

# Mountrath Ballyfin

## Online Newsletter

14<sup>th</sup> April 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Over 80 pages  
of the best of whats on  
in Mountrath Ballyfin  
Parishes (and beyond)*

### Celebration of Sacrament of Confirmation

Bishop Denis will lead us in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with our girls and boys of Scoil Bhride , St. Fintan's Boys School, Gaelscoil Thromaire and Clonenagh N.S. on Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April -- Commencing (In Mountrath Church) at 11.00 am

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Bishop Denis will lead us in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation with our girls and boys of Ballyfin National School and Barnashrone National School  
on Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April  
Commencing (In Ballyfin Church) at 2.30 am

# Barnashrone NS Golf Classic

*Friday 17th May  
Portarlinton Golf Club  
Tee times from 9am*



**Team of 4 - €300**

**-Includes golf, lunch and a chance to win  
some lovely golfing gear**

**Special Prize on the day - Dinner for 2 in  
Ballyfin House with horse and carriage  
tour of the grounds**

**Contact Aileen @ (087)9896923 via  
Whatsapp to book in!**





**The Class of 1990  
Restoration Project**

# **TABLE QUIZ**

**ST. PHILOMENA'S HALL  
MOUNTRATH**

**THURSDAY 2ND MAY @8PM**  
**( DOORS OPEN 7.15PM)**

**TABLE OF FOUR €40**

**Quiz  
time**

**TROPHIES AND CASH PRIZES TO BE WON !!**

**MONSTER RAFFLE !!**

**PRIZES GALORE !!**

**Book Now on Eventbrite and  
on [1990restproject@gmail.com](mailto:1990restproject@gmail.com)**

# Ballyfin N.S. Parents' Council

Raffle on 14th of April after 10am Mass

With cake sale , tea and coffee in school hall

Prizes up for grabs in the Ballyfin NS Spring Raffle include -

\*Dinner for two in Ballyfin Demesne\*



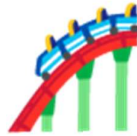
\*Afternoon tea in Cashel Palace\*



\*Dublin Zoo Voucher\*



\*Emerald Park Voucher\*

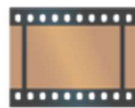


Draw This Sunday



\*Lots of great shopping vouchers\*

\*Cinema voucher\*



and much more!!

Visit [www.idonate.ie/raffle/ballyfinnsspringraffle](http://www.idonate.ie/raffle/ballyfinnsspringraffle) to get your

tickets.





# Adult Yoga

## Free Introductory Beginners Class

in Ballyfin Hall (Committee Room)

7 - 8pm Wed. 17th April. more information from Aisling on

0894122157

6-week Adult Course to follow - depending on interest



# Collection for the support of the Priests of the Parish

Easter Collection for the support of the priests of the Parish takes place over the Easter period. Envelopes at the Church porches for people not using an Envelope Box.

The Charity No. 20206307 is one of four collections that take place during the year for the support of the priests of the Parish.

*Fr. P.J. and myself take this opportunity to wish you a Happy and Holy Easter.*

*Fr. P.J. Fr. Joe*

*other ways to contribute to the support of the priests of the Parish*

**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.**

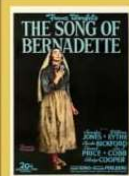
# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 14<sup>th</sup> April '24

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Chy. No. 20206307

Have you got your **GOLDEN TICKET?**



**Cinema Night**

in aid of

**RADIO MARIA**

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Date: Tuesday 16th April

Venue: Balcony Cinema Mountmellick

Eircode: R23WP68

Time: 8:15 pm

Cost: €10

Doors open at 8:00pm

Limited places - Booking only with Antoinette on 0860803047

(9:15am-1:30pm & 7:00pm-9:00pm)

## March for Life

Bank Holiday Monday

6<sup>th</sup> May - 2.00 pm

Marching in Dublin

From Stephen's Green

To Leinster House

## *A Word of Thanks . . . . .*

To all involved in our Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies this year, a very special "Thank You". to all involved and indeed committed to our various Liturgy Ministries, Reader of the Word - Ministers of Holy Communion - Sacristans - Organists, musicians and Choirs - Imelda, who prepares the flowers for us in both Parishes, Ministries organisers, collectors and counters. To all who prepared our churches for the Ceremonies, and to all who contributed in any way to the experience of Holy Week we express a heartfelt word of appreciation. Our hope is that for you who were involved in and part of, our Easter Ceremonies that they were for you, prayerful and meaningful. Please God, in spite of everything that comes our way and in spite of everything that life throws at us, we will always be an Easter People, A Hope Filled people, inspired by the Risen Lord.

*Fr. P.J. - Fr. Joe*

## Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme

Grant aided personal 24/7 personal monitored alarms help people aged 65 and over to live securely in their homes with peace of mind. If you know a family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin or Laois area who may qualify please contact Sheila on 086 1570145 for information/application form.



## 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

### Class of 1990 Table Quiz.

"Bridigine Class of '90" host Table Quiz in the St. Philomena's Hall 's on Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
Table of 4 € 40.00 - Comm. at 8.00 pm.

The class of '90 appreciate your generous support of this event.

Book on Eventbrite and on [1990restproject@gmail.com](mailto:1990restproject@gmail.com)

**This Sunday**

## **Ballyfin Vintage and Veteran Club, Auto-Jumble**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. April 2024, from 8:00am.

Community Hall, Ballyfin, County Laois.

Strictly vintage, veteran & artisanal related stalls & traders.

Pre-registration and approval for stalls required.

Proceeds in support of local charities

For queries or information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club,  
please message, text or call 0863101822.

## **Accord**

Accord CLG are seeking applications for the post of Specialist Couple Therapist. Closing date is 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. See our online Newsletter for more details

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*

## **Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection for Deacons,**

### **Candidates and their Families**

The third annual Day of Prayer and Reflection for Deacons, Candidates and their Families will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 at Knock Shrine. This is a great opportunity for Deacons and Candidates to come together and help to promote the ministry of diaconate at a national level. A detailed schedule for the day will issue over the coming weeks once guest speakers have been confirmed.

All are most welcome to attend.

Ceremony of Confirmation Fri. 26h April

Ceremony in Mountrath Church 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Church 2.30 pm

Bishop Denis will lead us in both Ceremonies

1st Holy Communion Days

Sun. 19th May 2.00 pm Sun. 26th May 2.00 pm

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024.

We Hold and Keep 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

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# 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

## A Day for Choirs, Musicians & Cantors

A Day for Choirs, Musicians and Cantors at the Dominican College

Newbridge Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 10.00 am to 7.00 pm.

The day is presented by a Dominican Friar from Ireland and

Poland, an Australian soprano and liturgical music expert.

Content: New liturgical music from Poland, good liturgical practice, filling gaps in your repertoire, launch of a new hymnal, record music for Irish Dominican's 800 years in Ireland.

Cost is €32.00 including a three-course lunch.

## Mass in Portuguese

The Brazilian Catholic Community in Laois invites you and your family to join them for Mass in Portuguese on Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> April in St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Portlaoise at 7.30 pm. All are most welcome.

# Ballyfin Anniversaries

## Mass Times Anniversaries Sat 13<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Apr

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> April 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. 8.00 pm

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. 10.00 am

Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> April 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> April 8.00 pm Johnny Downey, Clondarrig. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

And deceased members of Downey Family

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> April 10.00 am Timothy and Mary Kate Heffernan, Brockera

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

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



Photo of some of the Junior Infants artwork this week has a cheering thought- we certainly should have plenty of flowers in May given the amount of showers in April! (Quote of Brigid Bennett - Principal, Ballyfin School)

# Mountrath Anniversaries

## Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Apr

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm Michael Dunne, Clonard. (And Stradbally) M. M.  
Helena (Lena) McEvoy, Trumera. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
Andy O'Connor, Dysartbeigh 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Anthony Tobin, Woodbrook. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> April 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#) Patricia O'Leary, The Oak  
11.30 am Maura and Micheál Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.,  
Matthew and Margaret Harrington, Trumera and deceased family members  
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Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am

Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am

Thur 18<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am James (Jim) Wall, Woodbrook. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Frances Phelan, Kiln Lane. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm Nora Phelan, Coldblow. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
Maura and Frank Byrne, Patrick St., and their daughter, Paula Byrne.  
Margaret Taylor, Annie Wilson, Norah Dunne and Margaret Clarke, Moanbaun.

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> April 9.00 am - [The Hollow Ch.](#) Fr. Louis Lambe. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.  
11.30 am Josephine (Mary Jo) Grehan (Nee Higginbotham) Derrylusk. Month's Mind

## John Dollard (Formerly Forest) R.I.P.

We pray for John Dollard, Halifax, West Yorkshire (formerly Forest) who died peacefully at his home on Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> April. We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers the Dollard and Kelly families and all John's family at this difficult time.

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

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> April 7.00 pm Liam Doyle, Shannon Rd.,  
(Also) his father Tom and brother, Liam

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



# "Do This in Memory" Programme

6. Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. . Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

7. Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May Mountrath Church 7.00 pm

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

## Dates for Celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

With Children of all Mountrath Schools -- Note Change of Date

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church. 2.00 pm

With Children of Barnashrone National School

## Mountrath Parish Lotto

11<sup>th</sup> Apr.

*Nos. Drawn 5 17 18 24*

*1 Jackpot Winner (Portlaoise Parish)*

17 Match 3 - Rec. € 57 each - 3 Local Winners



Michael Hosey Promoter, Pam Killeen

James Dunne. Promoter, Rita Holland

Barry and Nicola Phelan, Promoter, Bernie Phelan

New Jackpot €10,000

## Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> April

Nos. Drawn 10 15 25 28 No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 100 ea. 1 Local Winner

Michael Conroy - Promoter, Mary Finn

Next Week's Jackpot € 14,000

A very special thank you for your very generous support of  
and continued commitment to Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos



# Next Week's



Ballyfin € 14,000

Mountrath € 10,000



Laois Clean-up Week in Ballyfin



Picture courtesy of Sheila Dowling, Cavansheath.



# Barnashrone NS

## Golf Classic - Portarlinton Golf Club

Friday 17th May - Tee times from 9am

Team of 4 players -€300

(Includes golf, lunch and a chance to win some lovely golfing gear)

Contact Aileen via whatsapp to book in at (087) 9896923

Special Prize on the day

Dinner for 2 in Ballyfin House &

Horse and Carriage

Tour of the grounds



# Barnashrone NS Golf Classic

*Friday 17th May  
Portarlinton Golf Club*



**Are you a business owner who would like to sponsor a tee box for our Golf Classic?**

**Just €100 to get your business name on the golf course on the day!**

**Super publicity for a super cause!**

**Contact Aileen @ (087)9896923 via Whatsapp for more details.**





# COMMUNITY CONNECT FUND



A TOTAL OF **€100,000**  
TO LOCAL WORTHY CAUSES

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRI 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2024

Visit [www.stcanicescu.ie](http://www.stcanicescu.ie)



St. Canice's Kilkenny Credit Union Ltd. is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland.

## Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme

As darker evenings are upon us please be aware that grant aided personal 24/7 monitored alarms are available to people aged 65 and over. If you know a family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin or Laois area who may qualify please contact Sheila on 086 157 0145 for information or for application form

## Message from Safeguarding Office

### Reminder re. Inter-Parish Safeguarding Meetings

(Message from Ailish Higgins)

These meetings will involve a Q&A style session where people can discuss and get support with safeguarding practices in their local parish i.e. paperwork, risk assessments, youth participation etc and last approx. one hour.

I would greatly appreciate if you could get back to me ([safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)) with confirmation of your attendance, naming which venue suits you best, so that I can confirm numbers ahead of time. If you are unable to attend a meeting in your own pastoral area, please feel free to attend another meeting from the schedule.

Details of the remaining dates – times – venues below.

Thurs. 21st March 7.30pm – Cathedral Parish Centre, (Carlow)

Wed. 10th April 7.30pm – Killeigh Parochial House, Killeigh

Thurs. 18th April 7.30pm – Portlaoise Parish Centre,

Wed. 24th April 7.30pm – Leighlinbridge Parish Centre,

Thursday 25th April 7.30pm – Tullow Parish Centre,

## . Brigidine Past Pupils Lunch

Past Pupils of the Brigidine Convents of Abbeyleigh, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are invited to the Brigidine Past Pupils Lunch which takes place on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge at 12.45pm.

Cost €40 and booking to be made before Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Contact Sheila Kinane 087 224 944

or 045 867 124. Email: [sheilakinane@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakinane@gmail.com)

Please copy and like and share on Social Media to spread the word.

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## Mater Dei Education Spring Conference 2024

The Mater Dei Education Spring Conference 2024 takes place in the De La Salle Retreat Centre in Castletown, Co Laois on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Registration takes place at 10.30 am. The day will begin with Holy Mass at 11.00 am celebrated by Bishop Connell.

The conference is an opportunity for parents and teachers to hear inspiring speakers, listen and learn from other parents, and explore options in independent education, hybrid learning or home-schooling.

The afternoon will include a keynote talk from Fr. Conor McDonough O.P. on Catholic education in Penal Ireland and will conclude with a panel discussion at 3.00 pm.

The conference is an opportunity for parents and teachers to hear inspiring speakers, listen and learn from other parents, and explore options in independent education, hybrid learning or home-schooling.

Cost is €10.00, lunch provided on the day. Registration is online at: <https://materdeieducation.ie/>.

# . SeniorLine

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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.



# Classes 11th - 17th April



## Thursday 11th

7 pm Karate

8 pm Bowls

## Friday 12th

5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)

6.30 pm Kickboxing (8-12)

7.30 Kickboxing (13+)

## Saturday 13th

9 am Circuit Training

10 am BJJ (8-12)

11 am BJJ (13+)

12 am Pilates

## Monday 15th

7 pm Yoga

7 pm Karate

## Wednesday 17th

5pm Art & Craft

7-8 pm BJJ (8-12)

8-9 pm BJJ (13+)

Brigidine Convent,  
Patrick's St,  
Mountrath, R32 DC58



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**Saturdays 12-1 pm**  
**6 weeks starting 13th April**

**Last Few Places Left**



**€ 60 for 6 weeks**

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

Sabrina 087 646 7305

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





# DOMINICAN DAY

## FOR CHOIRS, CANTORS & MUSICIANS

Dominican College, Newbridge, Saturday 13 April 2024, 10.00am-7.00pm

€32 includes three-course lunch. Sing at Sunday Mass at 7.30pm

Book through [DominicanDayChoirs2024.eventbrite.com](https://DominicanDayChoirs2024.eventbrite.com)

10% discount for bookings before 17 March. Promo code 'Newbridge'

also: [fergus.ryan@dominicans.ie](mailto:fergus.ryan@dominicans.ie) | 086.35.85.407



Contemporary liturgical music from Poland for choirs and congregations

Filling gaps in your liturgical year repertoire with music, old and new

Congregational singing & building rapport with other ministers

In-depth review of music in the liturgy: practice and theory

\*Launch of a new hymnal & \*Record music for Irish Dominicans Jubilee 800



Fr Lukasz Miśko, OP  
Director of the Dominican Centre for  
Liturgy, Kraków.

[www.dlc.foundation](http://www.dlc.foundation)



Ms Grace Felton  
Australian-Maltese Soprano, founder  
of the Musica Sacra Project.

<https://www.gloria-del-musica-sacra-project.com/>



Fr Fergus Ryan, OP  
Lecturer at the Pontifical Liturgical  
Institute, Rome.

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





**Palestinian  
children and  
their families  
are starving.**

**They need our  
help right now.**



# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Donal Walsh



~ May 11<sup>th</sup> ~

- 10:00 Arrival in Basilica & Registration
- 10:30 Welcome – Fr Richard Gibbons - Elma Walsh
- 10:45 Explanation of Workshops and Ice Breakers
- 11:00 Aidan O'Mahony & Dr Lorna Gold – followed by Q&A
- 11:45 Choice of workshops
- In memory of Donal – Prayer Guidance Centre
  - Trócaire – Care for Our Earth (St Johns)
  - Music Generation – The HUB
  - The Prayer Cube – The HUB
  - Letters to God – The HUB
  - Story of Knock - The Apparition Chapel
  - Knock Museum
  - Fill Holy Water Bottles
- 1:30 Why do we go to Mass? – Fr. John Harris
- 2:00 Mass – Main celebrant Fr Leo Moloney SJ
- 3:00 Depart

\*Students are asked to bring a packed lunch and rain jackets/umbrellas



# CHEMISTRY, JC MATHS AND JC SCIENCE GRINDS

LOCATION: BLOOM HQ MOUNTRATH  
(R32 DT9F)

DATES: EVERY SATURDAY MORNING  
STARTING THE 13TH OF APRIL 2024

CONTACT: AISLING ON 087 7917268  
TO BOOK YOUR PLACE.

PLACES ARE LIMITED.



# March-April 2023

# TIMETABLE

PAYG  
and  
Members  
Always  
Welcome

\*These  
classes are  
not included  
in  
membership  
fee

## Monday

11 am Mature Movers  
7 pm Mixed Circuit Training  
7 pm Karate\*  
7 pm Yoga\*

## Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX  
11 am Bowls Inc.  
1.15 pm Lunchtime Hitt  
7.30 pm Zumba \*

## Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers  
5 pm Art & Craft \*  
7 pm Mixed Circuit Training  
7-8 pm BJJ (8-12)  
8-9 pm BJJ (13+)

## Thursday

10 am Beginner TRX  
11 am Activator Poles Inc.  
1.15 pm Lunchtime Hitt  
7 pm Karate\*  
8 pm Bowls\*

## Friday

5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)\*  
6.30 pm Kickboxing (8-12)\*  
7.30 pm Kickboxing (13+)\*

## Saturday

9 am Circuit Training  
10-11 am BJJ (8-12)  
11 am BJJ (13+)



**MOUNTRATH**  
Martial Arts & Fitness Academy



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# Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu/BJJ in Mountrath



Thinking about learning self-defence and the Art of Jiu-Jitsu? A sport that suits all ages from 8 years.

- \*mobility improvement
- \*improve full body strength
- \*better cardio
- \*helps weight loss
- \*improves flexibility

**Wednesdays**

*Kids 7-8 pm*

*Teens /Adults 8-9 pm*

**Saturdays**

*Kids 10- 11 am*

*Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm*

€5 per class for under 18's

€7 per class for Adults

or included in Monthly Membership

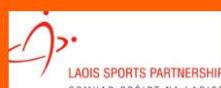
8 yrs- 18 €35 per month

Adults €45 per month



**Bring a Friend for Free in March**

contact Jamie 085 200 2497





# Zumba



**Tuesdays 7.30 pm**

**St Philomena's Hall, Bloomhq, Mountrath R32 DC58**

**Bookings [www.fitandjoy.ie](http://www.fitandjoy.ie)**

**for more information contact Joanna on 0894653938**





# Meeting Room

"Rachel's Room"

Brigidine Convent,  
Patrick Street,  
Mountrath

- Broadband Wifi
- Ample free parking
- Canteen

Contact  
[manager@bloomhq.ie](mailto:manager@bloomhq.ie)  
089 2722885





## Karate

Mondays & Thursdays 7 pm

€6 per class

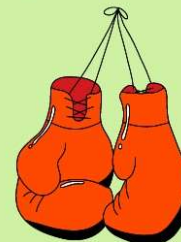
Sensei Donal: 087 760 7063

## Kickboxing

First trial class free

Fridays 7.30-8.30 pm €7

Shane: 086 339 9287



## Brazilian

## Jiu-jitsu\*

Wednesdays 8-9 pm & Saturdays 11-12 am

€ 35 per month or €5 per class

Jamie; 085 200 2497

## Violin



Thursdays 3.30 pm on.

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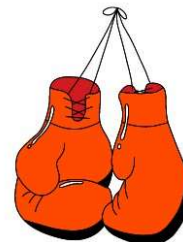
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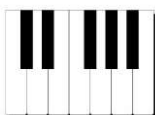


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**March-April 2023**

**TIMETABLE**

**PAYG  
and  
Members  
Always  
Welcome**

\*These  
classes are  
not included  
in  
membership  
fee

**Monday**

11 am Mature Movers  
7 pm Mixed Circuit Training  
7 pm Karate\*  
7 pm Yoga\*

**Tuesday**

10 am Beginner TRX  
11 am Bowls Inc.  
1.15 pm Lunchtime Hitt  
7.30 pm Zumba \*

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**MOUNTRATH**  
Martial Arts & Fitness Academy



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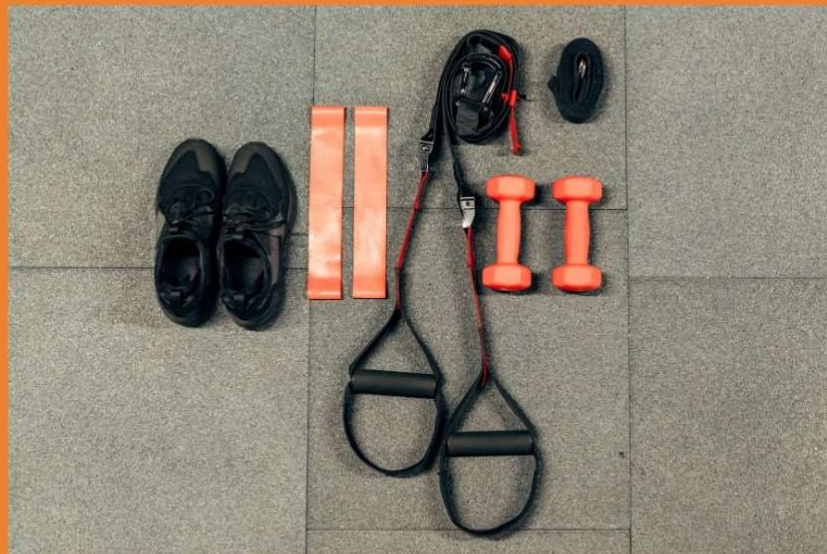


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# *Mature Movers*



Strength  
Flexibility **50 + gym classes**  
Balance

a bit of Endurance  
& Lots of Fun

**6 weeks starting Wed 6th March**

**Mondays & Wednesdays 11 am**

45 min classes in Mountrath

**€60 for 6 Weeks**

Contact Ruth 086 3262570







# Zumba



**Tuesdays 7.30 pm**

**St Philomena's Hall, Bloomhq, Mountrath R32 DC58**

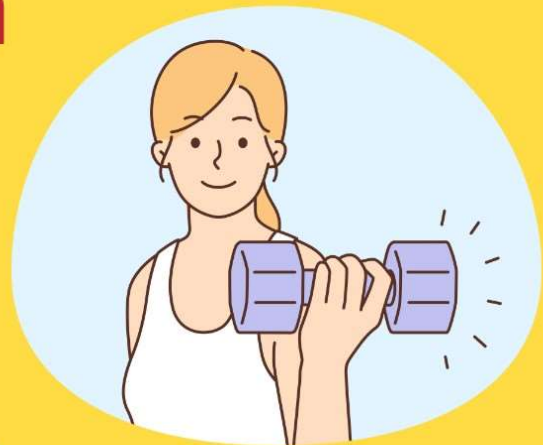
**Bookings [www.fitandjoy.ie](http://www.fitandjoy.ie)**

**for more information contact Joanna on 0894653938**

# Saturday Morning Circuit Training



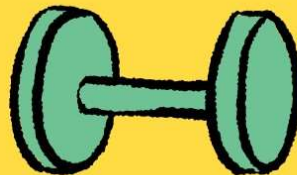
9-10 am



€ 7 PAYG

or

part of your monthly  
membership



contact 086 3262 570

**The Old Convent,  
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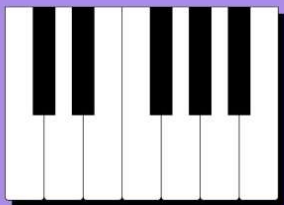


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8 yrs- 18 €35 per month  
Adults €45 per month

€5 per class for under 18's  
€7 per class for Adults  
or included in Monthly Membership

**Wednesdays**

Kids 7-8 pm

Teens /Adults 8-9 pm

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Kids 10- 11 am

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contact Jamie 085 200 2497







# 1 - 2 person offices for rent in our Social Enterprise centre in Mountrath



Contact 0892722885 [manager@bloomhq.ie](mailto:manager@bloomhq.ie)

# Arts & Craft Classes



## Second block of

### 6 week program

### starting 28th February

at the later time of

**Wednesdays 6-7 pm**



## 7-12 year olds

- \*life drawing
- \*painting
- \*clay
- \*print making
- \*textile art

## 6 weeks € 30 only 12 places



contact Rhiannon 089 211 5183

Brigidine Convent,  
Patrick St,  
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**Contact 089 272 2885  
or 057 930 0036**

**\*Soundproof rooms**

**\*From € 15 per hour**

**\*Perfect for music lessons, counselling or grinds**

**\*free easy car park**

**\*Waiting space**

Brigidine Convent,  
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# UNISLIM

## *Join Today!*

### Bloom Hq

### Wednesdays 7-8pm

### Class Talk 8pm

New members  
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9 stone  
weight  
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**Mairéad McCaul**  
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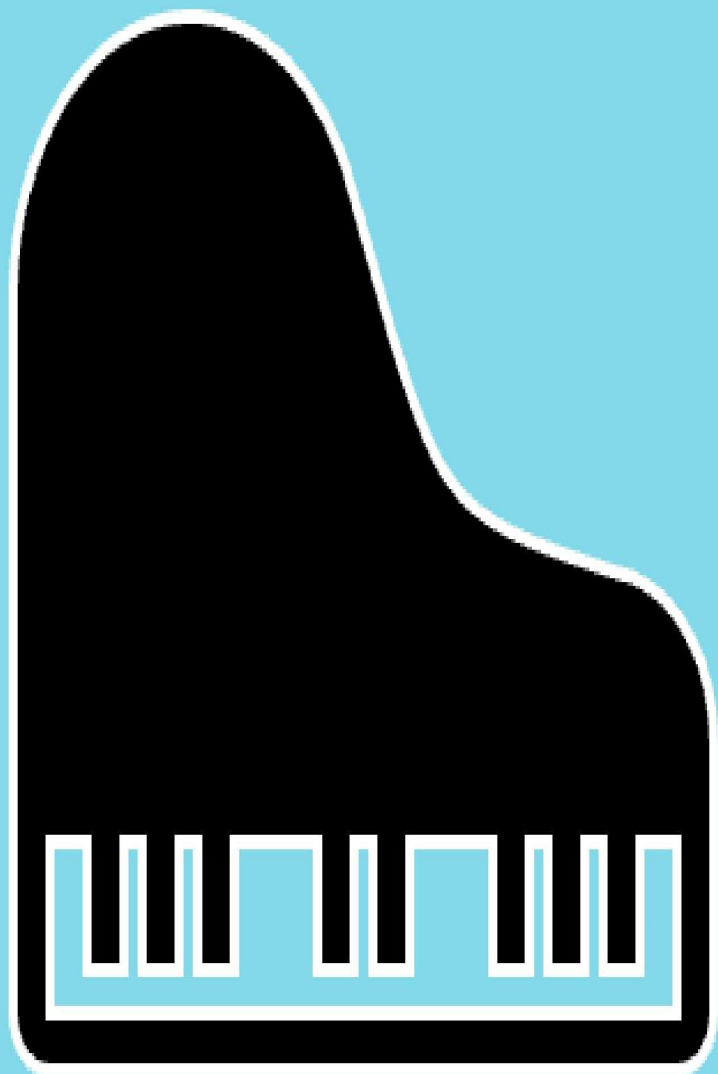
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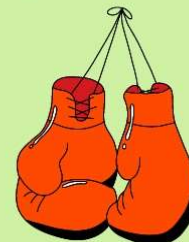
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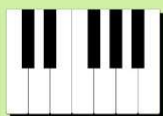
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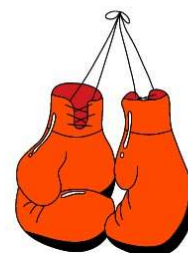
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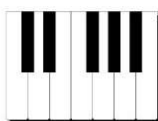


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**Currently**

**Thursdays to accommodate the School musical**

St. Philomena's Hall,  
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Contact Ruth 086 3262570





# 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)





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# Activities suitable for Senior Citizens in Mountrath

Mature Movers 50 +  
Mondays & Wednesdays 11 am



Bowls inclusive 11 am Tuesdays  
Bowls 8 pm Thursdays

Mountrath Men's Shed  
Tuesdays 10 am- 1 pm  
Thursdays 2 pm- 4 pm  
contact 085 705 3855



Activator Poles Inclusive  
Thursdays 11 am

contact Ruth 086 3262 570



# “MY WORLD”



## PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

by Mountrath & District Camera Club

Opening 7pm Friday 2nd February  
in the

**Gallery of Divine Inspiration**

Bloomhq, Mountrath

All Welcome

Photos will be on display for the month







**The Class of 1990  
Restoration Project**

# **TABLE QUIZ**

**ST. PHILOMENA'S HALL  
MOUNTRATH**

**THURSDAY 2ND MAY @8PM  
( DOORS OPEN 7PM )**

**TABLE OF FOUR €40**



**TROPHIES AND CASH PRIZES TO BE WON !!**

**MONSTER RAFFLE !!  
PRIZES GALORE !!**



**Book Now on Eventbrite and  
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by Irene Ramos

- Discover the joy of music and unlock your creativity
- Weekly individual and ensemble classes for all ages
- From 3-year-olds to adults
- Studio based Mountrath

FULLY QUALIFIED SUZUKI TEACHER & ABRSM DIPLOMA IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE



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# Hot Desks in Mountrath

Need somewhere to work for a day with fast broadband?  
Free parking, canteen onsite.

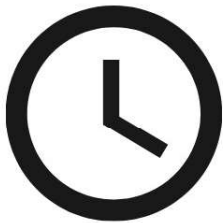
Desks from 10 euro per day  
Book on <https://connectedhubs.ie>



# 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**

## Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm



**Juniors and Adults**



**Okinawan Karate**



**Black Belt Instructors**

contact Sensei Donal, 5th dan  
087 760 7063

Martial Arts Centre, Old  
Convent, Mountrath,  
R32 DC58



# HIIT LUNCHTIME CLASS

## High-Intensity Interval Training

Tuesdays & Thursdays

1.15 pm for 40 mins

5 euro a class

OR

part of your monthly  
gym package

Book with Ruth 086 3262 570







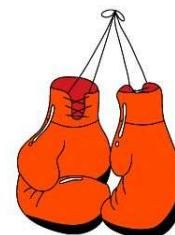
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Irish Traditional

# MUSIC

# LESSONS

Whistle, Flute, Concertina, Accordion,  
Fiddle, Banjo and Mandolin



Clióna and Éabha  
Dowling McDonald

**More Information :**  
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- **Violin Lessons by  
Irene Ramos  
0773222323  
iramos.violinstudio@  
gmail.com**

*Contact the relevant  
teacher to arrange  
days/times/prices*

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# *School of Music - Mountrath*



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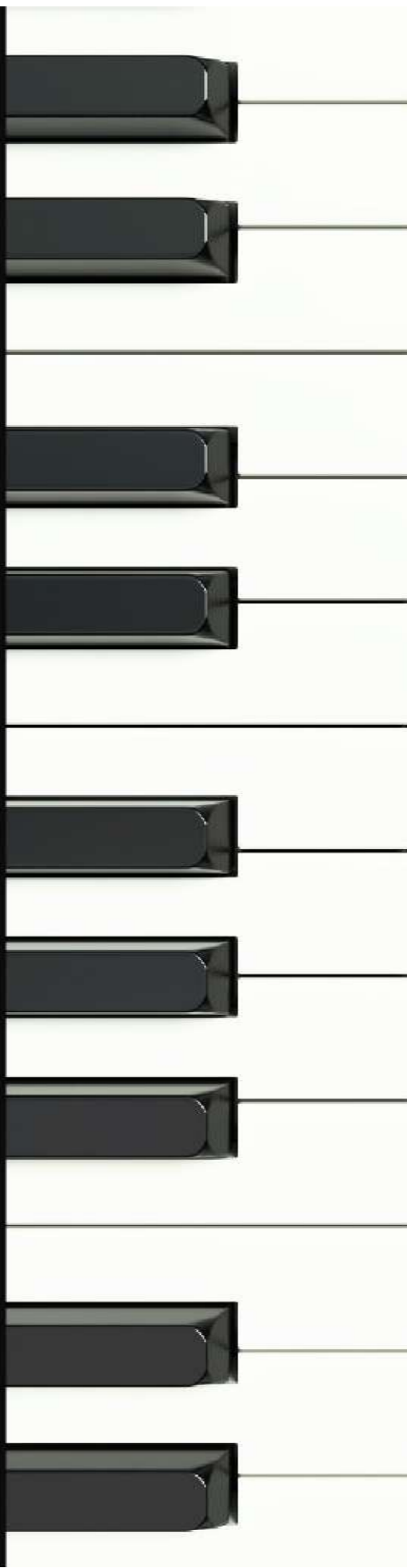
# PIANO TEACHER WANTED



For our new Music Rooms  
Contact Lucy 087 259 7895



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# 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



# Date for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in

Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes on **Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

The Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Church will Commence

at 2.30 pm

Bishop Denis will lead us in both our celebrations



To care for those  
who once cared for us  
is one of the highest  
honors in life.

– Tia Walker



Lessons  
LEARNED  
Life

## Ballyfin Community Alert Seniors Alert Scheme

Grant aided personal 24/7 personal monitored alarms

help people aged 65 and over to live securely in

their homes with peace of mind. If you know a

family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin

or Laois area who may qualify please contact

Sheila on 086 1570145 for

information/application form.

# Newsletter Items: - From around the Diocese

- **Mental Health Peer-Support:**

Cycle Against Suicide is offering the opportunity to avail of online training in Mental Health Peer-Support. The training provided transcends traditional boundaries, breaks down the stigma associated with mental health discussions. The benefits are profound and far-reaching. Trained Peer-Supporters are attuned to subtle shifts in their community's well-being. This heightened awareness fosters a culture of genuine care and concern. No funding is necessary to do the training. It is offered free to volunteers in a community club, association or who are associated with any part of their community's safety, health and wellbeing in a drive to encourage people to take on this vital role for their own community and help bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

**Course:** Cycle Against Suicide Mental Health Peer Support (Buddy) Training

**Details:** [www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/](http://www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/)

**Delivery:** Online via Zoom

**Time:** 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks

**Option 1:** March: Tues 12th, Thurs 14th & Tues 19th, Thurs 21st

**Option 2:** April: Mon 8th, Wed 10th & Mon 15th, Wed 17th

**Option 3:** May: Mon 13th, Wed 15th & Mon 20th, Wed 22nd

**To Register:** [training@cycleagainstsucide.com](mailto:training@cycleagainstsucide.com) or online

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*Missa em Português*  
*Comunidade Católicos em Laois*

**Dia: 20/04/2024 (Sábado)**

**Horário: 19h30min**

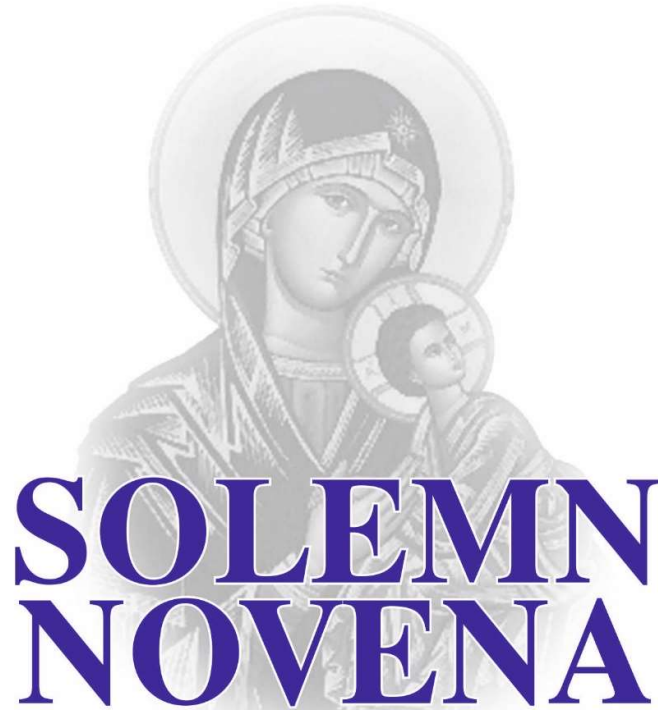
**Local: St. Peter & Paul's Roman Catholic Church**

**R32R684 - Portlaoise**

**Venha, participe e traga um amigo!  
Faça parte desta comunidade.**



**GRAIGUECULLEN / KILLESBIN**



**SOLEMN  
NOVENA**

*to  
Our Lady  
of  
Perpetual Help*

in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen

**9 MONDAY NIGHTS**

**8<sup>th</sup> April - 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

Time: 7.30 pm.

(Rosary at 7.10pm)

**PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER**

This is the 19th year of our parish Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The purpose of our Novena is to come together as a community to support each other in prayer. Each person comes to the Novena with their own special intentions ranging from the routine pressures of life to the heartbreaking. Petitions can be placed in special boxes in St. Clare's Church. A random selection of these are read out each night at the Novena.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>SPEAKER</b>
<b>8th April</b>	<p><b>Rev PJ Madden</b>  <i>Former General Secretary of the INO - Retired parish priest from New Orleans diocese and served 5 years in Kildare &amp; Leighlin Diocese</i></p>
<b>15th April</b>	<p><b>Rachel Doyle</b>  <i>Founder of Arboretum. A qualified horticulturist and author of a new book 'My Tree of Life'</i></p>
<b>22nd April</b>	<p><b>Ben Scallan</b>  <i>Senior political correspondent with @GriptMedia - Irish journalist and Commentator</i></p>
<b>29th April</b>	<p><b>Mick Galwey</b>  <i>All Ireland Senior Football Championship medal winner - Irish Rugby Legend and Sports Commentator</i></p>
<b>6th May</b>	<p><b>Geraldine Mullan</b>  <i>Geraldine's story of how faith hope and love have carried her since her life changed dramatically in 2020 when her husband &amp; 2 children tragically died</i></p>
<b>13th May</b>	<p><b>David Walsh</b>  <i>Co-Founder of Netwatch &amp; more recently Halo Care - strategic thinker and vocal advocate of entrepreneurship</i></p>
<b>20th May</b>	<p><b>Derek McGrath</b>  <i>Former centre-forward and previous manager of the Waterford senior Hurling team.</i></p>
<b>27th May</b>	<p><b>Prof Jim Lucey</b>  <i>Inspector with Mental Health Commission - writer, broadcaster and public speaker.            (Blessing of the sick will take place at this Mass.)</i></p>
<b>3rd June</b>	<p><b>Elma Walsh</b>  <i>Founder of the 'Live Life Foundation' in memory of her son Donal who died aged 16 years.</i></p>

**People are invited to place their petitions in the boxes provided in St. Clare's Church. We will pray for these intentions during our Novena.**



# 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Donal Walsh

~ May 11<sup>th</sup> ~



- 10:00      Arrival in Basilica & Registration
- 10:30      Welcome – Fr Richard Gibbons  
                 Elma Walsh
- 10:45      Explanation of Workshops and Ice Breakers
- 11:00      Aidan O'Mahony & Dr Lorna Gold – followed by Q&A
- 11:45      Choice of workshops
- In memory of Donal – Prayer Guidance Centre
  - Trócaire – Care for Our Earth (St Johns)
  - Music Generation – The HUB
  - The Prayer Cube – The HUB
  - Letters to God – The HUB
  - Story of Knock - The Apparition Chapel
  - Knock Museum
  - Fill Holy Water Bottles
- 1:30      Why do we go to Mass? – Fr. John Harris
- 2:00      Mass – Main celebrant Fr Leo Moloney SJ
- 3:00      Depart

\*Students are asked to bring a packed lunch and rain jackets/umbrellas

## Message from Safeguarding Office

- Upcoming full-day training in Newbridge Parish Centre, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10-4pm. If anyone would like to attend, please contact Bishop's House or Director of Safeguarding to book. (An email has been sent to the trainees booked in directly where email address was available).
- Inter-parish safeguarding meetings continue tonight in Killeigh Parochial House.

Remaining dates/times/venues below.

- Thursday 18th April @7.30pm – Portlaoise Parish Centre, Portlaoise
- Wednesday 24th April @7.30pm – Leighlin Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge
- Thursday 25th April @7.30pm – Tullow Parish Centre, Tullow

Please book in by emailing [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

- Safeguarding Audits must be returned asap. If any parish requires support with completing their audit, they can call or email Director of Safeguarding.

## • Annual Day of Prayer & Reflection for Deacons, Candidates and their Families

The third annual Day of Prayer & Reflection for Deacons, Candidates and their Families will take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 at Knock Shrine. This is a great opportunity for Deacons and Candidates to come together and help to promote the ministry of diaconate at a national level. A detailed schedule for the day will issue over the coming weeks once guest speakers have been confirmed. All are welcome to attend.

## Graigucullen/Killeshin Parish Novena To Our Lady Of Perpetual Help

Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St. Clare's Church, Graigucullen from the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 (9 Monday nights). The Rosary is recited at 7.10 pm and the Novena begins at 7.30 p.m.



We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St. Clare's Church and during the Novena, through the prayers from our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady, we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we may carry.

## . Mass in Portuguese

The Brazilian Catholic Community in Laois invites you and your family to join them for a mass in Portuguese on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in St. Peter & St. Paul's Church, Portlaoise at 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

## . Solas Bhride Conference

Following on from our very successful conference in 2023, we are delighted to announce that on April 20<sup>th</sup> the Solas Bhride 2024 conference takes place. This year the keynote speaker is Dr. Edel Bhreathnach and the title of her talk is "Why did St. Brigid choose Kildare, the power of a religious landscape". In the afternoon we are celebrating St. Brigid in Music, Song and Dance. There are options to attend the full day or either morning or afternoon sessions, booking through the Solas Bhride website [www.solasbhride.ie](http://www.solasbhride.ie) or by emailing or phoning the centre directly 045 522890 [info@solasbhride.ie](mailto:info@solasbhride.ie)

## . The Jesuit Centre for Faith & Justice

The JCFJ Annual Lecture “Enabling Death? Euthanasia from a disability perspective” takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 in Gardiner Street Church, Dublin at 7pm. Tickets are available on Eventbrite, please contact [info@icfj.ie](mailto:info@icfj.ie) for details.

## The School House Community & Enterprise Centre Rathvilly:

Rathvilly Community Centre Committee presents the “Celtic Brothers” in St. Patrick’s Church Rathvilly on the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 7.00 p.m. (doors open @ 5.30 p.m.). Tickets are €25.00 and are available online or hard copy in Brennan’s Centra, The Post Office, The Pharmacy, The Parish Office, and members of the committee.

## March For Life Ireland 2024

Shining A Spotlight On Ireland’s Abortion Law And Calling For Positive Supports For Mothers

Our Next March: Save The Date

Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2:00pm, 2024

Marching In Dublin From St. Stephen's Green To Leinster House.

Join Us In Advocating For Change, Unity, And Empowerment For Mothers And Their Babies. Be A Part Of Something Bigger – Let's Make A Difference Together. Takes place at 2pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May in Dublin, marching from St Stephens Green to Leinster House

## Burren Outdoor Retreat

Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora, and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. This retreat takes place Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Noirin 087 447 911



## • Donal Walsh LIVElife Foundation

On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Donal Walsh's death, the Donal Walsh LIVElife Foundation are holding Workshops & Mass in the Hub, Knock, Co Mayo on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The day starts at 10.00 am and finishes at 3.00 pm. There will be a choice of Workshops available on the day. Students are asked to bring a packed lunch and rain jackets/umbrellas.

## All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction in Ireland. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. See the link below for more information: [pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](https://pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

# Barnashrone NS Golf Classic

*Friday 17th May  
Portarlinton Golf Club  
Tee times from 9am*



**Team of 4 - €300**

**-Includes golf, lunch and a chance to win  
some lovely golfing gear**

**Special Prize on the day - Dinner for 2 in  
Ballyfin House with horse and carriage  
tour of the grounds**

**Contact Aileen @ (087)9896923 via  
Whatsapp to book in!**