1800 603020



# Pilates

**Saturdays 12-1 pm**  
**6 weeks starting 14th**  
**September**



Mountrath Health &  
 Fitness Academy,  
 Patrick st, Mountrath  
 R32 DC58

**€ 60 for 6 weeks**

Sabrina 087 646 7305

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



# Early Bird HITT classes



**6 am Tuesday  
& Thursday**

Starting Tuesday 17th September

**8 week block x 2 classes a week**

**€ 130**

Plus bonus Saturday 10 am classes for free



*Come join  
our new  
trainer Tobi  
and get  
stronger,  
fitter and  
healthier at  
our Early  
Bird class!*



For more info contact  
Ruth on 089 2647761

At Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy, Patrick St, Mountrath R32 DC58

# Lower Body Classes



*Have you been injured/had a fall?*

*Are you attending a Physio and need extra support?*



Here in **Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy** we are putting together a program to help you progress your healing more quickly!

**Starting September Tuesdays  
& Thursdays 8.15-9 pm**

**Limited to 6 people**

*6 weeks twice a week, 45 min sessions  
Pre program Ruth will go through your current exercises and injuries then develop a program to help all heal and increase Mobility, Flexibility, Balance & Strength.*

**€120 for the 12 sessions!**



## VENUE

BLOOMHQ, PATRICK ST,  
MOUNTRATH, R32 DC58

**Contact Ruth 089 264 7761**



The Class of 1990 presents

**CELEBRITY CHEF**

*Paul Flynn*

**Christmas**

**COOKERY DEMONSTRATION**

**WED 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

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

**Doors 7pm · Demo @8pm**

*Christmas Stalls and Monster Raffle on the night!*

Fundraiser for Class of 1990 Restoration Project

Tickets €27.50

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# Upper Body Classes

*Have you been injured/had a fall?*

*Are you attending a Physio and need extra support?*



Here in **Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy** we are putting together a program to help you progress your healing more quickly!



**Starting September 24th**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 -6.45 pm**

**Limited to 6 people**

*6 weeks twice a week, 45 min sessions*

*Pre program Ruth will go through your current exercises and injuries then develop a program to help all heal and increase Mobility, Flexibility, Balance & Strength.*

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**Contact Ruth 089 264 7761**



**Book on**

**<https://mountrathgym.squarespace.com/memberships/upperbodyinjuryclass>**

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# Music Teachers wanted



for Mountrath Music School

\*soundproof rooms

\*free parking

\*waiting area for parents



contact Lucy 087 259 7895



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*Bloomhq, Patrick St, Mountrath R32 DC58*





# Basketball in Mountrath

**Now** 11-12 am **Saturdays**



Kids 6-10 years

1 hour sessions



€2 per child per session



Outside in Bloomhq or in Philomena's  
hall if raining!

## VENUE

BLOOMHQ, PATRICK ST,  
MOUNTRATH, R32 DC58

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

# July 2024

## TIMETABLE

**PAYG  
and  
Members  
Always  
Welcome**

\*These Classes  
are not included  
in the  
Membership fee

### Monday

10 am Mature Movers

11 am Activator Poles Inc.

7 pm Mixed Circuit Training  
(suitable for Beginners & Advance)

7 pm Karate\*

### Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX

7 pm Ged Fit\*

### Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers

7 pm Mixed Circuit Training

7-8 pm BJJ (8-12)

8-9 pm BJJ (13+)

### Thursday

7 pm Ged Fit\*

### Friday

5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)\*

6.30 pm Kickboxing (8-12)\*

7.30 pm Kickboxing (13+)\*

### Saturday

9 am Circuit Training

10 am BJJ (8-12)

11 am BJJ (13+)

12 am Pilates\*

# 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

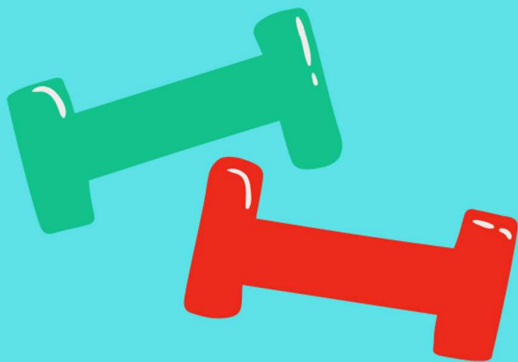




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**September**



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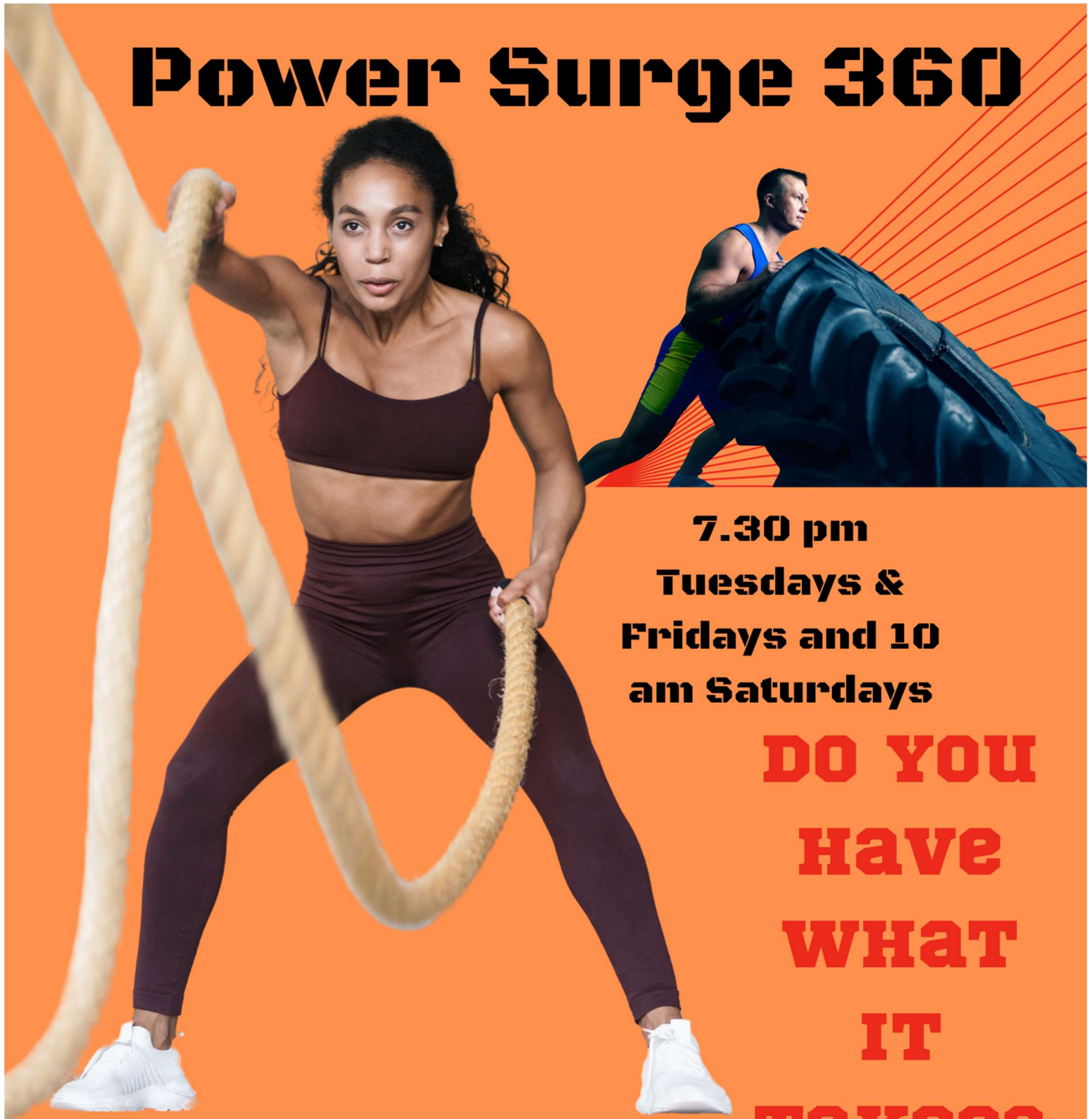
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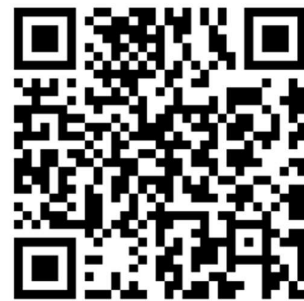
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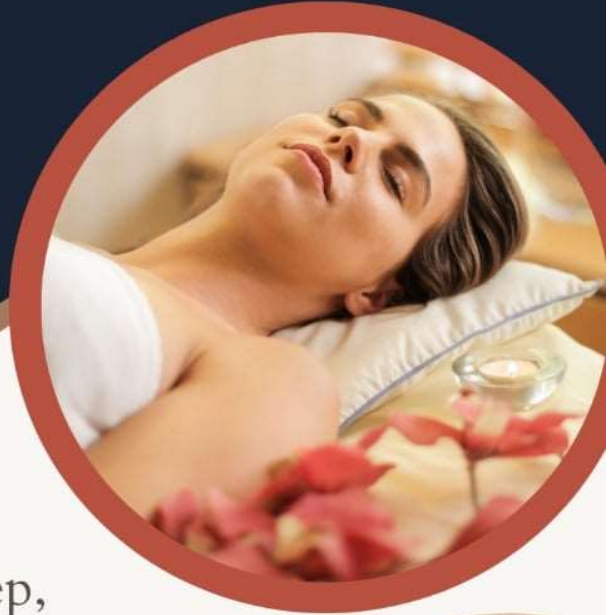
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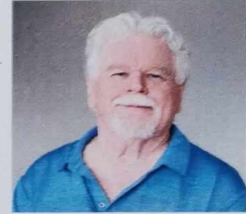
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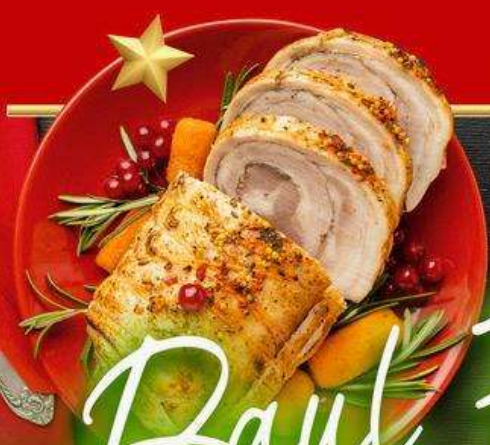
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# April - May 2024

# TIMETABLE

**PAYG  
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Always  
Welcome**

\*These Classes  
are not included  
in the  
Membership fee

## Monday

11 am Mature Movers  
7 pm Mixed Circuit Training  
(suitable for Beginners & Advance)  
7 pm Yoga\*  
7 pm Karate\*

## Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX  
11 am Bowls Inc.  
1.15 pm Lunchtime HITT

## Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers  
7 pm Mixed Circuit Training  
7-8 pm BJJ (8-12)  
8-9 pm BJJ (13+)

## Thursday

10 am Beginner TRX  
11 am Activator Poles Inc.  
1.15 pm Lunchtime HITT  
7 pm Karate\*  
8 pm Bowls\*

## Friday

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

## Saturday

9 am Circuit Training  
10 am BJJ (8-12)  
11 am BJJ (13+)  
12 am Pilates\*



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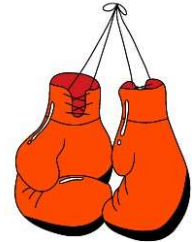
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Shane: 086 339 9287



8-12 years,

### Brazilian

Wednesdays 7-8 pm & Saturdays 10-11 am

### Jiu-jitsu\*

€ 35 per month or €5 per class

Jamie; 085 200 2497



### Art & Craft

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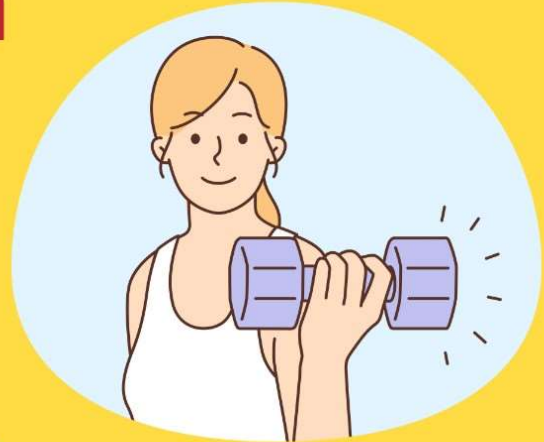
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# Saturday Morning Circuit Training



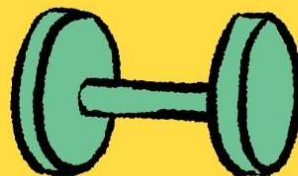
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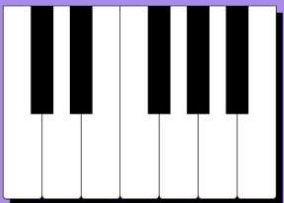
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**Saturdays**

Kids 10- 11 am

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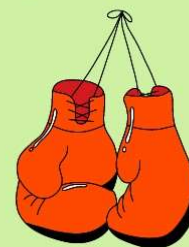
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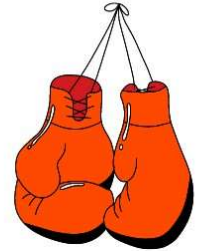
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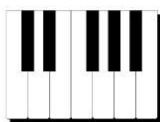


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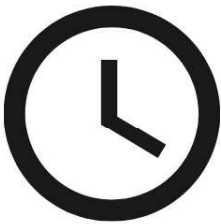
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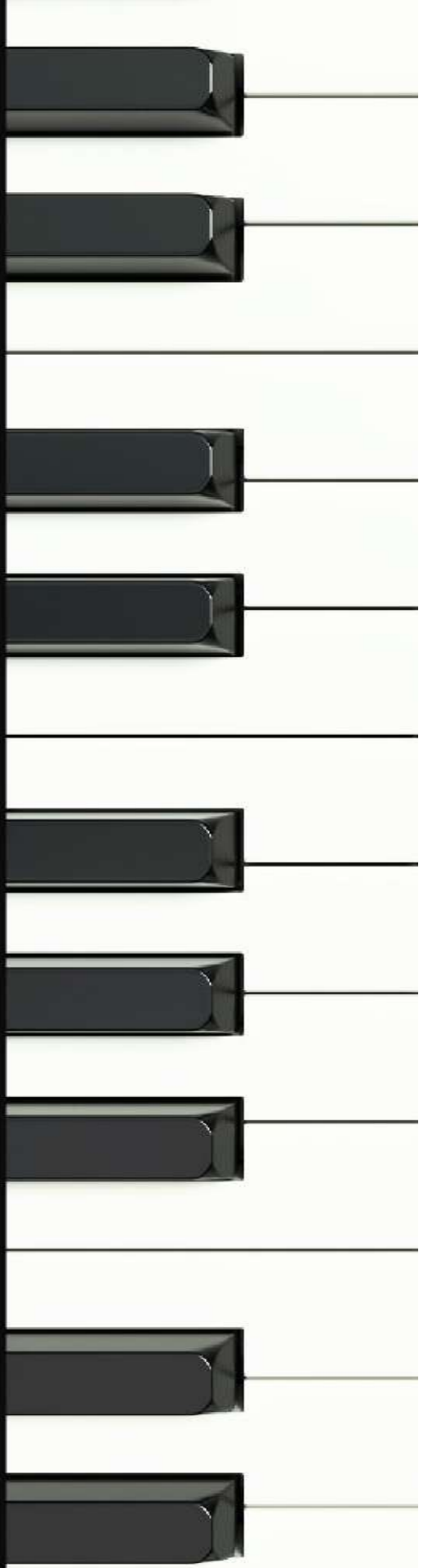
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# Daily Itinerary

## 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

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- Religious itinerary with a guided tour of the Sanctuary area and excursion to Aljustrel
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## EXTRAS:

- Single room supplement: €200.00 for duration (first come first served basis)
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- Items of personal nature.
- Additional meals not listed.
- Valid Passports are required.
- Optional Day Trip - prices will be given locally by our guide.

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For further information please contact:

Group Leader James Treacy : Tel 061-921470 or Mob 086-0572216  
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## 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:	€ <u>2,421</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€ <u>92,743</u></b>

### 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
Missalettes:	€ 1,870
Altar Requisites:	€ 3,657
Telephone/Broadband:	€ 1,379
Computer Hardware:	€ 3,219
Youth/Community:	€ 640
Bank Charges:	€ 880
Collections:	€ 200
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€ <u>66,975</u></b>

## Update on Repairs to St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

Over the past month or so we have been working on the roof and roof gutters of the church.

The following repairs have been effected.

1. Repairs to the valley (between the church spire and the main roof. This valley has been leaking for years now and in spite of engaging steeplejacks and people who claim to be experts in this field we have been unable, up to now, to track down the leak. I am happy to relate that we have now "tracked down" the leak and it is now fully repaired.

2. The roof gutters were in very bad repair

We have done the following with the gutters

All gutters cleaned out and washed down (There was a tree growing in one of the gutters) – this has now been removed

All leaking joints repaired ( which was most joints)

All gutters sanded and prepared for painting

2 coats specialized paint applied to all the gutters.

Downpipes and the other pipes which are taking rain water from the higher roof were cleaned down – repaired where necessary and 2 coats paint applied.

All bushes and trees and a leylandii hedge (which was dead) and which were growing wild on the convent side of the church have been removed.

This work was needed to be carried to allow access to the gutters - Also it allows additional (and much needed) light into the church.

All roof flashings attended to – checked out and replaced where necessary.

Some missing slates were replaced .

Some defective lead flashing was removed and replaced with new lead flashing.

To access the gutters and the roof, we hired out 2 boom hoists. – just to say that the highest point which needed to be accessed was in excess of 70 feet from ground level. – One of the hoists we used was the largest of its kind in Ireland.

Now that the roof (and valley) are repaired we can now proceed with the completion of the painting of the church - mostly in the choir gallery area.

The following are a few pics. of the boom hoists in use, as work progressed





Repair work and paint work being carried out on the higher gutters and downpipes.

As a matter of interest, this boom hoist weighs over 10 tonne and it likes "terra firma"

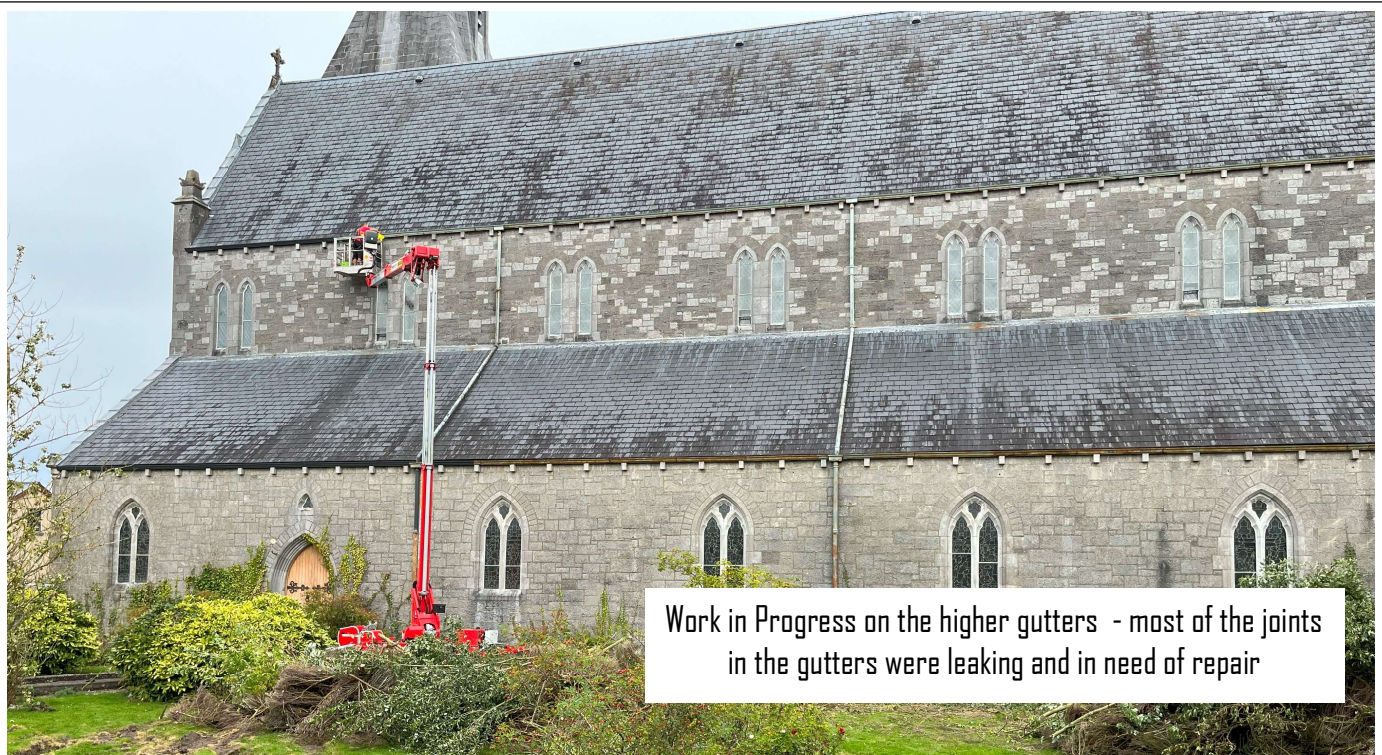


Repair work and paint work being carried out on the higher gutters and downpipes. (50 ft. above ground level)

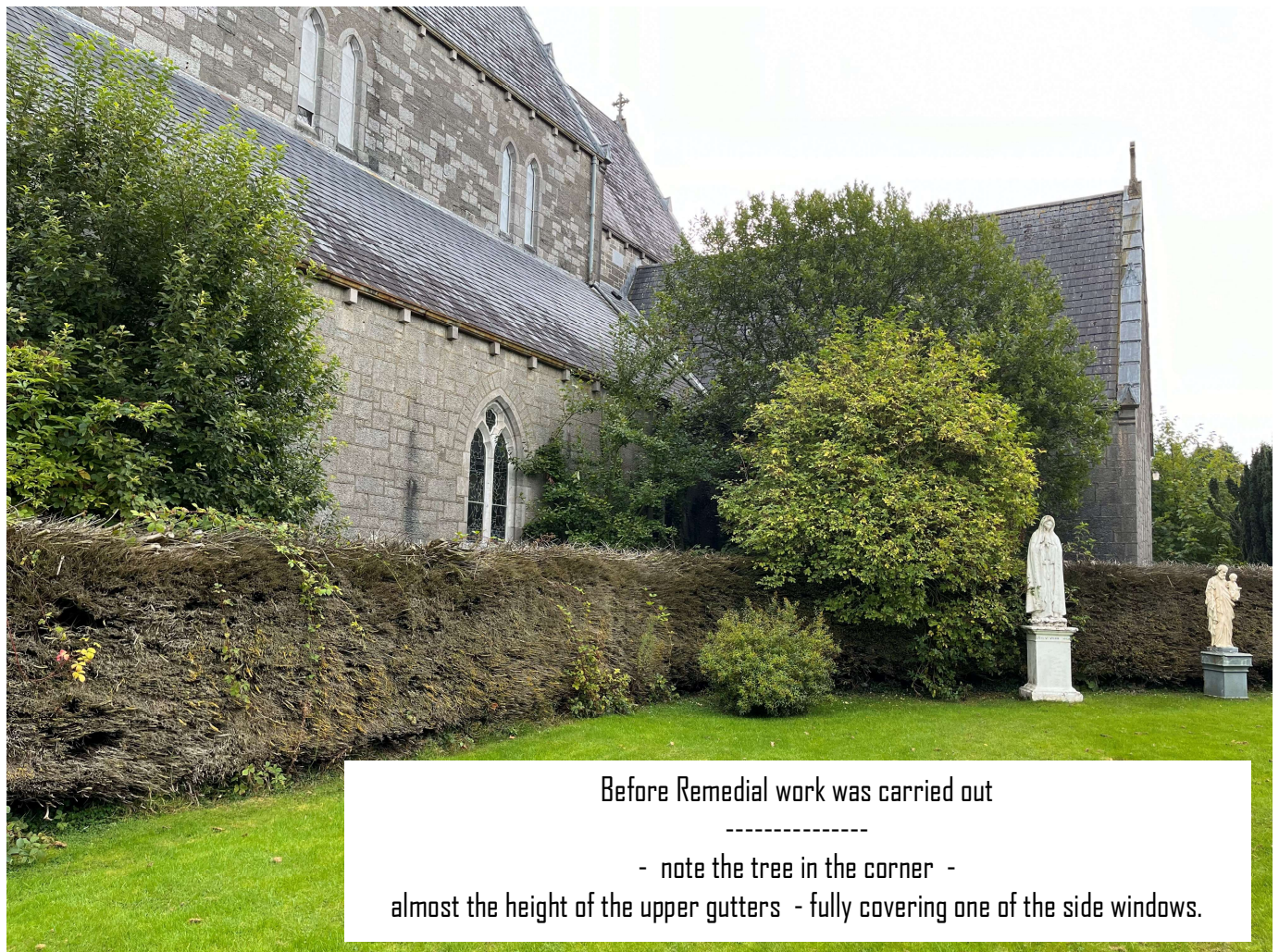


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Work in Progress on the higher gutters - most of the joints in the gutters were leaking and in need of repair

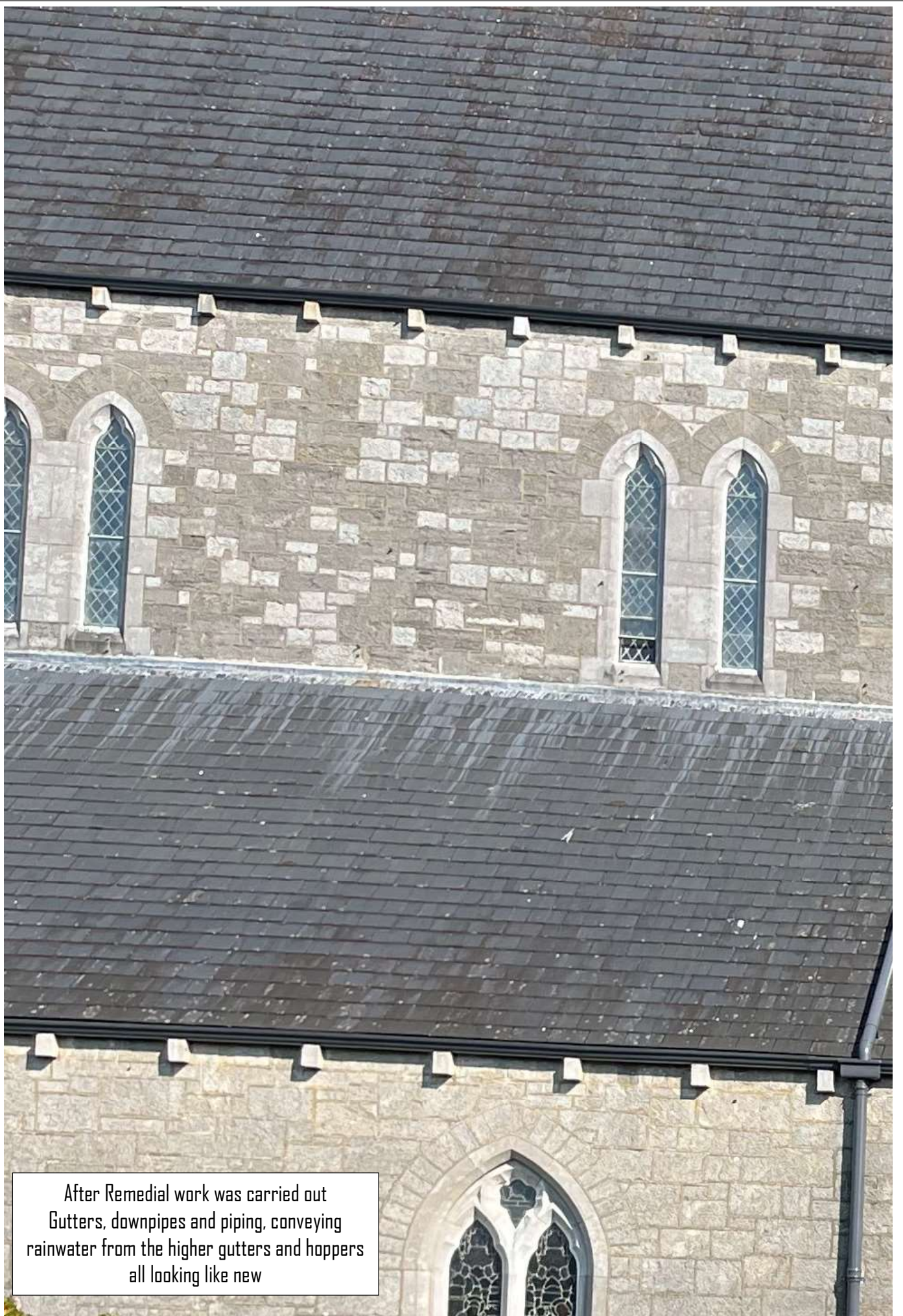


Before Remedial work was carried out

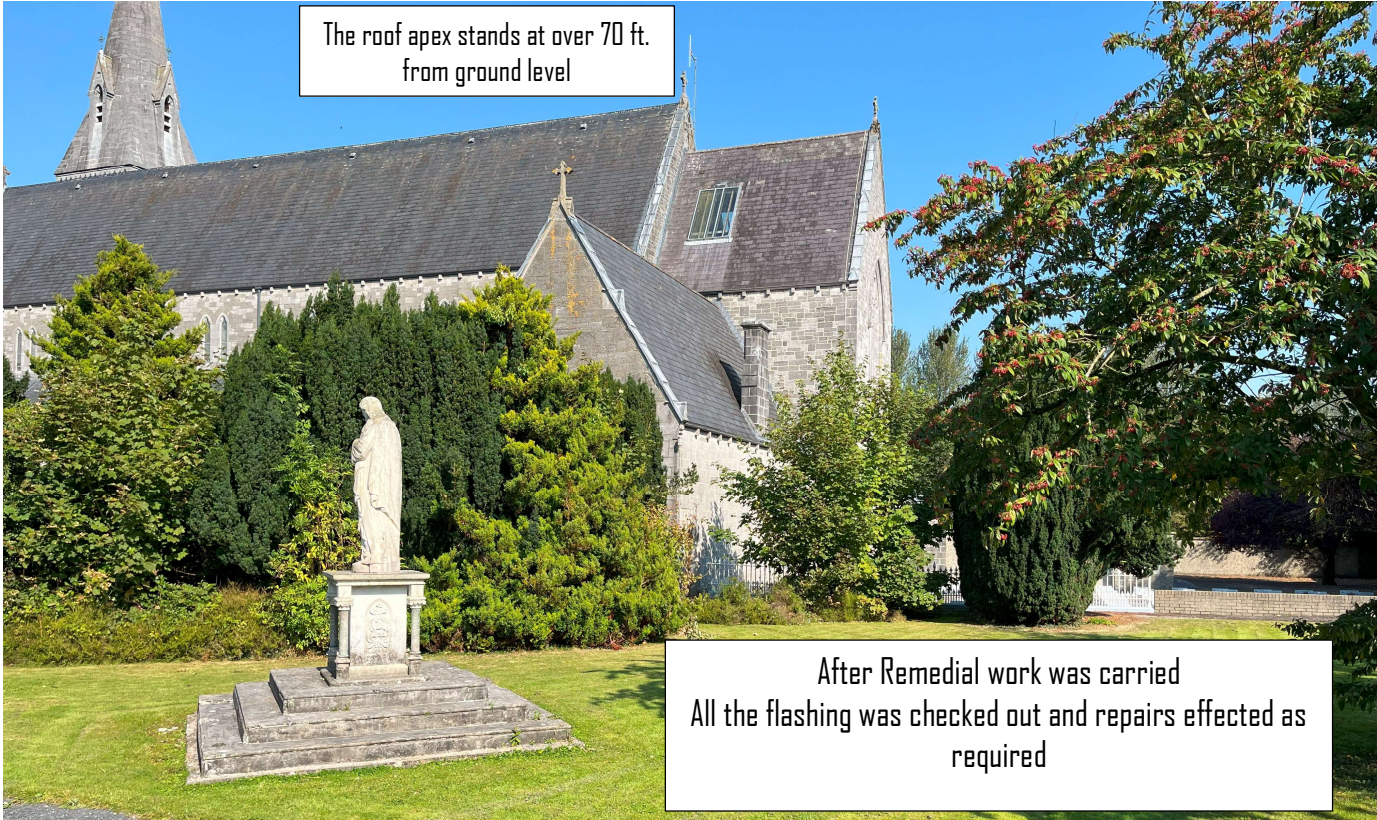
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 - note the tree in the corner -  
 almost the height of the upper gutters - fully covering one of the side windows.

The upper (higher) gutters stand at over 50 ft. from ground level





After Remedial work was carried out  
Gutters, downpipes and piping, conveying  
rainwater from the higher gutters and hoppers  
all looking like new



The roof apex stands at over 70 ft.  
from ground level

After Remedial work was carried  
All the flashing was checked out and repairs effected as  
required



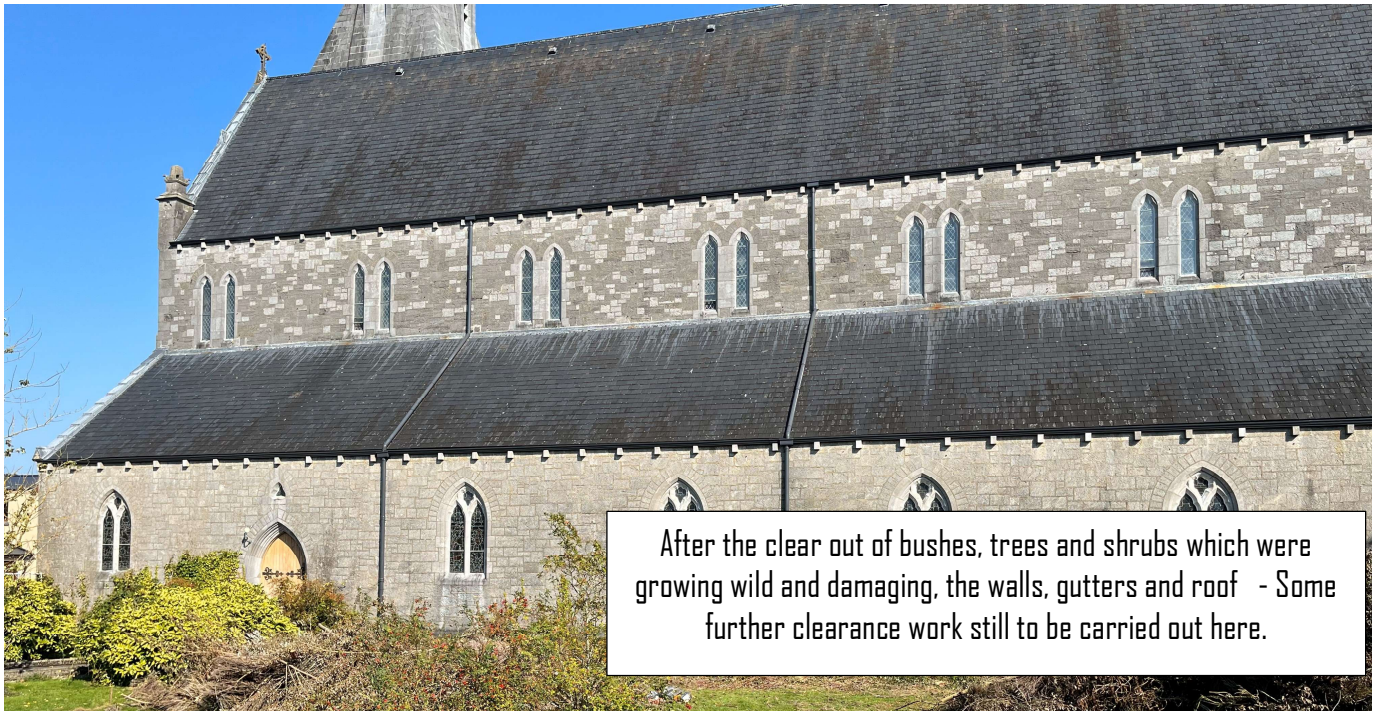
After Remedial work was carried out



Before removal of the Leylandii hedge – bushes and trees



After the removal of the Leylandii hedge – bushes and scrub trees



After the clear out of bushes, trees and shrubs which were growing wild and damaging, the walls, gutters and roof - Some further clearance work still to be carried out here.



Job complete - Boom hoist packed away and ready to return to the suppliers

A very special note of thanks to Alex who executed all this work so conscientiously and so expertly for me. – and to everyone else who helped out over the past month or so. To Telford's – our suppliers of materials and indeed to all who have made this important work possible

Thank you for your continued support of Parish and Parish life.

In my opinion, there is only one way to describe Mountrath Church - inside and outside - It is truly a work of art.

As Bishop Comerford described Mountrath Church "One of the finest church buildings in the Diocese".

God bless the skilled, highly crafted and truly gifted people who dedicated their lives and sacrificed so much to procure such a fine structure for Mountrath.

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath surely stands as a timeless monument to their memory.