

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

28th - 29th Sept. 2024

26th Sun. in Ord. Time.



Scoil Bhride Celebrating

40th Anniversary of the Opening of
their School at Stillbrook

This Sun. from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm

You are most welcome to attend this special event

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes
Preparation Programme
for 1st Holy Communion 2024/25

Enrolment Masses : This Weekend

Sat. 28th Sept. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 29th Ballyfin Church 10.00 a.m.

1st Holy Communion Days in 2025
Mass Dates and Times

Gaelscoil Thromaire Sunday 4th May 2025

The Hollow Church - 9.00 am

Barnashrone National School Sunday 4th May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Scoil Bride, Mountrath.

St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath

Sunday 11th May 2025 St. Fintan's Ch., Mountrath Time 11.30 am

Ballyfin National School Sunday 25th May 2025

Time 2.00 pm

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

Preparation Masses for 1st Holy Communion 2025.

Enrolment Mass: Mountrath Church Saturday 29th September Time 7.00 pm

Enrolment Mass: Ballyfin Church Sunday September 29th Time 10.00 am

"Do This In Memory" Masses

Mountrath

Ballyfin

Saturday 19th Oct. Saturday 8th Feb.

Sunday 20th Oct Sunday 9th Feb.

Saturday 16th Nov. Saturday 8th March

Sunday 17th Nov Sunday 9th March

Saturday 14th Dec Saturday 5th April

Sunday 15th Dec Sunday 6th April

Saturday 11th January

Sunday 12th Jan

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion in May of next year are required to attend all these Masses with their parents or guardian.

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

Aidan Sinnott, Gort ná Nore, Abbeyleix, (formerly Lower Sconce) R.I.P.

We pray for Aidan who died on Sat. 14th Sept. Aidan's Committal Service was held in St. Fintan's Cemetery, Mountrath on Wed. 18th Sept. followed by burial. We extend sympathy to his mother Sheila, sisters and brothers, Sharon, Nigel, Audrey, Andrew, Lorraine and Tracy, and their families, nephew and niece Evan and Emma, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Aidan rest in peace.

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 29th Sept. '24

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Contacts

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jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

October

The Month of the Holy Rosary

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

The praying of the Rosary commences immediately after Mass. *The Rosary – "Gazing on the face of Jesus, with Mary"*

Sacrament of 1st Penance

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

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

Mountrath Community School

Beginning of New School Year Mass at St. Fintan's Ch., Mountrath

Wed. 2nd Oct. Commencing at 12.00 midday

Leading Prayer Training Session – Follow Up

On Thurs. 18th June a Training Session was undertaken at St. Peter and Paul Parish Church, Portlaoise with a view to setting up a team of people who would be willing to Lead a “Liturgy of the Word, with Communion” Celebration on a Sunday morning in the event of an ordained minister not being available to celebrate Mass.

To follow on from this we have arranged a Meeting for Thurs. 3rd Oct.
at 7.30 pm to be held in Bloom HQ Mountrath (Old Convent)

If you attended the Training Session in Portlaoise Church on 18th June,
we now invite you to attend this Meeting

(This Meeting is for both Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes)

Baptism Preparation Team

Meeting Tues. 8th Oct. in Bloom HQ.
(Old Convent) Time 7.30 pm

(This Meeting is for both Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes)

Guide Dogs for the Blind

Irish Guide Dogs for The Blind, Church Gate Collection

This Weekend

Your continued and generous support is very much appreciated.

Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,
We praise you for your goodness,
visible in all the diversity that you have created,
making us a cosmic family living in a common home.
Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment,
home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift
from you, our Creator.

Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused
the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering
as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures.

We confess that we have failed to listen
to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of
the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the
redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him.

May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully,
so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her,
so that the firstfruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these
groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the
redeeming Lord.

Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and
with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.
In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all

Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen

*If you wish to contribute directly through your Bank account
to Parish funds*

Here are our Bank Account details

Ballyfin Parish - (A.I.B. Portlaoise Branch)

Lyster Square, Portlaoise.

Name of Account - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Bank of Ireland) (Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account -

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 -

BIC. - BOFIE2D

**If contributing to Parish directly through our bank account
please include your own name as the reference.**

Thank you for your generous support of Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Arranging Anniversary Mass or Month's Mind Mass

The traditional way of arranging an Anniversary Mass remembrance was by visiting the Sacristy before or after Mass and making the necessary arrangement with the priest, who wrote the intention into the Anniversaries Diary, there and then.

However, since Covid this practice has changed.

Arrangements for Anniversary Mass remembrances and Month's Mind Masses are, more often than not, now arranged by email, text message, whatsapp, by phone, among many other ways. Which is great.

On the down-side, it can be quiet difficult to keep track of all these ways. - Sometimes emails can go to folders on the computer other than the main folder and are not seen straight away. The same can apply to text messages and Whatsapp messages. This can cause a problem when I have no knowledge of these emails / messages coming in and are sometimes not detected at the time.

Can I ask you -

if you send me an email, text message or a message on Whatsapp, or any way, other than visiting the Sacristy, requesting an Anniversary Mass remembrance or arrangements for a Month's Mind Mass and don't hear from me or don't see the relevant name / names in the Newsletter,
please give me a call on 087 241 1594

We remember in our 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

A very sincere thank you - to you and your family - for your very generous support of and continued commitment to Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish and Mountrath and Ballyfin Lotto

See our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms. Ailish Higgins.

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 163

SeniorLine

Would you like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10.00 am to 10.00 pm, they can be contacted on Freephone 1800 80 45 91.

Callers may feel isolated, alone, wish to discuss a problem in confidence, or for company during their day. SeniorLine's volunteers are trained to listen, to support, to discuss options and refer the caller to other helpful services available if necessary.

So don't be alone if sharing a problem would help, phone SeniorLine

Visit of Relic of St Bernadette

In September and October this year, the relics of Saint Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to Ireland for the very first time, visiting every diocese in the country. This very special, once-in-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese. The relics of St Bernadette will visit Kildare and Leighlin this October, on the 7th in Carlow Cathedral and on the 8th in Portlaoise Parish. Further details relating to the visit to Kildare & Leighlin to follow.

Kildare and Leighlin Safeguarding

Training Schedule

Autumn/Winter at Portlaoise Parish Centre

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

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Mass Times - Anniversaries Sat. 28th Sept. - Sun. 6th Oct.

Fri. 27th Sept. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 28th Sept. 8.00 pm Baby Seán Holohan, Springfield. 16th Anniv.

Sun. 29th Sept. 10.00 am "Do This In Memory" Enrolment Ceremony.

with 1st Holy Communion children of Ballyfin Parish who are preparing .
to receive their 1st Holy Communion in May of next year.

Mon. 30th Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 4th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 5th Oct. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 27th Sun. In Ord. Time

Sun. 6th Oct. 10.00 am Damian Connolly, Springfield. 13th Anniv.

Michael Mooney, Old Post Office, Ballyfin. 13th Anniv.

. Jeremiah, Kathleen and Barney Dunne, Pallas

Mon. 7th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

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

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 28th Sept. to Sun. 6th Oct.

Sat. 28th Sept. 7.00 pm Rose Murphy, Patrick St. 2nd Anniv.
Marie O'Rourke, Kiln Lane 7th Anniv.

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Sun. 29th Sept.. 9.00 am *The Hollow Ch.*

11.30 pm Seán Dooley, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. Month's Mind
Patricia Quearney, New Line Road, 2nd Anniv.
Anthony (Anton) Heffernan, Ringstown. 6th Anniv.
And his grandfather, Joseph Fitzpatrick, Clonin.

Tues. 1st Oct. 10.00 am Daniel Doheny, Patrick St.,

Wed. 2nd Oct. 10.00 am

12.00 Midday **Mountrath Community School**
Beginning of New School Year Mass.

Thurs. 3rd Oct. 10.00 am Joe and Jim Farrell, Woodbrook.

Fri. 4th Oct. 10.00 am Jim Doocey, Formerly Woodbrook. 3rd Anniv.

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

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

1st Anniversary Remembrances

Sat. 19th Oct. 7.00 pm Donal Kirwan, Clonard.

Sun. 20th Oct. 11.30 am Sheila Gee (Nee Cuddy) Woodbrook.

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

News from the Diocesan Website

Day for Sacristans: 5 October 11 am – 3 pm

Bookings can still be made through fds@kandle.ie / 0599164084 up to 5 pm on Wednesday, 3 October. A light lunch will be provided.

Visit of the Relic of St Bernadette to Carlow Cathedral

The Relics of St. Bernadette will visit the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Monday 7th October. The Relics will be received by Bishop Denis at the 10am Mass. A water ritual, with water from the Grotto, is scheduled for 12 noon, Mass for the Sick and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated at 3pm. The visit of the Relics will conclude with a torch light procession at 8pm. The torch light procession will commence at both Holy Family Church Askea and St. Claire's Church Graiguecullen.

The Relics may be visited throughout the day in the Cathedral. The Cathedral will remain open on the evening until 10pm, concluding with a prayer of thanksgiving. The relics will visit the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Portlaoise on Tuesday 8th October.

. Exploring a Vocation to Priesthood Information Day

An information day for those interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood will take place in University College Dublin on the 12th October.

More details from vocations.ie/explore

. *Runners and Walkers wanted for Outrun Hunger 5k*

Whether you run, jog, or walk you can help St Clare's Hospitality Food Kitchen, Carlow 'Outrun Hunger.' Sat Oct 19th 10am - Carlow Rugby Club, Oak Park, Carlow R93 RX25

Registration opens 8.30am Refreshments & prize-giving afterwards in Carlow Rugby Club, T-shirts, medals & refreshments for all participants.

1. Adult Entry €20

2. U18 Entry: €5 - u18s must be accompanied by an adult.

3. Team of 4 - Corporate Team Challenge Cup: €200 - any 4 adults from a business

So, lace up your runners and let's help those in our community who are experiencing food insecurity! For every €2 raised, we can provide a meal to those in need in St Clare's food Kitchen, Graiguecullen, Carlow.

Book your place today by logging on to www.popupraces.ie/race/outrun-hunger or call Jacqui on 0868283637 for more info.

In Praise of Brigit

In Praise of Brigit 524-2024 is the title of a one-day conference dedicated to the fascinating figure of St Brigit at Glenstal Abbey on Saturday 26th October. For further information phone 061 621005 or email: events@glenstal.com All are welcome.

- The Parishioners at St Mary's Church, Convoy, Co Donegal F93 FX66 invite you to spend some time with them at the Divine Mercy Alcove on the weekend of 5 and 6 October, St Faustina's Weekend. On Saturday 5 October we will have our usual Divine Mercy Devotions (9.30am-10.30am) followed by a prayerful reflection on Divine Mercy (11.30am-12.30pm) and in the afternoon Divine Mercy Stations (3pm-4pm). On Sunday 6 October there will be Devotions in the afternoon (2pm-4pm). You are also very welcome to join for normal weekend Masses. For More information phone Fr Kelly on 0879077985.

- **Afternoon for Funeral Ministry Teams**

We are delighted to share that this afternoon of reflection and support will be led by *Fr Vincent Sherlock* of Achonry diocese. It takes place from 2-5 pm on Saturday, 9 November in Solas Bhríde, Kildare Town. Bookings will open shortly but, for now, please let members of your funeral ministry team know so that they can put the date in the their calendar.

Catholic Marriage Encounter

Reignite the Spark in Your Marriage!

Looking to deepen your connection and bring more joy, romance, and intimacy to your relationship? Join the Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend and rediscover the fun and passion in your marriage.

Dates: Friday, 8th - Sunday, 10th November 2024, Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, Booking: Online only at www.marriageencounter.ie

Make your marriage a priority—experience a weekend that can bring you closer!

Fatima Pilgrimage 2025

The Diocesan Office has circulated details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima at Easter 2025. I have included all relevant information received from the Diocesan Office on my Online Newsletter
(See below - from Page 71)

Medjugorje Pilgrimages

April - Oct 2024. 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510
or website www.med-irishcentre.com

Visit of Relic of St Bernadette

Church of St. Peter and Paul, Portlaoise

Tues. 8th October.

Relevant times yet to be published

A Thought

They say a person needs

just three things

to be happy in this world

Someone to love

Something to Do

And something to hope for !!



Mountrath Parish Lotto 26th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 2 17 19 25

1 Jackpot Winner € 20,000

Congrats. to – Gillian Lewis and Richard Phalan (Promoter)

11 Match 3's Won € 91 each

4 Local Winners

Winner	Promoter
Mary Coss	Declan Fitzpatrick
Martin Phelan	Pam Killeen
Niamh Russell Clarke	Heather Mortimer
Michael G. Fitzgerald	Bernie Phelan

Next Week's Lotto € 20,000

Thank you for your generous support

Ballyfin Parish Lotto 25th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 4 8 23 29

No Jackpot Winner

15 Match 3s Rec. € 67 each

2 Local Winners Carmel and Martin Meade

– Promoter Sheila Dowling

Paddy Hayes, Tipp. Prom.

Promoter, Paul Dunne

Next Week's Jackpot €16,000

*Thank you for your generous
support*

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Ballyfin € 16,000

Mountrath € 20,000

The RSA's 'Check it Fits' Service is coming to Laois - Date of Email Sep 19, 2024



RSA Check it Fits - Child Safety in Cars <Checkitfits@rsa.ie

to dfitzpatrick@carrcommunications.ie

This October the RSA's Check it Fits service will be visiting County Laois. Did you know it's the law that all children under 150cms or 36kgs must use a child car seat appropriate to their weight and height. In Ireland as many as 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision.

Since the start of 2023, the RSA's 'Check it Fits' Service has checked over 30,000 child car seats and restraints in Ireland. Worryingly, 79% of seats required a major adjustment, of which 3% were deemed not fit for purpose and condemned, meaning they could have caused injury or even death in the event of a collision.

The Check it Fits service is quick, it's easy, it's free. On the day our experts will advise on how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit the restraint correctly and answer any queries participants might have. Our experts aim to put parent's, grandparent's and guardian's minds at ease that their child's car seat is safely and securely fitted in their car.

We will be visiting the following locations in Laois:

Location	Street Name	Town	Date	Time
Aldi Portlaoise	Kylekiproe Rd	Kylekiproe, Portlaoise, Co. Laois	Tuesday, 15th October	10.00am – 5.30pm
McLoughlin's SuperValu Portarlinton	The Arlington Centre	Droughill, Portarlinton	Wednesday, 16 th October	10.00am – 5.30pm

We would be delighted if you could help us to raise awareness of child safety in cars by letting colleagues, friends, family members and any other relevant contacts know about our upcoming visit to Laois. We have included a copy of our poster which may be useful for promoting the 'Check it Fits' Service in your workplace and local community also.

If you have any questions or require any additional information please let us know for more information on the service visit www.checkitfits.ie.

Kind regards The Check it Fits Team

Click here to view our calendar of locations www.rsa.ie/checkitfits

Click here to like our Facebook page www.facebook.com/RSAIRELAND

Click here to follow us on Twitter www.twitter.com/RSAIRELAND

Click here to follow us on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/rsaireland/>

Don't let your child be a statistic. Get your child car seat checked.

Events In Bloom HQ

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The Class of 1990 presents

CELEBRITY CHEF

Paul Flynn

Christmas
COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

WED 13TH
NOVEMBER

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

Doors 7pm • Demo @8pm

Christmas Stalls and Monster Raffle on the night!

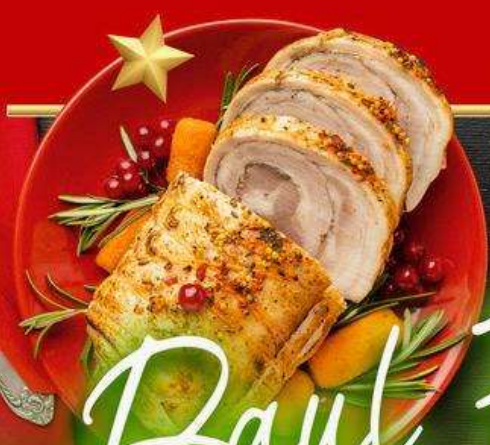
Fundraiser for Class of 1990 Restoration Project

Book your Tickets now through [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie)

Centra Mountrath & Telfords Mountrath



Tickets
€27.50



CHRISTMAS IN THE CONVENT

Sunday 8th December 1-5pm

Christmas market

Carol Singing

Lots of activities for kids

Santa visit



Contact James- 086 258 3212

Bridgidine Convent, Mountrath

Mum & Baby/Toddler Gym class



10 am Tuesday

starting 24th September

€ 50 for 6 Weeks



Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

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



UNISLIM

Join Today!

Bloom Hq

Wednesdays 7-8pm

Class Talk 8pm

New members always welcome!



9 stone
weight
loss

Mairéad McCaul
Unislim Member

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THE GALLERY OF DIVINE INSPIRATION

AT BLOOM H.Q.

MOUNTRATH R32 DT9F :-: 057 9300036

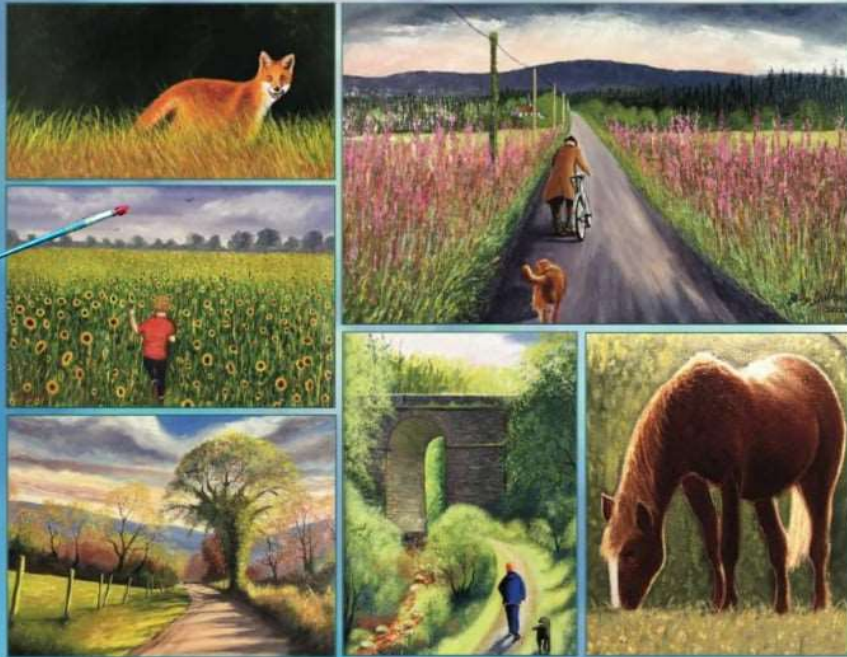
Proudly Present

' MOMENTS IN TIME '

An Art Exhibition by

Billy Dollard

Friday 30th August to
Friday 27th September





Pilates

Saturdays 12-1 pm
6 weeks starting 14th
September



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

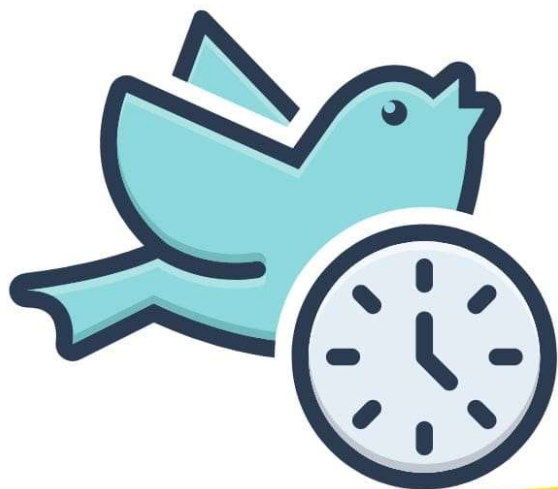
€ 60 for 6 weeks

Sabrina 087 646 7305

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



Early Bird HITT classes



**6 am Tuesday
& Thursday**

Starting Tuesday 17th September

8 week block x 2 classes a week

€ 130

Plus bonus Saturday 10 am classes for free



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



For more info contact
Ruth on 089 2647761

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

Lower Body Classes



Have you been injured/had a fall?

Are you attending a Physio and need extra support?



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

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

Limited to 6 people

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

€120 for the 12 sessions!



VENUE

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Music Teachers wanted

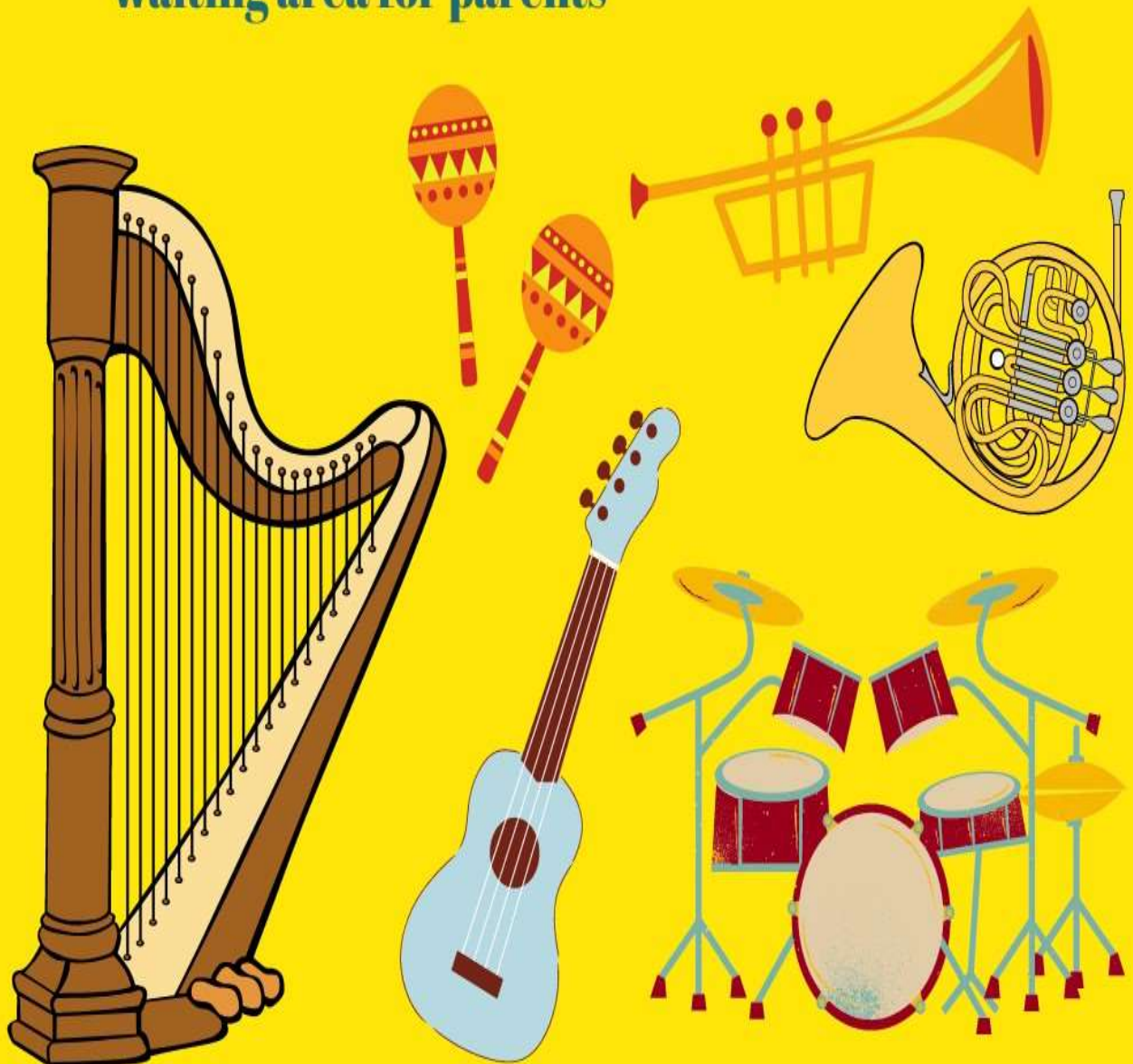


for Mountrath Music School

*soundproof rooms

*free parking

*waiting area for parents



contact Lucy 087 259 7895

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Bloomhq, Patrick St, Mountrath R32 DC58





Basketball in Mountrath

Now 11-12 am **Saturdays**



Kids 6-10 years

1 hour sessions



€2 per child per session



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

VENUE

BLOOMHQ, PATRICK ST,
MOUNTRATH, R32 DC58

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

July 2024

TIMETABLE

**PAYG
and
Members
Always
Welcome**

*These Classes
are not included
in the
Membership fee

Monday

10 am Mature Movers

11 am Activator Poles Inc.

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

7 pm Karate*

Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX

7 pm Ged Fit*

Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers

7 pm Mixed Circuit Training

7-8 pm BJJ (8-12)

8-9 pm BJJ (13+)

Thursday

7 pm Ged Fit*

Friday

5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)*

6.30 pm Kickboxing (8-12)*

7.30 pm Kickboxing (13+)*

Saturday

9 am Circuit Training

10 am BJJ (8-12)

11 am BJJ (13+)

12 am Pilates*

Music Classes in Mountrath



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am 6 + years

€ 8 for 30 min group class

Eabha 083 856 6083



Piano

Sunday mornings 5+ years

€20 per 30 min lesson

Heather 083 054 7772

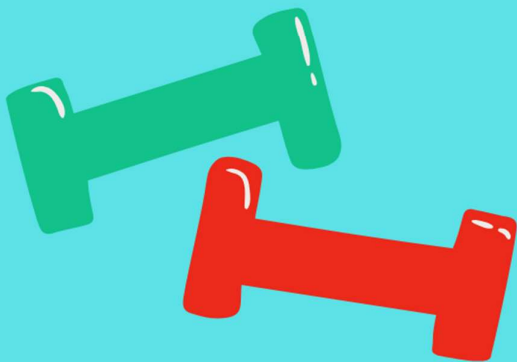




Mature Movers

50 + Gym Classes

**Strength
Flexibility
Balance
a bit of Endurance
& a lot of Fun**



6 week block starting Monday 19th August

Mondays 10 am & Wednesdays 11 am

45 mins in Mountrath

€ 60 for 6 weeks

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Seated Exercise Adult Inc Class



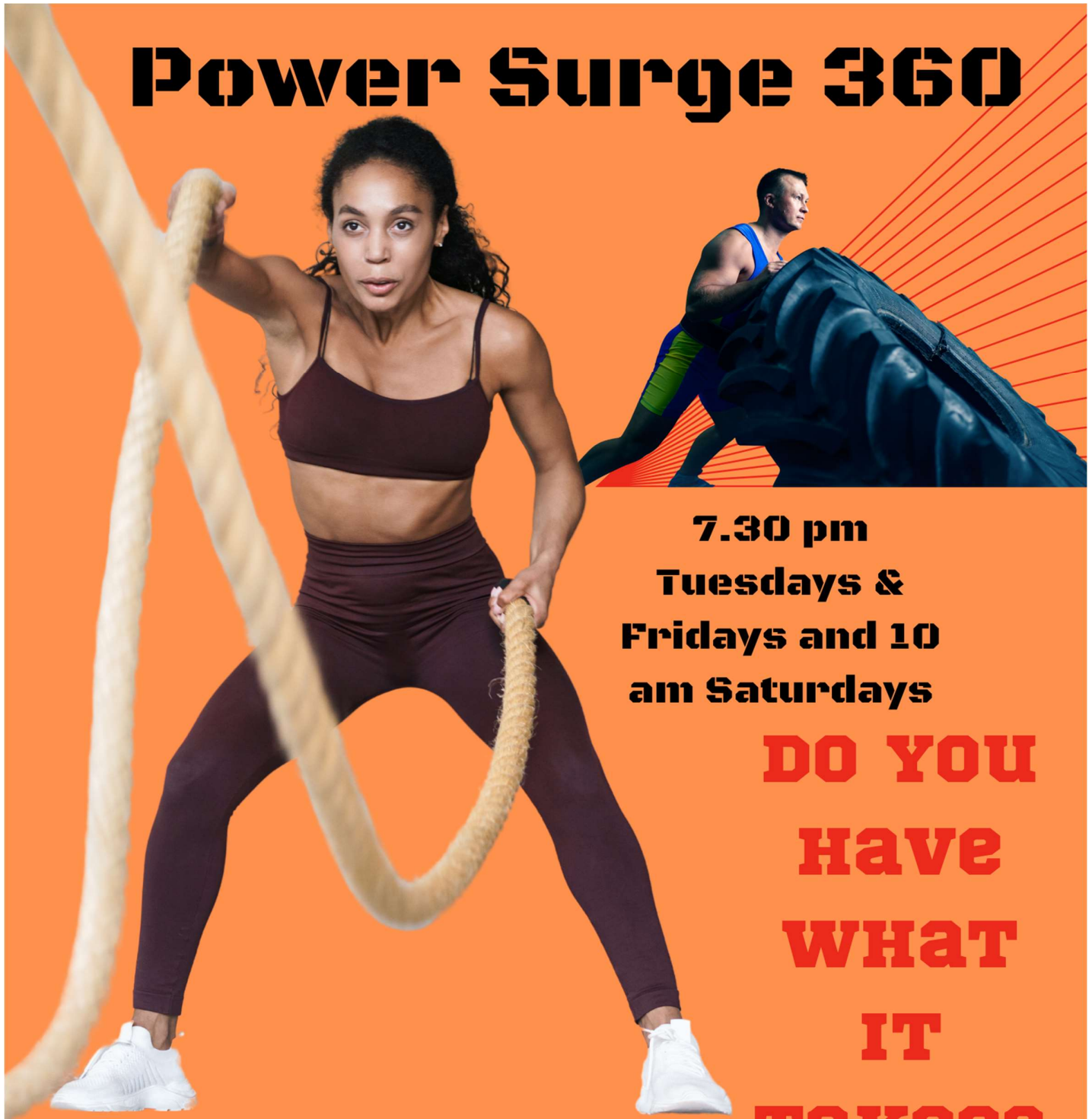
11 am Thursdays

€4 per class

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

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Power Surge 360



**7.30 pm
Tuesdays &
Fridays and 10
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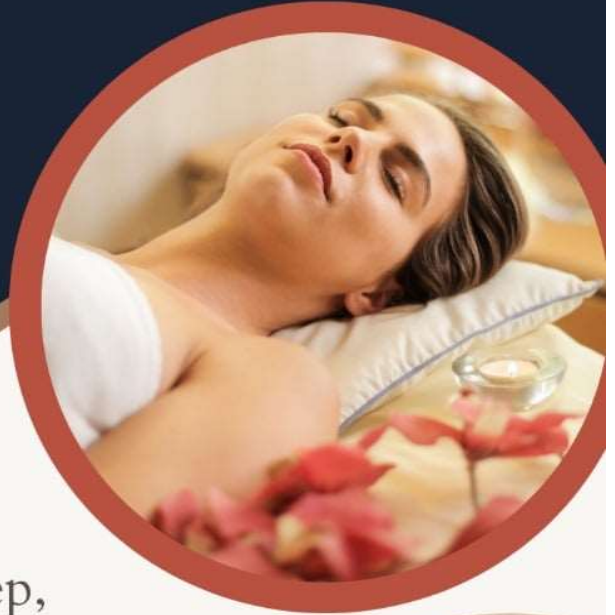


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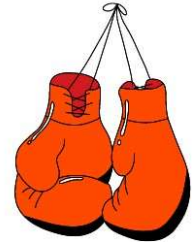
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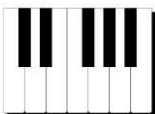


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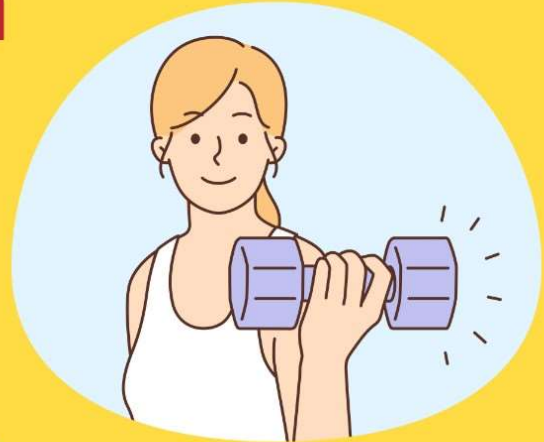
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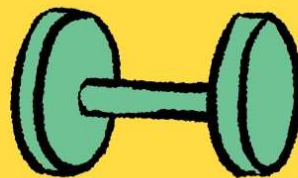
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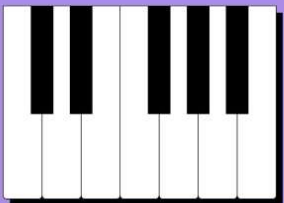
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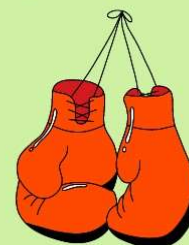
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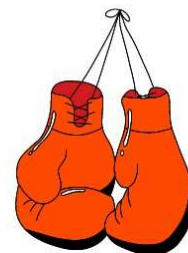
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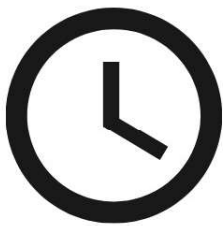
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Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - Holy Thursday (Apr 17th)

- Depart Dublin Airport at 05.35 a.m. and arrive into Lisbon Airport at 08.35a.m.
- On arrival transfer to Fatima where we will check into our hotel.
- Lunch will be provided at the hotel.
- Free time for optional activities.
- Dinner at Hotel.
- This evening we will attend Holy Thursday Mass.

Day 2 - Good Friday (Apr 18th)

- Following breakfast at our hotel we will walk the Way of the Cross.
- Lunch in Hotel.
- This afternoon, we will have a guided tour of the Sanctuary area visiting, the Capelhina, Rosary Basilica, the graves of the three children.

Day 3 - Holy Saturday (Apr 19th)

- This morning after breakfast we will visit the Parish Church, Valinhos and Aljustrel.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Following dinner we will attend the Vigil Mass in the Sanctuary.

Day 4 - Easter Sunday (Apr 20th)

- Following breakfast, we will attend the Rosary and international Mass in the Sanctuary on this Easter Sunday morning.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Afternoon is free for optional activities.
- Dinner in Hotel.

Day 5 - Easter Monday (Apr 21st)

- After breakfast, we will depart Fatima on our optional tour of Nazare & Bathala.
- A packed lunch will be provided.
- For those staying in Fatima, lunch will be provided in the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Tuesday (Apr 22nd)

- We bid farewell to Fatima and make our way to Lisbon Airport.
- Enroute, we will have a short visit to Santarem and visit the Church of The Holy Miracle. We will have time for private prayer in this special place.
- We will then continue onto Lisbon Airport.
- Our flight departs Lisbon at 3.20pm and arrives into Dublin Airport at 6.10pm.





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Envelope Collection:	€ 25,986
Shrine Income:	€ 876
Rental Income:	€ 5,800
Fundraising:	€ 3,140
Donations:	€ 1,050
Tax Refunds:	€ 22,807
Church Bookings:	€ 460
Lotto Income:	€ 13,898
Other Income:	<u>€ 2,421</u>
Total:	<u>€ 92,743</u>

EXPENDITURE

Diocesan Levy:	€ 6,576
Insurance:	€ 5,775
Light and Heat:	€ 17,570
Repairs and Maintenance:	€ 21,532
Pastoral Programmes:	€ 1,720
Security:	€ 273
Cleaning:	€ 263
Rates, Water, Waste:	€ 421
Diocesan Retirement Fund:	€ 1,000
Missalettes:	€ 1,870
Altar Requisites:	€ 3,657
Telephone/Broadband:	€ 1,379
Computer Hardware:	€ 3,219
Youth/Community:	€ 640
Bank Charges:	€ 880
Collections:	€ 200
Total:	<u>€ 66,975</u>

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

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

The following repairs have been effected.

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

2. The roof gutters were in very bad repair

We have done the following with the gutters

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

All leaking joints repaired (which was most joints)

All gutters sanded and prepared for painting

2 coats specialized paint applied to all the gutters.

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

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

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

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

Some missing slates were replaced .

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

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

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

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

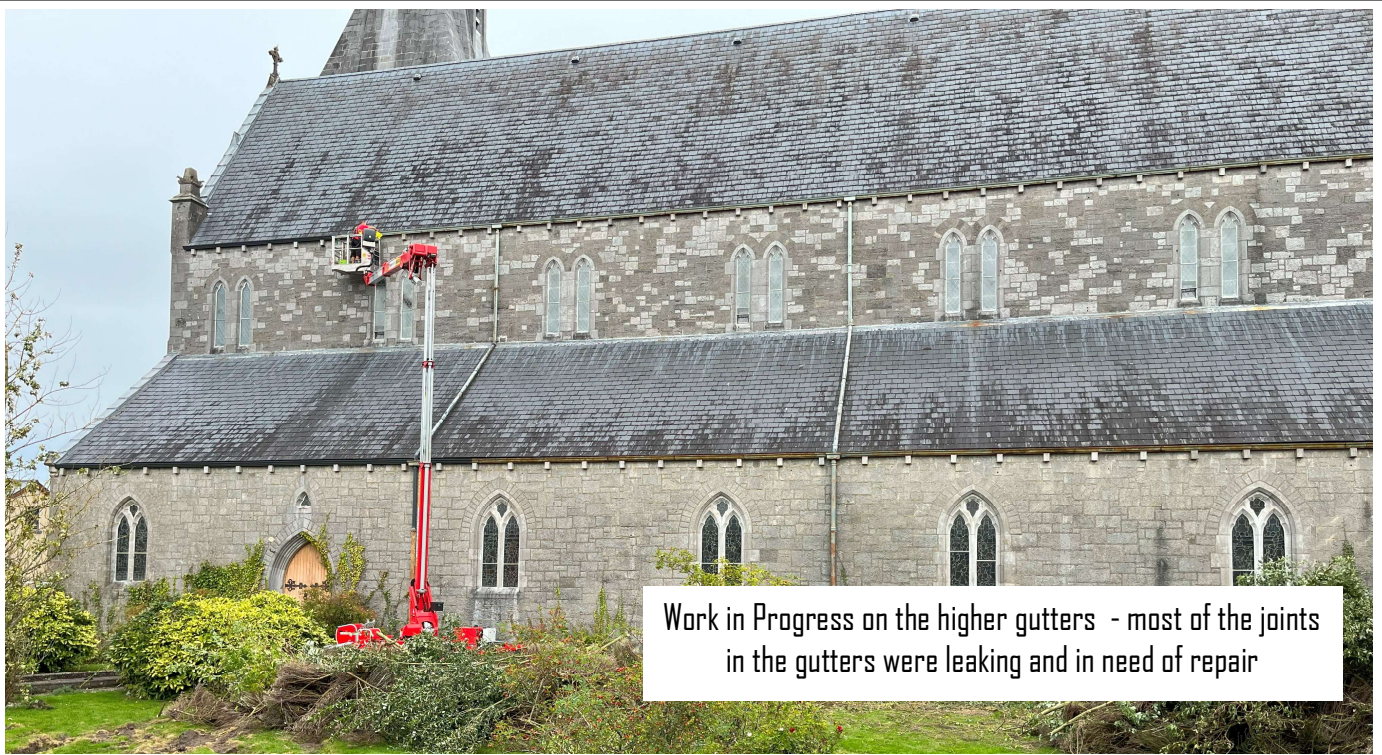




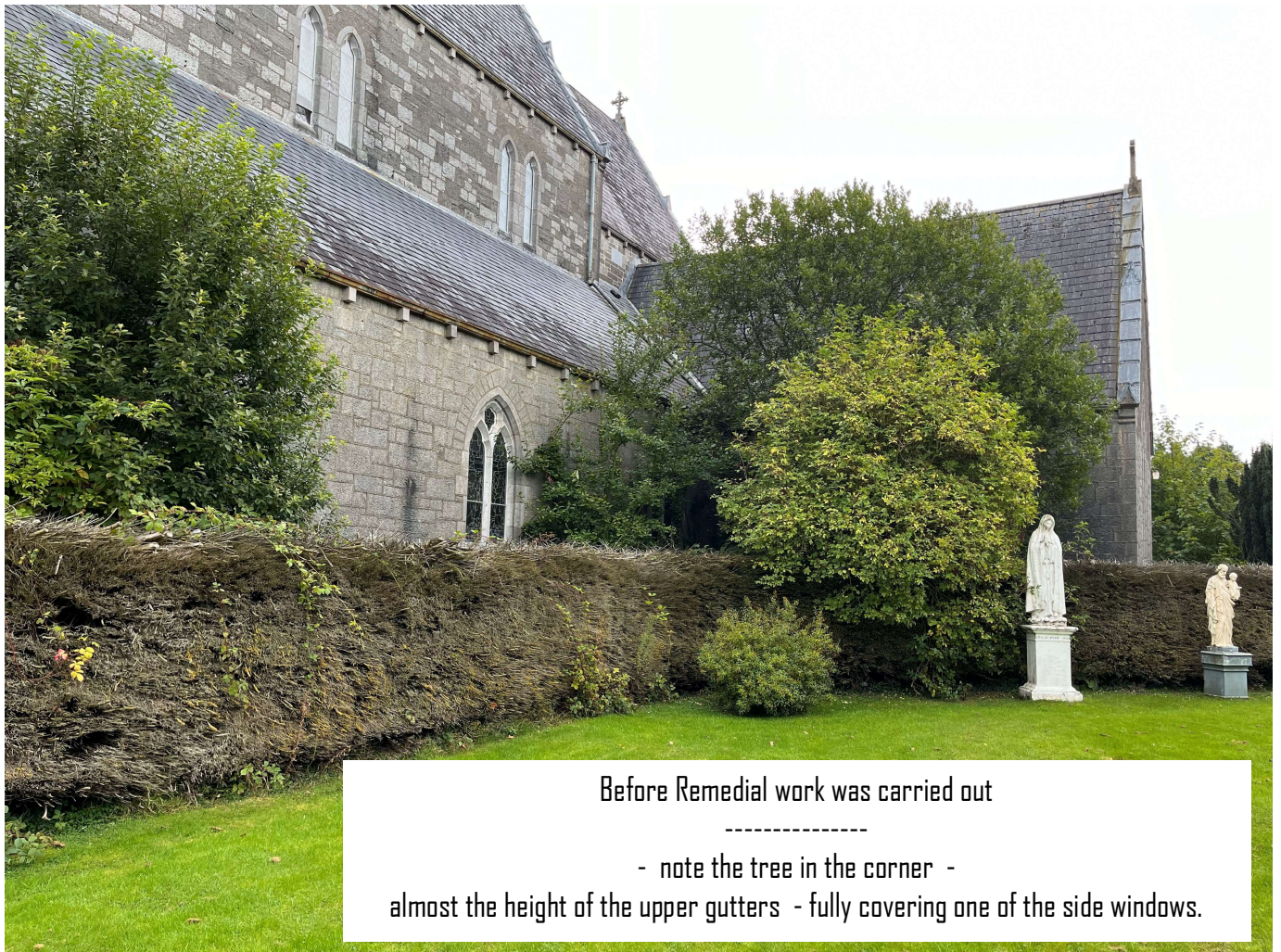
Repair work and paint work being carried out on the higher gutters and downpipes.

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





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

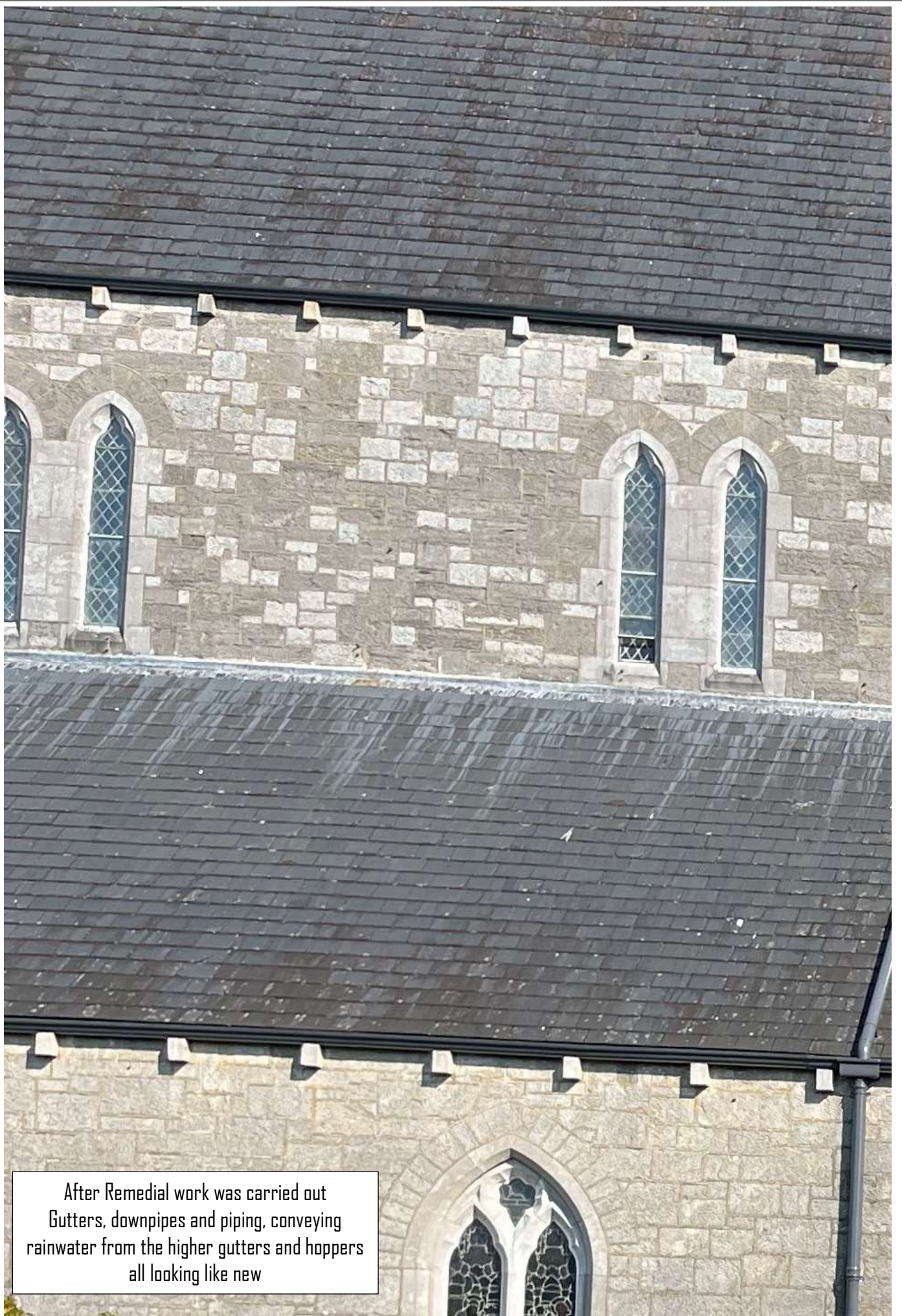


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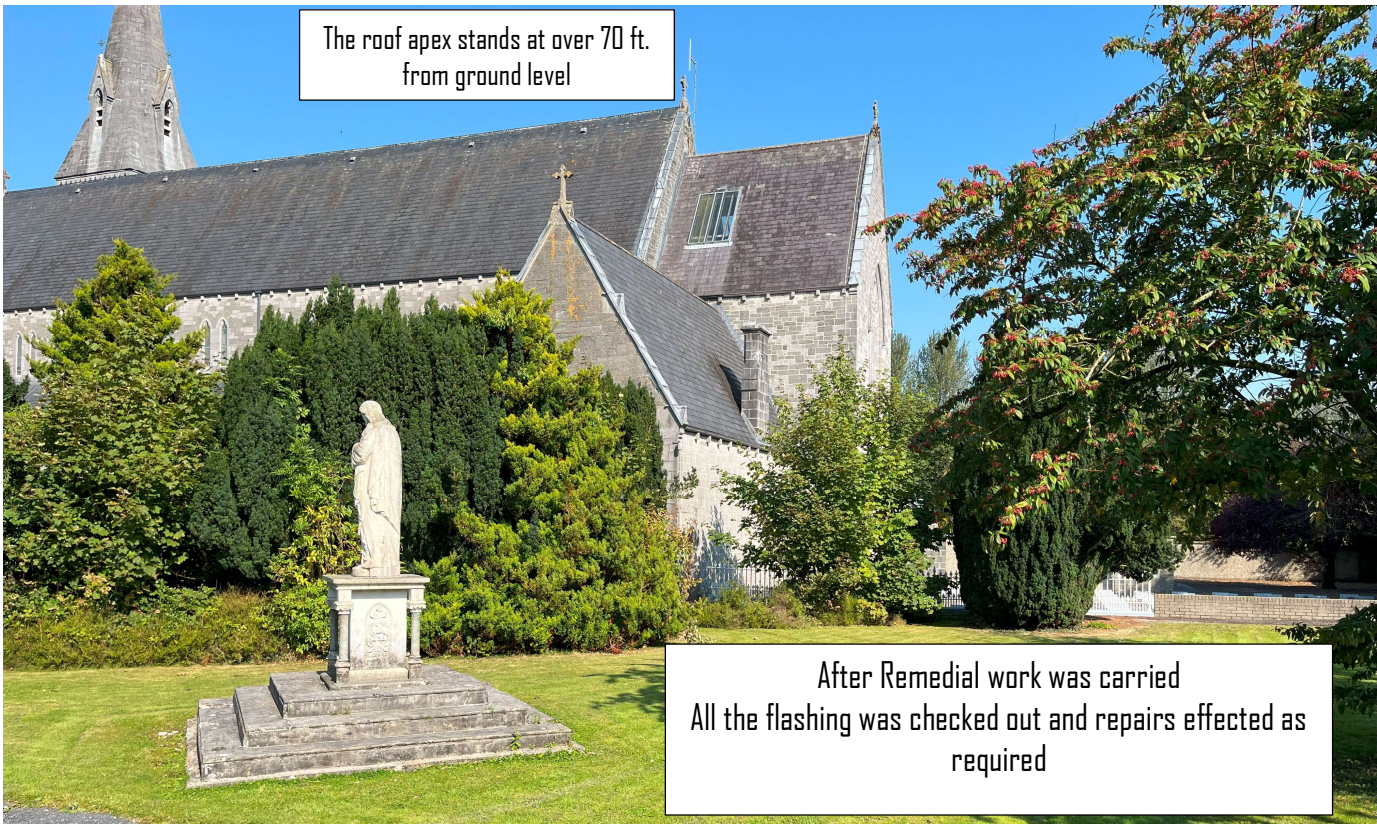
- note the tree in the corner -
almost the height of the upper gutters - fully covering one of the side windows.

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





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



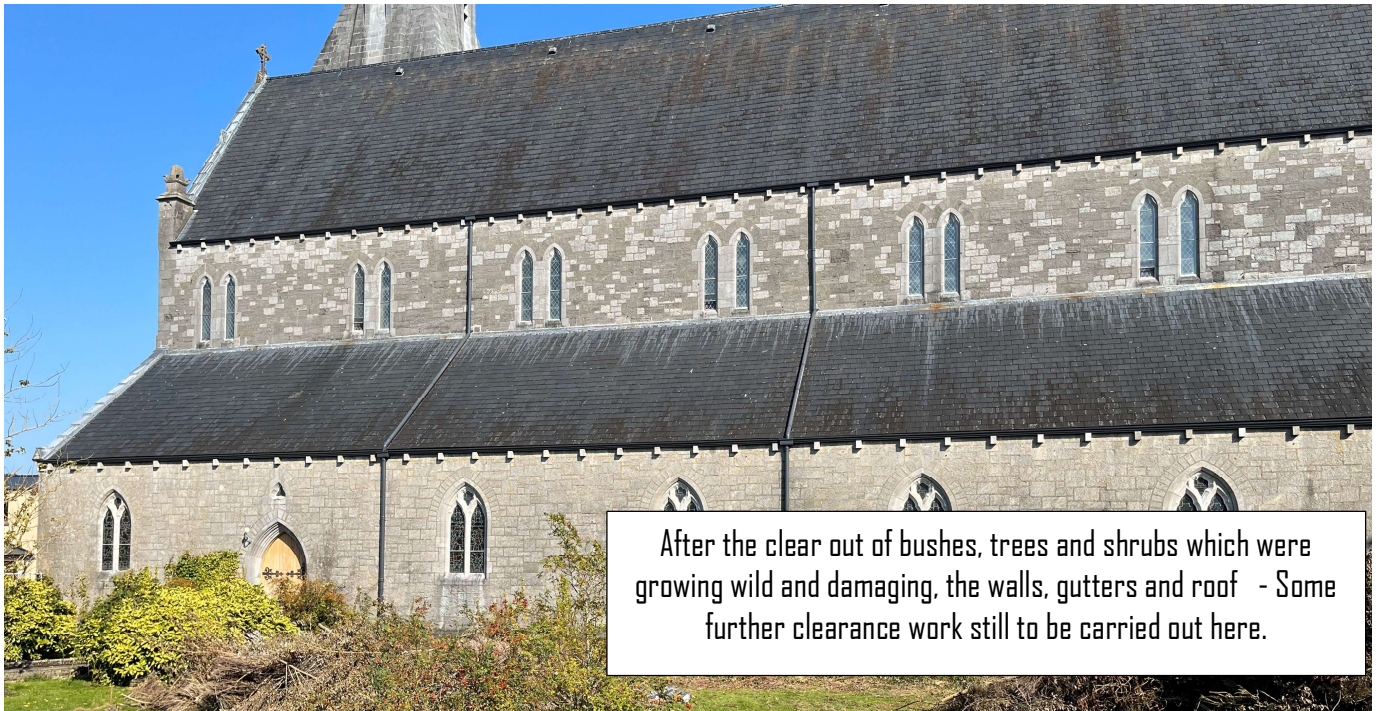
The roof apex stands at over 70 ft. from ground level

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

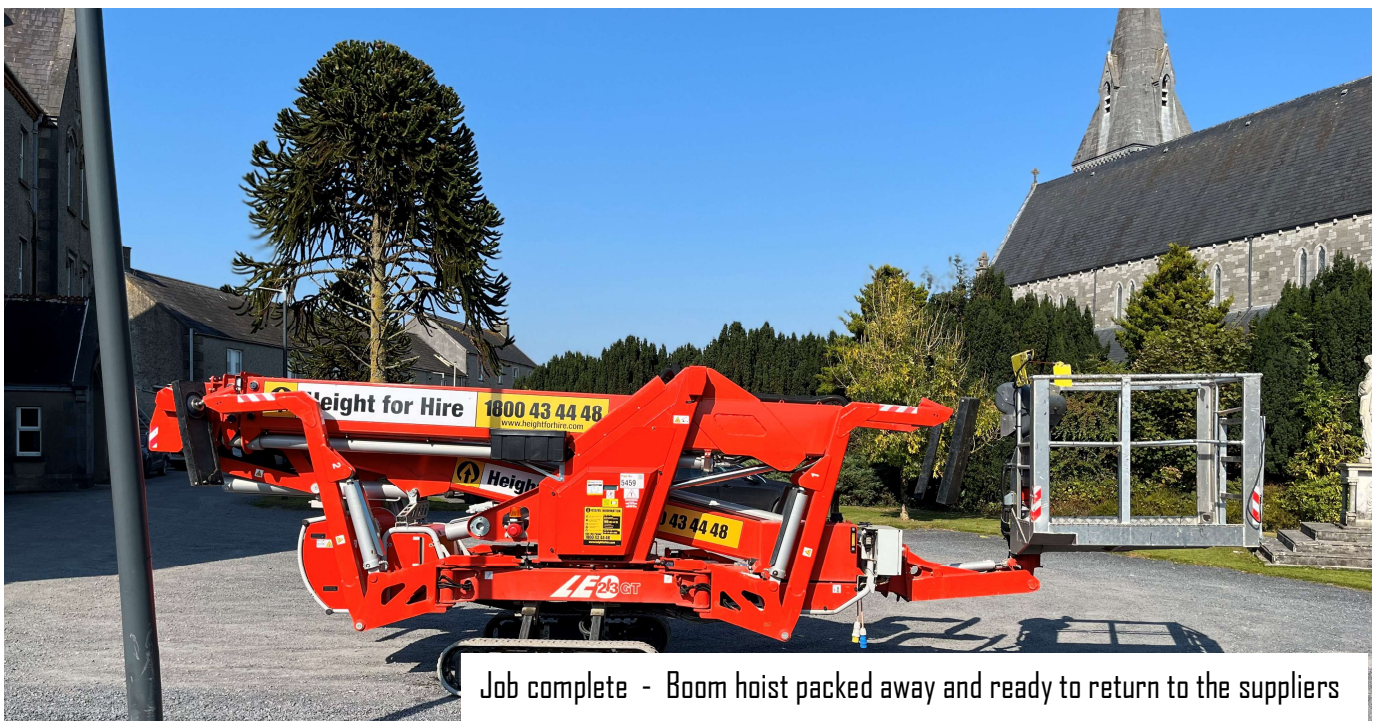


After Remedial work was carried out





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



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

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

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

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