

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 9th July '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 8th – Sun. 9th July 2023

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Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on

FM 104.5

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Ballyfin Mountrath

Mountmellick

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2nd Aug. – 9th Aug. 23

Contact Person - Eleanor Duff

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Cemetery Masses In Ballyfin

Clondarrig Wed. 2nd Aug.

Boghlone Wed. 6th Sept.

Cemetery Masses begin at 7.00 pm

**Mountrath Cemetery Mass –
Fri. 30th June 2023.**

A note of thanks to everyone involved in our Cemetery Mass. – Organizing Committee, Readers, Musicians and Choir, Ministers of Holy Communion, Stewards, People who organized the parking and stewarding on the evening. Thanks to the preparation team who attended in the Cemetery on the lead up our Cemetery Mass. Thanks to Tommy Ferns and team on sound (PA). It was good that we were all able to remember – once again, in a fitting manner, our loved ones who have been called home, in the way that we do best, - assemble in prayer and in hope as a Christin Community around the graves of our loved ones, to celebrate the Eucharist. Thank you for your participation in our Cemetery Mass and for your dedication to the continued care and attention to your family graves.

*And thank God, we didn't fare our too badly with the weather,
in spite of the evening that was in it.*

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.

We hold and keep in our prayers

Rosaleen (Rosie) Dunne (née Gorman) Deerpark. R.I.P.

We pray for Rosie who died peacefully at Regional Hoap., Portlaoise on Sat. 1st July. Rosie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Tues. 4th July followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her husband, John Joe, and family, Mairead, Martina, Celine, Joe and Eugene and their families, grandchildren Tammy, Enda and Orla, great grandchild Luca. Sisters, Kathleen (Wisely) and Pauline (Scott) and their families, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and a large circle of friends.

May Rosie rest in the peace of Christ.

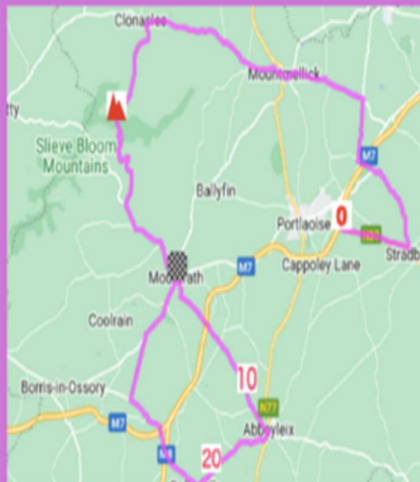
Laos County Council cordially invite you to the launch of

Stage 3 of Rás na mBan

(Stage finish Mountrath)

Venue: BloomHQ R32DT9F

Date: Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm



**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

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Rás na mBan

Rás na mBan – International Womens Cycle Race –

takes place from 6th to 10th Sept.

Stage 3 (102 kilometers) takes place in Laois on Friday 8th September, after a ceremonial start at Aras An Chontae the race will pass through – Stradbally – Emo - Mountmellick – Clonaslee – The Cut - Mountrath – Aghaboe - Ballacolla -

Abbeyleix – finishing in Mountrath at approximately 2pm. Riders from all over Europe, the USA, Oceania, Africa and Asia as well as the best of Ireland’s international and locally-based racers will descend on Laois for the event which will showcase the beauty and landscape of our county. You are invited

to the official launch of the Laois Stage of Rás na mBan – International

Womens Cycle Race on Wed. 12th July in Bloom HQ at 7.30pm.

A Note from Edel Moloney Mountrath CE Supervisor

We have the following upcoming vacancies :

Caretaker - Mountrath CES 2279374

Env Worker - Mountrath CES 2254234

Env Worker - Castletown CES 2268516

Shop Assistant - Mountrath CES 2261754

Hours 19.5 hours per week. Contract: Temporary

Start date: To be confirmed

Salary: Community Employment Rates

Application Details:

Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment for 1 year or more or 18 years and over for certain disadvantaged groups. Your 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

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.

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

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

Mountrath Community Alert

Annual text alert fee of €10 for 2023 -'24 now due. Fee may be
paid until Friday 7th July in the Credit Union or online

at <http://www.communityalerts.ie>

New subscribers welcome.

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Different ways of Supporting your Parish:

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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Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. –

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Mass Times – Anniversaries

Mountrath Fri. 7th - Sun. 16th July

Fri. 7th July 7.00 pm Mass in Clonenagh Cemetery (Cemetery on Right)

Sat. 8th July 7.00 pm Ellen (Elsie) McCarthy. 5th Anniv.

Catherine Olive Dooley, St. Fintan's Tce. 6th Anniv.

Eamon and Mary Delaney, Trumera. 7th Anniv.

Sun. 9th July 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

11.30 am Mary McCarthy 3rd Anniv.

Mon. 10th July 10.00 am People who are ill at this time

Tues. 11th July 10.00 am

Wed. 12th July 10.00 am

Thur. 13th July 10.00 am

Fri. 14th July 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 15th July 7.00 pm Michael and Elizabeth Heffernan, Paddock

. and their son, Mick - and

Deceased members of Heffernan and Delaney families

Sun. 16th July 9.00 am [The Hollow Church.](#)

Mary and James Fitzpatrick, Clonadacasey.

11.30 am Tom Costello, Portlaoise Rd., 4th Anniv.

Ballyfin - Mass Times Anniversaries

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Fri. 7th July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.00 pm Mass in Clonenagh Cemetery

Cemetery on Right - Mountrath to Portlaoise.

7.30 pm Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 8th July 8.00 pm

Sun. 9th July 10.00 am Betty and Dermot Conroy, Barkmills

Jim Dunne, Deerpark, 27th Anniv.

And son, John, Deerpark and Mountmellick

(John died on 5th Feb. '22)

Michael John Coyne, Boghlone.

Mon. 10th July 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 14th July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

7.30 pm Maureen and Ted Fitzpatrick, Cappanrush

Maureen's 1st Anniv.

Sat. 15th July 8.00 pm Barney Dunne, Pallas. 1st Anniv.

Sun. 16th July 10.00 am

Mon. 17th July 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification



Mountrath - Ballyfin Lotto Results.

Ballyfin Lotto Results for
5th July

Nos. Drawn 21 23 26 27

One (1) Jackpot Winner (Raheen Parisl

8 Match 3 Rec. € 125 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 10,000



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Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 6th July

Nos. Drawn 2 20 24 28

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 100 each

3 Local Winners -

Patrick Guidera (Promoter David Tobin)

Adrienne Doheny (Promoter Rita Watkins)

Ray Massey (Promoter Pam Killeen)

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

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.

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€ 20,000 - Mountrath

World Day for Grandparents & Elderly takes place on Sunday, July 23rd.

The National Grandparents Pilgrimage celebrating this day in Knock Shrine will be led by Bishop Denis. The anointing of the sick is at 2.30pm with Mass at 3pm. Families from the diocese are encouraged to travel.

This is the third year celebrating this event. It is hoped that parishes using the attached resources might celebrate and mark this event during one of their Sunday Masses. The theme offered by Pope Francis

this year is 'His mercy is from age to age' (Lk.1:50). We all know the wonderful part played by the elderly and by grandparents in all our parishes, so it is all the more important that we mark the celebration locally as well as universally.

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next Sunday 16th July.

Mass at 3pm with Anointing of the Sick at 2:30pm.

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Dermot & Irene Ring



St. Philomena's Hall, Mountrath

August Bank Holiday Mon. (7th Aug) 9.30 - 12

Retracing the Footsteps of St Brigid and St Conleth

An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty takes place on Saturday 29th July. The walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh at 12noon and concludes with a prayer service in St Brigid's Church, Kildare at 4pm. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to join. To register for the walk please contact Aras Bhride on 045-521352 or email kildareparish@gmail.com

Parish Finances. - A Word of Thanks

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)

Stay connected with us!

Parish Website www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie -

Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish

Cemetery Masses In Mountrath ~ Ballyfin During 2023

Clondarrig Cemetery Wed. 2nd Aug.

Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6th Sept.

All our Cemetery Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

LOURDES



MOUNTMELICK, MOUNTRATH, BALLYFIN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Spiritual Director: Fr Noel Dunphy

2 August 2023

7 Nights from Dublin Airport

€995 per person sharing

- » Direct return flights from Dublin to Lourdes
- » Return airport transfers in Lourdes
- » 7 nights in the Hotel La Solitude
- » Full Board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- » Full religious programme including Mass at the Grotto, Anointing of the Sick, Torchlight Procession, Blessed Sacrament Procession & International Mass
- » Full assistance of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout the pilgrimage and at airports
- » Optional single supplement €39 per night

For information please contact: **Eleanor Duff 087 7670915**

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Contact Person - Eleanor Duff - 087 7670915

Laois Relay for Life 2023

We are delighted to confirm that Relay for Life Laois will be back at Emo Court again this year on July 29th & 30th! Individuals / Clubs / Teams / Groups of Friends, from across the county and beyond, coming together to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and stand shoulder to shoulder with those battling cancer. Relay For Life is a celebration of solidarity and helps to raise awareness of the services provided by the Irish Cancer Society locally.

If you can't make it to the full event, please come along even for a short while, walking is free! There are so many other ways to support the cause also, you could sponsor wellbeing items / treats for our survivors gift bags You can [donate](#) to any one of the registered walking teams / your favourite fundraising individual at www.relayforlife.ie/event/laois/donate Or you can buy a Candle of Hope bag (five euro each) and dedicate it to a loved one and join us at the Candle of Hope ceremony on July 29th at dusk for an evening of music and remembrance.

Please contact any one of the following for any query you may have about the event: Caroline: 087 4499903, Alan: 086 1222227, Fran: 087 9161924

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RelayForLifeLaois/>

Ballyfin Mountrath Mountmellick

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

2nd August – 9th August 2023

See online News! For Full details

Contact Person - Eleanor Duff Phone No. 087 767 0915

Diocesan News

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.

Rally for Life 2023

DON'T MISS IT! Rally for Life on the 1st of July! Join thousands of fellow Catholics & pro-life supporters at the biggest annual pro-life event, now in its 17th year. Gather at 1PM at Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Activities for both children and adults, a family friendly event!

For more info or to book a place on the bus going up to the rally visit www.thelifeinstitute.net , or call 01 873 0465

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Programme

At University Hospital KERRY, 12-week modules involving education, supervision, faith formation and a clinical placement. January/May/September each year. For further information contact

Dr Margaret Naughton Email: margaret.naughton2@hse.ie Phone: 066 7184000

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'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/

A Letter from Fiona Boyle <Fiona.Boyle@alone.ie>

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Hi, my name is Fiona and I am a Volunteer Support Officer for ALONE. ALONE provides many services to Older People in your area to enable them to stay living at home for longer.

ALONE recruits, trains and supports Volunteers for two services:

- 1) Visitation and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer gives an hour a week of their time to provide companionship to an Older Person.

2) Telephone Support and Befriending Service, which is where a volunteer makes friendly calls to Older People once a week for a 2 hour shift.

We currently have older people in your surrounding area looking for both of these services.

"Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided.

If interested please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>

for more information, contact Fiona on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086 1366539."

Kind Regards Fiona Boyle

Volunteer Support Officer

Tel: 086-1366539

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