



3rd February 2019

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Fr. John Cummins and the parishioners of Abbeyleix/Ballyroan.

John's death is a huge loss to them and to our Diocese.

Requiem Mass Saturday 12noon in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix.

John's burial will take place in the family plot at St. Conleth's Cemetery, Newbridge on Monday after 11am Mass in Newbridge Parish Church

RIP



May John Rest in Peace

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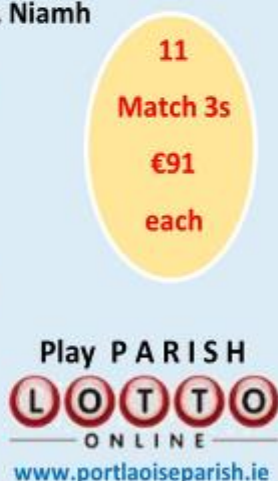
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**Pope Francis's
Monthly Prayer
Intention**

February 2019

Pope Francis has
chosen the **'Victims of
Human Trafficking'**

as the theme for his monthly prayer intention. Human trafficking and modern day slavery affects men, women and children. It is amongst the fastest growing of international crimes and one of the largest sources of income for organised crime. And yes... it's happening in the Ireland! This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his intention

"... For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution, and violence."

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Pitfalls of a Prophet

There's an insightful saying, "An expert is someone who carries a briefcase and works two hundred miles from home." The saying finds resonance in Jesus' own

words, "No prophet is accepted in his own native place." In today's reading Jesus is invited to preach back in his hometown synagogue. At first, Jesus' audience are impressed, but then they start to mutter to each other. Surely this is just the son of Joseph the carpenter! When this truth dawns on them they are enraged and drive him out of town. It doesn't matter how successful or famous or distinguished one has become, once you return home you will always be that little runny nosed seven year old who refused to wash behind his ears.

The readings over the Epiphany season are all about human kind coming to understand who Jesus is and what he is about. In particular, the readings tell us how this understanding is communicated. Jesus was an excellent communicator, but not even he was free of being the victim of prejudice. The business of communicating with others on the subject of God is not without problems and pitfalls.

There is nothing elite about being a prophet. A prophet is anyone who stands up and speaks an insightful truth. As Christians we are all required to stand up for the truth. There is plenty of injustice in the world to speak out against, but before speaking out, we are warned of the pitfalls. Today's gospel warns us of the pitfall of familiarity breeding contempt. What other pitfalls might we encounter in speaking out? It is easy for instance to imagine that everyone's faith should be the same as one's own. Might we misjudge the mood, readiness or interest of our audience? Might we be tempted to patronize, or worse, bore out listeners?

For two thousand years inspirational communicators have stood up in Jesus' wake and amplified his words. Today we are invited to choose our own words, weigh up our audience, examine the pitfalls and add our voice.

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(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

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7.30am & 10am

Saturday

10am

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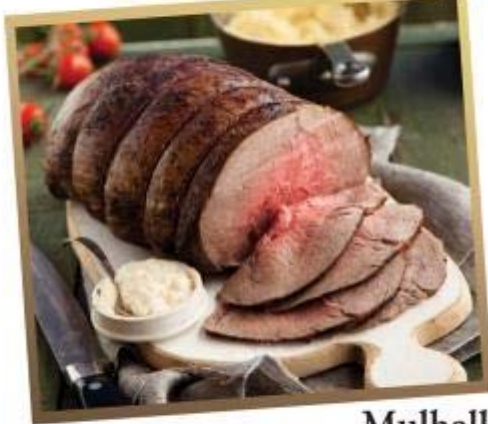
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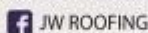
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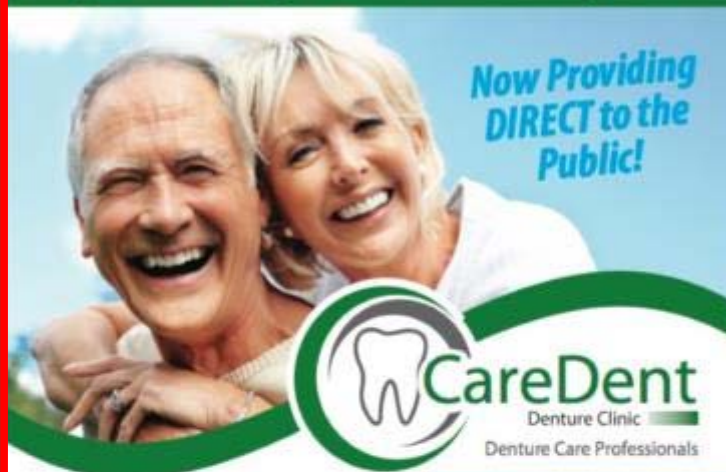
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John likes ice cream. Do you think that could be true? Sure, what kid doesn't like ice cream?

John likes to play sports. Could that be true? Sure it could. Many boys and girls like to play sports so it is quite possible that John does too.

Here is something you probably didn't know. John has the power to heal the sick of all their diseases. Do you think that could be true? You don't? Why not? Well, you know John and he is just an ordinary kid like you. He lives right here in the same town, you go to the same school, and play on the same soccer team. There is no way he has the power to heal sick, is there?

In the day that Jesus lived, many people had a hard time believing some of the things that they heard about him. This was especially true of the people in his home town of Nazareth. People had heard about the miracles that Jesus had done in Capernaum and they just didn't know how they could be true. After all, wasn't he Joseph's son? How could the son of a carpenter do all of the things that they had heard about?

Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."

The people in the synagogue became furious. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him up on the hill on which the town was built, because they wanted to throw him off of a cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way.

What a way to treat a hometown boy! It seems that no matter what Jesus did, he just couldn't seem to please the people in his own hometown. I wonder, if you and I had lived in Nazareth during Jesus' day, would we have treated him any better, or would we have gone along with the crowd?

Our Prayer

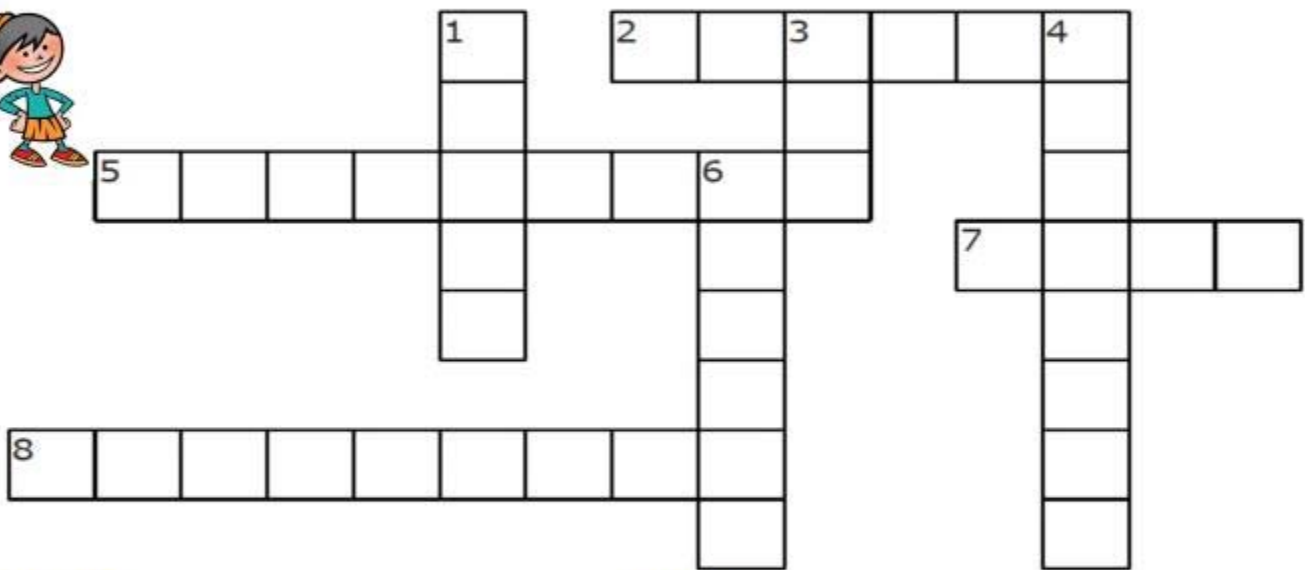
Heavenly Father, even when others refuse to believe that Jesus has the power to heal and forgive, help us to remain faithful and true. In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen



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"I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."



ACROSS

2. The earthly father of Jesus
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7. To make or become healthy again
8. The sacred writings of the Bible

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1. The area of high, steep rocks beside the sea
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6. To be very surprised.

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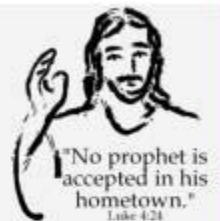
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BEYOND HOPE TO AMAZING GRACE

John Newton was a cruel and vile man who seemed beyond hope, but he became an example of God's amazing grace. His true story gives me hope, because his heart and life were so radically changed. The same amazing grace that transformed Newton brought hope to his contemporaries and still reaches our generation with hope today. Newton was a man of whom I could believe that if God would give him a hope and a future, then He will do the same for us all.

In Newton's own words from his diary...(March 21, 1748): "On that day the Lord sent from on high and delivered me out of deep waters."

And 57 years to the day later... (March 21, 1805): "Not well able to write; but I endeavour to observe the return of this day with humiliation, prayer, and praise."

Of Newton and his ministry;

"Only God's amazing grace could and would take a rude, profane, slave-trading sailor and transform him into a child of God. Newton never ceased to stand in awe of God's work in his life.

In 1764, at the age of thirty-nine, John Newton began forty-three years of preaching the Gospel of Christ.

In 1779 Newton left Olney to become rector of St. Mary Woolnoth in London. His ministry included not only the London poor and the merchant class but also the wealthy and influential. William Wilberforce, a member of Parliament and a prime mover in the abolition of slavery, was strongly influenced by John Newton's life and preaching. Newton's 'Thoughts on the African Slave Trade,' based on his own experiences as a slave trader, was very important in securing British abolition of slavery. Missionaries William Carey and Henry Martyn also gained strength from Newton's counsel.

For the Sunday evening services, Newton often composed a hymn which developed the lessons and Scripture for the evening. In 1779, 280 of these were collected and combined with 68 hymns by Newton's friend and parishioner, William Cowper, and published as the *Olney Hymns*.

The most famous of all the *Olney Hymns*, 'Faith's Review and Expectation,' grew out of David's exclamation in 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. We know it today as 'Amazing Grace.'

Newton lived to be eighty-two years old and continued to preach and have an active ministry until beset by fading health in the last two or three years of his life. Even then, Newton never ceased to be amazed by God's grace and told his friends, 'My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner, and that Christ is a great Saviour.'

The words of the beloved hymn penned by John Newton acknowledges God's amazing grace as he experienced in his own life.



"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Thru many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

"When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun." (John Newton)

Hope is a powerful energy that allows us to breathe with confidence and resilience. To celebrate hope we must first experience despair and desolation. Peace of Mind is a most important gift that we must never take for granted. The following prayer is full of spiritual and life giving hope - The Serenity Prayer;

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
Courage to change the things I can;
And wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world
As it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right
If I surrender to His will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life
And supremely happy with Him
Forever and ever in the next. Amen.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 15,400 followers or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

Fr. Paddy's book "All will be well" on sale in the Parish Shop or online at www.portlaoiseparish.ie



Cuisle Cancer Support Centre

Block Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. Tel: 057 8681492

www.cuislecentre.com, Email: info@cuislecancersupportcentre.ie



Mondays

Walking Group

Strides for Life

Our 15-week walking group brings participants through a structured walking programme gradually increasing fitness over time. The walking programme helps people diagnosed with cancer take positive steps towards better health. Exercise has been shown to help with fatigue for cancer survivors.

Starting 4th February

Every Monday

at 10.00am

Grant Aided By ICS

Thrive & Survive Programme

This programme has been designed to support and enable people to deepen their understanding of living with the impact of cancer.

Monday 21st January at 10am

Mindfulness Programme

Monday 28th January at 11.15am

Tuesdays

Newbridge Office

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GARMENT FITTING

By appointment

PROSTHESIS & BRA FITTING DAY

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LIVING LIFE PROGRAMME

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Starting March 2019

Wednesdays

Men's Group

Wednesday

Mornings

Yoga/Pilates

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Prostate Group

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Art

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Wed 30th January From 2.30pm-4pm

EARLY MENOPAUSE WORKSHOP

A programme which provides information for women experiencing early menopause due to cancer treatments.

Starting March 2019

Thursdays

STAYING WELL

AT HOME

PROGRAMME

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Grant Aided By Laois Hospice.

Starting 24th January 10am

CARERS PROGRAMME

If you are caring for someone with cancer, it is important to look after yourself. This programme provides a social network with relaxation, counselling and group therapies to support you.

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In our thoughts and in our hearts.*

*Loved and remembered always by;
Your loving daughter Bridie, son-in-law Stephen, grandchildren
Deirdre, Karen and Eamonn and great-grandchildren;
Ciara, Abbie, Oisín, Lily and Hayley xxxxx*

May Edward Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
EDWARD COOKE

Rathevan Portlaoise.

37th Anniversary occurs 2nd February 2019.



*The years are passing quietly,
With pride we speak your name,
Our lives go on without you,
It's never been the same.*

Loved and remembered always Dad

*From Margaret, Gerard, Edward & Gearóid, Katie, Rachel
and great-granddaughter Madison.*

May Edward Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
Our Mother

ANN DELANEY

Cappagh North, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 23rd February 2019.

And Our Father

JAMES DELANEY

3rd Anniversary occurred January 2019.



*Treasured thoughts of ones so dear,
Often bring a silent tear,
Thoughts of scenes long past,
Years roll on but memories last.*

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Ruth, son Mark and
grandchildren Alannah, Elisha and Kody.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
BRÍDÍN MULHALL

Ballyroan, Laois and Rathmines, Dublin.
3rd Anniversary; 28th January 2019.



Dearly loved daughter and sister - you are greatly missed and lovingly remembered today and everyday by Seamus, Ursula, John, James and Gerard.

The much loved niece of Sr. Gerard, Sr. Kay and Sr. Patricia, Frances and Michael, Evelyn (God Mother) and Eamon, Sean and Elizabeth. Sadly missed by all her cousins and extended family and forever in the mind and hearts of

her many friends.

The just will live in the company of the Lord Psalm 37

As in June 2016, 2017 and 2018, Brídín's family will be hosting a Walk for Brídín in the Slieve Bloom Mountains in June 2019. We thank everyone for their continued support and hope to see you in June this year.

Rest in Peace Brídín

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
Patrick (Pat) Bowler

The Cottages, New Rd., Portlaoise.



Pat's wife Maureen, sons Patrick, Paul and Niall, Pat's brothers and sisters and daughters-in-law would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with us, travelled to be with us, sent Mass cards, floral tributes and messages of support on our recent sad loss.

Heartfelt thanks to Pat's sisters-in-law and friends for all their help and support during this sad time. Many thanks to Pat Scully, Eamonn and Jim.

We express our sincere gratitude to Dr. David Booth, Dr. Lawlor and nurses and staff of the Cedar Clinic and to Portlaoise hospital for their care and support.

A special thanks to Fr. Eddie Lalor who celebrated the funeral Mass, the choir, altar servers and to the gravediggers for preparing Pat's final resting place with such care.

Our thanks to Keegan's funeral directors for their detailed and careful attention to all matters on our behalf.

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

Pat's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 9th February at 6:30pm.

Rest in Peace Pat

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In Loving Memory of **TOM CONNOLLY**

Green Rd., Portlaoise. Died 4th February 2017.



2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on 2nd February at 6:30pm.

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

Sadly missed by his loving family

May Tom Rest in Peace

Acknowledgement & First Anniversary of **MADGE McEVOY**

Capoley, Portlaoise

1st Anniversary occurs 13th February 2019



Madge's family wish to thank most
sincerely all those who sympathised
and offered their support on her sad
passing.

To all those who called to the house,
attended the rosary, removal, funeral
Mass, sent Mass and sympathy cards

and floral tributes, thank you.

Thanks to our neighbours and friends who helped in any
way. Your kindness was much appreciated.

We would also like to thank the ambulance crew, Garda
Siochána, The Cedar Clinic, Hughes Pharmacy and her
carer Rabbi.

Thank you to all the Priests of the Parish for their prayers
and support. In particular the family would like to
sincerely thank Fr. Eddie Lalor CC for his regular visits and
for celebrating Madge's funeral Mass and for making it so
special and personal for the family.

To the Undertakers Matthew Keegan and David Goode
who showed professionalism at all times. To the Sacristan
and Altar Servers and to the grave diggers who prepared
her final resting place – thank you all.

Also thanks to Aisling Rohan for her lovely music and to
the ICA Choir for their Guard of Honour.

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

*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your
intentions.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 9th February at 6:30pm.

Rest in Peace Madge

In Loving Memory of **PHILOMENA HIGGINS**

5 Newpark, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 7th February 2019

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Saturday 9th February at 6:30pm.



*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His hand when I heard him call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief,
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free.*

Loved and remembered by her husband Christy, sons David and
Matthew, grandchildren Jamie, Holly and Katelyn, daughter-in-law
Shauna, extended family, relatives and friends especially the Lenehan
family from Tralee and her colleagues in St. Vincent de Paul and
friends in the Slieve Bloom Walking Club.

Rest in Peace Philomena

In Loving Memory of **MARY DOOLEY**

29 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 9th February 2019



5th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Saturday
9th February at 6:30pm.

*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts, you're always
there.*

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

*No more tomorrows for us to share but yesterday's
memories will always be there.*

*Always remembered by Jim and Maureen Lynch
and family.*

May Mary Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **ALICE McEVOY**

Late of 80 St. Brigid's Place. 27th Anniversary. Died 5/2/1992.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 3rd February at 10am

*A face that is always on our minds,
A smile we have seen a million times,
Two eyes that would light up the sky at night,
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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 Wednesday at 8pm in the Prayer room of the Parish Church.

"Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God": Treo Nua (Knockmay 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.

Divine Mercy Mass: Wednesday 6th February 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. George Adzato. Music: Margaret Brennan.

Teach Mhuire Praying Community Mass for Healing: Tuesday 5th February in St. Paul's Church, Emo, Portlaoise. Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Holy Mass at 8pm. Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lawlor c.c. Portlaoise.

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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/learn Whist at Sue Ryder centre every Thursday 2.30-4pm. All are welcome.

Feb. 6th: A good time of year to start Sports and Activity. It improves the mind and helps tone up the body after long winter months. Activity generates a positive attitude of wellbeing and helps us to get prepared for walks and other exercise as we look forward to warmer weather.

Consultation workshop entitled "Access for all - Disability Community Awareness"

The Laois Public Participation Network in collaboration with The Disability Federation of Ireland will be hosting this consultation workshop in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise on Wednesday 13th February at 7pm. This consultation workshop is targeted at various sectors of the community to highlight, document and give an awareness of the challenges people with disabilities face within our society.

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Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee:

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Retired Nurses Association Laois/Offaly Branch will hold its meeting on Tuesday 12th February at 2:15pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. All retired nurses are welcome.

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Fridays: Little Swimmers to Level 6: 3.30pm, 4.15pm, 5.00pm, 5.45pm

Saturdays: Little Swimmers to Level 6: 10am, 10:45am & 11.30am

Sundays: Little Swimmers to Level 6: 9.15am, 10am & 10.45am



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