

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

11th - 12th October 2025

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For Confirmation Candidates and their parents in Ballyfin Parish

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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Nora (Noreen) Twomey (née Keating)

Cahersiveen. Ballina, Ballyfin, R.I.P.

We pray for Nora who died peacefully at Valentia Community Hospital (Valentia Island) on Wed. 1st Oct. Nora's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Sat. 4th Oct. followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to Gerard, Michael, Anne Marie and Eugene and their families, her six grandchildren and their families, relatives, extended family, neighbours and friends.

May Nora rest in the peace of Christ.



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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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THE HIRED HELP



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

MOUNTMELICK COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

TEAM HOPE

Helping vulnerable children overseas



**QUIZ
TIME!**

Table Quiz

on
Friday 17th
October

in
The Deadman's Inn,
Ballyfin

at
8pm



Raffle
Prizes

€10
per person



Proceeds in aid of
Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

STAND FOR HUMANITY STAND FOR JUSTICE

MARCH FOR PALESTINE



SAT 18

DAY 743 | WEEK 107

OCTOBER 2025

NEWBRIDGE

**LINEAR PARK
ASSEMBLE 12:30**

**WEAR BLACK
(OPTIONAL)
SILENT MARCH**



Events at Seanchistin

Irey, R32 X5D6

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

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1st Holy Communion Sun. 26th April 11.30 am

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"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)

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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 you 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 you 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

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**MOUNTMELICK COMMUNITY
ARTS CENTRE**

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



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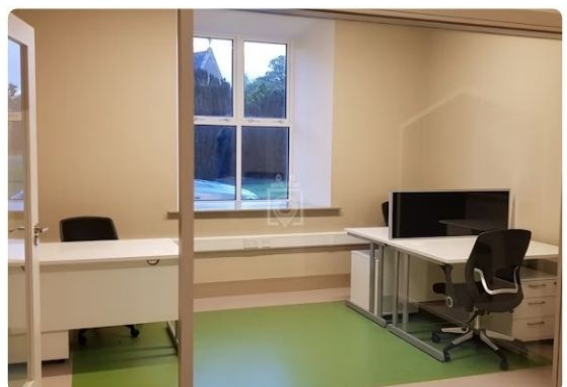
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Jubilee year
Pilgrims of Hope



Parishes Alive Day

On Sat. 21st June 2025, Bishop Denis Nulty along with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, hosted a faith conference attended by over 100 parishioners and clergy from around the diocese. The title of the day was "Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!" The event took place in Carlow College, St. Patrick's, and marked the second annual Parishes Alive day in the Diocese. A report on the day was prepared and is now available on the diocesan website www.kandle.ie. or

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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MOUNTMELICK COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

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

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Parish Newsletters.

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Child Safeguarding

Autumn Training Schedule

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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.

Be kind.

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



Breast Cancer Awareness

1st — 31st. Oct

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you are invited to log onto

www.breastcancerireland.com

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?**

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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.!!



*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

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your own name as the reference.**

Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 11th Oct.

To

Sun. 19th Oct.

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Sat. 11th to Sun. 19th Oct.

Sat. 11th Oct. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass – 28th Sun. Ord. Time.

Sun. 12th Oct. 10.00 am Michael Mooney, Old Post Office.

14th Anniv .

Denis and Catherine Daly, Pallas.

Johnny Daly, Pallas.

Jeremiah, Kathleen and Barney Dunne, Pallas

John Fennelly, Cappinrush.

Ann Hogan, Clonagown. 12th Anniv.

Mon. 13th Oct 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 10th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 18th Oct. 8.00 pm Billy Kirwan, Dublin,

Formerly Ringstown Month's Mind

James (Jim) O'Rourke, Lower Sconce. 1st Anniv.

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

Sun. 19th Oct. 10.00 am 29th Sun. in Ord. Time

Mission Sunday

Mon. 20th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 11th - Sun. 19th Oct.

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

Sat. 11th Oct. 7.00 pm Mary Phelan (nee Hickey) Shannon Rd., M.M.
Michael (Mick) O'Brien, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 18th Anniv.

Sun. 12th Oct 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**
. 11.30 am Martin and Mary Donohue, Clonad.

Tues 14th Oct 10.00 am Martin and Catherine Ryan, Patrick St.,

Wed. 15th Oct. 10.00 am

Thur. 16th Oct 10.00 am John Wall. Woodbrook and England

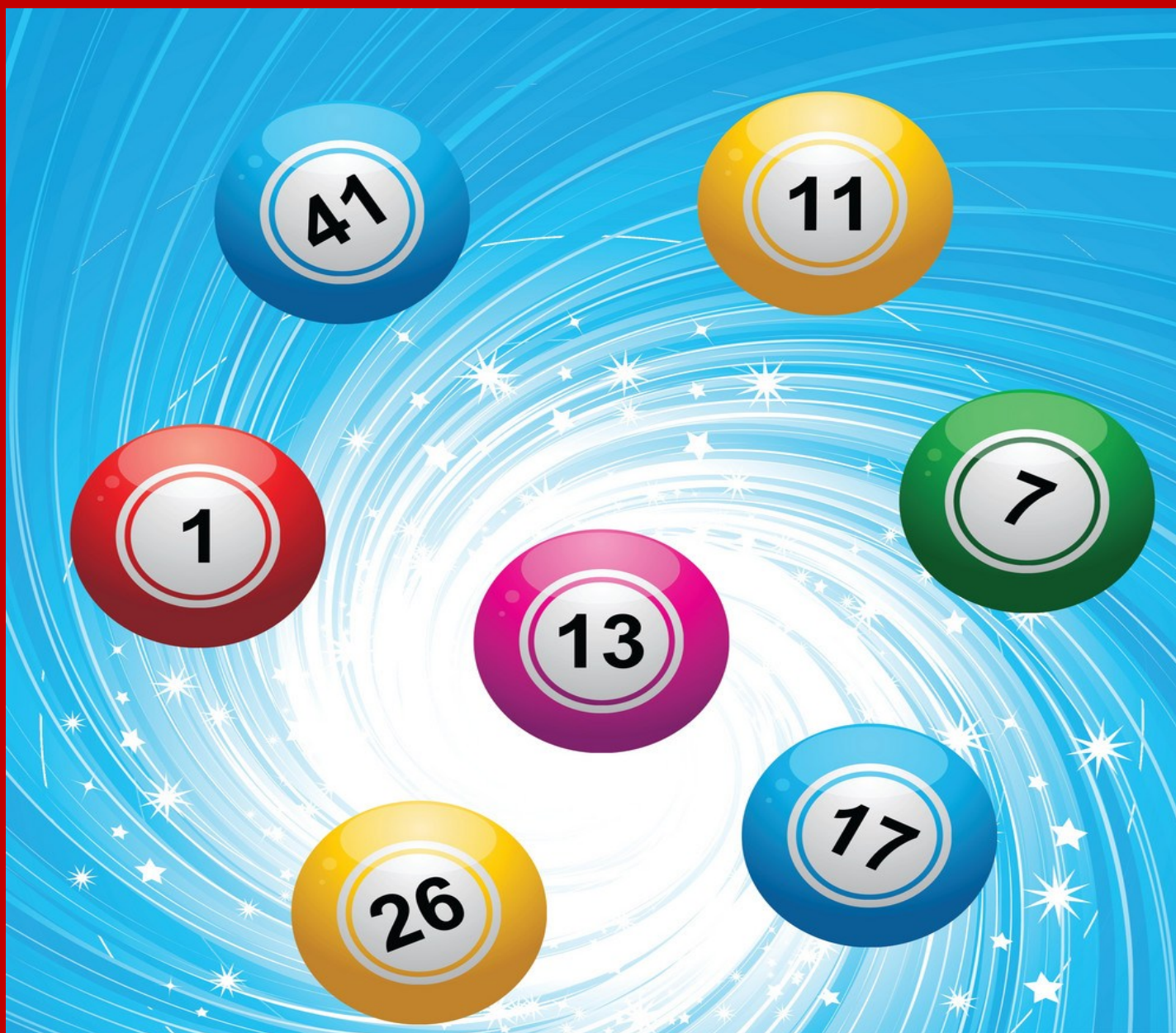
Fri. 17th Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 18th Oct. 7.00 pm Donal Kirwan, Clonard. 2nd Anniv.
Teresa Ridgeway (nee McGoldrick) Cloneygown. 2nd Anniv.
John Callaghan, Trumera, 3rd Anniv.
. Seamus Ryan, Patrick St., 11th Anniv.
Mick and Betty Farrell, Lower Mills.

Sun. 19th Oct. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**
11.30 am Thomas (Tom) Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Month's Mind
Bernie O'Keeffe, Snr. Woodbrook. 22nd Anniv.

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

Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto,

Wed 8th Oct

Nos. Drawn 3 5 7 19

1 € 20,000 Jackpot Winner

Congratulations to Tom Kelly, Kildare

Promoter John Robinson

40 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 25 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 10,000

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 9th Oct.

Nos. Drawn 1 4 14 31

No € 20,000 Jackpot Winner

8 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 125 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

*Thank you for your continued
and generous support of Mountrath Parish Lotto*

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	€ 10,000
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News From Around The Diocese

Parishes Alive Day

On Sat. 21st June 2025, Bishop Denis Nulty along with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, hosted a faith conference attended by over 100 parishioners and clergy from around the diocese. The title of the day was "Parishes Alive - Moving Forward in Hope!" The event took place in Carlow College, St. Patrick's, and marked the second annual Parishes Alive day in the Diocese. A report on the day was prepared and is now available on the diocesan website www.kandle.ie.

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service

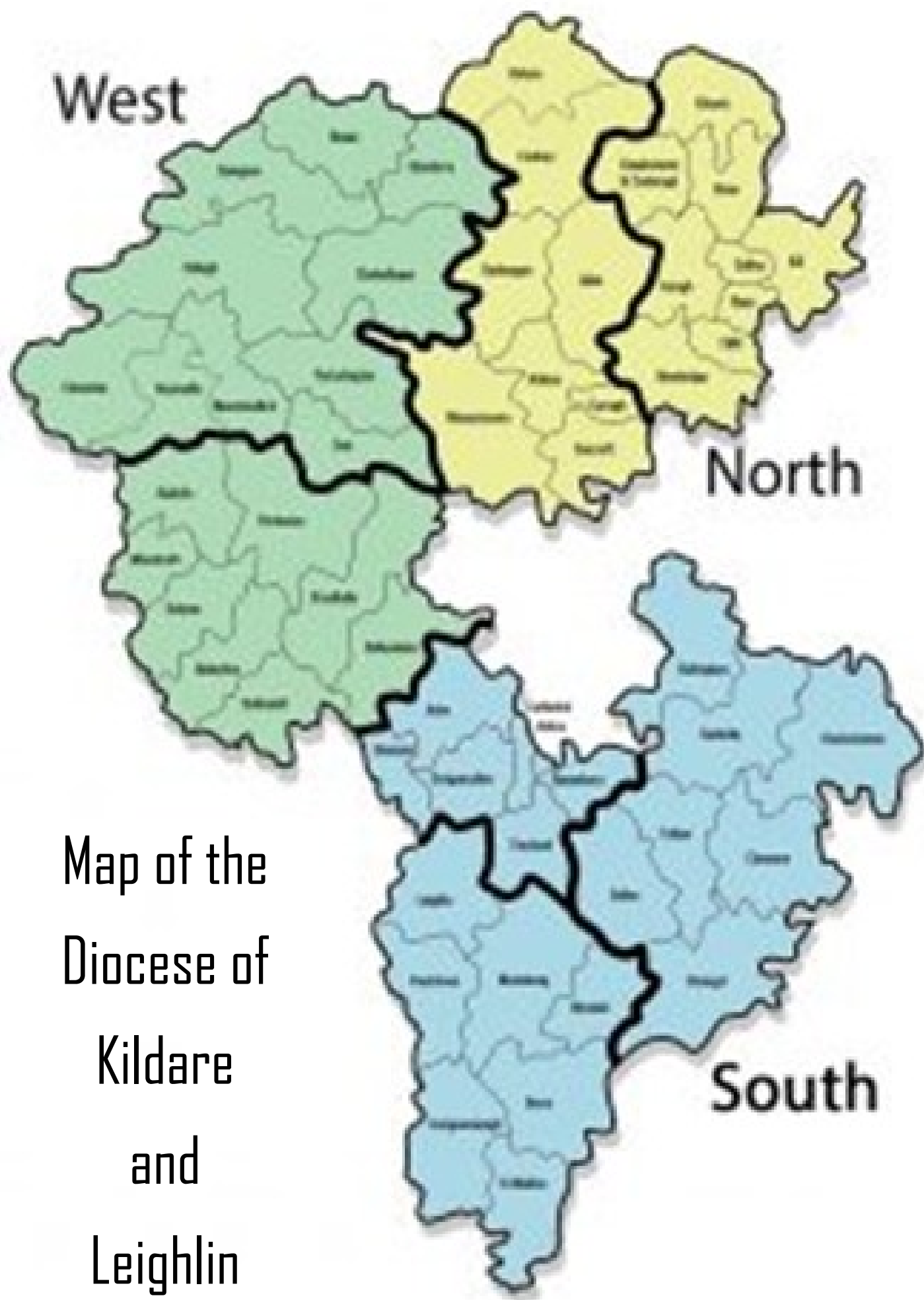
Volunteer Drivers Needed

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.



Graigucullen Killeishin Parish

OFFICE MANAGER



**WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN EXPERIENCED AND
SELF-MOTIVATED INDIVIDUAL**

- ✓ 30 hours per week
- ✓ 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**

**PAYG
and
Members
Always
Welcome**

For more info contact Ruth on 089 2647761

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ANY INSTRUMENT





R32DT9F,
Patrick St,
Mountrath,
Co.Laois

Contact us: **089 264 7761**

Bowls

🎯 Enjoy competitive yet friendly games, perfect for all skill levels. Roll with us and make new friends! 🤝



Seated exercise

Thurs - 11am

Move, stretch,
and stay
active! 🪑



COMING SOON

Talks on...

Help with using MiGov.ie

How to use phones better



Using local bus services

NEW ACTIVITIES

Exciting games and activities —laughter, challenges, and good vibes guaranteed!

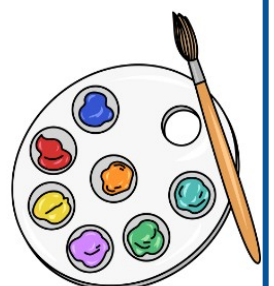


BOOK CLUB

Dive into new worlds—our book club is starting soon!

ART CLASSES

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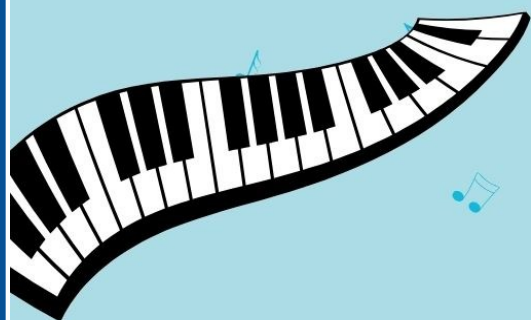


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-  BloomHQ, Mountrath



for more details>>



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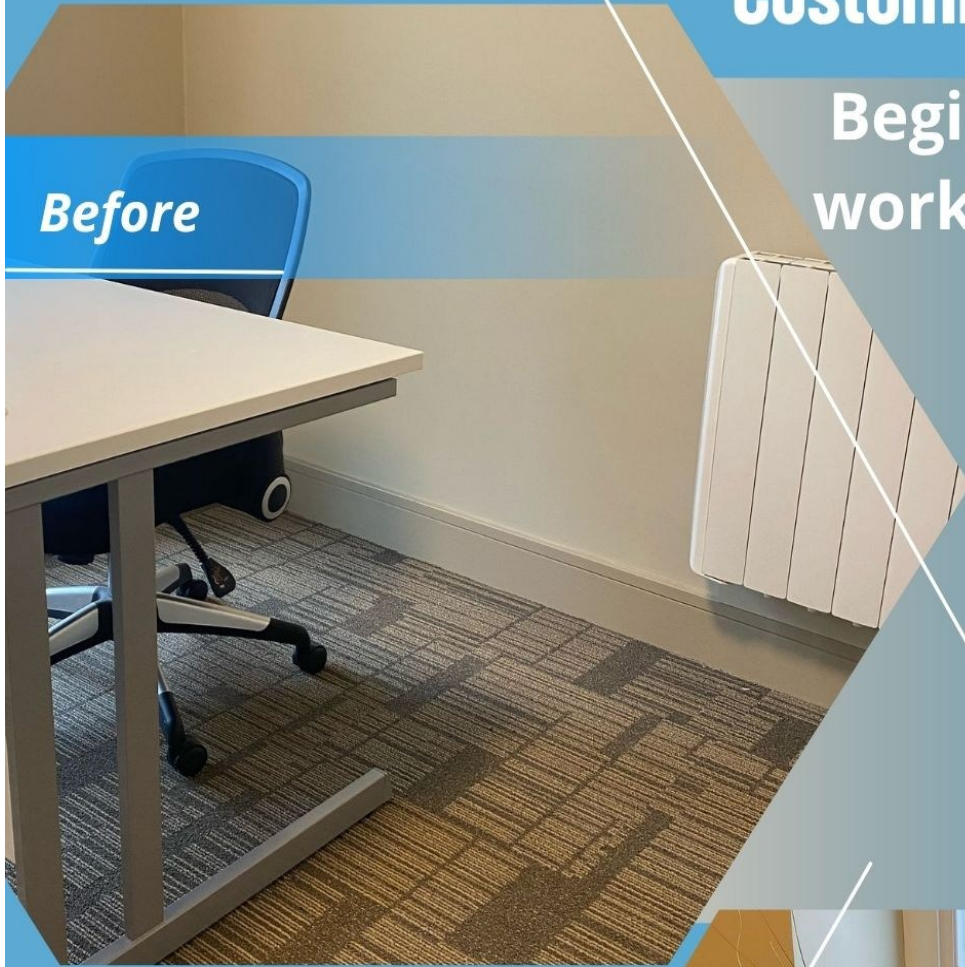


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manager@bloomhq.ie

www.bloomhq.ie

After





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with every thing
you need on
hand**

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**Contact:
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Thursdays @ 8pm

Philomenas Hall

**R32DT9F,
Patrick St.
Mountrath,
Co.Laois**



GYM



- Join our large, loving gym community! 💪❤️
- Build strength and friendships. 🤝
- Everyone's included —come as you are!
- Don't miss out, join today! 🌟

New timetable each month



BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

SPACES TO RENT



 **HOT DESKS – JUST €20/DAY!**

JUMP IN, PLUG IN, AND GET TO WORK ⚡

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Seating 2-20

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general meetings, training
courses etc**

**Contact BloomHQ to book
today.....**

Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

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

For more details and to book see:

www.roadcraft.ie

www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie



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

**OPENING
SOON**



**Mountrath,
Co.Laois**

CAFE DONATE

Tiktok: cafe.donate

Facebook: cafe.donate

Instagram: cafe_donate

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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