

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 14th May '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

6th Sunday of Easter

Sat. 13th – 14th May 2023

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Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on
FM 104.5

www.ballyfinparish.ie www.mountrathparish.ie

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Line Dancing Lessons In Bloom HQ

Every Monday Morning 10.30 am

Pay as you go €8.00 per class

All are most Welcome

Tea Day for Alzheimer's

Tues. 23rd May 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Kiln Lane Day Centre –

All Most Welcome

Join us for the best cup of tea - ever

Confirmation 2023

Congratulations to our 28 Candidates who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in Ballyfin Church on Fri. 12th May.

Sincere thanks to our Confirmation candidates, parents, guardians, families, teachers and school staff and all who helped with our Confirmation Ceremony, your help and cooperation is very much appreciated.

Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out in all the preparations for the day. Thanks to Bishop Denis who joined us and lead us in a very special ceremony of Confirmation.

Thanks to Tina Cuddy for adding so much to our celebration with her beautiful music and song. Thanks to Br. Matthew, to the various Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion, Imelda from Floral Visions for floral arrangements, Church Cleaners and all who helped to prepare our church – inside and outside - for this very special day.

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.

1st Holy Communion Day in Mountrath



Congratulations to our girls and boys who received their

1st Holy Communion at St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath

Picture shows our children who received their 1st Holy Communion –

with teachers of Scoil Bhríde and St. Fintan's Boys School

(Picture courtesy of Mary Rohan)

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/

Bealtaine Festival

Dance with Maureen Culleton

Laois Sports Partnership invite you to Bealtaine Festival (Activities and Events) taking place for the month of May. Please contact Catriona on (086) 793 5234 to register as numbers are limited. Looking forward to seeing you all and having fun!

Thurs. 25th May (11am – 1pm)

Castletown Community Centre

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

Choir Practice for "Saturday Night Choir"

Saturday night choir practice takes place on Tuesday nights 7.00pm in the church, if you would like to join the choir do come along to the practice. The choir will sing at the Saturday night Masses on 13th and 27th May.

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

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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. –

We wish them a speedy recovery

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Mountrath

Sat. 13th - Sun. 21st May

Sat. 13th May 7.00 pm Margaret (Peg) Maguire (Nee Patterson)

New Line Road. Month's Mind.

Tim Burke, Shannon St., 40th Anniv.

Sun. 14th May 9.00 am The Hollow Church -

Maureen Murtagh (Nee Lee) Derrough. 2nd Anniv.

Michael Heffernan, Clonkeen. 50th Anniv.

11.30 am Tom (Tommy) O'Brien, Factory St., 9th Anniv.

Mon. 15th May 10.00 am

Tues. 16th May 10.00 am

Wed. 17th May 10.00 am Elizabeth (Liz) Wall. Woodbrook.

Thurs 18th May 10.00 am

Fri. 19th May 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead

Sat. 20th May 7.00 pm Kitty Byrne, Ringstown. 20th Anniv.

Sun. 21st May 9.00 am Hollow Church. 1st Holy Communion Day

. 11.30 am Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

2nd Anniversary Remembrances during May

Sat. 27th May 7.00 pm

Peadar Rice, Forest and Bobby Mulhall, Portlaoise Rd.,

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

Ballyfin - Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 13th - Sun. 21st May

Fri. 12th May 11.00 am Ceremony of Confirmation. With children of
Ballyfin Parish - Main celebrant, Bishop Denis Nulty.

5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm Celebration of the Eucharist.

Sat. 13th May. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 6th Sun. Easter
(Feast of Our Lady of Fatima)

Sun. 14th May. 10.00 am James Coogan, Brockera. 20th Anniv.

Mon. 15th May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 19th May 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

7.30 pm William and Julia Conroy, Barkmills.

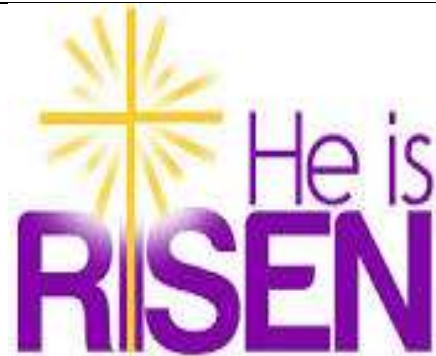
Sat. 20th May 8.00 pm Vigil Mass.

Sun. 21st May 10.00 am Feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

2.00 pm Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

With children of Ballyfin National School

Mon. 22nd May 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification



Diary Dates for 2023

The Hollow Church

Sun. 21st May Time 9.00 am - With children of Gaelscoil Thromaire.

1st Holy Communion Date - Ballyfin Parish

Sun. 21st May 2023 Time 2.00 pm

Sun. 28th May

(With children of Barnashrone NS) Time 2.00 pm



Mountrath - Ballyfin Lotto Results.

Ballyfin Lotto Results 10th May

Nos. Drawn 2 10 15 32

No Jackpot Winner.

14 Match 3 Rec. € 72

Next Week's Jackpot € 12,000



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Mountrath Parish Lotto Thurs. 11th May

Nos. Drawn 5 17 25 26

No Jackpot Winner

12 Match 3 - Received € 84 each

3 Local Winners

Catherine Doheny Promoter M T Burke

Elizabeth Moore Promoter Margaret Doheny

David Doheny Promoter Margaret Doheny.

New Jackpot € 20,000

*Next
Week's*



€ 12,000 - Ballyfin

€ 20,000 - Mountrath

A Note from Edel, Mountrath CE Scheme Supervisor

We have the following upcoming vacancies in the coming weeks:

Env. Worker - Mountrath CES 2254234 Hours 19.5 hours per week.

Env. Worker - Castletown CES 2268516 Hours 19.5 hours per week.

Shop Assistant - Mountrath CES 2261754 Hours 19.5 hours per week.

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

All Ireland Vintage Rally in Ballyfin

Sun. 28th May

See full details below

**Irish Vintage Society All Ireland
National Vintage Rally**



Sunday 28th May

Ballyfin Vintage Club



Co. Laois. R32 AD92



085 1184563 / Auto Jumble 087 7824481



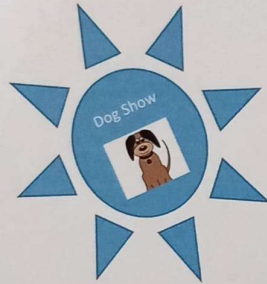
Irish Vintage Society
All Ireland National Rally



Sunday 28th May 2023

Hosted by

Ballyfin Vintage Club, Co Laois R32AD92



- Traditional Steam threshing
- Display of Vintage tractors and Cars.
- Stationary engines
- Die-cast Display
- Children's entertainment
- Card making
- Music & dancing
- Steam driven Saw Bench
- Rare vintage collection of Lanz tractors
- Auto-jumble
- Dog show
- Face painting
- Butter making
- Variety of other attractions

Contact: Robbie 0851184563

Die Cast Majella 0863101822

Auto Jumble Paddy 087 7824481

Pre Booking Essential

ALL Ireland Nation Vintage Rally (Irish Vintage Society)

Hosted By

Ballyfin Vintage Club

Co. Laois.

@ R32 AD92



Sunday 28th May 11am -6PM

Show for all the Family

*Steam Threshing, Steam Powered Saw Bench, Butter making,
Wood Turning, Die Cast miniature display, Dog Show, Vintage
Tractors, inc. Lanz Bull Dog tractor display, Vintage Cars,.
Stationary Engines, Auto Jumble,
Music & Dance, Tradition Entertainment for Children, many
more stalls & lots more entertainment...*

Pre Entry Required

Pat 0877824481 (Auto Jumble)

Secretary 0851184563

Mary's Meals Pray in May Campaign

Pray in May is a grassroots campaign where we invite individuals, churches, and faith groups to pray with us – that our work continues to flourish and grow, and that more children and communities will see their lives transformed through the provision of a daily meal in a place of education.

For more information about this global movement, check out marysmeals.ie

Angela Moore Supporter Engagement Officer
Mary's Meals Ireland



**We are now feeding 2,429,182
children every school day!**

mary's
meals

a simple solution
to world hunger

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Alzheimer's
TEA day

May 23rd
2023

Join us

teaday.ie
f t i in

For the best cup of tea ...ever!

Let's get together to help support families living with dementia

Venue: Mountrath Day Centre
KILN LANE.

Date: Tuesday May 23rd, 2023:

Time: 1pm- 3pm. "All are Welcome!"

THE Alzheimer SOCIETY OF IRELAND

DONATE NOW

CHY No. CHY7868 CRN: 20018238

Community Alert Text Alert Renewal

Renewal subscription €20 per phone will take place in Community Hall after Mass on Sat. 13th and Sun. 14th May.

Pin Point Alerts provide the Service which costs €500 per year.

Names will be removed from Service if subscription remains unpaid.

New members welcome.

Contact Sheila on 086 157 0145 for more information.

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

Ballyfin New Cemetery Sun. 11th June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 30th June

Clonenagh Cemetery. Fri. 7th July

C;ondarrig 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
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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.

GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATING THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION 2023

From the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin

