

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 18<sup>th</sup> June '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

## 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> – Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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## Cemetery Masses In Mountrath Ballyfin

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> June

Clonenagh Cemetery. Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> July ☒

Clondarrig Cemetery Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug.

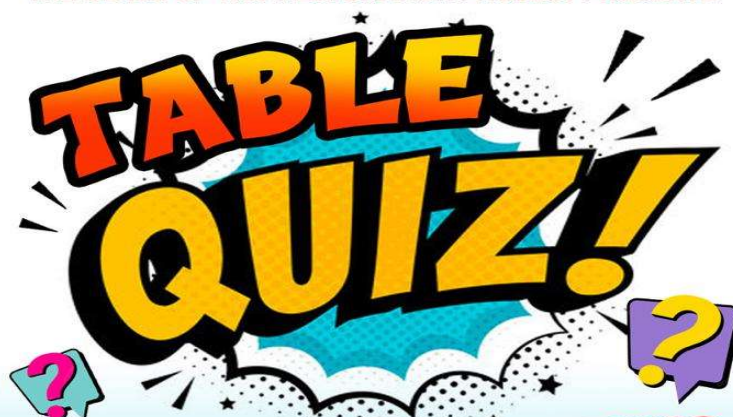
Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

All Cemetery Masses begin at 7.00 pm

## A Note from the Staff of Ballyfin School

Pupils and parents (both past and present) and members of the local community are welcome to join us in celebrating the retirement of Mr. Micheal Moloney as principal of Ballyfin NS with Mass on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> in the Ballyfin Church at 2.00 pm, followed by light refreshments in the School Hall.

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## Ballyfin Cemetery Mass – Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

A note of thanks to everyone involved in our Cemetery Mass. – Organizing Committee, Readers, Choir, Ministers of Holy Communion, Stewards, People who organized the parking and Tommy Ferns and team on sound. The Sands family for the use of their fields for parking. 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 Christian 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. *Lord, for your faithful people, - Life is changed, not ended*

**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.

### Saturday Night Choir

Saturday, 24th June the Saturday night choir will sing at the 7.00pm mass before taking a break for the Summer.

### Text Alert:

Mountrath Community Alert would like to thank all who have paid their annual text alert fee to date. The date for payment has been extended to Friday 7th July, payment will be accepted at

Mountrath Credit Union or online at <http://www.communityalerts.ie>

*As students sit exams across the Diocese and beyond Bishop*

*Denis Nulty asks us to join together in prayer*

*Lord, as I prepare to sit my exams*

*Send your Holy Spirit to guide me and be with me.*

*Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have given me and for the  
opportunity of education.*

*Keep Me Calm.*

*Help me to do the best I can on the day of my exam.*

*Help me to remember all that I have studied,  
to express it clearly and to answer the questions as best that I can.*

*Give me peace, understanding and wisdom and  
be with me today and always. Amen.*



**We hold and keep in our prayers**

## Carmel Crowe (Nee Byrne) - Kilcullen R.I.P.

We pray for Carmel who died peacefully at Naas General Hosp., on Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> June. Carmel's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of The Sacred Heart and St Bridget Kilcullen on Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> June . followed by burial in New Abbey Cemetery. We extend sympathy to husband, Sean and all their family, nieces, nephews, extended family, relatives and friends. We keep and hold in our prayers in a special way at this time, Carmel's sister, Bridget and Bridget's husband, Denis and family, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

*May Carmel rest in the peace of Christ.*

### 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.

[www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## 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 11.00 am 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*

See letter from Jim Deeds on Page 24 of this Newsletter

## Mountrath Community Alert

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

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

*New subscribers welcome.*

## *Say it with Flowers*



A note of thanks to Imelda for looking after the Altar flowers  
in all our churches.

Imelda and Mick, we wish you all the best in your new Shop in  
Derrylusk

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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 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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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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## Mass Times – Anniversaries

### Mountrath

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#### Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> June

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Sarah Dunne, Trumera. 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#).

Ned Murphy, Clonadacasey. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv

and son, Brian – Clonadacasey and Ballyroan.

11.30 am Patrick and Elizabeth Winters and deceased family members

Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am

Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am John Loughnane, Clonadacasey 19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> June 10.00 am Jack and Mary Anne Doyle, Shannon St.,

Thur. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10.00 am



Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Paddy, Maura and Billy Kerwin, Clonard.

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am Catherine Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

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2.00 pm [Ballyfin Church](#)

Mass with Michael Moloney and family and with School Community and Faith Community in which Michael lived and worked as Principal of Ballyfin National School for the past 25 years.

*You are most welcome to be part of this very special celebration.*

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

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## Ballyfin - Mass Times Anniversaries

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Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> June

Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

7.30 pm Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> June 8.00 pm Paddy Culleton, Pallas Big, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am Laura and Tony Kilkenny, Pallas. (Laura's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> June 8.00 pm

Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> June 10.00 am John O'Rourke, Cappanrush.

2.00 pm Retirement Mass with Michael Moloney and family and with School

Community and Faith Community in which Michael lived and worked as

Principal of Ballyfin National School for the past 25 years.

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Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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## Diary Dates for 2023

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Moloney as principal of Ballyfin NS with Mass on Sunday, June 25th in the Ballyfin Church at 2.00 pm, followed by light refreshments in the School Hall.



Mountrath - Ballyfin Lotto Results.

Ballyfin Lotto

Results for 14<sup>th</sup> June

Nos. Drawn Nos. Drawn 2 5 18 2

No Jackpot Winner

14 Match 3 Rec. € 72 each

2 Local Winners

Joanne Fitzgerald Promoter,



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Aoife Keenan Promoter, Mary Hooban

**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 Parish Lotto Results for 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Nos. Drawn 2 5 21 29**

No Jackpot Winner - 17 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 59 each

- 1 Local Winner

David Walsh Promoter, M. Farrell

**Next Week's Jackpot €20,000**

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No Jackpot Winner - Match 3 Winners Rec. € each

- Local Winners

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Week's*



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€ 17,000 Ballyfin

€ 20,000 - Mountrath

# Dermot & Irene Ring



St. Philomena's Hall, Mountrath

August Bank Holiday Mon. (7<sup>th</sup> Aug) 9.30 - 12

## *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](http://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](http://www.mountrath/ballyfinparish.ie) -

Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish

Cemetery Masses In Mountrath ~ Ballyfin During 2023

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> June

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Boghlone Cemetery. Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.

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All our Cemetery Masses will begin at 7.00 pm

*Angela Moore, Support Engagment Officer with Mary's Meals has asked me to include this note in this week's Newsletters.*

## Bus to Knock Shrine

The National Mary's Meals Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Bus will leave Roscrea at 9 am. To book a seat (€20), please contact Angela at

089 433 9592.

# LOURDES



## MOUNTMELICK, MOUNTRATH, BALLYFIN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

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## Silver Screenings

The IMC Cinema, Fairgreen, Carlow are running a weekly over 60's club on Thursdays at 1.30pm. Latest releases, reduced volume, raised lighting and special rate of €7.

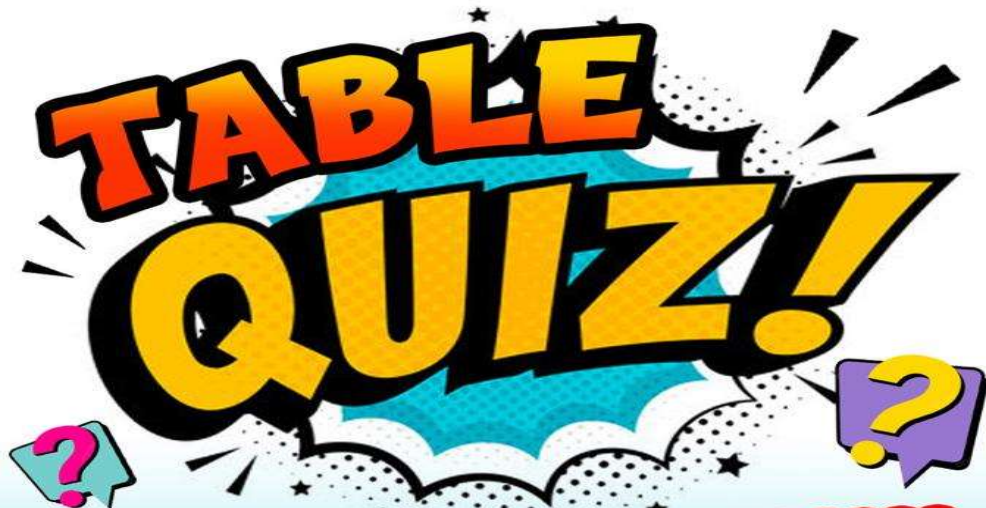
## Diocesan News

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Portlaoise Parish to the Holy Land led by Mgr 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.

# Table Quiz

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