

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

Sat. 3rd Sun. 4th Oct. 2026

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1st Holy Communion Candidates candidates are expected

To attend all "Do This In Memory" Masses



IDLAND REGIONAL
DRUG & ALCOHOL TASK FORCE

Invite you to attend a

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Information Evening

*An informative community event offering practical
advice, greater awareness and clear guidance on the
drug and alcohol supports available locally*



Tuesday 13 October 2026
8-9pm



Bloom HQ Mountrath,
Co. Laois R32 DT9F

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

Muintir Na Tíre

An Garda Síochána

HSE Community Alcohol & Drug Service (CADS)

Midland Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force (MRDATF)

Well done to our very dedicated Coffee Morning Team who hosted yet another Coffee Morning at St. Fintan's Hall on Thursday last.

Over € 2,000 was raised for Laois Hosice

Contgratulations to Detta Reynolds who marked 30 years

involvement in Coffee Mornings in aid of Laois Hospice.

Initially hosted in her own home and subsequently held

In St. Fintan's Hall

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(Online from Early Saturday mornings)

Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald S.P.S C.C. (087) 605 5783

Fr. Joe Brophy P.P. (087) 241 1594

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or www.ballyfinparish.ie

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Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Sun. 4th Oct.

2026

27th Sunday

In Ordinary Time

Obituary

Ann Phelan (née Moore)

Rathmore Road, Stradbally. R.I.P.

We pray for Ann who died peacefully at Reg. Hosp., Portlaoise on Tues. 25th Aug. Ann's Funeral Mass was celebrated in Church of the Sacred Heart, Stradbally on Thurs. 27th Aug. followed by burial in Oughvale Cemetery.

We extend sympathy to all her family, Sylvester, Josephine, John, Dr. Ailish (Portlaoise Rd.) Donnacha, Sinéad and James and their families. grandchildren; Vivienne, Annabel, Alice, Rachel and Daniel. Sister, Brigid (Burke), nieces, nephews, neighbours and friends.

May Ann rest in the peace of Christ.

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1st Holy Communion
Enrolment

Do This In Memory Programme

Confirmation Enrolment

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10.00 am Mass in Ballyfin Church

Ballyfin N.S. Sun. 30th May 2027

10.00 am Mass in Ballyfin Church.

1st Penance Ceremonies (Both Parishes)

Mountrath Parish Thurs. 15th April Mountrath Church
10.30 am

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Confirmation In Ballyfin Parish

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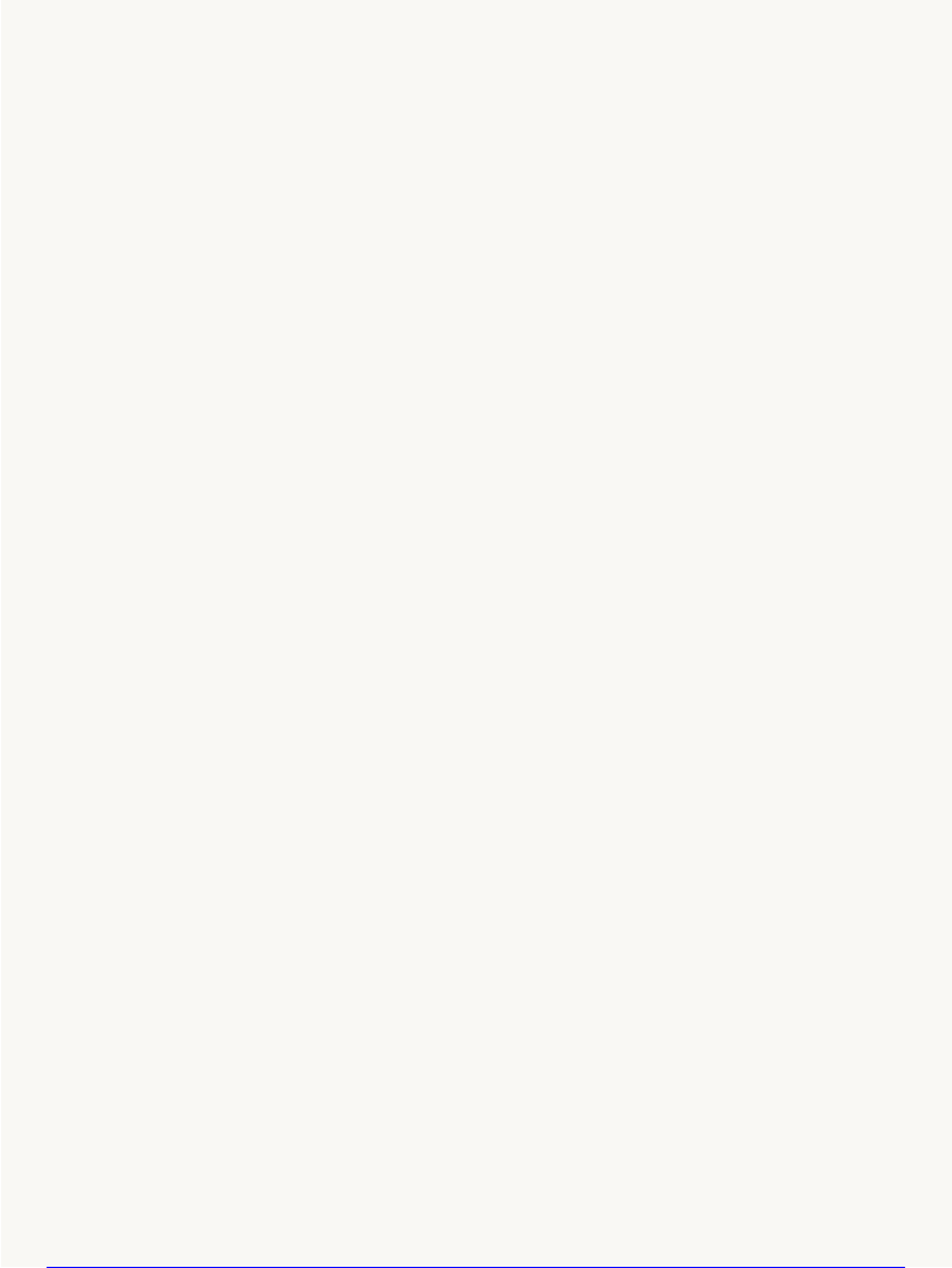
An Important Note to Parents / Guardians

If your child who is a candidate for 1st Holy communion or Confirmation is unable to attend their respective Masses they are most welcome to join our Masses in Mountrath instead. (All our Sacramental Preparation Masses in Mountrath Church are at 7.00 pm on Saturday evening)

Enrolment for Candidates for 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation

1st Holy Communion Candidates Sun. 11th Oct. during 10.00 am Mass.

Confirmation Candidates Sun. 18th Oct. during 10.00 am Mass.



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Gaelscoil Thromaire Sun. 2nd May 2027

Mass in The Hollow Church 9.00 am

Scoil Bhride St. Fintan's Boys N.S. Sun. 9th May 2027

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Mountrath Church

Season of Creation 2026

Runs from 1st Sept. to 4th Oct. (Feast of St. Frances) This year's theme "Living Water," inspired by Ezekiel 47:9-12. Each year from 1st Sept. to 4th Oct. the Christian family unites for this world wide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

See www.seasonofcreation.org

to access all the materials and to link to a live worldwide online opening prayer at 2.00 pm Irish time on Tues. 1st Sept.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

We express sincere thanks for your
generous contributions to our recent
Church Gate Collection.

Your generosity and continued support
is always very much appreciated.

Also many thanks to Vera, Catherine, Bernie
and Louise for all their help

Coffee Morning at St. Fintna's Hall

Congratulations to everyone involved
in the Coffee Morning
and a big thank you for your
generous support last Thurs. morning
when € 2,392.00 was raised
for Laois Hospice

Service of Commemoration

of Faithful Departed

Mountrath Cemetery

Sun. 1st Nov. 2.00 pm

Synod News Assembly in Gormanstown on 17th Oct.

The National Synodal Assembly will take place in Gormanstown, Co. Meath on 17th Oct. Delegates to the assembly have received a preparatory working document in advance of the day. Kildare and Leighlin Delegates met with Bishop Denis on the evening of 24th Sept. and will do so again on 7th Oct. as part of their on-going preparations before the Assembly. The document can be read in full at this link: <https://www.kandle.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Working-Document-of-the-National-Synodal-Assembly-on-17-October-2026.pdf>

The Seven Kildare and Leighlin Delegates are

Fr Ger Ahern, Deacon Jody Callan, Cathriona Kelly, Matt Lawlor, Deacon Patrick Roche, Victor Souza, Sr Ann Walsh. Alongside these delegates other members of our Diocese will be present as delegates through their participation on working groups.

These include Hilda Campbell, Gerard Gallagher, Dr Donagh O'Brien and Michelle Ward. Julie Kavanagh will be present as a member of the National Synod Team while Jean Roche will be present as a staff member of the Irish Episcopal Conference.

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This Weekend

Many thanks for your
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Bishop Denis' Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Appointments

Fr. Tom Dooley, PP Portarlington and Emo to retire.

Fr. Yanbo Chen, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Theodore Tomasik, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Erik Ebot, SVD CC, Portlaoise, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Eugen Dragas Tamas, CC, Portarlington & Emo

Returning to Iasi Diocese in Romania.

Fr. Ciprian Matei, C C, Portlaoise returning to Bucharest Archdiocese in Romania.

Fr. Joe O'Neill, PP, Kill to take sabbatical leave.

Fr. David Vard P P Stradbally taking personal leave of absence with my full support.

Fr. Pat Hughes, P P, Myshall and Clonegal, to become PP, Portarlington and Emo.

Fr. Andy Leahy, C C, Myshall and Clonegal, to become PP Myshall & Clonegal while continuing to reside in St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan.

Fr. Yohan Fernando, C C, Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House, to become Adm., Kill while remaining part of the team in Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House Pastoral Area.

Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, Polish Chaplain, to become C C in the Portarlington Mountmellick Pastoral Area, while continuing to support the Polish community.

Fr. Petru Medves, C C, Abbeylax, Ballinakill & Raheen, to become also CC, Portlaoise.

The three curates in Portlaoise (Fr. Adriano de Oliveira, Fr. Simon Jin and Fr. Petru Medves) will assist in ministry in the wider Pastoral Area.

As previously announced (which came into effect on 1st August):

Fr. Sean Maher, P P Balyna, appointed to staff of the St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Fr. Brian Kavanagh, C.C, Allen & AP Newbridge, to become P P, Balyna.

Recovery College Southeast

You are invited to join us in our new Recovery Education Programme for Autumn/Winter 2026. All our courses and workshops are co-produced and co-delivered by those who have lived experience in partnership with professional expertise,

"the expert by experience working alongside the expert by profession". Courses and workshops at the Recovery College South East are for everyone and are free. For more detailed information on the workshops go to the Workshop Section of our Website –

www.recoverycollegesoutheast.com

Synod News

The National Synodal Assembly takes place on 17th Oct. in The City North Hotel in Co. Meath. Over a dozen people from our Diocese will be present, along with Bishop Denis, as either Diocesan delegates, as a member of a working group of the Synod, or as a member of the National Synodal Team. Over the next number of weeks K&L attendees will have the opportunity to meet twice to help prepare for the assembly. In their preparations they will be prayerfully considering if the proposals being presented at the assembly are orientating the Irish Church towards where God wants us to be. We keep them and the work of the synod in your prayers.

Irish Synodal Pathway

The 7 Priorities Proposed

Belonging: Fostering a Church of welcome, inclusion, and safety where each person finds a home in community and in Christ.

Coreponsibility and Lay Ministry: Empowering all the baptised, women and men alike, to share responsibility for leadership and mission through new models of ministry and decision-making.

Family: Supporting the domestic Church as the primary place of faith transmission and belonging, and strengthening its connection with parishes and schools

Formation and Catechesis: Deepening faith through lifelong formation that is Christ centred, experiential, and equips the baptised for discipleship in today's world.

Healing: Acknowledging wounds, especially those caused by abuse; committing to accountability, justice, and reconciliation; and ensuring safe spaces for survivors and all who carry pain.

Women: Recognising and including women's gifts, leadership, and coreponsibility at every level of Church life, as a matter of justice and credibility.

Youth: Engaging young people with authenticity offering our youth meaningful roles in leadership and mission, and listening to their hopes and challenges.

New Defibrillator at Ballyfin Old School

Official Name of Device - Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

(An AED is a portable device and can be used by anyone to help someone experiencing cardiac arrest)

A new state of the art defibrillator and cabinet have been installed at Ballyfin Old School. This Unit has been installed for the protection of patrons of Ballyfin Old School and Ballyfin Community Centre / Ballyfin Parish Hall.

A note about the Defibrillator.

The Cabinet containing the defibrillator is not locked and is available to use, instantly, at any time. When the cabinet door is opened an alarm sounds.

I would like if a number of local people would engage in a training / familiarization programme in the safe use of the Defibrillator. If a number of people come forward, I will organize suitable training –

To ensure that the defibrillator is always in working order and fit for purpose, it needs to be checked out on a regular basis. I would like if a kind local person would commit to looking after the unit on behalf of the Parish. I very much appreciate your help and co-operation.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming .
involved in this project.

Thank You

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And

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Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

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

Safeguarding Message

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

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

— Tia Walker



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Anniversary

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Mountrath Ballyfin

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Sat. 3rd October

To

Sun. 11th October

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 3rd Oct. to Sun. 11th Oct.

Fri. 2nd Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 3rd Oct. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass for 27th Sun. in Ord. Time

Damien Connolly, Springfield 15th Anniv.

Sun.. 4th Oct. 10.00 am St. Francis of Assisi

This year marks the 800th Anniversary of the death of St. Francis, Patron saint of Animals, Merchants and Ecology.

10.00 am Margaret (Peg) Fitzpatrick (Nee Phelan)

Rossmore. Month's Mind Mass

Mon. 5th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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Ann Hogan, Clonagown. 12th Anniv.

Mary and Chris Dunne, Clonrooske House.

Denis, Catherine and Johnny Daly, Pallas.

Michael Mooney, Old Post Office. 15th Anniv.

Jerimiah, Kathleen and Barney Dunne, Pallas.

John Fennelly.

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Mountrath Anniversaries

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Sat. 3rd Oct, to Sun. 11th Oct.

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Sat. 3rd Oct.. 7.00 pm John Doheny, Portlaoise Rd., 2nd Anniv.

Sun. 4th Oct. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am Sr. Catherine Geoghegan, Castletown Rd. 2nd Anniv.

Maria O'Rourke, Kiln Lane. 9th Anniv. .

. John Finlay, Clondouglas. 23rd Anniv.

St. Francis of Assisi - This year marks the 800th Anniv. of the death of St. Francis - Patron saint of Animals, Merchants and Ecology

Tues. 6th Oct. 10.00 am Paddy Carroll, St. Fintan's Tce., 18th Anniv.

12.00 Midday (In Mountrath Church)

Mountrath Community School—

Beginning of New School Year Mass

Wed. 7th Oct. 10.00 am Martin and Catherine Ryan,
Patrick St.,

Thurs. 8th Oct. 10.00 am (Ossory) Feast of Dedication of Ca-

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 3rd to Sun. 11th Oct. Continued

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Fri. 9th Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Feast of St. John Henry Newman – Canonised on 13th Oct. 2019

Sat. 10th Oct.. 7.00 pm Michael (Mick) O'Brien, Fr. O'Connor Cresc.
Gertrude Phelan and Martin Phelan, Bham and Saggart.

46th Anniv.

Sun. . 11th Oct. 9.00 am The Hollow Church

11.30 am Fiona Wallis (Nee Walsh) Derrycouch. M.M.

Bernard (Benny) Phelan, Portarlinton 1st Anniv.

Martin and Mary Donohue, Clonad

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrance

Sat. 24th Oct. 7.00 pm Bernie Tynan, 44 Fr. O'Connor Cresc.

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Ministries Rota

Sat. 10th Oct..

Sun. 11th Oct.

Ballyfin Parish

Ministries Rota Sat. 10th - 11th Oct.

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm	Katie Mahon	Alacoque Gilligan
Sun. 10.00 am	John McNamara	Noreen Ryan

Collectors October

Sat. Dan Hooban

Charlie Gorman

Sun. John Coughlan

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

*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.**

Parish Newsletters.

There are three Parish Newsletters prepared
and published each week -

2 - A4 Print editions for Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes -
available at all our Masses and online (in PDF format)
and 1 online Newsletter, uploaded to our Parish App.

[Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes](#)

and to our parish Website, www.mountrathparish.ie
and available to view from early Saturday morning.

All items for Newsletters are always most welcome

Letter, email or WhatsApp

Email address for Newsletters - jmbrophy2@gmail.com

As Newsletters go to print at 2.00 pm Thursdays, the Deadline
for items for Parish Newsletters is 12.00 (midday) Thursday

Ways of Supporting Mountrath Parish:

Weekly Envelopes

Contributing to the Offertory Collection during Mass

Supporting Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Standing Order or Transfer directly to Parish Account

Direct payment - Cash / Cheque

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable
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Times of Funeral Masses

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Weekdays (Monday to Saturday) 11.00 am

Sundays 10.00 am

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Would you like to become more involved
in Mountrath or Ballyfin Parish ?

As

- Minister of Holy Communion
- Member of our hospitality team who looks
after our church building
- Reader, Proclaimer of The Word
- Collector at Mass
- ▪ Member of our parish choir
- Member of any of our Parish Organisations
- Server at Mass

We would welcome your involvement.

Please contact either Fr. P.J or myself
with an expression of interest.

Fr. P.J. 087 605 5783 Fr. Joe 087 241 1594

Parish News



Rainbows Peer Support Programme

Places available for September offering a 9 week programme of weekly of 1 hour sessions of peer support to children aged 7 years and older experiencing loss through bereavement or parental separation.

Please contact the coordinator on 0871256199 or email rainbows.carlowtown@gmail.com

This service is completely free of charge.

Based in Askea, Carlow.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Catholic movement, now formally recognised by the Holy See — its Statutes were approved by the Vatican on 11 March in the presence of Cardinal Kevin. Farrell. For over fifty years, Marriage Encounter Weekends have helped thousands of couples across Ireland and the world to deepen their relationship with each other and with God, through the gift of communication, renewed commitment, and shared faith.

Weekend Details

Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare -

Dates: Fri 2nd – Sun 4th Oct. Arrival: Friday from 7:00 p.m.,
programme concludes Sun. approx. 4:30 p.m.

Register at: www.marriageencounter.ie

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!!



Bingo in St. Fintan's Hall

Every Monday night.

Commencing Mon. 1st Dec.,

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

Please support your local Bingo.

All are very welcome.



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IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50 - BIC. - BOFIE2D

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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 30th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 6 16 23 29

One €10,000 Jackpot Winner

15 Match 3's Rec. €67 each

Next Week's Jackpot €11,000

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath	€ 16,000
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Ballyfin	€ 11,000
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Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 1st October.

Nos. Drawn 2 3 12 26

No € 15,000 Jackpot Winner 11

Match 3's Rec. € 91 each

1 Local Winner

Winner Lily and Aidan Moore

Promoter Breda Conroy

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 Health and Fitness Academy

Our early bird classes are starting soon and
places are filling up fast, we have just
3 spaces left for our 6am and 4 left for our
7am, hit the link and book you're space
today..

starting early may , anyone who send on
emails

will receive email this week

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Parish Finances

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Copy of Financial Statements
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available on
Notice Board at back of Church
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(Summary of Income and Expenditure Accounts
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Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
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Income:

Basket Collection: € 15,971.70

Envelope Collection: € 36,274.99

Shrine income: € 569.24

Rental income: € 14,320

Tax Refunds / Rebate: € 12,000.07

Church Bookings: € 250

Lotto income: € 11,036.10

Other Income: € 1,389

Total Income € 91,811.10

Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

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Expenditure:

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,895

Insurance: € 4,042.27

Security: € 579.16

Light and Heat: € 13,266.21

Rates, Water, LPT : € 736.78

Repairs and Maintenance: € 11,930.20

Diocesan Levy: € 6,576.

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Missalettes/Printing: € 7,692.22

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 4,176.35

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,165.16

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 690

Hire of Equipment: € 1,333

Music/choir expenses: € 200

Accountancy Fees: € 300.29

Bank Charges: € 828.11

Donations/Collections: € 880

Total :Expenditure € 57,290.75

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Income:

Basket Collection: € 40,269

Envelope Collection: € 41,068

Shrine income: € 9,059

Rental income: € 34,425

Donations: € 6,615

Tax Refunds / Rebate: € 17,018.07

Church Bookings: € 635

Deposit interest: € 127.44

Office: € 978

Lotto Income: € 30,157

Other Income: € 15,732.87

Total Income € 196,084.38

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Expenditure

Pastoral Programmes: € 1,412

Insurance: € 19,107.29

Security: € 484.54

Light and heat: € 19,823.12

Rates, Water, LPT : € 1,444.69

Repairs and Maintenance: € 103,631.35

Diocesan Levy: € 11,005.80

Diocesan Retirement Fund: € 1,000

Clergy Fund: € 2,342

Missalettes/Printing: € 13,534.29

Altar, Shrine Requisites: € 8,353.98

Telephone, Broadband: € 1,400

Computer servicing cost/hardware: € 2,880

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Expenditure (Continued)

Hire of Equipment: € 2,903

Music/Choir Expenses: € 525

Accountancy Fees: € 300.29

Bank Charges: € 969.37

Donations/Collections: € 1,185

Other loan Interest: € 5.37

Interest: € -26.26

Total Expenditure € 192,280.83

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Mountrath Parish Statement of Account 2023

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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
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