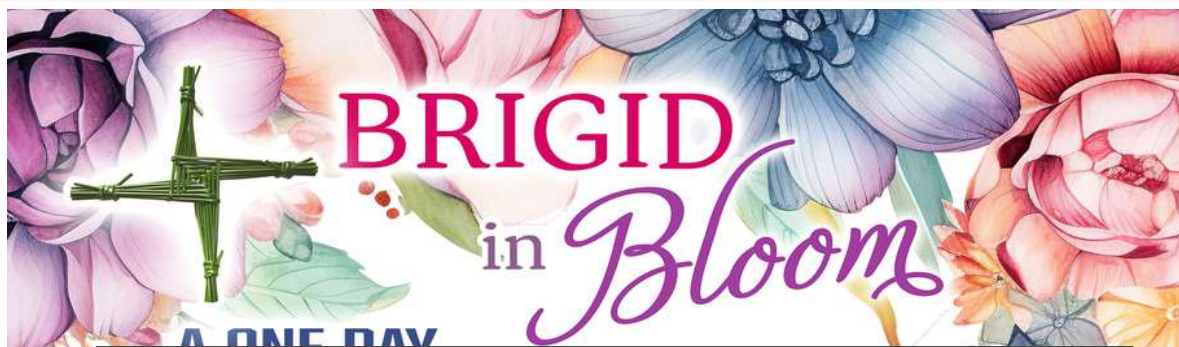


Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

21st July 16th Sunday in Ord. Time



A Note from Trudi Lalor.

Just to let you know that all the events which we have arranged for "Brigid in Bloom" at Bloom HQ, Mountrath are now fully booked out.

(We thank you for your wonderful support)

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Refreshments
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(Former Nuns Chapel)

All events are FREE
However places are STRICTLY LIMITED.



Clár Éire Ildánach
Creative Ireland
Programme





Camp Pio



Summer Faith Camp



Team Games
Music
Action Songs
Drama
Arts & Crafts
Prayer



"Come and See"



Date: Mon 22nd - Thurs 25th July 2024

Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm

Venue: Bloom HQ, Mountrath (R32DT9F)

Age: For Boys and Girls aged 5 to 13 years

Cost: €45 per child (€30 for each additional child in family)

To book contact: camppio2024@gmail.com or

Caroline on 0852430529 or Laura on 0876313370

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 21st July '24

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Contacts

Website www.mountrathparish.ie

Email - jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Missionaries of Africa.

This weekend we welcome Fr. John O'Donoghue who will be joining us at all our Masses and will share with us aspects of his life and work as a missionary priest. Fr. John invites us to become involved in the missionary work of the Missionaries of Africa.

Cemetery Masses

Clondarrig Cemetery

Wed. 7th Aug. 7.00 pm

Boghlone Cemetery

Wed. 4th Sept. 7.00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration Revival

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David (Davy) Tobin.. St. Fintan's Terrace R.I.P.

We pray for David (Davy) who died very suddenly and unexpectedly on Sat evening 13th July. Davy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Wed. 17th July followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his *brothers and sisters and their families, nephews, nieces and their families, extended family, relatives, neighbours and his countless friends in and around Mountrath. Davy was truly part of the fabric of Mountrath town. Surely one of the best known and most loved and beloved of Mountrath people. Tireless and relentless as he cycled about the town selling Lotto tickets for Mountrath GAA. Club, The Soccer Club and in more recent times, for Mountrath Parish with a word and a smile for everyone. A most welcome visitor to so many homes around the town.. I would say of Davy that he was such a beautiful presence in Mountrath town for so many years, indeed, a very unique presence about the town. – Someone said of Davy, that he not only knew everyone in Mountrath so well but he could, at the drop of a hat, quote their Lotto numbers, instantly.*

Mountrath, the town Davy loved so well - Mountrath, the town that loved Davy so well.

Patrick (Paddy) Fitzpatrick, O'Daly Tce., Rathdowney. R.I.P.

We pray for Paddy who died peacefully at St. James' Hosp., Dublin on Wed. 9th July. Paddy's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of the Most Holy Trinity, Rathdowney on Sat. 13th July followed by burial in local Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife Kay, daughter Mary-Anne, brother Jack and families, sister Joan (Phelan) and family, Shannon Rd., niece Shusha, nephews Cathal and Rory, Mary-Anne's partner Shane, extended family, neighbours and a wide circle of friends.

James (Jim) Cash, Churchfields Heights, Castletown

We pray for Jim who died peacefully at Kilminchy Lodge N.H. Portlaoise on Mon. 15th July. Jim's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath on Fri. 19th July followed by burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portlaoise. We extend sympathy to wife Anne, daughters and sons and their families, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, nieces, nephews and their families, extended family, neighbours and friends,

May Davy, Paddy and Jim rest in the peace of Christ.

*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.**

Thank you for your generous support of Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

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 quiet 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

MASS IN HONOUR OF

"The Miraculous
Doorkeeper"

BL. SOLANUS CASEY

Monday July 29th

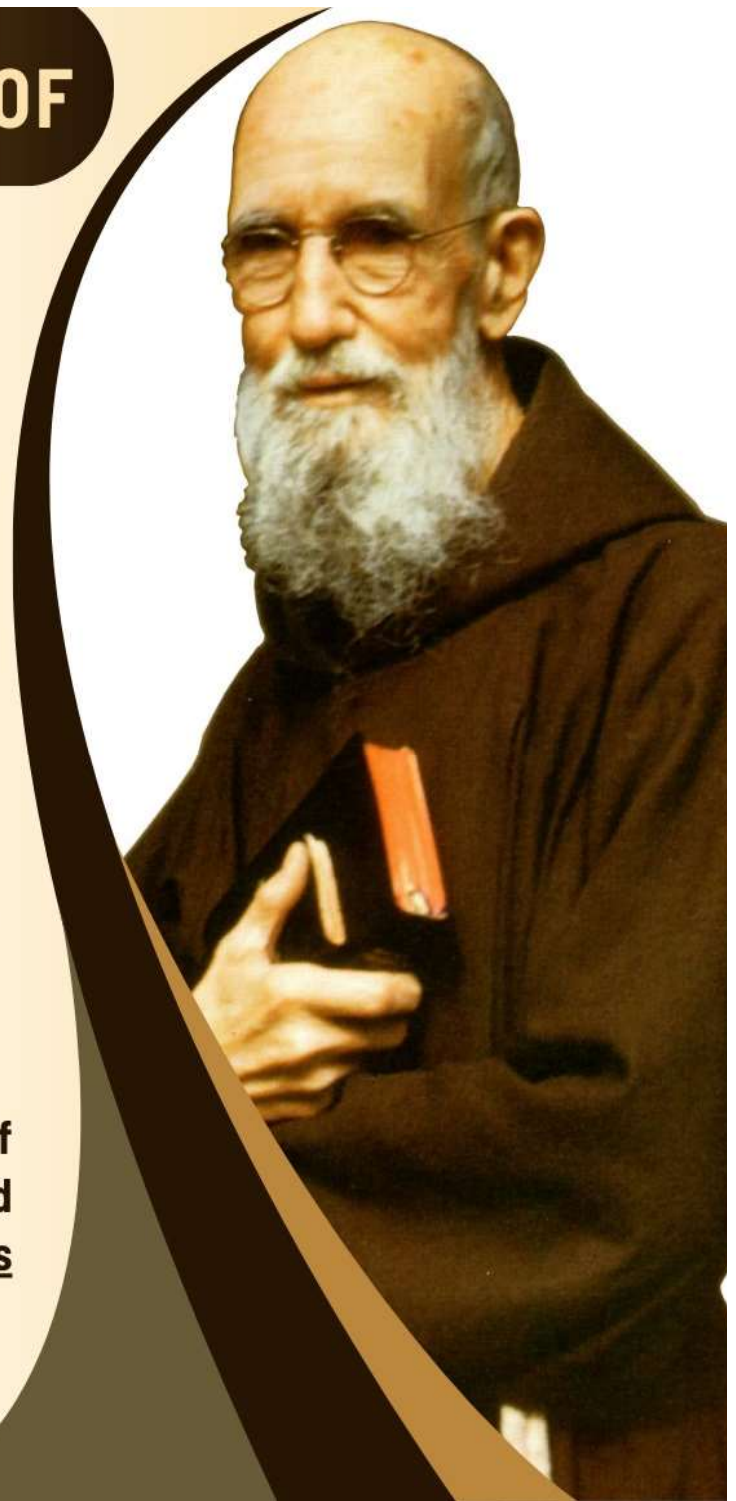
- Time 7:30PM
- St. Fintan's Church,
Ballyfin, Laois (R32 TD61)
- Cuppa and Chat
afterwards

**Have faith in God, shake off
excessive worry, and thank God
ahead of time! - Blessed Solanus
Casey.**



Contact Ber

087 1178346



St. Fintan's Church Church, Ballyfin

Mon. 29th July 2024 7.30 pm

BRIGID in Bloom

**A ONE DAY
FESTIVAL OF FREE EVENTS
TO CELEBRATE HERITAGE WEEK**



Bloom HQ

(Formerly The Brigidine Convent, Mountrath, Co. Laois)

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1990restproject@gmail.com
or Find Our Facebook Page - **Class of 1990**
Restoration Project



Clár Éire Ildánach
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Brigid in Bloom is brought to you by former students of the Class of 1990, Brigidine Convent, and proudly supported by the Heritage Office, Laois County Council and Creative Laois

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All are most welcome to attend.

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

A very sincere thank you - to you and your family - for your very generous support of and continued commitment to Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish and Mountrath and Ballyfin Lotto

See our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

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: 085 802 163

Eucharistic Adoration Revival

A day encouraging Eucharistic Adoration in parishes is taking place in Mt St Anne's on Saturday 24th August. It is open to all parishes. Pope Francis encourages adoration and all are very welcome. More details will follow closer to August.

For now, here are some quotes from Pope Francis encouraging adoration in our Parish.

"If we don't pray, if we don't adore, our life is worth little"

"In every tabernacle we see the cross being erected and ask ourselves,

"Can we do something to alleviate the suffering of Christ today"

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 20th - Sun. 28th July

Fri. 19th July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 20th July 8.00 pm

Sun. 21st July 10.00 am Patrick and Mary Ellen Conroy, Ballylusk

Mon. 22nd July 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 26th July 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 27th July 8.00 pm Ted and Maura Fitzpatrick, Cappanrush. Maura's 2nd Anniv.

Martin and Elizabeth Daly

Willie and Ned Daly, Kylegrove

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1st Anniv. Mass Remembrance

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Sat. 20th July 7.00 pm Michael and Elizabeth Heffernan, Paddock,
 Their son, Michael (Mick) Jnr. and deceased .
 members of Delaney and Heffernan Families

Martin Fitzpatrick. Patrick St., Formerly Forest. 7th Anniv.
 Paddy, Maura and Billy Kerwin, Clonard.

Sun. 21st July 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

John and Ruby Seale, Clonboyne.

11.30 am Elizabeth (Betty) Meade, Ringstown 4th Anniv.

Tues 23rd July 10.00 am Fintan and Margo Delaney, Patrick St.,
 Margo's 12th Anniv.

Daughter, Paula Byrne, Patrick St., 9th Anniv.

Daughter, Mairead Kavanagh. Coolrain 5th Anniv

Son, James Delaney. Mountrath / New York. 4th Anniv. .

Teufack Sylver. (1st Anniv. on Mon. 22nd July)

Wed. 24th July 10.00 am

Thurs 25th July 10.00 am

Fri. 26th July 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 27th July 7.00 pm Una Kelly, Main St., 9th Anniv.

Vinnie Kelly, Knockanina. 11th Anniv.

Sun. 28th July. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

. 11.30 pm Billy Bergin, Redcastle. 2nd Anniv

Tom Lanham, Kiln Lane.

Florence (Florrie) Phelan, St. Fintan's Tce 2nd Anniv.

Patrick Phelan (Florrie's husband) 39th Anniv

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Memo re. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – 28th July 2024

Pope Francis has in recent years designated the Sunday closest to the Feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne as 'World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly'. The National Pilgrimage of the Catholic Grandparents Association takes place that day in Knock and indeed the theme of Reek Sunday is also this year being dedicated to World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. This is the 4th World Day and the theme this year is 'Do not cast me off in my old age' (Ps.71:9) I would ask you to do what you can to promote this day at parish/diocesan level. Grandparents and the Elderly are central components of the life of every parish.

A few possible ways to celebrate the Day:

- I suggest that a candle be lit in the sanctuary of every church by a grandparent or an older person to recognise, acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of grandparents and the elderly to our parishes
- Both the Message from Pope Francis and his Audience Address from 27 April last provide great stimulation for a homily (both attached)
- I also attach sample 'Prayers of the Faithful' kindly composed by Fr. Seamus O'Connell (St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth) for use on the day, I am attaching a PDF and Word version, in case there may be local edits required. He has tied in the prayers beautifully to the scripture of the day.
- I enclose a reflection written by Betty Murphy (Carlow) one of the founder members of the Catholic Grandparents Association on what it means to be part of that association and indeed to be a grandparent.

- Finally the Catholic Grandparents Prayer written by Pope Benedict XVI and a more recent Prayer offered by the Dicastery – either could work as a Post Communion Reflection

Many thanks for promoting and supporting this day,

✠ Denis Nulty

Chair of Council for Marriage & the Family 15 July 2024

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Pilgrimage

Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock

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Fatima Pilgrimage 2025

The Diocesan Office has circulated details of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima at Easter 2025. I have included all relevant information received from the Diocesan Office on my Online Newsletter
(See below - from Page 71)

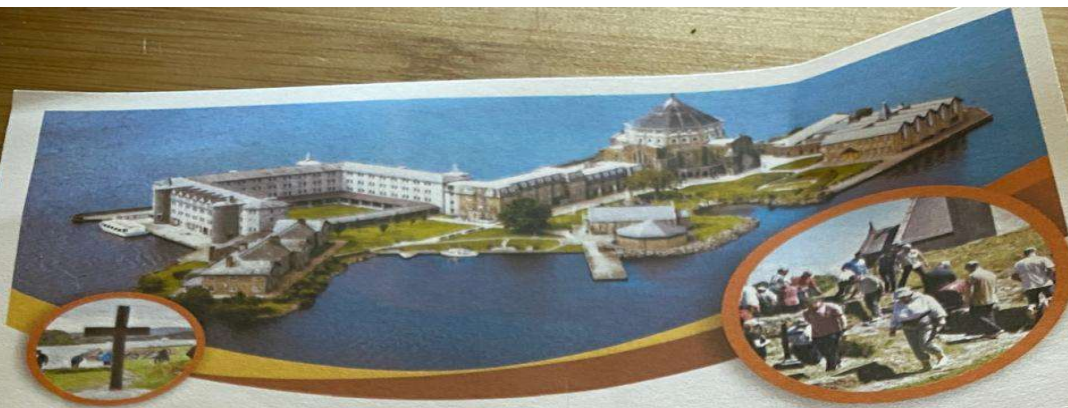
Medjugorje Pilgrimages

April – Oct 2024. 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or
website www.med-irishcentre.com

Mountmellick, Ballyfin, Mountrath. 30th July, for 7 nights. €995
(plus travel insurance) per person sharing.

Deposits are now required.

For full information contact Eleanor Duff 087 767 0915



LOUGH DERG

SANCTUARY OF SAINT PATRICK

KILDARE THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July 2024

Tuesday 13th - Thursday 15th August 2024

Pick ups available from :

Monasterevin 6:25am, Kildare Town 6:35am
 Newbridge 6:45am, Naas 7am, Salins 7:10am ,
 Clane 7:15am, Kilcock 7:30am, Maynooth 7:45am
 and Dunboyne Park and Ride 8am

For information and bookings contact:

Joe – 087 3815887

Deirdre – 087 2467594 (after 6pm)

or email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

www.loughderg.org

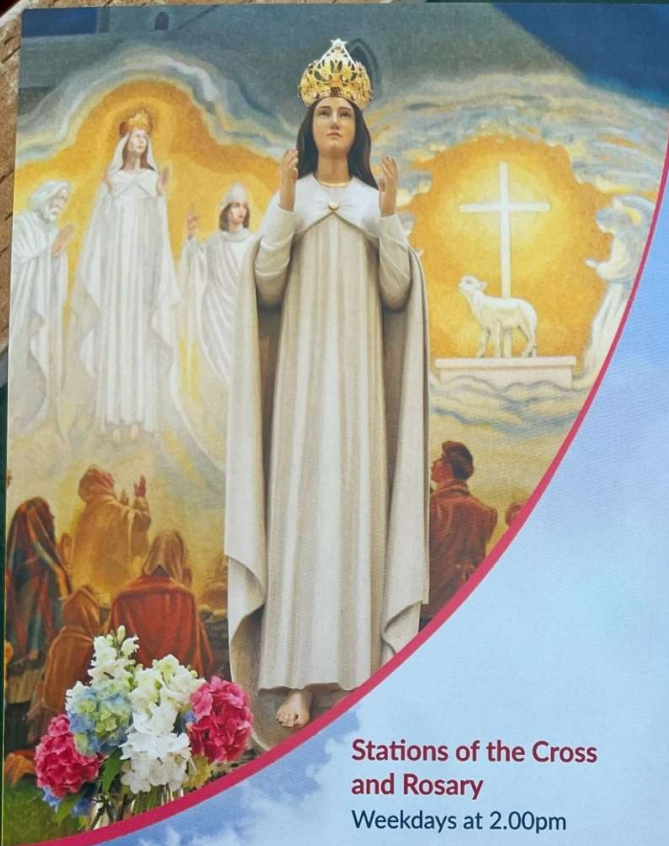


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 Pettigo, County Donegal
 F94 PC60

+353 (0)71 98 61518

info@loughderg.org





**Stations of the Cross
and Rosary**
Weekdays at 2.00pm

Confessions 10.30am – 4.30pm Daily

Mini Vigils Mini Vigils take place on the first Friday of each month during the pilgrimage season. 9.00pm to Midnight in the Parish Church

NOVENA 14 – 22 August 2024.
Daily ceremonies at 3pm & 8pm.
See www.knockshrine.ie for further details of guest speakers.

Creation Walk

Weave your way through the evolution of our planet, while prayerfully pondering God's Creation.

This new walk has been created under the guidance of Fr. Brian Grogan SJ.



Knock Prayer Centre

Open daily 10am to 6pm from May 6th, 2024.
Guided Prayer sessions throughout the day.
Spiritual Direction available at Chapel of Reconciliation.

KNOCK

SUMMER PROGRAMME 2024

Mass times: SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS

9.00am	Parish Church
10.30am & 12noon	Basilica
3.00pm	Basilica

Adoration

11.30am–6.30pm	Blessed Sacrament Chapel
7.00pm – 9.00pm	Apparition Chapel (Evening Prayer 8.30pm)

Sundays: Pilgrimage Ceremonies

2.00pm	Rosary
2.30pm	Anointing of the Sick
3.00pm	Concelebrated Mass followed by Eucharistic Blessing. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Outdoor Rosary Procession (<i>weather permitting</i>)

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7.30pm	Parish Church (Rosary at 7pm)

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Knock Museum

Find out more about the compelling story of Knock Shrine at the award-winning Knock Museum.

Open daily from 10am to 6pm with free admission.



Knock Counselling Centre

Drop-in Listening Service available every Thursday and Sunday, 11am to 3pm.





Mountrath Parish Lotto 18th July

Nos. Drawn 25 11 20 25 No Jackpot Winner

13 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 77 each

1 Local Winner

Niall and Susan Kearns.

Promoter, Catherine Kearns

*Thank you - for your very generous support of and continued and
ongoing commitment to Mountrath Lotto*

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

Ballyfin Parish Lotto Wed. 17th July

Nos. Drawn 15 17 25 26

No Jackpot Winner -

8 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 125 ea

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

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Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Ballyfin € 20,000

Mountrath € 20,000



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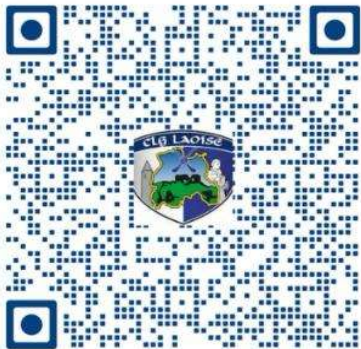
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SAVE THE DATE

Come out to cheer on the Rás na mBan
Thursday 5th September 2024

Check <https://rasnamban.com/2023-route/> for route times in your area



SERVING UP A SUMMER OF FUN



Parks Tennis Summer Camps Coaching for Boys & Girls

All equipment provided. Fantastic Value!

Coaching is done by qualified/trained coaches
and is open to all, irrespective of their tennis experience.

Monday 22nd July – Friday 26th July
Bloom HQ, Mountrath R32 DC58
With Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy
 In partnership with Laois County Council



Session 1: 6-10 years 9.30am - 11.00am

Session 2: 11-16 years 11.30am - 1.30pm

Cost: €35 per child and €30 for additional sibling
Registration through Eventbrite is essential!



Visit www.parkstennis.com

This program is supported by Tennis Ireland, Irish Daily Mail and various local authorities and local sponsors.



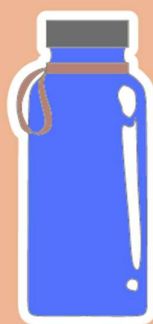
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& a lot of Fun**



6 week block starting Monday 1st July

Mondays 10 am & Wednesdays 11 am

45 mins in Mountrath

€ 60 for 6 weeks

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761



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3-WEEK BEGINNERS JIVE COURSE



*Jiving to Nathan Carter,
Derek Ryan, Mike Denver, etc*

No partner or experience required.

In my 3-week course you'll start with the basics on Week 1, then progress each week. By Week 3 you'll be confident to jive at any wedding or social event.

**STARTS
TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 3
8-9.30 PM**

**BLOOM HQ
MOUNTRATH
R32 DT9F**

**£40 payable
on 1st night**

JiveTom@gmail.com  **TomJive.com 0873995877**

July 2024

TIMETABLE

**PAYG
and
Members
Always
Welcome**

*These Classes
are not included
in the
Membership fee

Monday

10 am Mature Movers

11 am Activator Poles Inc.

7 pm Mixed Circuit Training
(suitable for Beginners & Advance)

7 pm Karate*

Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX

7 pm Ged Fit*

Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers

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7-8 pm BJJ (8-12)

8-9 pm BJJ (13+)

Thursday

7 pm Ged Fit*

Friday

5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)*

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Saturday

9 am Circuit Training

10 am BJJ (8-12)

11 am BJJ (13+)

12 am Pilates*

Music Classes in Mountrath



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am 6 + years

€ 8 for 30 min group class

Eabha 083 856 6083



Piano

Sunday mornings 5+ years

€20 per 30 min lesson

Heather 083 054 7772





Pilates

Saturdays 12-1 pm

6 weeks starting 13th July

Classes July 13th & 27th
August 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st



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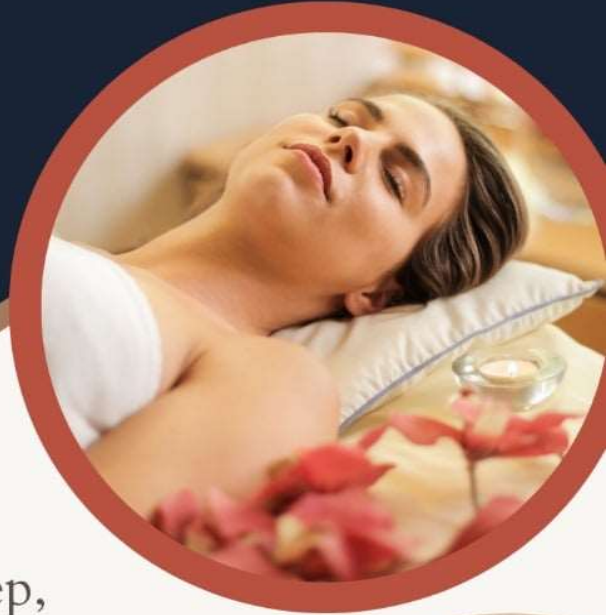
Sabrina 087 646 7305

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



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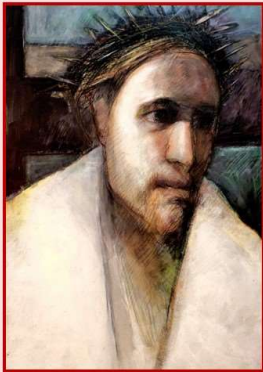


HEART SPEAKS TO HEART

JOHN HARRIS OP
JULY 20—26

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN speaks to us of the call to the Christian life. In this retreat we will look at some of his insights for our following of Christ today.

ENQUIRIES: dominicanretreats@gmail.com



A LOOK OF LOVE

JIM
DEEDS

AUGUST 26–29

Using Scripture, meditation, body and breath work, music and story, Jim will lead us to an awareness of the God whose love is infinite and unconditional, a creative path on which we can find God in the mess of our everyday lives, and reconnect to our inherent goodness.

Jim Deeds, from Belfast, worked for the Diocese of Down and Connor as Assistant Director of the Living Church Office, working extensively in the parishes across his diocese, forming Pastoral Councils, Ministry of Welcome teams and other leadership groups. Jim now works as an author, poet, retreat giver and pastoral worker across Ireland and beyond, often called upon as a public speaker/guest preacher at Novenas, missions etc. He is a regular contributor to BBC Radio Ulster on their Thought for the Day segment and Sunday Sequence programme, discussing all things religious and spiritual. Jim is passionate about creating sacred space where people can pray, relax and come to know the great love God has for all God's creation.

Cost: €320 residential; €215 non-residential

ENQUIRIES: Dominicanretreats@gmail.com



Jesus the Healer

DONAGH O'SHEA OP August 3—9

'Saviour' also means 'Healer'. Jesus is our Healer; he does not promise to cure all of our ills, but he heals us in every way that we can be healed. We in turn, by his grace, have the power to help with our tormented world.

Cost: €550 residential; €350 non residential.

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A five-day retreat
based on the work of
Leonard Cohen

JOHN MACKENNA
JUNE 9–14, 2024

***John MacKenna** is a broadcaster and writer, and was a close friend of Leonard Cohen for more than thirty years. Drawing on Cohen's songs and writings, this retreat is a journey through Cohen's approach to life, love, spirituality, loss, belief and death.*

Cost: €530 residential; €300 non-residential.

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"THERE'S A CRACK
IN EVERYTHING:
THAT'S HOW
THE LIGHT
GETS IN."

LEONARD COHEN

Sean Goan
Aug. 31—Sept. 5

To help us counter the God of the Scriptures we will use the songs of Leonard Cohen, who has inspired millions as they face the paradox of believing in a loving God while living in a broken world. During this retreat his lyrics will help us to explore prayerfully how the word of God can speak to us today offering hope and meaning in difficult times.

***Sean Goan** is a teacher and Scripture scholar. He has lectured in Biblical topics in the Marino Institute, the Priory Institute and the Milltown Institute, and has published books on the Sunday Lectionary and the Gospel of John. He is a founder member of the Tarsus Scripture School (www.tarsusscriptureschool.ie). He is married, with three children and lives in Dublin.*

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Would you like someone to talk to? SeniorLine is Ireland's national telephone service for older people, open every day of the year 10.00 am to 10.00 pm, they can be contacted on Freephone 1800 80 45 91.

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BRIGID in Bloom

**A ONE DAY
FESTIVAL OF FREE EVENTS
TO CELEBRATE HERITAGE WEEK**



Bloom HQ

(Formerly The Brigidine Convent, Mountrath, Co. Laois)

Friday August 23rd 2024
12 Noon - 8pm

**Refreshments
served
throughout
the day!**

12 Noon - 2pm

Marian's Arts & Crafts Workshop

Join Primary School Teacher Marian Naughton for a fun and colourful art project based on St. Brigid's Cloak.

12 - 1pm • 4-6 year olds.

1pm - 2pm • 7-10 year olds

Location : St. Philomena's Hall

4pm - 6pm

Creative Writing Workshop

Novelist Helen Moorhouse will host a workshop exploring the basics of starting your novel.

Location : Rachel's Room

(1st Floor, accessible only by stairs)

6pm - 8pm

Brigid in Bloom Concert by Candlelight

Presented by Award winning vocalist Trudi Lalor with Special Guests including Camross Native Shawn Cuddy and Glór Tíre Star Effie Neill for an intimate concert accompanied by RTE Musical Director Ollie Hennessy.

Location : Liath Luachra Suite.

(Former Nuns Chapel)

2pm - 4pm

Brigid in Bloom Gardening Clinic

Noranne Scott of Scott Landscape Design will bring the Bloom to Brigid and answer your gardening questions with expert advice on garden design, planting and maintaining your outdoor space.

Location : Bloom Gardens

All events are FREE
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**September 21/22, 2024
09.00 – 17.00 both days**

Cost €345

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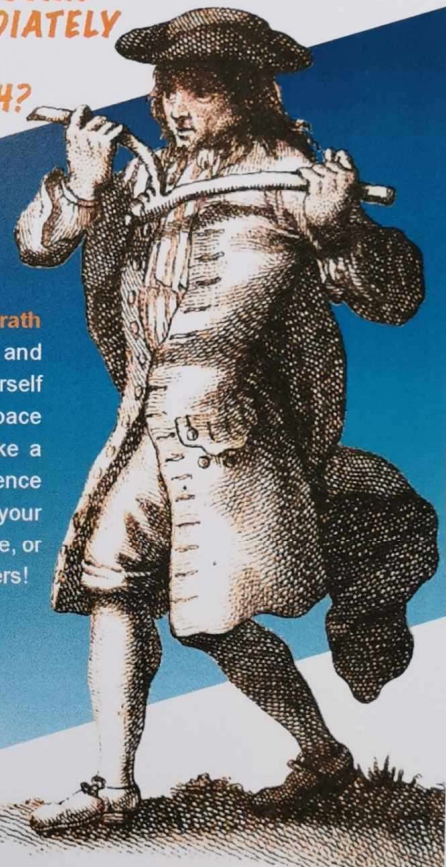
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 Bloomhq, Patrick's St, Mountrath, R32 DC58





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April - May 2024

TIMETABLE

**PAYG
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*These Classes
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Membership fee

Monday

11 am Mature Movers
7 pm Mixed Circuit Training
(suitable for Beginners & Advance)
7 pm Yoga*
7 pm Karate*

Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX
11 am Bowls Inc.
1.15 pm Lunchtime HITT

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5.30 pm Kickboxing (3-7)*
6.30 pm Kickboxing (8-12)*
7.30 pm Kickboxing (13+)*

Saturday

9 am Circuit Training
10 am BJJ (8-12)
11 am BJJ (13+)
12 am Pilates*



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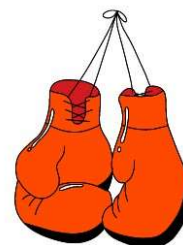
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Sensei Donal: 087 760 7063

Kickboxing

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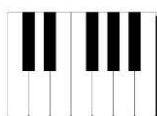


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€ 7 PAYG

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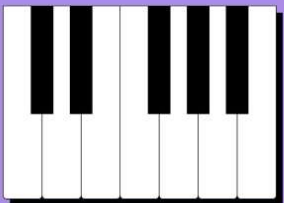


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1 - 2 person offices for rent in our Social Enterprise centre in Mountrath



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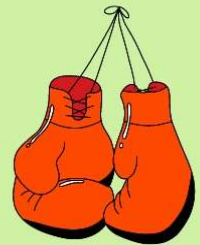
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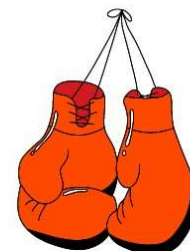


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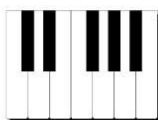


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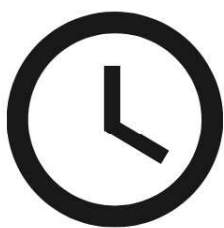
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Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
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**Tuesdays 10am - 1pm
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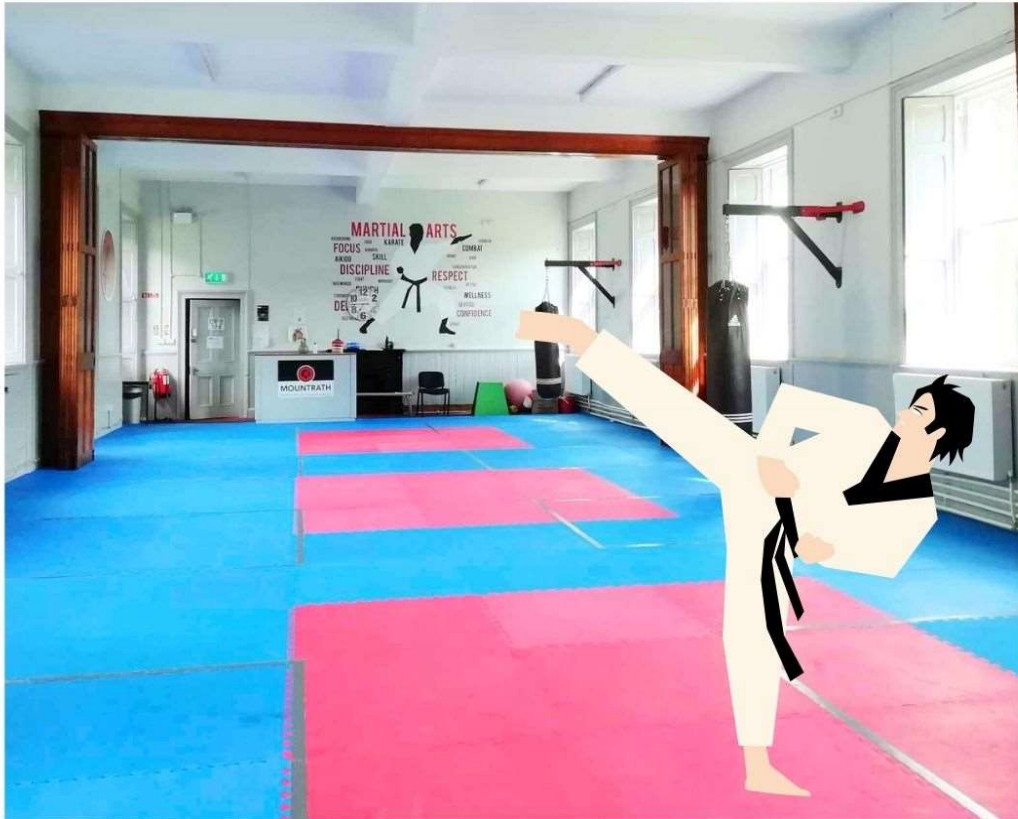




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Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm



Juniors and Adults



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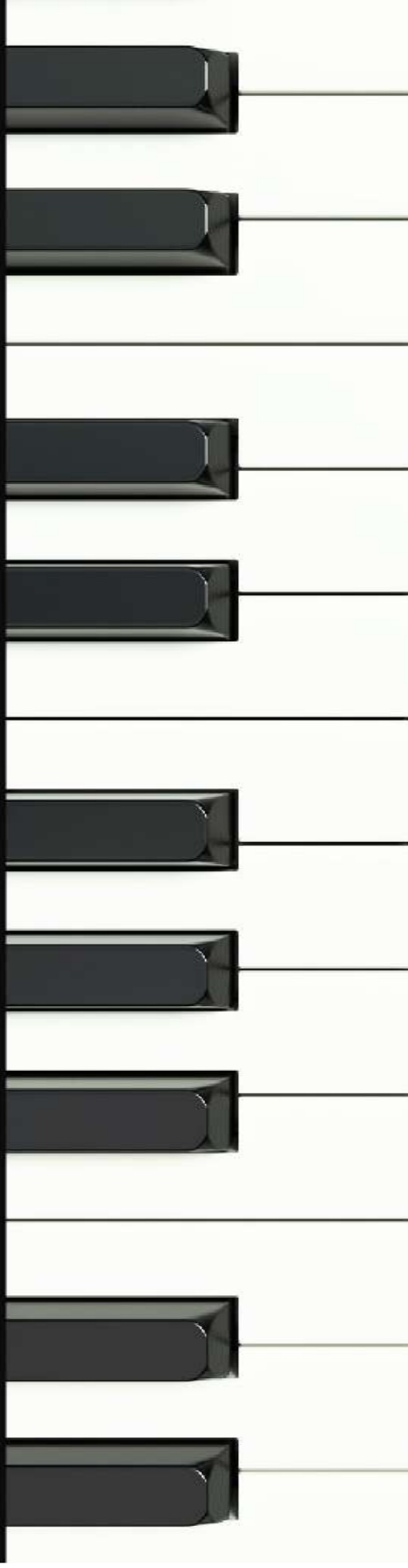
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Friday nights

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€5 pp

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To care for those
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— Tia Walker



Special Kildare/Carlow Pilgrimage (Limited availability)
to Fatima EX Dublin Easter 2025

Flying with TAP Airlines

Also 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony,

13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun

Contact James Treacy 061921470

jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

Payment can be made by instalments

Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - Holy Thursday (Apr 17th)

- Depart Dublin Airport at 05.35 a.m. and arrive into Lisbon Airport at 08.35a.m.
- On arrival transfer to Fatima where we will check into our hotel.
- Lunch will be provided at the hotel.
- Free time for optional activities.
- Dinner at Hotel.
- This evening we will attend Holy Thursday Mass.

Day 2 - Good Friday (Apr 18th)

- Following breakfast at our hotel we will walk the Way of the Cross.
- Lunch in Hotel.
- This afternoon, we will have a guided tour of the Sanctuary area visiting, the Capelhina, Rosary Basilica, the graves of the three children.

Day 3 - Holy Saturday (Apr 19th)

- This morning after breakfast we will visit the Parish Church, Valinhos and Aljustrel.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Following dinner we will attend the Vigil Mass in the Sanctuary.

Day 4 - Easter Sunday (Apr 20th)

- Following breakfast, we will attend the Rosary and international Mass in the Sanctuary on this Easter Sunday morning.
- Lunch in hotel.
- Afternoon is free for optional activities.
- Dinner in Hotel.

Day 5 - Easter Monday (Apr 21st)

- After breakfast, we will depart Fatima on our optional tour of Nazare & Bathala.
- A packed lunch will be provided.
- For those staying in Fatima, lunch will be provided in the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight.

Day 6 - Tuesday (Apr 22nd)

- We bid farewell to Fatima and make our way to Lisbon Airport.
- Enroute, we will have a short visit to Santarem and visit the Church of The Holy Miracle. We will have time for private prayer in this special place.
- We will then continue onto Lisbon Airport.
- Our flight departs Lisbon at 3.20pm and arrives into Dublin Airport at 6.10pm.





FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

17th - 22nd APR '25

Group Leader: James Treacy
Escorted Tour

FATIMA where the Blessed Virgin appeared to the three children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta in 1917 is now one of the greatest Marian Shrines in the world.

VISITING: Chapel of the Apparitions - The Church of the Holy Trinity - Guided tour of the Sanctuary - Hungarian Stations of the Cross - Aljustrel - Partake in the Easter Celebrations

INCLUDES:

- Return flights ex Dublin to Lisbon
- 23kg checked in luggage per person
- Coaching as per the itinerary
- 5 nights full board basis staying at 3* Santo Amaro Hotel
- Religious itinerary with a guided tour of the Sanctuary area and excursion to Aljustrel
- Taxes and Charges

EXTRAS:

- Single room supplement: €200.00 for duration (first come first served basis)
- Travel Insurance*: €50 per person up to 79 years of age and €75 per person between 80 & 94 years of age
- Items of personal nature.
- Additional meals not listed.
- Valid Passports are required.
- Optional Day Trip - prices will be given locally by our guide.

*Any person taking our travel insurance must get a form signed by their GP at time of booking and this form must be taken to Fatima with you.

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For further information please contact:

Group Leader James Treacy : Tel 061-921470 or Mob 086-0572216

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