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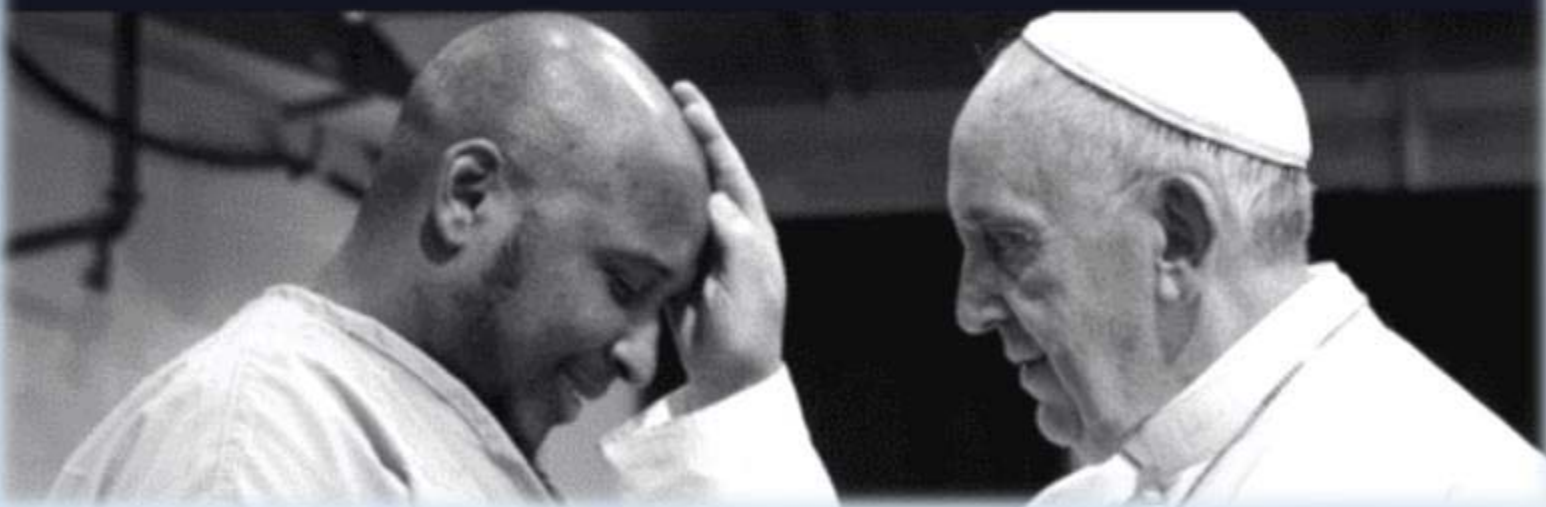
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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for
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VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is held each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel of John read on this Sunday, in each of the three years, Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd who has come so that people may have life to the full, the one who lays down his life for his sheep, the one who knows his sheep — they recognise his voice.

"In a time when opinion has supplanted fact, there is a need for people to preach and witness to truth. As a part of the family of God we need to exemplify the values of our faith, but in humility and compassion. It is interesting to note in a recent talk with young people in discernment for the priesthood and religious life, none had proposed themselves as candidates. They believed themselves to be not good enough. In each case, it was only after the encouragement of fellow parishioners and friends that they were able to take that first crucial step. We are called to foster and raise up such men and women with the capacity to be good shepherds not just now, but anticipating the needs of our Church into the future."



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How often do we hear the phrase, "We believe what we want to believe." It's equally true that we refuse to believe what we don't want to believe. In today's

reading the Jews are pushing Jesus to state his case. "If you are the Messiah tell us plainly." Jesus replies, "You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep." In other words, the questioners are not his followers, they are hostile towards him and therefore they are not open to believing in him even though they have seen the evidence. In some ways Christianity is a chicken and egg kind of scenario. We need to be followers of Jesus, to believe in him, but we need to believe to be followers. Which comes first is up to us, but we have to be open to hearing and recognising Jesus in our twenty first century world.

Hearing, recognising, believing and responding is what 'Good Shepherd Sunday' is all about. Some situations have got 'God' written all over them and some haven't. How do we tell the difference? What are we called to do? How are we called to believe? Some things are obvious, some things aren't. But at the heart of everything, even issues that didn't exist in Jesus' day such as euthanasia, and stem cell research, Jesus' teachings are like 'cat's-eyes' on life's dark country roads. We have to recognise Jesus' voice in everything by asking, how much of today's decisions are based in love, and how much of our decisions are based in our own human agendas.



St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery Mass

Sunday 2nd June at 1pm

This Mass will replace the 12.30pm Mass in the Parish Church on that Sunday.



May is the Month of Mary Rosary at the Grotto Each evening 8pm.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

**Monday—Friday
7.30am & 10am**

**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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**Polish Mass, 3rd Sunday of the Month
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CONFESSIONS

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Fáilte

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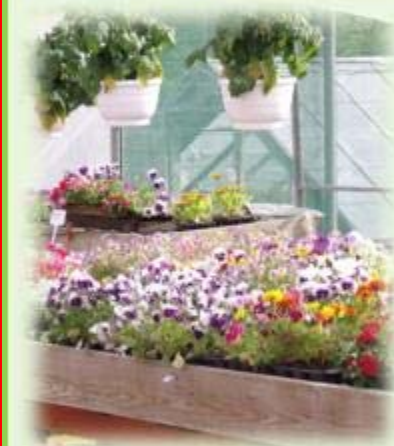
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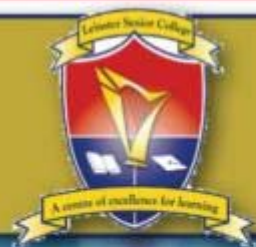
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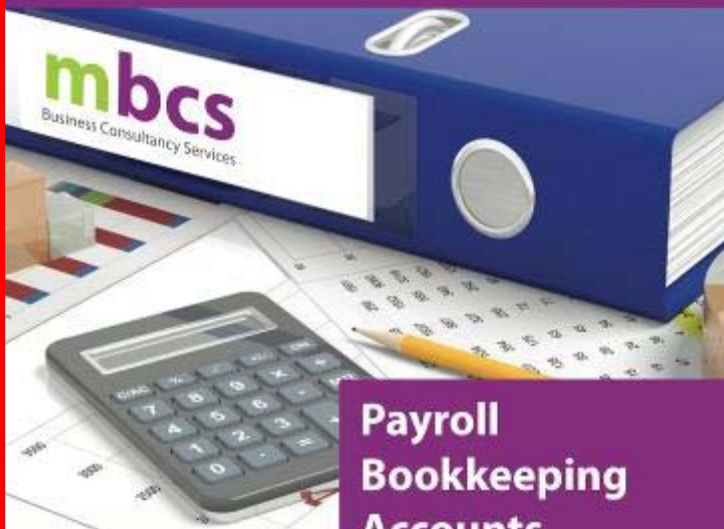
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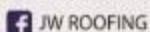
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Taking Care of the Sheep

Do you know what a shepherd is? Of course you do. A shepherd is one who takes care of sheep. A shepherd uses a shepherd's crook. The crook is very useful to the shepherd in taking care of the sheep. If the sheep tries to go in the wrong direction, the shepherd can reach out with the crook and gently pull it back onto the right path. The shepherd also uses the crook to help protect the sheep from a wolf or some other wild animal that might try to harm them. You see, it is the shepherd's responsibility to care for and protect the sheep.

How many of you know who the priests of the parish are? We have 5 priests in our parish. Fr. John Byrne, Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. Eddie Lalor, Fr. Tom O'Connor and Fr. David Vard. Go and look at page 2 on this Link up and you will see their photos. The Parish priest is Fr. John Byrne. Did you know that the word we use for the one who leads our church means the same thing as the word that is used for someone who takes care of sheep? So if Fr. John and the priests of the parish are the ones who take care of the sheep, what do you think that makes us? Right! We are the sheep! It is the priest's job to take care of us just as it is the job of a shepherd to care for the sheep.

The priests here in our parish don't use a shepherd's crook. The Bible is the priest's crook. When we stray away and go off on the wrong path, the priests use the teaching of God's Word to reach out and gently pull us back and get us going in the right direction. The priests in our parish also use the Bible to protect us from our enemies. When Satan attacks us and tries to get us to do things that would harm us, the priests use the Bible to teach us what God wants us to do.

Fr. John and the priests of the parish have a good guide to follow in knowing how to take care of the sheep. That guide is Jesus. Listen to what Jesus said about himself, "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep."

The Bible also says, "The LORD is my shepherd," but God has also called the priests of our parish to help him in caring for his sheep. We are thankful for Jesus, "the Good Shepherd," and we are thankful for Fr. John and the priests of the parish too!



Dear Father, we are thankful for Jesus. We know him and he knows us. He laid down his life for us. We also thank you for Fr. John, Fr. Paddy, Fr. Eddie, Fr. Tom and Fr. David that you have called to be the shepherd for our church.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



First Holy Communion

In the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist, Jesus comes to us in a special way. During Mass, bread and wine are changed in to the Body and Blood of Jesus. They still look and taste like bread, but they are not. They are now the Body and Blood of Jesus which he sacrificed on the cross for the forgiveness of sins. We receive Jesus' Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Jesus helps us to be good.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls from the Gaelscoil and Educate Together who received their First Holy Communion last weekend.

Best of luck to the boys and girls from Holy Family school who will receive their First Holy Communion this weekend.



*We pray for
Marie O'Dwyer,
David Ayodeji,
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who received their
Confirmation this
week. May they
continue to be enriched
by the gifts of
the Holy Spirit.*



TIME TO THINK!

VOCATIONS IS A WAY OF LIFE

Vocation is how we live our lives as followers of Christ. Vocation is much more than a job or career, it's a way of life, a pathway where best we can be in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Vocation to Priesthood and religious life is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Easter also called Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus the Good Shepherd, who cared for his flock with compassion, sensitivity and inclusion. By his life, Jesus presents the gift of vocation as a radical service that is counter cultural. Giving without counting the cost. Seeking out the lost, the marginalised, befriending the stranger, embracing those who are cast to the periphery and often the victims of gossip, racism and discrimination. A Christian vocation is to live lives that build those cornerstones of our heritage, faith, hope and love. Vocation is lived by all who are baptised in rich and varied roles.

However it is a worthy endeavour "To ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to the harvest".

I find priesthood to be an exciting and wonderful vocation. This June, I celebrate 18 happy years in challenging times, as a priest. Would I do it again?...absolutely!! Priesthood is a very special gift. It's an invitation from the Lord to serve and when we serve well, we as priests receive great joy and inner peace. A good pastor models his life on Jesus the Good shepherd. A priest who is present, available, kind and encouraging. A shepherd who finds inner peace and brings calm and confidence to so many seeking a listening and compassionate response often in moments of crisis and uncertainty. Parishes need shepherds of love wounded by their vulnerability and as a result bring warmth and empathy to those seeking the Lord. This is a fantastic time to consider what it means to serve the Lord as a priest or religious. Pope Francis reflects on this invitation from his message on this Good Shepherd Sunday....

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch".

God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us.

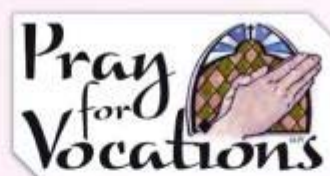
Embracing this promise naturally demands the courage to risk making a decision. The first disciples, called by Jesus to be part of something greater, "immediately left their nets and followed him" (Mk 1:18). Responding to the Lord's call involves putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. It means being ready to leave behind whatever would keep us tied to our little boat and prevent us from making a definitive choice.



We are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God's plan for our lives. Gazing out at the vast "ocean" of vocation, we cannot remain content to repair our nets on the boat that gives us security, but must trust instead in the Lord's promise.

In encountering the Lord, some may feel the attraction of a call to the consecrated life or to the ordained priesthood. It is a discovery that can excite and at the same time frighten us, since we feel called to become "fishers of men" in the barque of the Church by giving totally of ourselves in commitment to faithful service of the Gospel and our brothers and sisters. Such a decision carries the risk of leaving everything behind to follow the Lord, to devote ourselves completely to him, and to share in his work. Many kinds of interior resistance can stand in the way of making this decision, especially in highly secularised contexts where there no longer seems to be a place for God and for the Gospel. And yet, there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord!

I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us. Always remember that to those who leave their nets and boat behind, and follow him, the Lord promises the joy of a new life that can fill our hearts and enliven our journey".



LORD of the Harvest, BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.

Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving - for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 15,700 followers or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

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You are with us even if you are far away,
You are in our thoughts and in our lives
always.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
her sons and daughter and their families.*

Rest in Peace Mary

In Loving Memory of
JULIE LaCUMBER (née Carroll)

Triogue Court, New Road, Portlaoise.

*1st Anniversary occurs
12th May 2019*



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Sunday
12th May at 11:15am.

Those we love don't go away

They walk beside us everyday

Unseen, unheard but always near

Still loved, still missed and very dear.



Sadly missed by her loving sons, daughters,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended
family and friends.

May Julie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
GERARD McCORMACK

26 The Downs, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 13th May 2019.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 12th May at 12:30pm.



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 wife Philomena, sons
Patrick, Ciaran and Declan, daughters
Alice and Brenda, grandchildren,
extended family and friends.*

May Gerard Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
Our Parents

ANNE & THOMAS HILLIARD

23 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

36th Anniversary



*Deep in our hearts you both will stay,
Missing you both is a heartache that never goes away.*

Sadly missed by all their loving family.

May Anne and Thomas Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
OUR MAM MARY (Mai) DOYLE

Late of 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

18th Anniversary occurs 13th May 2019.



Mam; Our lives go on without you

Though nothing is the same

We have to hide the heartache

When someone speaks your name

You did so many things for us

Your heart was kind and true

As long as we were happy, you were happy too.

*Loved always, never forgotten, your loving daughters,
Ellen, Guggie, Mary and families.*

Rest in Peace Mai

In Loving Memory of

Our Dear Mother

ANGELA O'SHEA-KELLY

Late of O' Moore Place and London

6th Anniversary occurs 13th May 2019



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

*There is a path of beautiful memories from
here to Heaven above, that keeps us very
close to you and it's called the path of
love.*

*Your shadows walk beside us ever since
the day you died,*

*Oh angels take this message to our dear mam up above, tell her
we miss her and give her all our love.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Maryann and family,
Angela, Deirdre, Paula, Annmarie and grandchildren xxxxx*

May Angela Rest in Peace

Cherished Memories of DAVE LALOR

Hawthorn Drive, Portlaoise.
20th Anniversary occurs 19th May 2019



Dad;

*A daily thought, a silent tear,
A constant wish that you were here.*

*Love and miss you always
Daddy, Gerard x*

*Daddy/Grandad
Everyday in some small way,
Thoughts of you come our way.
Thinking of you always.*

*Love and miss you always Daddy
Marie, Christy, Kyle and Finn xxxx*

*Dad/Grandad
Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.
Sadly missed everyday, Daithí, Marguerite,
Shauna, Oisín & Cillian xxxxx*



*Also remembering
MARY (Molly) HEALY
Cullohill*

*20th Anniversary occurs
11th May 2019*

*Will those who think of Molly
today, a little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Missed everyday by her loving daughters &
grandchildren*

*Anniversary Mass for Dave & Molly will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Sunday 19th May at 8:30am.*

May Dave & Molly Rest in Peace



*May is the month of
Our Lady*

*The Rosary will be prayed
at the Grotto every night at
8pm for the month of May.
You are all most welcome
to join us.*

Treasured Memories of Our dear mother Olive Brennan

51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

23rd Anniversary

occurred Tuesday 7th May 2019



*Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this
Saturday 11th May at 6.30pm*

*One in a million, gentle and kind,
Her family always on her mind,
Mum always took time to share
and time to care,
Mum led a simple life,
A good mother and wife,*

*Never demanding, her love was outstanding,
Her family came first, then her neighbours and friends,
She was concerned about them, right to the end.*

*O Sacred Heart of Jesus,
In whom we trust and pray,
Grant the soul of our dear loved one,
Eternal rest today.*

*Remembered always by all your loving sons, daughters,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May Olive Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MARY M'EOY

Late of St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Happy Birthday in Heaven

*Today is your birthday in
Heaven above,*

*My blessings I send on the wings
of this dove,
Not just for today, but each day
hereof,
I think of you always with all of
my love.*

Always loved and forever missed

*Sadly missed by her loving daughters, sons,
daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandkids and great
grandkids.*

May Mary Rest in Peace

*We also remember Mary's grandson Daryl Dargan,
whose anniversary occurs 22nd May.*

Rest in Peace Daryl

**In Loving Memory of
CLAIRE LOUISE
TAYLOR**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.



19th Anniversary occurred 8th May.

Always in our hearts

*Sadly missed, love Daddy, Mammy,
Alison, Cian and Sean-Luke xxxx*

May Claire Louise Rest in Peace

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
JOE DOYLE**

Monksbridge, Maryborough Village, Portlaoise.



Joe's partner Clare, along with the Doyle and Delaney families wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and kindness shown to us at our sad time.

We offer heartfelt thanks to our many kind relatives, wonderful friends and neighbours, all who visited our house, attended ceremonies and who provided

support to us during those difficult days.

To those who travelled long distances, sent cards and messages of sympathy, we are truly grateful.

Our deepest appreciation to Mons. John Byrne and the Priests of the Parish, especially Fr. David Vard, also visiting Priests; Fr. Carroll, Fr. Corcoran, Fr. Doyle and Fr. Byrne who concelebrated Joe's Mass.

To Aishling Rohan for her beautiful singing and music and to the altar servers.

A special word of thanks to the Cedar Clinic, Hughes Pharmacy, Midland Regional Hospital, The Mater Hospital and Prof. Lynch (neuro team), Bluebird Care and all the wonderful carers, Midoc and Ambulance Services, PHN and OT, who provided excellent care to Joe.

Thanks to W.I.G.S. Golfers and Cranford GAA, who provided a guard of honour.

To Matthew Keegan Undertaker and the Killeshin hotel for their guidance and professionalism and Bosco's Catering for all their help.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our appreciation and deepest gratitude. *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.*

Joe's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 11th May at 6.30pm.

Joe, you are missed every moment, but your love, warmth and endless happy memories will be with us forever.

Rest in Peace Joe

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
& 1ST ANNIVERSARY**

In Loving Memory of

LOUIS McMAHON

**Woodview, Stradbally, late of 25 Market
Sq. Portlaoise.**



The family of Louis wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised and offered their support on his sad passing.

To our relatives, neighbours and friends and his neighbours in Woodview, your kindness was much appreciated.

Thank you to all the Priests of the Parish, Fr. John McEvoy, Fr. Paddy Hennessy Salesian Community, for their prayers and support.

Sincere gratitude to Matthew Keegan Undertakers for their professionalism and compassion.

Our deepest appreciation to the staff of both the Midland's Regional Hospital, Portlaoise and St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, who looked after Louis in his final days with incredible dedication and kindness.

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

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

Louis's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Friday 17th May at 10am.

Rest in Peace Louis





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 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.

Special Mass in honour of "The Little Flower" will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Ballyadams on Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm and individual blessing with "The Little Flower Bone Relic".

Solemn Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, 9 Monday nights; 29th April - 24th June at 7.30pm. (Rosary 7.10pm). Singing will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton, accompanied by the Poor Clare Community and Parish choirs. **Speaker 13th May;** Maria Walsh - 2014 Rose of Tralee.

Teach Mhuire Praying Community Pentecost Retreat: Wednesday 15th May at 7pm in St. Patrick's Boys National School, Patrick Street, Portlaoise. The theme will be "Baptism in the Holy Spirit" with guest; Fr. John Mockler c.c.

Fatima Mass; Wed. 22nd May: Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church for all parishioners travelling to Fatima. **Celebrant Fr. Paddy Byrne.** Tickets will be distributed in the Parish Centre after Mass.

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May 15th: Portlaoise ARA will present our "Young at Heart" Variety Show at the Dunamase Theatre, commencing at 2pm, featuring singing, dancing, comedy sketches with lots of fun and laughter. A super afternoon's entertainment is assured.

History Lecture Series at Portlaoise Library: 1919 and the Irish War of Independence-A National and Regional Perspective by Dr. Richard McElligott, **Tues., 14th May** at 7.30pm. This lecture will examine the beginning of the Irish War of Independence a century ago. It will chart the commencement of the IRA's military campaign against British Crown forces, Dáil Éireann's attempts to construct a viable counter-state to British rule and the key events of 1919. It will also explore the experiences of Laois and rural Leinster during the conflict. This is a free event, booking is advised.

Laois PPN invites you to the launch of it's "Access for All" Disability report on Tuesday 21st May 2019, at 7:30pm in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise.

Free parent workshop 'Supporting the transition from Primary to Post Primary School': Wednesday 22nd May at 8pm in Laois Education Centre, Portlaoise. No fee, booking essential to Yvonne; Tel. 057-8672402
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