

Mountrath  
Ballyfin  
Online  
Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2023

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Nov '23

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald C.C. (087) 605 5783

Fr. Joe (087) 2411 594

Mountrath Parish Radio transmits on FM 104.5

[www.ballyfinparish.ie](http://www.ballyfinparish.ie) [www.mountrathparish.ie](http://www.mountrathparish.ie) -

Email [jmbrophy2@gmail.com](mailto:jmbrophy2@gmail.com)

Teachers Required  
for Mountrath  
School of Music  
and School of Grinds

See Pages 15 and 16

Irish Guide Dogs  
for the Blind

express a very sincere *Thank You*  
for your support of their recent  
church gate collection. Your  
continued support is very much  
appreciated. Also a huge thank you to  
our volunteers who helped us over  
the two days.

# Fundraiser

Donate Unwanted Clothes  
to Scoil Bhríde

See Page 31



Cookery Demonstration in  
St. Philomena's Hall

Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. - **This Tues.**

With Edward Hayden (From Ireland AM)

Fundraiser for Class of 1990 Restoration Project

8.00 pm Start - Doors open - 7.00 pm

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2.45pm – 6pm  
**Prayer Afternoon for Peace in The Holy Land.**  
*St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe.*

An invitation to you to come and join us as we raise up  
 these nations to God in prayer.

As we gather, let us  
 implore and cry out to God to bring comfort, and peace to our brothers and  
 sisters in these troubled lands.

**Adoration**

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

**Holy Rosary**

**Stations of the Cross**

**Music Ministry**

Fr Paddy will conclude our  
 evening of Prayer with Benediction.

*(cup of tea afterwards in the adjoining community hall, all are most welcome).*

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Drop off Days/times are Friday 24th November 2pm -  
 3.15pm & Saturday 25th November 10am - 11am

We accept All Womens, Mens and Childrens Clothing  
 Paired Footwear, handbags, Belts  
 Soft toys(teddies)

Curtains, Towels, Bedlinen(duvet covers, sheets,  
 pillowcases, Blankets, throws

**NO PILLOWS OR DUVETS OR CARPETS**

All Support is greatly appreciated.



## A November Prayer before Bedtime

O my God,  
As the evening falls  
I come to you in prayer.  
I thank you for being with me  
in every moment of this day,  
guiding me and protecting me,  
keeping me from harm.

On this November night  
I bring before you in prayer  
all those dear to me who have died.  
(Name those for whom you wish to pray)  
Remember them God  
in your loving kindness.  
May they now rest in your eternal peace.

May all of us who still miss them and  
grieve for them  
find comfort in our belief  
that we will one day see them again  
in the kingdom of heaven.

I remember in my prayer this night  
all those who have died and who have no  
one to pray for them.

For these and for our loved ones I pray:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

@KANDLEI

- Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

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Our New-Look Parish App. came online recently Check it out.

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

### Dates for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated  
in Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes

on Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Ceremony in Mountrath Parish Ch. at 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Ch. at 2.30 pm

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1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Dates See Page 14

We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers

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*May Pat and Maura and Jane rest in the peace of Christ.*

**Frank Jackson. Kilbricken R.I.P.**

We pray for Frank who died peacefully at his home on Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. Frank's Funeral Service was conducted in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath on Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. followed by burial in adjoining Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Emily, Nial, Lorna and Olga, and all their families, grandchildren, sister, Olive and her family, niece, nephews, extended family, neighbours and a large circle of friends.

*May Pat and Maura and Jane rest in the peace of Christ*

*Prayer attributed to St. John Henry Newman*

Lord, as 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.

**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.

# 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 1633

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## 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.

(Our Parish Newsletters are online and on App. from early Saturday morning)

# Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm John (Johnny) Callaghan, Trumera. Month's Mind

Pat McGrath, Shannon Rd., 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Liz Sinnott, Shannon Rd., 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Maura Phelan, Shannon Rd., 16<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.** Paddy Cullen, Clonenagh

Richard and Martha Phelan, St. Fintan's Tce.

Nora and Julia Phelan, Clonard.

**11.30 am** Jack Hyland, Cavansheath - 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Martin Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Mary Brigid and Fintan Deegan, Factory St.,

And deceased members of Deegan Family, Factory St.,

Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am No 10.00 am Mass today

Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. 10.00 am

Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 10.00 am

Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 10.00 am

Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of The Dead.

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Donal Kirwan, Clonard. Month's Mind

Paddy and Philomena Carter, St. Fintan's Tce,

Paddy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.



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Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov

Continued

Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Continued

Patrick and Angela Wallace, Patrick St.

Fintan, Benny and Kathleen Russell, Shannon St.

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church.](#)

Laurence and Catherine Fitzpatrick, Trumera

Patrick (Paddy) and Martin Hurley, Trumera.

11.30 am [Feast of Christ the King.](#)



As has been the custom in Mountrath Parish over the years we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after our 11.30 Mass on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. We assemble in silent prayer and in a spirit of thanksgiving as we mark the closing of the Church Year. Listed across are the adoration / silent prayer times for each of our 30 Parish townlands. Parishioners from all our Parish townlands are invited to be part of this special time.





# Ballyfin Anniversaries

**Mass Times Anniversaries Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8.00 pm Eamon Dunne, Cappanrush. Month's Mind  
Helen and Mick O'Rourke, Upper Ballyfin

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am 32<sup>nd</sup> Sun. In Ord. Time

Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification..

Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8.00 pm Joseph, Mary and Rory Culleton

Sr. Francis Dunne and deceased members of the Dunne Family, Brockera.

**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am** Ita Dunne, Deerpark. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Charles Phelan, O'Moore Forest.

Peter Fitzpatrick, Cappinaclare

Sheila Fitzpatrick, Ashgrove, (Cappanrush)

Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Apost. of Sanctification

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*Lord, for your faithful people,*

*Life is changed, not ended.*



## Ballyfin Parish Watch and Pray

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. is the Final Sunday of the Church Year. Each year in Ballyfin Parish Church we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a few hours on this special Day - The Feast of Christ the King - We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness. Parishioners from all our Parish townlands are invited to be part of this special time.

### Parish Townlands

Immediately after Mass ( 10.45)

Irey, Ross, Springfield, Lower Irey,  
Cappinrush, Ballylusk,  
Knocknakearn, Brockera, Cloncullen,  
Cappagh South, Ockanroe, The Harrow.

11.15 am - The Knocks, Cavansheath,  
Ballycormack, Cappinacclare, Upper Sconce,  
Lower Sconce, Briscula.  
Upper Ballyfin, Rossmore, Upper Clonurke,  
Catholes, Deerpark, Clonurke.

11.45 pm Camcloon, Cappinrush, Esker,  
Clonagown, Clontowra, The Oak, Barkmills,  
Barnashrone. O'Moore's Forest, Cappagh  
North, Clontyglass,  
Clondarrig, Clonrooske,

12.15 pm Pallas, Pallas Little, Pallas Big,  
Clonagh  
Coolnamona, Ballina, Boughlone,  
Clonboyne, Clonkeen, Clondouglas.  
Oldtown, Aston Manor, Hillview, Rockdale,  
Mountrath Road.

Concluding Prayer at about  
12.45 pm

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### The Feast of Christ the King.

We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness. Listed below are adoration / silent prayer times allocated to each of our 30 Townlands in the Parish, Station Areas. Parishioners from all our Parish townlands are invited to be part of this special time.

### Parish Townlands

12.25 pm (Immediately after Mass)

Clonard, Moonbawn, Forest Hill, Knockanina.  
Redcastle, Clonenagh, Derrough,

12.45 pm Ringstown, Derrylusk, Cappagh,  
Trumera. Dysartbeigh, Coldblow,  
Fr. O'Connor Crescent, Shannon St.,  
Stillbrook. Portlaoise Rd.

1.00 pm Church St. Factory St.  
Kiln Lane. The Square, Thomas Court,  
Patrick St. Main St. The Hollow.

1.15 pm Clonadacasey and Cloncourse.  
Shannon St. St. Fintan's Tce. Woodbrook.

Concluding Prayer at about 1.30 pm



# CHRISTMAS IN THE CONVENT



**Sunday 10th December 2-6 pm**

Christmas Market  
Carol Singing  
Lots of activities for kids  
Santa visit



**BRIGIDINE CONVENT, MOUNTRATH**



*Rest  
Awhile*

## "Do This in Memory" Programme

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin Enrolement Ceremonies

Mountrath Parish Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mass 7.00 pm All Schools

Ballyfin. Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Mass 10.00 am Both Schools

### "Do This in Memory" Children's Masses

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

### (The) Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

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

Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm With Children of Barnashrone National School



## Ballyfin Lotto Results 15<sup>th</sup> Nov

Nos. Drawn 1 14 27 28

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3's Rec. €100 each

**Jackpot €16,000**

A note of thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto - Organizing 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 Lotto - 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Numbers drawn 5 14 17 21

16 Match 3 Winners Rec. €63 Each.

**New Jackpot, €15,000 5 Local Winners**

Nick Sixsmith Promoter, Breda Conroy

Chris Russell. Promoter, Jerry Dooley

Jessica Farrell Promoter, Jerry Dooley

Bernie Tynan. Promoter, Bernie Tynan

Noel Tobin. Promoter, Rita Watkins



# Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish Lotto

*Next  
Week's*



€ 15,000 - Mountrath

€ 16,000 Ballyfin





# EDWARD

# Hayden

FROM "IRELAND AM"

# Cookery Demonstration

St. Philomena's Hall,  
Brigidine Convent,  
Mountrath, Co. Laois

## TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Fundraiser for Class of 1990 Restoration Project

Doors 7pm Demo at 8pm



**MONSTER Raffle on the Night**

**Book your tickets now  
through Eventbrite**

**Tickets  
€25**  
(includes FREE  
Refreshments)



## A Message from Ailish Higgins, newly appointed Director of Safeguarding

Hi All, I have officially taken over the mantle from Kathleen Sherry as of 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2023. Let me take this opportunity to thank Kathleen again. As you are probably aware the role of Director is shared with the Diocese of Ossory, so my time will be spread across both Dioceses.

For continuity, I will be using the same phone number and email address as Kathleen which are noted below. Phone: 085 802 1633

Email: [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie) By mail: Bishops House, Old Dublin Road,  
Carlow

If you have any queries regarding safeguarding of children or of vulnerable adults, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to working with you, to visiting your parishes and meeting in person in the not-so-distant future. *Le meas, Ailish*

## AIB Leinster Intermediate Club Championship Final



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## O'Moores (Laois) V Na Fianna (Meath)

**Sunday, November 19th  
12.45pm**

**Netwatch Cullen Park, Carlow.**



# Teachers needed

Primary School

and

Secondary school- all subjects



State of the art facilities at **Bloom HQ** in **Mountrath** to hold grind classes.

Rooms can be booked for **€15 an hour**

Each room can comfortably hold 4-5 students

Rooms will have a whiteboard/desks and chairs

You can set your own **hours, rate and time.**

This is a perfect spot to teach **groups or individuals.**

If you're interested in renting a spot please

Contact **Lucy** on **087-2597895**





# Music Teachers needed

All instruments

All genres of music- trad, classical, jazz etc

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Rooms can be booked for **€15 an hour**

Each room can comfortably hold 4-5 students -

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The Mountrath community forum may be in a position to buy instruments so that students can rent these. This will be discussed on an individual basis.

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**All Support is greatly appreciated.**

**Collection Point**

**Ballyfin G A A**

**Dressing Rooms**

# Have you installed our New Parish App.

Available to download from wherever you get your Apps.

Well Worth downloading and installing

**At the touch of your screen you have**

All Mass Times and Anniversary Remembrances

3 Newsletters

PDF of Print Copies and Online Newsletter

Lotto Results

All Sacramental Arrangements

Latest Parish and Diocesan News

--- *And Much Much More*



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

## Midday - Thursdays





## *Parish Finances. - A Word of Thank*

*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)



# News From Across The Diocese

Is your parish interested in finding out how to become an eco-parish?

Find out more at this Eco-Congregation Ireland online gathering for all friends in the Leinster region!

Date and Time: Saturday 11 November 2023, 10.00am – 11.00am

This event is open to those in Leinster who are interested in learning how to start their church's eco journey, work towards their ECI Award and develop their work into the future.

We will hear from faith communities who have received their ECI Award. They will tell us how they began their journey and how they have continued their work for God's creation. There will be an opportunity for discussion, questions and ideas sharing.

If you would like to attend, drop a line to [info@ecocongregationireland.com](mailto:info@ecocongregationireland.com) to book a place and you will be sent the zoom link closer to the time

## Second book of writings of the late Fr John Cummins

Following the 'runaway success' of the first book, the family of Fr John Cummins have issued a second publication in his memory. This new book, also named "My Life in Your Hands", contains more sermons of Fr. John's.

The new publication is an accompaniment to the initial book which contained the sermons for Sundays in Year A of the 3-year liturgical calendar. This second volume contains Fr. John's sermons for Year B and Year C of the church cycle. It also contains reflections for secondary school students, tributes by friends and numerous photographs.

The late Fr. Cummins was known for his good humour and easy manner as well as his preaching skills. As a young priest, he spent five years in Rome studying for his doctorate in Celtic Spirituality. Fr. John spent most of his priestly ministry in Carlow town where he was chaplain in the then Regional College and Administrator in the Cathedral. A native of Newbridge, he earlier served in Naas.

He became PP of Abbeyleix and Ballyroan only 18 months before his death. The homilies of Fr. John are rooted not only in scripture, but also in the everyday issues of contemporary Ireland. They will be useful for personal reflection at any time and will be valued by anyone with an interest in religion and spirituality. "My Life in Your Hands" retails at € 15 and all proceeds after printing costs will be donated to the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

It is available in parish offices throughout the diocese and Woodbine Books Kilcullen and Farrell & Nephew, Newbridge. For further information please see <https://www.kandle.ie/my-life-in-your-hands-sermons-of-the-late-fr-john-cummins/>

## Conferences on Key Roles of Catechists and Educational Leaders

This November St Kieran's College is welcoming people who will attend two exciting conferences. The two conferences – one on International Perspectives on Forming Catechists and the second on International Perspectives in Catholic Educational Leadership, are timely and certainly draw together an impressive group of speakers on these topics. These conferences are a collaboration between St Kieran's College and the University of Notre Dame Australia. Catechists will play a key role in our Church in the years to come. Aware of both the importance of this ministry in the life of the Church internationally and of Catholic educational leadership in general everywhere, the Diocese of Ossory will host these Conferences from 28th November -2nd December 2023, in St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. Spaces at both conferences will be limited so please book now by emailing [notredameaustralia@stkieranscollege.ie](mailto:notredameaustralia@stkieranscollege.ie)

## Catechism in a Year

Would you like to read the Catechism in a year? We are a friendly group that reads and discusses a section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church each week. In 2023, we will follow The Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz. <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/catechisminayear> Join us on Mondays, 8:00pm - 9:30 pm in the Parish Centre, Prosperous. For any enquiries, please contact Alice on 087 6505803

## Do you feel called to seek God in prayer & contemplation, monastic work and community life?

The Cistercian Community at St. Mary's abbey, Glencairn invite single women, aged 19-40, to our upcoming monastic vocations weekend on 27-29 October, 2023

Please contact our vocation director, Sr Sarah at [vocations@glencairnabbey.org](mailto:vocations@glencairnabbey.org)  
Or visit [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://www.glencairnabbey.org) for more details

## Catholic Marriage Encounter

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland a special Weekend has been scheduled for the 10th -12th November 2023. Venue: The Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Eircode W91 XR23

This Weekend is available to all married couples at no fixed charge beyond the deposit of €50 per couple and a voluntary donation. To book visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

## Sharing the Good News

The Catholic Communications Office edits and publishes a five-story weekly ezine Sharing the Good News. The ezine is an accessible news report on the work of bishops' subscribe to this resource by

visiting <https://catholicnews.ie/newsletter/>

# Donate Unwanted Clothes for Scoil Bhríde

We are collecting your unwanted clothes to raise funds for Scoil Bhríde, Mountrath. Simply pack a bag with items that are no longer needed and drop it into Scoil Bhríde between 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

We greatly appreciate your support!

## ITEMS ACCEPTED:✓

- Clothes (men's, ladies, children's)
- Socks in pairs, underwear, bras.
- Shoes in pairs.
- Sports shoes, runners, rugby boots, etc. (Can be soiled, but not ripped)
- Hats, scarves, belts, suits, jewellery &, etc.
- Soft toys (no plastic parts)
- Cups, plates and small brick-a-brack
- All items must be in good, usable or wearable condition.



## ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:✗

- NO Pillows or duvets
- NO Ripped, damaged, wet, soiled, or moldy clothes/shoes.
- NO Single or ripped shoes
- NO Slippers or flip-flops.
- NO duvets, curtains, table cloths or towels



Stay connected with us!

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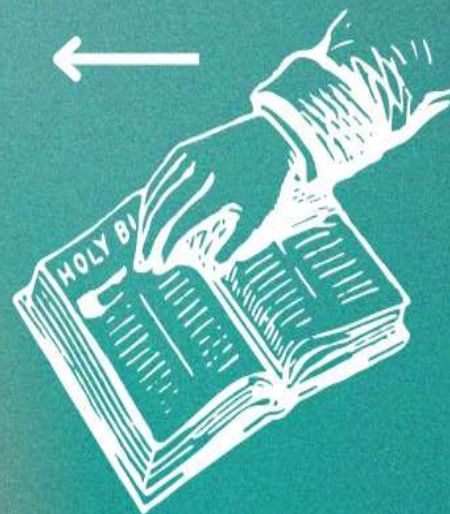
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## Community Climate Action Programme (Note from Diocesan Office)

We have been contacted by the Community Climate Action Officer for Carlow Local Authority however there is a similar position in every Local Authority so this information applies to everyone. Funding has been ring fenced (Community Climate Action Programme) by each local authority for carbon reduction initiatives which is a big item on the agenda at the moment. I am attaching a copy of the Powerpoint Presentation for Carlow and the general information is the same for each county. Funding will be available for projects which:

- Reduce or support reduction of greenhouse gases,
  - Increase production of renewable energy,
    - Improve energy efficiency,
    - Improve climate resilience,
- Are nature based projects, enhance biodiversity and climate resilience,
  - Assist with transition to low carbon economy,
- And provide innovative solutions to climate change.





# **Prayer for Peace**

## **27 October 2023**

**O God, Creator of all,  
of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael,  
hear the cries of your people throughout the world  
who hunger for peace and for justice.**

**We pray to you for an end to the violence and injustice  
in Israel and the Palestinian territories.**

**We pray that weapons be silenced,  
that those who wage violence against the innocent  
turn away from the evil of their actions,  
and that leaders in the international community and locally  
work tirelessly to find a pathway to lasting peace in the Holy Land.**

**God of love,  
comfort those who grieve terrible losses, console and heal the injured,  
be close to and protect the children and all those living in fear,  
give courage to those who have been captured  
and strength to their families who await their safe return.**

**God of peace,  
rise up the peace makers the world needs,  
so that your light may reach and overcome the darkest depths of this conflict  
and people will come to know and live in peace, as is your will.**

**Amen.**

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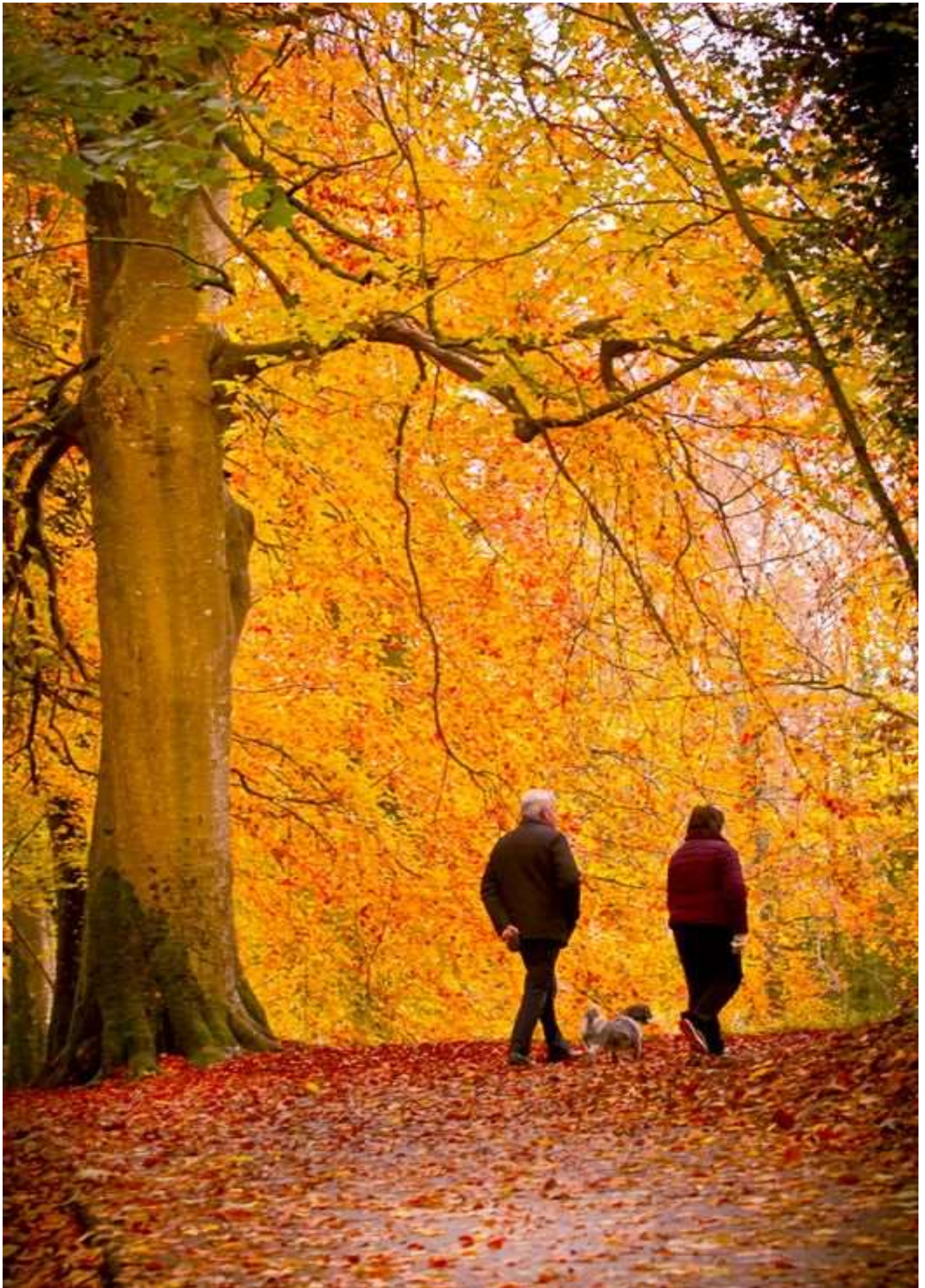
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**I don't believe time heals everything.**

**It helps, it does.**

**After awhile you won't cry about it all the time.**

**It won't consume your every thought anymore.**

**You do get better.**

**You'll laugh,**

**And smile.**

**You'll even have a lot of great days.**

**But it's still there.**

**You just learn to live with it.**

**This is how things are now.**

**So you get used to it.**

**But,**

**That doesn't mean it ever goes away.**

**It's still deep in your soul.**

**Still makes you cry when you think about it too much.**

**Still stops you in your tracks when something**

**reminds you of it.**

**You'll have those moments**

**where your heart hurts really bad.**

**I don't think time heals everything**

**Sure it gets better,**

**But it's a scar that never goes away.**

**A broken bone that still aches on rainy days.**

**Melinda Caroline**



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