Camp Pio Presents:

November Children's Art Competition, 2026

On November 1st, our church celebrates the ***Feast of All Saints*** and on November 6th,we celebrate the ***Feast of All the Saints of Ireland.*** In November we remember all Holy Souls and take time to remember those who handed on our faith to us, particularly when it may not have been popular to do so. People like Bishop Daniel Delany, who was born in Paddock, near Mountrath in 1747,who founded The Brigidine and Patrician Orders.

The competition invites children to create artwork inspired by the theme:

Courage with Christ, Remembering Our Saints

We encourage children to research the lives of venerables, blesseds and canonised saints during November particularly the three patron saints of Ireland, SS Patrick, Brigid and Columba, together with our local St. Fintan of Clonenagh.

A portrait of the saints or a portrayal of a story related to the lives of the saints may be expressed in the art work. We are also adding Bishop Daniel Delany to Category 3, to mark & celebrate 280 years since his birth in Co. Laois.

Whether you choose to draw or paint, we can't wait to see your images of our local & national canonised saints and Bishop Daniel Delany.

Terms & Conditions:

Judging the Competition:

Submissions will be assessed within three different categories.

Category 1: Ages 5-7 years -Artists pick either St. Brigid or St. Patrick.

Category 2: Ages 8-11 -Artists pick either St. Brigid or St. Patrick or

St. Columba (Colmcille).

Category 3: Ages 12-15 -Artists pick either St. Fintan or Bishop Daniel Delany.

Winners & Prizes :**Bloom HQ ,Mountrath, Co. Laois, have afforded the winners of the competition the exciting opportunity of having their work exhibited for the month of February, 2027. An Art Exhibition Evening will take place, where winners will be presented with their prizes.**

There will be three winners in each category and twenty winners over all, (please note the following : if you are notified that you are a winner, who has submitted a paper entry, your

parents/ guardian will be asked to supply a frame of choice for your art piece prior to the prize giving exhibition evening.)

Each winner will be presented with generous hampers of art supplies/voucher.

Submitting an Artwork

Please submit your original Art work

- On A3 sized Paper or Canvas no bigger than A3
- Please attach your completed entry form

Please submit your Art Work before **Sunday Dec 6th** to the designated boxes in

churches for collection at all churches in the parish

St. Fintan's Ballyfin (R32 TD61) or St. Fintan's Mountrath (R32 X338) and The Sacred Heart, The Hollow (R32 X763)

Or in local schools for collection, where they are participating.

Entries will also be accepted at this year's Camp Pio's

Advent with St. Francis Camp (Nov 21st, Bloom HQ)

Please note: You may use artistic media, including drawing, painting, crayon, pencil, pastel, textile art or watercolour.

- Artwork must be the original work of entrant. Digital or AI generated submissions will not be accepted.
- Artwork should be on **A3 size paper**/ canvas -no bigger than A3

Key Dates

- **Opening Date:** November 1st (All Saints)
- **Closing Date:** December 6th (Feast of St. Nicolas)
- **Presentation Night & Art Exhibition at Bloom HQ** -Friday, January 29th, 2027

Resources:

https://youtu.be/p3n5B5krtHg?is=nZZMllnTW3aOi4R6

https://youtu.be/PT7dhQYLze8?is=FvPyrT33Vqcg6n8V

https://youtu.be/_sZxweOLBKQ?is=5fGZFaohJilg0fVc