

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 27th Aug. '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 26th – Sun. 27th Aug. 2023

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FM 104.5

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A Note from Bishop's Office

Pastoral Area Meetings

Having met in June last we will gather again in each Pastoral Area in September to further reflect and tease out together the principles that will shape our future of co-responsibility and how we must think in terms of our cluster group and our wider pastoral area. These meetings are vitally important and representation from all parishes is encouraged. Our Meeting is arranged for Tues. 5th Sept. 7.00 pm (Portlaoise Parish Centre)

Official Prayer for World Meeting of Families

God, our Father,

We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,

One family, in the Spirit of your love.

Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, Gentle and generous,

Welcoming to those in need.

Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.

Protect all families with your loving care,

Especially those for whom we now pray:

(we pause and remember our family members and others by name).

Increase our faith, Strengthen our hope,

Keep us safe in your love,

Make us always grateful for the gift of life

that we share.

We ask this, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary, mother and guide, pray for us.

St Joseph, father and protector, pray for us.

Saints Joachim and Anne, pray for us.

Saints Louis and Zéile Martin, pray for us.

We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers

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

We wish them a speedy recovery.

Parish Visitation for Sept.

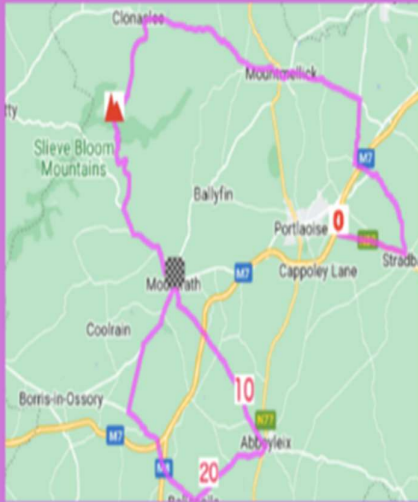
Tues. 5th Mountrath Country

Wed. 6th Mountrath Town

Thurs. 7th Ballyfin Parish

World Meeting of Families 2018 – Celebrating 5th Anniv.

This week marks five years since Ireland hosted the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, from 21 – 26 August 2018 (WMOF2018). This was a very significant celebration of family life in Ireland, attended by thousands including Pope Francis who has had the family at the heart of his pontificate over the past ten years. Pope Francis sees families as "*God's dream for humanity*".



Stage 3 finishes in Mountrath on Friday September 8th.
Portlaoise – Stradbally – Emo – Mountmellick – Clonaslee – The Cut – Mountrath – Ballacolla –
Abbeyleix – Mountrath
 See link for stage route: <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41818995>
 Further Information www.rasnamban.com
 Imagery credit: Rás na mBan



Rás na mBan Stage 3 Start Portlaoise – Finish Mountrath

Fri 8th Sept.

Rás na mBan Ireland's biggest international stage cycle race with over 100 of the world's top women racers is coming to Mountrath! Stage 3 - Friday September 8th, starts in Portlaoise at Laois County Council Offices from 11:00am passing through Stradbally, Emo, Mountmellick, Clonaslee, The Cut, Mountrath, Ballacolla and Abbeyleix. The race will pass through Mountrath at approximately 1pm before finishing in Mountrath at approximately 2pm. The race will finish on Patrick Street with the finish line/stage approximately 200m from St. Fintan's Church. Midlands 103 will broadcast live from The Square in Mountrath from 12 – 3pm. The race is also broadcast on RTE and Eurosport.

You are invited to come and support Ireland's top racers including the Irish national team doing battle with riders from all over the world representing 25 teams, 15 nations, over 100 riders and put Mountrath on the map!

See www.rasnamban.com See below for some pics.

For the full stage 3 race route

see <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/41818995>.



Snap taken at Launch (of Stage 3) in Mountrath (Bloom HQ) on 23rd July

Deadline for Parish Newsletters

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

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

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

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

Our New-Look Parish App. Came online during the week Check it out.

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

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Mary Sheridan, Virginia R.I.P.

We pray for Mary who died peacefully at her home on Wed. 23rd Aug. Mary's Funeral was celebrated in Mary Immaculate Church, Virginia on Sat. 26th Aug. followed by burial in Virginia Old Cemetery. We keep and hold in our prayers, her daughter, Betty Hosey, Trumera and all her family at this sad time.

May Mary rest in the peace of Christ.

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

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

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We wish them a speedy recovery

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Mountrath

Sat. 26th Aug. – Sun. 3rd Sept.

- Sat. 26th Aug. 7.00 pm John Phelan, Knockanina 1st Anniv.
 Marie Williams (Nee Phelan) Moonbawn. 2nd Anniv.
 Also, Patrick and Fintan Williams, Moonbawn.
 Thomas, Eileen and Noel McKeivitt, Late of Main St.,
- Sun. 27th Aug. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church.](#)
 11.30 am Maura (Máire) Kissane (Nee Miller) Main St., 6th Anniv.
- Mon. 28th Aug. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish
- Tues. 29th Aug. 10.00 am William and Mary Heffernan
 Patrick and Margaret Heffernan
- Wed. 30th Aug. 10.00 am James and Sheila Cahill -
 Kevin Byrne. -
- Thurs. 31st Aug 10.00 am
- Fri. 1st Sept. 10.00 am 1st Friday - John and Agnes Byrne, Main St.,
 John 46th Anniv - Agnes 16th Anniv.
- Sat. 2nd Sept. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for 22nd Sun. in Ord. Time
- Sun. 3rd Sept. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church.](#)
 11.30 am John Gee. 30th Anniv.

Mass Times Anniversaries Fri, 25th Aug. Sun. 3rd Sept.

Ballyfin

Fri. 25th Aug. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

. 7.30 pm Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 26th Aug. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass of 21st Sun. in Ord. Time.

Sun. 27th Aug. 10.00 am 21st Sun. in Ord. Time.

Mon. 28th Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification..

Fri. 1st Sept.. 7.30 pm Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 2nd Sept. 8.00 pm

Sun. 3rd Sept. 10.00 am

Mon. 4th Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Wed. 6th Sept. 7.00 pm Boghlone Cemetery Mass

Cemetery Mass *(Commences at 7.00 pm)*

Mass in Boghlone Cemetery will be celebrated on Wed. 6th Sept. If you would like to read at this Mass or if you would like to prepare and lead the Prayer of the Faithful, or prepare (and read) a Post Communion Reflection please let Fr. P.J. know

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



Mountrath - Ballyfin Lotto Results.

Ballyfin Lotto

Ballyfin Lotto Results 23rd Aug

Nos. Drawn 8 14 28 31

No Jackpot Winner 12 Match 3 Winners

Rec. € 84

2 Local Winners

Barry and Stacy Connolly

Promot Kathleen Dunne

M and G Promoter, Gemma Dunphy

Next Week's Jackpot € 17,000



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

Mountrath Lotto - Thurs. 24th Aug

Nos. Drawn 1 5 15 31

No Jackpot Winner - 17 Match 3's Rec. € 59 ea.

2 Local Winners

G and B. Promoter, Betty O'Rourke

Ann Savage Promoter, Pachelli Walsh.

Next Week's Jackpot. € 14,000

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Week's*



€ 14,000 - Mountrath

€ 17,000 Ballyfin

Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6th Sept.

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All our Cemetery Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

Treasure Ireland

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

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

The stories of the great saints of these counties feature prominently: there are videos on St Brigid, St Mochua, St Moling, St Fergal of Aghaboe, and the Dominican martyr, Blessed Peter O'Higgins. There'll soon be added to that list the stories of two great bishops of Kildare and Leighlin: Daniel Delany (d. 1814) and James Doyle (d. 1834), also known as J.K.L. ('James of Kildare and Leighlin').

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

The videos can be viewed

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

World Meeting of Families 2018 – Celebrating the 5th Anniv.

Later this month we will mark the fifth anniversary of the World Meeting of Families, hosted in Dublin 21 – 26 August 2018 (WMOF2018). This was a very significant celebration of family life in Ireland, attended by thousands including Pope Francis. To honour the fifth anniversary, the Council for Marriage & the Family are delighted to offer a number of ways the anniversary might be marked:

- Archbishop Dermot Farrell will celebrate Mass for the fifth anniversary in the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday 27th August at 11am. People who are free to attend are most welcome.
- At Parish level on that Sunday perhaps the WMOF2018 Prayer might be offered as a Post-Communion reflection. Copy of Prayer is attached.
- Prayers of the Faithful will be distributed in the coming days. It might be good to involve some who volunteered at the World Meeting to lead those prayers.
- The Highlights Programme of the WMOF2018 will be hosted on the RTÉ Player in the coming week.
 - The Catholic Communications Office have been working with the independent production company who own the rights to the Festival of Families to produce a shortened video for insertion onto diocesan websites.

If you would like to become involved in celebrating the 5th Anniv. of World Meeting of Families please let me know. You are most welcome to become involved if you would like to do so.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

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

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

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

At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork. To book your place visit our website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087-2162436

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Portlaoise Parish to the Holy Land led by Msgr John Byrne, travelling from 7th Sept – 15th Sept 2023. Cost per person €2190, single supplement €769. Cost includes coach transfer from Portlaoise to Dublin airport return, flights, accommodation on half board basis, courier service in the Holy Land and a full religious programme. For more details please contact Tullys Travel Carlow on 059-9136100.

'Under Mary's Mantle'

Under Mary's Mantle is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18-35)

with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops,

food and social in the historic All Hallows campus, DCU, Dublin.

A chance to build your faith in friendship with young

men and women from across the country.

Keynote speakers include poet and convert Sally Read,

a one-time radical feminist who embraced the Faith, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan,

Cistercian Fr Aelred McGee, Marian theologian Professor William A Thomas and many

more.

The talks and workshops range widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and

Mary in the Liturgical Year! Mass and Confessions take place both days.

The conference takes place Saturday and Sunday, with a discounted ticket available for both days. If you're free for one, single day tickets are also available. Two day

Saturday & Sunday – €60 Day rates – Saturday €40; Sunday €30

STUDENTS get a 10% discount – contact deusetpatria@gmail.com for discount code.

There is a limited amount of accommodation available in DCU,

contact deusetpatria@gmail.com or call 085 1442423 for rates and more information.

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

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

Kildare Carmelite Annual Pilgrimage to Knock

Sun. 10th Sept. 2023. Bus will leave The Square, Kildare Town at 8 am SHARP. To secure a place on the bus, inquiries to Carmelite Church Shop Kildare, or contact: Martin Cowley 087 255 3582
Esther Brady 087 673 2848 - Cost €20 per person.

Parish Finances. - A Word of Thank

Thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds.

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year.

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

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

Different ways of supporting your Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

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

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

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

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website – www.kandle.ie) ⇐

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ⇐

The following are our Bank Account Details

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50

BIC. - BOFIE2D

Ballyfin Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Please include your own name as the reference.

⇒ Support Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos ←

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

Trial Balance – Formatted - Ballyfin Parish

Ballyfin Parish

Date Range 1st Jan 2022 To 31st Dec 2022

Code	Description	2022	2021
		Current €	Comparative €
Profit and Loss			
Sales			
001	Basket Collection	14,838.73	8,149.38
002	Envelope Collection	28,782.63	28,603.02
003	Shrine Income	743.19	725.72
004	Rental Income	12,680.00	1,215.00
005	Fundraising	-	-
006	Donations Bequests	526.00	-
007	Tax Refunds/Rebate	17,250.71	600.23
008	Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	-	-
009	Income from Parish Investment Fund	-	-
010	Deposit Interest Received	-	-
011	Other Investment Income	-	-
012	Office Shop Margin	-	16.40
013	Lotto Income	7,302.00	12,206.65
014	Diocesan Levy Collection	-	-
015	Other Collections	120.15	-328.63
020	Other Income	701.37	-
		€82,944.78	€51,187.77
Cost of Sales			
		-	-
	Gross Profit	€82,944.78	€51,187.77
	Gross Profit %	100.00	100.00
Overhead Expenses			
301	Wages and salaries	-	-
303	Employers NIC (UK) PRSI (Ireland)	-	-
305	Pension costs	-	-
309	Pastoral Programme Expenses	1,517.00	1,250.80

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

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Parish Website www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie -

Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish