

EXCLUSIVE OUTRAGED FOLLOWERS OF HOUSE

€4m KINGDOM



THIS is the secret €4 million paradise that is home to self-proclaimed visionary Christina Gallagher.

The publicity shy founder of the controversial House of Prayer, photographed publicly here for the first time in more than 10 years, is living in palatial luxury in a private estate where her neighbours include pop star Ronan Keating and Westlife's Nicky Byrne.

The woman, who claims she has no interest in material things and says she receives regular messages from the Virgin Mary, quietly moved into this beautiful Italian style mansion set on 1.2 acres nearly two years ago.

Only a handful of her followers know she lives in such splendour but the *Sunday World* this week tracked down the roly poly religious icon and her amazing house.



LUXURIOUS: Christina's BMW

Two weeks ago we revealed how Gallagher had stunned her followers by splashing out nearly €1 million on another mansion outside Ballina, where her daughter Mary now lives.

Many shocked supporters contacted *Sunday World* demanding to know where she got the money for this and other properties as she does not work.

Now Gallagher is going to come under even more pressure to explain how she is funding her astonishing lifestyle from supporters who want to know what their cash has been used for.

Revelations

Not only is she living in paradise in a palace that would be the envy of any movie star – it is the second biggest house on the luxury estate – but she also drives a top-of-the-range seven series BMW, which cost a minimum of €110,000.

Following our revelations two weeks ago, Gallagher tried to gag the *Sunday World* by threatening us with High Court proceedings despite the fact that several ex-supporters have lost faith with her and are willing to testify about their concerns over financial dealings at the house.

Lawyer Donal Corrigan called our claims – including one saying Gallagher was believed to have “a big



SHOPPING: Gallagher leaving Woodies near her home in Malahide, Dublin

We uncover self-professed visionary Christina

house” in Dublin – “gutter journalism”.

Well, today we unveil her astonishing home. And we can also reveal that lawyer Corrigan is in fact a director of the House of Prayer Ltd.

And we have a simple question for the self-styled holy woman – just who is paying for this amazing lifestyle when hard-up pensioners around the country have been giving their life-savings to the House of Prayer?

In recent months, many of Gallagher's former devotees have been abandoning her in disgust at her millionaire lifestyle.

They will be horrified to learn details of the magnificent mansion where she now lives in exclusive Malahide, north Co Dublin, while the House of Prayer continually begs for funds.

Even her neighbours on the private Abington estate were unaware of the identity of the secrecy-obsessed middle aged woman who has had a stream of workmen driving in and out of her home.

Gallagher herself bears little resemblance to the few snaps available of her until this week.

Spree

But we photographed her minutes after seeing her leave her mansion on a shopping spree to a local DIY store. She was accompanied on the trip by her right-hand man and bodyguard Tony Fitzpatrick and a former Dominican nun called Sister Treasa who left her order to follow Gallagher and who lives with her.

We called at the house on Friday and

an embarrassed Treasa claimed no Christina lived there. She admitted residing there herself but claimed she did not know a Christina Gallagher.

Our photos taken three days earlier tell a different story.

All the time the elderly woman spoke to us through an electronic gate she was on a mobile phone talking to someone who we suspect was Gallagher herself.

The mansion, No. 2 Abington, is set in a stunning 42-acre wooded development at the end of a private road, lined with cypress trees, well away from prying eyes.

The luxury home, set in manicured lawns with ornate fountains and classic-style sculptures, has five ensuite bedrooms with space on a third floor to convert into three or even four more rooms. The builders also left space for

a swimming pool and tennis court, if she wants them.

The home on millionaires' row was bought for €3.5 million in April 2005 but is now worth at least €4 million.

Outrage

It comes with a double height entrance hall, a solid oak staircase leading to a gallery landing and five reception rooms. There is a detached coach house with garaging for three cars and a loft which could be used as an office or gym.

News that the once humble housewife is rubbing shoulders with the country's elite while she calls on followers to donate their hard-earned cash to the House of Prayer will cause outrage.

The House website says “funds are