

Mountrath Ballyfin

Online Newsletter

Sat. 26th Sun. 27th Sept. 2026

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE



St. Fintan's BNS
Mountrath



Celebrating 50 Years
of Learning, Friendship and Community



St. Fintan's BNS Mountrath

*Celebrating 50 Years
of Learning, Friendship and Community*



Mass in
St. Fintan's Church
at 11.30am



Followed by
music and
refreshments
at the school

*All past and present
pupils and staff are welcome*

27th of September 2026





**Mountrath
Community School**

Pobalscoil Mhaighean Rátha

OPEN NIGHT

Wed 30th Sept -6pm

School tours and information for pupils
from 5th & 6th class and parents.
All are welcome



Welcome to
Mountrath Community
School Open Night

Mountrath Ballyfin Online Newsletter

(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

Website www.mountrathparish.ie

or www.ballyfinparish.ie

Email jmbrophy2@gmail.com

Name of Parish App.

Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes

Sun. 27th Sept.

2026

26th Sunday

In Ordinary Time

Safeguarding Children Parish Reps

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1st Holy Communion Days in Ballyfin Parish

Barnashrone N.S. Sun. 23rd May 2027

10.00 am Mass in Ballyfin Church

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1st Penance Ceremonies (Both Parishes)

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10.30 am

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Ballyfin Church 11.30 am

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Confirmation Day. Fri. 28th May Ballyfin Parish
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"Do This In Memory"

Parish Programme

2026 – 2027

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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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"Do This In Memory" Parish Programme '26 – '27

Enrolment

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1st Holy Communion Days - Mountrath Parish

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

Mass in Mountrath Church 11.30 am

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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.

Kildare Carmelites celebrate St Thérèse with Triduum and Relic Veneration

*Although St. Thérèse never left her Convent she is
Patroness of missions*

The Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town celebrate a Triduum in honour of St Thérèse of Lisieux from September 28–30, followed by her feast day on Thursday, October 1, 2026. The celebrations mark the 25th anniversary of the visit of her relics to Ireland in 2001. Each evening of the Triduum, the Third Order Carmelites will lead the Rosary at 5pm, followed by Mass.

The relics will be available for veneration on September 29th from the 10.00 am Mass until noon, and on September 30, from the 8.00 am Mass until 10.00 am. The September 30th Mass will include a blessing of roses for the Knit/Crochet a Rose Campaign.

Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate a special feast-day Mass on October 1 at 7pm, with veneration continuing until 9.30 pm. Blessed roses will be available.

The Carmelite community warmly invites everyone to join these days of prayer, inspired by St Thérèse's "Little Way" of trust in God and love in everyday life.

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Irish Guide Dogs for The Blind.

Church Gate Collection

This Weekend

Many thanks for your
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it is very much appreciated.

Bishop Denis' Kildare and Leighlin Diocesan Appointments

Fr. Tom Dooley, PP Portarlinton 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, Portarlinton & 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, Portarlinton 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 Portarlinton Mountmellick Pastoral Area, while continuing to support the Polish community.

Fr. Petru Medves, C C, Abbeyleix, 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

*Thank you for your continued and generous
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And

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Diocesan Designated Liaison Person:

Ms. Ailish Higgins is now on Maternity Leave

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

Safeguarding Message

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

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

— Tia Walker



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Sat. 26th Sept.

To

Sun. 4th Oct.

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is Changed, not ended

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 26th Sept. to Sun. 4th Oct.

Fri. 25th Sept. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sat. 26th Sept. 8.00 pm Vigil Mass - 26th Sun. in Ord. Time

Baby Seán Holohan, Springfield

Sun. 27th Sept. 10.00 am 26th Sun. in Ord. Time

Joseph (Joe) Breen, The Knocks. 10th Anniv.

Mon. 28th Sept. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

Ballyfin Anniversaries

Anniversary and Mass Times

Mass Times – Anniversaries

Sat. 26th Sept. to Sun. 4th Oct. Contd.

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

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

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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Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 26th Sept. to Sun. 4th Oct.

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Sat. 26th Sept. 7.00 pm Joseph and Maureen Kirwan, Clonard

Sun. 27th Sept. 9.00 am [The Hollow Church](#)

11.30 am Rose Murphy, Patrick St., 4th Anniv.

Patricia Quearney, New Line Rd., 4th Anniv.

Anton (Anto) Heffernan, Ringstown. 8th Anniv.

Margaret and John Brennan.

50th Anniversary of Fintan's Boys National School

Celebrating 50 years of Learning – Friendship - Community

[See invitation to join in the Celebrations - on right of page](#)

Tues. 29th Sept 10.00 am Daniel Doheny, Patrick St.,

Wed. 30th Sept. 10.00 am

Thurs. 1st Oct. 10.00 am Feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Born 2nd Jan. 1873 Died 30th Sept. 1897 (Aged 24 years)

[Although St. Thérèse never left her Convent](#)

[she is Patroness of missions and Doctor of the Church](#)

Fri. 2nd Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Mountrath Anniversaries

Mass Times Anniversaries

Sat. 26th Sept to Sun. 4th Oct. Continued

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

John Finlay, Clondouglas. 23rd Anniv.

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Month's Mind Mass

Sun. 11th Oct. 11.30 am Fiona Wallis (Nee Walsh) Derrycouch

1st Anniversary Mass Remembrances

Sun. 11th Oct. 11.30 am Bernard (Benny) Phelan, Portarlinton

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

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Ministries Rota

Sat. 3rd Oct..

Sun. 4th Oct.

Ballyfin Parish

Ministries Rota Sat. 3rd - 4th Oct.

Reader Ministers of Holy Comm

Sat. 8.00 pm Peter Byrne

Teresa McCormack

Sun. 10.00 am Frances Harney Mary Finn

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

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Here are our Bank Account details

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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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Please indicate - Parish Fund

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Times of Funeral Masses

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Sundays 10.00 am

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As

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

We would welcome your involvement.

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

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.

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Parish Lottos



Ballyfin Parish Lotto

Wed. 23rd Sept.

Nos. Drawn 8 11 25 27

One €13,000 Jackpot Winner

Congratulations to 2 Lucky Winners
in Clonbullogue Parish who won €6,500 each

15 Match 3's Rec. €76 each

1 Local Winner

Winner

Oliver Goode

Promoter

Anne Heffernan

Next Week's Jackpot €10,000

Mountrath Ballyfin Lottos

Next Week's



Mountrath	€ 15,000
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Ballyfin	€ 10,000
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Mountrath Parish Lotto

Thurs. 24th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 1 5 22 26

No € 14,000 Jackpot Winner

9 Match 3's Rec. € 112 each

2 Local Winners

Winner

Promoter

Mary Ann Coyne Mary Theresa Burke

Pauroic Dunne Betty O'Rourke

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Events
at
Bloom HQ

Parks Tennis Summer Camp

July 27th - 31st

**BloomHQ / Mountrath
Health & Fitness Academy**



Ages 6-10 - 9:30AM - 11:00AM

Ages 11-16 - 11:15AM - 13:15PM

REGISTER ONLINE. ➔



All Equipment Provided!
FANTASTIC VALUE!



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

CONTACT Ruth Delaney - 089 264 7761



Coastside Centre
Laois | Laois
County Council



Healthy
Laois



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IRELAND

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NON CONTACT
GAMES & FUN SESSIONS
30 TO 40 MINUTES

KIDS RUGBY
KIDS HAPPIER!

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!
MAKE FRIENDS
STAY ACTIVE
LEARN NEW SKILLS

TEAMWORK
CONFIDENCE
FRIENDSHIP
FUN!

BE PART OF A TEAM!

AGE 9 YEARS & OLDER

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

11:00

VENUE BLOOM HQ

Contact: Joe Carbery at 085-761 8645 for more information

BLOOM HQ
SPORT • COMMUNITY • MORE

PLAY • LEARN • MAKE FRIENDS • BE ACTIVE



Yoga

BREATHE • MOVE • FEEL GOOD



Tuesdays

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd September
4 WEEKS



6:30pm



Room 11



4 Week Block – €40

Pay in advance

Pay As You Go – €12 per class

Option available

All levels welcome



SPÓRT ÉIREANN
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Mountrath Health &
Fitness Academy,
Patrick st, Mountrath
R32 DC58

Pilates

With Derinn



Saturdays 11AM

6 weeks starting

- September 5th
- September 12th
- September 19th
- September 26th
- October 3rd
- October 10th



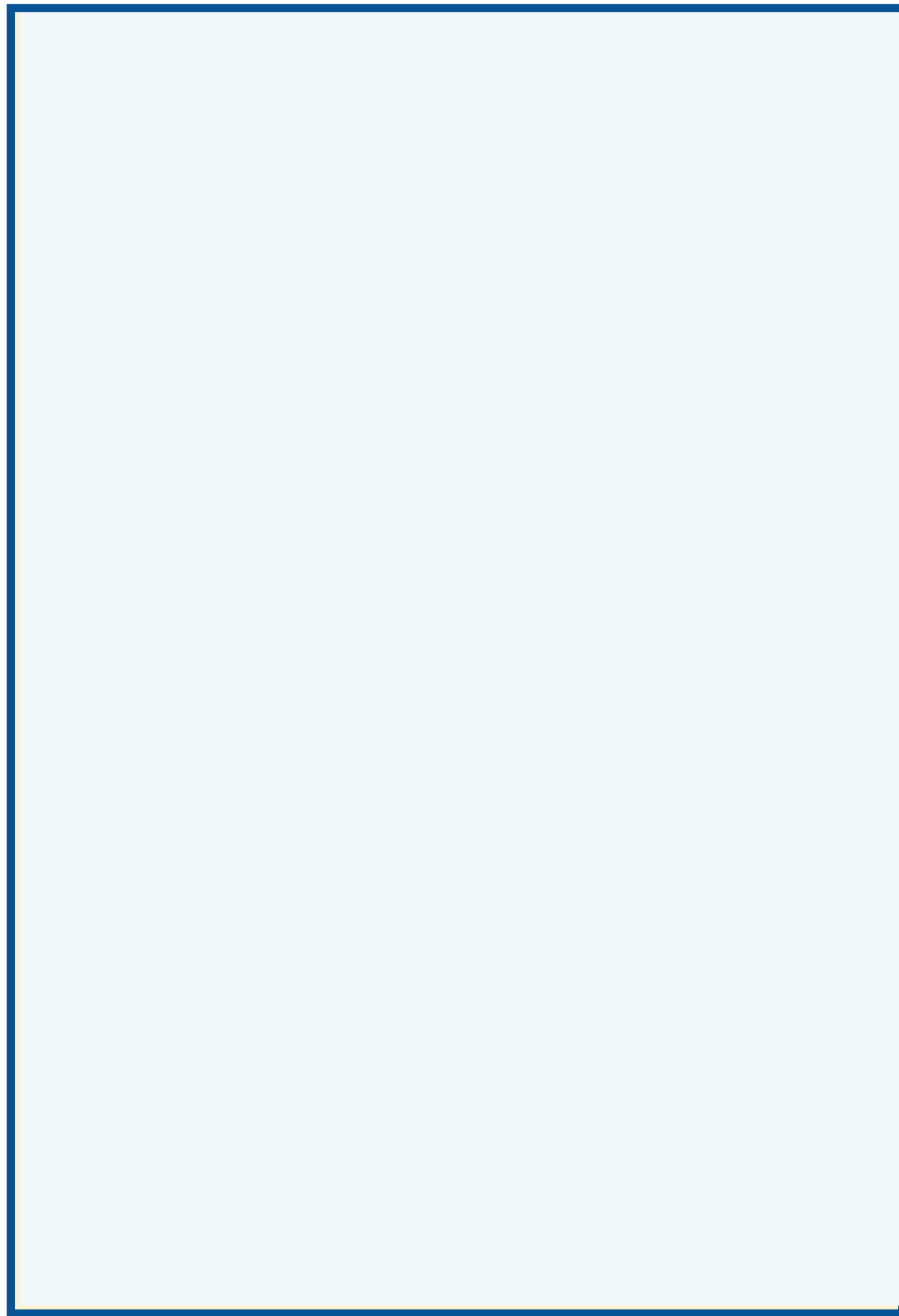
€60 for 6 weeks

or €12 PAYG

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







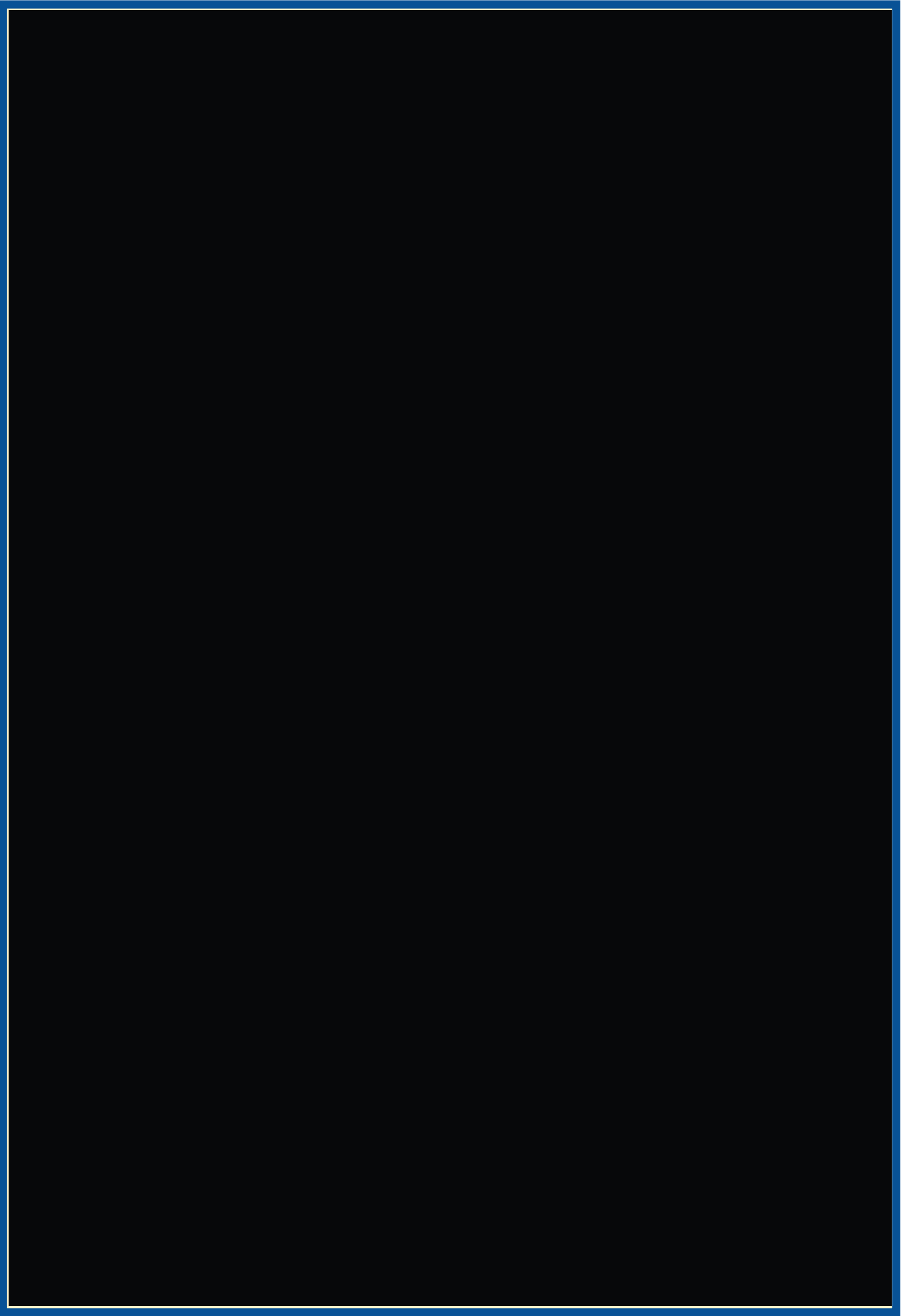
Mountrath Health and Fitness Academy

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







Early Bird Classes

NEW



Monday, Wednesday, Friday

6:00am - 6:50am → first class

7:00am - 7:50am → second class

*10 Spaces available in each class

6 am



7 am

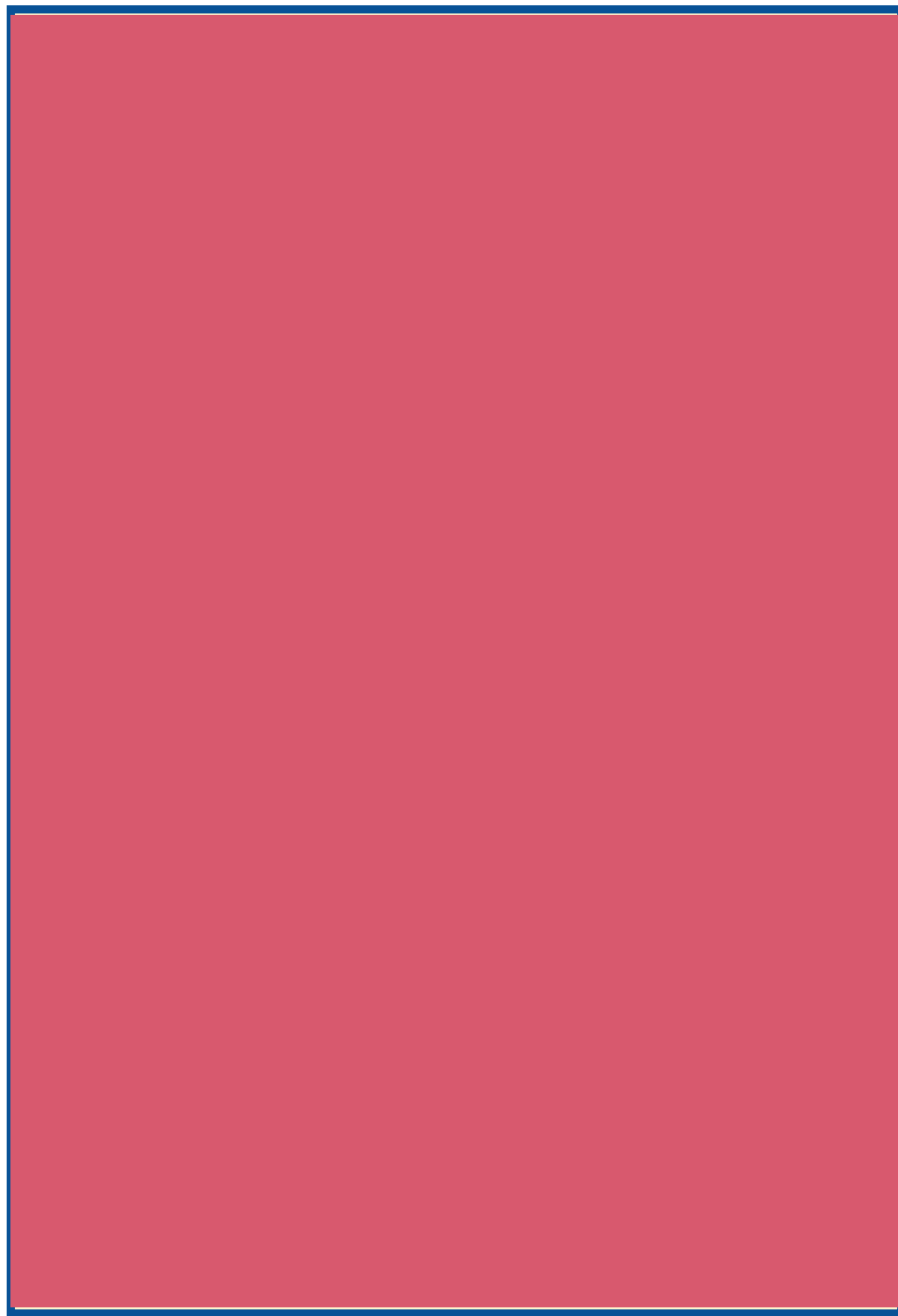


These Classes will be starting
in 2-3 weeks once we have the numbers

€80 per month

→ That's 12 Classes for less than €7 per class!

- Treadmills
- Air Bike
- Rowing Machine
- Skiing Machine
- Med Balls
- Dumbbells
- Kettlebells
- Squat rack

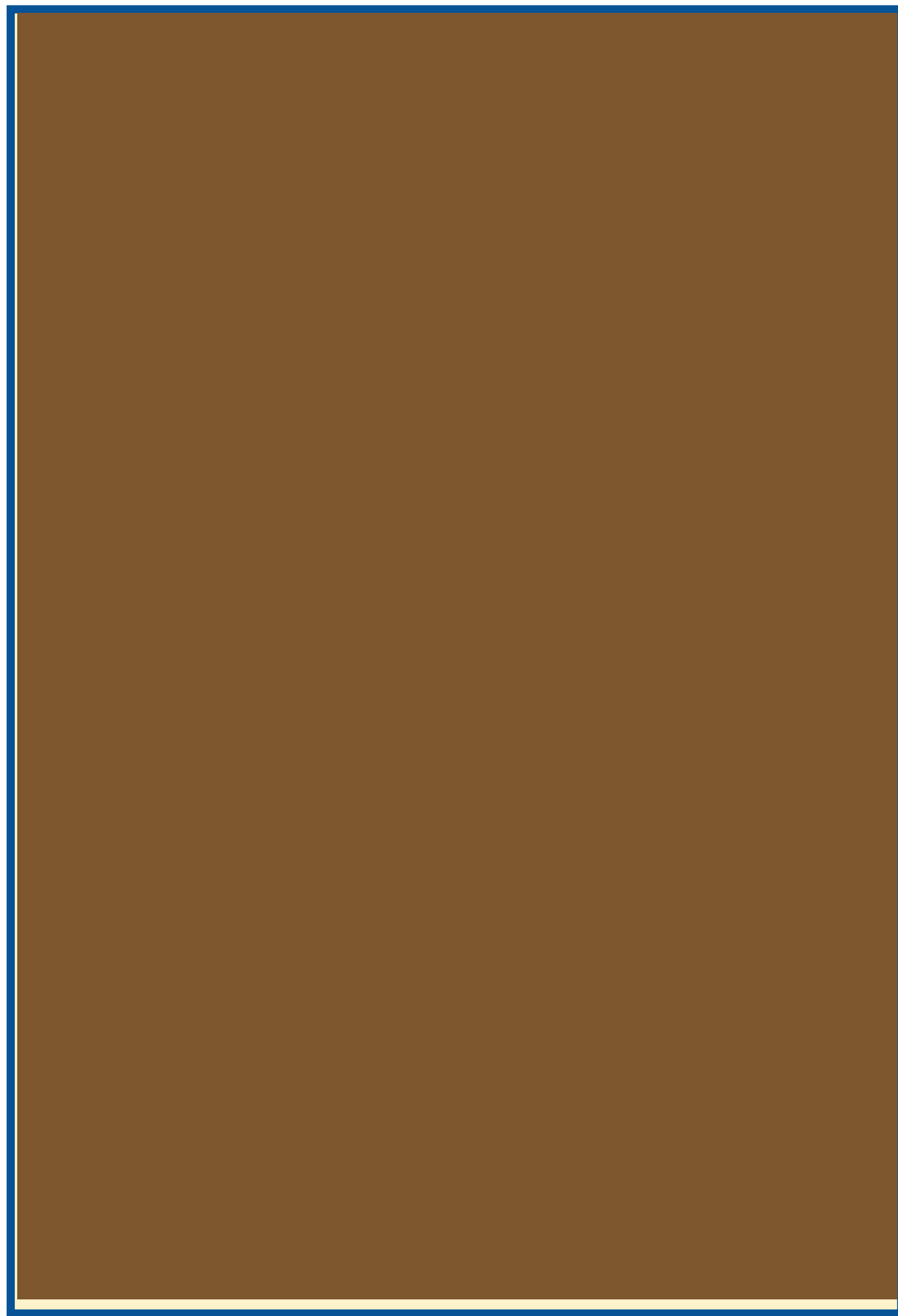


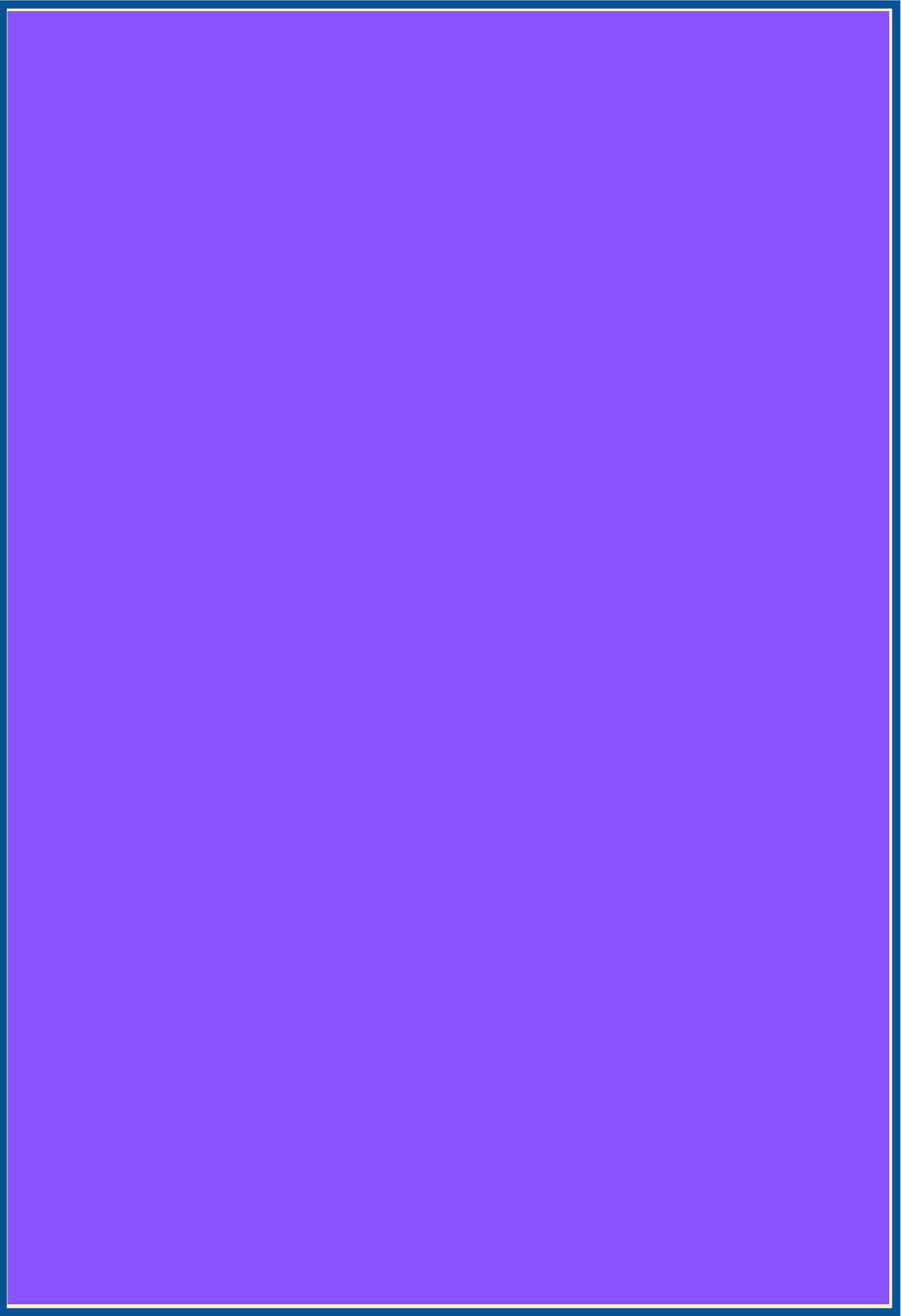


At BloomHQ, we are with our clients every step of the way. From the initial enquiry to settling into your new workspace, we are committed to making the experience seamless, supportive and stress-free! We are here to support your journey from day one and beyond 📶

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HIGHER LEVEL
LEAVING CERT
MATHS GRINDS

FOR 5TH AND
6TH YEAR STUDENTS

CONTACT:
Orlaith
0892336930

BLOOM HQ



OFFICE SPACE RENTALS

Designed for modern professionals, entrepreneurs, and small businesses, our dynamic workspace offers the perfect blend of flexibility, community, and productivity.

From hot desks to gym areas....

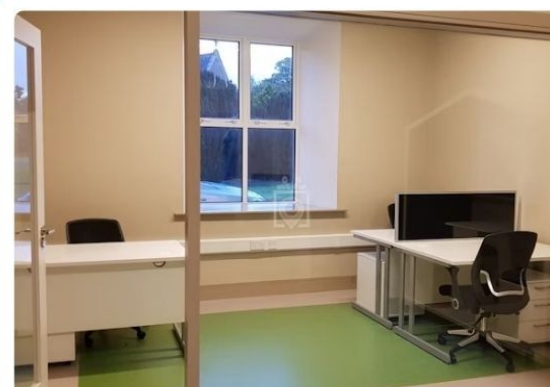
- ✓ Flexible Workspace Options
- ✓ High-Speed Internet
- ✓ Meeting and Conference Rooms

Contact Us



089 2722885

www.bloomhq.ie







R32DT9F,
Patrick St,
Mountrath,
Co.Laois

Contact us: **089 264 7761**

Bowls

🎯 Enjoy competitive yet friendly games, perfect for all skill levels. Roll with us and make new friends! 🤝



Seated exercise

Thurs - 11am

Move, stretch,
and stay
active! 🪑



**COMING
SOON**

Talks on...

Help with using MiGov.ie

How to use phones better



Using local bus services

NEW ACTIVITIES

Exciting games and activities —laughter, challenges, and good vibes guaranteed!



BOOK CLUB

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

ART CLASSES

**Embark on your creative journey
—art classes starting soon!**



**BLOOMHO'S IS DELIGHTED TO
ANNOUNCE.....**

**Child care facilities
coming early 2026**

RIGHT HERE IN BLOOMHQ!!

Keep an eye on our socials for more details,
updates and notices



BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

Everything worth knowing
— all in one place.....



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Calling all teachers & tutors!

Are you offering grinds and looking for a base?

BloomhQ is the place for you...
With dedicated rooms, whiteboards,
free advertising and more!!

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Email: Marketing@bloomhq.ie

Piano Lessons now Available!

All levels welcome – beginner to advanced!

-  Highly qualified teacher & choral conductor
-  Over 30 years' experience in piano & music education
-   Lessons for all ages – kids & adults
-  Director of children's choirs in
- Ukraine & Ireland
-  BloomHQ, Mountrath



for more details>>



 Free first meeting – come meet the teacher!

 **Book now – Call Lana: 087 3347112**

Looking for an office space to rent in Laois?



CONTACT 089 2722885 or

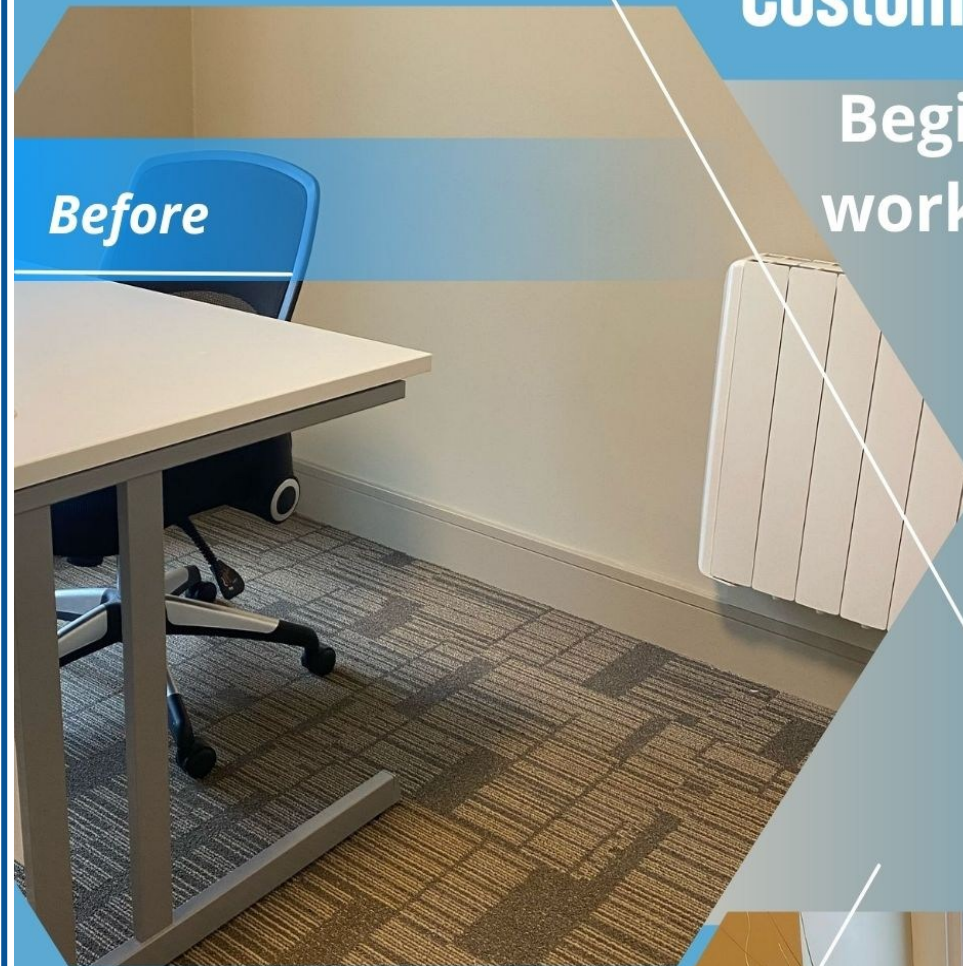
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Customize your space!

**Begin your remote
work journey today**

Before



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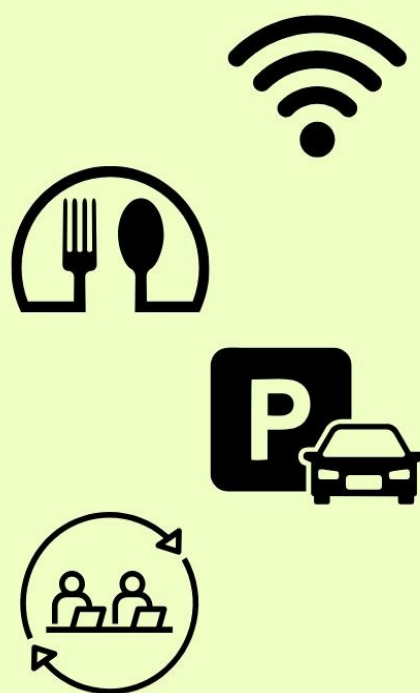


**Dive into your
remote work
with every thing
you need on
hand**

Hot desks at BloomHQ



**Contact:
manager@bloomhq.ie**



For just €20 a day

BOWLS

Thursdays @ 8pm

Philomenas Hall

**R32DT9F,
Patrick St.
Mountrath,
Co.Laois**



BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

GYM



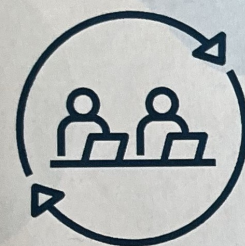
- Join our large, loving gym community! 💪❤️
- Build strength and friendships. 🤝
- Everyone's included —come as you are!
- Don't miss out, join today! ☀️

New timetable each month



BLOOMHQ MONTHLY

SPACES TO RENT



 **HOT DESKS – JUST €20/DAY!**

JUMP IN, PLUG IN, AND GET TO WORK ⚡

POWER SOCKETS & GREAT LIGHTING 🔌💡

CLEAN, MODERN, AND READY TO GO 🧼✨

NO COMMITMENT – JUST SHOW UP AND WORK! 🚀



CONFERENCE ROOMS

From just €55

Seating 2-20

**Ideal for company meetings,
general meetings, training
courses etc**

**Contact BloomHQ to book
today.....**

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



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**

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



Other News

TOTS AND CO PLAYSCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026



**20 YEARS' EXPERIENCE
IN QUALITY CHILDCARE**

**ECCE & NCS
SCHEMES AVAILABLE**

**CONTACT COLETTE:
0874162377**

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Parish Finances

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Copy of Financial Statements
(For Mountrath and Ballyfin Parishes)
available on
Notice Board at back of Church
and on Online Newsletter

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Accounts
for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

Thank you for your continued and generous
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and Mountrath / Ballyfin Parish Collections.

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*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.**

Ballyfin Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Ballyfin Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

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

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Ballyfin Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

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

Mountrath Parish Accounts 2024

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

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

Mountrath Parish Accounts 2024

(Summary of Income and Expenditure Account
for Mountrath Parish for 1st Jan. 2024 to 31st Dec. 2024)

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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A very sincere *Thank You*

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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

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Envelope Collection	€ 33,378.00	Insurance	€ 38,065.00
Shrine Income	€ 11,590.00	Security	€ 503.00
Rental Income	€ 30,890.00	Light/Heat	€ 23,349.00
Fundraising	€ 3,225 .00	Cleaning	€ 200.00
Donations	€ 71,400.00	Rates/Water/Waste	€ 579.00
Tax Refunds/Rebate	€ 3,121 .00	Maintenance/Repairs	€ 79,602.00
Church Bookings	€ 500.00	Diocesan Levy	€ 11,006.00
Lotto Income	€ 31,631.00	Loan Interest	€ 3.00
Office	€ 1,899 .00	Bank Charges	€ 926.00
Deposit Interest	€ 36.00	Diocesan Retire't Fund	€ 1,000 .00
Other Income	€ 2,984 .00	Printing/Missalettes	€ 9,233.00
		Altar/Shrine	€ 10,616.00
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
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