

# Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. '24    33<sup>rd</sup> Sun. in Ord. Time.

*Ballyfin Players Proudly Present*

## Wake in the West

by Michael J. Ginnelly

Balcony Theatre,  
Mountmellick Arts Centre  
Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Some Ticket still available  
at [www.willwego.com](http://www.willwego.com)

## Watch and Pray on Feast of Our Lord Christ, King of the Universe

Next Sun. (24<sup>th</sup> Nov). is the Final Sunday of the Church Year. Each year in Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Churches we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for a short while on this special Day - The Feast of Christ the King - We as Parish, visit the Church (on this day) to spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration and in silent prayer in a spirit of thankfulness, mindful of the many blessings we have received during the year, Parishioners from all our Parish townlands are invited to be part of this special time.

### Ballyfin Parish Townlands

Immediately after Mass (About 10.45) Irey, Ross, Springfield, Lower Irey, Cappinrush, Ballylusk, Knocknakearn, Brockera, Cloncullen, Cappagh South, Ockanroe, The Harrow.

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11.00 am - The Knocks, Cavansheath, Ballycormack, Cappinaclare, Upper and Lower Sconce, Briscula. Upper Ballyfin, Rossmore, Upper Clonurke, Catholes, Deerpark, Clonurke.

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

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

*Concluding Prayer at about 11.45 am*

### Mountrath Parish Townlands

12.25 pm (Immediately after Mass) Clonard, Moonbawn, Forest Hill, .  
Knockanina. Redcastle, Clonenagh, Derrough,

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

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

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

**Concluding Prayer at about 1.30 pm**

**Gaelscoil Thromaire (057) 8756306**

## **School Enrolment 2025/2026**

Príomhoide: Áine Mhic Aodha Bhuí

**Enrolment forms available from 25<sup>th</sup> Oct. to 29<sup>th</sup> Nov.**

for the above School for Junior Infants and any other classes.

Gaelscoil Thromaire, Trumera, Mountrath, Co. Laois R32R5RF

Website: [gaelscoilthromaire.ie](http://gaelscoilthromaire.ie)

Closing date for application 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2024

### **Ballyfin N.S. School Enrolment 2025 / 2026**

Ballyfin NS is accepting applications for admissions for the school year 2025/26 from Monday November 4th to Monday November 25th. Application forms are available on the school website [www.ballyfinns.weebly.com](http://www.ballyfinns.weebly.com), by emailing [office@ballyfinns.ie](mailto:office@ballyfinns.ie) or from the school office.

#### **"Do This In Memory" Masses this Weekend**

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## Sheila Guidrea (Nee McRedmond) Knockanina.

We pray for Sheila who died peacefully at Maryborough Centre, Portlaoise on Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Sheila's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to sisters Mary (Moore), Margaret (Boyhan), Kathleen (and John Mulhall and family, Roskelton), Bernadette and Chris (Mc Redmond), brothers Michael, Frank and Donal and families, her aunt Maidie (and Joe McGill and family, Trumera), extended family, relatives, neighbours, friends and colleagues in the Maryborough Centre.

## Joan Ferns, Cuddagh South, Ballacolla, Castletown. Drumbane, Tipperary. R.I.P.

We pray for Joan who died suddenly (and peacefully) at her home on Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. Joan's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> Nov. followed by burial in Churchtown Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her family, Anthony, Thomas, Mary and Margaret and their families. Grandchildren, Alex, Karl, Daniel, Joe and Dara. brothers Seán, Ned and P.J., sisters Sr. Patricia, and Agnes and their families. nephews, nieces, relatives, her wonderful friends and neighbours. Joan is mother of Tommy Ferns who has provided the public address systems for all our outdoor Cemetery Masses and Ceremonies for us here in Mountrath and in Ballyfin for many years now. We keep and hold Tommy, his partner, Maura and all their family in our thoughts and prayers in a very special way at this difficult time.

Joan came to work in the Post Office in Mountrath many moons ago, subsequently meeting and marrying Liam Ferns and setting up home in Cuddagh South.

*May Sheila and Joan rest in the peace of Christ*

# Mountrath Festival Committee

Presents

Christmas Disco Party Night

(This) Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Venue    Marquee at Eddie Kirwan's Pub

Music by DJ Paul

Tickets   €10.00

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All Proceeds to Fund  
Mountrath Christmas Lights

## Diary Date 2025

Ceremony of Confirmation in Ballyfin Parish will be  
celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin  
on Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Ceremony will commence at 11.00 am

The Ceremony of Confirmation will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty

## 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Days in 2025

### Mass Dates and Times

Gaelscoil Thromaire Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The Hollow Church - 9.00 am

Barnashrone National School Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Scoil Bride, Mountrath.

St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath Time 11.30 am

Ballyfin National School Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

## Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance

The Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Penance (with children preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion) will be celebrated in March of next year.

Details of dates, times and venues will be arranged in due course.

## Synodality: Path and Practices Online Course 2024

The online course will be delivered via Zoom  
from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm over 6 nights  
(6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec).

### Speakers include:

Bishop Brendan Leahy,

Bishop Michael Router,

Julie Ann Moran,

Dr Anne Codd,

Dr Donagh O'Brien

Bishop Patricia Storey.

Booking/Enquiries to: The Secretary 057 8626153

Email: [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com) For full detail of these and all our

courses see [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com).

## Bishop Denis Nulty Announces New Lay Pastoral Minister Training Programme in Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin

The Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin, under the leadership of Bishop Denis Nulty, is inviting people with the courage to step forward and answer an important call to service. A new training programme has been developed to equip laypeople with the essential skills they need to serve as Lay Pastoral Ministers within parishes and pastoral areas.

The Lay Pastoral Ministers (Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Level 7) programme aims to nurture and develop the talents of lay leaders, preparing them to undertake significant roles within their parishes and pastoral areas. *"The role of laypeople in our Church is crucial to ensure we invigorate faith in our communities. This is an exciting and important opportunity for people who want to explore their faith on a deeper level and be part of the future of our Church."*

Members of the public are being invited to a series of information meetings across the diocese to find out more about the Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Level 7. These meetings will offer an opportunity to anybody who is curious to learn more about the course, its objectives, and the benefits it offers to participants and their communities.

### Information Sessions take place as follows:

- Monday, 4th November: Mount Wolseley, Tullow
- Tuesday, 5th November: Westgrove Hotel, Clane
- Wednesday, 6th November: Solas Bhríde, Kildare Town
- Thursday, 7th November: Dolmen Hotel, Carlow
- Wednesday, 13th November: Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge
- Thursday, 14th November: Mount Saint Anne's, Killenard

All meetings will commence at 7.30 pm, with tea and coffee available from 7.15pm  
Further information from Patrick Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development,  
Ph 083-830 5681; email [parishdevelopment@kandle.ie](mailto:parishdevelopment@kandle.ie)

# Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. '24

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

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

## Parish Contacts

Website [www.mountrathparish.ie](http://www.mountrathparish.ie)

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

Name of Parish App.

*Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes*

## Carol Service in Ballyfin Church

Hosted by 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Class Pupils, their  
Families and teachers of Ballyfin National  
School

Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00 pm

*All Are most welcome*

## Choir Practice for Christmas

Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Ballyfin Church 8.00 pm

*Everyone Welcome*

## Dates of "Do This in Memory" Masses, Mountrath and Ballyfin, 2024/25

### Preparation Masses for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion 2025.

Enrolment Mass: Mountrath Church      Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September      Time 7.00 pm

Enrolment Mass: Ballyfin Church      Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>      Time 10.00 am

### "Do This In Memory" Masses

#### Mountrath

#### Ballyfin

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.      Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct      Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov.      Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov      Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec      Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec      Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan

## 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Preparation - Continued

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## Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction.

Contact the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

### "Dilexit nos - He loved us" - Encyclical of Pope Francis

Prayers and Reflections based on "the Human and the Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ" are available on [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)

*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 -

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your own name as the reference.**

**Thank you for your generous support of Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes**



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## A Note from Ballyfin N.S. Parents Council



We're excited to announce an upcoming event titled *"Helping Children and Teenagers Build Resilience and Self-Esteem"* with Dr. David Coleman, a speaker known for his engaging style and practical advice for parents.

**Details:** Location: Ballyfin NS      Date: Thursday, 21st November  
Time: 7:30 PM

Tickets available at: <https://buytickets.at/ballyfinnspc/1384603>

Don't miss this opportunity to learn valuable skills that will make a difference in your child's life. .

Looking forward to seeing you there! *Laura (Linehan) Chair.*

We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers  
People, their families and carers, who are ill or unwell – at home,  
in hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or  
medical procedures.

- We wish them a speedy recovery

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

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# Ballyfin Anniversaries Mass Times Anniversaries

Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 8.00 pm Joseph, Ellen and Rory Culleton, Clonagown.

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am Peter Fitzpatrick. Cappinacclare. 35<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Sheila Fitzpatrick, Ashgrove, Mt. Mellick formerly Ballyfin 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 8.00 pm Johanna (Josie) McGill, Clonboyne M.M.

Margaret (Peg) Brennan, Pallas Big. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Seán Gilligan, Brockera - 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv., and his parents, Sarah and Martin Gilligan and deceased members of Gilligan Family

Maureen and Billy Troy and deceased family members.

Sr. Frances Teresa Dunne and deceased members of Dunne Family, Brockera.

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.00 am **Our Lord Christ - King of the Universe**

Brendan Breen, Croyden Court. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Charlie Phelan O'Moore Forest

Gus Hade, Boghlone.

Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Apost. of Sanctification

*Lord, for your faithful people, Life is changed, Not ended.*

# Mountrath Anniversaries

## Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.

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

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.00 pm Pat McGrath, Shannon Rd., 8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

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

James (Jim) O'Rourke, Lower Sconce. Month's Mind

Maura Phelan, Shannon Rd., 17<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Paddy Cullen, Clonenagh.

Billy Byrne, Ringstown. 11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Deceased Members of St. Fintan's GAA. Club, Mountrath  
Vigil Mass for 33<sup>rd</sup> Sun. Ord. Time.

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**

Christine Mills (Nee Holland) Abbeyleix. (Formerly Trumera)

(Christine died on 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 2024)

11.30 am Martin Moore, 4 Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv

Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 10.00 am

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

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. 7.00 pm Edward Delaney, Rita Delaney. Trumera.

Jack Hyland, Cavansheath. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.

Patrick and Angela Wallace, Patrick St.,

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> Nov. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

Richard and Martha Phelan, Mountrath

**11.30 am**

Nurse Saly McCormack - Nurse Helen White.

(Late of Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.00 pm Catherine Tobin (nee Duggan) Ballyfin Rd.,



## Mountrath Parish Lotto 14<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Nos. Drawn 4 13 19 23

2 Shared €20,000 Jackpot

Congratulations to Bernie Tynan and Michael Farrell who shared

€10,000 - Promoter, Michael Farrell.

Ian Kearns received €10,000 Promoter, Peter Ryan (Portlaoise)

12 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 84 each

3 Local Winners

Alice Conroy Promoter, Betty O'Rourke

O. Nolan Promoter, M Farrell

Gaoimhe Fitzpatrick Promoter, Jerry Dooley

**Next Week's Jackpot € 16,000**

# Ballyfin Parish Lotto 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.

Nos. Drawn 7 17 24 31

No Jackpot Winner

19 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 53 each

1 Local Winner .

Trudy and Darla - Promoter, Gemma Dunphy

## Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

*Thank you for your continued and most  
generous support of our Parish Lottos*

# Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

## Next Week's



Ballyfin € 20,000

Mountrath € 16,000

Events In Bloom HQ

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## Mountrath of Yesterday Year

(Photo taken on Market Sq. in the direction of Shannon St.)

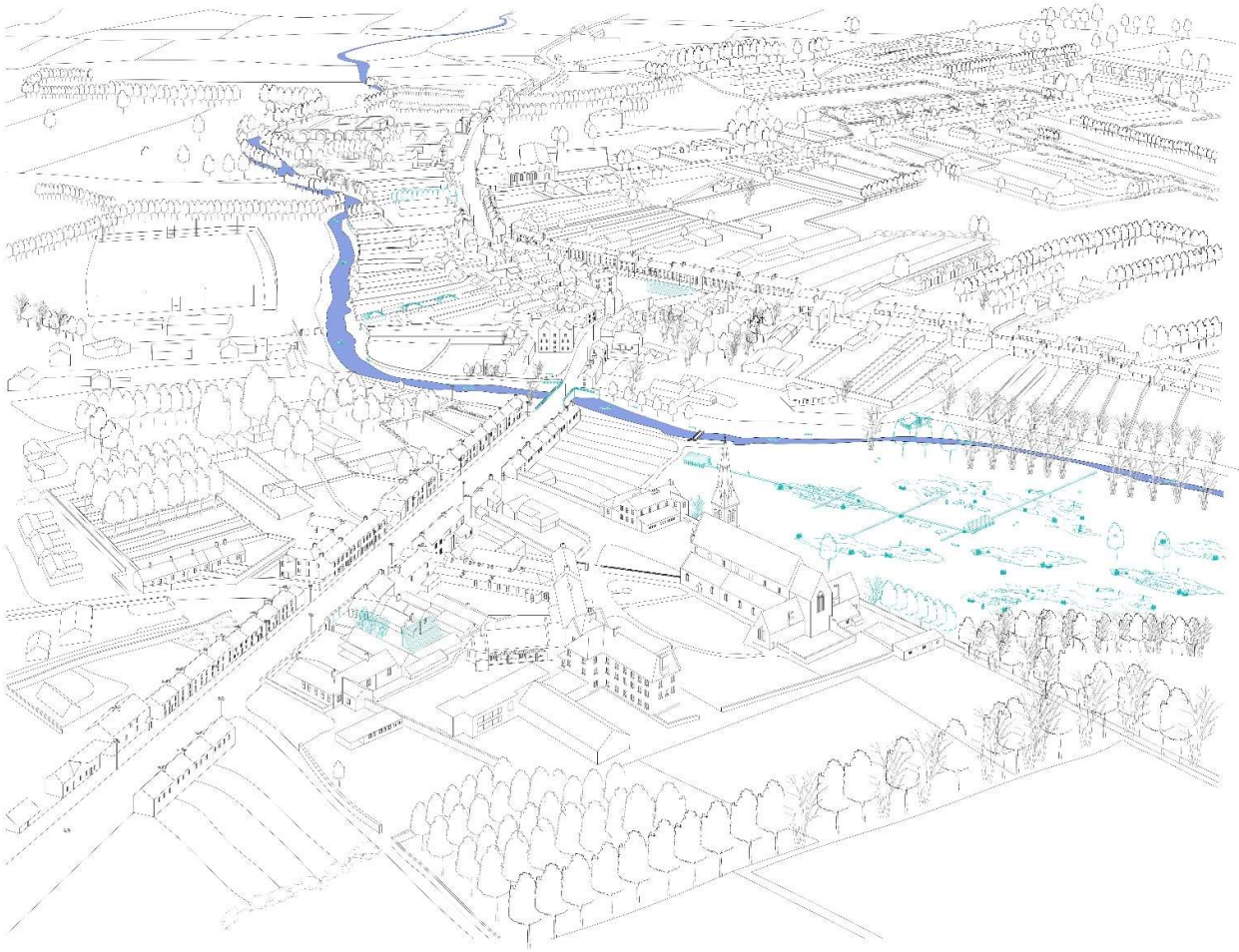
### Reference

Mountrath Square (1900-1920). Eason PhoMountrath Town Team Logotographic Collection\_NLI

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## Mountrath Town Team Logo





## Image 02

Birds eye view of Mountrath opportunities.

(Credit Joseph Mackey Architects)



## Media Release (From Mountrath Town Team)

15th November 2024

### Invitation to the 'Reimagine Mountrath' Exhibition

For the past 6 months Mountrath Town Team have been working with Joseph Mackey Architects to develop proposals which will specifically examine how the Whitehorse River can contribute to the regeneration of Mountrath Town Centre.

The Mountrath Town Team are excited to announce that these proposals will be put on public display from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 in Bloom HQ. The proposals on display are based on consultations with community stakeholders and will highlight the concepts by Joseph Mackey Architects to regenerate Mountrath. The proposals are in line with the Government's Town Centre First Policy and will support the Town Team in their efforts to revitalise the town centre.

This project was funded by the Irish Architect Foundation as part of their Re-Imagine Programme.

The Exhibition will display plans and proposals in respect of 4 innovative projects designed to animate the town:

- Installation of railings on Patrick St Bridge wall to expand eye-line of river.
- Covered walkway arch over lane from Main Street to Whitehorse River.
- Pitched roof over Town Square in footprint of old Market Building linking the town community space to the river.
- Suggested development of a nature reserve wetland/amenity in town park land

*"This project has provided an opportunity for the Mountrath Town Team to engage with an architect and create a connection between the town and one of its most important amenities, the Whitehorse River"* says Mark Sheeran, Chairperson of Mountrath Town Team. Through consultation and collaboration with the local community, the project has engaged the public imagination.

*“The site of the river was used as an opportunity to explore and remember important cultural histories and social practices and to see how the town could reconnect artistically, with the river”,* explains Joseph Mackey, Architect, MRIAI.

“The Exhibition at Bloom HQ is a fantastic opportunity for everyone to view the research and recommendations envisaged for Mountrath Town Centre” says Denise Rainey, Town Regeneration Officer, Laois County Council.

The exhibition will open from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November – 9am –to 5pm. Smaller scale drawings will be available to view in Mountrath Public Library.

### For more Information:

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Denise Rainey, Town First Regeneration Officer, Laois County Council T. 057 866 4103, E.

[drainey@laiscoco.ie](mailto:drainey@laiscoco.ie) / Lesley Cowper, Laois County Council, T. 057 866 4256 E.

[lcowper@laiscoco.ie](mailto:lcowper@laiscoco.ie)

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## Note

The findings of Reimagine Mountrath project can also be viewed in Mountrath Library, Shannon Road, Mountrath as well as in St Fintan’s Church, Patrick St, Dysartbeag, Mountrath. Co. Laois. Mountrath has a rich history dating back to the early 17th when it was founded by the Coote family. The location on the Whitehorse River allowed the town to become an industrial hub with extensive linen and cotton weaving traditions. The project endeavours to reimagine this historical location with a modern-day interpretation.

**Images** relevant to the project and that are licensed to be used for promotional purposes, with photographer's credits:

**Image 01** – Mountrath Square (1900-1920). Eason Photographic Collection\_NLI Ref: Eas 2749

**Image 02** – Birds eye view of Mountrath opportunities. Credit Joseph Mackey Architects.

**Image 03**- Mountrath Town Team MR 1

## About Hometown Architect Project:

Reimagine Mountrath is one of three projects selected for Hometown Architect 2024 by the Irish Architecture Foundation. The project proposal met the Hometown Architect brief by focusing on an issue of particular concern and an opportunity for innovation for town centre regeneration in line with the Government of Ireland's Town Centre First Policy. Accordingly, the Hometown Architect Joseph Mackey Architects were funded by the foundation to undertake research and provide concept proposals. The team for the Mountrath Hometown Architect project who collaborated on the project includes Joseph Mackey (Joseph Mackey Architects), Denise Rainey (Town Regeneration Officer, Laois County Council), Mountrath Town Team, comprising representatives from all the local community groups in Mountrath.

- ENDS -



Feeling tired sitting at your desk all day?

# LUNCHTIME HIIT WORKOUT



**Tuesdays and Thursday @1.00pm**

**Contact Ruth 089 264 7761**

Bloomhq, Patrick St, Mountrath, R32DT9F







# September 2024 TIMETABLE

## Monday

10 am Mature Movers  
11 am School Program  
2 pm Golden years club  
7 pm Mixed Circuit  
Training  
7 pm Karate\*  
7.30 pm Mum Dance\*

## Tuesday

10 am Beginner TRX  
10 am Mother & Baby  
class\*  
11 am Activator Poles Inc  
1 pm Lunchtime HITT

## Wednesday

11 am Mature Movers  
7 pm Mixed Circuit  
Training

**PAYG  
and  
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Welcome**

## Thursday

9 am Beginner TRX  
11 am Seated Exercise Inc.  
1 pm Lunchtime HITT  
7 pm Karate\*  
8 pm Bowls\*

## Friday

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

## Saturday

12 am Pilates\*  
11.00 am Kids Basketball\*

\*These Classes  
are not included  
in the  
Membership fee

For more info contact  
Ruth on 089 2647761

# French Grinds with native speaker



Games, conversation  
practice, writing, reading and  
help with homework



## Available times slots :

- 5pm to 6pm Monday to Thursday
- 1pm to 2pm Friday

Group classes in Bloom HQ (min. 3 students) or one on one in student's home (Mountrath town centre)



## Fees:

Group classes: 20€/hour  
Private classes: 25€/hour

## ✉ Email:

[youandfrench@gmail.com](mailto:youandfrench@gmail.com)



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Myriam Schultz

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the dormant  
accounts fund



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# Kids Birthday Party

2 hours of fun entertainment

Party includes:

2 rooms, food, games, sweets, drinks

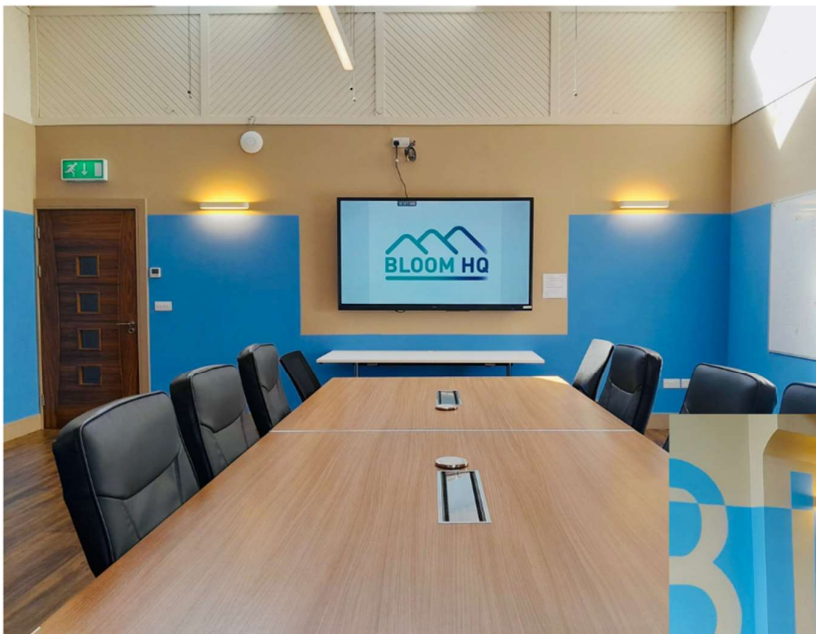
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€200 for 15 KIDS

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# Christmas in the Convent

Sunday 8th December 1-5pm

**Contact James**  
**086 258 3212**

Christmas markets  
Carol singing  
Lots of activities for kids  
Santa visit



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# Pilates

## Saturdays 12-1 pm

### 6 weeks starting 14th

### September



Mountrath Health &  
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Patrick st, Mountrath  
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**€ 60 for 6 weeks**

Sabrina 087 646 7305

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



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# Basketball in Mountrath

**Now** 11-12 am **Saturdays**



Kids 6-10 years

1 hour sessions



€2 per child per session



Outside in Bloomhq or in Philomena's  
hall if raining!

## VENUE

BLOOMHQ, PATRICK ST,  
MOUNTRATH, R32 DC58

Contact Ruth 089 264 7761

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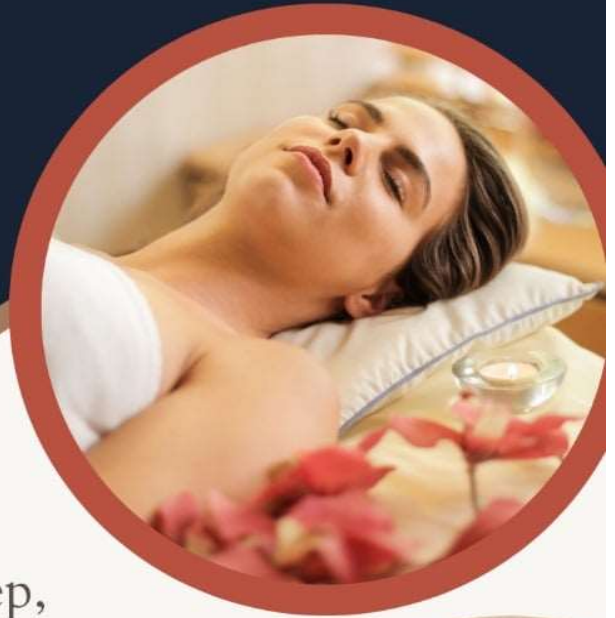
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## **State of the Art Conference Centre with 7M Screen, projector, Full AudioVisual, Gigabyte Broadband**





# Meeting Room

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- Broadband Wifi
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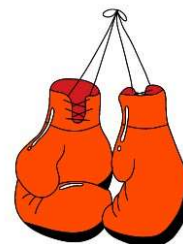
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Shane: 086 339 9287

First trial class free



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€ 35 per month or €5 per class

Jamie; 085 200 2497



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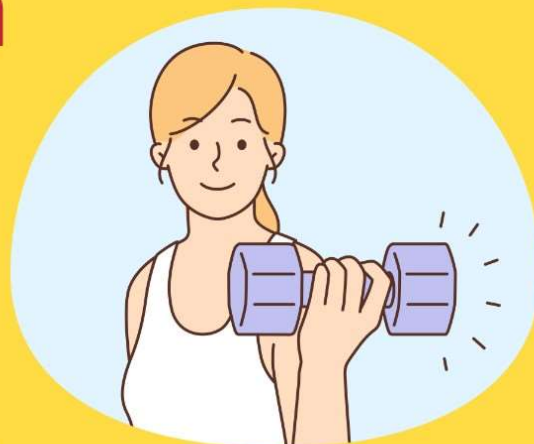


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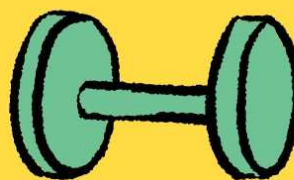
**9-10 am**



€ 7 PAYG

or

part of your monthly  
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# Mountrath Music Rooms

Lessons in BloomHQ



Violin Lessons

by Irene Ramos

089 9818065

[iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com](mailto:iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com)

Thursdays

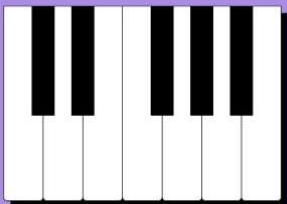


Irish Traditional Music, Whistle,  
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Cliona & Eabha Dowling McDonald

083 8566083

Saturdays



Piano Lessons

by Heather Gavigan 083 054 7772

Sundays



Contact the relevant teacher  
for times, prices, etc.

# Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu/BJJ in Mountrath



Thinking about learning self-defence and the Art of Jiu-Jitsu? A sport that suits all ages from 8 years.

- \*mobility improvement
- \*improve full body strength
- \*better cardio
- \*helps weight loss
- \*improves flexibility

**8 yrs- 18 €35 per month**

**Adults €45 per month**

€5 per class for under 18's

€7 per class for Adults

or included in Monthly Membership

**Wednesdays**

Kids 7-8 pm

Teens /Adults 8-9 pm

**Saturdays**

Kids 10- 11 am

Teens /Adults 11 am -12 pm

**contact Jamie 085 200 2497**

Brigidine Convent, Patrick St, Mountrath, R32 DC58



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



**Contact 0892722885 [manager@bloomhq.ie](mailto:manager@bloomhq.ie)**



# Mountrath Music Rooms



**Contact 089 272 2885  
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**\*Soundproof rooms**

**\*From € 15 per hour**

**\*Perfect for music lessons, counselling or grinds**

**\*free easy car park**

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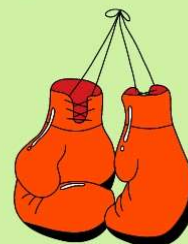


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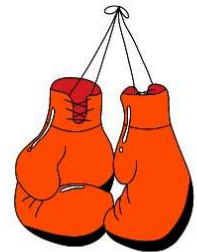


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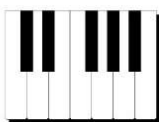


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# Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

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:

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[www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie](https://www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie)



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# Activities suitable for Senior Citizens in Mountrath

**Mature Movers 50 +**  
**Mondays & Wednesdays 11 am**



**Bowls inclusive 11 am Tuesdays**  
**Bowls 8 pm Thursdays**

**Mountrath Men's Shed**  
**Tuesdays 10 am- 1 pm**  
**Thursdays 2 pm- 4 pm**  
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**Activator Poles Inclusive**  
**Thursdays 11 am**

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# 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**



# Karate Classes



**Mondays & Thursdays 7 - 8 pm**



**Juniors and Adults**



**Okinawan Karate**



**Black Belt Instructors**

contact Sensei Donal, 5th dan

Martial Arts Centre, Old  
Convent, Mountrath.



# **HIIT Lunchtime class**

## **High-Intensity Interval Training**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**1.15 pm for 40 mins**

**5 euro a class**

**or**

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Irish Traditional  
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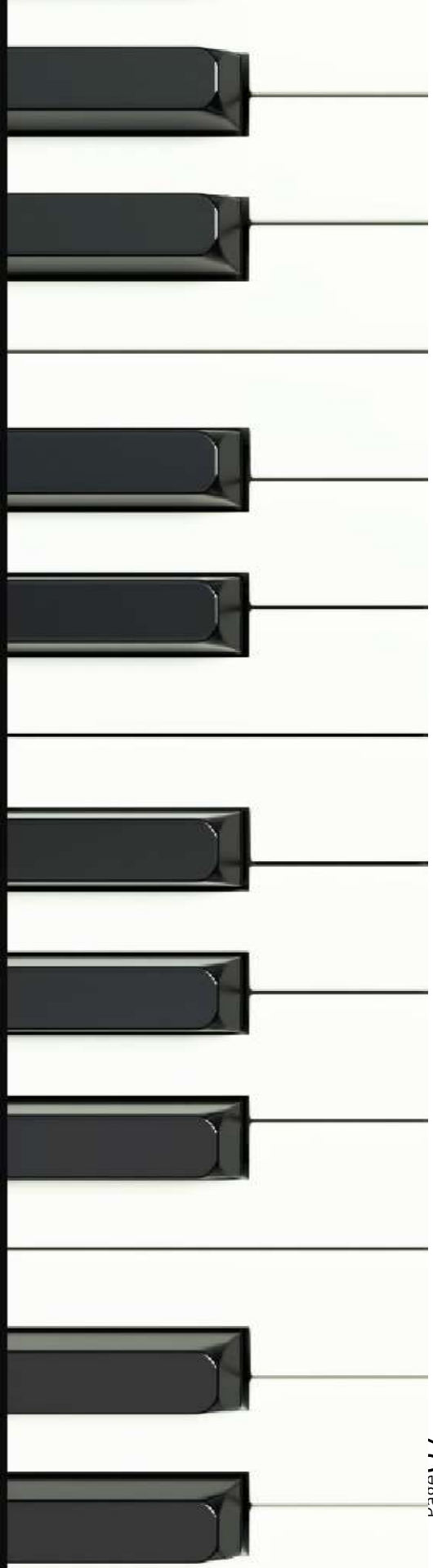


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For our new Music Rooms  
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# ***Mountrath Scouts***



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



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

— Tia Walker



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

Flying with TAP Airlines

Also 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony,

13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 for Miracle of Sun

Contact James Treacy 061921470

[jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## HOTEL SANTA AMARO:

Located a 5-minute walk from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima, Hotel Santo Amaro is the place where comfort and well-being are privileged. Hotel Santo Amaro offers you services of the highest quality so that you can enjoy your stay to the fullest. Our two excellent restaurants, where you can taste the typical cuisine of the region, are worthy of special mention. The hotel also has a chapel, two bars, and a souvenir shop. All guests have access to free wifi.

## Cost Per Person

**€859pp sharing**

Non-refundable €300 deposit plus insurance premium required at time of booking to secure place



For further information please contact:

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## BALLYFIN PARISH ACCOUNTS 2023

### INCOME

Basket Collection: € 16,305

Envelope Collection: € 25,986

Shrine Income: € 876

Rental Income: € 5,800

Fundraising: € 3,140

Donations: € 1,050

Tax Refunds: € 22,807

Church Bookings: € 460

Lotto Income: € 13,898

Other Income: € 2,421

Total: € 92,743

### EXPENDITURE

Diocesan Levy: € 6,576

Insurance: € 5,775

Light and Heat: € 17,570

Repairs and Maintenance: € 21,532

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,720

Security: € 273

Cleaning: € 263

Rates, Water, Waste: € 421

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Missallettes: € 1,870

Altar Requisites: € 3,657

Telephone/Broadband: € 1,379

Computer Hardware: € 3,219

Youth/Community: € 640

Bank Charges: € 880

Collections: € 200

Total: € 66,975

## • Synodality: Path and Practices Online Course 2024

The online course will be delivered via Zoom

- from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm over 6 nights  
(6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> November and 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> December).

### Speakers include:

Bishop Brendan Leahy, Bishop Michael Router, Julie Ann Moran,

- Dr Anne Codd, Dr Donagh O'Brien  
• and Bishop Patricia Storey.

Booking/Enquiries to: The Secretary 057 8626153

Email:

- [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

For full detail of these and all our courses see

- [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com).

## 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,  
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