Mountrath Ballyfin Online News

Weekend of 31st Oct 1st Nov. '26.

Sun. 1st Nov.
Feast of All Saints

In November - We Remember

A Prayer for a Loved One
- Who Has Died

You shared life with us:
God give eternal life to you.
You gave your love to us:
God give his deep love to you.
You gave your time to us:
God give his eternity to you.
You gave your light to us:
God give everlasting light to you.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin

Triona O'Rourke - Peter Byrne

Mountrath

Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes

c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd,, Carlow

Ph: 085 802 1633

Christmas O Holy Night LIVE

The Three Tenors LIVE

IRELAND'S GREATEST VOICES

Direct from National Concert Hall

AMAZING FRIENDLY ENTERTAINERS!



Conor Gibbons/ Philip Klubicka/ Paul Feery

SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 7:30 PM

ST. FINTAN'S PARISH CHURCH, MOUNTRATH

Christmas & Classic Mix
from Popular Favourites to Andrea Bocelli

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW ON SALE €30

Telford'sHardware / Mace / Phelan's Restaurant / Byrne's Shop/ Online willwego.com

Compere: Our own Claire Byrne

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

Three Tenors Concert Live

St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

Sun. 29th Nov. 7.30 pm

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Sun. 29th Nov. 7.30 pm

- Featuring Caoimhe Fitzpatrick (Maynooth College) and Pupils of Scoil Bhride and St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath who will share a song or two with us during the Concert

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Link to Buy tickets online

- Christmas Concert In Mountrath Church

WillWeGo

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

Anniversary

Masses

Ballyfin Parish

Mass Times – Anniversaries
Fri. 30th Oct. - Sun. 8th Nov.

Fri. 30th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 31st Oct. 8.00 pm James and Julia Thompson,

Upper Sconce and George and Mary Phelan, Barnashrone

Sun.. 1st Nov. 10.00 am 31st Sun. in Ord. Time

Mary Thompson, Irey. 4th Anniv.

Deceased members of Thompson and Kenna Families.

Rita Fingleton, Ross. 14th Anniv.

Nicholas Brennan, Brockera. 14th Anniv.

. And deceased members of Brennan family.

We pray also for Nicholas' brother, Eamon, who died at his home in England, last week.

Mon. 2nd Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Parish - Anniversaries

Fri. 30th Oct. to Sun. 8th Nov.

Continued

Fri.. 6th Nov. 5.00 pm

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 7th Nov. 8.00 pm

Vigil Mass - 32nd Sun. in Ord. Time

Sun. 8th Nov. 10.00 am

32nd Sun. In Ordinary Time

Mon. 9th Nov. 7.00 pm

Apostolate of Sanctification

Mountrath Parish

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 31st Oct. to Sun. 8th Nov.

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

Sat. 31st Oct.. 7.00 pm Gilman Family, Woodbrook.
Brendan and Nancy Bredin, Derrough
And their son, Des (Desmond) Shannon St.,
2nd Anniv
Danny and Bridie Lalor, Main St.,

Sun. 1st Nov. 9.00 am The Hollow Church
Feast of All Saints
11.30 am Feast of All Saints
2.00 pm Mountrath Cemetery
Service of Commemoration of Faithful Departed

Tues. 3rd Nov. 10.00 am Brendan Murtagh,
Woodbrook. 1st Anniv.

Wed. 4th Nov. 10.00 am

Thurs. 5th Nov. 10.00 am Maureen Harpur (nee Russell)
Clapton, London - Formerly Patrick St) - Maureen
died on 7th Oct.

Fri. 6th Nov.. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Mountrath Parish

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 31st Oct. to Sun. 8th Nov. Continued

Sat. 7th Nov.. 7.00 pm Mary Arthur (Nee Conroy) Portlaoise Rd., Month's Mind.

Paddy Lowry, Kiln Lane Died 2nd May 2025

Mary Lowry (Nee Sinnott) Camross. Died 28th May '26

Tim Lowry, Camross - Died 16th July 2026

Sun. . 8th Nov. 9.00 am

The Hollow Church

11.30 am Noel Ryan (Snr) Patrick St.

Annual Mass Remembrance for Deceased Members (of)

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

Sat. 21st Nov 7.00 pm (In Church)

Maureen Harper (Nee Russell)

(Formerly Patrick St) R.I.P.

We pray for Maureen who died peacefully at her home in Clapton, London on 7th Oct.

We extend sympathy to brothers, Fintan and Buddy and their families and all her family, relatives and friends.

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

Mountrath

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Tues. 3rd Nov. 10.00 am

Brendan Murtagh, Woodbrook.

Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 7th Nov. 7.00 pm Mary Arthur

(Nee Conroy) Portlaoise Rd.,

Annual Mass Remembrance for Deceased Members of St. Fintan's G.A.A. Club,

Mountrath

Sat. 21st Nov 7.00 pm

(In Mountrath Church)

Obituaries

Kathleen Hyland (née Dooley)
Birchwood, Rosenallis, R.I.P.

We pray for Kathleen who died peacefully at her home on Thurs. 22nd Oct. Kathleen's Funeral Mass was celebrated on Sat. 24th Oct. in St. Brigid's Church, Rosenallis followed by burial in St. Brigid's Cemetery. Rosenallis. We extend sympathy to husband Joe, sons Gerard and Seamus, daughters Mary, Siobhán and Deirdre and their families. Brothers and sisters Paddy, Mick, Jim. Tish, Agg, Claire, and Carmel and their families. 18 grandchildren and their families, 5 great-grandchildren. Nieces, Nephews, Neighbours, and many friends. Kathleen is Niamh O'Rourke's gran. Niamh is teaching at Ballyfin National School. We keep Niamh, her mam, Siobhán, dad Damian and all the O'Rourke family, Campclone in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

May Kathleen rest in the peace of Christ.

Changing Gears

Age & Opportunity

Changing Gears



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

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

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

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

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

Visit our website: www.ageandopportunity.ie

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

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

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

Teresa, Dublin participant, Changing Gears, March 2025

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

Clare participant, Changing Gears, February 2026

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

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

Parish

Lotto

Results

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 29th Oct.

Nos. Drawn 2 10 29 30

No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3's Rec. € 91 each

1 Local Winner

Mick Murphy

Promoter

Mary Theresa Burke

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

28th Oct.

No Jackpot Winner

Nos. Drawn 12 14 25 31

6 Match 3's

Rec. € 167.00 each

Next Week's Jackpot

€ 15,000

Parish Lottos

Next Week's Jackpots

Mountrath € 20,000

Ballyfin € 15,000

Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lotto and Ballyfin Parish Collections. - Your kindness and your generous support is always much appreciated.

…. Note from Diocesan Office.

Synodal Pathway Update: National Synodal Assembly

Sat, 17th Oct., was a momentous and historic day in the life of the Irish Church in which over a dozen delegates from our Diocese participated. Locally in our parishes there is much to receive from the prayer, listening and discernment of the past five years. The working document for the assembly is still a valuable document for Parishes and a number of accounts and reports from the day can be viewed in the latest news section of www.synod.ie These are important to read alongside the raw figures on each proposal. Our delegates will gather with Bishop Denis on 3rd Nov. to reflect on the assembly and where it is leads us now.

My Health Matters

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

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

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

Course Content:

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

Session 1 -
My Wellbeing and My Brain Health

Session 2 -
My Mobility

Session 3 -
My Meals

Session 4 -
My Local Health Services

Session 5 -
My Medicines

Session 6 -
What Matters to Me

Session 7 -
My Technology (optional)

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

To book your place contact Tamara on:

tlatham@loetb.ie
085 856 0160

Changing Gears

Changing Gears is an in-person Course, which supports people dealing with transitions or significant life-challenges (retirement, bereavement, job-loss, ill health, becoming a carer, relationship breakdown) in mid to later life. Its aim is to help participants to identify what has served them well thus far in life, the successes and challenges they have experienced, what supports they have in their lives and what they may need to put in place, and/or discard, for the next stage of life. It takes place over five weeks and is a facilitated group experience that uses a blend of personal reflection, worksheets, and small group sharing, in a safe environment.

Venue: Portlaoise Library, Main St, Portlaoise,

Dates: Wed. 4th 11th 18th 25th Nov. 2nd Dec.

Times: 10.30 am to 1.00 pm (Refreshments will be provided) This course is funded by the HSE and is free of charge.

Participation requires attendance at each of the five sessions.

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



Laois County Fire & Rescue Service

Smoke Alarm Initiative

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

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

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

Join us at the Annual

Christmas Market!

Brigidine Convent, Patrick Street, Co Laois

Sunday, Dec 13th @1.00pm

✨ A wonderful festive day with something for everyone!

🎅 A Special Visit from Santa

🎶 Carol Singing

🛍️ Christmas Stalls

🛍️ INTERESTED IN HAVING A STALL?

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

📞 Contact James on 086-2583212 for more information.

See you there! 🎄🎅✨


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Note from Laois Co. Co. – Environment Section

Our Annual Prayer Service to remember deceased staff and members of Laois Co. Co. will be held on Mon. 16th Nov. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please note that people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

Note from Brigid Bennett,

Principal.

Ballyfin N.S.

Ballyfin NS will be accepting applications for admission for the 2027/28 School Year from 23rd Oct. 23rd to 13th Nov.

Forms available on

www.ballyfinns.weebly.com

or from the School.

Guild of St. Philip Neri

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

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

Further information. at 086-046 2405 -

midvisitorscentre@gmail.com

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Short Film –
Lives of Mission, Lives of Hope

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

Link to film –

Lives of Mission, Lives of Hope'

Ballyfin Parish Ministries Rota

Sat. 7th – Sun. 8th Nov.

Sat. 8.00 pm

Reader Teresa McCormack

Min. of Holy Comm. Denis Bowe

Sun. 10.00 am

Reader Esther Phelan

Minister of Holy Communion

Br. Gerry Reburn

Collectors for November

Sat. Mary Hooban Mary Dunne

Sun. Carmel Lanham

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