

1st September 2019

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect our common home. More on page 18 & 19.

#### Pied Beauty

Glory be to God for dappled things -  
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;  
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
Landscape plotted and pieced-fold, fallow, and plough;  
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.  
All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise Him.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

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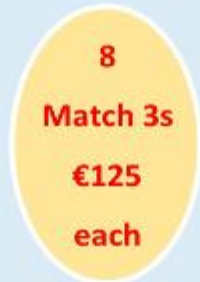


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**for September 2019**  
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There's plenty we can do to save our oceans. We can choose sustainable fish in our weekly shopping. We can cut down on our plastics much of which

ends up in our oceans, and we can clean up after ourselves when we use the beach. However the main initiatives have to be made by our world leaders, and this political will has to be supported by our scientists. This month, Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for September, **"...That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans."**

**Trip to the Holy Land**

**Tickets for the upcoming trip to the Holy Land will be distributed next Wednesday evening (4th September) at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.**



## God's Round Table

It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted." Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different. Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means that understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

## Mother Teresa Of Calcutta

5th September

Mother Teresa's life sounds like a legend. The Albanian girl who entered an Irish order to go to India as a missionary and became an "Angel of the Poor" for countless people. She was greatly revered by Christians as well as Muslims, Hindus and unbelievers, as she brought the message of Christian love for one's neighbour from the slums of Calcutta to the whole world. A reminder to everyone that faith can move mountains, and that hope can never die.

We welcome the Missionaries of Charity to our 10am Mass on Tuesday as we give thanks for their work in spreading the good news of the Gospel.



## Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

**Monday - Thursday**  
7.30am & 10am

**Friday (First Friday)**

7.30am & 10am  
The Heath: 7pm  
Ratheniska: 7pm

**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,

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Church of the Holy Cross,

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## CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am  
& 6.30pm Masses.



## Communion Calls

The priests of the parish will attend their rounds on Friday (First Friday).



Fáilte

**We welcome into our Parish Community**

Juraj Sorokac, Carmody Way

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Conor John Cummins, Lime Tree Avenue

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**Who were baptised last weekend**

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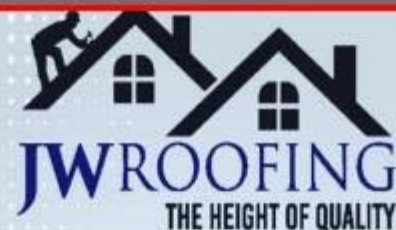
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Jesus said, "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Get away from me.'"

Does that sound harsh to you? Where is that narrow door that we must find and how do we enter in? You may remember that Jesus once told a story about the good shepherd. In that parable, Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he will be saved." (John 10:9) There is only one door to enter into heaven and that door is Jesus. Who can enter that door? Anyone! If we put our faith and trust in him, we won't be left standing outside knocking and crying, "Let me in."

### PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, we are thankful that you loved us so much that you sent Jesus, your only Son, to be the door through which we can enter into heaven.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to."

Luke 13:24



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## Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord, use my eyes to **see** new friends.



Open my ears to **hear** my teacher.

Open my mind to **learn** new things.



Let my heart **remember** You are near when I'm afraid

Help me to **love** others like you do.

I want to **shine** your light so bright in my school.

Amen.

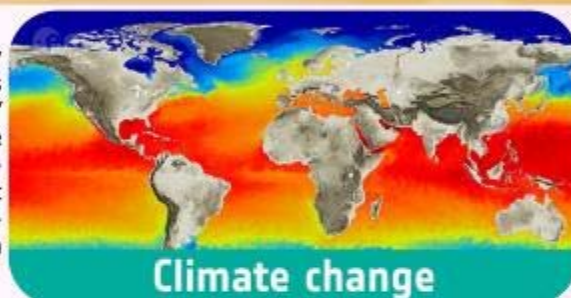


# TIME TO THINK!

## CLIMATE CHANGE ... A REAL PROBLEM

### Climate Action Plan: Will we adapt to climate chaos?

The much anticipated 'Climate Action Plan' was recently released by the Irish Government (June 17). The Climate Action Plan arrives as a reaction to both electoral and public demonstrations of citizens' impatience with this and previous Governments' 'laggard' response to climate breakdown. The Climate Action Plan was already required as a result of Ireland's commitment to the Paris Agreement and draws from the 2017 Citizen Assembly's Climate recommendations and the report from the Joint Committee on Climate Action in 2019.



### Plan of plans

The plan concentrates on the first of the two main objectives. It outlines how to decrease our emissions in small increments, which in my opinion offers more than a hint of 'kicking the can' until after 2030. This incremental approach has been the focus of a lot of criticism, with the general feeling that the plan lacks the ambition of the preceding report from the Joint Committee on Climate Action – so far, not so good.

What I found most disappointing, and frankly alarming, is that the Government's plan has chosen to completely ignore the fact we need to adapt to climate breakdown now, not at some undefined future date. Ireland is already experiencing extreme weather events including flooding, drought and extreme snow-fall. However, the Government's plan for adaption is concentrated on building resilience through plans, strategies and support, notably without a single euro of further spending commitments.

This vague 'plan of plans' is meant to guide and protect us through the worst of the impacts of the climate emergency is truly worrying. It signifies that the Government is again 'lagging' behind.

### Lacking a holistic approach

The Climate Action Plan's method of cost benefit analysis has failed to join the dots between land management policies that contribute to both mitigation and adaption as well as considering the co-benefits for biodiversity and wellbeing. Nature based solutions have been particularly ignored in this plan in favour of consuming better technology to shield us. Restoring and enhancing the natural environment can help both absorb excess carbon emissions and buffer us from the extremes in weather that we are facing.

The plan mentions that these actions would play a role in carbon capture and are consequently important in climate breakdown mitigation. What the plan fails to deliver is the connection between how these actions could also play a vital role in climate adaption, both at local and national level. The potential of these approaches is not widely appreciated in Irish culture and this is a clear example of an area where the Government could provide leadership which would offer real hope. Restoring and rehabilitating bogs would lead to increased absorption capacity of excess water in times of flooding and be a source of water in times of drought, acting as a natural buffer to weather extremes. Diversification of agriculture, including agro-forestry, allows the farmer to adapt to climate breakdown by providing a range of possible income sources, reducing water runoff and soil erosion.

On reading the Plan I learned that that "early adaptation planning for the impacts of climate change makes economic sense". I was struck that the benefits to biodiversity, overall quality of the landscape and human well-being are not even considered in this document. Omitting these benefits and opportunities from this document, and instead relying on cost-efficiency, has created a one-dimensional plan that will fail in its efforts to capture public support and buy-in that a crisis like this needs. It's as if the Government wants to protect the environment simply as a financial resource, but never acknowledges that it is where we live, how we live, a thing we love regardless of its economic benefits.

### Gentle nudge or political fudge?

From a social justice perspective, the failure and deliberate reluctance to tackle climate adaption at the national level, pushing the responsibility instead to the individual level is both morally and practically problematic. The impacts of climate breakdown in Ireland is felt very unequally, depending on: where you live, your occupation and how much money you make. Repeated flooding has left homes uninsurable, drought disproportionately impacts farmers who cannot feed their animals, and storm damage is more devastating to people who do not have the resources to repair the damage every year. This is putting people under increased emotional and financial stress. The plan commits to a 'Just Transition', but I was left asking "whose justice, which transition?" There are absolutely no practical measures mentioned in this plan of plans that would help alleviate some of these pressures.

It must be remembered that in a global context, Ireland is fortunate that while the weather is getting more extreme, we are still able to have sustainable lives here. With holistic and immediate action, Ireland has the ability to adapt to these changes and buffer ourselves from the worst of climate chaos. Other countries are not so fortunate. Ironically, in the long-run, refusing to make changes now is the worst possible use of our resources.

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## Pope Francis on Caring for Our Common Home

"We need to strengthen our conviction that we are one single human family"

"The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish"

"Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years"

"We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us"

"Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start."

### Celebrating the Season of Creation

Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be celebrated on the weekend of Sat 21st / Sun 22nd. We will have in our Churches reminders of the bountiful fruits of the earth that we enjoy. And as we give thanks we remind ourselves of our obligation to 'care for our common home' that provides us with 'our daily bread'.

### Learn more about 'The season of Creation' and become involved

We recommend two websites - our diocesan one [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) which contains a list of suggested practical actions we can take during this time; [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org) the international and interdenominational website for the season.

#### A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts

of those who look only for gain

at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle

for justice, love and peace.

Amen.



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## Prayer at the Ploughing



The Ploughing Championships takes place in the middle of the annual Season of Creation. Because the 3-day ploughing championship focuses on rural living, I am also inviting people to submit a personal prayer (no more than 100 words) about the environment which they compose themselves. This new environmentally centred prayer could relate to farming, gardening or sustainability.

People can submit their preferences and entries to [prayerattheploughing@kandle.ie](mailto:prayerattheploughing@kandle.ie) between now and 10 September. Alternatively they are welcome to post them to me at Bishop's House.

A shortlist of the favourite prayers will be displayed at the Kildare & Leighlin stand when the event gets underway on 17 September. The theme of the Kildare & Leighlin stand at the ploughing is '**Digging Deeper – Rooting for Christ**' a continuation of our diocesan campaign exploring new ways for people to understand their faith.

+Denis



### Time for Electric Picnic.

Portlaoise took on a 'Picnic Air' during the week. Well done to those responsible.

May all our visitors and all who attend the Picnic have safe travel and an enjoyable and fun filled time

If you are camping we hope 'the beetles' don't get you.



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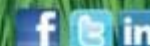
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## HEALING MASS

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of the Renewal

Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise.  
Tuesday September 10th @ 7:30pm

followed by veneration of  
*St. Padre Pio's glove*

...URGENT ...URGENT ...URGENT ...URGENT ...URGENT ...URGENT ...URGENT

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# 7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER BELFAST

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### First Day at School!

It was also a case of 'First Day at School' for the new Principal of Holy Family Senior School, Ms. Roisín Brennan. We extend a hearty 'Cead Míle Fáilte' to her as she takes over the leadership of Holy Family Senior School. We hope she will be very happy and fulfilled in her new position.

We think at this time also of her predecessor — Mr. Des Sutton, the first Principal of Holy Family Senior School. We thank him for his immense contribution to education in our Parish both as Principal of St. Paul's and following amalgamation on Holy Family. We hope he has many years of health to enjoy his well earned retirement.



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**World Suicide Prevention Day**  
**Working Together to Prevent Suicide**  
**September 10, 2019**



### World Suicide Prevention Day to be marked by vigils in the Midlands.

Vigils to mark World Suicide Prevention Day will be held throughout the Midlands at the locations of the 'Trees of Hope' which were planted last year. The Vigils are being organised by Midlands Living Links and will take place on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2019**, at the following locations:

Portlaoise, Laois: 7pm: Tree of Hope, Memorial Garden, Ridge Road.

**An evening safe-TALK (suicide alertness) programme will take place in the Parish Centre Portlaoise on 12<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.**

To register for the Safe Talk contact: Josephine Rigney, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, email: [josephine.rigney@hse.ie](mailto:josephine.rigney@hse.ie) or Mobile: 086 8157850.

# Holy Family Junior School

## We express ourselves!



Ms. Maher's class

### First Day at School

Its that time of year again! The first day of School - a huge milestone for children and parents (especially if its your first child). Between last Thursday and tomorrow almost 400 children will begin School in our Parish. We wish them all well - as they grow in stature may they grow in wisdom and in the knowledge and love of God.

*Photos from the 7 Junior Infant classes of Holy Family Junior School.*



Ms. Meally's class



Mrs. Booth's class



Ms Tomlinson's class



Ms. Holmes' class



Ms. O'Sullivan's class



Ms. Ryan's class



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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;

**Mary Emma Fergus**

**Main Street**

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod  
and your staff - they comfort me.*

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

*Our sympathy to her family.*

**Novena to St. Mother Teresa  
Commences Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August**

Commemorative Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10am.**  
Blessing with the relic will take place after Mass.



*Prayer to St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

*(Prayed each day of the Novena)*

Saint Teresa of Calcutta,

You allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross  
to become a living flame within you, and so became  
the light of His love to all.

Obtain from the Heart of Jesus  
*(here make your request)*

Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my  
whole being so completely that my life too,  
may radiate His light and love to others. Amen  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our Joy,  
pray for me.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta pray for me.

*Keep the joy of loving Jesus in your heart and say often  
during the day and night.*

***"Jesus in my heart I believe in your tender love for  
me. I love you."***

*St. Mother Teresa*



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**In Loving Memory of  
CHRISTOPHER CON CARROLL**

26 Beladd Upper, Portlaoise.  
14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019



Chris, I would like to say so many things,  
I don't know where to start,  
I only know I miss you from the bottom of  
my heart,  
When I am sad and lonely and everything  
goes wrong, I seem to hear you whisper;  
"cheer up and carry on".

Loved and remembered always by your loving wife Sheila.

*May Christopher Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
EDWARD (Ned) McEVOY**

Capoley, Portlaoise - 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary (30<sup>th</sup> August)



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm.

Time unfolds another year, memories keep you  
very near. No need for words except to say you  
are loved and missed each passing day.

Loved and remembered always by your loving family.

*May Edward Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
LIAM HENNESSY**

Ballymaddock, Stradbally. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
the Church of the Assumption, the Heath  
on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 9.30am.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing  
seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the links  
shall join again.

Sadly missed by his loving wife, family and friends.

*May Liam Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
TOMMIE KEOGH**

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise  
whose anniversary occurs at this time



You're not just a memory silently kept,  
You are part of a family  
that will never forget

Loved and always remembered  
by all your family

*May Tommie Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
SHANE BROPHY**

15 Cois na Habhann and Doonane Road, Crettyard.  
Months Mind occurs at this time.



He passed away so innocent and  
true, so brief was his time, we  
hardly knew,  
A boy so loving with a precious  
smile, who made every hour of  
every day so worthwhile.

An early arrival in Heaven that day,  
Met by the angels in all their array,

A comforting thought as they welcomed him there,  
With open arms into their forever loving care.

*Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by all  
his loving family.*

**In Loving Memory of  
ALLAN WRIGHT**

The Green, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019



*I am still with you*

If it seems that I am far away, on this  
empty and solemn day,  
Just open your heart and know its  
true,

That I am still right here with you.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Iva,  
children Janet, Barbara, Alan, Teresa  
and Siobhan, grandchildren,  
great-grandchildren and all your loving family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Dear Allan*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.  
59<sup>th</sup> Birthday occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

Today always meant so much to us,  
now it only brings me tears

I wish that God could have spared you for just  
a few more years. I'm thinking of you today  
Mum, I know that's nothing new. You were  
my thoughts of yesterday and you'll be in  
tomorrows, too. The memories I'll cherish  
forever they always make me smile. I just  
wish I could hold you close again if only for a  
while, but until the day that we unite we'll no  
longer be apart, but until that day remember  
Mum You're always in my heart.

Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara,  
grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers,  
sisters and extended family and friends.

*May Rita Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of PETER KEOGH

Late of Borris Rd., whose 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> August.  
Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
Church this Saturday 31st August at 6:30pm.



*Gone are the days we used to share Peter,  
But in my heart you are always there,  
The gates of memory will never close,  
I miss you more than anyone knows,  
With tender love and deep regret,  
I who loved you will never forget.*

*Lovingly remembered today and forever.*

*Deeply missed by your loving Julie xxx*

*May Peter Rest in Peace forever*

## In Loving Memory of MICHAEL KEANE

60 Fielbrook, Portlaoise. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September.



Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10am.

*A few more steps along life's road,  
Perhaps a few more years,  
Then by God's grace we'll meet again,  
Beyond the vale of tears.*

*Very sadly missed by his wife Mary and all his loving family.*

*May Michael's soul Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of JEMEEL WALSH

Ashley Gardens, Portlaoise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm.



*Softly the leaves of memory fall,  
Gently I gather and treasure them all,  
Unseen, unheard, you are always near,  
So missed, so loved, so very dear.  
Loved and remembered by her husband Gerry,  
children Matthew, Alex and Sarah  
and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace Jemeel*

## In Loving Memory of DOLORES FAHY

55 Beladd, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> September 2019



*Mam, Those Special Memories of You  
will always bring a smile, if only we could  
have You back, for just a little while. Then  
we could sit and talk again, just like we use  
to do. You always meant so very much and  
always will do too. The fact that You're no  
longer here, will always cause us pain.*

*But You're forever in our hearts,  
until we meet again.*

*Love you always Mam, from James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine,  
Dor, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren &  
great-grandchildren xxx*

## JAMES McEVOY

32 Upper Beladd, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.

7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019.



*James, we hold You close in memory,  
even though we are apart, Your Spirit will  
live forever, within our broken hearts.  
Our hearts still ache in sadness and secret  
tears still flow, for what it meant to lose  
You, no one will ever know. In heaven we  
shall meet again, where farewell is never  
spoken, we shall clasp each other hand in  
hand, and the clasp shall never be broken.*

*Love and miss you so much and forever, Mam, Dad,  
Keith, Eve, your niece Aoife, aunts, uncles and cousins*

*xxx*

Anniversary Mass for Dolores and James will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Sunday 8th September at 12:30pm.

*May Dolores & James Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of JULIA (Peg) HOLOHAN

12 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

Whose 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 10am.



*Loving memories of one so dear,  
Treasured still with a love sincere,  
In our hearts she is living yet,  
We loved her too dearly to forget.*

*From Frank, Peggy & family.*

*May Julia (Peg) Rest in Peace*

## Treasured Memories of CHRISTOPHER DWANE

28 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019.



*We did not know that morning,  
What sorrow the day would bring,  
When a heart of gold stopped beating,  
And we couldn't do a thing,  
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.*

*Always remembered by his loving mother and family.*

*May Christy Rest in Peace*

*You are the*

*Light*  
*of the World*



# Medjugorje, August 2019

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### 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 (106.5fm) or web cam.

**Rosary at the Grotto:** First Fridays and all Feast days to Our 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 087-9878300.

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

**The Rosary** is recited in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe every Monday evening at 8pm. All are welcome to join us.

**St. Pio's Glove** will be in the home of Betty Malone, Shindella, Rathangan, Co. Kildare (located on the Rathangan -Monasterevin Rd.) this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September from 11am to 5pm. Padre Pio items will be on sale on the day. For further information, call Betty 045-525094. All welcome.

**Teach Mhuire Praying Community Mass for Healing:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. in St. Paul's Church, Emo. Rosary at 7.45pm at the grotto, followed by Mass at 8pm. Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lalor C.C. Portlaoise.

### Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage

**2019:** 7 Night Package Inclusive €705, 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland cc. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

**Family & Life** invites for a Healing Mass with Fr. Joseph Deane, which will take place in St. Peter and Paul's Church in Portlaoise on Tue., Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Veneration of St. Padre Pio's glove afterwards.

**Divine Mercy Mass:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Rosary at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm and blessing with St. Faustina's relic. All are welcome. Celebrant: Fr. Benny Antoney. Music: Margaret Brennan.

### Kildare/Carlow Pilgrimage

October 10<sup>th</sup> 2019. 7 nights for Feast of Miracle of the Sun. Mass in Santarem where the bleeding host took place and Prayers, Mass and Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Also, two trips to the seaside and Tour of Lisbon. Contact James Treacy 086-0572216.

### USEFUL SERVICES

**Accord:** Going through a difficult time in your marriage/relationship? Counselling Services available at Accord, Parish Centre, Portlaoise, call 057-8661581 or e-mail us at; accordportlaoise@hotmail.com

**Caroline's Holistics M.N.R.R.I.:** Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Hopi Ear Candle Treatment. Treatments are one hour, cost €50. Appointments 11am to 8pm. Call; 086-4055618 (Abbeyleix).

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Laois PPN Disability SIG Meeting:** Laois PPN will host a Disability Special Interested Group (SIG) Meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in the Midlands Park Hotel, with special guest speaker Sinead Kane in attendance. This is a free event and all are welcome to attend. Pre-registration essential. Contact Suzanne on 057-8665661 or e-mail; ppn@laoiscoco.ie

### Asperger Syndrome - Volunteers

**Wanted** to set up a Committee with an interest in the establishment and the running of a monthly support group for people with Asperger's, their families and professionals to support people living in all areas - Carlow, Laois, Kilkenny, Kildare, Wicklow and Wexford. This support group will be established with support from Aspire Ireland. An open evening will be hosted in Carlow town this September 2019 by Aspire Asperger's Syndrome Association of Ireland. Please call 087-1127804 for more information and to arrange our first committee meeting.

### Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

**Bowls:** Every Monday at 3pm in St. Mary's Hall - regular & new members are always welcome to come along and take part and become a member of the ARA Bowls team.

**Whist:** Play or learn Whist at Sue Ryder Centre every Thursday from 2.30pm to 4pm. All are welcome. Absolute beginners and improvers are catered for. Learn an enjoyable pastime and meet new friends.

**Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>:** The countdown is on, one week to go to the start of the new ARA season. To help blow off the cobwebs and ease back into activity, we have Caroline plus guitar to provide an enjoyable and exciting afternoon. We hope to see a full house to get the show on the road.

**Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>:** There will be No ARA Meeting this week as many members will be away in Killarney playing with, and supporting the Bowls team in their quest for honours for Portlaoise.

### Portlaoise Mountmellick

**Embroidery** class will re-commence on 2nd September in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm - 9.30pm. New members are welcome.

**Portlaoise Library, Summer Stars.** Children's Reading Challenge, Please note: The library has extended the time for all completed reading cards to Saturday, 7th September.

### GIRLS CHOIR

The Sunday 10am girls' choir will resume rehearsals on Friday September 6th at 3pm in the Parish Church.

New members always welcome.

### Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, 2nd. Steam Threshing Festival

Saturday 28th September at 5pm, Steam Engine & Mill arrives at The Deadmans Inn, Ballyfin. Music on the night.

Sunday 29th. September at 12pm, Threshing starts. Vintage tractors, cars, machinery, bouncing castle, stalls, music, raffles & more.

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**For queries or information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, please call Pat O'Connor at 087-7824481.**

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**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> September 1pm-5pm.**  
Don't miss this one-day-only event  
featuring original 1953 County Laois  
Fire Engine and cars from every  
decade since early 1900's. Admission  
€5 per adult, bring your own picnic.  
**Enquiries to Ken 087-2303827**  
**or George 087-6402614 BVCOC.**

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### **GARDEN MAINTENANCE**

Man with a van available  
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maintenance and painting.  
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### **Mother's Helper Required**

Kind person to help me mind  
our new-born twins in our  
home. 4-5 days a week from  
Sept/Oct onwards in  
Portlaoise.  
**Text 0877789607**  
**for more info.**

### **CHILDMINDER REQUIRED**

Caring, reliable childminder  
required to look after 3 school  
age children, either in carer's  
home in the Timahoe area,  
or in the children's home  
in Abbeylax.  
**Contact: 087-6547328**

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Part-Time Van Driver  
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### **CAR FOR SALE**

02 Fiesta, 110,000 miles  
1 litre, NCT March 2020,  
good running order.  
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### **HEALING MASS**

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a Healing Mass with Fr. Joseph  
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