

Mountrath Ballyfin Parish News 1st Oct. '23

St. Fintan's Parish, Mountrath – Ballyfin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 30th Sept. – Sun. 1st Oct. '23

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1st Holy Communion
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Relic of St. Padre Pio

A relic of St. Padre Pio will be available for veneration during the Apostolate of Sanctification Ceremony on Mon. next 2nd

Oct. – everyone is most welcome to attend.

Ballyfin Church. Mon. 2nd Oct. 7.00 pm

"Do This in Memory" Programme

1st Holy Communion Preparation

Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin Parishes

Enrolment Ceremonies

Mountrath Parish Sat. 30th Sept. Mass 7.00 pm

All Schools

Ballyfin. Sun. 1st Oct. Mass 10.00 am Both Schools

Synod Commences on 4th Oct.

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Universal Synod on Synodality

Synod Update from Bishop Denis' Desk

In a letter addressed to bishops and eparchs from all over the world, Cardinal Mario Grech, General Secretary of the General Secretariat of the Synod, invites the faithful from around the world to prayerfully participate in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will open in the Vatican on 4 Oct..

With this letter, the General Secretary reminds everyone that the Synodal Assembly is above all a spiritual event, of prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit who is the true protagonist of the event. In order to facilitate participation and solicit the prayerful support of the members of the assembly from local communities, the General Secretariat of the Synod has prepared a ["Solemn Blessing"](#) to be recited, in particular, at the end of Sunday Masses together with intercessory prayers.

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We keep and hold in our thoughts and prayers

People, their families and carers, who are ill or unwell – at home, in hospital or Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. - We wish them a speedy recovery.

Date for the Diary

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated

in Mountrath / Ballyfin Parishes

on **Fri. 26th April 2024**

Ceremony in Mountrath Parish Ch. at 11.00 am

Ceremony in Ballyfin Parish Ch. at 2.30 pm

Mountrath Snooker Club

AGM will take place in St. Fintan's Hall on Wed night next, October 4th. All interested in playing Snooker or Billiards over the coming months are very welcome to attend.

Mountrath – Ballyfin Parish App. available to download on iPhone and Android

Our New-Look Parish App. came online recently Check it out.

*A Very Sincere "Thank you" for Your Most Generous Support
of all our Parish Collections*

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS

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FR COLUM POWER
CATHERINE MCGOWAN
FR FREDDY WARNER SMA

SATURDAY OCT 7TH | 2PM

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Safeguarding Children Parish Reps.

Ballyfin Parish Triona O'Rourke and Peter Byrne

Mountrath Parish Caroline Moore and Pachelli Walsh

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Ms Kathleen Sherry

Deputy Diocesan Liaison Person: Ms Michelle Hughes,

c/o Bishop's House, Dublin Rd, Carlow Ph: 085 802 1633

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Nursing Home or undergoing any surgical or medical procedures. –

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Deadline for Parish Newsletters

Items for Parish Newsletters are always most welcome. If you wish to have an item included in the Parish Newsletters (Print or online Edition) we request that they be in
by 12 midday on Thursdays

Text Message, Email, Whatsapp, Letter or Pop into Parochial House.

(Our Parish Newsletters are online and on App. from early Saturday morning)

Mountrath

Mass Times – Anniversaries Sat. 30th Sept. - Sun. 8th Oct.

Sat. 30th Sept. 7.00 pm Paddy Wall, Galway – Woodbrook. Month's Mind.

Enrolment Ceremony for "Do This In Memory"

Anto (Anthony) Heffernan, Ringstown 5th Anniv

and his grandad, Joseph Fitzpatrick, (Anniv. on 1st Oct)

Maria O'Rourke, Kiln Lane. 6th Anniv

Deceased members of Morrin Family, Shannon St.,

Joseph and Maureen Kirwan, Clonard

Sun. 1st Oct. 9.00 am **The Hollow Ch.** 26th Sun. in Ord. Time

11.30 am Patricia Quearney (Nee Madden) New Line Rd. 1st Anniv.

Mon. 2nd Oct. 10.00 am People who are ill in the Parish.

Tues. 3rd Oct. 10.00 am

Wed. 4th Oct. 10.00 am Altar List of the Dead.

Thur. 5th Oct 10.00 am

Fri. 6th Oct. 10.00 am Martin and Catherine Ryan, Patrick St.,

Sat. 7th Oct. 7.00 pm Paddy Carroll, St. Fintan's Tce. 15th Anniv.

Sun. 8th Oct. 9.00 am **The Hollow Church.**

11.30 am Michael (Mick) O'Brien,

Fr. O'Connor Cresc. 16th Anniv.

Lord, for your faithful people,

Life is changed, not ended



Mass Times Anniversaries

Ballyfin

Fri, 29th Sept. - Sun. 8th Oct.

Fri. 29th Sept. 7.30 pm Patricia (Patti) Dunne (Nee Dempsey) Pallas Little M.M.

Sat. 30th Sept. 8.00 pm Jim Fitzpatrick, Ross.

Sun. 1st Oct. 10.00 am Baby Seán Holohan, Springfield. 15th Anniv.

Enrolment Mass – Do This In Memory

Mon. 2nd Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification..

Fri. 6th Oct. 5.00 pm Exposition of Blessed Sacramant.

. 7.30 pm

Sat. 7th Oct. 8.00 pm

Sun. 8th Oct. 10.00 am Michael Mooney, Old P O Ballylusk

Mon. 9th Oct. 7.00 pm Apostolate of Sanctification

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1st Holy Communion Preparation Programme in Mountrath Ballyfin

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“Do This in Memory” Children’s Masses

1. Sat. 11th Nov Mountrath Church, 7.00 pm
Sun. 12th Nov. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
2. Sat. 9th Dec. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 10th Dec. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
3. Sat. 13th Jan. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 14th Jan. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
4. Sat. 10th Feb. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 11th Feb. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
5. Sat. 9th Mch.. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 10th Mch. Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
6. Sat. 13th Apr. Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 14th Apr. . Ballyfin Church 10.00 am
7. Sat. 4th May Mountrath Church 7.00 pm
Sun. 5th May Ballyfin Church 10.00 am

(The) Sacrament of 1st Penance

will be celebrated in March. Arrangements for the celebration of this Sacrament will be put in place in due course in conjunction with the Schools.

Dates for Celebration of 1st Holy Communion

Sun. 5th May The Hollow Church 9.00 am

With Children of Gaelscoil Thromaire

Sun. 12th May Mountrath Church - 11.30 am

With Children of all Mountrath Schools

Sun. 19th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With children of Ballyfin National School

Sun. 26th May Ballyfin Church 2.00 pm

With Children of Barnashrone National School



Ballyfin Lotto Results 27th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 2 23 26 32

No Jackpot Winner

6 Match 3's Rec. € 167.00 ea

Next Week's Jackpot € 20,000

A note of thanks to everyone involved in Ballyfin Parish Lotto - Organising Committee, 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 support and generosity.

Mountrath Parish Lotto 28th Sept.

Nos. Drawn 6 19 20 27

No Jackpot Winner

2 Match 3's Rec. € 500 ea.



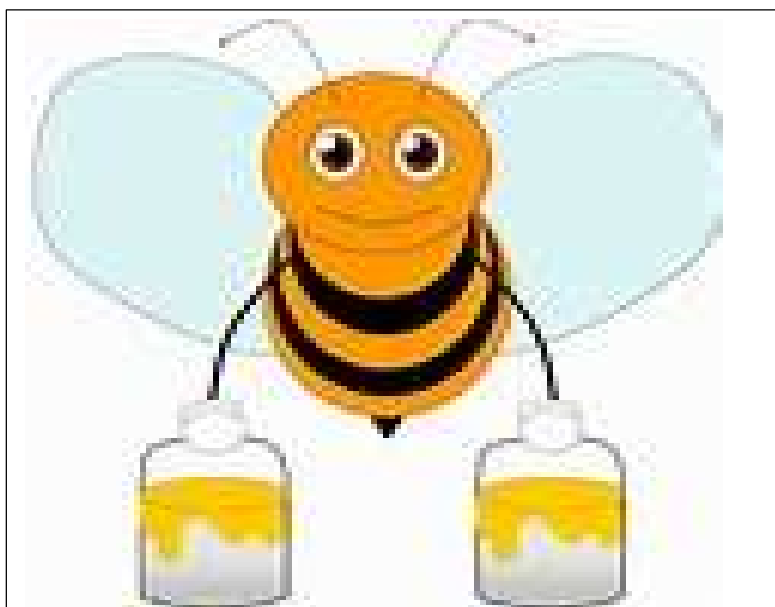
Next Week's Jackpot. € 19,000

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*Next
Week's* 

€ 19,000 - Mountrath

€ 20,000 Ballyfin



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Marriage Encounter Weekend

Catholic Marriage Encounter is a Weekend experience for any
Sacramentally married couple.

Every relationship is a journey, and the grind of everyday life can cause
you to lose touch with your spouse.

This is a space for you and your spouse to pause, reflect, and
reconnect privately. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday
3rd to Sunday 5th November 2023.

At "The Cork International Hotel" Cork. To book your place visit our
website: www.marriageencounter.ie Tel. 087-2162436

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan



Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are designed to kill various organisms. One of the best things you can do for pollinators is avoid using them. Why: Insecticides have been found to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators. Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with important food. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/



Season of Creation

The Season of Creation runs from 1 Sept (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 Oct (the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi) each year. This ecumenical season is dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationships with God our Creator, and with all creation, as we join together in prayer. We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common home. "Let Justice and Peace Flow" is theme and invitation of this year's Season of Creation. In his message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2023, Pope Francis encourages us to "live, work and pray that our common home will teem with life once again." To notice and celebrate the season of creation reinforces our commitment to respect it. This can take many different forms. We can join campaigns to draw attention to the ways in which creation is disrespected. We can celebrate the beauty of creation and try to embody respect for it in our ordinary lives – in the way in which we travel, eat and sleep, for example, read, sow seeds, wrap and dispose of rubbish. The season of creation is a time to attend to our world, to celebrate its beauty and respect its delicacy, and to join others in coming to its defense.



Universal Synod on Synodality

This week, the Standing Committee of the Irish Bishops' Conference met at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, to discuss the forthcoming universal Synod on Synodality. This will take place in Rome from 4 – 29 October, on the theme: 'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

Bishops reflected that, "The Synodal Process is about conversion, and we pray that all participants will be open in mind and heart to what the Holy Spirit wants of each individually, and collectively. In light of Pope Francis' comment that 'without prayer there will be no Synod', we encourage people of faith to unceasingly pray to God over the coming weeks at daily and weekend Masses, at home, and in religious communities, to intercede for Pope Francis and for all members of the Synodal Assembly."

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Parish Finances. - A Word of Thank

Thanks for your generous contributions to Parish Funds.

Once again, I want to renew my appreciation and gratitude for the ways in which you have found to support the parish and us, the priests of the parish, over the past year. We are deeply grateful. It has and continues to be a most challenging time for so many; families, self employed, hospitality and so much more. By and large we are not doing too bad, thanks in no small part to your generosity, I wish to acknowledge your support given via the weekly envelopes (2023 boxes are ready for distribution at present). Contributing to the Parish by envelope allows us to keep track of your donations for the whole year and, where possible, (and totally at your discretion) claim the additional 45% back from Revenue under the charity donations scheme at no cost to yourself. If you are not as yet, part of this scheme – and would like more information, please contact me when you get a chance.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity - it is very much appreciated.

Different ways of supporting your Parish:

⇒ Weekly Envelopes ⇐

⇒ Direct payment - Cash/Cheque ⇐

If contributing by cheque please make cheques payable

to “Mountrath Parish” - or “Ballyfin Parish”

Please indicate - Parish Fund or Clergy Fund (for support of the priests of the Parish)

Cheques can be posted to – Parish Office, Parochial House, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

⇒ Online Facility (See Diocesan Website - www.kandle.ie ←

⇒ Standing Order or Transfer directly to our Accounts ←

The following are our Bank Account Details

Mountrath Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Mountrath Parish Current Account

Account number - 7274 7250

IBAN - IE93 BOFI 9018 2972 7472 50

BIC. - BOFIE2D

Ballyfin Parish - Bank Account Details

(Portlaoise Branch)

Name - Ballyfin Parish Pastoral Council

IBAN - IE44 AIBK 9332 7900 203030

BIC. - AIBKIE2D

Please include your own name as the reference.

⇒ Support Mountrath and Ballyfin Parish Lottos ←

If you have any queries or would like to speak with us regarding donating to the Parish or participating in the charity tax donation scheme,
just ring me on 087 241 1594 (Fr. Joe)

Trial Balance – Formatted - Ballyfin Parish

Date Range 1st Jan 2022 To 31st Dec 2022

Code	Description	2022	2021
		Current €	Comparative €
Profit and Loss			
Sales			
001	Basket Collection	14,838.73	8,149.38
002	Envelope Collection	28,782.63	28,603.02
003	Shrine Income	743.19	725.72
004	Rental Income	12,680.00	1,215.00
005	Fundraising	-	-
006	Donations Bequests	526.00	-
007	Tax Refunds/Rebate	17,250.71	600.23
008	Weddings/Graves/Church Bookings	-	-
009	Income from Parish Investment Fund	-	-
010	Deposit Interest Received	-	-
011	Other Investment Income	-	-
012	Office Shop Margin	-	16.40
013	Lotto Income	7,302.00	12,206.65
014	Diocesan Levy Collection	-	-
015	Other Collections	120.15	-328.63
020	Other Income	701.37	-
		€82,944.78	€51,187.77
Cost of Sales			
		-	-
	Gross Profit	€82,944.78	€51,187.77

	Gross Profit %	100.00	100.00
Overhead Expenses			
301	Wages and salaries	-	-
303	Employers NIC (UK) PRSI (Ireland)	-	-
305	Pension costs	-	-
309	Pastoral Programme Expenses	1,517.00	1,250.80
322	Rent payable	-	-
326	Insurance	4,520.68	4,901.67
330	Security	273.24	273.24
331	Light and heat	14,484.25	9,643.12
332	Cleaning	245.01	1,885.45
333	Rates, Water, LPT Waste Collection	261.28	2,843.77
334	Repairs and maintenance	15,475.32	4,398.56
335	Diocesan Levy	6,576.00	4,110.00
336	Clergy Fund	-	-
337	Diocesan Retirement Fund	1,000.00	2,000.00
341	Missalettes, Printing Stationery	3,244.32	4,661.08
342	Altar Shrine Requisites	3,766.12	2,455.10
345	Telephone, Broadband and Internet related expenses	4,661.02	1,814.03
346	Computer software, hardware and servicing costs	1,440.00	2,202.09
347	Hire of Equipment	262.88	400.00
348	Music/Choir Expenses	-	-
365	Legal and Professional	-	904.76
368	Accountancy Fees	1,576.03	220.08
370	Youth and Community Expenses	-	-
371	Bank charges	1,632.13	776.32
375	Donations/Collections	-	-102.94
376	Interest on Parish Investment Fund Loans	-	-
378	Other Loan Interest	94.51	4.19
381	General expenses	-	-
391	Depreciation of intangible assets	-	-
392	Depreciation of tangible assets	-	-
394	Profits/losses on disposals of tangible assets	-	-
399	Capital gains/losses on disposal of property	-	-
		€61,029.79	€44,641.32
Other Income		-	-
	Operating Profit	€21,914.99	€6,546.45
Bank Interest Income		-	-
Investment Income		-	-
Interest Payable		-	-
Profit and Loss Suspense		-	-
	Profit for the year	€21,914.99	€6,546.45


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Links to Webcams on Home Page

Visit our Parish App. Mountrath Ballyfin Parish





Fadó Faces

at

**"The Gallery of Divine Inspirations"
BLOOM HQ • MOUNTRATH**

*Fadó Faces is an art
exhibition celebrating
the lives and stories of older people in
County Laois.
Through traditional portrait painting
and digital art by a selection
of local artists.*

22nd September-29th October 2023

Fadó Faces at Bloom HQ

At the Gallery of Divine Inspirations

To celebrate the diverse and amazing talented people around us, we are launching The Gallery of Divine Inspirations on Culture Night Friday 22nd September at 7pm. Fadó Faces will be the first of many artistic showcases, launched on Friday 22nd and then on show in BloomHQ until 29th October when another Artist will launch and exhibit their collection.

Everyone is welcome to come and immerse yourself in a truly creative life experience.



Our Age Friendly Strategy Guide
will be launched by our
Ambassador Anna May McHugh

AGE FRIENDLY LAOIS

Older Persons Council AGM

FREE Public Event

booking required

**New Members are welcome to
join our Older Persons Council**

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Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 F624**

Tuesday, 24th October 2-5pm

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HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS, MY GOD, IN WHOM I TRUST."

Community Climate Action Programme (Note from Diocesan Office)

We have been contacted by the Community Climate Action Officer for Carlow Local Authority however there is a similar position in every Local Authority so this information applies to everyone. Funding has been ring fenced (Community Climate Action Programme) by each local authority for carbon reduction initiatives which is a big item on the agenda at the moment. I am attaching a copy of the Powerpoint Presentation for Carlow and the general information is the same for each county. Funding will be available for projects which:

- Reduce or support reduction of greenhouse gases,
 - Increase production of renewable energy,
 - Improve energy efficiency,
 - Improve climate resilience,
- Are nature based projects, enhance biodiversity and climate resilience,
 - Assist with transition to low carbon economy,
 - And provide innovative solutions to climate change.

News from the Ploughing

(Taken from Diocesan Website)

Congratulations to St. Anthony on being voted
Ireland's Favourite Saint.

It was a tough competition but apparently
we are a careless people,
and rely on his help very often with the
final results table reading :



1st St. Anthony

2nd St. Brigid

3rd St. Patrick

4th St. Padre Pio

5th St. Thérèse of Lisieux

6th St. Martin de Porres