

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

25th - 26th October 2025

30th Sun. In Ordinary Time

Service of Commemoration
of Faithful Departed

Mountrath Cemetery.

Sunday 2nd Nov. 2.00 pm

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is changed, not ended.

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

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Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

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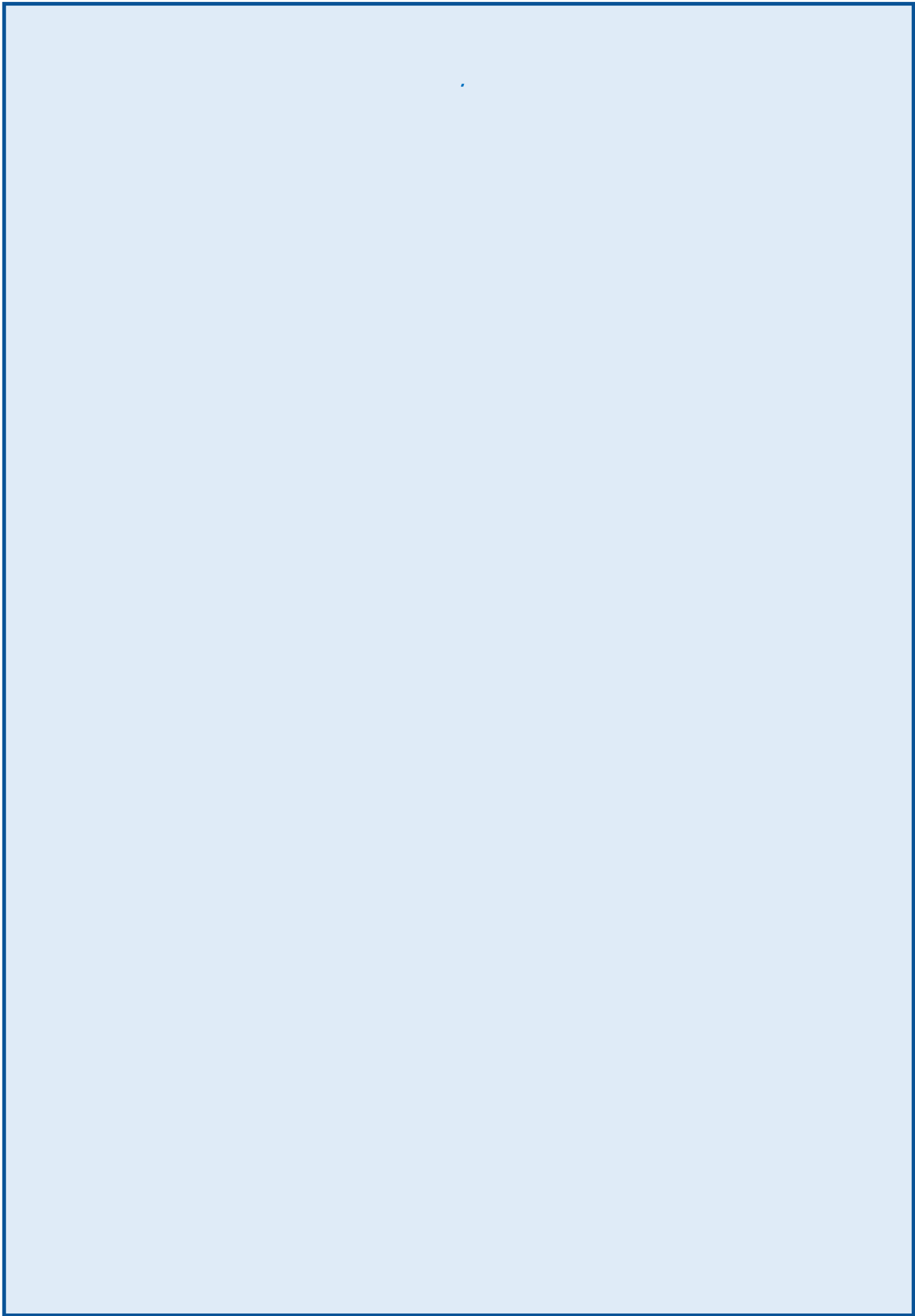
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Enda Dunne, Trumera. R.I.P.

We pray for Enda who died suddenly on Fri. 17th Oct. Enda's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise on Mon. 20th Oct. followed by burial in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Portlaoise. We extend sympathy to Nicola, Michael and Emily and family, brothers Joe and Paul and their families, nieces, nephews, relatives, neighbours, friends and work colleagues.

Breda Carter, Forgeland, Knockanina R.I.P.

We pray for Breda who died on – Breda's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Edmund's Church, Castletown on followed by burial in Mountrath Cemetery. We extend sympathy to her husband Cecil, son Stuart, daughters Sue (Copeland) and Jean, sisters Ann and Tress, grandchildren Paul and Elaine, son-in-law Jim, extended family, relatives, neighbours and friends.

David Nolan, Strawhall, Carlow. Formerly Main St., R.I.P.

We pray for David who died on Sun. 12th Oct. David's Funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Benny Kerry on Wed. 15th Oct. followed by burial in Sleaty Cemetery. We extend sympathy to Ann, Emma and Ruth and families. David was son of Peter and Lena Nolan, Hibernian House, Main St., We remember David's siblings, Stephanie (R.I.P.) his twin sister, Denise, Gerard and Peter and their families. David was a good benefactor to Mountrath Parish over his lifetime and had involvement with the Brigidine sisters in his capacity as accountant over the years.

May Breda, Enda and David rest in the peace of Christ.

In November We Remember

A Prayer at Bedtime

O my God, As the evening falls I come to you in prayer. I thank you for being with me in every moment of this day, guiding me and protecting me, keeping me from harm.

On this November night, I bring before you in prayer all those dear to me who have died.

(Pause a moment and name loved ones for whom you wish to pray)

Remember them God in your loving kindness. I trust your promise, that they now rest in your eternal peace, in that home you prepared for them. May all of us who miss them and grieve them find comfort in our belief that we will one day see them again in the kingdom of heaven. I remember in my prayer this night all who have died and who have no one to remember them in prayer.

For these and for all our loved ones I pray:

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen

Cash4Clothes Fundraiser

for Ballyfin N. S. Parents Council

Clothes Collection Drop off at the GAA Pavillion

Fri. 21st Nov. 1.30 pm to 3.30

Sat 22nd Nov. 10am till 12pm

Items we can collect:

Women's and Men's Clothing

Children's Clothing

Paired Footwear, handbags, Belts

Soft toys(teddies) Curtains, Towels, Bedlinen (duvet covers,

Sheets, Pillowcases, Blankets, Throws

NO PILLOWS - DUVETS OR CARPETS

All Support is greatly appreciated.

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Tips & Tools for Parents & Carers

ISPCC is delighted to deliver a FREE webinar to parent's/ carers on 'Anxiety Based School Avoidance' which takes place on Tuesday the 4th of November at 7pm.

On the evening ISPCC Digital Support Coordinator, Bree O'Neil will look at how parents can support their child.

Key take aways on the night:

- Provide a definition of the term "School Avoidance"
- Provide an understanding of why children and young people may avoid school
- Provide strategies and skills to cope with school avoidance
- Provide tips about talking to children and young peoples school
- Introduce the ISPCC's Digital Mental Health and Wellbeing Programmes

Date: Tue, Nov 04

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Venue: Online event

FREE

Register Now!

ISPCC



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ZUMBA & TAI CHI
FREE OUTDOOR EXERCISE CLASSES

FUN exercises to music!
Suitable for everyone!

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to BOOK!**



CASTLETOWN

Castletown Community Centre Carpark

Every Monday 11.30am–12.30pm

October 13th, 20th, 27th November 3rd, 10th, 17th

Contact: sports@laoiscoco.ie
... for any queries!

**These outdoor activity sessions are provided by fully
qualified instructors and are weather dependent.
Wearing layers and a rain jacket is advisable.**



Healthy
Laois



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland



BALLYFIN PLAYERS

PRESENT

THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS



**THE BLACK AND TAN
RAID IN CLONTYGLASS**

THE HIRED HELP



THE YANK OUTSIDER

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH
& SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
7.30PM NIGHTLY**

Tickets on willwego.com & limited
number in The Deadman's & O'Gorman's,
Mountmellick

MOUNTMELICK COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

Ballyfin Players Present

Three 1 Act Plays

"The Raid at Clontyglass 1921"

A true story being re-enacted at Mountmellick
Community Arts Centre

on Fri. 14th and Sat. 15th Nov.

(Main Auditorium)

(Curtain up at 7.30 pm nightly)

featuring (in the cast) children from
Ballyfin National School.

**** "The Hired Help" ** "The Yank Outsider" ****

Tickets on willwego.com The Deadman's
and O'Gorman's

Ticket Sales are going very well – which is very encouraging

"From Small steps on Stage come great life Journeys"

Synod News

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan synod team attended a national pre-synodal assembly in Kilkenny on 18th Oct. Building on the synodal conversations of the last couple of years, including last Spring, seven key priorities have been identified for the Church in Ireland, as well as the overarching theme of baptism. Delegates on Saturday explored their response to these priorities and overall theme. They also explored what can be undertaken locally and nationally to begin to actively respond to these priorities as we prepare for a national assembly in October 2026. For more information on these priorities and how they were arrived at, we can read 'Baptised and Sent', the preparatory document for last Saturday's gathering, on www.sysnod.ie. The year ahead will be an opportunity for each one of us to reflect on the essential question:

What does it mean for me to be Baptised?

Events at Seanchistin

Irey, R32 X5D6

Maureen Culleton

Tuesday 11a.m. Line Dancing

Wed. 8p.m. Set Dancing

Thurs. 11 am. For persons living with Parkinsons and friends...music, movement singing, poetry, stories, cuppa,

Thursday 8 pm Line Dancing

commencing Thurs. Oct. 9th

Contact Maureen

087 648 2038

or seanchistin@gmail.com for details

Laois Hospice Coffee Morning

The organising Committee of the recent Coffee Morning for Laois Hospice at St. Fintan's Hall extends thanks to everybody who so generously donated € 1,014.00 to this event

Thanks also to all who so generously gave of their time and energy to help facilitate this special event.

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Arranging Anniversary Mass or Month's Mind Mass

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

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

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

Can I ask you -

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

please give me a call on 087 241 1594

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish

Triona O'Rourke Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish.

Caroline Moore Pacelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person

Ms. Ailish Higgins.

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person:

Ms Michelle Hughes c/o

Bishop's Hse, Dublin Rd, Carlow Phone 085 802 1633

*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 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 Sat morning.

Deadline 2.00 pm Thursday

Jubilee year

Pilgrims of Hope



Jubilee Year 2025.

Pilgrims of Hope

During the 18th and 19th Century in the time of persecution and the penal laws, the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin resided in Allen Parish. People attended Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague. As part of the Jubilee year - Pilgrims of Hope - Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague on Sunday 15th June at 2pm.

For people who wish to walk the 2.5kms in pilgrimage, please assemble at 12.30 pm at the GAA clubhouse in Ballyteague W91 VEW8. For people who do not wish to walk, car parking will be available beside the Mass Rock which will be signposted on the day.

The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the World. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the peoples, as the first holds onto the cross.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.



DICASTERY FOR EVANGELIZATION
SECTION FOR FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS
REGARDING EVANGELIZATION IN THE WORLD

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son,

Jesus Christ, our brother,

and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts

by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope*

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators

of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity

and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,

Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of

our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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Ballyfin Community Alert

Seniors Alert Scheme

Grant aided personal 24/7 personal monitored alarms help people aged 65 and over to live securely in their homes with peace of mind. If you know a family member, friend or neighbour in Ballyfin or Laois area who may qualify

Please contact Sheila on 086 157 0145
for information/application form.

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Best wishes to everyone involved

Items for our
3 Parish Newsletters are
always most welcome

- please note -

Deadline for all
Parish Newsletters
is 2.00 pm Thursday

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

takes place 1st-31st. Oct

If you would like further information,

you are invited to log onto

www.breastcancerireland.com.

Active Seniors Club, Mountmellick

You are most welcome to join us for our Annual Christmas Break to the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill for four nights from Monday, 24th November, coming home on Friday, 28th.

It's a 4 star hotel, the cost is €495 pps - this includes the coach there and back, breakfasts and evening meals, also day trips to surrounding towns and areas of history.

Good company assured.

For more information ring or text 087 9753790

An Tobar Núa.

Confidential Counselling nationwide via telephone and Zoom. Our Service is donation-based, because we do not want finances to prevent anyone from receiving support. If you are struggling with grief, anxiety, depression, or other life challenges, please know that we are here to help. Phone: 091 562 175
Email: counselling@antobarnua.com

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Thomas O'Loughlin

An Tobar Nua Counselling

MIACP, BSc

Counselling/Psychotherapy

Back issues available
online (App and web)

Deadline for all Parish
Newsletters
is 2.00 pm Thursday

Be kind.

**For everyone you meet
is fighting a battle
you know nothing
about.**



Tax Back Scheme Mountrath Parish

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you supported the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Mountrath Parish of over €250 have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme. It is of huge benefit to the Parish if we know the amount parishioners donate and the name of the donors. Hence this year we are sending out numbered boxes to all households in the Parish.

We sent out CHY3 Forms to eligible parishioners (who donated over € 250) for the first time in 2023 and we were able to claim back over € 13,739 for the years 2021 and 2022 . This is of immense benefit to the Parish. Thank you to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

If you receive a CHY3 Form later on in the Spring please consider completing the details and returning it . If you would like more information please contact me.

If you are already part of the Tax Back Scheme — *Thank You*

If you are not yet part of the tax back Scheme, I ask you to consider becoming part of it - It is of huge benefit to the Parish

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

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(Ballyfin Parish)

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“Thank you” to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

In 2023, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented our Parish finances by almost € 23,000

If you are not, as yet, part of this scheme and would like more information, please contact me at your convenience. *(Fr. Joe)*

A very sincere *Thank You*

to you and your family -

for your very generous support of

and continued commitment to

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Funds

And

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos

Get Well Wishes

We keep and hold in our Thoughts and Prayers,

People, their families and carers,

who are ill or unwell, at home,

in Hospital or Nursing Home

or undergoing any surgical or medical

procedures at this time.

We wish you a speedy recovery

Bingo

every Monday night

In St. Fintan's Hall at 8pm.

Come along and bring a friend.!!



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Anniversary Masses

Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Sat. 25th Oct.

To

Sun. 2nd Nov.

Lord, for your faithful people,

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Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Sat. 25th Oct. to Sun. 2nd Nov.

Fri. 24th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 25th Oct. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass – 30th Sun. Ord. Time.

Nicholas Brennan, Brockera, 13th Anniv.

Sun 26th Oct. 10.00 am Josie McGill

(nee Muphy) Clonboyne 1st Anniv.

Mon. 27th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Fri. 31st Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 1st Nov. 8.00 pm Feast of All Saints

Sun. 2nd Nov. 10.00 am Feast of All Souls

(Commemoration of all the faithful Departed)

Mary Thompson, Ireby 3rd Anniv.

Frances Lalor, Cappinacaire. 7th Anniv.

Mon. 3rd Nov. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 25th Oct. - Sun. 2nd Nov.

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

Sat. 25th Oct. 7.00 pm Sheila Gee (Nee Cuddy) Woodbrook 2nd Anniv

Brendan and Nancy Bredin, Derrough. 15th Anniv.

And their son, Desmond (Des) Woodbrook. 1st Anniv.

William Phelan, Coldblow.

Sun. 26th Oct 9.00 am **The Hollow Church**

11.30 am Bernadette (Bernie) Tynan, (Nee Carroll)

Fr. O'Connor Cresc. R.I.P. Funeral Mass

Fr. Michael Moore. CSSp.

Kimmage Manor, late of Gurteen, Camross. 1st Anniv.

Peggy Ruane, Derrylusk. 6th Anniv.

Keith Russell, Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 7th Anniv.

Maureen Flynn and Kathleen Keyes, Shannon St.,

Esther and Thomas Doheny, Forest.

Continued on next frame

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Tues 28th Oct 10.00 am

Wed. 29th Oct. 10.00 am

Thur. 30th Oct 10.00 am

Fri. 31st Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

7.00 pm Feast of All Saints. Vigil Mass

Sat. 1st Nov 10.00 am Feast of All Saints

7.00 pm Joseph and Catherine Parkinson,

Trumera and their son, Paddy

Danny and Bridie Lalor, Main St,

Deceased members of Gillman family, Woodbrook

Sun. 2nd Nov. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church. Feast of All Souls**

11.30 am Noel Ryan, (Snr) Factory St., 4th Anniv

Kathleen Ward (Nee Ryan) New Line Rd.,

Martin Moore, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.,

2.00 pm Mountrath Cemetery.

Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Months Mind Mass

Sun. 9th Nov. 11.30 am Bernard (Benny) Tynan. St. Fintan's Tce.

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sun. 16th Nov. 11.30 am

Margaret Brophy (Nee Doorey) Trumera.

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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed 22nd Oct.

Nos. Drawn 14 16 20 30

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3 Winners

Received €100 each

Next Week's Jackpot €12,000

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

Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 23rd Oct.

Nos Drawn 10 13 18 23

No Jackpot Winner

10 Match 3

Rec. € 100 each

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

*Thank you for your continued and
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and Mountrath Parish Collections.*

Your kind and generous support is much appreciated

A note of thanks

to everyone involved in
Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos
Organising Committees, Promoters,
Shops and others who facilitate the sale
of Lotto Tickets
and most importantly,
you,

who purchase a Lotto ticket every week.

I extend a very sincere "thank you"
for your continued support and generosity.

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath	€ 20,000
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Ballyfin	€ 12,000
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News From Around The Diocese

Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service

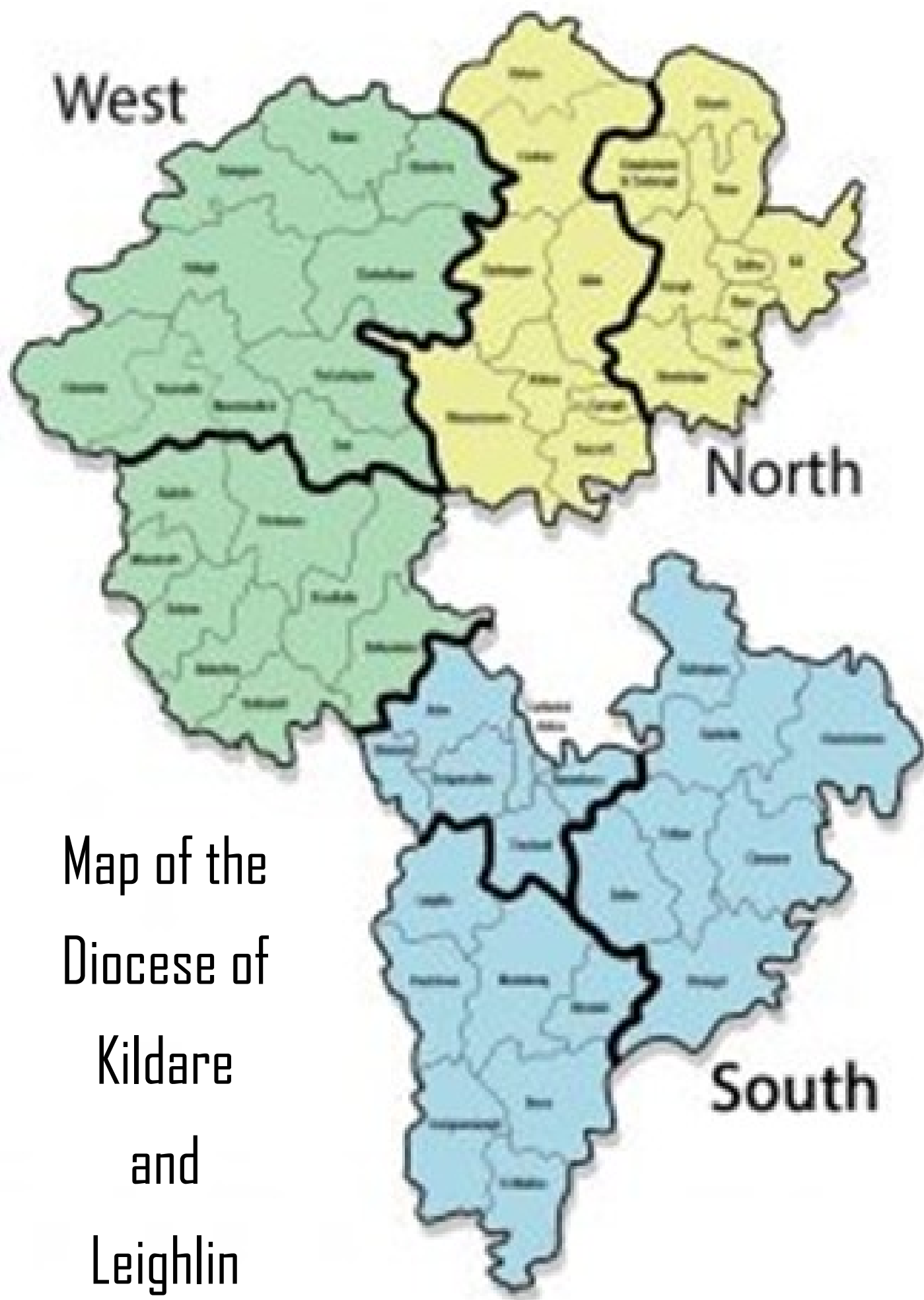
Volunteer Drivers Needed

The Irish Cancer Society's Transport Service is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in your community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments.

If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most.

Full training will be provided. There are a number of essential post-drive administration tasks that will require either existing knowledge of basic computer or IT skills, or the willingness to acquire such skills (such as scanning and uploading documents or attending virtual meetings).

For more information and to become a volunteer driver, contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.



Synod News

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan synod team attended a national pre-synodal assembly in Kilkenny on 18th Oct. Building on the synodal conversations of the last couple of years, including last Spring, seven key priorities have been identified for the Church in Ireland, as well as the overarching theme of baptism. Delegates on Saturday explored their response to these priorities and overall theme. They also explored what can be undertaken locally and nationally to begin to actively respond to these priorities as we prepare for a national assembly in October 2026. For more information on these priorities and how they were arrived at, we can read 'Baptised and Sent', the preparatory document for last Saturday's gathering, on www.sysnod.ie. The year ahead will be an opportunity for each one of us to reflect on the essential question: **What does it mean for me to be Baptised?**

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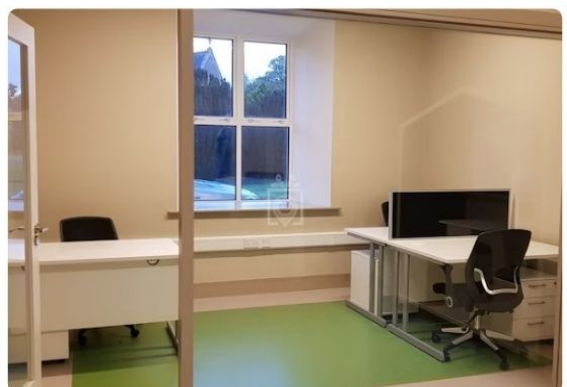
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Talks on...

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How to use phones better



Using local bus services

NEW ACTIVITIES

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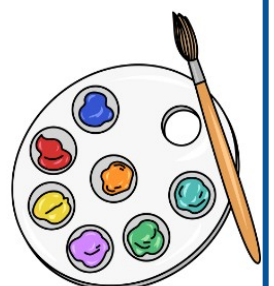


BOOK CLUB

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

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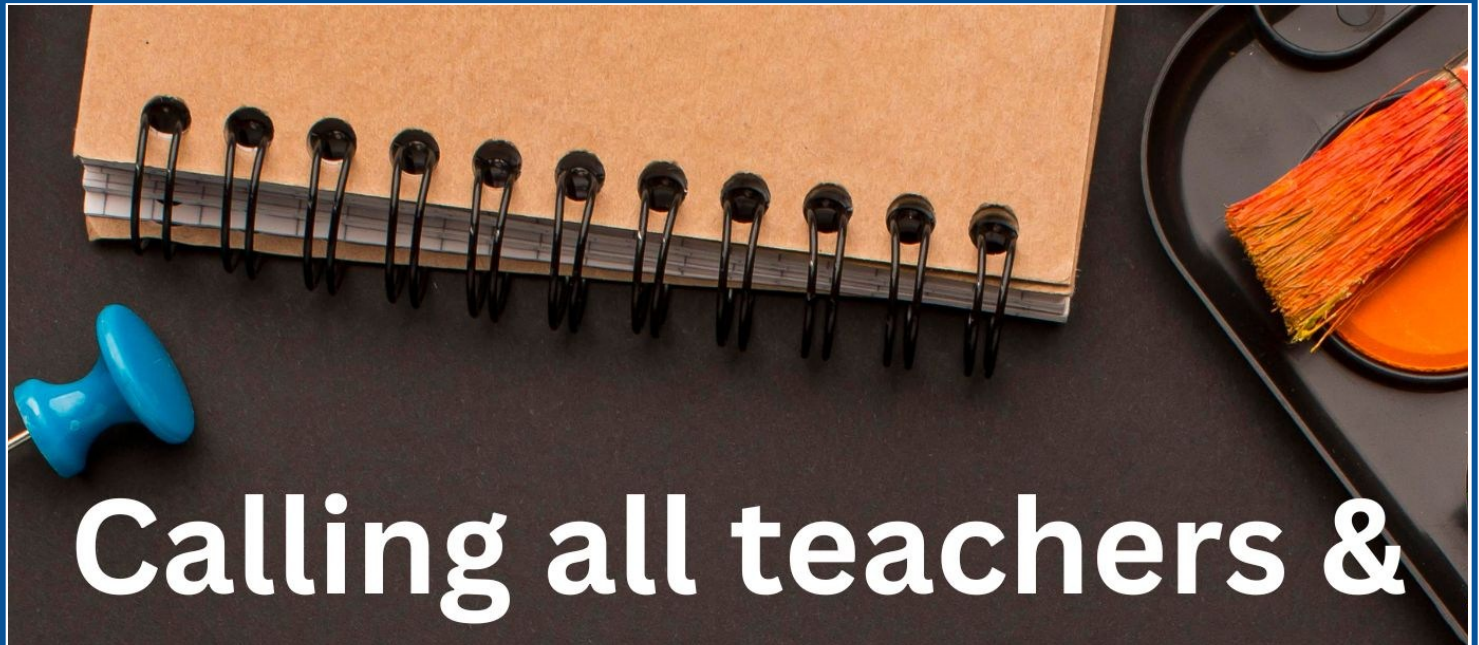
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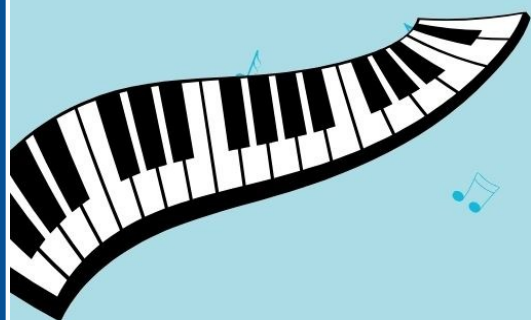


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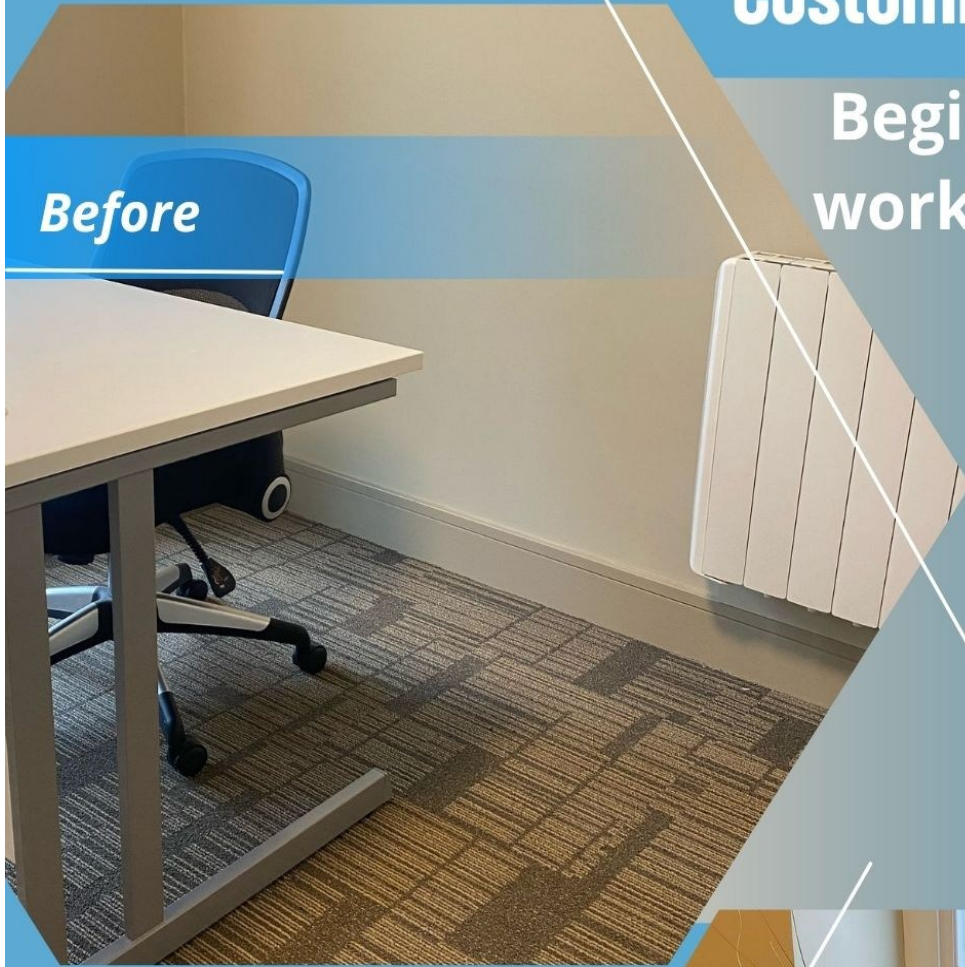


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BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

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Mountrath Men's Shed



**Old School on
Patrick Street**



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

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- Learn new skills.
- Spend time outside.
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Friday nights

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7:00 till 8:30

€5 pp

or

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Other

News

Parish Finances

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

Here are our Bank Account details

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

Lyster Square, Portlaoise.

Name of Account - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Bank of Ireland) (Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account -

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 -

BIC. - BOFIE2D

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

Tax Back Scheme Mountrath Parish

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation to you for the ways you supported the Parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful.

Donations to Mountrath Parish of over €250 have the potential to increase your contribution to Parish funds by 31% through participation in the Tax Back Scheme. It is of huge benefit to the Parish if we know the amount parishioners donate and the name of the donors. Hence this year we are sending out numbered boxes to all households in the Parish.

We sent out CHY3 Forms to eligible parishioners (who donated over € 250) for the first time in 2023 and we were able to claim back over € 13,739 for the years 2021 and 2022 . This is of immense benefit to the Parish. Thank you to everyone who has joined this scheme - it is very much appreciated.

If you receive a CHY3 Form later on in the Spring please consider completing the details and returning it . If you would like more information please contact me.

If you are already part of the Tax Back Scheme — *Thank You*

If you are not yet part of the tax back Scheme, I ask you to consider becoming part of it - It is of huge benefit to the Parish

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In 2023, the Tax Rebate scheme augmented our Parish finances by almost € 23,000

If you are not, as yet, part of this scheme and would like more information, please contact me at your convenience. *(Fr. Joe)*

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

A very sincere *Thank You*

to you and your family -

for your very generous support of

and continued commitment to

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Funds

And

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos

Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

Income		Expenses	
Basket Collection	€ 35,932.00	Pastoral Programmes	€ 721.00
Envelope Collection	€ 33,378.00	Insurance	€ 38,065.00
Shrine Income	€ 11,590.00	Security	€ 503.00
Rental Income	€ 30,890.00	Light/Heat	€ 23,349.00
Fundraising	€ 3,225 .00	Cleaning	€ 200.00
Donations	€ 71,400.00	Rates/Water/Waste	€ 579.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€ 3,121 .00	Maintenance/Repairs	€ 79,602.00
Church Bookings	€ 500.00	Diocesan Levy	€ 11,006.00
Lotto Income	€ 31,631.00	Loan Interest	€ 3.00
Office	€ 1,899 .00	Bank Charges	€ 926.00
Deposit Interest	€ 36.00	Diocesan Retire't Fund	€ 1,000 .00
Other Income	€ 2,984 .00	Printing/Missalettes	€ 9,233.00
		Altar/Shrine	€ 10,616.00
Total:	€ 226,586.00	Telephone/Broadband	€ 600.00
		Computer/servicing	€ 5,051.00
		Accountancy Fees	€ 540.00
		Youth/Community	€ 260.00
		Hire of Equipment	€ 1,141.00
		Music/Choir	€ 250.00
		Legal/Professional	€ 828.00
		Donations	€ 1,700.00
		Total:	€ 186,173.00

A very sincere "Thank You" for your continuous and generous

Ballyfin Parish Third Party Collections 2024

Retired Priests € 1,525.00

Peter's Pence € 852.00

World Mission € 1,123.00

Trocaire € 2,462.96

Collection for Gaza (Good Friday) € 500.00

Total € 6462.96

I wish to thank you for your support of the work of Trocaire, the Missions, Peter's Pence Collection and the Retired Priests Fund throughout the year .

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Mountrath Parish

Third Party Collections 2024

Retired Priests € 530.00

Peter's Pence € 550.00

World Mission € 615.00

Trocaire € 2,615.00

Collection for Gaza (Good Friday) € 390.00

Total € 4,700.00

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