

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 24th Sept '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 23rd – Sun. 24th Sept.. 2023

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FM 104.5

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1st Holy Communion
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Ballyfin Community Alert

Meeting on Thurs. 28th Sept. 8pm
Community Hall Meeting Room. *All Welcome.*

Grant Aided 24/7 personal monitored alarms are available to people aged 65 & over. As darker evenings approach contact Sheila on 086 157 0145 for more information or application forms.

Mountrath Community School Beginning of New School Year Mass

Thurs. 28th Sept. 11.45 am.

Because of the ongoing paint works at St. Fintan's Church this Mass will be celebrated in the Assembly Hall / Gym at Mountrath Community School. Theme of this year's Beginning of New School Mass is "Kindness"

A Day at the Ploughing



Date for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes

on **Fri. 26th April 2024**

Ceremony in Mountrath Parish Ch. at 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Ch. at 2.30 pm

Bishop Denis will lead both Ceremonies

Put Out Into Deep Water (Lk 5:4)

Kildare and Leighlin Diocese Building the Church of the Future “These are challenging times for the Church, not only in our diocese, but also right across the country. Most, if not all, dioceses are undergoing processes that call for parishes to work closely together and, in time, to share resources. We heard people express worry and anxiety about the future. Some were not in full agreement with the clustering of parishes. Others knew that change was coming and was inevitable and, even with the worries and anxieties that were expressed, they were willing to embrace the change. Indeed, we are at a point where change is not just coming; it is here. While 'how' we are as Church changes, what it means to 'be' Church does not - we are God's people on God's mission. Changed times, call for changes in how we go about that mission”.

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Extract from the Report of May/June 2023 Listening Sessions held across our diocese.

We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill or unwell – at home, in hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. - We wish them a speedy recovery.

Camross CCE Celebrates 50 years

Sun. 24th Sept.

We are Hosting a Ceili in the Community Hall from 3 - 6pm dancing to the Shandrum Ceili Band.

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

Our New-Look Parish App. came online recently Check it out.

*A Very Sincere "Thank you" for Your Most Generous Support
of all our Parish Collections*

**Martha Morrin (nee Doheny) Coolbanagher,
Derryhay R.I.P.**

We pray for Martha who died peacefully at Midlands Regional Hosp., Portlaoise, Fri. 15th Sept.. Martha's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Paul's Church, Emo on Mon. 18th Sept. followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all her family, relatives and friends in Coolbannagher and Mountrath

Denise Delaney (Nee Reynolds) Kiln Lane R.I.P.

We pray for Denise who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Wed. 20th Sept. Denise's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Fri. 22nd Sept. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to husband, John, daughters Rachel and Ruth, grandson Séan, partners Andrew and Dillon, mother Detta (Reynolds), sisters Anne, Lorraine and Helen, brother David and their families, , brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, extended family, nieces, nephews, neighbours and friends.

May Martha and Denise rest in the peace of Christ.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

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Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. –

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Deadline for Parish Newsletters

Items for Parish Newsletters are always most welcome. If you wish to have an item included in the Parish Newsletters (Print or online Edition) we request that they be in
by 12 midday on Thursdays

Text Message, Email, Whatsapp, Letter or Pop into Parochial House.

(Our Parish Newsletters are online and on App. from early Saturday morning)

Mountrath

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 23rd – Sun. 1st Oct.

- Sat. 23rd Sept. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for 25th Sun. Ord. Time
- Sun. 24th Sept. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#).
- 11.30 am Rose Ann Murphy (Nee Gorman) Patrick St., 1st Anniv.
Sid and Maureen Fitzpatrick,
Eileen and Bob Deacon, Shannon St.,
Michael and Kathleen Flanagan, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.
- Mon. 25th Sept. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.
- Tues. 26th Sept. 10.00 am
- Wed. 27th Sept. 10.00 am
- Thurs 28th Sept. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead
11.45 am MCS – Beginning of New School Year Mass
(In Mountrath Community School)
- Fri. 29th Sept. 10.00 am Daniel Doheny, Patrick St.,
- Sat. 30th Sept. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for 24th Sun. in Ord. Time
Enrolment Ceremony for “Do This In Memory”
Anto Heffernan, Ringstown 5th Anniv
and his grandad, Joseph Fitzpatrick, (Anniv. on 1st Oct)
Maria O'Rourke, Kiln Lane. 6th Anniv
Deceased members of Morrin Family, Shannon St.,
- Sun. 1st Oct. 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#) 26th Sun. in Ord. Time
11.30 am Patricia Quearney (Nee Madden) New Line Road. 1st Anniv.
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Mass Times Anniversaries Ballyfin

Fri, 22nd Sept.- Sun. 1st Oct.

Fri. 22nd Sept. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

. 7.30 pm Pat and Anne Dunne, Cappanrush.

Sat 23rd Sept. 8.00 pm Feast of St. (Padre) Pio

Patrick (Paddy) Brennan, Pallas Big – Month's Mind.

Sun. 24th Sept. 10.00 am 25th Sun. in Ord. Time.

Mon. 25th Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification..

Fri. 29th Sept. 7.30 pm Patricia (Patti) Dunne (Nee Dempsey) Pallas Little M.M.

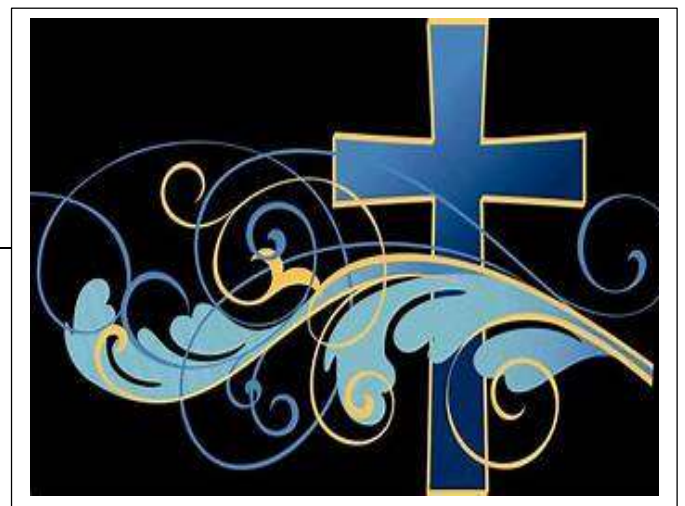
Sat. 30th Sept. 8.00 pm Jim Fitzpatrick, Ross.

Sun. 1st Oct. 10.00 am 26th Sun. in Ord. Time

Mon. 2nd Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is changed, not ended.



“Do This in Memory” Programme

1st Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin Enrolemnt Ceremonies

Mountrath Parish Sat. 30th Sept. Mass 7.00 pm All Schools

Ballyfin. Sun. 1st Oct. Mass 10.00 am Both Schools

“Do This in Memory” Children’s Masses

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

(The) Sacrament of 1st Penance

will be celebrated in March. Arrangements for the celebration of this Sacrament will be put in place in due course in conjunction with the Schools.

Dates for Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Sun. 5th May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 12th May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

With Children of all Mountrath Schools

Sun. 19th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With Children of Barnashrone National School



Ballyfin Lotto Results

20th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 11 16 17 25

No Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3's Rec. € 91 ea

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

A note of thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, Promoters, Shops and others who facilitate the sale of Lotto Tickets and most importantly, you, who purchase a Lotto ticket every week. I extend a very sincere "thank you" for your support and generosity.

Mountrath Parish Lotto 21st Sept.

Nos. Drawn 3 5 10 15

No Jackpot Winner

29 Match 3's Rec. € 35 ea. 1 Local Winners



Marie O'Brien Promoter, B. O'Brien

Next Week's Jackpot. € 18,000

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*Next
Week's*



€ 18,000 - Mountrath

€ 20,000 Ballyfin

. Catholic Marriage Encounter

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland a special Weekend has been scheduled for the 10th -12th November 2023.

Venue: The Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Eircode W91 XR23

This Weekend is available to all married couples at no fixed charge beyond the deposit of €50 per couple and a voluntary donation. To book visit www.marriageencounter.ie

Treasure Ireland

A new video series launched recently by the Irish Dominicans is an ambitious project that will take the friars to every county in Ireland, filming roughly ten videos in each county, highlighting the many and varied stories that make up the history of Irish Christianity. The series is currently focussed on the counties which overlap with the territory of the diocese of Kildare and Leighlin: Laois, Kildare, Carlow, and (soon!) Kilkenny.

Some of the sites visited include Timahoe, the Rock of Dunamase, and the Brownshill Dolmen. The story of Jesuit photographer, Fr Frank Browne, is told in a video recorded in Emo Court, and that of pioneering scientist, Fr Nicholas Callan, in a video from Maynooth.

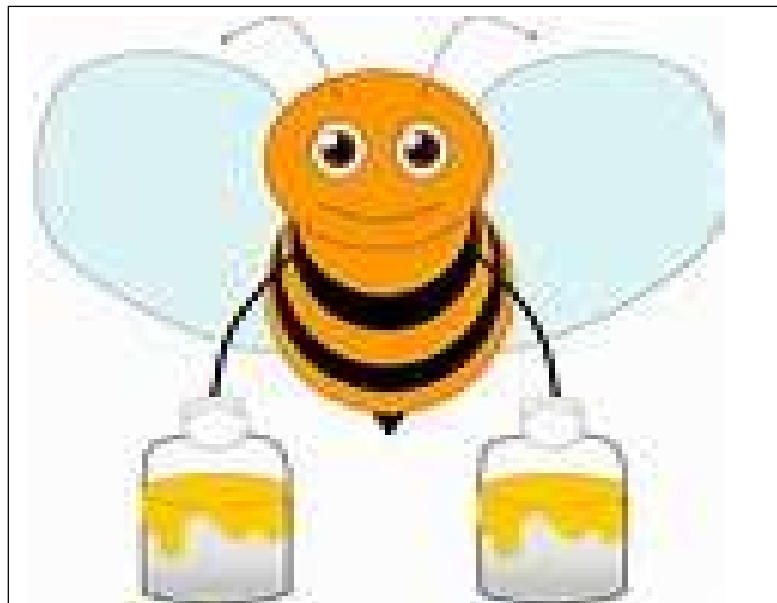
The stories of the great saints of these counties feature prominently: there are videos on St Brigid, St Mochua, St Moling, St Fergal of Aghaboe, and the Dominican martyr, Blessed Peter O'Higgins. There'll soon be added to that list the stories of two great

bishops of Kildare and Leighlin: Daniel Delany (d. 1814) and James Doyle (d. 1834), also known as J.K.L. ('James of Kildare and Leighlin').

All of these stories are told in a way designed to interest believers and non-believers alike, showing, bit by bit, that the Gospel is woven inseparably into the fabric of Irish history.

The videos can be viewed

on <https://www.kandle.ie/treasureireland/> and <https://www.youtube.com/irishdominicans>



Local honey for sale -
Contact Lily on
086 087 0969



Marriage Encounter Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any
Sacramentally married couple.

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause
you to lose touch with your spouse.

This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and
reconnect privately. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday
3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023.

At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork. To book your place visit our

website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087-2162436

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. Why: Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/



Season of Creation

The Season of Creation runs from 1 Sept (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 Oct (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. "Let Justice and Peace Flow" is theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2023, Pope Francis encourages us to "live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again." To notice and celebrate the season of creation reinforces our commitment to respect it. This can take many different forms. We can join campaigns to draw attention to the ways in which creation is disrespected. We can celebrate the beauty of creation and try to embody respect for it in our ordinary lives – in the way in which we travel, eat and sleep, for example, read, sow seeds, wrap and dispose of rubbish. The season of creation is a time to attend to our world, to celebrate its beauty and respect its delicacy, and to join others in coming to its defense.



Universal Synod on Synodality

This week, the Standing Committee of the Irish Bishops' Conference met at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, to discuss the forthcoming universal Synod on Synodality. This will take place in Rome from 4 – 29 October, on the theme: 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

Bishops reflected that, "The Synodal Process is about conversion, and we pray that all participants will be open in mind and heart to what the Holy Spirit wants of each individually, and collectively. In light of Pope Francis' comment that 'without prayer there will be no Synod', we encourage people of faith to unceasingly pray to God over the coming weeks at daily and weekend Masses, at home, and in religious communities, to intercede for Pope Francis and for all members of the Synodal Assembly."

Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick, and Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ of Raphoe, will represent the Irish Church at this global assembly.

The aim of the Synodal Process is to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term. It was initiated by Pope Francis who, in October 2021, convened the whole Church in Synod. Since that time there have been gatherings of the faithful at parish, national and continental levels.

Parish Finances. - A Word of Thank

Thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds.

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are not doing too bad, thanks in no small part to your generosity, I wish to acknowledge your support given via the weekly envelopes (2023 boxes are ready for distribution at present). Contributing to the Parish by envelope allows us to keep track of your donations for the whole year and, where possible, (and totally at your discretion) claim the additional 45% back from Revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. If you are not as yet, part of this scheme – and would like more information, please contact me when you get a chance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it is very much appreciated.

Different ways of supporting your Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable
to “Mountrath Parish” - or “Ballyfin Parish”

Please indicate - Parish Fund or Clergy Fund (for support of the priests of the
Parish)

Cheques can be posted to – Parish Office, Parochial House, Ballyfin,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website - www.kandle.ie ←

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ←

The following are our Bank Account Details

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50

BIC. - BOFIE2D

Ballyfin Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Please include your own name as the reference.

⇒ Support Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos ←

If you have any queries or would like to speak with us regarding donating to the Parish or participating in the charity tax donation scheme, just ring me on 087 241 1594 (Fr. Joe)

Trial Balance – Formatted - Ballyfin Parish

Date Range 1st Jan 2022 To 31st Dec 2022

Code	Description	2022	2021
		Current €	Comparative €
Profit and Loss			
Sales			
001	Basket Collection	14,838.73	8,149.38
002	Envelope Collection	28,782.63	28,603.02
003	Shrine Income	743.19	725.72
004	Rental Income	12,680.00	1,215.00
005	Fundraising	-	-
006	Donations Bequests	526.00	-
007	Tax Refunds/Rebate	17,250.71	600.23
008	Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	-	-
009	Income from Parish Investment Fund	-	-
010	Deposit Interest Received	-	-
011	Other Investment Income	-	-
012	Office Shop Margin	-	16.40
013	Lotto Income	7,302.00	12,206.65
014	Diocesan Levy Collection	-	-
015	Other Collections	120.15	-328.63
020	Other Income	701.37	-
		€82,944.78	€51,187.77
Cost of Sales			
		-	-
	Gross Profit	€82,944.78	€51,187.77

	Gross Profit %	100.00	100.00
Overhead Expenses			
301	Wages and salaries	-	-
303	Employers NIC (UK) PRSI (Ireland)	-	-
305	Pension costs	-	-
309	Pastoral Programme Expenses	1,517.00	1,250.80
322	Rent payable	-	-
326	Insurance	4,520.68	4,901.67
330	Security	273.24	273.24
331	Light and heat	14,484.25	9,643.12
332	Cleaning	245.01	1,885.45
333	Rates, Water, LPT Waste Collection	261.28	2,843.77
334	Repairs and maintenance	15,475.32	4,398.56
335	Diocesan Levy	6,576.00	4,110.00
336	Clergy Fund	-	-
337	Diocesan Retirement Fund	1,000.00	2,000.00
341	Missalettes, Printing Stationery	3,244.32	4,661.08
342	Altar Shrine Requisites	3,766.12	2,455.10
345	Telephone, Broadband and Internet related expenses	4,661.02	1,814.03
346	Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	1,440.00	2,202.09
347	Hire of Equipment	262.88	400.00
348	Music/Choir Expenses	-	-
365	Legal and Professional	-	904.76
368	Accountancy Fees	1,576.03	220.08
370	Youth and Community Expenses	-	-
371	Bank charges	1,632.13	776.32
375	Donations/Collections	-	-102.94
376	Interest on Parish Investment Fund Loans	-	-
378	Other Loan Interest	94.51	4.19
381	General expenses	-	-
391	Depreciation of intangible assets	-	-
392	Depreciation of tangible assets	-	-
394	Profits/losses on disposals of tangible assets	-	-
399	Capital gains/losses on disposal of property	-	-
		€61,029.79	€44,641.32
Other Income		-	-
	Operating Profit	€21,914.99	€6,546.45
Bank Interest Income		-	-
Investment Income		-	-
Interest Payable		-	-
Profit and Loss Suspense		-	-
	Profit for the year	€21,914.99	€6,546.45

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Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish



Fadó Faces

at

"The Gallery of Divine Inspirations"
BLOOM HQ • MOUNTRATH

*Fadó Faces is an art
exhibition celebrating
the lives and stories of older people in
County Laois.
Through traditional portrait painting
and digital art by a selection
of local artists.*

22nd September-29th October 2023



Fadó Faces at Bloom HQ

At the Gallery of Divine Inspirations

To celebrate the diverse and amazing talented people around us, we are launching The Gallery of Divine Inspirations on Culture Night Friday 22nd September at 7pm. Fadó Faces will be the first of many artistic showcases, launched on Friday 22nd and then on show in BloomHQ until 29th October when another Artist will launch and exhibit their collection.

Everyone is welcome to come and immerse yourself in a truly creative life experience.



Our Age Friendly Strategy Guide
will be launched by our
Ambassador Anna May McHugh

AGE FRIENDLY LAOIS

Older Persons Council AGM

FREE Public Event

booking required

**New Members are welcome to
join our Older Persons Council**

**Castletown Community Centre,
Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 F624**

Tuesday, 24th October 2-5pm

**DANCING TO MARTIN DELANEY
REFRESHMENTS SERVED**

Information stands include:

TFI- Local Link

**Laois County Council- check
the register**

**Laois Library Service
An Garda Síochana**

**Make sure to be there!! Book your place today by calling Tom
Curran on 086 0363426 or email: tcurran@laoiscoco.ie**

