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Newsletter

Lent is What We Do!

Trócaíre Boxes are now available to Collect.

18th Feb. 2024

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 18th Feb. 2024

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

1st Sunday of Lent

Work Opportunities At Ballyfin National School

Ballyfin National School are currently updating their list of SNA substitutes. If you have completed an SNA course and would be interested in being considered for casual subbing at the School, please contact Sarah at office@ballyfinns.ie to request a Garda Vetting form. Please note that all SNA subs must be specifically vetted for this School before employment.

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World Day of Prayer

Fri. 1st March - 7.30 pm Bloon HQ - Convent Chapel

You are most welcome to join us

Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Diocesan training programme, 'Sharing from the Table of the Lord', takes place in Emo National School on Sat. 24th February from 10am – 4 pm. People attending are asked to bring a packed lunch.

Tea/coffee will be provided. If you would like to take part in this training, please contact Fr. P. J. or Fr. Joe

Stations of The Cross

During the Fridays of Lent 7.00 pm St. Bridget's Ch., Shanahoe R32 AH90

All are most welcome

Tom Lalor, Portlaoise Rd., R.I.P.

We pray for Tom who died suddenly at his home on Thurs. 8th Feb. Tom's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Sun. 11th Feb. followed by burial in St. Fintan's Cemetery, Shanahoe. We extend sympathy to brother Donal and sister Annie (Kirwan, Boley) and their families, nephews, nieces, extended family, relatives, his good neighbours and his many good friends.

Patrick (Paddy) Delaney, Aughafan, Castletown. R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died peacefully at his home on Wed. 31st Jan. Paddy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Sun. 4th Feb. followed by burial in Churchtown Cemetery. We extend sympathy to all his family - also to his sister in law, Ita and Ita's husband, Joe (Fitzpatrick) and family, Trumera.

Paddy Purcell, Walworth, London - The Green, Killeigh, R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died peacefully at St. Thomas' Hosp., London on Mon. 29th Jan. Paddy's Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 1pm on Wed., 21st February, at St Wilfrid's RC Church, 97 Lorrimore Road, London SE17 3LZ. Paddy will then make his final journey home to Ireland and be laid to rest on Saturday, 24th February, after a Requiem Mass at 11.00 am in St. Patrick's Church, Killeigh, We extend sympathy to all his family, remembering his brother, Johnny and family, The Square, Mountrath, in a special way at this difficult time.

May Tom and Patrick (Paddy) and Paddy rest in the peace of Christ

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.

Some Parish Events during 2024 (Mountrath)

Faster 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

1st Holy Communion Days

The Hollow Ch. Sun. 19th May 9.00 am Mountrath Church Sun. 26th May 11.30 am

New Youth Leadership Programme:

Ceili Catholic Community are starting a
Youth Leadership Programme for adults 18
and over, running over 8 months with just
one weekend a month, starting from April or
May 2024 in Kilbeggan, Co Westmeath.

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

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Fr. Liam Lawton's New Mass "Mass of St. Brigid"

Will be sung at the Chrism Mass this year (Cathedral, Mon. 25th March)
Rehearsals for Chrism Mass Will be on the following dates Sts. Peter and Paul Church,
Portlaoise Mon. 11th March - 8.00 pm Carlow Cathedral Thurs. 14th March 8.15 pm

Please let Christine in FDS know if you plan to attend and indicate which venue, by phoning 059-9164084 or emailing fds@kandle.ie.

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

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. 16th - Sun. 25th Feb

Fri. 16th Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sat 17th Feb. 8.00 pm Pat and Ellen O'Rourke, Coolnamona

Paddy and Maureen Fitzpatrick, Pallas Little.

Dan and Maisie Tynan, Clonkeen

Sun. 18th Feb. 10.00 am 1st Sunday of Lent

Breda Thompson (Nee Mooney) Ballylusk. 2nd Anniv.

Mon. 19th Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 23rd Feb. 5.00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 24th Feb. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 2nd Sunday of Lent

Anne Holohan (Nee Kane) Springfield. Month's Mind

Willie Seale, Clonagown. 2nd Anniv.

Paugh Ryan, O'Moore Forest 4th Anniv.

Paugh's parents, Johnny and Sarah Ryan

Paugh's brother, Seán Ryan

Sun. 25th Feb. 10.00 am 2nd Sunday of Lent

Mon. 26th Feb. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sun. 3rd March 10.00 am Joseph (Joe) Connolly, Esker

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries 17th - Sun. 25th Feb.

Sat. 17th Feb. 7.00 pm Paddy Murphy, Spa Hill, 3rd Anniv

Mary Tynan, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 12th Anniv.

Sun. 18th Feb. 9.00 am The Hollow Ch. Brendan Fitzpatrick, Clonboyne

Brendan died 14th Feb. 2000 - Aged 19 years

11.30 am 1st Sun. of Lent

Tues. 20th Feb. 10.00 am

Wed. 21st Feb. 10.00 am

Thurs.22nd Feb. 10.00 am

Fri. 23rd Feb. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 24th Feb. 7.00 pm Lila Lynch (Nee Nolan) Kiln Lane. Month's Mind

Bill Sinnott, Shannon Rd., Month's Mind

Gerry Walsh, Borris in Ossory. Month's Mind

Nancy Moloney (Nee Bradley) Shannon Rd., 2nd Anniv.

Jimmy, Paddy, Margaret and Clare Marie O'Neill, Shannon St.,

Sun. 25th Feb. 9.00 am - The Hollow Church

11.30 am Fergal Farrell, Brockera. 4th Anniv.

Month's Mind Masses

Sat. 2nd March 7.00 pm Tom Lalor, Portlaoise Rd.,

Sun. 3rd March 7.00 pm Paddy Parkinson, Woodbrook.

1st Anniv. Mass

Sat. 2nd March 7.00 pm Adam Kirwan, Derrough

"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 15th Feb.



Numbers Drawn 7 8 22 26

No Jackpot Winner

4 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 250 Each.

New Jackpot - €13,000

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

Ballyfin Parish Lotto

14th Feb.

Nos. Drawn 4 7 24 25

14 Match 3's won €72 ea. -

New Jackpot€ 11,000

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Next Week's



Ballyfin € 11,000

Mountrath € 13,000

Fr. Liam Lawton's New Mass

"Mass of St. Brigid"

Will be used at the Chrism Mass this year (Cathedral, Mon. 25th March - 7.30 pm)

An Invitation from Fr. Diam

Kildare & Leighlin Faith Development Services

Cathedral Parish Centre

College Street

Carlow Co. Carlow

Rooted in Christ, Faith Development Services is a coordinated team directed by the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin to encourage, resource, facilitate and support the people of the Diocese to know, live and pray their faith

Tel: 059-9164084 Fax: 059-9164020 E-Mail: fds@kandle.ie

6th February 2024

Dear Friends I wish to invite you to Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise on Monday, 11th March, at 8.00pm or Carlow Cathedral on Thursday, 14th March, at 8.15pm to rehearse my new Mass, the Mass of St. Brigid, and other music for the annual Chrism Mass, which will take place on Monday, 25th March, at 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral.

Please inform Christine in FDS if you are attending and indicate which venue. You can do this by phoning 059-9164084 or emailing fds@kandle.ie.

Yours, Fr. Liam Lawton

Diocesan Director of Music The Parochial House, St. Mary's Road, Edenderry, Co. Offaly .

Divine Mercy Conference

The conference will take place in the RDS this year on the 23rd, 24th and 25th February 2024. Friday (FREE) 6.00pm - 9.00pm, Saturday 10am - 8pm and Sunday 10am - 5pm. The conference will be broadcast online through our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge and on churchservices.tv. It will also be available (audio only) on www.RadioMaria.ie and on Saorview 210 or dial up listening service 01 4373277 and also on www.ShalomWorld.org.

The theme of this year's Conference is: "Jesus I Trust In You.". This is a call to trust in God. Trust is the opposite of fear. Our speakers for this year are: Bishop Alphonsus Cullinane D.D. Fr Pat Collins C.M, Fr. Eunan Mc Donnell SDB, Fr. Brendan Walsh SAC, Fr Jaimie Twohig SAC, Sr. Mary Claire Kenneally OLM and Sr. Donata Farbaniec OLM.

Tickets: €40 weekend, Saturday €35 and Sunday €25, available through PayPal on our website; from 22 Castle Grove, Clondalkin, Dublin D22Y2W9; or at the RDS door.

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

A Note from Edel Moloney, Supervisor, Mountrath CE Scheme

We have the following upcoming vacancies:

Caretaker - MYT - Mountrath CES 2308848

Caretaker - GAA - CES 2301698

Env Worker - Mountrath Town - CES 2254234

Env Worker - Castletown Village - CES 2268516

Shop Assistant - Vincents Mountrath - CES 2315874

Hours 19.5 hours per week.

Application Details:

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to people who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 yr. or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Eligibility will have to be verified by the Department.

You can register your interest by selection "Register your interest" on JobsIreland.ie, or you can contact a case officer in your local Intreo Centre quoting the relevant reference number above.

You can also call into our office on Patrick St, Mountrath or email mrtacpecoltd@gmail.com

Mountrath Music Rooms

Lessons in BloomHQ



Violin Lessons by Irene Ramos 089 9818065 iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com

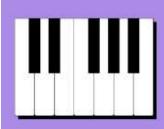
Thursdays



Irish Traditional Music, Whistle, Flute, Concertina, Accordion, Fiddle, Banjo and Mandolin

Cliona & Eabha Dowling McDonald 083 8566083

Saturdays



Piano Lessons

by Heather Gavigan 083 054 7772

Sundays



Contact the relevant teacher for times, prices etc

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Wednesdays 7-8pm

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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

contact Rhiannon 089 211 5183

6 weeks € 30 only 12 places



Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Mountrath R32 DT9F





Piano Classes Available
Starting Sunday April 7th
Bloom HQ, Mountrath
Contact Heather,
0830547772

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Book online at https://mountrathgym.squarespace.com/memberships/kidsartcraft



Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Mountrath R32 DT9F



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

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

Saturdays

Kids 10- 11 am Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

Free Trial this week 14th & 17th Feb









Music Teachers wanted



for Mountrath Music School *soundproof rooms

*free parking

*waiting area for parents



contact Lucy 087 259 7895

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

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



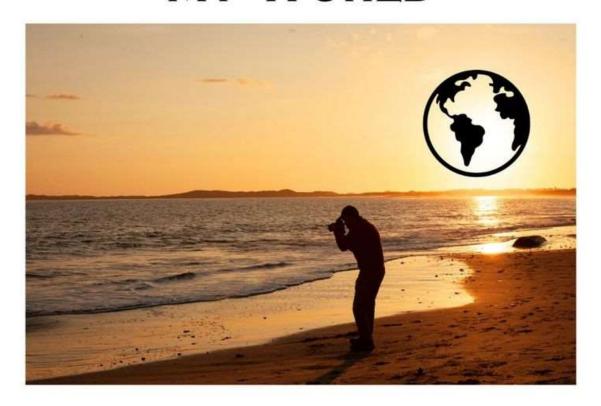








"MY WORLD"



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



VIOLIN LESSONS

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

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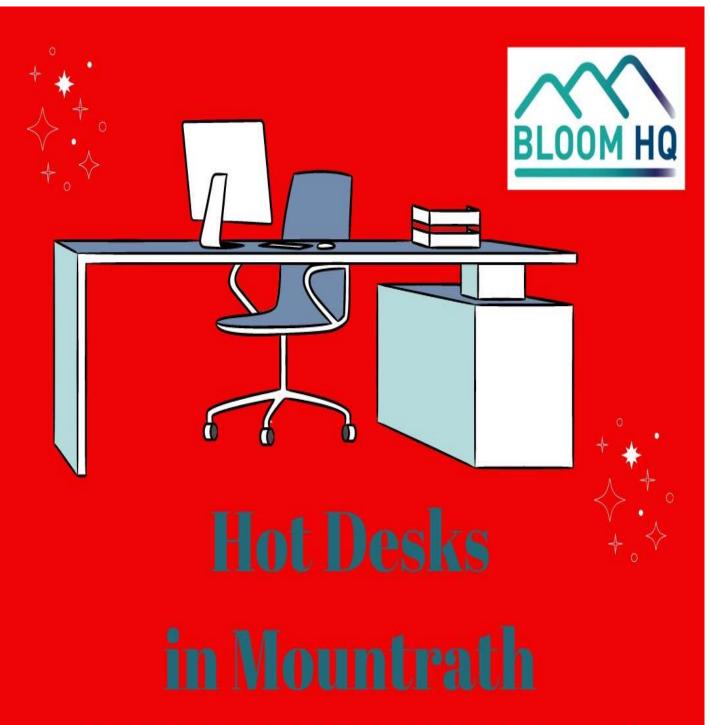
FOR RATES AND/OR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT ME

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Email: iramos violinstudio@gmail.com







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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







Karate Classes



Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm





Juniors and Adults

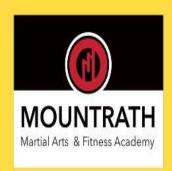


Okinawan Karate



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











Classes for Primary School aged Children in Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy





Karate

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

Kickboxing 6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7

Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7

First trial class free

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



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

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







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

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Teens /Adults 8-9 pm

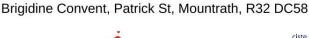
Saturdays

Kids 10- 11 am Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

contact Jamie 085 200 2497











Bowls All Inclusive Ilam Tuesdays

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

Contact Ruth 086 3262570

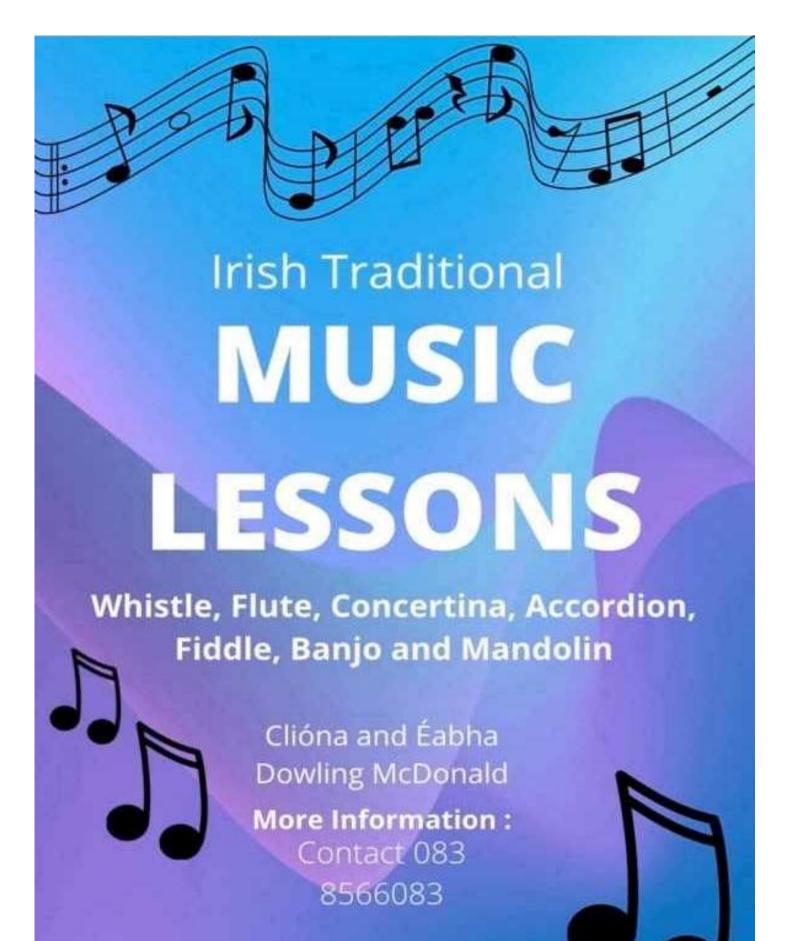








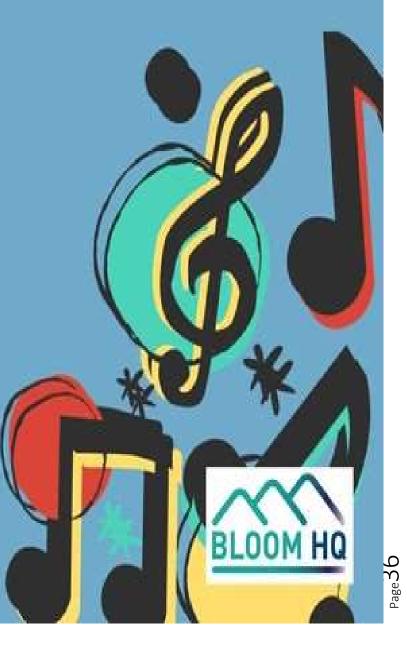




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- Violin Lessons by Irene Ramos
 0773222323
 iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com
- Irish Traditional
 Music, Whistle, Flute,
 Concertina,
 Accordion, Fiddle,
 Banjo and Mandolin
 Cliona & Eabha
 Dowling McDonald
 083 8566083

Contact the relevant teacher to arrange days/times/prices



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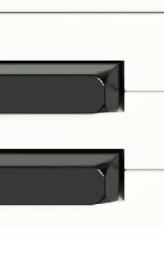
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For our new Music Rooms Contact Lucy 087 259 7895

The Old Convent, Patrick St, Mountrath, R32 DC58









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!

Friday nights

In the brigidine convent (Bloom HQ) Patrick street mountrath
R32 DC58

7:00 till 8:30

€5 pp

or

€4 per sibling

Scouts is a way to

- Meet new people.
- Learn new skills.
- Spend time outside.
- Make friends for life.



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

Carlow Union of Parishes Lent - Easter Talks 2024



- 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.

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

- Tia Walker



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 Ballytin or Laois area who may qualify please contact Sheila on 086 1570145 for information/application form.