

# Mountrath Ballyfin

## Online Newsletter

20th - 21st September 2025

### Relics of Carlo Acutis and Padre Pio

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin ( R32 TD61)

Mon. 22nd Sept ( Vigil of Padre Pio Feast Day) after the Prayers  
for Priests- Divine Mercy & Rosaries  
before the Blessed Sacrament) 7-9pm.

Veneration directly after the prayers finish.

All most welcome!

*Sts. Padre Pio and Carlo Acutis, Pray for us*

# Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Name of Parish App.

*Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*



## Mary Phelan (Nee Hickey) Shannon Rd., R.I.P.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully following a short illness at Naas General Hosp., on Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mary's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Declan and Ann Marie and their families, grandchildren Ava, Michael, Tom, Aisling, Fiadh, brother P.J. (Hickey), nieces, nephews and families, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends. Many people have fond memories of Mary from her time in Telford's as sales assistant in years gone by. Mary was always willing to help a customer with a generous spirit, a kind word and a pleasant smile.

## Jack Conroy, Drim, R.I.P.

We pray for Jack who died peacefully after a short illness on Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. Jack's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to John, Kevin and James, Yvonne, Annette and Lisa and their families and their mother Ann, grandchildren Amy, Eóghan, Logan and William, brothers Jimmy and Fint, sisters Kathleen and Marian, nephews, nieces and their families, extended family, relatives and friends.

Maria Alberta (Mary) Brophy

(née McCormack) R.I.P.

Portlaoise, Mountrath, West Yorkshire

We pray for Mary who died peacefully at her home in Yorkshire on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mary's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. followed by burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portlaoise. We extend sympathy to Marie, Philomena, Catherine, Pauline, William, Bridget, Paul, Marion, Daniel and Anthony and their families, grandchildren and great grandchildren, relatives and her friends in Portlaoise, Mountrath and West Yorkshire.

*May Mary, Jack and Maria (Mary) rest in the peace of Christ.*

# Parish Sacramental Programme

2025 – 2026 Ballyfin Parish

The Sacrament dates for 2026 have now been finalised –

**First Holy Communion** 10.00 am Mass on Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Ceremony of Confirmation**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May commencing at 2.30 pm (Ballyfin Church)

Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty

**First Penance for First Holy Communion children**

Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> April, at 11.30am

The Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) for Confirmation Candidates

Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm (Ballyfin Church)

They all feel a long way off now, but the time will fly! A more immediate-

ly relevant date for First Holy Communion candidates is 10.00 am

Sunday Mass on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. which will be their enrolment Mass.

## 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

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Account number - 7274 7250

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BIC. - BOFIE2D

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your own name as the reference.**



# Camross Comhaltas Registration

Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

6pm-8pm in Camross Hall



Teaching a wide range of traditional instruments, as well as guitar.



## Registartion Fees:

€6 per child  
€12 per adult  
€20 per family



Sign up for lessons on the night.

Music classes resume on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, in Camross Hall.

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# Why Sunday Matters

Letter from the  
Irish Bishops  
Conference



IRISH CATHOLIC  
BISHOPS' CONFERENCE  
SÉIMHÍOCHT AGAS BATHLEACHA EIREANN

# Why Sunday Matters

**A**s we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope, we, the Irish Bishops, warmly invite all Catholics to reflect on the immense significance of Sunday Mass and, for those who have not yet done so, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist.

Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we



Sunday Mass, St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow

gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual, it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.

How can you enrich  
your experience of Mass  
and make it a central  
part of your life?

How can young  
people best engage  
in our Sunday  
celebration?

Our invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass is presented through the lens of Synodality – Communion, Participation, and Mission – reminding us that the Eucharist is not just a personal encounter with Christ but also a communal experience that unites us all as the People of God. For deeper reflection, we have also provided thoughtful questions at the end of this message to guide your prayers and meditations.



# Why Sunday Matters: Sunday Mass creates and celebrates **Communion**

What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in the Mass?  
What could it mean?



Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (*John 14:6*). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and communion with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (*Luke 24:35*), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.

## Why Sunday Matters: an invitation to **Participate**

The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to **participate** in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith.

How can the scriptures proclaimed at Mass inspire us to love as Jesus loved?





Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God's word and receive the Body of Christ. We invite you to consider how your presence at Mass can contribute to making the Church visible and alive.



Sunday Mass at Mount St. Alphonsus Church, Umark

We are deeply thankful to priests and all those who gather to celebrate Mass. Special gratitude goes to those involved in liturgical ministries, such as Ministers of the Word, of Holy Communion, Music Ministers, Sacristans, and Altar Servers. Encouraging the return of young people as Altar Servers is especially important and should be actively supported by their families and parish. The involvement of young people brings vitality to the liturgy and contributes hugely to their own faith formation.

## Why Sunday Matters: Sunday Mass makes us Missionaries

The Sunday Mass is not only a time for worship but also for mission. Having listened to God's word and received the gift of Christ's Body and Blood, we are sent to live out our faith in the world as missionaries; sent to share the love of Christ with others. As we participate in the Sunday Mass, we receive not only spiritual nourishment but also the strength to live out our Christian mission in daily life.

How does your participation in Sunday Mass inspire you to live out your mission as a follower of Christ?

As the late Pope Francis reminded us, 'We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from Him. In this spirit, we are called to approach the Eucharist not out of obligation, but with a deep desire for spiritual transformation.' This is why attending Mass on Sundays is so vital – it nurtures and nourishes our faith and prepares us for the mission to which we are called. We invite you to reflect on how your participation in Sunday Mass helps you to live as a missionary disciple, bringing the hope and joy of the Gospel to those around you, and to the world at large.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, many Catholics have faced challenges attending Mass due to health concerns. For those still unable to attend, the Church offers Communion to the sick and housebound. For those who can, it's time to return and celebrate the Eucharist together. While virtual options have helped, they can't replace the in-person experience of communal worship. Returning to Mass strengthens us as the Body of Christ, sharing in the sacred celebration.



# Reflecting on our Sunday Mass

The purpose of this message is to encourage you to reflect on what is special about Sunday and what it means to you, and, if you no longer attend, to consider returning to Mass. How can you enrich your experience of Mass and make it a central part of your life?

We invite individuals, families, and parish groups to reflect on the following questions and to consider how you can contribute to a more vibrant and welcoming celebration of Sunday Mass in your community.



Easter Sunday Mass in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin 2025

## Questions for personal and/or family reflection

- How can I enrich my experience of Mass and make it a central part of my life?
- Is this message calling me to any change in how I spend my Sunday?
- How can I best engage more young people in our celebration?
- Who can I share this message and its contents with?

## Questions for Parish Leadership, Liturgy Groups, Parish Pastoral Councils and other Ministry Groups

- What makes our Sunday celebration alive?
- Why do we think people in our parish go to Mass, or do not?
- Can we do more to explain and offer catechesis on the Sunday Mass?
- Do visitors feel welcome into our celebrations? Can we be more social?
- How can we be more welcoming to those who have found it difficult to return to Mass since the pandemic?
- What can we do in our local parish to help bring about a richer celebration of Sunday Mass for all ages?
- What has been the impact of online Masses on our parish celebration?
- Do we need to review Mass times or the number of weekend Masses?



For more information or to download a copy of this document please visit [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie) or please email [info@catholicbishops.ie](mailto:info@catholicbishops.ie)

Why Sunday Matters

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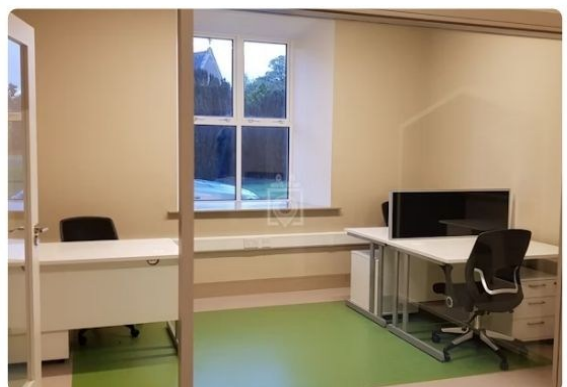
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Jubilee year  
Pilgrims of Hope





# 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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



# Note from Gaelscoil Thromaire

We are holding an Open Hour for Parents and children who are starting school in Sept. 2026

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 1.30 to 2.30.



# Give Blood – Give Life

Blood Clinic will be in St. Fintan's Hall,

Mountrath

on

Tues. next, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

from 4pm to 8pm.

# Jubilee of Youth in Rome, July 29<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> '25.

If you would like to be leader, please let me know as soon as possible, as places are very limited.

Please let me know your name,  
contact number and email address.

(Fr. Joe)



# Breast Cancer Awareness

1st – 31st. Oct

If you would like further information,

you are invited to log onto

[www.breastcancerireland.com](http://www.breastcancerireland.com)



Cúl Camps 2025 is approaching fast and we are looking for your help in promoting the camps for the kids in your school, community and local GAA club. Can I ask all school admins to pop the following notice via Aladdin for the attention of the parents of your kids.

Registration for the 2025 Laois GAA Cúl Camps are now open:

Register for your local camp here:



# BALLYFIN

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booking/?  
county=Laois&venue=&week=](https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/booking/?county=Laois&venue=&week=)

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> July - Fri 11<sup>th</sup> July

Dean Malone [dean.malone.gdc.laois@gaa.ie](mailto:dean.malone.gdc.laois@gaa.ie)

# 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

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

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



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

## **NO ONE SHOULD CARE ALONE.**

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

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for your very generous support of

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# Get Well Wishes

We keep and hold in our Thoughts and Prayers,

People, their families and carers,

who are ill or unwell, at home,

in Hospital or Nursing Home

or undergoing any surgical or medical

procedures at this time.

We wish you a speedy recovery



# Bingo

every Monday night

In St. Fintan's Hall at 8pm.

Come along and bring a friend.!!



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# *Anniversary Masses*

*Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes*

Sat. 20th Sept.

To

Sun. 27th Sept.

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

# Ballyfin Anniversaries

## Anniversary and Mass Times

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. to Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8.00 pm Pat and Anne Dunne, Cappanrush  
and deceased members of Dunne and Madden Families

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 10.00 am 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

(Veneration of Sacred Relics - See note on Page )

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.00 am 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

### Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. 8.00 pm Billy Kirwan, Dublin, Formerly Ringstown

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



# Mountrath Anniversaries

## Mass Times Anniversaries

## Sat. 20th - Sun. 21st Sept.

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

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.00 pm Denise Delaney, Kiln Lane. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

Joe and Maureen Kirwan, Clonard.

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 9.00 am *The Hollow Ch.*

11.30 am Michael and Frances Keegan, Main St.,

Son, Pearse, Daughter Regina. Grandson Cathal.

Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 10.00 am

Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.00 am

Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 10.00 am

Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7.00 pm Rose Murphy, Patrick St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.

Maria O'Rourke, Kiln Lane. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9.00 am *The Hollow Church*

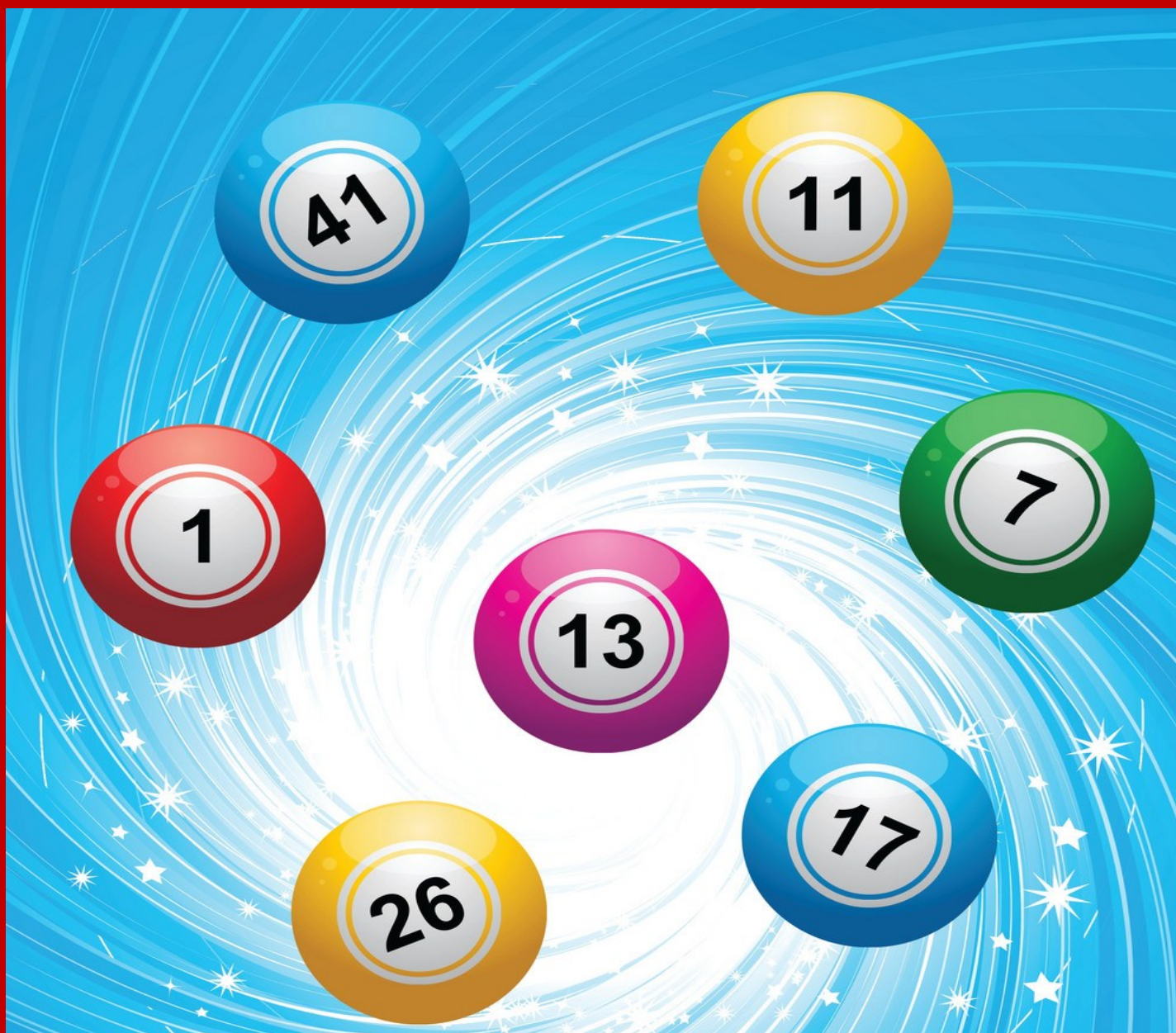
11.30 am 26<sup>th</sup> Sun. in Ord. Time.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Oct. 7.00 pm John Doheny, Portlaoise Rd.,

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

# Parish Lottos



# Ballyfin Parish Lotto,

Wed 17th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 1 10 21 29

No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 72 each

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Marie Connolly. Promoter Kathleen Dunne

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and generous support of  
Ballyfin Parish Lotto.*



# Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 18th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 1 9 17 29

No € 20,000 Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3 Winners rec. € 91 each

## 2 Local Winners

Kam O'Connor. Promoter Pacelli Walsh

Ruth Hipwell. Promoter, M. Farrell

## 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	€ 20,000
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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](http://www.kandle.ie).

## Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service

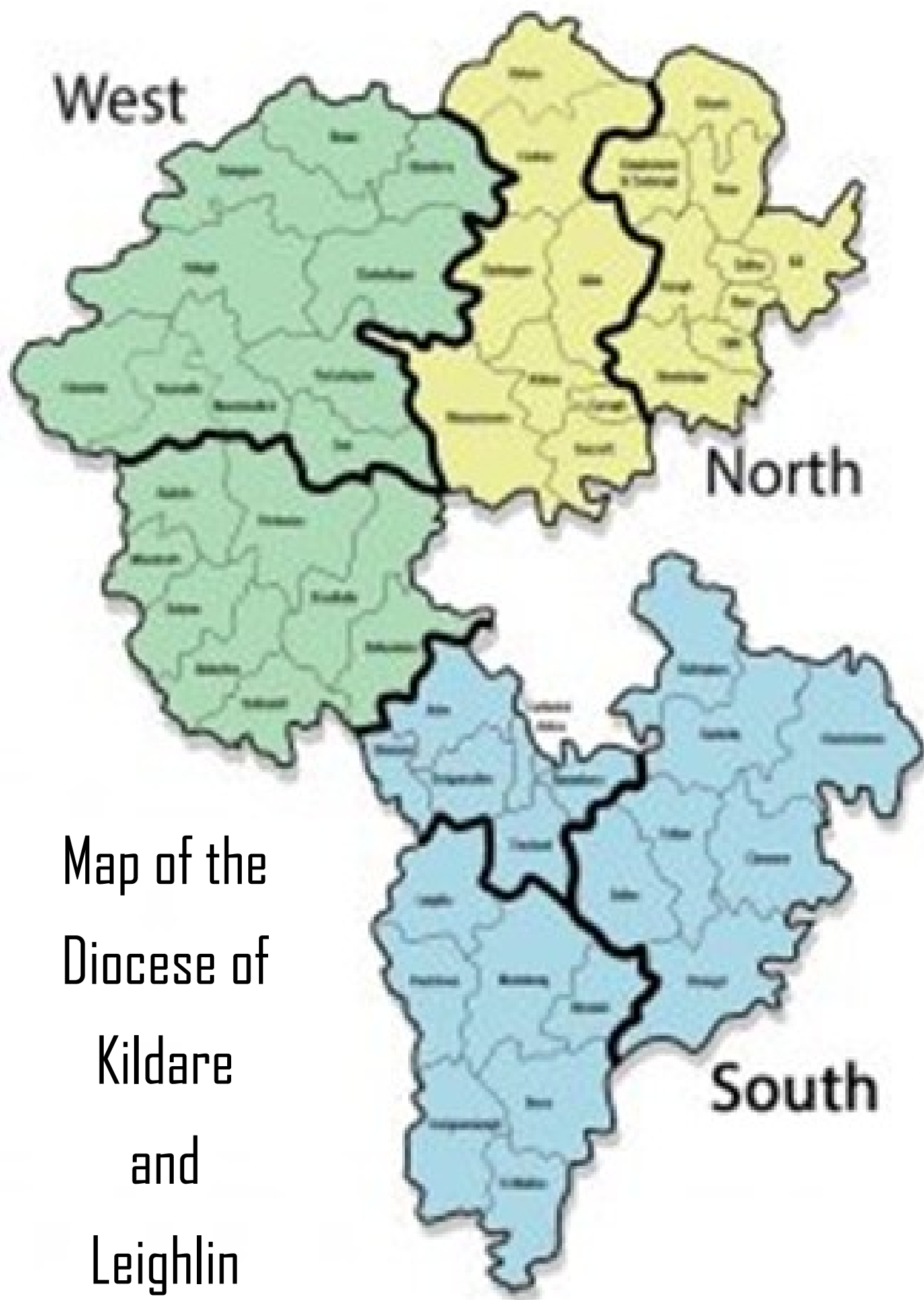
### Volunteer Drivers Needed

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](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).





**Graiguercullen Killeeshin 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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**



# MUSIC TEACHER WANTED

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!

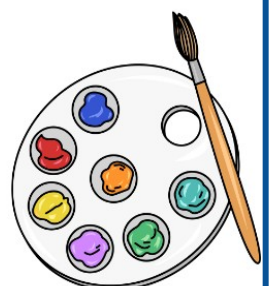


## BOOK CLUB

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

## ART CLASSES

Embark on your creative journey  
—art classes starting soon!





# BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

Everything worth knowing  
— all in one place.....



[www.bloomhq.ie](http://www.bloomhq.ie)



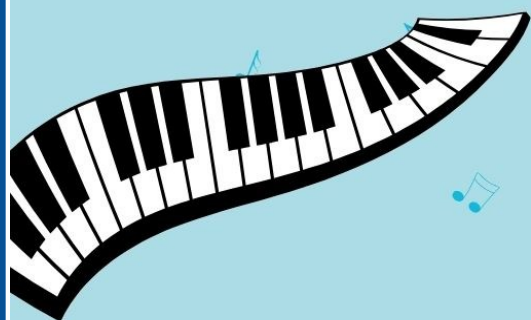


# Piano Lessons now Available!



All levels welcome – beginner to advanced!

-  Highly qualified teacher & choral conductor
-  Over 30 years' experience in piano & music education
-  Lessons for all ages – kids & adults
-  Director of children's choirs in
- Ukraine & Ireland
-  BloomHQ, Mountrath



for more details>>



 Free first meeting – come meet the teacher!

 **Book now – Call Lana: 087 3347112**



# Looking for an office space to rent in Laois?



**CONTACT 089 2722885 or**

**[manager@bloomhq.ie](mailto:manager@bloomhq.ie)**

**Visit our website [www.bloomhq.ie](http://www.bloomhq.ie)**

# UNISLIM

## *Join Today!*

### Bloom Hq

### Wednesdays 7-8pm

### Class Talk 8pm

New members  
always welcome!

9 stone  
weight  
loss



**Mairead McCaul**  
Unislim Member

**Join Unislim for €25**

**Pay €12 weekly fee thereafter**

For more info visit [unislim.com](https://www.unislim.com)



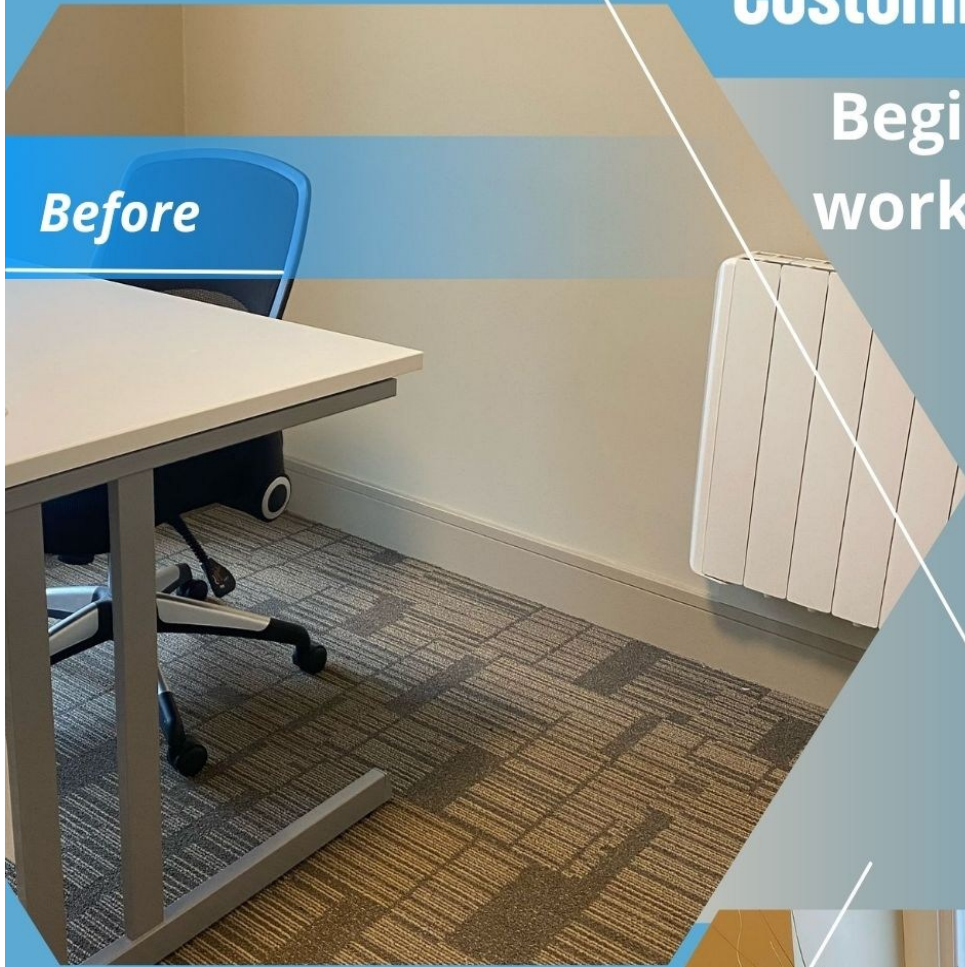
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**Customize your space!**

**Begin your remote  
work journey today**

*Before*



*Contact US!*

**089 2722885**

**manager@bloomhq.ie**

**www.bloomhq.ie**

*After*







**Dive into your  
remote work  
with every thing  
you need on  
hand**

# **Hot desks at BloomHQ**



**Contact:  
manager@bloomhq.ie**



**For just €20 a day**



# ***BOWLS***

**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! 🌟

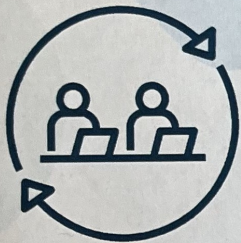
**New timetable each month**






BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

# SPACES TO RENT



 **HOT DESKS – JUST €20/DAY!**

**JUMP IN, PLUG IN, AND GET TO WORK** ⚡

**POWER SOCKETS & GREAT LIGHTING** 🔌💡

**CLEAN, MODERN, AND READY TO GO** 🧼✨

**NO COMMITMENT – JUST SHOW UP AND WORK!** 🚀







BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

# SPACES TO RENT



## Private Offices Available



- Flexible leases — short or long-term 
- Choose from private or shared office space 
- Clean, spacious, and modern ✨
- Ideal for individuals or small teams 
- Quiet, professional environment 





# **CONFERENCE ROOMS**

**From just €55**

**Seating 2-20**

**Ideal for company meetings,  
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](http://www.roadcraft.ie)

[www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie](https://www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie)





# Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on  
Patrick Street**



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

**Contact 0857053855**



**Kindling for sale.  
Call in to purchase  
on times above**



# ***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*

## 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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# Mountrath Parish

## 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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