

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

18th - 19th October 2025

Sun. 19th Oct. - Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

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Seamus Morton, Kiln Lane R.I.P.

We pray for Seamus who died suddenly on Fri. 10th Oct. Seamus' Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 15th Oct. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to sister Rosanna, brothers Noel, Aidan and families, nephews, nieces and families, extended family, relatives, former residence of Erkina House Rathdowney and Monresa House Portlaoise, neighbours and friends.

*Seamus may have lost the wind from time to time,
but he never let down the sail.*

Bernard (Benny) Phelan Portarlinton - St. Fintan's Terrace R.I.P.

We pray for Bernard (Benny) who died peacefully at Droimnin Nursing Home on Sun. 12th Oct. Benny's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Tues. 14th Oct. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to sister Maura, brothers Richard, Patrick and John and their families and all of Benny's family, nieces and nephews and families, extended family, neighbours and friends.

George Holland, Derrycanton. R.I.P.

We pray for George who died peacefully at Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin, on Sun. 12th Oct. George's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Wed. 15th Oct. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his family, Jim, John, Mary, Sadie and Michael and their families, nieces, nephews and their families, neighbours, relatives and friends.

May Seamus, Bernard (Benny) and George rest in the peace of Christ.



**Irish Heart
Foundation**

The National Stroke & Heart Charity

2 in 3

adults over 50 have **high blood pressure**, but half don't know it.

Get checked, before damage is done...



FREE Blood Pressure and Pulse Checks

**Location: St. Fintan's Church,
Patrick Street, Mountrath, Co. Laois,
R32 DT9F.**

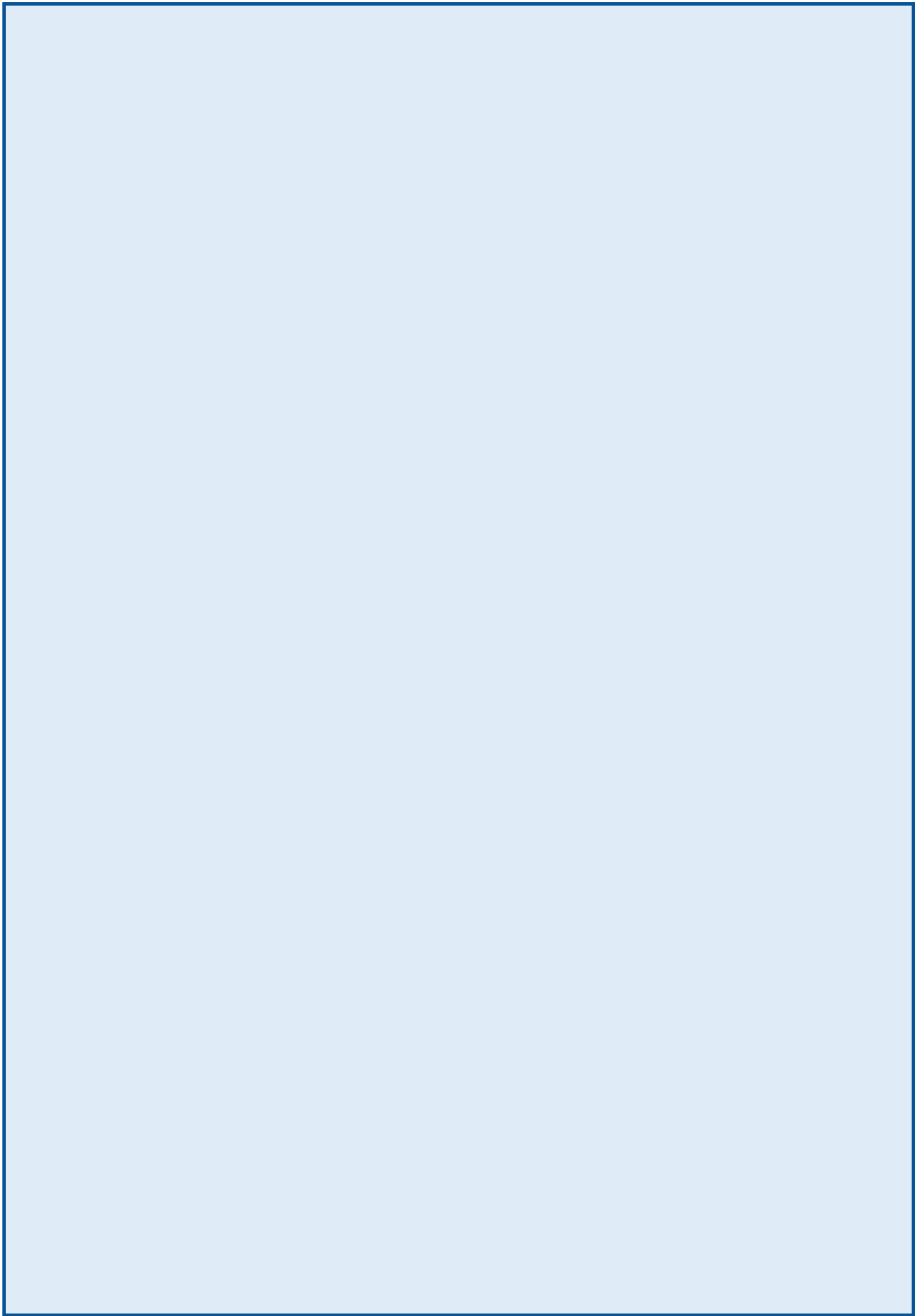
**Date: Monday 20th October
Time: 10am - 1:45pm**



What to Expect:

During a heart health check our expert nurses will check your blood pressure and pulse, and provide heart health information and advice to help reduce your risk of heart disease and stroke.

Find out more on irishheart.ie



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and Pulse Checks

Location - St. Fintan's Church

Car Park, Mountrath

Monday 20th Oct. 10.00 am - 1.45 pm

MY SISTER MY NIECE
MY GIRLFRIEND
MY PARTNER MY WIFE
MY DAUGHTER
MY GRANDMOTHER
MY FRIEND
MY MOTHER
MY AUNT

**1 in 4 women
dies from heart disease and stroke**

**Join us for a talk on women's heart health with the
Irish Heart Foundation**



**Monday 20th October
@7:30PM**



Bloom HQ, Mountrath, R32 DT9F



Contact Mary 087 228 3476



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FUN exercises to music!
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to BOOK!**



CASTLETOWN

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October 13th, 20th, 27th November 3rd, 10th, 17th

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... for any queries!

**These outdoor activity sessions are provided by fully
qualified instructors and are weather dependent.
Wearing layers and a rain jacket is advisable.**



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BALLYFIN PLAYERS

PRESENT

THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS



**THE BLACK AND TAN
RAID IN CLONTYGLASS**

THE HIRED HELP



THE YANK OUTSIDER

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
& SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
7.30PM NIGHTLY**

Tickets on willwego.com & limited
number in The Deadman's & O'Gorman's,
Mountmellick

MOUNTMELICK COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

**LIFE IS TEN PERCENT WHAT HAPPENS
TO YOU AND NINETY PERCENT
HOW YOU RESPOND TO IT.**

CHARLES SWINDOLL

Sun. 19th Oct. - Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of overseas mission and missionaries can continue.

The theme for this year's celebration of Mission Sunday is:

"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"

Right now, missionaries desperately need our help.

In many poorer parishes in Africa, Asia and Latin America missionaries are serving on the front line. They already do so much, walking hand-in-hand with marginalised communities, long before and after any emergency. We can show missionaries we care by supporting World Mission Sunday. Our prayers and generosity do change lives and will continue to change lives.

Events at Seanchistin

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Maureen Culleton

Tuesday 11a.m. Line Dancing

Wed. 8p.m. Set Dancing

Thurs. 11 am. For persons living with Parkinsons and friends...music, movement singing, poetry, stories, cuppa,

Thursday 8 pm Line Dancing

commencing Thurs. Oct. 9th

Contact Maureen

087 648 2038

or seanchistin@gmail.com for details

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Sacramental Dates

Mountrath Parish

1st Holy Communion Sun. 26th April 11.30 am

Ceremony of Confirmation

Friday 1st May 11.00 pm

Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Penance with 1st Holy Communion children,

Tues. 21st April 11.30am

The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

with Confirmation Candidates

Tues. 28th April 7.30pm (Mountrath Ch)

Enrolment for 1st Holy Communion

Sat. 11th Oct. 7.00 pm Mass

"Do This In Memory" Masses

All "Do This In Memory" Masses will be on the
2nd Sunday of the month.

Vigil Mass on Saturday evening 7.00 pm

(Unless otherwise indicated)

Sacramental Dates

'25 – '26 Ballyfin Parish

^{1st} Holy Communion

Ballyfin Sch. Sun. 17th May 10.00 am

Barnashrone School

Sun. 24th May 10.00 am

Enrolment - Sun. 12th Oct. 10.00 am

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(Unless otherwise indicated)

1st Eucharist Preparation Programme

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion next year are required to attend all "Do This In Memory" Masses with their parents or guardian.

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

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

Or

To the Sunday morning Mass in Mountrath at 11.30 am

Parish Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation Catechesis

Mountrath Church

Sat. 18th Oct. After 7.00 pm Mass

For Confirmation Candidates and their
parents / guardians in Mountrath Parish

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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 quite 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

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish

Triona O'Rourke Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish.

Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person

Ms. Ailish Higgins.

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person:

Ms Michelle Hughes c/o

Bishop's Hse, Dublin Rd, Carlow Phone 085 802 1633

Child Safeguarding Autumn Training Schedule

Introduction to Safeguarding and Refresher Session

Thurs. 13th Nov., 7 – 9 pm Portlaoise Parish Centre.

Please note - everyone involved with children or vulnerable adults at Parish level are required to attend a Safeguarding Training Course.

To book a place, just email your request to Aisling or Joan at Bishop's House - bishopshouse@kandle.ie or call 059 917 6725. Be sure to include - name of Parish. your name, your role in the Parish, (in terms of your involvement with children / vulnerable adults) - an email address and the date of training being booked.

*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.**

Parish Newsletters.

There are three Parish Newsletters prepared
and published each week -

2 A4 Print editions for Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes -
available at all our Masses

and 1 online Newsletter, uploaded to our Parish App.

(Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes)

and to our parish Website,

www.mountrathparish.ie

and available to view from early Sat morning.

Deadline 2.00 pm Thursday

Service of Commemoration of Faithful Departed

Mountrath Cemetery.

Sunday 2nd Nov. 2.00 pm

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

WHAT'S

ON IN

BLOOM

HQ

CLASS OF 1990
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He's
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Edward
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- Raffle
- Christmas Stalls
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TICKETS
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Cookery Demo

TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

**St Philomena's Hall, Bloom HQ,
Mountrath, Co. Laois**

Doors Open at 7pm • Demo at 8pm

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Mountrath AND on Eventbrite and at
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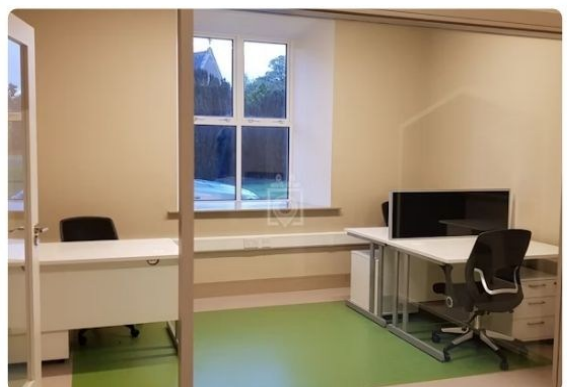
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Jubilee year
Pilgrims of Hope



Jubilee Year 2025.

Pilgrims of Hope

During the 18th and 19th Century in the time of persecution and the penal laws, the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin resided in Allen Parish. People attended Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague. As part of the Jubilee year - Pilgrims of Hope - Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague on Sunday 15th June at 2pm.

For people who wish to walk the 2.5kms in pilgrimage, please assemble at 12.30 pm at the GAA clubhouse in Ballyteague W91 VEW8. For people who do not wish to walk, car parking will be available beside the Mass Rock which will be signposted on the day.

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.



DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS
REGARDING EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son,

Jesus Christ, our brother,

and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts

by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope*

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators

of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity

and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,

Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of

our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Parish News



Ballyfin Community Alert

Seniors Alert Scheme

Grant aided personal 24/7 personal monitored alarms help people aged 65 and over to live securely in their homes with peace of mind. If you know a family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin or Laois area who may qualify

Please contact Sheila on 086 157 0145
for information/application form.

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and Pulse Checks

Location - St. Fintan's Church

Car Park, Mountrath

Monday 20th Oct. 10.00 am - 1.45 pm

Transcript of the Holy Father's Appeal for World Mission Sunday 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters, On World Mission Sunday every year, the whole Church prays, united, particularly for missionaries and the fruitfulness of their apostolic labours. When I served as a missionary priest and then bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities. I urge every Catholic Parish in the world to take part in World Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and catechetical programs, help to build new churches, and care for the health and educational needs of our brothers and sisters in mission territories. This 19th Oct. as we reflect together on our baptismal call to be "Missionaries of hope among the peoples" let us commit ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the earth. Thank you for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world. *God bless you all!*

Ballyfin Players Present Three 1 Act Plays

"The Raid at Clontyglass 1921"

A true story being re-enacted

at Mountmellick Community Arts Centre

on Fri. 14th and Sat. 15th Nov. (Main Auditorium)

(Curtain up at 7.30 pm nightly)

Featuring (in the cast) children from Ballyfin National School.

** "The Hired Help" **

** "The Yank Outsider" **

Tickets on willwego.com The Deadman's and O'Gorman's

"From Small steps on Stage come great life Journeys"

Best wishes to everyone involved

Items for our
3 Parish Newsletters are
always most welcome

- please note -

Deadline for all
Parish Newsletters
is 2.00 pm Thursday

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

takes place 1st-31st. Oct

If you would like further information,

you are invited to log onto

www.breastcancerireland.com.

Active Seniors Club, Mountmellick

You are most welcome to join us for our Annual Christmas Break to the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill for four nights from Monday, 24th November, coming home on Friday, 28th.

It's a 4 star hotel, the cost is €495 pps - this includes the coach there and back, breakfasts and evening meals, also day trips to surrounding towns and areas of history.

Good company assured.

For more information ring or text 087 9753790

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland

We are all encouraged to pray for the special gathering which will take place in Kilkenny on Sat. 18th Oct., called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This Assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory Document, entitled Baptised and Sent - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last Spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the Document is a renewed focus on Baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how Baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visit-

ing www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/

Ballyfin National School

Enrolling for Sept. 2026

Enrolling Open - 6th to 24th Oct.

Enrolment Forms from

www.ballyfinns.ie

Closing Date

Fri. 24th Oct.2025

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Thomas O'Loughlin

An Tobar Nua Counselling

MIACP, BSc

Counselling/Psychotherapy

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online (App and web)

Deadline for all Parish
Newsletters
is 2.00 pm Thursday

Be kind.

**For everyone you meet
is fighting a battle
you know nothing
about.**



Tax Back Scheme Mountrath Parish

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you supported the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Mountrath Parish of over €250 have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme. It is of huge benefit to the Parish if we know the amount parishioners donate and the name of the donors. Hence this year we are sending out numbered boxes to all households in the Parish.

We sent out CHY3 Forms to eligible parishioners (who donated over € 250) for the first time in 2023 and we were able to claim back over € 13,739 for the years 2021 and 2022 . This is of immense benefit to the Parish. Thank you to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

If you receive a CHY3 Form later on in the Spring please consider completing the details and returning it . If you would like more information please contact me.

If you are already part of the Tax Back Scheme — *Thank You*

If you are not yet part of the tax back Scheme, I ask you to consider becoming part of it - It is of huge benefit to the Parish

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

Tax Back Scheme

(Ballyfin Parish)

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you support the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year.

We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Ballyfin Parish of over €250 via the Parish envelopes have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme.

“Thank you” to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

In 2023, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented our Parish finances by almost € 23,000

If you are not, as yet, part of this scheme and would like more information, please contact me at your convenience. *(Fr. Joe)*



**Are you caring for a loved one
at home with additional
care needs?**

NO ONE SHOULD CARE ALONE.

Caring for a loved one can be rewarding, but it can also be difficult, frightening and isolating. It shouldn't be.

Family Carers Ireland (FCI) want carers to know they have the support they need to care safely, to make it less of a battle and to know they are not alone. We are the national charity supporting the 500,000+ family and young carers across the country who are caring for their loved ones with additional care needs. We believe no one should care alone.

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Family Carer Support Groups are also organised locally across all our centres nationwide.

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Freephone Careline 1800 24 07 24

Search 'Carers Ireland'



A very sincere *Thank You*

to you and your family -

for your very generous support of

and continued commitment to

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Funds

And

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos

Get Well Wishes

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 at this time.

We wish you a speedy recovery

Bingo

every Monday night

In St. Fintan's Hall at 8pm.

Come along and bring a friend.!!



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to Parish funds*

Here are our Bank Account details

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Lyster Square, Portlaoise.

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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.**

Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 18th Oct.

To

Sun. 26th Oct.

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Sat. 18th to Sun. 26th Oct.

Sat. 18th Oct. 8.00 pm Billy Kirwan, Dublin,
Formerly Ringstown Month's Mind
James (Jim) O'Rourke, Lower Sconce. 1st Anniv.

Eamon Dunne, Casppanrush. 2nd Anniv.

Daniel (Danny) Costello, Ballyfin Rd., 12th Anniv

Martin and Sarah Gilligan, Brockera,

Sons, Martin and Sean Gilligan .

and Deceased members of Gilligan Family

Sun. 19th Oct. 10.00 am Mission Sunday

Patrick and Elizabeth Dunphy. Clonagown.

Mon. 20th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 24th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 25th Oct. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass – 30th Sun. Ord. Time.

Sun. 26th Oct. 10.00 am Josie McGill (nee Murphy)

Clonboyne 1st Anniv.

Mon. 27th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 18th - Sun. 26th Oct.

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

Sat. 18th Oct. 7.00 pm Donal Kirwan, Clonard. 2nd Anniv.

Teresa Ridgeway (nee McGoldrick) Cloneygown. 2nd Anniv.

John Callaghan, Trumera, 2nd Anniv.

Seamus Ryan, Patrick St., 11th Anniv.

Mick and Betty Farrell, Lower Mills.

Sun. 19th Oct. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church. Mission Sunday**

11.30 am Thomas (Tom) Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Month's Mind

Bernie O'Keeffe, Snr. Woodbrook. 22nd Anniv.

Tues 21st Oct 10.00 am Phil and Sean Croke, Patrick St.,

Bridie Nicholson (Nee Higgins) The Knocks

Wed. 22nd Oct. 10.00 am

Thur. 23rd Oct 10.00 am

Fri. 24th Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

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

Continued on next frame

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 18th - Sun. 26th Oct.

Continued

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

Sat. 25th Oct. 7.00 pm Sheila Gee (Nee Cuddy) Woodbrook 2nd Anniv

Brendan and Nancy Bredin, Derrough 15th Anniv.

And their son, Desmond (Des) Woodbrook. 1st Anniv.

Sun. 26th Oct 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

11.30 am Peggy Ruane, Derrylusk. 6th Anniv.

Keith Russell, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 7th Anniv.

Maureen Flynn and Kathleen Keyes, Shannon St.,

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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto,

Wed 15th Oct

Nos. Drawn 20 23 27 30

No Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3 Winners

Received €125 each

Next Week's Jackpot

€11,000

*Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin
Parish Collections. and Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lotto*

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 16th Oct.

Nos Drawn 9 10 18 32

No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Rec. € 250 each

1 Local Winner

Morrin Family

Promoter Teresa Morrin

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

A note of thanks

to everyone involved in
Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos
Organising Committees, 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 continued support and generosity.

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath	€ 20,000
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Ballyfin	€ 11,000
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News From Around The Diocese

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service

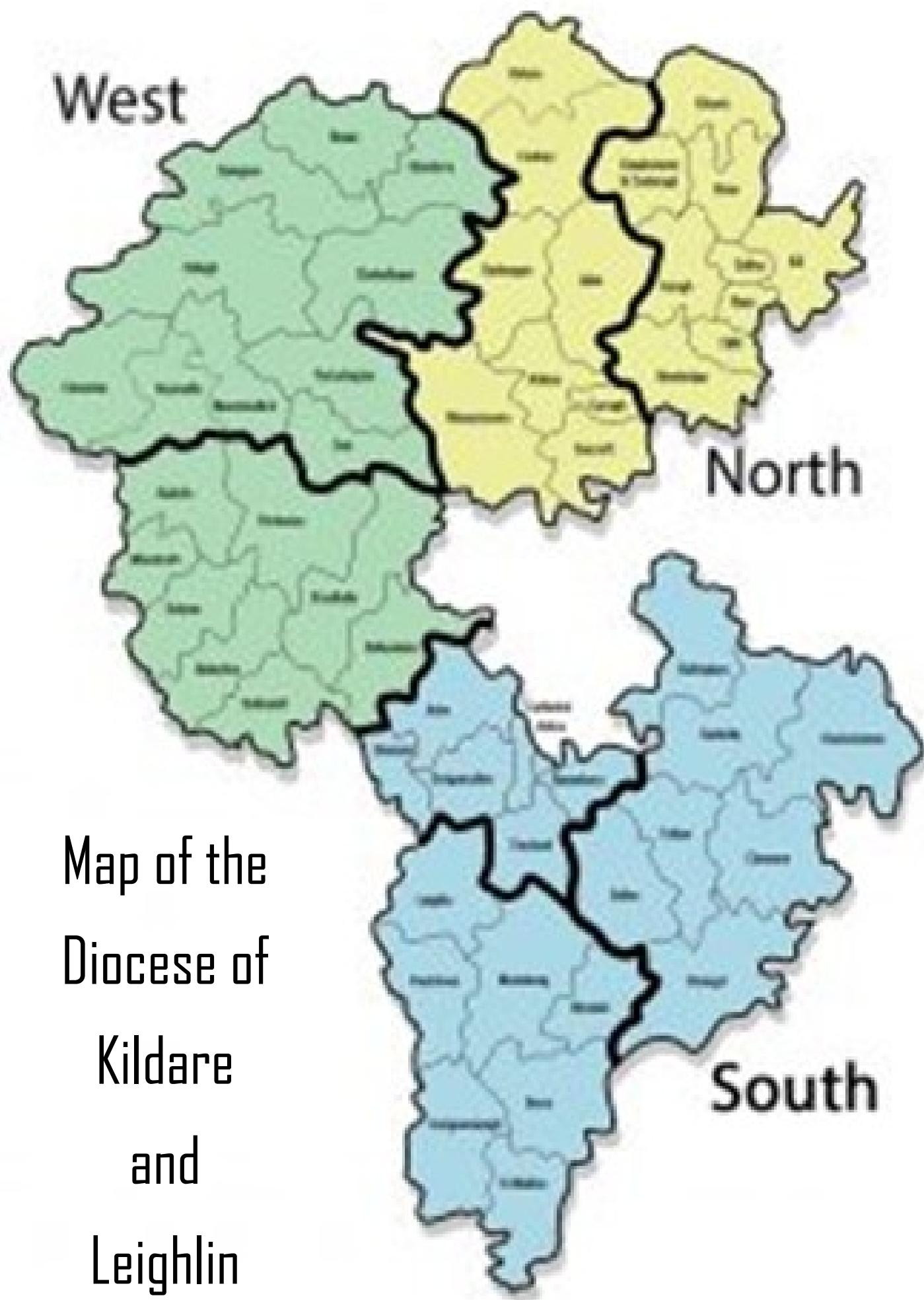
Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

Full training will be provided. There are a number of essential post-drive administration tasks that will require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings).

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.



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- ✓ Previous experience in an office environment essential
- ✓ Accounting experience/background necessary
- ✓ Role profile and duties available from
GKparishrecruitment@gmail.com



Email a letter of application, CV & two recent referees to
Gkparishrecruitment@gmail.com
by 5pm Friday 6th June

Events
at
Bloom HQ

May / June 2025 TIMETABLE

Monday

10am mature movers
7pm circuit training
7pm karate*
8pm TRX

Tuesday

10am TRX
10am mother and baby group
11am active poles
1pm HIIT
6:15pm beginner TRX
7pm strength and conditioning

Wednesday

11am mature movers
7pm circuit training

Thursday

9am TRX
11am seated exercise
6:15pm beginner TRX
7pm TRX
7pm karate*

Friday

5:30pm kickboxing*
6:30pm kickboxing*
7:30pm kickboxing*

Saturday

11:30am pilates*

***These Classes
are not included
in the
Membership fee**

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and
Members
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Welcome**

For more info contact Ruth on 089 2647761

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Co.Laois

Contact us: **089 264 7761**

Bowls

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Seated exercise

Thurs - 11am

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and stay
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Help with using MiGov.ie

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NEW ACTIVITIES

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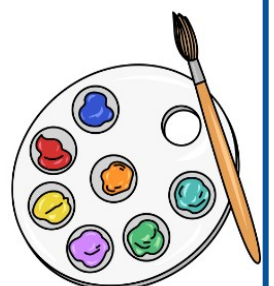


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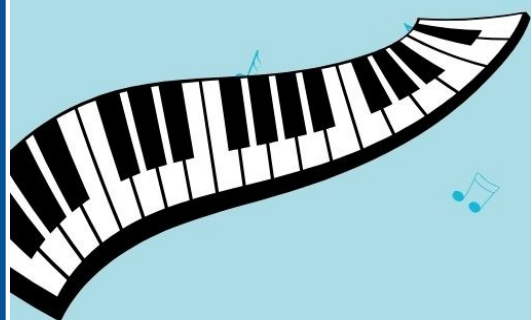


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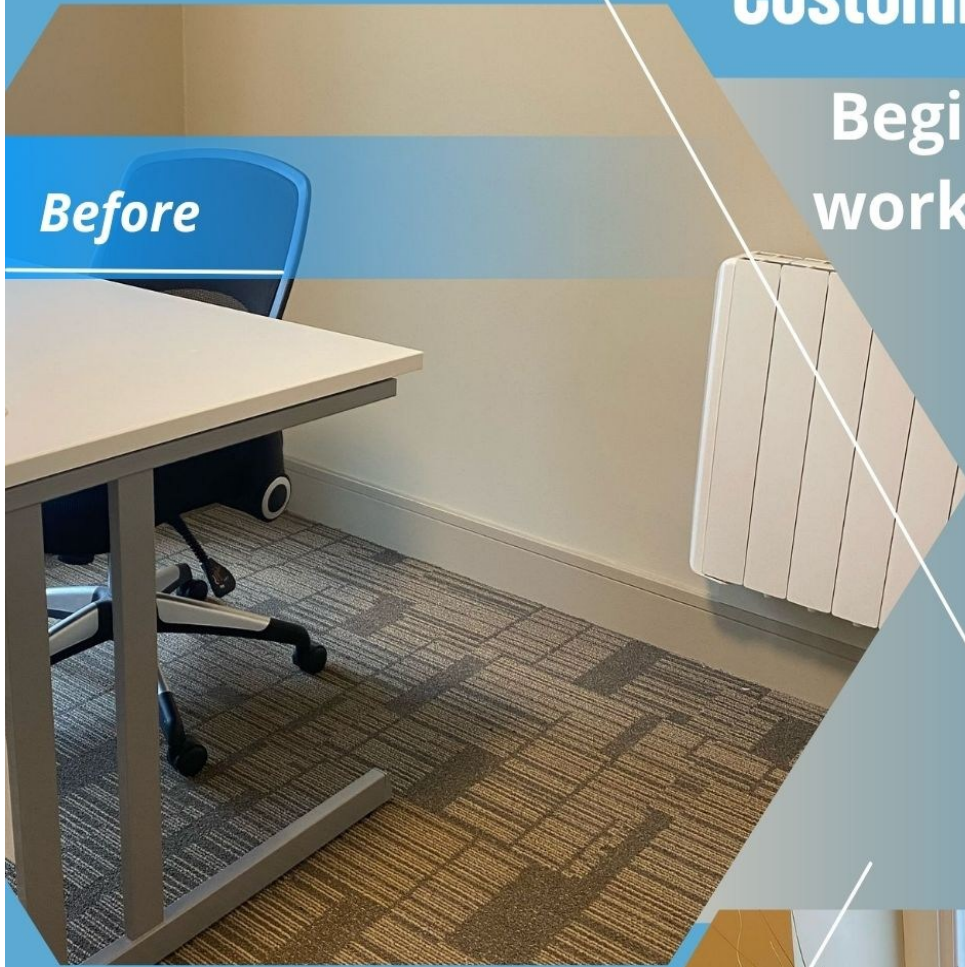


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- Build strength and friendships. 🤝
- Everyone's included —come as you are!
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New timetable each month



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RSA approved Motorcycle Initial Basic Training (IBT)
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For more details and to book see:

www.roadcraft.ie

www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie



Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
Patrick Street**



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

Contact 0857053855



Mountrath Scouts



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

For all ages from beavers to ventures and into leaders !



Scouts is a way to

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

Friday nights

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

7:00 till 8:30

€5 pp

or

€4 per sibling



Other

News

Parish Finances

Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

Income		Expenses	
Basket Collection	€ 35,932.00	Pastoral Programmes	€ 721.00
Envelope Collection	€ 33,378.00	Insurance	€ 38,065.00
Shrine Income	€ 11,590.00	Security	€ 503.00
Rental Income	€ 30,890.00	Light/Heat	€ 23,349.00
Fundraising	€ 3,225 .00	Cleaning	€ 200.00
Donations	€ 71,400.00	Rates/Water/Waste	€ 579.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€ 3,121 .00	Maintenance/Repairs	€ 79,602.00
Church Bookings	€ 500.00	Diocesan Levy	€ 11,006.00
Lotto Income	€ 31,631.00	Loan Interest	€ 3.00
Office	€ 1,899 .00	Bank Charges	€ 926.00
Deposit Interest	€ 36.00	Diocesan Retire't Fund	€ 1,000 .00
Other Income	€ 2,984 .00	Printing/Missalettes	€ 9,233.00
		Altar/Shrine	€ 10,616.00
Total:	€ 226,586.00	Telephone/Broadband	€ 600.00
		Computer/servicing	€ 5,051.00
		Accountancy Fees	€ 540.00
		Youth/Community	€ 260.00
		Hire of Equipment	€ 1,141.00
		Music/Choir	€ 250.00
		Legal/Professional	€ 828.00
		Donations	€ 1,700.00
		Total:	€ 186,173.00

A very sincere "Thank You" for your continuous and generous

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SOON**



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Co.Laois**

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Ballyfin Parish Third Party Collections 2024

Retired Priests € 1,525.00

Peter's Pence € 852.00

World Mission € 1,123.00

Trocaire € 2,462.96

Collection for Gaza (Good Friday) € 500.00

Total € 6462.96

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Third Party Collections 2024

Retired Priests € 530.00

Peter's Pence € 550.00

World Mission € 615.00

Trocaire € 2, 615.00

Collection for Gaza (Good Friday) € 390.00

Total € 4,700.00

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