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23rd June 2019

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Carmel Dempsey
Bernie Brennan
Anne Brennan
M & B
Sharon Geoghegan
Maria Webster
Anthony Walsh
Maura & Yvone
Jacinta McFall
Jessica Lynch
Lauren Gaynor
Susan Gleeson
Paula Kelly
Mary Campbell
Debbie McArdle
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MATCH 3s €1,000

No €10,000

Jackpot Winner

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PROMOTER
Rita Conroy
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Bernie Lalor
Bernie Lalor
Bernie Downey
Anne Ging
Bingo
Elizabeth Dowling
Anne Brennan
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Maura Loughlin
Maura Loughlin
Betsy Lynch
M. Fallon
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For Early Results

Nativity of
John the Baptist
24th June

Feast of the Sacred Heart
28th June

We celebrate the birth of John the Baptist on June 24th, six months before we celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th. This celebration coincides with the summer solstice. Just as the light of the sun begins to decrease, after reaching its peak, we celebrate the birth of the one who said, Jesus ‘must increase, but I must decrease’.

The story of the Good Shepherd who goes in search of the one lost sheep tells us that there is not one soul that Jesus is willing to lose. There is not one of us that Jesus does not love. There is not one of us without value. The Friday that follows the Second Sunday in time after Pentecost is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. This is a devotion to Jesus himself, but in particular, to the loving heart of Jesus and all its manifestations of his love for us.

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The feeding of the five thousand ..... no, not just a miraculous story about the multiplication of a couple of fishes and loaves. In the context of today’s solemnity, today’s gospel reading links the ordinary food that God provides at our regular meals to the extraordinary food we receive in Holy Communion.

In this miracle Jesus is showing us that God’s reign is about satisfying both human spiritual and physical need. The importance of the miracle is not so much about the multiplication of food, but the message that God can provide for all. This claim might raise a few third world eyebrows, but the truth remains; God has provided for all, it’s left to us to make sure it is shared fairly around the world. Today’s real miracle would be in the change of our materialistic attitudes. The real miracle would be a change that would enable us to eradicate poverty and hunger simply by organising a system of sharing. The scale of the problem the disciples faced on the day of the feeding of the five thousand must have seemed impossible, but the message that they should get on with the job of sharing and leave the rest to God, could be as miraculous today as it was then.

Jesus was all about sharing. He gave his time, his love and finally his body and blood. When we receive Holy Communion in Mass our action is twofold. The Eucharist is a banquet for the multitudes in which we remember Jesus’ sacrificial self-giving. More than this, we remember the promise that anyone who eats his bread and drinks his blood will share eternal life.

Mass times for the coming week
(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

**Monday - Friday**
7.30am & 10am

**Saturday**
10am

**SUNDAY MASSES**
Scoil Bhride, Knockmay (Saturday) 7.30pm
St. Peter & Paul’s Parish Church Vigil (Saturday) 6.30pm
8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm
Church of the Assumption, The Heath: 9.30am
Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska: 10am.

Polish Mass, 3rd Sunday of the Month at 5pm.

**CONFESSIONS**
Every Saturday after 10am & 6.30pm Masses.

We welcome into our Parish Community
Ivy Lee Bridie Doyle
Clonboyne Close

Luan Patrick Lawlor, Raheenduff
Lemuel Chidumam Nnaji, Forest Park
Thomas Paul Donohue, Clonkeen
Amelia Lily Pearson, Bridle Walk, Kilminchy
Evelyn Rose Duffy, Aspen Way, Foxburrow
Tadhg Reddington, Gianside
Ollie Paul McEvoy, Rathenavan view
Who were baptised last weekend

Peter’s Pence collection takes place on the first Sunday in July.
Envelopes in Development Boxes.

**Sunday 16th June 2019**

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One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well.

*Virginia Woolf, A Room of One's Own, 1929*
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The Feast of Corpus Christi: Food for the Journey What We Are Celebrating

On the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, the Church celebrates the Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast commemorates the immense gift of the Eucharist in our lives and in the Church. In Latin, Corpus Christi means Body of Christ. On Holy Thursday, we remember the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist, the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the betrayal of Judas and the beginning of the Passion of Christ. It is easy to become lost in so many beautiful things to remember. Corpus Christi Sunday allows us to focus solely on celebrating the real presence of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the bread and wine.

A Feast Begins

The origins of the Feast of Corpus Christi date back to the Middle Ages!

During the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun named Sister Juliana, had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Through visions, Our Lord told her to establish a Feast dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. Through the influence of Sister Juliana, the importance of spreading devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reached the future Pope Urban IV. Sister Juliana died in 1258 and is now recognized as a Saint.

In 1263, a German priest by the name of Father Peter, stopped to celebrate Mass in Bolsena, Italy while he was on his way to Rome for a pilgrimage. Father Peter was having doubts at the time as to whether the Eucharist was truly the Body and Blood of Christ. However, as he celebrated Mass, when he prayed the prayer of Consecration, blood emerged from the consecrated host, spilling onto the altar.

Father Peter reported the miracle to Pope Urban IV, who sent delegates to investigate the miracle. Today, the Cathedral of Orvieto, Italy, is the resting place of the relics from this Eucharistic miracle.

The message of Sister Juliana and the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena, greatly affected Pope Urban IV. In 1264, through a papal bull called Transitus de hoc mundo, Pope Urban IV instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi after Pentecost. Under Pope Clement V, Corpus Christi became a universal Feast. However, under Pope John XXII, devotion to the Holy Eucharist spread widely.
Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi otherwise known as The Body and Blood of Christ

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Prayer for Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift
of your life
and the way it strengthens us
to live ours.
Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.
May we never take the gift
of your presence for granted.
Amen.
**TIME TO THINK!**

**Summertime**

A very Clever Dog!!!

A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dog along for company. One day, the dog starts chasing butterflies, and before long, he discovers that he is lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch. The dog thinks, "Boy, I'm in deep doo doo now."

Then, he noticed some bones on the ground close by and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dog exclaims loudly, "Man, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew," says the leopard, "That was close. That dog nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes. But the dog saw him heading after the leopard with great speed and figured that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans, and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine."

Now the dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?"

But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet. Just when they get close enough to hear, the dog says, "Where's that monkey? I just can never trust him. I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!"

Gifts such as honesty, courage, trust and faith are abundant in all our lives. Perhaps there have been tricky moments when we had to "Think on our feet" like that clever dog.

These days are really beautiful, let's hope for a prolonged spell of bright, warm and long weather. Make the most of this time to taping the positive and resilient energy that accompanies Summer. This is a time to be chilled, relax and renew. May we find these important gifts in all our lives. As our Primary schools begin Summer holidays I pray that young people will get out there in the fresh air and have lots of time to play and have fun.

**Summer Prayer**

Creator God, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me, a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.

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Hophall, Portlaoise

John Downey
Ballyroan Rd, Abbeyleix,
& formerly Stradbally & Ratheniska

Martha (Philomena)
Houlihan (nee Deevy)
Skibereen & formerly
O’Moore Place, Portlaoise

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.
A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to the death notice at www.portlaoise-parish.ie/deathnotices

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In Loving Memory of
My Beautiful Daughter
SAMANTHA MOORE
2 Triogue Manor, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 21st June.
I remember all the happy times, I hurt but I won’t cry,
I’ll carry you within my heart, until the day I die.
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From your loving son Paul, daughter-in-law Ruth, grandchildren Tanya, Daniel and Maria.

RIP in Peace Teresa

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Late of St. John’s Sq. Portlaoise.
In Sad & Loving Memory of our dear Sisters Bridget and Helen & Brother Billy who all died in the month of June.

Bridget died 7th June 1962
Billy died 27th June 2013
Helen died 13th June 2014
Mass offered R.I.P.

Our sisters and our brother, we fought and argued as siblings do,
We cried and hugged and laughed too,
We miss your faces and cheeky grins and all the trouble we use to get in,
These happy memories will always remain,
We’ll remember you forever, you will never change,
We will always love and miss you.
Sadly missed and loved always by your brothers and sisters.

May they Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MARIAN MAHER
78 Newpark, Portlaoise.
Died 23rd June 2005. 14th Anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul’s Parish Church on Sunday 23rd June at 10am.

Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You will always be with us,
In our hearts forever.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
Sadly missed by your loving husband and family & friends.

May Marian Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ANNA MAY DUNNE
Clankeen, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 29th June 2019
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan’s Church, Raheen on Saturday 29th June at 7:30pm.

God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb,
He gently closed those loving eyes, and whispered;
“Peace Be Thine.”

No matter how life changes, no matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts is kept for you.
Always remembered by all your loving family.

RIP in Peace Anna May

Remembering our much loved parents
PADDY & BRIGID FITZPATRICK
Borris Road, Portlaoise.

DAVE & JANE McEVOY
Rossdale, Portlaoise.

In God’s Presence is fullness of Joy”
Loved always Billy and Joan.

Loveliest Memories of our wonderful and much loved grandparents.
Loved always Carol, Kenneth, Gerard and James.

May They Rest in Peace

Open-air Prayer Service:
St. Peter’s Church Portlaoise are holding an Open-air Prayer Service at the Rock of Dunamase, this Sunday 23rd June at 3pm, with Ballyroan Brass Band, Solitaire and John Bovey youth band. All are welcome.

St. Peter’s Day – Joy of Music and Song:
In St. Peter’s Church, Saturday 29th June at 8pm, with Castlecomer Male Voice Choir, Solitaire with Kathleen Whittford, Lily Breslin on harp, Alan Carroll, Curtis Dineen-Carroll on Uillean pipes and singer Ashu.
Tickets €10. Contact; 087-7690050.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever
John 6:58
**RELIGIOUS NOTICES**

**Adoration:** Monday to Friday after 10am Mass, concluding with Rosary 7pm. Saturday after 10am Mass concluding with Rosary 6pm. Sunday commencing at 2:30pm, concluding with Rosary 7pm. From 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Sunday will be a special time of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood.

**Adoration in the Church of the Assumption the Heath, Sundays from 2:50pm to 4pm.**

**Rosary:** Please join the Prayer for Ireland team in praying the Rosary daily at 9:30pm on the Parish radio (106.55) or web cam.

**Rosary at the Grotto:** First Fridays and all Feast days to Cur Lady, 8pm.

**Legion of Mary:** Meeting every Wed night at 8pm in the Prayer room of the Parish Church.

**'Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God':** Parish Centre; Thursdays, 11am to 12 noon. New members welcome.

**Parish Bereavement Support:** If you have lost a loved one, there is a confidential one to one support service available (by appointment), call 087-9873800.

**Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting:** Every Monday 8-9pm in the Prayer room of Portlaoise Parish Church.

**Sollemne Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Clare’s Church, Graiguecullen, 9 Monday nights; 23rd April – 24th June at 7.30pm. (Rosary 7.10pm). Singing will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton, accompanied by the Poor Clare Community and Parish choirs. Speaker 24th June: Deirdre Ni Chinnheal - Director of Sli Aonghusa Retreat Centre on Inis Mór.

**Teach Muire Praying Community Mass for Healing:** Tuesday 2nd July in St. Paul’s Church, Emo, Portlaoise. Rosary at 7.45pm at the Grotto and Mass at 8pm. Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lawlor c.c Portlaoise.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage - 13th-21st Sept. 2019:** Walk in the footsteps of Jesus - Mount Tabor, Mount of Beatitudes, boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Holy Sepulchre, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Cana. Direct flight from Dublin to Tel Aviv - 4 star hotels, 3 nights in Tiberias, 5 nights in Jerusalem. €1,695 - half board basis. Enquiries to MAP Travel, 01-8783111 or visit www.maptravel.ie

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA):**

**Bowls:** Every Monday at 3pm in St. Mary's Hall - regular and new members are always welcome to come along and take part.

**Whist:** Play or learn Whist at Sue Ryder Centre every Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm, all are welcome.

**26th June:** The ARA members are having an outing to Emo Court to enjoy the quiet relaxed atmosphere, to sit or walk and hopefully experience the sunshine, followed by tea and some delicious scones.

**Note:** Portlaoise ARA will then take a break from the Wednesday meetings to enjoy some relaxation and charge our batteries for the Autumn series. We will reconvene at the Parish Centre on Wed. 4th September, full of inspiration and energy.

**Found:** St. Benedict Cross found in a Car Park in Portlaoise recently, possibly of sentimental value to the owner. Contact: 087-8621326

**Found:** Pair of Reading Glasses found on the Dublin Rd. opposite the prison. Contact: 087-9616632.

**An Sean Chistin, Icrey, Ballyfin, R32X5D6:** On Sunday June 30th at 3pm, we will hold our annual Summer event. We invite people living with Parkinson’s disease and their families and carers to be our special guests on this occasion. All are welcome to come along and sing, dance, play a tune, tell a story, recite a poem etc. or just enjoy a cuppa and chat among great company and make the occasion a memorable experience for all. Looking forward to welcoming you - Maureen, 087-6482038.

**Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club**

are holding their 9th annual road run this Sunday 23rd June, starting at 2pm at the Community Hall, Ballyfin. Visitors and spectators free and welcome to come along. Proceeds in support of local charities. For queries or information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, please call Pat O’Connor at 087-7824481.

**Pioneer News:** The annual presentation of pins to celebrate 10 years, Silver (25 years), Gold (50 years) and Diamond Jubilee (60+ years) of pioneer membership will take place on Friday 28th June during 7.30pm Mass in the Parish Centre. Any person wishing to join as a member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association can do so by contacting Paddy Lohr 087-2868092, or any of the committee members.

**Laois Alzheimer’s Society**

**Resource Centre** at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Our next Social Club will be held Thursday 27th June from 1.30pm to 2.30pm in the Day Care Centre, Timahoe Road, Portlaoise, for people with Dementia and their carers. For any info. on dementia contact Ann Munnelly, 05786-63398 or 086-8372168.

**Super Bingo at the Youth Centre, Green Lane, Carlow on Sunday 7th July at 3pm:** €6,000 in prize money. All loose sheets €2. 5 panel book €5. Double book €10. A great evening’s entertainment for all the family.

**LAOIS ARCH CLUB MONTHLY DISCO**

Thursday 27th June 8-10pm

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