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We thank all who made our annual Bereavement Mass celebrated last Monday evening so special. We remembered over 140 people who died during the past year - 102 Requiems celebrated in our Parish and other Portlaoise people and relatives and friends. More photos on pages 22-23.



Photo: Lighting a candle to remember, assisted by some of our John Paul II Award candidates.

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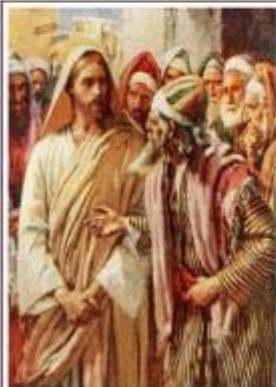
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A Question of Answers

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In today's reading, a certain group of Sadducees who didn't believe in resurrection, ask Jesus a question about a woman who marries seven brothers in turn. Whose wife will the woman be in the afterlife? Jesus replies that we cannot project our rules and the way we live into the afterlife. Marriage and producing offspring won't exist in heaven since we will all be children of God. Human perspective will be of little or no consequence in God's world. It's doubtful that the Sadducees were really interested in Jesus' answer. They didn't believe in resurrection and their question had only been designed to catch Jesus out and ridicule his teaching.

The gospel prompts us to question the way in which we question. We can't help the questions that pop into our head, but we can re-model our motivation. Do we continually look to pick holes? Has the fear of being duped led us to become cynical? Do we dwell too long on questions that don't really matter instead of pursuing the questions that are far more important? Do we question things but fall short of looking for solutions? Or do we draw shallow conclusions without taking the time to develop a deeper and more mature understanding? Today's challenge is to be as honest as we can about the motivation behind our questioning. One thing is for sure, we will not find genuine answers if we are not asking genuine questions.

Bitesize: Whether we are remembering the saints, our loved ones or those who died in the service of the country, the way we remember is crucial. Our remembering can enslave us in the past – or liberate us into the future.

Brian Castle

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(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

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Saturday

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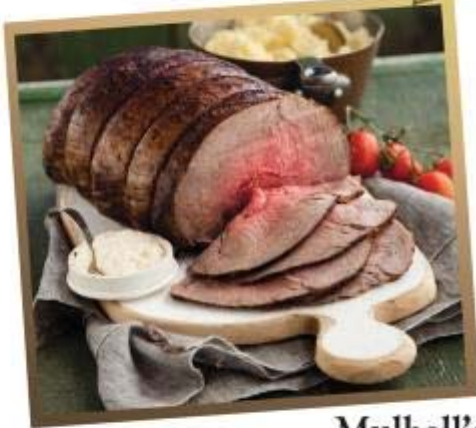
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If you are interested in attending please contact **057 86 61029 or info@laoischildcare.ie**

Childminding – Draft National Action Plan Consultation

The Minister for Children & Youth Affairs, Dr. Katherine Zappone TD, recently launched the Draft Childminding Action Plan which sets out a plan to improving access to high quality and affordable early learning and care and school-age childcare through childminding.

The action plan sets out proposals to extend supports and regulation to all paid, non-relative childminders, with a phased approach to reforms extending over a 10-year period. There is no intention to extend regulation to those who care for children who are related to them or to persons employed by parents to care for children in the family home.

Minister Zappone also launched a public consultation process on the draft National Childminding Action Plan, inviting childminders, parents, other stakeholders and anyone interested in childminding to share their views on the proposals. **The local consultation for Laois will be facilitated by Laois County Childcare Committee on 14th November, from 7pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.**

Speaking at the launch of the Action Plan earlier this year, Minister Zappone said: *"Childminding is of huge importance to children, to parents, to our economy, and to our society. However, it has not received the support it deserves in our public funding or our system of regulation. This Draft Action Plan aims to address this. It recognises the valuable work that childminders do and aims to ensure they can access the supports they need. The Draft Action Plan sets out positive reform proposals to bring childminding into the mainstream of support, funding and regulation."*

A cornerstone of the Draft Action Plan is recognition of the differences between childminding and centre-based provision of early learning and care and school-age childcare. Given the home and family setting in which childminders operate, the Draft Childminding Action Plan proposes the development of childminder-specific Regulations. These should be proportionate and appropriate to the home setting. The Regulations will also outline the development of bespoke training and qualifications for childminders.

A key benefit of the proposal to bring childminding into the scope of regulation is that it will allow parents who use childminders to access subsidies under the National Childcare Scheme (NCS), which will require use of TUSLA-registered service providers. In this way the Draft Plan aims to support parental choice in type of provider of early learning and care and school-age childcare.

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Eugene O'Connor of Rolleston's Solicitors and James McElwee of McElwee Solicitors are delighted to announce the merging of their respective firms.

Rolleston McElwee Solicitors will be situated at 4 Wesley Terrace, Portlaoise, Co. Laois where Rolleston's Solicitors has been based, with a sub-office being maintained at McElwee Solicitors office at O'Connell Square, Mountmellick, Co. Laois. All services will continue as normal for all our clients.

Established in 1899 and 2011 respectively, Rolleston's Solicitors and McElwee Solicitors' client base includes companies, owner-managed businesses, farmers, banks, as well as private clients. Rolleston McElwee Solicitors promises to be a dynamic, client-focused, forward-thinking firm concentrating on such areas as commercial and company law, property sales and purchases, litigation, landlord and tenant law, wills and administration of estates (probate), tax, liquor licensing, intellectual property, personal injuries, litigation and agricultural/farming law.

Making the announcement, Rolleston McElwee Solicitor's managing partner Eugene O'Connor said, "This merger represents further strategic growth for the firm and will allow us support our clients with additional expertise and experience and enable us to expand into new areas of legal practice whilst also concentrating on our core values, most important of which is a commitment to providing high quality and commercially focused advice to our clients".

Eugene O'Connor undoubtedly brings the wealth of knowledge and expertise of Rolleston's Solicitors from many years of experience in private practice, together with his knowledge in the area of tax. James McElwee is a Notary Public who also has a Diploma in Commercial Property and is a registered Irish and EU Trademark Agent. Deborah Holland, senior solicitor within the firm, is a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners Ireland, with expertise in the area of trusts and estates and the administration of wills and estates of loved ones who have passed.

Together as a merged firm, Rolleston McElwee Solicitors have achieved the Q6000 standard, which is an advanced practice, risk and quality management standard awarded to solicitors' firms which have demonstrated exceptional levels of client practice and risk management.

Rolleston McElwee Solicitors will operate a comprehensive range of expert legal services including property, wills and probate, litigation, personal injury, agricultural licensing and commercial law services. Together, Eugene O'Connor, James McElwee and Deborah Holland will play a leading role in driving Rolleston McElwee Solicitors forward in an era of uncertainty to best advise and assist clients in all legal and business matters.

We hope to be able to do business with you in the very near future.



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In Heaven Forever

You know what a riddle is, don't you? It is a word puzzle—a question that makes you think. Sometimes riddles are funny. I'm sure you have probably heard this one.

"Why did the chicken cross the road?"

The answer is, **"To get to the other side."**

Here are a few of my favourite riddles.

Q: Mary's father has 4 children; three are named Nana, Nene, and Nini. What is the fourth child's name? A: Mary!

Q: How many months have 28 days? A: All of them! (Some may have 30 or 31, but all have 28!)

Q: What is full of holes but can still hold water? A: A sponge!

Riddles have been around since the time of Jesus. Maybe longer than that. One day, Jesus was approached by a group of Sadducees — religious leaders who did not believe in the resurrection. They were trying to trick Jesus into agreeing that there was no resurrection. They asked him to answer this riddle: **"The law of Moses says that if a man dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. So the second brother married the widow, but he also died. Then the third brother married her. This continued until all seven brothers had married the same woman. Finally, the woman also died. So tell us, whose wife will she be after the resurrection since all seven were married to her!"**

My, that is a tricky riddle, isn't it? Listen to Jesus' answer.

Jesus replied, **"Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those who are raised from the dead will not marry or be married. Not only that, but they will never die again. They will live forever as the children of God."**

Jesus went on to say, **"Even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, he is the God of the living."**

After Jesus answered their riddle so wisely, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Now, you and I know that Jesus promised us that if we love him and trust in him, we will live forever in heaven with him. Isn't it sad that some people do not believe there is a resurrection and eternal life in heaven? Oh, that reminds me of one more riddle!

Q. Why were the people in today's Bible lesson called Sadducees?

A. Since they didn't believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven, they were very "Sad, you see!"



Dear Father, we are happy today that you have promised us eternal life in heaven.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Jesus and the Sadducees

And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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TIME TO THINK!

MINDING OUR MENTAL HEALTH

Recent research shows that levels of mental illness, anxiety, and depression are at an all-time high, especially among younger people. I recently came across these 10 Tips for keeping balance and good Mental Health.

1. Life is tough and feelings can be the toughest things of all. Learn to befriend them, understand them and realise that you are much more than your feelings. Everything in life passes – savour the good and let go of the bad. Feelings come and go. Learn to watch them like clouds coming into your life, and remember just as you can't hold onto a cloud, your job is to let your feelings go too. A simple meditation on this is: stop, find a quiet place, even pretend to be listening on headphones. Ask yourself how you feel. Notice that there is a small gap between you and your feelings. Stay with that gap. In it, all is quiet and empty – full of possibilities.

2. Technology is a gift for communication with others but it is a terrible boss; learn to switch off and enjoy off line activities that build you up: hike a hill, learn a skill, take a risk, talk to someone face to face. TV, games, videos and Internet are not the real world, but they pretend to be friends. Use them as the gift they can be and take control of them. Otherwise you are a slave and it's a cruel master.

3. "If it feels good do it" can sound great but it can bring you to some dark places. Everyone has hidden strength and the ability to put off immediate pleasures. Find that steel inside yourself that allows you to go outside your comfort zone, build bridges and reach out to others. The irony is that when we reach out to help and include others, we're also taking care of ourselves.

4. You have something unique within you. You are a one-off gift to the world. And that gift is for you to give away, not to hide away. The greatest happiness is found in truly being yourself and helping others; it can be challenging at first but there is a slow burn feel-good factor that lasts for a long time.

5. You are not responsible for all the ills of the world. Trying to save the world can be overwhelming. Trying to solve all of your own and everyone else's problems all at one go would be equally overwhelming. If you get into that way of being, it's time to stop. Press pause. Get some space and remember that you just have to do your bit. There is some small thing that you can do in almost every situation you face. It is like building a jigsaw. You will have a piece to contribute. It will be uniquely you, and which will help. Build it one piece at a time.

6. Anxiety and fear are not good reasons to do things. In fact, most of the time, decisions made out of anxiety and fear are not good long-term decisions. Anxiety and fear often keep us locked in a narrow room with narrow options that see the worst in others and ourselves. Imagine what it would be like to trust in the world and



people, and to act without fear (not without caution though). There is a middle road to be walked that is manageable and achievable.

7. Idealism is a great thing but set the bar too high and nothing or no one can measure up. The perfect is the enemy of the good; work out what the good thing to do is and just do it. A cluttered life doesn't give you a chance to see what's going on. And when we don't see what's going on we can be fooled into thinking that things are terrible, even when they are not.

8. Travel light; have a de-clutter. Start by clearing out your room of things that you don't need. You are a traveller through life and you have to travel light, otherwise you will get weighed down by things and come to be chained to them. Remember that people are not things to be acquired and disposed of according to your feelings. Take this de-clutter as a chance to evaluate what is really going in and what is really valuable to you.

9. Accept the things you cannot change and change the things you can (and know the difference). Don't waste your time trying to change things that are given: your family, face, body, friends, locality. There is some rare beauty in them that can only be seen in a certain light. Find it and encourage it. If it won't be encouraged, know that you've done your best and can be content with that.

10. Happiness is an inside job – you know instinctively that having things and comparing yourself to others is empty and futile, and yet we all get caught up in it. Take a moment in the quiet. Go back to that gap you found in the meditation above; that gap between you and your feelings. In the gap, imagine a bright white light. See the light as a good thing, bright and warming. Now realise that this light is the goodness, brightness and warmth you have at the core of you. You are good and bright and warm inside. Dwell in this light for as long as you like.

Mental health is a precious gift, mind it as its very vulnerable.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 16,600 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

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Carol Service
St. Peter & Paul's
Sunday 22nd Dec
7.30pm

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Your are invited to be part of this joyful celebration of Christmas with traditional Carols. Singers from all choirs (and none) are very welcome to be part of the choir for the night. It will be led by the 12/30pm contemporary choir (director Nuala Kelly). Rehearsals will begin in the Parish Church on Wednesday 27th Nov. (after the evening Mass) and continue on Wednesday 11th and Wednesday 18th December.

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Annual Bereavement Mass





OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;



**John
Hartford**
Marian Avenue,
Portlaoise.

*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 HE REST IN PEACE
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In Loving Memory of **JOHN CAMPION**

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary - Died 13th November 2014



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church this
Wednesday 13th November
at 10am.

May John Rest in Peace



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In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL RYAN**

Kilmurray, The Heath. 6th Anniversary occurs 13th November.

Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, this Sunday 10th November at 9:30am.



*In God's care you rest above,
In our hearts you rest in love,
Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.
Sadly missed by his loving family, extended
family and friends.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **FINTAN (Fint) TROY**

Ballyhyland, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 15th November 2019.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 17th November at 10am.



*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 his loving family.
May Fint Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of **JOHN McSTAY**

22 Mountain View, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary away from home; 10th November.



*2nd Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Sunday,
10th November at 12.30pm.*

*To lose someone I loved so much,
brings pain beyond belief,
There are no words to ease my
pain, my sadness and my grief,
I feel I've lost someone so close,
so wonderful and dear,
I think about your special ways and
wish that you were near.*

*But although you have left this world, you'll stay within my
heart, guiding like an angel, even though we are apart,*

*For love is everlasting and so are my memories,
Your legacy, that's always there, to light the way for me.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife
Christine and sons Damien and Bernard, daughter Emma,
son in law Abdul and grandchildren Rebecca, Gavin,
Gillian, Killian, Yasmine, Umar, Usman, Uzyar, Yousif, Kerri
and Lauren, and great granddaughter Haile -Anna.*

May John Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **GRETTA KELLY**

Kellbyrne House, Rathevan, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurred 8th November 2019



*Although you sleep in Heaven now, you're
not that far away,
My heart is full of memories and you're with
me everyday,
You lived your life with meaning and with
a smile upon your face,
A world that was full of happiness is now
an empty place.
People say that only time will heal a broken
heart, but just like me and you Mum, it has
been torn apart.*

*I know you are at peace now, and in a place where you are free,
Meet me at the Pearly Gates when Heaven calls for me.*

Loved and remembered always, Christy, Adrian & Rebecca

May Gretta Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **GRETTA KELLY**

Kellbyrne House, Rathevan, Portlaoise.

*Gretta's 6th Anniversary
occurred 8th November 2019*



*God saw you getting tired and a
rest was not to be,
So He put His arms around you and
whispered "Come to me".
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands now rest,*

God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

*Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters,
nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.*

May Gretta Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **DANNY O' CONNELL**

The Rock of Dunamais, Stradbally.

8th Anniversary occurred 6th November 2019



*8th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 9th November 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 his loving wife Mary and all his
family, extended family and friends.*

May Danny Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of ANNIE LA CUMBER

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.

28th Anniversary occurs 14th November 2019

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Thursday 14th Nov. at 10am.



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

Always remembered by Bridie and Chris.

May Annie Rest in Peace

25th ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of SARAH CLARKE

Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise, whose anniversary occurred recently.



*Will those who think of Mam today;
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Always remembered by her loving son
Bill, daughter Chrissie, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren xx*

May Sarah Rest in Peace

6th ANNIVERSARY Of my Grandson SHANE FINAN

10 New Row, Green Rd. Portlaoise and also
Canices Terrace, Borris in Ossory



Shane's 6th Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated in Sts. Peter
& Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 9th Nov at 6.30pm

We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.

Your resting place we visit and put flowers there
with care,

But no-one knows the heartache as we turn and
leave you there.

*Sadly missed by your Nana Mary and Brian,
Jake, Steven, Shirley, John & Conor.*

May Shane Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of GER YOUNG

31 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary and 11th Birthday away from home
occur at this time.



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

*Although death has separated us physically,
Faith and love have bound us eternally,
Though we cannot see you, we know you are
here with us in our every thought as we think
about you each day,*

*Though we cannot touch you, we feel the warmth of your smile as
we turn the page to a new chapter in our lives.*

Always remembered by Anne, Dawn, Derek, Gemma and
partners and grandchildren.

May Ger Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Paddy) REDDIN

4 Dr. Murphy Place. 7th Anniversary occurs 14th November.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 16th November at 6:30pm.

*We think of you today, but that is
nothing new,*

*We thought about you yesterday and
days before that too,*

*We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame,
Your memory is our keepsake, from which we'll never part,
God has you in His arms, but we have you in our hearts.*

Sadly missed by your wife Frances and family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of EILEEN RYAN

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs 13th November 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Wednesday 13th November at 10am.

*Just a prayer from the family who
loved you,*

*Just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.*

*Always loved and missed Mam by your loving
children and families.*

May Eileen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of EOIN FINGLETON

Sallins and formerly Ballytegan, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 10th November at 12:30pm.

Thinking of you today and always.

From Sarah and all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Eoin

In Loving Memory of MAURA TAYLOR (née Dunne)

6 Roselawn, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurred 7th November 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 10th November at 11:15am.

Sadly missed by her son John, Ita and family and son Frank,

Rest in Peace Maura

In Loving Memory of MARY NOLAN & KATHLEEN O' REILLY

Whose Anniversaries occur at this time.



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

*Mam As I look upon your picture,
Sweet memories I recall, of a face so
full of sunshine,
A smile for one and all.*



*Sweet Jesus take this message to
Mam up above,
Tell her how we miss her and give her
all our love.*

*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.*

Loved and remembered by all their loving family and friends.

May Mary & Kathleen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of BERNADETTE SCULLY

3 New Road, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 15th November 2019

1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm.



We lost a mother with a heart of gold,
How much we miss her can never be told,

She shared our troubles and helped us along,
if we follow her footsteps we will never go wrong.

We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you mother and always will.

She was a mother so very rare,
Content at home and always there,
On earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests,
God bless you mother, you were one of the best.

*Loved and missed by your daughters Mary and Bernadette,
son-in-law John, grandsons Senan and Cillian, extended
family and friends.*

Also remembering her loving husband Timmy at this time.

May Bernadette Rest in Peace



Fatima Candle

The Fatima Candle will be lit at 10am Mass in the Parish Church on **Wed. 13th November** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and for the intentions of all parishioners.



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES



Due to the large volume of remembrances in past years we request that you please bring in your remembrances during the month of November to allow sufficient time to complete them.

We thank you for your co-operation.

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 Wednesday at 8pm in the Prayer room of the Parish Church.

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.

"Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God": In the Parish Church (old sacristy), Thursdays, 11am to 12 noon. New members welcome.

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.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: Please join us for a Holy Hour at 3pm every Friday, as we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. All are welcome.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Laois County Council notice to all staff, former staff, members and their families: You are invited to attend the annual prayer service in memory of deceased staff and members of Laois County Council on Tuesday 12th November in the Council Chamber at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please note that people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Concern Christmas Fast Collection will take place on Friday and Saturday 22nd/23rd November. Please support as generously as possible.

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.

Nov. 13th: An opportunity to exercise the vocal chords again singing some new and many old favourite songs that we all know, in the pleasant company of Caroline and her guitar. An afternoon where everybody can participate in a relaxing atmosphere.

Free Smart Phone Course in Portlaoise Library every Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm. If you would like to learn a bit more about your phone or are struggling with your tablet/iPad, this class is perfect for you and it's free. Please contact 046-957766 to book a place on this very popular and fun course in Portlaoise. Booking is essential. The same course is running in Stradbally Library every Tuesday afternoon, 1.30-3.30pm and booking for this course is directly with Stradbally library on 057-8641673.

LAOIS GUIDE DOGS

We would like to thank all those who bought a car raffle ticket for the Ford Focus on 19th October at the Kyle Centre. The draw will take place 18th December.

ST. FINTAIN'S GAA CLUB MOUNTRATH MONSTER BINGO

Sunday 17th November In Mountrath Community School at 3pm. Laois Guide Dogs and Laois Down Syndrome will benefit from this event. Please support.

Abbeyleix Probus Club are planning a coach trip to the National Concert Hall, Saturday 16th November for the "R and R" Production of Oklahoma. The coach leaves Abbeyleix Heritage House car park at 11am, returning at 9pm approx. For further details contact P.J. 087-8298856.

Kylebrook Equestrian Centre: All are welcome to an International and Special Olympics Athletes Horse Show Event and Information Day, 17th November, 9:30am to 3:30pm in the Kylebrook Equestrian Centre, Laois R32WE08. Entry Fee €10. All proceeds go to Special Olympics Equestrian.

Calling all former and associate Squash Club Members: Social Gathering/Reunion Sat. 16th Nov. in the Portlaoise Golf Club, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise at 9pm.

Youth Theatre in Portlaoise have a few places still available for young people aged 12-14 to join: If you are interested in drama or performance, come along to the next session of Youth Theatre in the Laois Music Centre, (Old Scoil Mhuire), Church St., Portlaoise, Friday 15th November from 4pm-5.30pm. For more info. tel. 057 8664033/13 or e-mail; artsoff@laoiscoco.ie Facebook; laoisyouththeatre or visit www.laois.ie

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ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIEST'S SOCIETY

Monthly meeting will be held Monday 11th November in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. New members are always welcome.

PORTLAOISE PARISH HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE THANKSGIVING MASS

Tues. 12th November

In the Parish Centre
Time; 7:30pm

We look forward to seeing you all again.

NIGHT VIGIL TO KNOCK Saturday 7th December

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Saturday 16th November

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We are operating through a **Facebook page - 'Santa's Helpers'** and are fundraising through a Go Fund Me page. Other donations of cash and cheques can be given to Darren Conroy, Kilminchy Ave., Kilminchy, Portlaoise. Should you require further information please feel free to contact Darren on 086-8675060.

CANCELLED: The usual monthly Round Town Community Centre Irish Night, Tuesday 12th November has been cancelled as a mark of respect for our Chairperson, John Hartford R.I.P.



COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 3rd December

In the Parish Centre after 10am Mass.

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