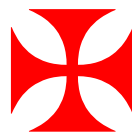


Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

2nd - 3rd Nov. 2024

31st Sun. in Ord. Time.



Service of Commemoration for our Loved Ones,
Called home.

Sun. 3rd Nov. 2.00 pm

St. Fintan's Cemetery, Mountrath

Annual Prayer Service – Laois Co. Co.

You are invited to attend the Annual Prayer Service in memory of deceased staff and members of Laois County Council on Wed. 13th Nov. 6.00 p.m in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. People of all Faiths are welcome to attend to remember colleagues and friends.

Gaelscoil Thromaire (057) 8756306

School Enrolment 2025/2026

Príomhoide: Áine Mhic Aodha Bhuí

Enrolment forms available from 25th Oct. to 29th Nov.

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

Gaelscoil Thromaire, Trumera, Mountrath, Co. Laois R32R5RF

Website: gaelscoilthromaire.ie

Closing date for application 29th 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, by emailing office@ballyfinns.ie or from the school office.

The Golden Years Club

Annual Church-gate Collection at all
Masses next weekend, Sat./ Sun. 9th 10th
Nov. Your usual generous support will be
greatly appreciated.

New members are always welcome.

Mountrath Festival Committee

Presents

Christmas Disco Party Night

Sat. 16th Nov.

Venue

Marquee at Eddie Kirwan's Pub

Music by DJ Paul

Tickets €10.00

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. 23rd May 2025

Ceremony will commence at 11.00 am

The Ceremony of Confirmation will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty

1st Holy Communion Days in 2025

Mass Dates and Times

Gaelscoil Thromaire Sunday 4th May 2025

The Hollow Church - 9.00 am

Barnashrone National School Sunday 4th May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Scoil Bride, Mountrath.

St. Fintan's Boys School, Mountrath

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

Ballyfin National School Sunday 25th May 2025

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin Time 2.00 pm

Sacrament of 1st Penance

The Sacrament of 1st Penance (with children preparing for 1st 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

If you wish to learn more about the Synod and Synodality in the Church, you are invited to an Online 6 session course which is taking place over November and December. It will include a session delivered by Bishop Brendan Leahy who is currently attending the Synod.

See www.mountstannes.com

Date for the Diary

Ballyfin Players Present,

"Wake in the West" (By Michael J. Ginnelly)

Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick Arts Centre

Fri. 22nd / Sat. 23rd Nov.

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

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 3rd Nov. '24

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Contacts

Website www.mountrathparish.ie

Email - jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes



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Next "Do This In Memory" Masses

Mountrath Church

Sat. 16th Nov. 7.00 pm

Ballyfin Church

Sun 17th Nov. 10.00 am

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

Preparation Masses for 1st Holy Communion 2025.

Enrolment Mass: Mountrath Church Saturday 29th September Time 7.00 pm

Enrolment Mass: Ballyfin Church Sunday September 29th Time 10.00 am

"Do This In Memory" Masses

Mountrath

Ballyfin

Saturday 19th Oct. Saturday 8th Feb.

Sunday 20th Oct Sunday 9th Feb.

Saturday 16th Nov. Saturday 8th March

Sunday 17th Nov Sunday 9th March

Saturday 14th Dec Saturday 5th April

Sunday 15th Dec Sunday 6th April

Saturday 11th January

Sunday 12th Jan

1st Holy Communion Preparation - Continued

All candidates preparing to receive 1st Holy Communion in May of next year are required to attend all these Masses with their parents or guardian.

Ref. Mountrath Parish

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to bring your child to Saturday evening Mass in Mountrath you are most welcome to bring you child to the Sunday morning Mass in Ballyfin Church at 10.00 am on the following morning.

Ref. Ballyfin Parish

If, for whatever reason, you are unable to bring your child to Sunday morning Mass in Ballyfin you are most welcome to bring you child to the Saturday evening Mass in Mountrath Church at 7.00 pm on the previous evening.

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

"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

*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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Parish Visitation - Nov.

Tues. 5th Mountrath Country

Wed. 6th Mountrath Town

Thurs. 7th Ballyfin Parish

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hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical
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A very sincere thank you - to you and your family - for your very generous support of
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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. 1st to Sun. 10th Nov

Fri. 1st Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

. 7.30 pm Mass for Feast of All Saints .

. John and Mai Murphy, Pallas Little

Sat. 2nd Nov. 8.00 pm Feast of All Souls Vigil Mass for 31st Sun. .

. George and Mary Phelan, Barnashrone.

. James and Julia Thompson, Upper Sconce.

Sun. 3rd Nov 10.00 am Mary Thompson, Ireys 2nd Anniv. (Today)

Mon. 4th Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification.

Fri. 8th Nov. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament.

Sat. 9th Nov. 8.00 pm Helen and Mick O'Rourke, Upper Ballyfin.

Sun. 10th Nov 10.00 am 32nd Sun. in Ord. Time

Mon. 11th Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

St. Fintan's Cemetery, Mountrath

Sun. 3rd Nov. 2.00 p.m. Service of Commemoration

Lord, for your faithful people, life is changed, not ended.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries Sat. 2nd - Sun. 10th Nov

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

Sat. 2nd Nov. 7.00 pm Feast of All Souls
 Vigil Mass for 31st Sun. Ord. Time.
 Noel Ryan, Factory St., 3rd Anniv.

Sun. 3rd Nov. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#).
 . 11.30 am

2.00 pm Service of Commemoration. Mountrath Cemetery

Tues. 5th Nov. 10.00 am

Wed. 6th Nov. 10.00 am Feast of the Saints of Ireland

Thur. 7th Nov. 10.00 am Sr. Catherine Geoghegan. Brigidine Sister
 Castletown Rd., Month's Mind.

Fri. 8th Nov. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Sat. 9th Nov. 7.00 pm John Doheny, Portlaoise Rd., Month's Mind.
 Joe and Kathleen Parkinson, Trumera.

Sun. 10th Nov. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)
 Fr. Dan Breen. (Former P.P. of Holy Cross)
 Julia and Norah Phelan, Clonard.

11.30 am 32nd Sun. Ord. Time

Month's Mind Mass

Sat. 16th Nov. 7.00 pm James (Jim) O'Rourke, Lower Sconce.

Mass for Deceased Members of St. Fintan's GAA

Club, Mountrath Sat. 16th Nov. 7.00 pm



Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 31st Oct.

Nos. Drawn - 6 13 18 19

No Jackpot Winner

9 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 112 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

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Ballyfin Parish Lotto 30th Oct.

Nos. Drawn 10 20 22 28

No Jackpot Winner

16 Match 3 Winners Rec. € 63 each

1 Local Winner

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Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Ballyfin € 20,000

Mountrath € 20,000

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5K Run – Jog – Walk



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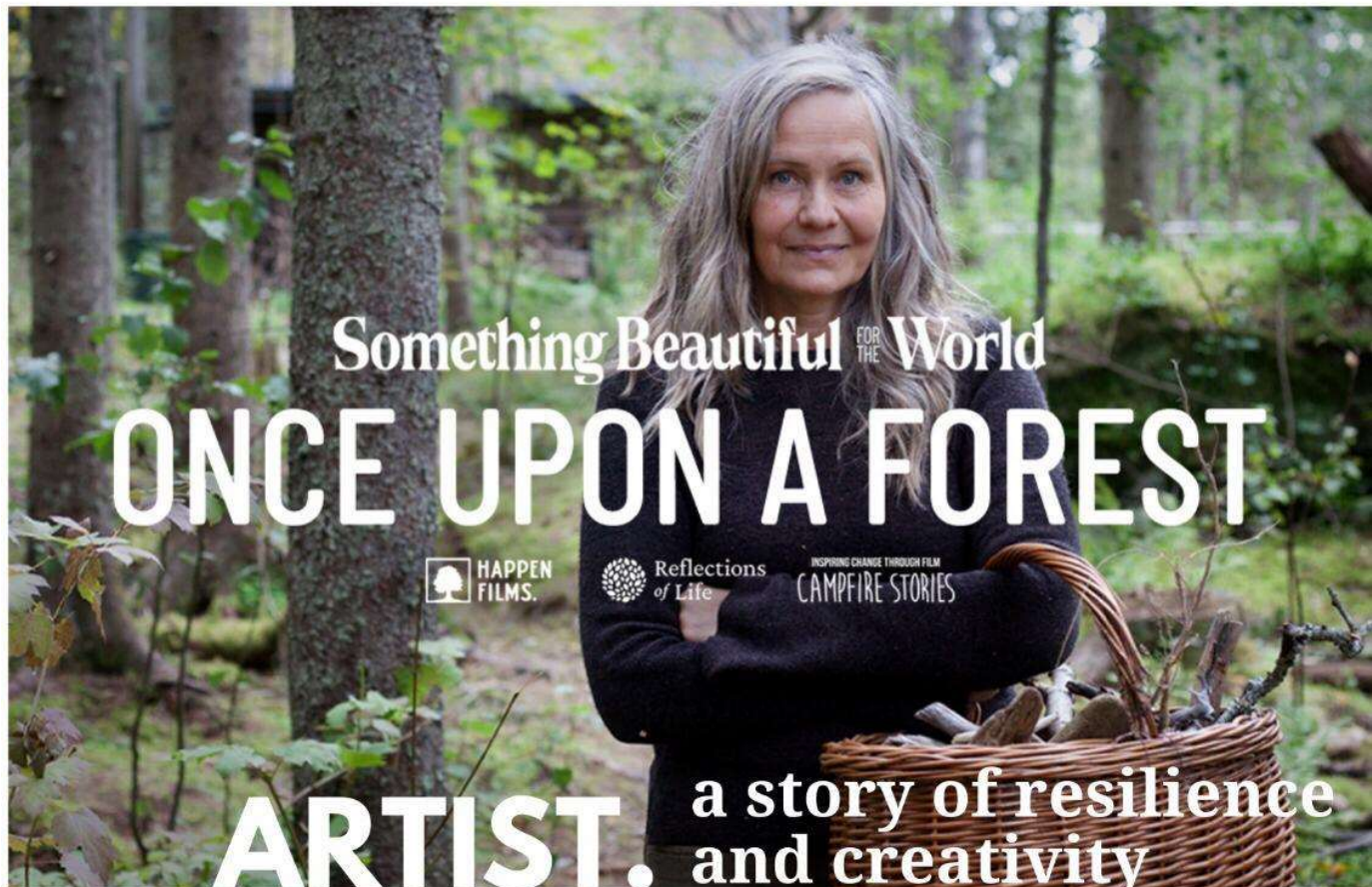
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Monday

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

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Thursday

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

Friday

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

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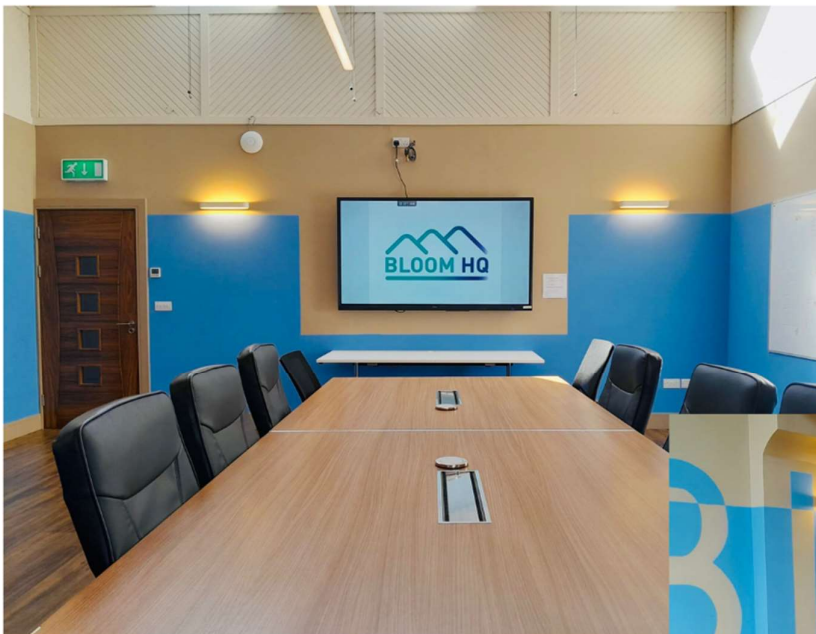
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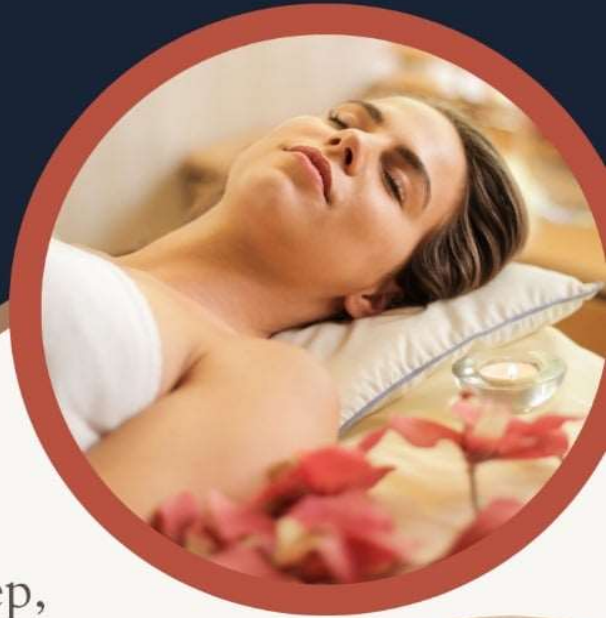
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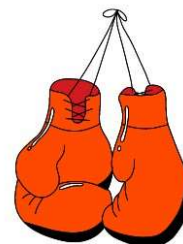
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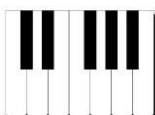
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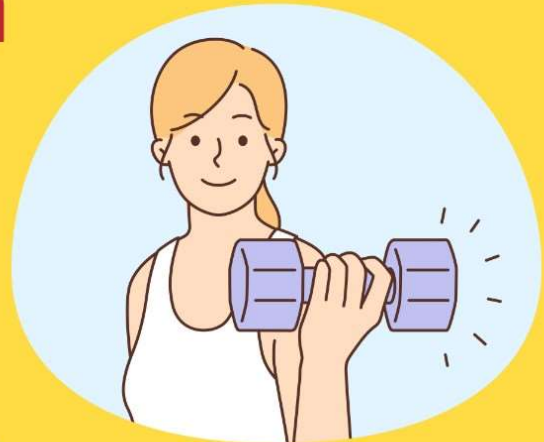


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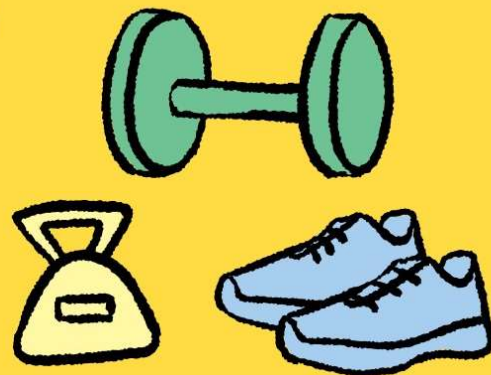
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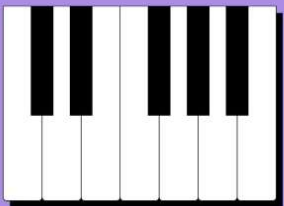


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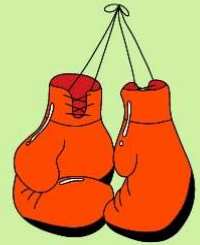
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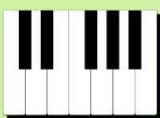
Irene: 089 981 8065



Trad Music

Saturdays from 11 am,
€8 for 30 mins group classes

Eabha 083 8566083



Piano

Sunday mornings
20 for 30 min individual lesson

Heather 083 054 7772



to book talk to the relevant teacher





Classes for Primary School aged Children in Mountrath Health & Fitness Academy



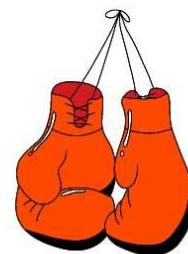
Karate

Mondays & Thursdays 7 pm
from 6 years up, €6 per class
Sensei Donal: 087 760 7063

Kickboxing

First trial class free

Fridays 5.30 pm 3-7 years, €7
6.30 pm 8-12 years, €7
Shane: 086 339 9287



Brazilian

Jiu-jitsu*

8-12 years,
Wednesdays 7-8 pm & Saturdays 10-11 am
€ 35 per month or €5 per class
Jamie; 085 200 2497



Art & Craft

Wednesdays 5-6 pm, 7-12 years
€ 30 for block of 6 classes
Rhiannon: 089 211 5183

Violin



Thursdays 3.30 pm on. From 3 years - adult
€20 for 30 min individual lesson
Irene: 089 981 8065



Trad Music



Piano

Saturdays from 11 am, 6+ years
€8 for 30 mins group classes
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Sunday mornings €20 for 30 min individual
lesson Heather 083 054 7772

to book talk to the relevant teacher

Roadcraft Motorcycle Training

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

For more details and to book see:

www.roadcraft.ie

www.facebook.com/roadcraft.ie



Music Teachers wanted



for Mountrath Music School

***soundproof rooms**

***free parking**

***waiting area for parents**



contact Lucy 087 259 7895

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
 contact 085 705 3855



Activator Poles Inclusive
Thursdays 11 am

contact Ruth 086 3262 570



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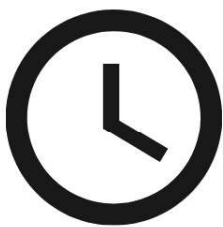
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Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
Patrick Street**



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

Contact 0857053855



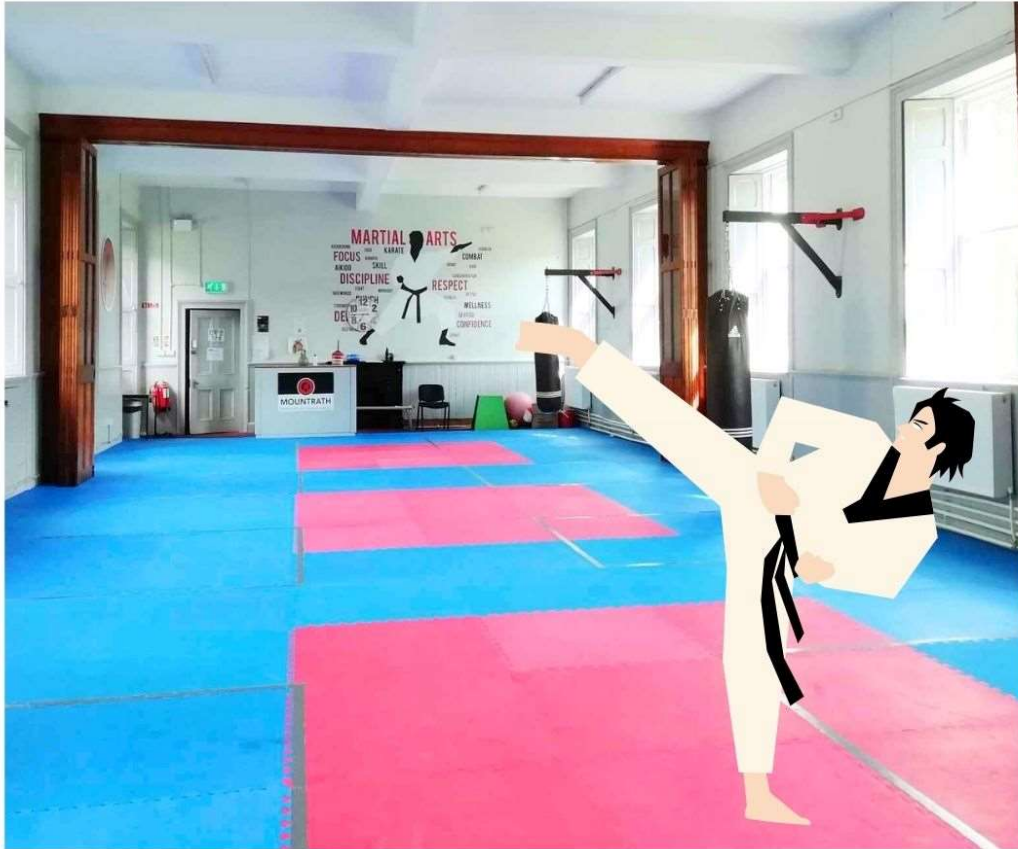
**Kindling for sale.
Call in to purchase
on times above**



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.



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High-Intensity Interval Training

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5 euro a class

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**Whistle, Flute, Concertina, Accordion,
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Contact 083

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For our new Music Rooms
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The Old Convent,
Patrick St.,
Mountrath,
R32 DC58



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 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.

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:

Catholic Marriage Encounter

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage - more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy.

Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 8 - 10 November 2024

Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare

Online booking only: www.marriageencounter.ie

Medjugorje Pilgrimages April – Oct 2024

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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

Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com

Thank you - for your very generous support of and continued and ongoing commitment to Ballyfin Parish Finances and Ballyfin Parish Lotto - throughout 2023 Your kind and generous support is very much appreciated.

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:	<u>€ 2,421</u>

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
Missalettes:	€ 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
(6th, 13th, 20th, 27th November and 4th, 11th 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

For full detail of these and all our courses see

- 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,
please give me a call on 087 241 1594