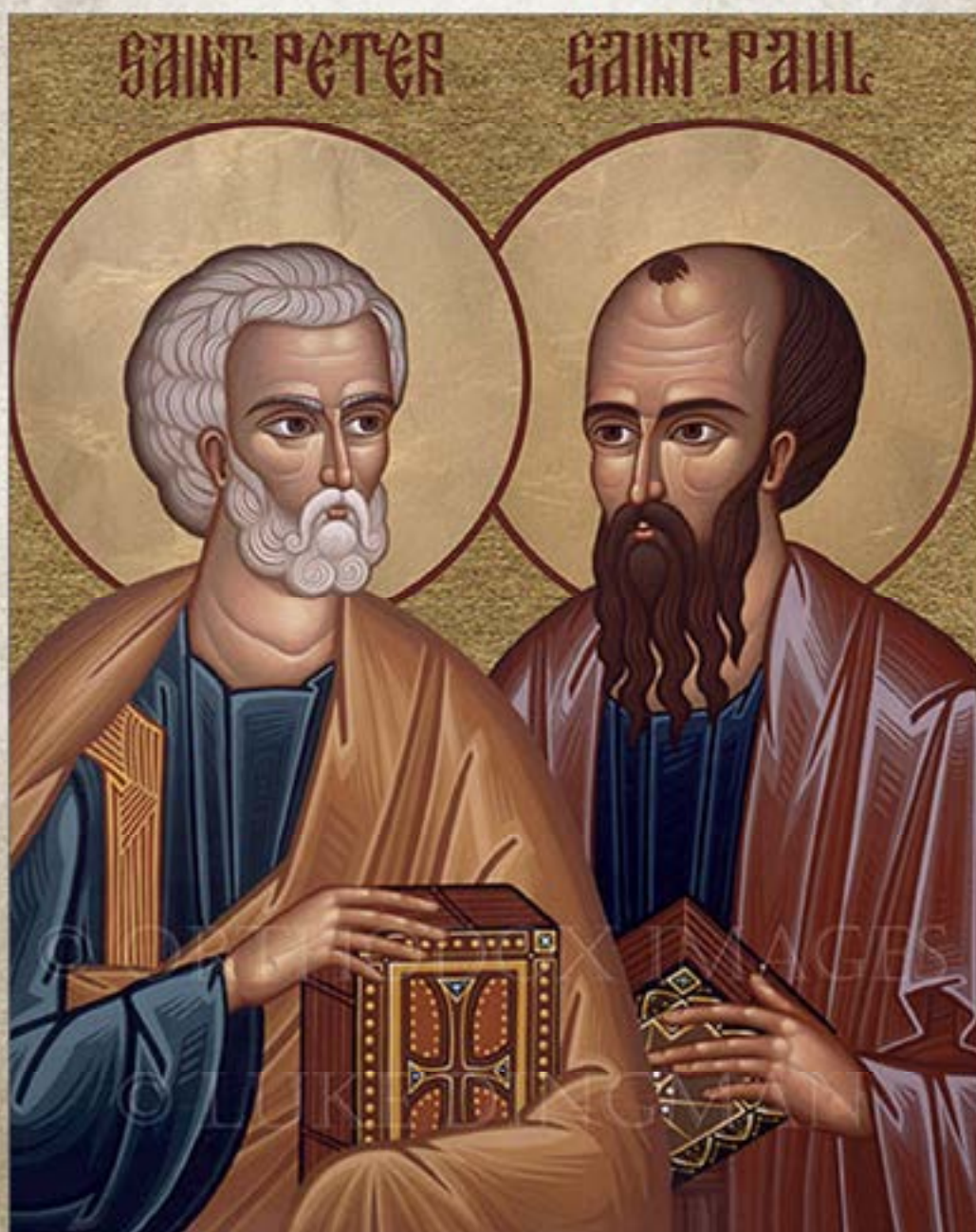


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28th June 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tomorrow 29th June
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WATER THICKER THAN BLOOD

Many years ago, I heard a sermon in which the priest made this peculiar, yet intriguing statement: 'Water is thicker than blood'.

He was referring to the question poses in today's second reading from his letter to the Romans: Are you unaware that we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death? We were buried

with him through baptism..... so that... we might live in newness of life.' Similarly, the Gospel of Matthew poses the puzzling and often upsetting assertion: 'Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.' To understand these claims, we must consider the time and place in which Jesus was making this claim. Jewish families in Jesus time were controlled by the unquestionable authority of the father. Everyone in his household lived in total submission to him. Today's sacred writings reminds us that Jesus and Paul recognised that his notion of family was too small, too narrow, too restrictive. The larger and far more important reality was the conviction that the waters of baptism can create a new kind of family — a family that is composed of people who have discovered that an entirely different style of living is attainable. This new style they are recommending demonstrates how the waters of baptism can truly be thicker than blood. The message is clear: Our baptism matters. It changes us. It calls us to re-think our value system, to review what truly counts, to re-commit ourselves to what will surely last against all odds.

Jesus wants us to leave behind the kind of family that was so prominent in his time, and begin forming a family united by the common desire to do God's will. In doing so, Jesus is asking us to re-imagine the meaning of family, namely a community of people dedicated to witnessing to the world what life could be like if we were willing to be transformed and changed. It will involve stretching us, pulling us out of our small selves, introducing us to something bigger and richer and fuller. It will involve taking us to a whole new level of living. Even to one where water is thicker than blood.

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Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Thursday: 7.30am & 10am
Friday (First 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

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass.

The priests of the parish will attend their communion calls this week.



Friday (First Friday)
Eucharistic Adoration
Exposition at 6pm
Benediction at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7.30pm



We welcome into our Parish Community

Weldon Shane Finnermore, Colliers Court

Cormac Aiden Barnacle, Ard Branagh

Who were baptised last weekend.

Thought for today!

To make everybody happy because everybody has a right to be happy and to have what they need.



St. Thomas the Apostle
3rd July

'Doubting Thomas' shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the "sons of thunder," Philip and his foolish request to see the Father - in fact all the apostles in their flaws and lack of understanding. However we mustn't dwell too much on these facts, for Jesus chose his disciples because he could see their worth despite their weakness. We are shown that God chooses ordinary men and women just like us to do his work.

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RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON 23RD JUNE

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT Wednesday Meetings are CLOSED for July and August in Parish Centre (returning September 2nd) enjoy the summer. Monday Bowls continue as usual in St Mary's Hall also "Cards and Chat" in Sue Ryder Kilminchy on Thursdays for July and August as usual. for information contact Maria at 087-9187157.

SOCIAL CHESS CLUB PORTLAOISE for adults only (male and female). The next chess meetings will be held in Portlaoise Library on Saturday 4th July between 1 pm and 4pm and it is free. Board games are provided in the library. The Portlaoise Social Chess Club have a website and it is <https://portlaoisechessclub.ie>. Chess games are usually held every two weeks in the library, Check the website for clarification of dates and times.

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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.

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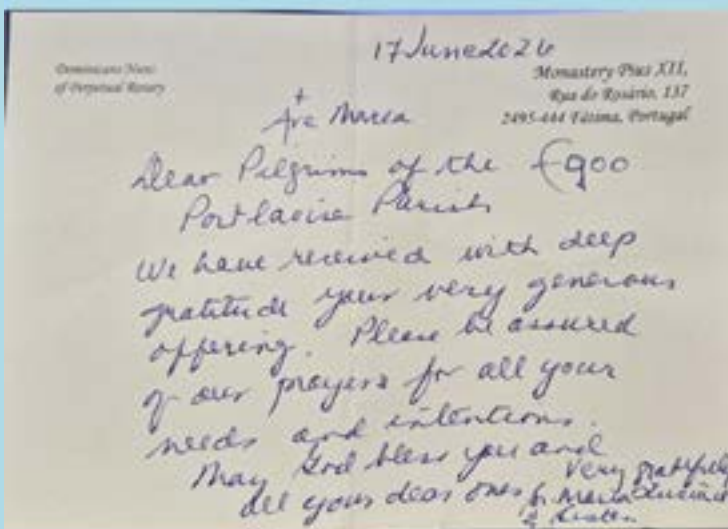


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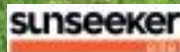
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Welcome - what does the word "welcome" mean? It means to receive someone in a warm and friendly way. Are people always welcome in our homes? Do we welcome people into our home if their skin is a different colour from ours? Do we welcome people into our homes if they don't have as much money as we do?

How about in our church? Do you think that we make everyone feel welcome in our church? Do we speak to those people who are visiting our church that we do not know? If someone comes to our church and they are not dressed the way we are dressed, do we make sure that they are made to feel welcome? Jesus said, "He who receives you receives me." If we turn that around, we will understand that if we do not welcome others into our homes and into our churches, it is the same as if we are refusing to welcome Jesus. We wouldn't do that, would we? Well, let's put the welcome mat out — and let's be sure that we mean it!



*Dear Father, help us to remember that when we refuse to welcome others to our homes and to our church, it is the same as refusing to welcome you.
In Jesus' name we pray. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Keeping Safe during Summer Holidays

This week marks the beginning of summer holidays for all our primary school children and teachers. Summer holidays from school are perhaps the best time of the year. No early mornings, long evenings and plenty of time to do fun things. It's very important to get out and play. Don't fall into the trap of being 'stuck in' all day on your computer games. It's also important to remember to be safe.



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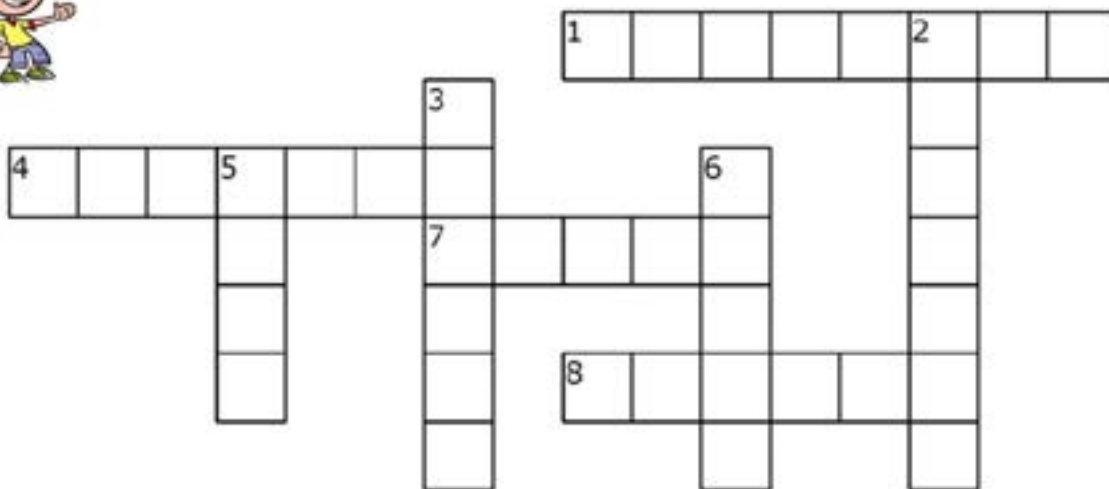
And always let your parents know where you are, following their instructions.

We wish all you a wonderful summer holiday.



"Welcome!"

"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me" **Matthew 10:40 (NIV)**



ACROSS

1. A follower of Jesus.
4. To gladly receive someone into your own house.
7. An odourless, colourless, tasteless liquid; H2O.
8. Small; not large

DOWN

2. A person who speaks for God.
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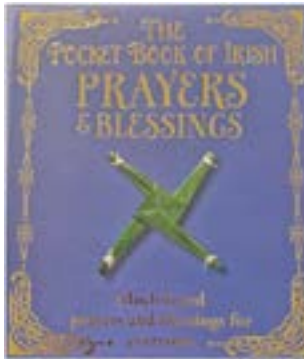


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Time to Think...

The Cuckoo Song



The cuckoo is an extraordinary bird. It's first soundings are warmly greeted as its song reminds us that winter has passed and much brighter days ahead. Here in Abbeyleix local bog walk, the cuckoo's presence brings comfort and healing. Yet the cuckoo itself is painfully unaware of how valued and loved its beautiful life is. A solitary bird, the cuckoo lives alone without intimacy and friendship and even nest. I am reminded about the cuckoo following recent tragic deaths because of mental illness. Our minds like the cuckoos be unaware of the love and affection we are surrounded by. We all know the importance of minding our minds. Peace of Mind is a wonderful gift, these long summer days, offers opportunity, to nourish our mental health.

Sometimes it seems as if God is more absent than present. If God is there at all, he seems distant and remote, so far removed from us that there is no contact. Where is God into today's secularized world, preoccupied as it is with power, position and possessions?

Perhaps we can find God first of all in the ordinary events of human life as, for example, when we experience hope in the face of hopelessness, fidelity to promises, holding firmly to values, trust instead of cynicism, enduring in struggle, rising after falling, acting above selfishness, being a fool for moral reasons, avoiding power-struggles, loving without a sure reason, acting on conscience, and accepting death serenely. Isn't there also something of God in a baby's smile, the enjoyment of a good meal with friends, the majesty of a red sunset, the feeling of being clean and fresh after a shower, or of being rested after a good night's sleep?

It's worth mentioning in passing that the Jewish book, the Mishna, says that God will call us to account for every pleasure which we did not enjoy.

In the Gospel, Jesus very often tells his disciples to wake up, to watch, to look, to see. He complained about their inability to see what was in front of them. When they did see something, they usually failed to see its significance.

They would not have noticed that a vineyard is not just a garden with vines in it but a place where the miracle of water being turned into wine goes on all the time.

And God is also present in other situations: wherever two or three gather in his name; in the quiet but insistent voice of conscience speaking from the sanctuary of the soul; in the beauty and grandeur of creation which can lead to contemplation of the creator; in the Bible which is the word of the Lord; in the silence of quiet personal prayer without words, thoughts or ideas, but only love; in the sacraments which are unique moments of God's presence in humanity; in the church, the community of the disciples of Jesus, vulnerable and struggling; and especially in the Eucharist when Jesus in his totality is present to the one who receives in faith.

The English poetess, Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote that:

'Earth is crammed with Heaven and every common bush on fire with God.

But only he who sees takes off his shoes.

The rest sit around and pluck blackberries.'

A New Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity

to accept the people I cannot change,

which is pretty much everyone,

since I'm clearly not you, God.

At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,

please give me the courage

to change what I need to change about myself,

which is frankly a lot, since, once again,

I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.

It's better for me to focus on changing myself

than to worry about changing other people,

who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,

I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up

whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter

than everyone else in the room,

that no one knows what they're talking about except me,

or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,

grant me the wisdom

to remember that I'm not you.



Congratulations Fr. Paddy!

Celebrating your Silver Jubilee



The 24th June marked the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Paddy Byrne's ordination to the priesthood. As a parish community, we join with his family, friends and parishioners in Abbeylax, Raheen and Ballinakill in giving thanks to God for twenty-five years of generous and dedicated priestly ministry.

Over the past quarter century, Fr. Paddy has served with distinction in Newbridge, Bagenalstown, Portlaoise and now across the three parishes entrusted to his care. Today, his ministry spans six churches and countless pastoral responsibilities, yet he continues to give of himself with remarkable energy, enthusiasm and good humour.

Many people know Fr. Paddy through his thoughtful and engaging writing. His weekly *Time to Think* reflection in *The Link Up* and his regular column in *The Nationalist* offer encouragement, challenge and inspiration to a wide readership. In 2017, he published *All Will Be Well*, offering hope and inspiration through reflections, stories, parables and prayers. And a title that perfectly captures his outlook on life and ministry and a phrase he often uses – *All Will Be Well*. He also regularly brings his unique perspective to local and national radio, where his honesty, insight and refreshing sense of humour help people engage with important issues

facing the Church and society today.

In an increasingly digital world, Fr. Paddy has embraced new ways of reaching people, building an online community of more than 33,000 followers on X. Whether through the written word, the airwaves or social media, his message remains consistent: one of faith, compassion, hope and respect for every person.

Here in Portlaoise, where Fr. Paddy served for seven happy years, he is regarded with great affection. His kindness, his accessibility and his special concern for those on the margins and those in need left a lasting impression on many lives. While we were sorry to see him move, we took comfort in the fact that he was only going next door. As members of the same pastoral area, we continue to work closely together in serving our communities.

Pope Francis often reminded priests to be “shepherds living with the smell of the sheep”—close to their people, sharing their joys and struggles. Fr. Paddy has lived that vision with authenticity and generosity throughout his priesthood.

As he marks this significant milestone, we thank God for the gift of his vocation, for his friendship and for the many ways he continues to enrich the lives of others.

Ad multos annos, Fr. Paddy. May the Lord who called you continue to bless and sustain you in the years ahead.



“Where two or three are gathered in my name”



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May They Rest In Peace
Our Sympathies Are With Their Families



In Loving Memory of

MICHAEL (MICK) GING

Green Road, Portlaoise, Laois.

3rd Anniversary - 28th of June 2026.

Mick

The moment that you died, my heart was torn in two,
one side filled with heartache, the other died with you.
I often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep,
And take a walk down memory lane, with tears upon my cheeks.

Remembering you is easy, I do it every day,
but missing you is heartache, that never goes away.
I hold you tightly within my heart, and there you will remain.
Until the joyous day arrives, that we will meet again.

Love Breda.

Dad

We're missing you a little more
Each time we hear your name,
We've cried so many tears
Yet our hearts broken just the same.
We miss our times together
Things in common we could share.
But nothing fills the emptiness,
Now you're no longer there.
We've so many precious memories
To last our whole life through
Each one of them reminders
Of how much we're missing you.

Love from Yvonne, Pdraig, John and Antoinette.

Grandad

It's been the hardest thing to lose you, you meant so much to me
But you are in my heart Grandad, and that's where you'll always be
I know that heaven called you, But I wish you could have stayed
At least the memories I have of you, they will never fade
I did not want to lose you. But you did not go alone
Because a part of me went with you, when heaven called you home
So just remember one thing, we are not apart
You're with me in my memories, and in my broken heart.
*Love you forever Grandad, from, Jack, Aaron, Jeremy, Michael,
Patrick, Sean, Owen, Alex, Cian, Oscar and Hannah.*



In Loving Memory of

PAULINE FLANAGAN

Dunamais House, Stradbally.

34th Anniversary occurred 19th June.
88th Birthday Remembrance 29th June.

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

*Sadly missed by Joe and Anita,
Seamie, Alicia, Minnie, Riley, Eamonn, Lauren and Shauna.*

Rest in Peace Pauline

In Loving Memory of
MSGR. CAOIMHÍN
(KEVIN) O'NEILL
Ballyroan Road, Abbeyleix /
Mountrath / Carlow.

3rd Anniversary occurs 29th June 2026.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Church of Most Holy
Rosary, Abbeyleix on **Saturday 27th June at 5pm.**

"Death is nothing else but going home to God,
the bond of love will be unbroken for all eternity"
- Mother Teresa

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
OLIVER BARTLEY

91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurred
27th June 2026.

Oliver's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 27th June at 6:30pm
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church.

Dad, I miss you every day,
You were so precious and unique,
a guiding light throughout my life,
You were my strength when I was weak.
Happy memories flood my mind whenever I think of you,
but you can never be replaced, that much is sadly true.
The fact that you're no longer here
Still fills my heart with pain,
I wish I had just one last chance to talk with you again.
I shall always remember the closeness we had,
I love you and miss you so much,
My kind and thoughtful Dad.

*Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by
His daughter Monalisa, son-in-law Donal
And grandchildren Darryl and Stefan.*

No special time is needed for us to think of you,
To us you were someone special and
We thought the world of you,
Your memory is our greatest treasure,
To have, to love, and keep forever,
Time slips by life goes on,
But in our hearts, you are never gone.

*Loved and missed by his sons John, Oliver, Shay and Darren,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren
and the Bartley family.*

May Oliver Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
GAVIN RICE

Cloncough, Kilbricken, Mountrath.
13th Anniversary occurs 29th June.

Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.

*Miss you and love you always, Mam, Dad,
Niamb, Deirdre, Ann-Marie and extended family xxx*

Rest in Peace Gavin



In Loving Memory of
A Precious Daughter, Sister,
Aunt and Granddaughter
LEONA CUDDY

Meelick, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary away from home
occurs 2nd July.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church **Friday 3rd July at 7:30pm.**

A silent grief that's in our hearts,
No human eye can trace,
For many a broken heart is hid,
Beneath a smiling face.

Forever in our hearts.

Missing you always.

Mam, Dad, Shane, Rhys, Luke and granddad Mick.

*Rest in Peace Leona
May Heaven be your Bed*



In Loving Memory of
EMILY DUNNE
Pembroke Terrace, Abbeyleix
who died on the 9th July 2023.

Emily's 3rd Anniversary Mass will
take place in the Church of the
Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix on
Saturday 4th July 2026 at 5pm.

Much beloved daughter, sister, teacher and friend to many.

Do not stand at my grave and weep,
I am not there; I do not sleep.
I am in a thousand winds that blow,
I am the softly falling snow.
I am the gentle showers of rain,
I am the fields of ripening grain.
I am in the morning hush,
I am in the graceful rush
of beautiful birds in circling flight,
I am the starshine of the night.
I am in the flowers that bloom,
I am in a quiet room.
I am in the birds that sing,
I am in each lovely thing.
Do not stand at my grave bereft
I am not there. I have not left.

Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Emily



Acknowledgement & Month's Mind
In Loving Memory of
DAITHÍ LALOR

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

Daithí's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in
St. Peter's & Paul's Church on **Saturday, 27th June, 2026 at 6.30pm.**

Mags, Shauna, Oisín & Cillian along with Ger, Marie & Olive wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with us on our recent and huge loss of a wonderful, Husband, Dad, Brother & Friend to so many.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended Daithí's wake, funeral Mass, all who joined us via the webcam and all who travelled with us to Newland's Cross Crematorium.

To all who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, text messages, phone calls and condolences through RIP.ie we thank you.

A special thank you to all who travelled to be with us at this extremely difficult time.

Fr. Adriano and all the Priests of the Parish & Sister Sacristan Julie thank you so very much for all your kindness and support. A special note of gratitude to Monsignor John Byrne for the most beautiful requiem Mass for Daithí and the great support shown to us.

Thanks to Richie O'Brien who travelled from Kerry to enrich Daithí funeral Mass, singing some of his favourite songs so well it was truly lovely. Also, Michelle Bartley, Parish Centre for all your guidance and support in organising the Funeral, it was greatly appreciated.

A special heartfelt thank you to Dr. Basanuaid and all his wonderful team for all the care and attention shown to Daithí during his illness. To Ann Marie O'Shea ANP we will be forever grateful to you, as you were only ever a short phone call or visit away. The dedicated nurses and staff at A & E, C.C.U. and the medical ward in M.R.H. thank you so much. A big thank you to John Joe from Airliguide. You were always one step ahead of us on our journey – your kindness did not go unnoticed. To Dr. Adrian and all the staff in Clann Medical Centre that looked after Daithí so well we are truly grateful. To Jim & Deirdre and all the wonderful staff in Hughes Chemist we really appreciate everything you did for us and Daithí in recent months and years. The National Ambulance Service for their quick responses to our calls we thank you dearly.

Thank you to Paul Hyland from Rankin's undertakers for your professionalism throughout the toughest days of our lives, also to Matthew Keegan for the use of the funeral home. A special thanks to Caroline from the Funeral Ministry Team for saying the Rosary with us in the funeral home. The beautiful Guards of Honour from Scoil Chríost Rí, St. Mary's C.B.S. & Portlaoise G.A.A. your attendance gave us great comfort being surrounded by School & Sport friends.

There are no words that can ever thank Elaine (Mag's sister) enough for all her help organising us & everything to do with Daithí's beautiful funeral – Míle Buíochas.

A big thank you to Doc for his lovely/funny words in the crematorium, Daithí would have loved it.

We are so grateful to all our neighbours and friends that provided food and refreshments over the toughest days. A big thanks to Scratch (Mick) Conroy our local postman for the daily visits, Daithí looked forward to the chats. Also Mickey Lawless it's great to know you were always on hand.

We will be forever grateful to everyone who lit candles and said prayers for Shauna, Oisín & Cillian as they sat their Leaving Cert during this most difficult time.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest appreciation & gratitude.

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