PORTLAOISE PARISH link up

15th November 2026

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Poor



Pope's World Day of Poor message: The Lord is refuge of the poor

In his message for the 10th World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reflects on God as "the refuge of the poor", urging Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor and examine our commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity.

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No Pain No Gain

The third servant in today's parable was trying to bury a responsibility that he wished to avoid. The treasure he had been given was an opportunity for him to invest and please his master, but instead of putting himself out, he buried the treasure where he could forget about it and go about his own affairs. Buried deep, the treasure was no longer an uncomfortable reminder of his master's expectations. Meanwhile, the other two servants, realising that there is no gain without pain, risked everything on their master's account. They invested and multiplied their gifts, and their master was pleased by their efforts.

Like the three servants in this story we too have been given talents and gifts, and with those talents comes a responsibility to use those talents as an opportunity to make the world a better place. Our talents are varied, some great some small but we are all gifted in some way. Some have high profile and very obvious talents … there are those who are great musicians, surgeons, sports people and scientists. The rest of us might have less obvious talents. We might have a talent for caring, listening, speaking, growing things or solving practical problems. Whatever our particular gift we are urged to step out with it … stick our neck on the line and invest our gifts in God's cause. God will not be so impressed if we are too afraid, embarrassed or lazy to use our talents. Ever heard the expression 'Use it or lose it.' If we ignore our gifts long enough, there will come a time when we can no longer rely upon them. This is what happened to the third servant.

One of the excuses that the third servant made for not investing his gift was that he was fearful of losing it. But the message today is not to be fearful. God never asks us to do something we are not capable of doing, and he is not judging us by our levels of productivity. The master in the story did not judge the third servant for producing nothing from his gift, but rather for being lazy and for his bitter indifference to his master's generosity. The master would not have judged him harshly, if he had tried his best but failed.

Today we are invited to look again at what gifts we have been given and how we are using them for the benefit of all. We are asked to examine what gifts we might be ignoring because we are too embarrassed or afraid, and we are asked to live a little dangerously and invest more of ourselves in God's cause.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

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CONFESSIONS

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November 15th—22nd, 2026

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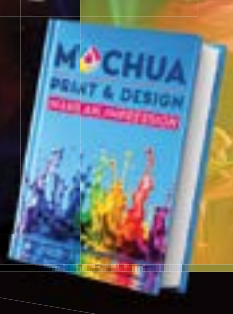
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6.20pm

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6.30pm

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To the first servant, he gave five talents. Now, that might not sound like much to you, but in Jesus' day, that was a lot of money. To the second servant, he gave two talents. Not as much as the first servant received, but still a large sum of money. To the third servant, he gave one talent. Even one talent was worth quite a lot!

The first servant took the five talents his master had given him and put it to work and earned five more talents. The second also invested his two talents wisely and earned two more talents. The third servant took his one talent and buried it in the ground for safe keeping.

When the master returned, he was very pleased when the first two servants told him that they had doubled his money. "Well done," he said. "Because you had been faithful with what I have given you, I will give you much more."

"How about you?" he asked the third servant. "What did you do with the money that I left with you?"

The third servant said to the master, "I knew that you were a hard man and I was afraid, so I went out and hid your treasure in the ground so that it would be safe. See, here it is."

The master was angry. "You are a wicked and lazy servant. You could have at least put my money in the bank where it would earn more." He then took the one talent from the lazy servant and gave it to the one who had ten talents.

In this Parable of the Talents, God is the Master and you and I are his servants. The talents that the master gave to his servants in this story was a form of money. But God has given us talents too, hasn't he? God created each of us with special gifts and he expects us to use those gifts for the purpose for which he gave them to us.



Sometimes you and I may look at the talents that God has given to others and think that God hasn't given us very much talent. We might even be tempted to hide our talent.

But when we use our God-given talent to be all that God intended for us to be.

Everyone has great talents - Use them!



Dear Father, help us to use the talents that you have given us to be what you intended for us to be.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

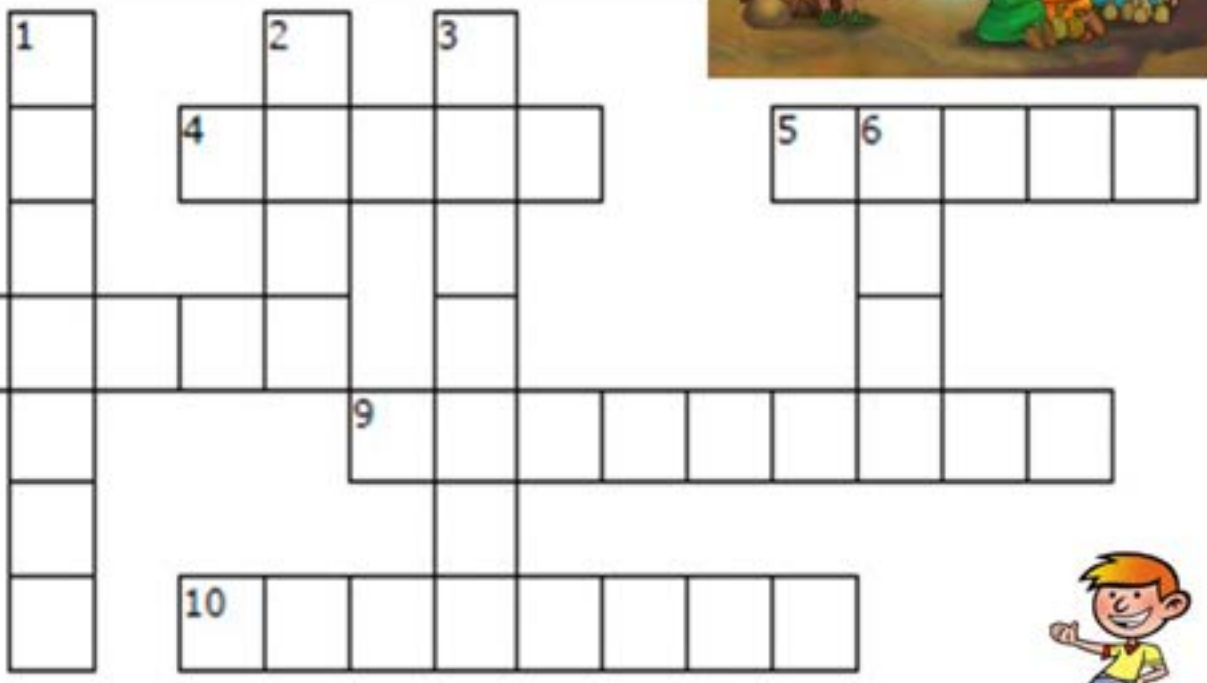


The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.







ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things.
5. To divide or use something with others.
8. To be filled with fear
9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
2. The opposite of bad
3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
7. Not willing to work

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A Gentle Reminder

Portlaoise Parish Schools Confirmation Prayer Service will take place next Saturday at 5pm in the Parish Church. We look forward to seeing you all there and sharing this special occasion together.



Universal Children's Day

Friday 20th November

Universal Children's Day was established by the United Nations in 1954 to encourage understanding between children and promote children's welfare around the world. Countries around the world celebrate the day in different ways - in some countries children receive presents, in others they take part in events and activities or are allowed a holiday from school. Think about supporting a children's charity on this day, or teaching your own children about supporting children in less well off countries.


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Time to Think...



Don't Quit

Recently Pope Leo XIV at Mass in Uruguay, delivered a magnificent reflection to parents whose children no longer practice the faith despite their best efforts: "When we wonder and ask, where our faith comes from, the name of a specific woman often comes to mind; a mother, a grandmother, a godmother, a religious sister, or a catechist. We may not remember every word they said to us, but we do remember how they prayed, how they spoke, how they spoke of the Lord and with what conviction they lived out, what they taught us.

Today, I would like to thank all those women. Thank you for having believed, and for having kept open a path to God in so many families. Some were able to do so, supported by a long-standing family tradition, others had to sustain that faith with greater effort, perhaps without always finding understanding or support within their own homes. I know that many of you carry a very specific sorrow; you taught your children to pray, and today, they no longer do so.

You used to attend Mass together, and it has been years since they entered the church. You spoke to your grandchildren about God, and now you do not know if those words left a mark. Sometimes you wonder if you did something wrong. Or if it was all future. Allow me to recall St. Monica here, who knew that pain well. She prayed for years for a son who seemed to be drifting further and further from God. But she never stopped trusting in His grace. Therefore, do not consider what you have sown to be lost. The Lord Himself taught us that the seed can grow without the Sower knowing how.

Mothers and grandmothers never tire of passing on the faith. Preach with your lives, as well as with your words. Insist on prayer, love and hope. Insist on them, in season and out of season. Do so with patience, without harshness or discouragement, even if your loved ones seem far from God, continue to place them before Him. Do not stop blessing them, accompanying them, and simply reminding them of what they once received. There are doors that you cannot open, but God can."

There were once a bunch of tiny frogs, who arranged a running competition. The goal was to reach the top of a very high tower. A big crowd gathered around the tower to see the race and cheer on the contestants.

The race began…

No one in the crowd really believed that the tiny frogs would reach the top of the tower. They shouted, "Oh, way too difficult!!! They will NEVER make it to the top" and "Not a chance. The tower is too high".

The tiny frogs began collapsing, one by one except for those who, in a fresh tempo, were climbing higher….

The crowd continued to yell, "It's too difficult! No one will make it!"

More tiny frogs got tired and gave up… But one continued higher and higher. This one wouldn't give up! And he reached the top.

Everyone wanted to know how this one frog managed such a great feat.

His secret? This little frog was deaf!!



The wisdom of this story is:

Ignore the pessimism of others.

It can take your dreams from you.

Stay positive.

Don't Quit

When things go wrong,
as they sometimes will,
And the road you're trudging
seems all uphill,
When the funds are low and
the debts are high,
And you want to smile,
but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,
As every one of us sometimes learns.
And many a failure turns about
When he might have won
had he stuck it out.

Don't give up though
the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.
Often the goal is nearer than it seems
To a faint and faltering man.

Often the struggler has given up when he
Might have captured the victor's cup,
And he learned too late when the night
slipped down,
How close he was to the golden crown.
Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are.
It may be near when it seems afar.

So stick to the fight
when you're hardest hit.
It's when things seem worst
that you mustn't quit.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER

Top score: Tom Kelly, 1st Lady: Catherine Fitzpatrick, 2nd Lady: Margaret Flanagan. 1st Gent: Frank Keenan, 2nd Gent: Tom Jacob, 1st Half: PJ Cahill, 2nd Half: Sadie Chester. 13 Tricks: Frank Keenan & Sadie Chester. Raffle: 1st Frances Dunne, 2nd Sadie Chester, 3rd PJ Cahill. Thanks to all for your support. Whist continues every Tuesday at 7.30 in the Parish Centre, new players always welcome, lessons available if required; Contact 086 8812228.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT Monday 16th November: BOWLS in St Mary's Hall from 2-4pm. Wednesday 18th afternoon with Caroline Cahill from 3pm in Parish Centre. Thursday 19th in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchy "cards and chat" from 3pm. New members welcome to any/all - tuition given - for further information contact Maria at 087-9187157.

BRIDGE BALLYROAN in the Sue Ryder Centre, Ballyroan, every Thursday at 7.20pm. New members welcome. Contact 087 1258734.

LINE DANCING - all are welcome to join us Thursdays 8pm Seanchistin, Ballyfin, R32AY99 with gentle exercise to the best of music. Ph Maureen 0876482038 / seanchistin@gmail.com

DANCING commenced Monday, 9th November, for 6 weeks, Parish Centre Portlaoise, 11am. Beginner friendly, foxtrot, quickstep, jive, waltz, céilí. Cost €20. Contact 087-6482038. Come alone or bring a partner – total enjoyment assured.

WEDNESDAY SINGERS CHOIR Do you enjoy singing, making new friends and having a cuppa and chat – if so come along on the Wednesday Singers Choir at Treo Nua Community Centre, Harpers Lane. Wednesday mornings 11am-12.30pm. Open to all.

LAOIS CO. BRIDGE CLUB PORTLAOISE New members welcome and also recruiting Beginners – lessons will be given – Bridge takes place **Wednesday MORNINGS,** contact William 087-0929898.

CÉILÍ AND SET DANCES All are welcome to join us Wednesdays at 8pm at Seanchistin, Irey, Ballyfin R32AY99 to dance our native céilí and set dances in a relaxed and inclusive environment at a gentle pace - beginners very welcome - come alone or bring a partner. Further details Maureen 0876482038 or seanchistin@gmail.com.

FOURTH WALL LAOIS THEATRE GROUP seeking Actors/Actresses all age groups. Also looking for Backstage People. Contact Kevin: 087-9614235 – follow us on Facebook. An ideal group to be part of performing in various theatres around Ireland including the Dunamaise Arts Centre.

PORTLAOISE COMMUNITY CHESS CLUB next Meeting Sat. 14th Nov. 1.30pm in the Library. The first Irish woman Chess grandmaster Ms Trisha Kanyamarala, from Portlaoise, will be in attendance. All are welcome.

HEARING AID LOST in Portlaoise. If found, Contact 087-3951925.

PORTLAOISE TIDY TOWNS NEW VOLUNTEERS are always welcome. if you would like to meet new people and enjoy the outdoors why not join us on Saturday mornings 9am in Lyster Square opposite Mulhalls Supervalu. "love where you live".

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RELIGIOUS NOTES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Every Sunday at 3PM in the Parish Church.

ROSARY IN THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH Daily 3pm.

ROSARY will be recited in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, every evening at 7pm.

VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH Holy Hour, Adoration, and Prayer for Vocations. Every Friday at 3pm in the Parish Church.

LEGION OF MARY invites you to join us every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Parish Prayer Hall as we come together in prayer and service to Our Lady.

COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP Please join us in community prayers every Tuesday at 11:00am via WhatsApp. For further details, please contact Noreen on 085-2689767. All are welcome.

GUILD OF ST. PHILIP NERI PORTLAOISE visits prisoners in **Portlaoise & Midlands Prison** as befrienders/listeners. The guild is a conference of St. Vincent de Paul. Ph. 086-0462405 for further information.

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE to remember deceased staff and members of **Laois County Council** will be held Monday 16th November in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. People of all faiths welcome. Light refreshments afterwards.

THE ANNUAL MASS FOR DECEASED PRISON OFFICERS & FAMILIES will take place in Portlaoise Parish Church on Thursday 19th November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

PORTLAOISE GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 23rd-27th August 2027 4nights/5 days Flying direct Dublin to Lourdes & return Lourdes to Knock Airport accompanied by spiritual director. €850 p/p/s Agena Hotel. €200 deposit secures your seat (ideal Christmas gift). Options of weekly installments available. Limited places. **Black Friday offer of €100 off**, if paid in full by Friday 27th Nov. 26. Contact John Egan 087-1254841 or Mary Byrne 085-2829231.

Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Ann Heffernan (née Keogh)
Liogard, Portlaoise



Fint Duff
Rathnamanagh



Julia Cushen (née Finlay)
Rathmore, Stradbally



Kathleen Flynn
Parnell Crescent



James Roche
Ballycarroll, Portlaoise



Mary Harte (née Carr)
Ballydavis, Portlaoise





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CHRISTY O'DRISCOLL

Late of Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary - 10th November 2026.

God called your name so softly
That only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
Of angels drawing near.
The golden gates stood open
God saw you needed rest
His garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best.

Loved and missed by all his loving family.

May Christy Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BRIGID CONROY

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs
14th November 2026.

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Brigid



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PATRICK FENNELLY

30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs
15th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Sunday 15th November at 10am.**

As each day dawns, we think of you,
As each night falls, we pray for you,
And throughout our lives, no matter where,
In our hearts you are always there.

Sadly missed and loved always by Mary, Eugene, Seán and Ronan.

Rest in Peace Patrick



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PATRICK FENNELLY

30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs
15th November 2026.

No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts is always kept for you.

Always remembered by Bee and family.

Rest in Peace Patrick



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FINT GORMAN

84 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs
16th November 2026.

May the winds of Heaven blow softly
and whisper in your ear,
How much we love and miss you,
and wish that you were here.

Loved and missed always by your 8 Children, Grandchildren, Great grandchildren extended family and friends.

May Fint Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET HARDING

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs on 16th November 2026.

A beautiful smile, a heart of gold,
One of the best, this world could hold.

Lovingly remembered and missed by Mary.

Rest in Peace Margaret



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET HARDING (NÉE CONROY)

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 16th November 2026.

Always in our hearts.

Forever loved, cherished and never forgotten by all your brothers.

Rest in Peace Margaret



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JIM LALOR

The Heath, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 19th November 2026.

In God's care you rest above
In our hearts you rest in love
Never more than a thought away
Loved and remembered every day.

Sadly missed & forever loved by his family.

May Jim Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARTIN LALOR

No. 1 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 17th November.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, **Tuesday 17th November at 10am.**

Will those who think of Martin today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Rest in Peace Martin





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OUR MOTHER

KATIE GING

AND HER DAUGHTERS

KATHLEEN O'REILLY & MARY NOLAN

ALSO HER SON

JOHN JOE GING

AND ALSO REMEMBERING

MARGARET GING

On her 7th Birthday away from Home.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this **Sunday 15th November at 10am**.

Will those who think of them today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving families.

May They Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

LIAM KELLY

14 Hawthorn Way, Portlaoise, Laois.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurs 14th November 2026.

Until We Meet Again, in Heaven

The Lord called you home to His heavenly kingdom,
Where sorrow and suffering are no more.
May the angels guide you to eternal peace,
And may you rest in God's loving arms.
Although a year has passed without you,
Our love for you will never fade.
We find comfort in our faith and prayers,
And in the promise that we will meet again.
Until that day, may God keep you close,
And may the light of heaven shine upon you.

Thank you for the years we shared,
For the memories that will live forever,
And for the love that even death cannot take away.
Until the day we meet again.

Deeply loved and missed from Theresa his wife, sons Joel & Sean, Uncle Finian, cousins Fiona, Ursula, Orla. Bridget, Catriona & Jimmy Rowan.

May he Rest in Eternal Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARY NOLAN

29th Anniversary - Died 14/11/1997.

"She has gone no further from us
than to God and
God is very near".

Sadly missed by her husband Michael and family.

May Mary
Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THERESA O'CONNELL (NÉE SCULLY)

Kilminchy, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary - 14th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church, on
Sunday 15th November at 12.30pm.
Will those who think of Theresa today
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed by your loving Husband, son Brian, family, relatives and friends.

Rest in Peace Theresa



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

KATHLEEN O'REILLY

29th Anniversary - Died 12/11/1997.

A sudden call from God on High,
We had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell, you fell asleep,
But memories of you we will always keep.

Sadly missed by your loving husband James, son James, daughters Catriona, Anita and Louise, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ANN PAISLEY

41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

33rd Anniversary occurs
13th November 2026.

Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last forever.

Sadly missed and remembered always by all her loving family.

May Ann Rest in Peace



MONTH'S MIND REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DERMOT MARTIN

Liogard, Portlaoise.

Month's Mind Mass for Dermot in
St. Peter & Paul's Church on
Saturday 14th November at 6.30pm.

The family of the late Dermot Martin would like to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss.

We wish to extend our special thanks to Matthew Keegan, Funeral Director, and the grave diggers, for their compassionate care in giving Dermot a dignified and fitting farewell.

We would also like to express our deepest gratitude to Martleys Transport, where Dermot worked, and to his colleagues for providing such a touching guard of honour in his memory. It was a fitting tribute to Dermot and a testament to the respect and regard in which he was held.

Our sincere thanks to Sarah Troy for her beautiful singing during the funeral Mass, which added such a moving touch to the Mass.

We are deeply grateful to the doctors, nurses and all the staff of Portlaoise Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital and Tallaght Hospital for the kindness, care and compassion they showed Dermot during his time in their care.

A special word of thanks to his doctor, Dr Simon Honan, for his continued care and support for Dermot throughout.

To Breslin's Pharmacy, Portlaoise, for always doing their best on every occasion.

We would also like to thank our family, friends, neighbours and all those who sent Mass cards, messages of condolences and attended Dermot's funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

May Dermot's Gentle Soul
Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CAROLINE (CARRIE) HIGGINS

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs
10th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Saturday 14th November at 6.30pm.

When God was making mothers, He must have made a fuss,
He spent a lot of time on one and gave that one to us.
Of all the gifts in life, however great or small,
to have you as our mother was the greatest gift of all,
Because you were so special, no words could ever say
how much we love and miss you, Today and every day.

Loved and missed always by your loving Family.

May Caroline Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DAD

DAN RAFTER

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.

Whose 3rd Anniversary occurs
November 17th 2026.

Anniversary Mass in St. Peter & Paul's Church,
Sunday 15th November at 10am.

There's a special kind of feeling
When I think about you Dad
It's a pleasure to remember
All the happy times we've had
There's a special kind of love
That is meant for you alone
There's a place somewhere within my heart
That only you can own.

Loved and remembered by
his Son Daniel & Daughter-in Law Kathy

Rest in Peace Dan



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DANIEL (DANNY) WHELAN

Whose 31st birthday occurs
16th November 2026.

So many things have happened
Since you were called away
So many things to share with you,
Had you been left to stay.
Every day in some small way
Memories of you come our way
Though absent, you are ever near
Still missed, loved and always dear.

Much loved and missed everyday by your family.

May Danny's Soul Rest in the Arms of Heavenly Angels



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

FINTAN (FINT) TROY

Ballyhyland, Portlaoise
10th Anniversary occurs
15th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church
on **Sunday 15th November at 11.15am.**

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Sadly missed by all your loving family.

May Fint Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

TOMMY SKELLY

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs
12th November 2026.

Every day in some small way,
Memories of you come our way,
Though absent you are always near,
Still loved, missed and forever dear.

Loved and remembered by your loving wife Laura and family.

Rest in Peace Tommy



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN (JACK) & MAURA TARLETON



Rossleighan, Portlaoise.

35th & 33rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
Sunday 15th November at 11.15am.

Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Loved and missed always by your loving family.

May John and Maura Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARGARET RYAN

Grattan Street / later Limerick.

22nd Anniversary occurs
18th November 2026.

Will those who think of Margaret today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Always loved and remembered by all her loving family.

May Margaret Rest in Peace

Christmas Memorials

The Link Up office is currently taking bookings **for Christmas Memorials**

N.B. PLEASE NOTE

as the Link Up is now collated externally:

ALL MEMORIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH

for inclusion in the Christmas edition of the Link Up ***(December 20th)***
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