

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

Sat. 22nd Sun. 23rd Aug. 2026

As a New School Year begins

We extend our very Best Wishes

to everyone involved on our

School Communities

Pupils - Parents - Staff

Boards of Management

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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

Fr. Joe Brophy P.P. (087) 241 1594

Website www.mountrathparish.ie

or www.ballyfinparish.ie

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Sun. 23rd August
2026

21st Sunday
In Ordinary Time

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Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

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Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

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Blood Donation Clinic

St. Fintan's Hall,
Mountrath

Wed. 26th Aug.

From

3.45 pm – 8.00 pm

Obituaries

Caroline (Peggy) McKay (Nee Reid) Shannon
Rd., R.I.P.

We pray for Peggy who died peacefully on Sun. 2nd Aug. at Regional Hosp., Portlaoise Peggy's Funeral Service was held in St. Peter's Church, Mountrath on Tues. 4th Aug. followed by burial in adjoining churchyard. We extend sympathy to her family, William, Tommy, Victor, Trevor, Harriet and their families, special relation Joan Reid, her grandchildren Zoe, Gena, Linda, Philip, Gary, Evan, Leona, Dale and Jordan, her great-grandchildren, her sisters Hetty (Holmes) and Lucy (Rothwell) and their families, extended family, neighbours and friends.

May Peggy rest in the peace of Christ.

Bishop Denis' Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Appointments

Fr. Tom Dooley, PP Portarlington and Emo to retire.

Fr. Yanbo Chen, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Theodore Tomasik, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Erik Ebot, SVD CC, Portlaoise, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Eugen Dragas Tamas, CC, Portarlington & Emo

Returning to Iasi Diocese in Romania.

Fr. Ciprian Matei, C C, Portlaoise returning to Bucharest Archdiocese in Romania.

Fr. Joe O'Neill, PP, Kill to take sabbatical leave.

Fr. David Vard P P Stradbally taking personal leave of absence with my full support.

Fr. Pat Hughes, P P, Myshall and Clonegal, to become PP, Portarlington and Emo.

Fr. Andy Leahy, C C, Myshall and Clonegal, to become PP Myshall & Clonegal while continuing to reside in St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan.

Fr. Yohan Fernando, C C, Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House, to become Adm., Kill while remaining part of the team in Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House Pastoral Area.

Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, Polish Chaplain, to become C C in the Portarlington Mountmellick Pastoral Area, while continuing to support the Polish community.

Fr. Petru Medves, C C, Abbeylax, Ballinakill & Raheen, to become also CC, Portlaoise.

The three curates in Portlaoise (Fr. Adriano de Oliveira, Fr. Simon Jin and Fr. Petru Medves) will assist in ministry in the wider Pastoral Area.

As previously announced (which came into effect on 1st August):

Fr. Sean Maher, P P Balyna, appointed to staff of the St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Fr. Brian Kavanagh, C.C, Allen & AP Newbridge, to become P P, Balyna.

Kildare and Leighlin

Eucharistic Adoration Prayer Day

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27.

Find peace in a day of Prayer and Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Rev. Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen and Ms Mary Connolly.

Location: Mount St. Anne's, Portarlinton. (R32 WN59)

Date: Sat. 29th Aug. 9.30am - 4.00pm.

Concludes with Holy Mass 3pm

Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30-1.15. Cost €25.00

Booking Essential. Call or Text with name and number
of companions

Barbara Kinsella 0861637311

**Tailored to support people
living with Parkinson's,
A space that understands
your needs**

£8 per class

Days and time to be confirmed

What we will be doing

- Seated exercise
- Strength
- Balance



Lovely LAOIS

HOMEcoming FESTIVAL

Gala DINNER

THE MIDLANDS PARK HOTEL, PORTLAOISE
SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dinner and Award Ceremony To celebrate our
Guest of Honour and our Unsung Heroes



EILEEN DUNNE
VP GUEST OF HONOUR

- EILEEN DUNNE
- NOEL BURKE
- ARC PROJECT
- TOM DUFFY
- ABBEYLEIX HOUSE
AND FARM

Entertainment by

- TRUDI LALOR
- NOEL FITZPATRICK BAND
- DAMIEN BOWE
- THE MATRIMONY BAND



★ For further information contact The Midlands Park Hotel:
057 867 8588 or LovelyLaoisHomecoming.ie

DOORS OPEN @ 6.30PM
DINNER SERVED @ 7.30PM (SHARP)
UNRESERVED SEATING

Prime Time of Life for Farmers

A FREE 8-week hybrid exercise and health education programme for farmers



- Designed for all fitness levels and clinical conditions.
- Scientifically proven to improve fitness, strength, balance, mobility, health and wellbeing.

Weekly Timetable

Choose 2 exercise classes that fit your schedule and watch 1 health masterclass per week.

Mondays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
7:45-8:30pm Prime Time for Farmers Online Exercise		1:00-1:20pm Health Masterclass Online
8:30-8:50pm Stretch & Mobility Online Exercise	7:30-8:30pm Prime Time for Farmers Mountrath Exercise	7:00-7:45pm LIFT Online Exercise
7:30-8:30pm Prime Time for Farmers Mountrath Exercise		

- The in-person exercise classes are delivered in Mountrath Martial Arts & Fitness Academy.
- The online exercise classes and masterclasses are delivered via Zoom.
- The masterclasses are delivered by the EduFIT team and are recorded so you can watch anytime.



STARTS MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2026



SCAN TO ACCESS
SIGN-UP FORM



National Synodal Pathway Update

Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which will take place in October. Working groups from across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland.

To learn more and view the latest video update from Fr. Declan Hurley, Chairperson of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll, member of the National Synodal Pathway and Pastoral Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Dublin, please visit <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

Irish Synodal Pathway

The 7 Priorities Proposed

Belonging: Fostering a Church of welcome, inclusion, and safety where each person finds a home in community and in Christ.

Coreponsibility and Lay Ministry: Empowering all the baptised, women and men alike, to share responsibility for leadership and mission through new models of ministry and decision-making.

Family: Supporting the domestic Church as the primary place of faith transmission and belonging, and strengthening its connection with parishes and schools

Formation and Catechesis: Deepening faith through lifelong formation that is Christ centred, experiential, and equips the baptised for discipleship in today's world.

Healing: Acknowledging wounds, especially those caused by abuse; committing to accountability, justice, and reconciliation; and ensuring safe spaces for survivors and all who carry pain.

Women: Recognising and including women's gifts, leadership, and coreponsibility at every level of Church life, as a matter of justice and credibility.

Youth: — Engaging young people with authenticity offering our youth meaningful roles in leadership and mission, and listening to their hopes and challenges.



WALK THE CROSS

25th, 26th & 27th September 2026
CROKE PARK, DUBLIN

**33 MILES OVER TWO DAYS
A MILE FOR EVERY YEAR JESUS LIVED**

CONFESSIONS
SPEAKERS

BENEDICTION
EXALTATION OF THE CROSS
HOLY MASS

Beginning at St Brigid's Church, Kildare
Day 1: Holy Mass at 9:30am, followed by the walk to Naas
Day 2: The pilgrimage resumes from Naas, walking to St Agatha's Church, near Croke Park, concluding with Holy Mass at 6:00pm
Day 3: Eucharistic Procession from Saint Agatha's to Croke Park ending with Holy Mass, Benediction & talk from Father Mark Goring

Register by emailing walkthecross33@gmail.com

www.walkthecross.ie



Cemetery Masses

Boughlone Cemetery

Wed. 2rd Sept.

Masses Commence at 7.00 pm

New Defibrillator at Ballyfin Old School

Official Name of Device - Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

(An AED is a portable device and can be used by anyone to help someone experiencing cardiac arrest)

A new state of the art defibrillator and cabinet have been installed at Ballyfin Old School. This Unit has been installed for the protection of patrons of Ballyfin Old School and Ballyfin Community Centre / Ballyfin Parish Hall.

A note about the Defibrillator.

The Cabinet containing the defibrillator is not locked and is available to use, instantly, at any time. When the cabinet door is opened an alarm sounds.

I would like if a number of local people would engage in a training / familiarization programme in the safe use of the Defibrillator. If a number of people come forward, I will organize suitable training –

To ensure that the defibrillator is always in working order and fit for purpose, it needs to be checked out on a regular basis. I would like if a kind local person would commit to looking after the unit on behalf of the Parish. I very much appreciate your help and co-operation.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming .
involved in this project.

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Becoming Synodal

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The day will explore how we can become more synodal in practice in our parishes and pastoral areas, taking baptism as a starting point and leading to practical explorations of key aspects of being synodal, including local decision making. Attendees will be given resources to take away for future use in their Parishes..

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Thank You

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And

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*One day of prayer in honour
of St. Carlo Acutis:*

Sun. 6th, Sept.; Bus departs:

*Monasterevin, Kildare,
Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock,
Maynooth, M3 Parkway.*

To book your place

Telephone / Text Deirdre 087 2467594

Email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

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*We extend our best wishes to Ailish and her partner
at this special time*

Safeguarding Message

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Tots and Co

Afterschool Service

Register for September



A safe, fun and supportive
afterschool service for
school-age children.



What we offer



Homework support



Arts & crafts



Games and activities



Outdoor play



Healthy snacks



Caring, supervised
environment



Places
available
now

Register early to
secure your child's place.



Email Colette@totsandcoplayschool.ie
Or call Colette **0874162377**

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Afterschool Service



September Enrolment



Limited Spaces



To care for those
who once cared for us
is one of the highest
honors in life.

— Tia Walker



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REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
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0874162377**

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Sat. 22nd August

To

Sun. 30th Aug

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 22nd to Sun. 30th August

Fri.. 21st Aug. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 22nd Aug. 8.00 pm Paddy Brennan, Pallas Big. 3rd Anniv.

And his parents, Phoebe and Michael Brennan.

Sun. 23rd Aug. 10.00 am Peter Coughlan.

Tom Coleman, Esker

Paddy Mulligan and Michael Mulligan, Ballina.

Mon. 24th Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 22nd Aug. - Sun. 30th Aug.
Continued

Fri. 28th Aug. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 29th Aug. 8.00 pm Mary Kate and Tim Heffernan .

Denis and Lena Dunne, Clontyglass.

Sun. 30^h Aug. 10.00 am 22nd Sun. Ord. Time

Mon. 31st Aug. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 22nd to Sun. 30th Aug.

Mass times as listed below are for Mountrath Church unless otherwise indicated

Sat. 22nd Aug. 7.00 pm Vigil Mass 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Marie Williams, Moonbawn - 5th Anniv.

Marie's Husband, Patrick Williams and his Brother Fintan Williams
Michael and Elizabeth Heffernan, Paddock, Michael Heffernan (Jnr) .
. and deceased members of Heffernan and Delaney families. .

Christopher Larkin, Fr. O'Connor Cresc., 19th Anniv.

Mary Kelly (Nee Burke) 27th Anniv.

. Ashbourne and late of Shannon St.,

Sun. 23rd Aug. 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#)

11.30 am Vincent Fitzpatrick, Paddock. 3rd Anniv.

Vincent's dad, Edward Fitzpatrick, Paddock, 18th Anniv.

Fintan Wall, Woodbrook.

Patrick (Pad) Wall, Galway and Woodbrook

Seán Brophy, Knockanina. 8th Anniv.

. And deceased members of Byrne family.

Mountrath Anniversaries

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Sat. 22nd to Sun. 30th Aug. Continued

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Tues. 25th Aug 10.00 am Jean and Breda Farrell

Ann Phelan and Georgie Boyhan

Teresa Doheny, Stillbrook.

Wed. 26th Aug. 10.00 am People who are ill, in the Parish.

Thurs 27th Aug 10.00 am

Fri. 28th Aug. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 29th Aug. 7.00 pm Alo Heffernan (Nee Phelan) New Line Road

Month's Mind

Majella Hill, Clonin Hill Month's Mind

Thomas and Eileen McKevitt, Main St.,

Andy O'Brien, Patrick St., 14th Anniv.

Sun. 30th Aug. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am Seán Dooley, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 2nd Anniv.

Ministries Rota

Sat. 29th Aug,

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Ballyfin Parish

Ministries Rota Sat. 29th – Sun. 30th Aug.

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Mary Finn Mary Hooban

Sun. 10.00 am Larry Ryan Breda Meredith

Collectors for Aug.

Sat. Catherine Carroll

Sun. Edward Coughlan

Mountrath Parish

Ministries Rota

Sat 29th Sun. 30th Aug.

Readers

Sat. Mary Hosey Sun. Michelle McCarthney

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 7.00 pm Collette Byrne

Anne-Marie Byrne Peg Russell

Sun. 11.30 am Peter Middleton Bernie Phelan

Collectors During August

Sat. Niamh O'Hara

Sun. Pat Mc Spadden

Donal Doheny

Arranging Anniversary Mass or Month's Mind Mass

The traditional way of arranging an Anniversary Mass remembrance was by visiting the Sacristy before or after Mass and making the necessary arrangement with the priest, who wrote the intention into the Anniversaries Diary, there and then. However, since Covid this practice has changed.

Arrangements for Anniversary Mass remembrances and Month's Mind Masses are, more often than not, now arranged by email, text message, whatsapp, by phone, among many other ways. Which is great.

On the down-side, it can be quite difficult to keep track of all these ways. - Sometimes emails can go to folders on the computer other than the main folder and are not seen straight away. The same can apply to text messages and Whatsapp. messages. This can cause a problem when I have no knowledge of these emails / messages coming in and are sometimes not detected at the time.

Can I ask you -

if you send me an email, text message or a message on Whatsapp, or any way, other than visiting the Sacristy, requesting an Anniversary Mass remembrance or arrangements for a Month's Mind Mass and don't hear from me or don't see the relevant name / names in the Newsletter,

please give me a call on 087 241 1594

*If you wish to contribute directly through your Bank account
to Parish funds*

Here are our Bank Account details

Ballyfin Parish - (A.I.B. Portlaoise Branch)

Lyster Square, Portlaoise.

Name of Account - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Bank of Ireland) (Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account -

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 -

BIC. - BOFIE2D

**If contributing to Parish directly through our bank account please include
your own name as the reference.**

Parish Newsletters.

There are three Parish Newsletters prepared
and published each week -

2 - A4 Print editions for Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes -
available at all our Masses and online (in PDF format)
and 1 online Newsletter, uploaded to our Parish App.

[Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes](#)

and to our parish Website, www.mountrathparish.ie
and available to view from early Saturday morning.

All items for Newsletters are always most welcome

Letter, email or WhatsApp

Email address for Newsletters - jmbrophy2@gmail.com

As Newsletters go to print at 2.00 pm Thursdays, the Deadline
for items for Parish Newsletters is 12.00 (midday) Thursday

Ways of Supporting Mountrath Parish:

Weekly Envelopes

Contributing to the Offertory Collection during Mass

Supporting Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Standing Order or Transfer directly to Parish Account

Direct payment - Cash / Cheque

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable
to "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,
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As

- Minister of Holy Communion
- Member of our hospitality team who looks
after our church building
- Reader, Proclaimer of The Word
- Collector at Mass
- ▪ Member of our parish choir
- Member of any of our Parish Organisations
- Server at Mass

We would welcome your involvement.

Please contact either Fr. P.J or myself
with an expression of interest.

Fr. P.J. 087 605 5783 Fr. Joe 087 241 1594

Parish News



Rainbows Peer Support Programme

Places available for September offering a 9 week programme of weekly of 1 hour sessions of peer support to children aged 7 years and older experiencing loss through bereavement or parental separation.

Please contact the coordinator on 0871256199 or email rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com

This service is completely free of charge.

Based in Askea, Carlow.

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Full details from Barbara Kinsella 086 163 7311

Ted Fest in Mountmellick

At The Druid on Sun, 23rd Aug

Inspired by the much-loved Father Ted series, Ted Fest will feature live music, food, drinks, competitions and entertainment throughout the afternoon. (from 3pm,) with Paul Watchorn of The Dubliners, Spoonfed and The Jury all set to perform.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Catholic movement, now formally recognised by the Holy See — its Statutes were approved by the Vatican on 11 March in the presence of Cardinal Kevin. Farrell. For over fifty years, Marriage Encounter Weekends have helped thousands of couples across Ireland and the world to deepen their relationship with each other and with God, through the gift of communication, renewed commitment, and shared faith.

Weekend Details

Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare -

Dates: Fri 2nd – Sun 4th Oct. Arrival: Friday from 7:00 p.m.,
programme concludes Sun. approx. 4:30 p.m.

Register at: www.marriageencounter.ie

A very sincere *Thank You*

to you and your family -

for your very generous support of

and continued commitment to

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Funds

And

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos

Get Well Wishes

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 at this time.

We wish you a speedy recovery

Bingo

every Monday night

In St. Fintan's Hall at 8pm.

Come along and bring a friend!!



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Every Monday night.

Commencing Mon. 1st Dec.,

Blue and Yellow Sheets will be increased by
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Please support your local Bingo.

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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

19th Aug

Jackpot € 15,000

Nos. Drawn 16 20 22 24

No Jackpot Winner

9 Match 3's Rec. € 112 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 17,000

*Thank you for your continued and generous support of Ballyfin
Parish Weekly Lotto and Ballyfin Parish Collections.*

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is always much appreciated.*

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 20th August

Nos. Drawn 8 14 20 30

No € 20,000 Jackpot Winner

11 Match 3's Rec. € 91 each

1 Local Match 3 Winner

Winner

Promoter

Sheila Bergin

Joan Bergin

New Jackpot € 20,000

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and Mountrath Parish Funds*

A Note of Thanks

to everyone involved in
Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos
Organising Committees, 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 continued support and generosity.

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath	€ 20,000
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Ballyfin	€ 17,000
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News From Around The Diocese

Events
at
Bloom HQ

Parks Tennis Summer Camp

July 27th - 31st

**BloomHQ / Mountrath
Health & Fitness Academy**



Ages 6-10 - 9:30AM - 11:00AM

Ages 11-16 - 11:15AM - 13:15PM

REGISTER ONLINE. ➔

All Equipment Provided!
FANTASTIC VALUE!



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Healthy
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Pilates With Derinn

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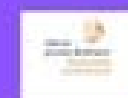
Saturdays 11AM
6 weeks starting
July 4th, 11th & 25th
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€60 for 6 weeks
or €12 PAYG



<https://www.mountrathgym.com/memberships/pilatesinmountrath>



July / August 2026 **TIMETABLE**

Monday

6:15am Early bird
10am Mature Movers
6:30pm Bootcamp

Tuesday

10am TRX
11am Senior Movers + inc

6:30pm Bootcamp
6:30pm Yoga with Cathy* (PAYG)
7:30pm Kenpo Karate Adults*
7pm Mens Volleyball*
8pm Broga (July ONLY)

Wednesday

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6:30pm Bootcamp
7pm Zumba*

Thursday

9am TRX
10am Mother and Baby*
11am Senior Movers + inc
6:30pm Bootcamp

Friday

6:15am Early bird
6pm Hyrox solo training
7pm Hyrox solo training
5:30pm Kickboxing* 3-7yrs
6:30pm Kickboxing* 8-11yrs
7:25pm Kickboxing* 12yrs+ Adults

Saturday

10am Bootcamp
11am Pilates* (PAYG)

***These Classes
are not included
in the
Membership fee**

**PAYG
and
Members
Always
Welcome**

For more info contact Ruth on 089 2647761



**Bikers Shed,
Brigidine Convent,
Mountrath,
Co. Laois,
R32 D58**



6th OF SEPTEMBER

Bikers Shed Ladies Day

FROM 12PM



**Raffle - Free BBQ - 🎵
Tattoos - Craft Stalls**

**Come along
and celebrate our girls
on bikes for our 3rd year!**



**For Bikers, By Bikers.
All are Welcome!**

Early Bird Classes

NEW

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

6:00am - 6:50am → first class

7:00am - 7:50am → second class

*10 Spaces available in each class

6 am



7 am



These Classes will be starting
in 2-3 weeks once we have the numbers

€80 per month

→ That's 12 Classes for less than €7 per class!

- Treadmills
- Air Bike
- Rowing Machine
- Skiing Machine
- Med Balls
- Dumbbells
- Kettlebells
- Squat rack

Mountrath Health and Fitness Academy

Our early bird classes are starting soon and
places are filling up fast, we have just
3 spaces left for our 6am and 4 left for our
7am, hit the link and book you're space
today..

starting early may , anyone who send on
emails

will receive email this week

Prime Time of Life for Farmers



A FREE 8-week hybrid exercise and health education programme for farmers

- Designed for all fitness levels and clinical conditions.
- Scientifically proven to improve fitness, strength, balance, mobility, health and wellbeing.

Weekly Timetable

Choose 2 exercise classes that fit your schedule and watch 1 health masterclass per week.

Mondays	Wednesdays	Thursdays
7:45-8:30pm Prime Time for Farmers Online Exercise		1:00-1:20pm Health Masterclass Online
8:30-8:50pm Stretch & Mobility Online Exercise	7:30-8:30pm Prime Time for Farmers Mountrath Exercise	7:00-7:45pm LIFT Online Exercise
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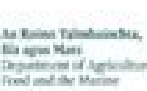
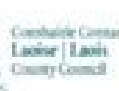
- The in-person exercise classes are delivered in Mountrath Martial Arts & Fitness Academy.
- The online exercise classes and masterclasses are delivered via Zoom.
- The masterclasses are delivered by the EduFIT team and are recorded so you can watch anytime.



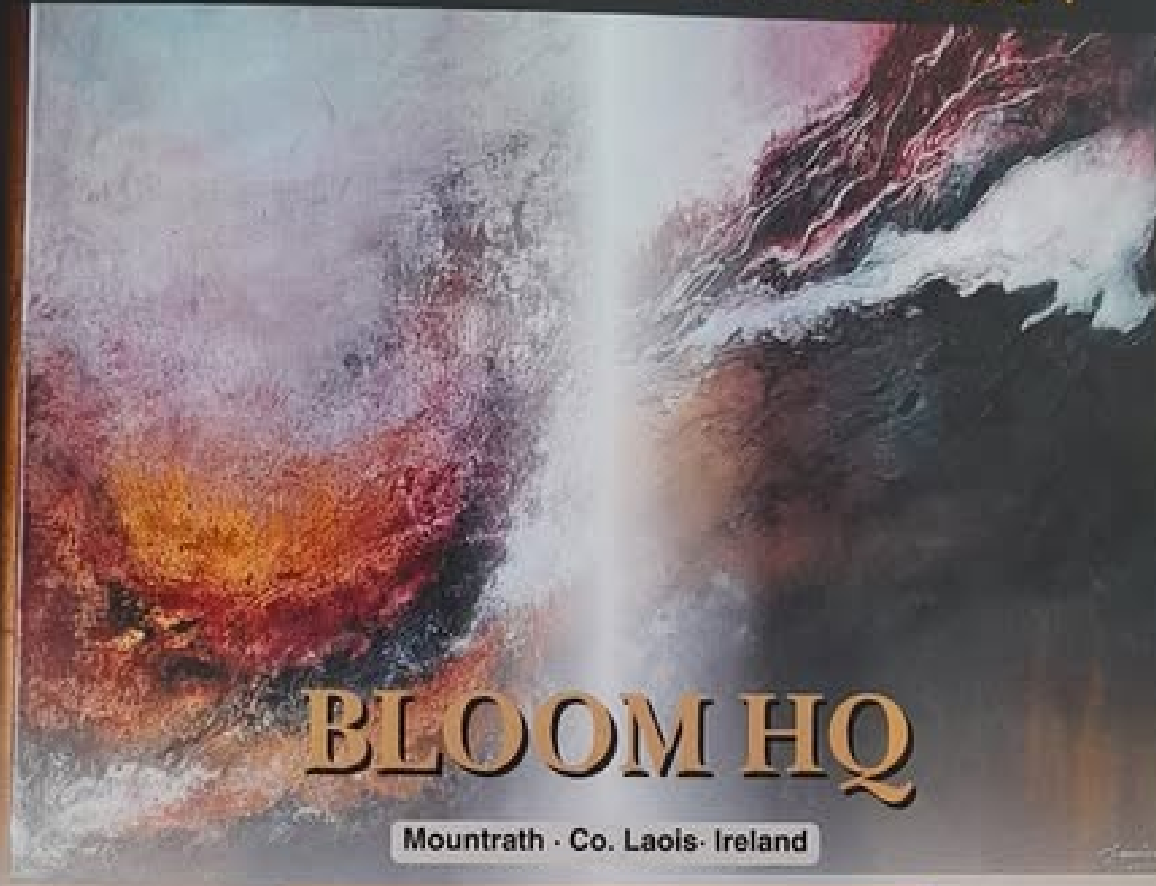
STARTS MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2026



SCAN TO ACCESS
SIGN-UP FORM



GALLERY OF
DIVINE INSPIRATION



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IS PROUD TO PRESENT



JAVERIA ZAIN

Abstract Artist
Portlaoise, Co. Laois

with her recent series

"ALCHEMY OF SELF"

"Turning life's trials into gold"

FRIDAY 3rd JULY 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Doors Open: All Welcome

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**Tours of new
gym rooms**

**Patrick Street,
Mountrath,
Co. Laois
R32DT9F**

PADEL OPEN DAY

**18th April 2026
14-00 to 18-00
FREE**

Music, Games,
refreshments



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JOIN TODAY!



**JOIN WEDNESDAY
BLOOM HQ
MOUNTRATH
7-8PM**

**FIRST WEEK €20 (incl registration)
€12 WEEKLY THEREAFTER**

**4 stone
weight
loss**



Caroline Davis
Unislim Member

Before



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Begin your remote
work journey today

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manager@bloomhq.ie

089 2722885

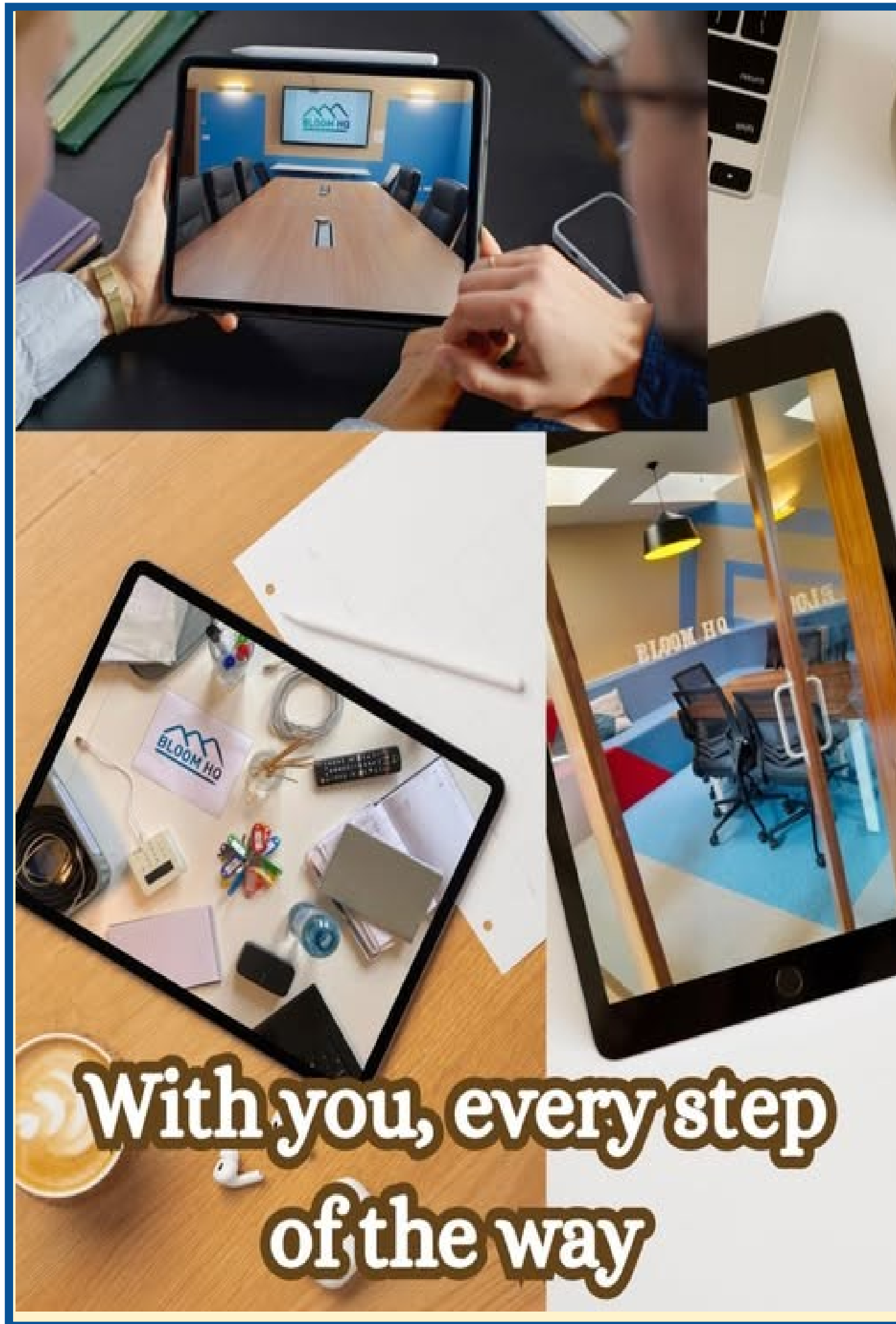


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At BloomHQ, we are with our clients every step of the way. From the initial enquiry to settling into your new workspace, we are committed to making the experience seamless, supportive and stress-free! We are here to support your journey from day one and beyond 📈

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**With you, every step
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Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

RSA Approved IBT
Centres in
Waterford, Wexford &
Laois.



IBT (Initial Basic Training)
Pre-Test Lessons
Insurance Skills Assessments
Advanced Motorcycle Training
School Bike Hire



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HIGHER LEVEL
LEAVING CERT
MATHS GRINDS

FOR 5TH AND
6TH YEAR STUDENTS

CONTACT:
Orlaith
0892336930

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OFFICE SPACE RENTALS

Designed for modern professionals, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, our dynamic workspace offers the perfect blend of flexibility, community, and productivity.

From hot desks to gym areas....

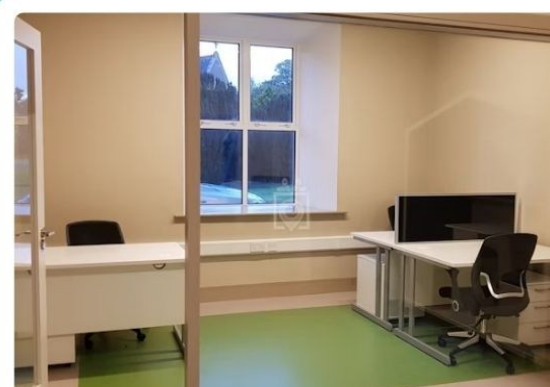
- ✓ Flexible Workspace Options
- ✓ High-Speed Internet
- ✓ Meeting and Conference Rooms

Contact Us



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R32DT9F,
Patrick St,
Mountrath,
Co.Laois

Contact us: **089 264 7761**

Bowls

🎯 Enjoy competitive yet friendly games, perfect for all skill levels. Roll with us and make new friends! 🤝



Seated exercise

Thurs - 11am

Move, stretch,
and stay
active! 🪑



**COMING
SOON**

Talks on...

Help with using MiGov.ie

How to use phones better



Using local bus services

NEW ACTIVITIES

Exciting games and activities —laughter, challenges, and good vibes guaranteed!



BOOK CLUB

Dive into new worlds—our book club is starting soon!

ART CLASSES

**Embark on your creative journey
—art classes starting soon!**



**BLOOMHO'S IS DELIGHTED TO
ANNOUNCE.....**

**Child care facilities
coming early 2026**

RIGHT HERE IN BLOOMHQ!!

Keep an eye on our socials for more details,
updates and notices



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Everything worth knowing
— all in one place.....



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free advertising and more!!

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Piano Lessons now Available!

All levels welcome – beginner to advanced!

-  Highly qualified teacher & choral conductor
-  Over 30 years' experience in piano & music education
-   Lessons for all ages – kids & adults
-  Director of children's choirs in
- Ukraine & Ireland
-  BloomHQ, Mountrath



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 Free first meeting – come meet the teacher!

 **Book now – Call Lana: 087 3347112**

Looking for an office space to rent in Laois?



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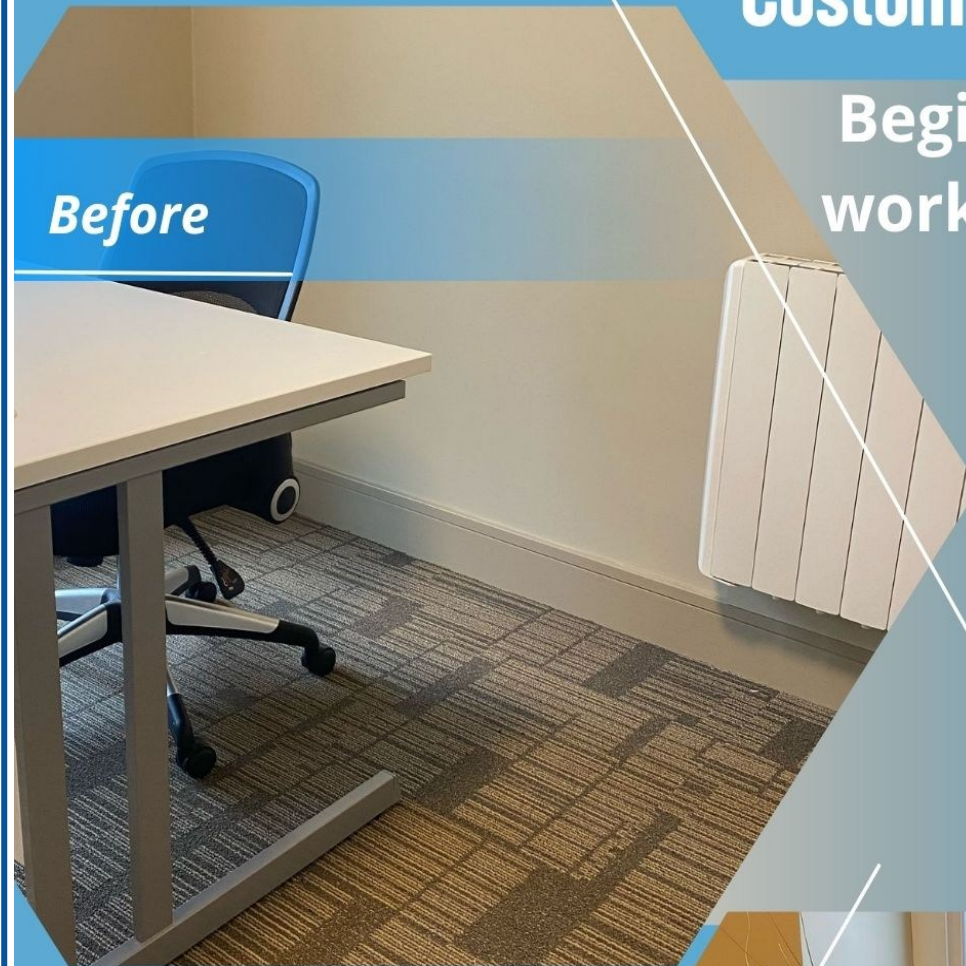
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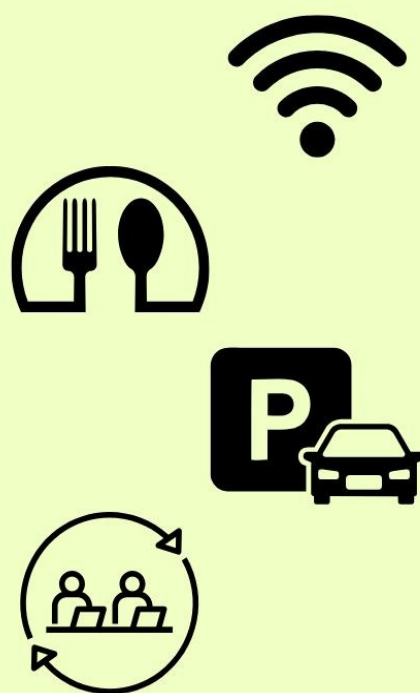


**Dive into your
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with every thing
you need on
hand**

Hot desks at BloomHQ



**Contact:
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For just €20 a day

BOWLS

Thursdays @ 8pm

Philomenas Hall

**R32DT9F,
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GYM



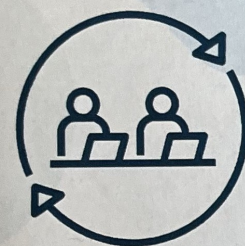
- Join our large, loving gym community! 💪❤️
- Build strength and friendships. 🤝
- Everyone's included —come as you are!
- Don't miss out, join today! ☀️

New timetable each month



BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

SPACES TO RENT



 **HOT DESKS – JUST €20/DAY!**

JUMP IN, PLUG IN, AND GET TO WORK ⚡

POWER SOCKETS & GREAT LIGHTING 🔌💡

CLEAN, MODERN, AND READY TO GO 🧼✨

**NO COMMITMENT – JUST SHOW UP AND
WORK!** 🚀



CONFERENCE ROOMS

From just €55

Seating 2-20

**Ideal for company meetings,
general meetings, training
courses etc**

**Contact BloomHQ to book
today.....**

Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

Mick Smith is teaching the new
RSA approved Motorcycle Initial Basic Training (IBT)
here in BloomHQ, the old Convent Mountrath.

For more details and to book see:

www.roadcraft.ie

www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie



Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
Patrick Street**



**Tuesdays 10am - 1pm
Thursdays 2pm - 4pm**

Contact 0857053855



**Kindling for sale.
Call in to purchase
on times above**

Mountrath Scouts



Looking for a way for
your kids to learn new
skills and spend time
in the great outdoors
why not try scouts!

**For all ages from beavers to
ventures and into leaders !**



Scouts is a way to

- Meet new people.
- Learn new skills.
- Spend time outside.
- Make friends for life.

Friday nights

In the brigidine convent (Bloom HQ) Patrick street mountrath
R32 DC58

7:00 till 8:30

€5 pp

or

€4 per sibling



Other News

TOTS AND CO PLAYSCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



**20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
IN QUALITY CHILDCARE**

**ECCE & NCS
SCHEMES AVAILABLE**

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CAFE DONATE

Something has been brewing
in Mountrath.....



Coming
Soon
Now
Open



Check out our socials

Parish Finances

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Copy of Financial Statements
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available on
Notice Board at back of Church
and on Online Newsletter

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Accounts
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Income:

Basket Collection: € 15,971.70

Envelope Collection: € 36,274.99

Shrine income: € 569.24

Rental income: € 14,320

Tax Refunds / Rebate: € 12,000.07

Church Bookings: € 250

Lotto income: € 11,036.10

Other Income: € 1,389

Total Income € 91,811.10

Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

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for Ballyfin Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Expenditure:

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,895

Insurance: € 4,042.27

Security: € 579.16

Light and Heat: € 13,266.21

Rates, Water, LPT : € 736.78

Repairs and Maintenance: € 11,930.20

Diocesan Levy: € 6,576.

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Missalettes/Printing: € 7,692.22

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 4,176.35

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,165.16

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 690

Hire of Equipment: € 1,333

Music/choir expenses: € 200

Accountancy Fees: € 300.29

Bank Charges: € 828.11

Donations/Collections: € 880

Total :Expenditure € 57,290.75

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Envelope Collection: € 41,068

Shrine income: € 9,059

Rental income: € 34,425

Donations: € 6,615

Tax Refunds / Rebate: € 17,018.07

Church Bookings: € 635

Deposit interest: € 127.44

Office: € 978

Lotto Income: € 30,157

Other Income: € 15,732.87

Total Income € 196,084.38

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Expenditure

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,412

Insurance: € 19,107.29

Security: € 484.54

Light and heat: € 19,823.12

Rates, Water, LPT : € 1,444.69

Repairs and Maintenance: € 103,631.35

Diocesan Levy: € 11,005.80

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Clergy Fund: € 2,342

Missalettes/Printing: € 13,534.29

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 8,353.98

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,400

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 2,880

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Expenditure (Continued)

Hire of Equipment: € 2,903

Music/Choir Expenses: € 525

Accountancy Fees: € 300.29

Bank Charges: € 969.37

Donations/Collections: € 1,185

Other loan Interest: € 5.37

Interest: € -26.26

Total Expenditure € 192,280.83

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A very sincere *Thank You*

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for your very generous support of

and continued commitment to

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Funds

And

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos

Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

Income		Expenses	
Basket Collection	€ 35,932.00	Pastoral Programmes	€ 721.00
Envelope Collection	€ 33,378.00	Insurance	€ 38,065.00
Shrine Income	€ 11,590.00	Security	€ 503.00
Rental Income	€ 30,890.00	Light/Heat	€ 23,349.00
Fundraising	€ 3,225 .00	Cleaning	€ 200.00
Donations	€ 71,400.00	Rates/Water/Waste	€ 579.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€ 3,121 .00	Maintenance/Repairs	€ 79,602.00
Church Bookings	€ 500.00	Diocesan Levy	€ 11,006.00
Lotto Income	€ 31,631.00	Loan Interest	€ 3.00
Office	€ 1,899 .00	Bank Charges	€ 926.00
Deposit Interest	€ 36.00	Diocesan Retire't Fund	€ 1,000 .00
Other Income	€ 2,984 .00	Printing/Missalettes	€ 9,233.00
		Altar/Shrine	€ 10,616.00
Total:	€ 226,586.00	Telephone/Broadband	€ 600.00
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		Accountancy Fees	€ 540.00
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		Music/Choir	€ 250.00
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		Donations	€ 1,700.00
		Total:	€ 186,173.00

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Income		Expenses	
Basket Collection	€ 35,932.00	Pastoral Programmes	€ 721.00
Envelope Collection	€ 33,378.00	Insurance	€ 38,065.00
Shrine Income	€ 11,590.00	Security	€ 503.00
Rental Income	€ 30,890.00	Light/Heat	€ 23,349.00
Fundraising	€ 3,225 .00	Cleaning	€ 200.00
Donations	€ 71,400.00	Rates/Water/Waste	€ 579.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€ 3,121 .00	Maintenance/Repairs	€ 79,602.00
Church Bookings	€ 500.00	Diocesan Levy	€ 11,006.00
Lotto Income	€ 31,631.00	Loan Interest	€ 3.00
Office	€ 1,899 .00	Bank Charges	€ 926.00
Deposit Interest	€ 36.00	Diocesan Retire't Fund	€ 1,000 .00
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