

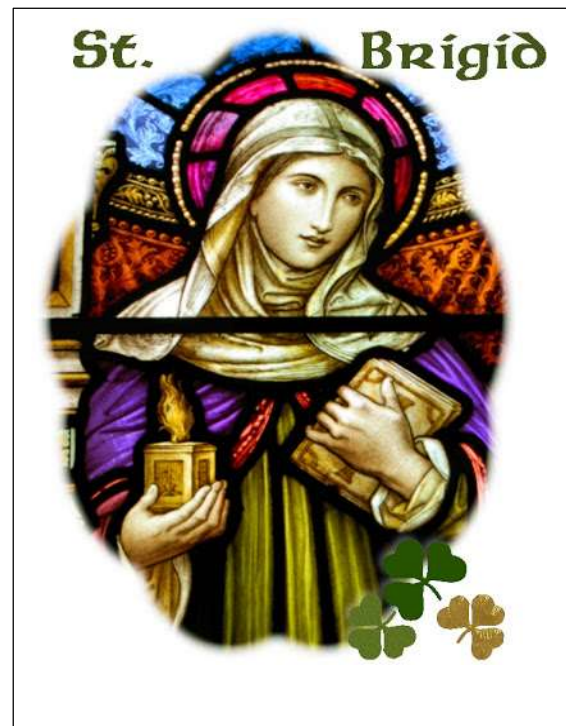
Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

Celebrating Brigid

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Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 4th Feb. 2024

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**Join us for our
Grand Opening
Sunday Feb 4th
2pm**



Hosted by Ballyfin CDA

World Day of Prayer

Fri. 1st March - 7.30 pm

Bloon HQ - Convent Chapel

You are most welcome to join us

Training for Ministers of Holy Communion

Training of new Ministers of Holy Communion will take place from 10 am to 4 pm on Sat. 10th Feb. in the Cathedral Parish Centre, 17th Feb. in Newbridge Parish Centre and 24th Feb. in Emo National School. It will be led by Julie Kavanagh and Fr Tom O'Byrne. To help with costs, participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. While this training is primarily for new ministers, we are very happy to welcome existing ministers who would like a refresher day.

If Interested in doing this training course, please contact Fr. Joe - A S A P

Ash Wed. 14th Feb

Masses

Mountrath 10.00 am

Ballyfin 7.30 pm

Annual Féile Bríde

Solas Bríde Centre, Kildare

Féile Bríde (Brigid's Festival) is a week-long series of events commencing on the eve of St. Brigid's Day, the first day of February. This year, over the course of 10 days, the festival will mark the 1500th anniversary of St. Brigid's death and details of the events planned are available locally

at <https://solasbhríde.ie/feile-bríde-2024/>

All are welcome to celebrate St Brigid with us.

Bill Sinnott, Shannon Rd., R.I.P.

We pray for Bill who died peacefully at Portlaoise Reg. Hosp., on Thurs. 25th Jan. Bill's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun. 28th Jan. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Bill's family, John, Joe, Francis, Pat, Catherine, Liam and Lisa and their families, grandchildren, sister Mary and her family, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, nieces, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

Gerry Walsh, Borris-in-Ossory R.I.P.

We pray for Gerry who died peacefully at Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Crosschapel on Sun. 28th Jan. Gerry's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 31st Jan. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Gerry's wife Margaret, daughter, Brigid, son, Gerard, and their families, grandson Matthew, niece and nephew, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Bill and Gerry rest in the peace of Christ.



Some Parish Events during 2024

(Mountrath)



Ash Wednesday 14th Feb.

Mass in Mountrath Ch. 10.00 am and 7.30 pm

Blessing and Distribution of Ashes during both Masses

Easter Season

Palm (Passion Sunday) 24th March

Blessing and Distribution of "Palm" at both Masses.

Holy Thurs. 28th Mch Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 pm

Renewal of Commitment of Ministers of Holy Communion during Mass

Good Friday 29th Mch Liturgy of the Passion 3.00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7.30 pm

Holy Saturday 30th March Easter Vigil 8.00 pm

Easter Sunday 31st Mch

The Hollow Church Mass of the Resurrection 9.00 am

Mountrath Church Mass of the Resurrection 11.30 am

Renewal of Baptismal Promises at both Masses

Ceremony of Confirmation Fri. 26h April

Ceremony in Mountrath Church 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Church 2.30 pm

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Bishop Denis will lead us in both Ceremonies

1st Holy Communion Days

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

Prayer attributed to St. John Henry Newman

Lord, may you support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy, Lord, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

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

Mountrath Parish

Distribution of Parish Envelopes for 2024

Thank you if you have taken your box of Envelopes for this year. We appreciate your continued generous support. I ask if you have not already done so - to please put your name and address on just one envelope before you return it - so we can keep track of all your contributions to Parish Funds.

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

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 2nd - Sun. 11th Feb

Fri. 2nd Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 3rd Feb. 8.00 pm Feast of St. Blaise

(Blessing of throats after Mass this evening)

Pat Hooban (formerly Upper Sconce) 1st Anniv

Deceased members of Hooban family

Kathleen and Matt Dunphy, Barkmills.

Rita Fitzpatrick (Nee Keegan) Esker. 2nd Anniv.

Seán Fitzpatrick. 18th Anniv.

Ann Costello (Nee Phelan) Ballyfin Rd., 11th Anniv

Sun. 4th Feb. 10.00 am John Dunne, Deerpark. 2nd Anniv.

Lily O'Connor (nee Hyland) Knocknakearn. 4th Anniv.

Seán Heffernan, Brockera. 12th Anniv.

Mon. 5th Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 9th Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament.

Sat. 10th Feb. 8.00 pm Daniel Dunne, Catholes.

Pauline McManus, Briscola

Joe and Kathleen Lanham. Upper Sconce.

Sun. 11th Feb. 10.00 am Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick - Anointing of the sick after Mass

Mon. 12th Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

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

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Sat. 3rd Feb. 7.00 pm Feast of St. Balise

Blessing of throats after Mass this evening.

Martin Mulhall, Shannon Rd., Month's Mind

Patrick Dunne, Moanbawn.

Sun. 4th Feb. 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

11.30 am 5th Sun. Ord. Time.

Anthony Heffernan. Ringstown. 1st Anniv.

Tues. 6th Feb. 10.00 am Bernie O'Keeffe. Moanbaun

Letitia Carroll. Ellen and Tom Berry. Minnie and Nancy Berry

Wed. 7th Feb. 10.00 am Ned Meade, Cloncourse.

Peter Coss, The Square. .

Thur. 8th Feb. 10.00 am Elizabeth Russell,

Patsy and Tim Ryan, Patrick St.

Fri. 9th Feb. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 10th Feb. 7.00 pm Peter and Molly Rice,

Val and Vera Rice. Rosie Kenny.

James and Kathleeen Tynan, Patrick St.,

Sun. 11th Feb. 9.00 am - The Hollow Church

11.30 am [Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes](#)

[World Day of the Sick](#) - [Anointing of the Sick after Mass](#)

Peter Redmond, R.I.P. Redcastle. Month's Mind



"Do This in Memory" Programme

1st Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin

Enrolement Ceremonies

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

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

"Do This in Memory" Children's Masses

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

(The) Sacrament of 1st Penance

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

Dates for Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Sun. 5th May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 26th May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

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

Sun. 19th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm With Children of Barnashrone National School

Mountrath Parish Lotto

1st Feb.

Numbers Drawn 5 16 19 32

No Jackpot Jackpot Winner

7 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 143 Each.

New Jackpot - €11,000



A very sincere thank you - for your very generous support of and continued commitment to Mountrath Parish Lotto throughout the year.

Ballyfin Parish Lotto 31st Jan.

Nos. Drawn 8 15 22 29

1 Jackpot Winner - Newbridge Parish

26 Match 3's won € 39 ea.

2 Local Winners

Liam Scully – Promoter, Denis Daly

John and Deirere Fitzpatrick, Promoter, John

New Jackpot €10,000

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Next Week's



Ballyfin € 10,000

Mountrath € 11,000

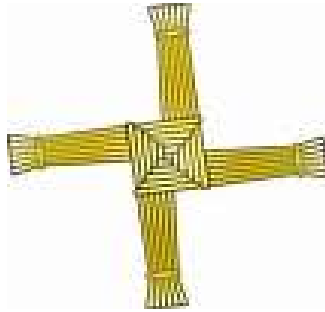
Brigid 1500

On Thurs. 1st Feb. 2024, Churches across Kildare and Leighlin, and beyond, will come together to participate in a special ecumenical service at 11.00am in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare entitled, 'Celebrating St Brigid. Brigid 1500: A Service of Thanksgiving' dedicated to commemorating the Feast Day of St Brigid and the 1500th anniversary of her death.

The co-leaders of this thanksgiving service are the Most Rev Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, and the Most Rev Patricia Storey, Church of Ireland Bishop of Meath and Kildare. The Reverend Canon Dr. Alison Joyce, Rector of St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street in the heart of London, will deliver the sermon.

At the end of the Service, a Pause for Peace will be observed in the Cathedral at 12 noon. Aligning with a broader initiative whereby the people of Kildare are extending a global invitation, urging individuals worldwide to pause for a minute's silence at midday (local time) on St Brigid's Day, the 1st of February 2024. Livestreaming of the service will also be available worldwide. (Full press release attached and on www.kandle.ie)

Brigid 1500



Welcoming the relic of St Brigid

As we prepare to celebrate the life of St Brigid on February 1st and on this, the 1500th anniversary of her death, the Brigidine Sisters from their convent in Tullow are very generously loaning their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for the year.

The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled and Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Brigid and the generosity of the Brigidine Sisters on Sunday 28th January at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid and all are most welcome to attend.

St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin Parish

Takes place on Monday 5th February starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway and finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

Annual Féile Bríde, Solas Bríde Centre, Kildare

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Celebrating Brigid 1500 at Mt St Anne's

Enjoy the St Brigid's Bank Holiday weekend at Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre. Arrive for Supper on Friday 2nd February and depart on Tuesday 6th February after Breakfast. Optional morning and evening sessions of prayer, crafts, reflection and music at Mount St Anne's.

Cost: €450 includes morning and evening sessions, evening meal and B&B or €350 includes evening meal and B&B only. Booking/Enquiries to secretary@mountstannes.com or by phone 057-8626153.

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

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



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Opening 7pm Friday 2nd February
in the

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Bloomhq, Mountrath

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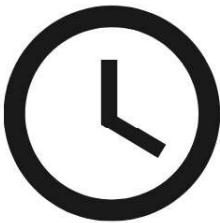
Desks from 10 euro per day

Book on <https://connectedhubs.ie>

Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
Patrick Street**



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

Contact 0857053855



Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm



Juniors and Adults



Okinawan Karate



Black Belt Instructors

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087 760 7063

Martial Arts Centre, Old
Convent, Mountrath,
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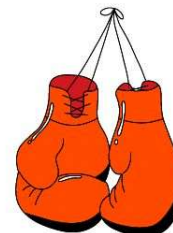
Karate

Mondays & Thursdays 7 pm
from 6 years up, €6 per class
Sensei Donal: 087 760 7063

Kickboxing

First trial class free

Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7
6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7
Shane: 086 339 9287



Brazilian Jiu-jitsu*

*starting 14th & 17th Feb
with free trial

8-12 years,
Wednesdays 7-8 pm &
Saturdays 10-11 am
€ 35 per month
Jamie; 085 200 2497



Art & Craft

Wednesdays 5-6 pm, 7-12 years
€ 30 for block of 6 classes
Rhiannon: 089 211 5183

Violin

Thursdays 3.30 pm on. From 3 years - adult
€20 for 30 min individual lesson
Irene: 089 981 8065



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am, 6+ years
€8 for 30 min group classes
Eabha 083 8566083



to book talk to the relevant teacher

Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu/BJJ in Mountrath



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Wednesday 14th &
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February

8 yrs- 18 €35 per month
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Wednesdays

Kids 7-8 pm

Teens /Adults 8-9 pm

contact Jamie 085 200 2497

Saturdays

Kids 10- 11 am

Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm



Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Mountrath, R32 DC58



Bowls All Inclusive 11am Tuesdays

St. Philomena's Hall,
Brigidine Convent,
Patrick Street,
Mountrath

Contact Ruth 086 3262570





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iramos.violinstudio@
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School of Music - Mountrath



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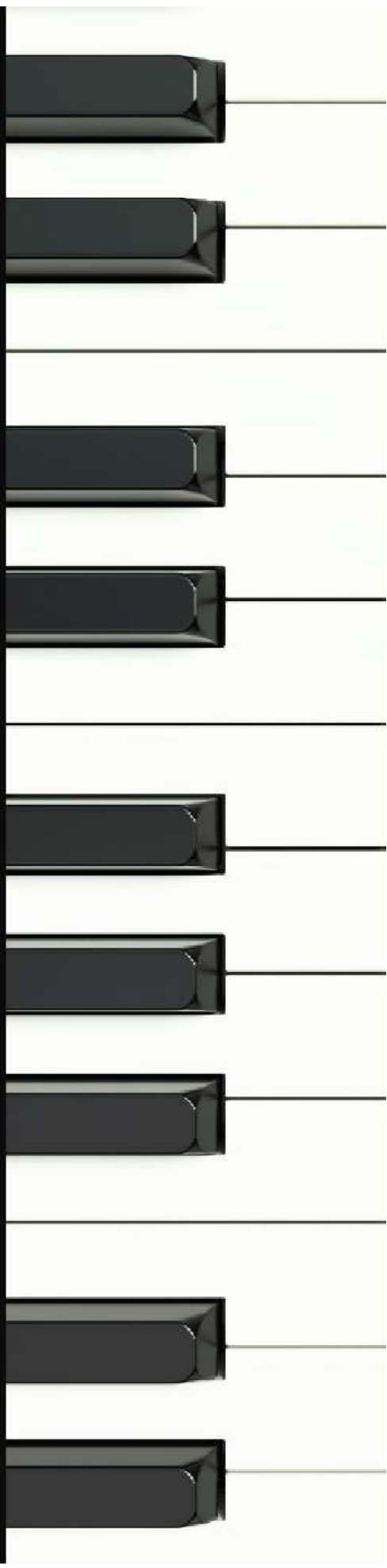


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The Old Convent,
Patrick St.,
Mountrath,
R32 DC58



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- 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



Synod News

Work is beginning towards the next phase of the Synod and the Second General Assembly in Rome next October.

There is a dedicated page on the diocesan website: www.kandle/synod where we can keep up to date. Much more information can be found at www.synod.ie and on the Vatican website, www.synod.va.

Date for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes on **Fri. 26th April 2024**

The Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Church will Commence at 2.30 pm
Bishop Denis will lead us in both our celebrations



Ash Wednesday

A Prayer to begin my Lenten journey

Loving Jesus,
as I receive on my forehead the sign of your saving cross
You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.
Walking into Lent
my heart is set on you.
May my *fasting* fill me with hunger for you,
May my *prayer* draw me deeper into your presence.
May my *acts of charity* bring your love to my home and community.
Lord of life,
grant that by turning back to you in these 40 days
I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith;
for you raise me up from fear and despair
and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always.
With you, I will rise again. Amen.

Carlow Union of Parishes Lent - Easter Talks 2024 *Living Faith*



1. Thursday 22nd February 7.30pm **"Lent/Easter, The Journey"**
Dean Tom Gordon, Cathedral Church of Saint Laserian's, Leighlin.
2. Wednesday 28th February 7.30pm **"Prayer / Spirituality"**
Rev. Liam Dunne Chaplain, Carlow/Saint Patrick's College.
3. Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm **"The Cross"**
Rev. Katherine Kehoe, Carlow and Kilkenny Methodist Church,
4. Wednesday 13th March 7.30pm **"Triduum / Resurrection"**
Bishop Denis Nulty, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
5. Friday 15th March 7.30pm **"Songs of Prayer, Faith and Praise"**
with the Carlow Community Choir and their Director Mary Amond O' Brien.
6. Wednesday 20th March 7.30pm **"Grief and Loss - A Christian Perspective"**
Rev. Paul Fitzpatrick, in conjunction with the Carlow Mental Health Association.

Saint Mary's Church, Haymarket, Carlow R93YW77

**Join us for our
Grand Opening
Sunday Feb 4th
2pm**



Congratulations to Ballyfin CDA

On the Official Opening of their lovely new

Children's playground

This Sunday at 2.00 pm

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

– Tia Walker



Lessons
Learned
Life