

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

Sat. 20th Sun. 21st June 2026

Ballyfin Vintage Club **Co. Laois**

Vintage Tractor & Car Road Run

Sunday 28th June 2026

Assembly at Ballyfin Community Centre
at 12 noon

Returning to Deadman's Inn
In Aid of Suicide Awareness

All are Welcome



Sun. 21st June

12th Sun. In Ordinary
Time

June

Month of the
Sacred Heart

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place my trust in Thee,
Whatever may befall me,
Lord, though dark the hour may be;
In all my woes, in all my joys,
though naught but grief I see,
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place my trust in Thee.

When those I loved have passed away
and I am sore distressed
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I fly to Thee for rest.
In all my trials, great or small,
my confidence shall be
Unshaken as I cry, dear Lord,
I place my trust in Thee.

This is my one sweet prayer,
dear Lord, my faith, my trust, my love,
But most of all in that last hour,
when death points up above,
Ah then, sweet Saviour,
may Thy Face smile on my soul set free.
Oh may I cry with rapturous love,
I've placed my trust in Thee. Amen.

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(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

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or www.ballyfinparish.ie

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Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Obituaries

*Lord, for your faithful people,
Life is Changed, Not ended*

William (Willie) Toohey.
Old Forge Cresc. R.I.P.

We pray for Willie who died on Sun. 14th June. Willie's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Nenagh on Wed. 17th June followed by burial in Lisboney Cemetery, Nenagh. We extend sympathy to mother Mary Ellen and family. His partner Roseanna Cawley and children Leah and Francis, - brother and sister, Francis, Charlotte, Chantelle and Rochelle, , and their families, nieces and nephews, extended family, neighbours and friends.

May Willie rest in the peace of Christ.

Janet Brophy, Clonminch,
Tullamore, - Upper Sconce, R.I.P.

We pray for Janet who died following a short illness at Beaumont Hosp., Dublin on Thurs. 29th May. We extend sympathy to partner, Paul, sons Ethan and Theo, sisters Helen, Caroline, Carmel and Rachelle and their families, aunts and uncles and their families, nieces, nephews, extended relatives, friends and neighbours.

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May Janet rest in the peace of Christ.

Ellen Brophy (Nee Dollard)

Upper Sconce. Woodbrook R.I.P.

We pray for Ellen (Janet's mother) who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Tues. 9th June. Ellen's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Mon. 15th June followed by committal ceremony at Newlands Cross Crematorium. We extend sympathy to Helen, Caroline, Carmel and Rachelle and their families, grandchildren Ethan, Theo, Ruby, Disin, Hannah, Amelia, Harrison and Riley, sisters, and brothers and their families, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours and friends.

May Ellen rest in the peace of Christ.

Sydney Strong, Cappagh. R.I.P.

We pray for Sydney who died peacefully at his home on Thurs. 11th June. Sydney's Funeral Service was conducted at St. John the Baptist Church, Ballyfin on Mon. 15th June followed by burial in Ballyfin Cemetery. We extend sympathy to his wife Kathleen, son Alan, daughter Amy, and their families, grandchildren, Anna, Sam and Kate, sisters Frances Wallace, Susan Robins, brother Mervyn and their families, nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbours and friends.

May Sydney rest in the peace of Christ.

Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June

Mountrath Cem Fri. 26th June

Clonenagh Cem, Fri. 10th July

Cemetery on Left - Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Cem. Wed. 5th Aug.

Boughlone Cem. Wed. 2rd Sept.

Cemetery Masses Commence at 7.00 pm

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LEARN TO CYCLE CAMP



Our Learn to Cycle Camp is perfect for beginners, providing a safe and enjoyable environment to develop confidence, balance, and cycling skills. It features sessions for all ages, including inclusive options for participants with disabilities, running over three days to allow everyone to learn at their own pace.

📅 WHEN:

Tuesday 14th July to Thursday
16th July, 2026

📍 WHERE:

Astro Turf - Leisure centre
Portlaoise - R32 YP11

📞 CONTACT:

Catriona - 0867935234

💰 COST:

€30 per child

SCAN ME!



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!**



**If your child has a special requirement,
please let us know as we aim to deliver
an inclusive programme.**

CONTACT Ruth Delaney - 089 264 7761



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
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Parishes Alive

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..

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend or for the hospitality.

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Day for Life, Sunday 21st June

On this year's Day for Life, Sunday 21st June, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God and man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie

National Pilgrimage for Life

The National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 20th June in Knock Shrine. Mass will be celebrated at 3.00pm in the Basilica, during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Main celebrant and homilist will be Bishop Niall Coll. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Thank You

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

And

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Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

Ballyfin Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Deputy Diocesan Liaison

Michelle Hughes c/o Bishop's House,

Dublin Rd., Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

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

Safeguarding Message

Maternity Cover for Diocesan DLP., Ailish Higgins, is being provided on a part-time basis by Michelle Hughes, our current deputy DLP.

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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To care for those
who once cared for us
is one of the highest
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– Tia Walker



Lessons
LEARNED
Life

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Best Wishes to Scoil Bhríde
As they embark on
Their New Weekly Lotto



Scoil Bhríde
Mountrath

Fundraiser Weekly Draw

Your support makes a real difference

Join Now

Scan the QR code
or go to our website
below



www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/sbmountrath



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TOTS AND CO PLAYSCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
IN QUALITY CHILDCARE

**ECCE & NCS
SCHEMES AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT COLETTE:
0874162377**

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Parish Lottos
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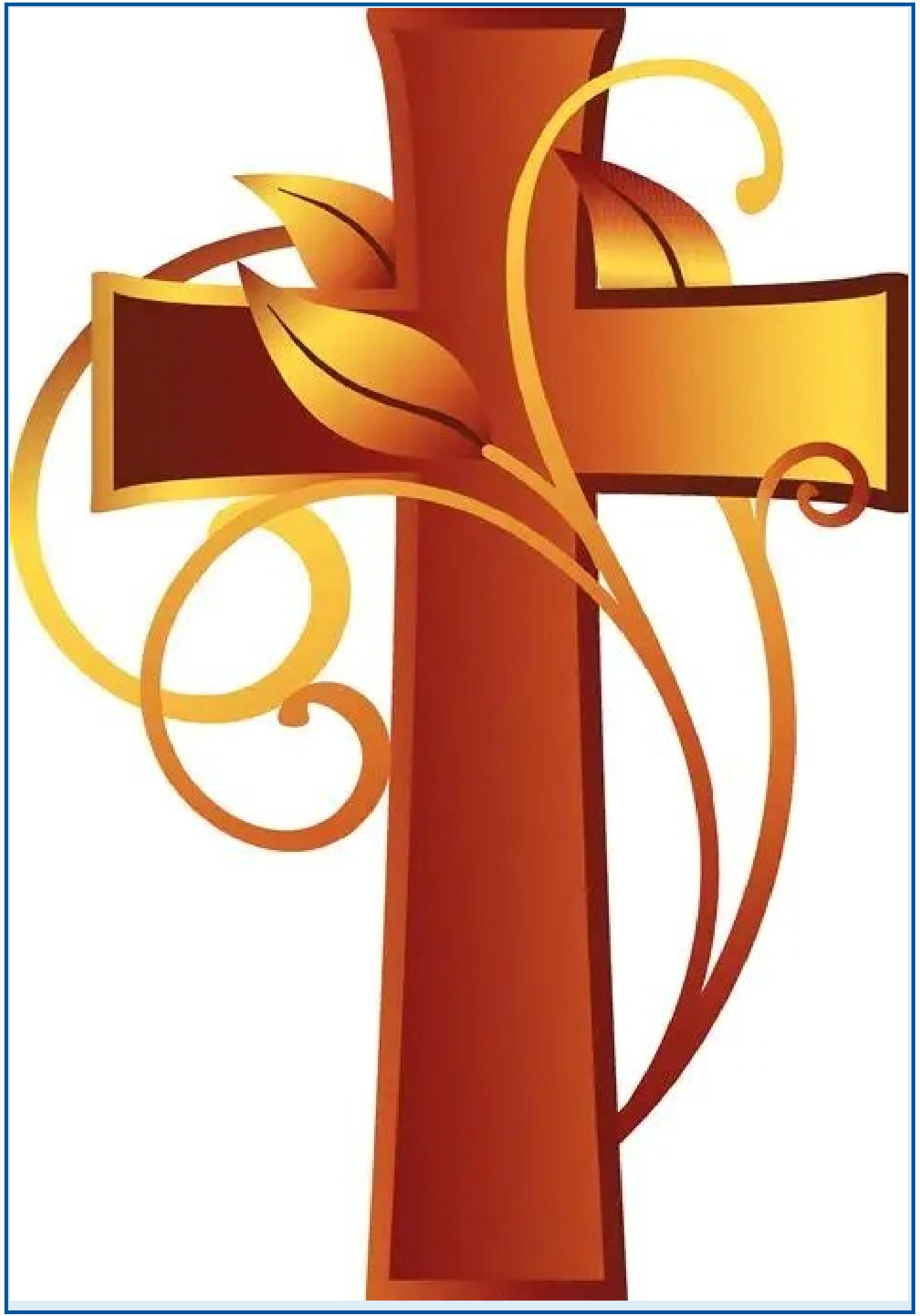
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Anniversary

MASSES

Mountrath Ballyfin

Parishes



Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 20th June

To

Sun. 28th June

Lord, for your faithful people,

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Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 20th June to Sun. 28th June

Fri. 19th June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 20th June 8.00 pm Sarah (Sadie) Fitzpatrick

(Nee Phelan) Brockera. Month's Mind .

Elizabeth (Ellen) Murphy, Cappagh South. 10th Anniv.

Sun. 21st June 10.00 am Seán Quinn. Irey. Month's Mind .

Nuala Mc Namara (nee Deevy) Ross. 6th Anniv. .

Nuala's parents William and Margaret Deevy
and Deceased Family members.

. The Darcy Family, Cappinrush.

Jason Gilligan, Brockera. 20th Anniv.

Jason's 20th Anniv. on 12th June

Jason's 40th Birthday on 21st June

Tony and Laura Kilkenny, Pallas.

Mon. 22nd June 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 20th June to Sun. 28th June. Contd.

Wed. 24th June 11.15 am End of School Year Mass and Graduation Ceremony with pupils and staff of Ballyfin N.S.

Fri. 26th June 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 27th June 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 13th Sun. in Ord Time

Sun. 28th June 10.00 am John Phelan, Pallas. 1st Anniv. .

John O'Rourke, Cappanrush

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Mass Times Anniversaries

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Sat. 20th June 7.00 pm Sarah Dunne, Trumera. 5th Anniv.

George Tobin (Jnr) Bray

(formerly Woodbrook) 32nd Anniv.

Sun. 21st June 9.00 am [The Hollow Ch.](#) Bridie Rohan, Shanahoe.

11.30 am John Loughnane, Clonadacasey. 22nd Anniv.

Tues. 23rd June 10.00 am

Wed. 24th June 10.00 am

Thur 25th June 10.00 am

Fri. 26th June 10.00 am Maura Thompson Turner, Patrick St.,

7.00 pm Cemetery Mass in Mountrath Cemetery.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 20th to Sun. 28th June Contd

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Sat. 27th June 7.00 pm Ann Doheny, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.
18th Aniv.

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

11.30 am Phyllis and James Dunne, 45 Fr. O'Connor Cresc.
Phyllis' 20th Anniv - James' 3rd Anniv.

Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 4th July 7.00 pm Joseph (Joe) Carroll, Clonard.

Thurs. 25th June 10.00 am

End of School Year Mass and Graduation Ceremony

With pupils and staff of Scoil Bhríde

Ballyfin Parish

Ministries Rota

Sat. 27th Sun. 28th June

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Eva Timmons Sheila Dowling

Sun. 10.00 am Jacinta Connolly Brid Duff

Collectors for June

Sat. Mairead Delaney

Sun. Paul Ruane

Mountrath Parish

Ministries Rota

Sat. 27th Sun. 28th June

Reader Sat. Paulo Jacob

Sun. Karlijn

Ministers of Holy Communion

Sat. 7.00 pm

Collette Byrne Anne Marie Byrne Peg Russell

Sun. 11.30 am

Margaret Carroll Margaret Keegan

Collectors During June

Sat. Noel Tobin Rita Watkins

Sun. Anthony Deegan

Parables - Fr. Mike Schmitz is coming to Ireland

We are delighted to share with you that the Evangelisation and Youth Ministry Sub-Council of the Irish Bishops' Conference has been working alongside the Ascension Presents team to bring a very special event to Ireland.

The *Parables* Tour, with Fr Mike Schmitz will take place at the National Arena, Dublin on 20th July 2026 from 7 pm – 9 pm.

The youth ministry sub-council has secured tickets especially for a youth audience to be present from every Diocese in Ireland.

To this end if any Parish in our Diocese would like to avail of these tickets please email Fr. David Vard at youth@kandle.ie ASAP (before Friday 8th May). Additionally if, as a Parish you have already secured tickets,

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

WHY SUNDAYS MATTER
AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS
FOR THE COMING WEEKS

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invite parishioners across the diocese to reflect on the letter from the Irish Bishops, 'WHY SUNDAY MATTERS', for these remaining weeks of Eastertide up to the 'Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ' on June 7.

From next weekend we will post a short excerpt from the letter each week for you to think about, with a link to the full text.

See <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass. Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account to see this weekend's highlighted material,
including a video message from Bishop Denis.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

– CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US:

'Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a Faith Community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord and be nourished in body and soul.

The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source and summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, and it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege and a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.'

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS – CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US

SUNDAY MASS CREATES AND CELEBRATES COMMUNION AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

'Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is 'the way, the truth, and the life' (John 14:6). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and communion with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:35), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ.

Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that 'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.' This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.'

What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?

What does Sunday and Sunday Mass mean to you?

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:
AN EXCERPT FROM THE LETTER OF THE IRISH BISHOPS

'The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith.

Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God's word and receive the Body of Christ.'

*How does our presence
at Mass
contribute
to making the Church
visible and alive ??*

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

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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)

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Would you like to become more involved
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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.

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-  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**

LEARN
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GROW

Prayer to the Holy Spirit at Exam Time

Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

Fill my mind with clarity and my heart with calm.

Dispel all fear and anxiety,

And replace them with trust in Your loving presence.

Guide my thoughts to recall what I have learned,

Sharpen my focus, and steady my hand.

Help me to work with patience,

And to answer with truth and confidence.

May my efforts be joined with Your grace,

So that whatever the outcome,

I may grow in knowledge, humility, and faith.

Amen.

Cemetery Masses

Ballyfin Cemetery Sun. 14th June

Mountrath Cemetery Fri. 26th June

Clonenagh Fri. 10th July

Cemetery on Left

Mountrath to Portlaoise

Clondarrig Wed. 5th Aug.

Boughlone Wed. 2rd Sept.

Cemetery Masses commence at 7.00 pm

A very sincere *Thank You*

to you and your family -

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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!!



Bingo in St. Fintan's Hall

Every Monday night.

Commencing Mon. 1st Dec.,

Blue and Yellow Sheets will be increased by
€50, bringing the Full House to €300.

Please support your local Bingo.

All are very welcome.



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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 17th June

Nos. Drawn 5 7 14 26

No Jackpot Winner

23 Match 3 Winners

Rec. € 44 each

Next Week's Jackpot €20,000

Thank you for your continued and

generous support

of Ballyfin Parish Weekly Lotto

and Ballyfin Parish Collections.

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Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 18th June

€ 11,000 Jackpot

Nos. Drawn 5 15 25 32

No Jackpot Winner

12 Match 3's Rec. € 84 each

1 Local Winner Mary Loughnane

Promoter, Heather Mortimer

Next Week's Jackpot € 12,000

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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.

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for your continued support and generosity.

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath € 12,000

Ballyfin € 20,000



News From Around
The Diocese

Events
at
Bloom HQ



*Reflections
of a
World Weary Wanderer*



The Gallery
of Divine Inspiration
Mountrath County Laois
7PM Friday 5th June

Hosts: Dain Flemming

From Canada to Ireland via
Australia I am now reflecting on
my life's journey through the
medium of watercolour. Join me
on a tour of my life's circle

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



Pilates

Mountrath Health
Fitness Academy
Patrick st, Mount
R32 DC58

With Derinn

Saturdays 11AM
6 weeks starting
16th of May - 20th of June



€60 for 6 weeks



***Spaces still available**

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





Yoga



Starting on Tuesday
the 5th of May
6.30 pm
6 Week block

€60

***spaces are limited so book today**





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gym rooms**

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Mountrath,
Co. Laois
R32DT9F**

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

Music, Games,
refreshments



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

LAOIS AFRICA DAY 2026



**SATURDAY
30TH MAY**



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The Gallery of Divine Inspiration
Presents

THE BOG GOTHC:
PRIMEVAL PLACE, THE CONTESTED GROUND



MAY 1st – 31st 2026

A SOLO EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY SHEILA HOUGH

Curated by Kevin McCann

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House Gallery

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Unit 1, Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Dysartbeagh, Mountrath, Co. Laois, R32 DT9F



Pilates With Derinn

Wednesdays 8pm
6 weeks starting 29th April

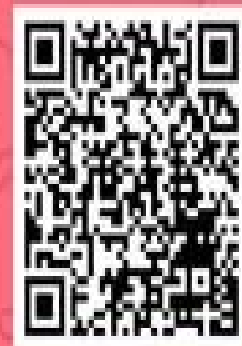


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Patrick st, Mountrath
R32 DC58

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3rd April - 1st May 2026

Bloom HQ, Brigidine Convent, Patrick Street, Mountrath
R32 DT9F

Exhibition opens Friday 3rd April at 7pm, all welcome.
Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm
Closed Saturday to Sunday
Admission free

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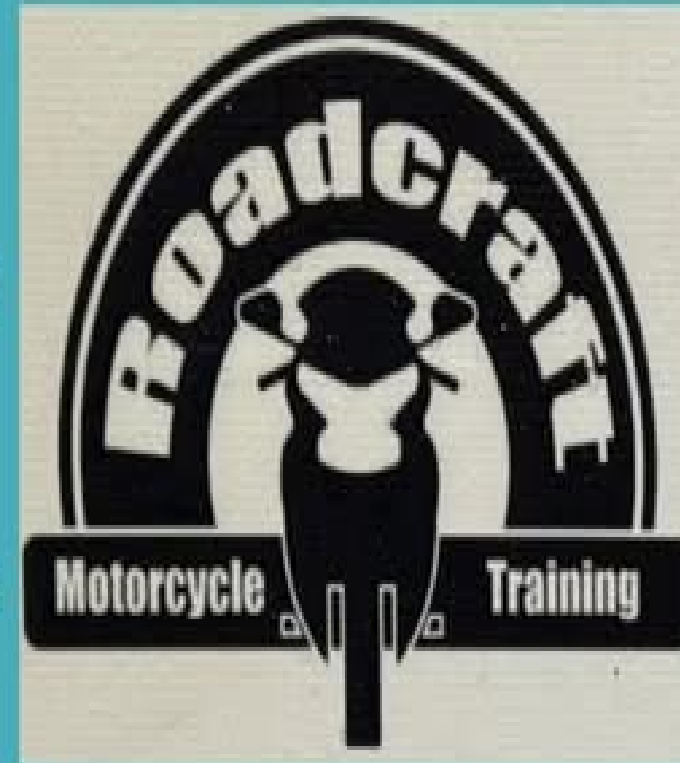
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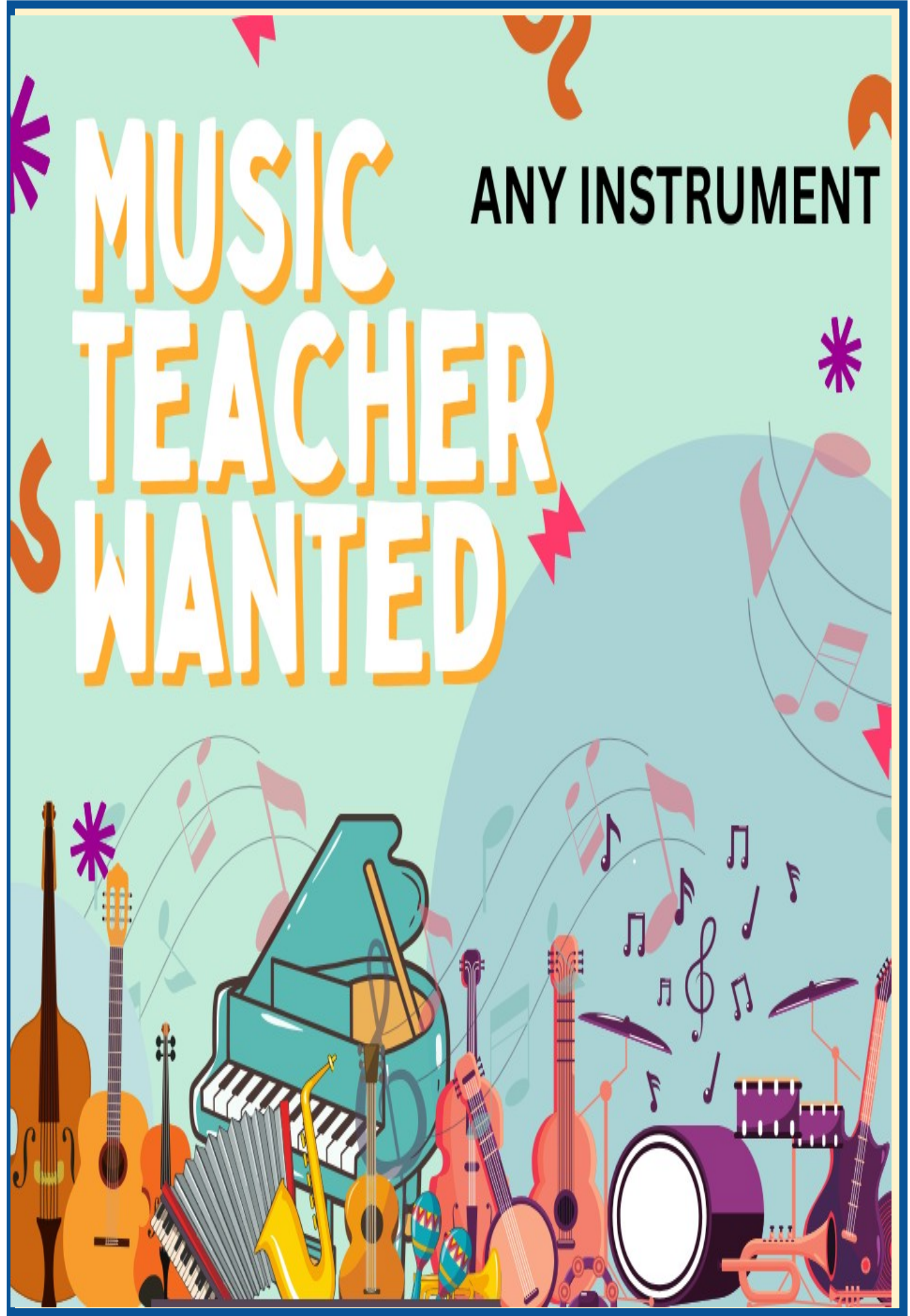
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R32DT9F,
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Contact us: **089 264 7761**

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Seated exercise

Thurs - 11am

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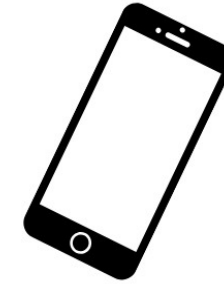


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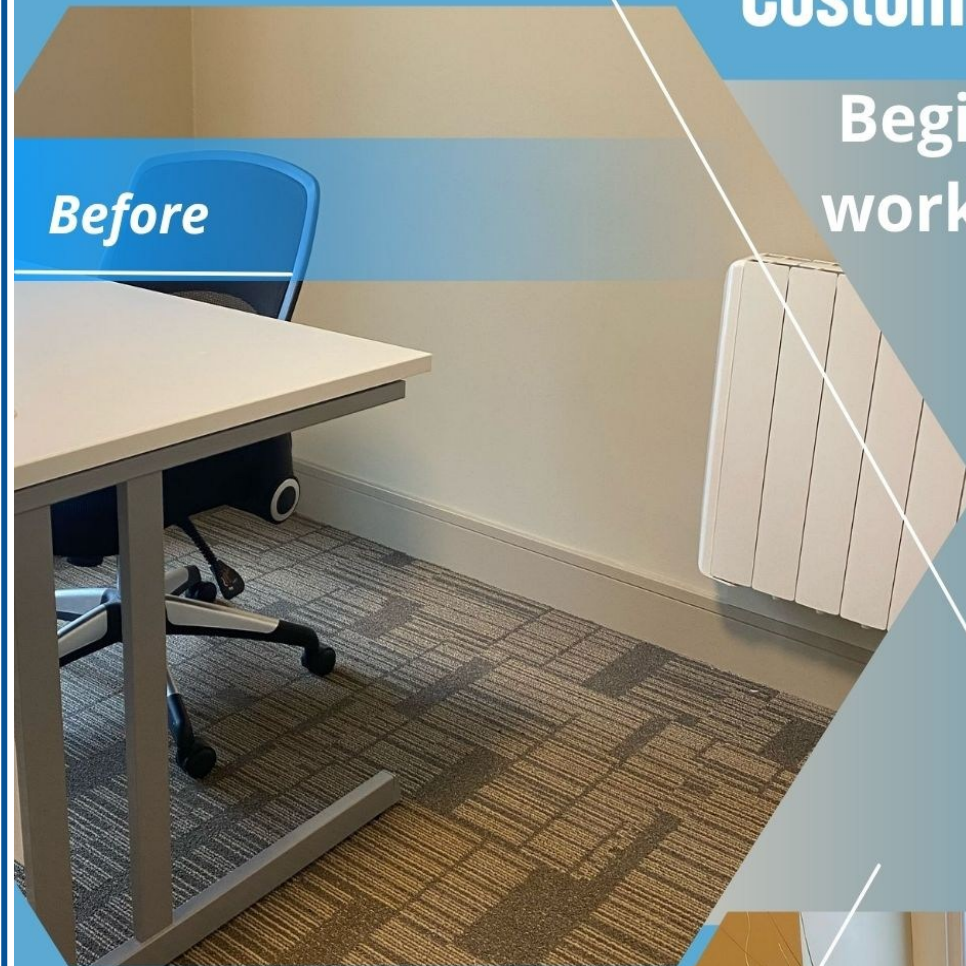
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For more details and to book see:

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**Old School on
Patrick Street**



**Tuesdays 10am - 1pm
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For all ages from beavers to ventures and into leaders !

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

Friday nights

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7:00 till 8:30

€5 pp

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News



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

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Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

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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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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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Income:

Basket Collection: € 40,269

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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Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

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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
	Telephone/Broadband € 600.00
	Computer/servicing € 5,051.00
	Accountancy Fees € 540.00
	Youth/Community € 260.00
	Hire of Equipment € 1,141.00
	Music/Choir € 250.00
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A very sincere "Thank You" for your continuous and generous

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