

13th October 2019

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman

Today, Sunday 13th October Blessed John Henry Newman will be declared a Saint by Pope Francis.

Blessed John Henry Newman was the founder of the first Catholic University in Ireland. He served as the university's first rector (1854-1858).

In his 1993 Encyclical Letter, *Veritatis Splendor* (*The Splendour of Truth*), Pope Saint John Paul II, explaining the relationship between conscience, individual freedom and the duty to adhere to objective truth, quoted Cardinal Newman and described him as

'an outstanding defender of the rights of conscience'.

Prayer of Saint Henry Newman

O Lord, Support us
all the day long,
Until the shadows lengthen
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
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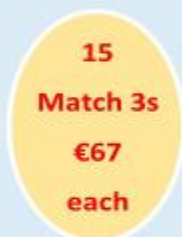
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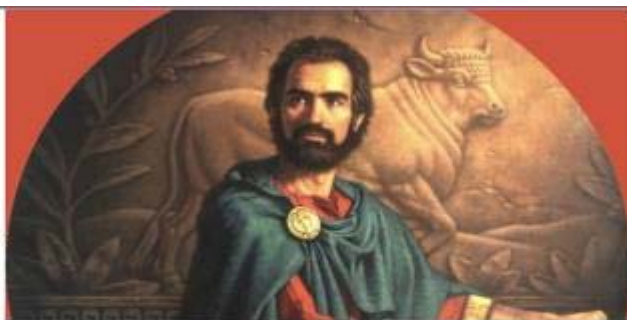
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Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who respected women, and who saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.

The Maternity Department at Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise is holding a **Service of Remembrance this afternoon (Sunday) at 3pm in the Parish Church**. This service is held in memory of all babies who have died, and of all pregnancy losses. All are invited.



St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Tuesday 15th October

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought — always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life. Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers.



Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday - Friday

7.30am & 10am

Saturday

10am

SUNDAY MASSES

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8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October 2019

A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

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These changes might have involved challenging bad leaders, or bringing reform for those suffering injustice illness or poverty. There are those who have made great changes by setting a humble yet unerring example, and those who have made big and bold changes. Whatever our personality, we are all capable of making changes. We don't have to leave change to those we consider saints or great activists. This month Pope Francis urges us to pray **"...That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church."**



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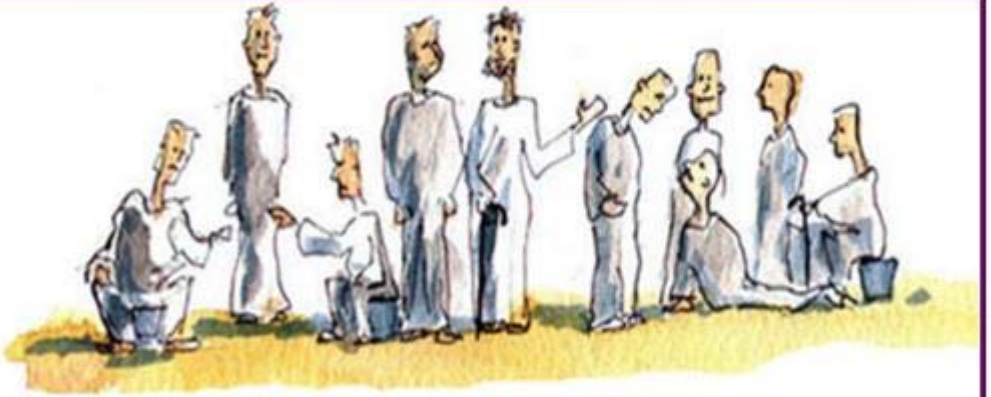
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The Thankful Leper

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says, "Thank you so much for your gift. It was just what we needed for our new baby." You know, it really made me feel good that our friends took the time to send us a card to say, "Thank You." Don't you just hate it when someone does something nice for you and your mother prompts you by saying, "Now, what do you say?" You knew what to say, didn't you? We all know what to say, but unfortunately, we sometimes forget to say it. That is what happened in the Gospel today.

Our Gospel today is about ten lepers. Do you know what a leper is? No, it is not an animal with spots on it. That's a leopard! However, a leper does have spots. A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy. This disease causes sores all over the body. Leprosy was very common in Jesus' day, and people who had this disease were thought to be unclean. They were required to stay away from other people because of the fear that they might infect them with their disease.

One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when he saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that he had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, he called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest."

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You." Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?" Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You."

God does so much for us! Every day he provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?" Let's stop right now and say "Thank You" and ask God to help us remember to thank Him every day.



Father, help me to appreciate my health, family, friends and everything I am given. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15



Choose the word that best matches the definition.

___ 1. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin

A. mumps **B. influenza** **C. malaria** **D. leprosy**

___ 2. A community smaller in than a city

A. metropolis **B. country** **C. village** **D. state**

___ 3. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church

A. teacher **B. priest** **C. leper** **D. usher**



___ 4. To restore to health

A. infect **B. heal** **C. praise** **D. leprosy**

___ 5. To rid of impurities by or as if by washing

A. cleanse **B. praise** **C. glorify** **D. priest**

___ 6. To honour, worship, and express admiration to God

A. heal **B. cleanse** **C. praise** **D. thank**

___ 7. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done.

A. cleanse **B. heal** **C. faith** **D. thank**

___ 8. The number equal to 7+3

A. ten **B. twelve** **C. nine** **D. eleven**



Reminder for all Confirmation Candidates Commitment Masses next Weekend.

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TIME TO THINK!

ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN...A WONDERFUL SAINT

This Sunday, October 13th 2019, John Henry Newman will be canonized in Rome. Pope Francis decreed that Newman and four other blessed will be canonized together in St. Peter's Square. Indian Sister, Marian Thresia, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family; Italian Sister Giuseppina Vannini; Brazilian Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes, and Marguerite Bays, a Swiss consecrated virgin of the Third Order of St. Francis will be canonized alongside Newman. Their canonizations take place during the Special Synod of Bishops from the Pan-Amazonian region to be held at the Vatican Oct. 6-27.

Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and his writings are considered among some of the most important Church-writings in recent centuries. Ordained a Catholic priest in 1847, he was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, although he was not a bishop. Newman's conversion to the Catholic faith was controversial in England, and resulted in him losing many friends, including his own sister who never spoke to him again.

The British cardinal founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England, and was particularly dedicated to education, founding two schools for boys. He died in Birmingham in 1890 at the age of 89. In October, Cardinal Newman will become Britain's first new saint since the canonization of St. John Ogilvie in 1976. At Newman's beatification Mass in Birmingham, England in Sept. 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Newman's "insights into the relationship between faith and reason, into the vital place of revealed religion in civilised society, and into the need for a broadly-based and wide-ranging approach to education were not only of profound importance for Victorian England, but continue today to inspire and enlighten many all over the world."

"What better goal could teachers of religion set themselves than Blessed John Henry's famous appeal for an intelligent, well-instructed laity: 'I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it,'" Pope Benedict said.

The first miracle attributed to Newman's intercession involved the complete and inexplicable healing of a deacon from a disabling spinal condition. His second miracle concerned the healing of a pregnant American woman. The woman prayed for the intercession of Cardinal Newman at the time of a life-threatening diagnosis, and her doctors have been unable to explain how or why she was able to suddenly recover. "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons," Blessed John Henry Newman wrote. "He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments," he said.

Lead Kindly light

In 1833, the young theologian and Anglican vicar John Henry Newman (1801-90) was traveling in the Mediterranean when he was struck down by a fever that nearly killed him.

'My servant thought I was dying and begged for my last directions,' he recalled in his autobiography. 'I gave them as he wished, but I said, "I shall not die, for I have not sinned against light."

Newman recovered slowly, but felt desperately homesick. On the way back to England, he took an orange boat from Palermo to Marseilles which was becalmed in the Straits of Bonifacio. Thus stranded, in an exhausted and emotional state, Newman was impelled to write this verse as a meditative poem called 'The Pillar of the Cloud', expressive of his longing for consoling Christian certainties in an age of mounting doubt.



There has been much puzzlement over the nature of the 'kindly light' and the identity of the lost 'angel faces' in the last line. When challenged on these points, Newman replied crisply, 'I am not bound to remember my own meaning.' He was displeased when the poem was turned into a hymn in 1845 - by which time he had converted to Catholicism, where congregational hymn-singing formed no part of divine service. To no avail: his words embodied the maudlin spirit of the age, to the point at which Queen Victoria asked it to be read to her as she lay dying. It was also the last hymn to be sung on the Titanic - not, as is sometimes said, as the liner was actually sinking, but at the final service given on board by the chaplain on the afternoon before the disaster.

Personally I pray this beautiful hymn every night after night prayer;

*Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;*

*The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.*

*Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see,
The distant scene; one step enough for me.*

*I was not for ever thus, nor prayed that thou, shouldst lead me
on;*

*I loved to choose and see my path; but now, Lead thou me on,
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,*

Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

*So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still, will lead me on,
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till, the night is gone;*

*And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.*

Prayer of Saint Henry Newman

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last.
Through Christ Jesus, our Lord.
Amen

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 16,000 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

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Public Meeting



Laois Hospice Foundation.

Public Meeting

Wednesday 16th October, 2019 at 8pm

Venue; The Killeshin Hotel

Laois Hospice Foundation welcomes Majella O'Donnell to their Public Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 16th October, at 8pm in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

Laois Hospice invites you all to this meeting to hear Majella's journey through cancer and also to hear from Laois Hospice where funds collected and donated by the public are spent and their plans to develop further hospice home care services to the people of Laois.

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I am undertaking further studies in Chaplaincy and Pastoral work in DCU. As part of this course I am on a placement for the next academic year, here in Portlaoise Parish.

I am a native of Newbridge, but have been living in Laois for the past six years.

I play the organ for the 10am Portlaoise choir on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. I also assist Ellen Momo with the Pray and Play group at the 11:15am Mass here on Sundays. I will also assist with the Pope John Paul Award students, as well as helping in Sacramental preparation.

I am in the Parish Centre, Wednesday to Friday mornings after Mass and would be delighted to help and support fellow Parishioners in whatever way I can, even for a chat over a cup of tea.

Thank you to Msgr. John Byrne and the Parish team for supporting me in this placement.

Siobhan Keogh



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For what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.
Although you can't be here
with us, we're truly not apart,
Until the final breath we take,
You'll be living in our hearts.

Love and miss you so much Dad:

*James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dor, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law,
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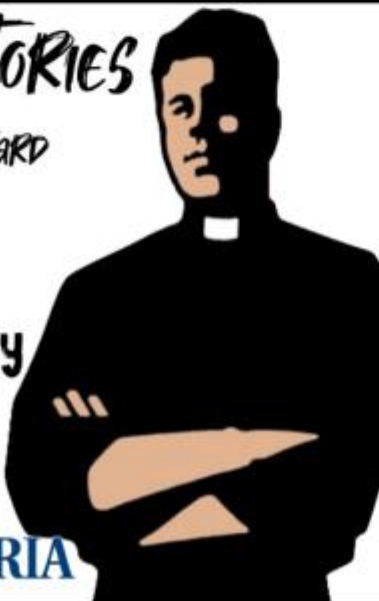
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3rd Anniversary occurred Friday 11th October 2019.



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*Sadly missed and always remembered
by Pat, Geraldine and Claire.*

Rest in Peace Christy

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL LACUMBER**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Died 15th October 2011. 8th Anniversary away from home.



8th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Sunday
13th October at 11.15am.

*Our lips cannot speak how much
we love you,
Our hearts cannot tell them what
to say,*

*Only God knows how much we miss you, every hour of
every day.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family & friends.

May Michael Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
DANIEL THOMPSON**

60 St. Brigid's Place. 7th Anniversary occurs at this time.



7th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Sunday 13th
October at 12.30pm.

*In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.*

Sadly missed by his wife Maureen and Family

May Daniel Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK DOYLE**

Formerly 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
Died 7/10/1978. 41st Anniversary occurs at this time.



*You gave us many gifts in life, gifts both
great and small, but most of all you gave
us love, the greatest gift of all.*

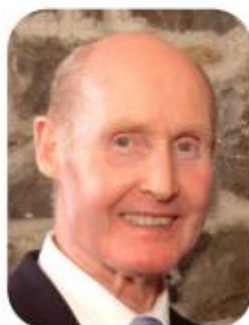
*There's not a day Dad that we don't
think of you.*

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daughters; Ellen, Guggie and Mary and families.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
THOMAS (Tommy) J. MAHER**

3rd Anniversary occurs at this time.
And JOHN (Johnny) K. MAHER
12th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 19th October at 6.30pm.

*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 their family, extended family
and friends.*

May Tommy & Johnny Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANN HOGAN**

Mayfield, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 12th October 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin this
Sunday 13th October at 10am and in
the Parish Church, Portlaoise this
Sunday 13th Oct. at 12:30pm.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you today.*

*Remembered by her husband Vinny, son Liam and
daughters Clare, Denise and Alice & extended family.*

May Ann Rest in Peace



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
PHIL O' BRIEN

"Drishane", Meelick, Portlaoise.



The family of the late Phil O' Brien would like to express their sincere thanks to all who sympathised with us on the sad loss of Phil, who passed away on 16th September.

Thank you to all those who called to the house, attended the rosary, funeral Mass and burial and to those

who phoned, messaged, sent flowers, letters and cards. Special thanks to the staff of the ICU of Portlaoise General Hospital for the care and attention they gave Phil in her last days. To the ladies and gentlemen of The Heath Golf Club who provided a special guard of honour. Thank you to the Priests of the Parish, especially Fr. David Vard, for the special funeral Mass and to the funeral directors; Matthew Keegan and David Goode, for their professionalism.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Phil's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 19th October at 6.30pm.

Rest in Peace Phil

In Loving Memory of **KEVIN GRAHAM**

Ballydavis North, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 18th October 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 19th October at 6.30pm.

*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 remembered & sadly missed by all his loving family.

May Kevin Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **WILLIAM BOHAN**

34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 19th Anniversary occurred 9th October.



The years we spent together, we keep within our hearts, they hold precious memories that will never let us part,

Unspoken thoughts, no outward show, but deep inside we miss you so,

Each one thought the world of you, for us you did your best,

And now we pray the Lord will grant your soul eternal rest.

Always remembered, Billy, John, Michael, Maurice, Eugene, Dermot, Brian, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

May William Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of A Cherished Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and Brother **JOSEPH PAISLEY**

3rd Anniversary occurs 20th October 2019



A whisper on an October day, you heard a gentle call, you took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all.

*Three years have passed since that sad day,
You closed your eyes and slipped away,
You left us quietly without a fuss, and broke the hearts of all of us.*

You were a father so very rare, content in your home and always there,

*No special day is needed for us to think of you, you will be forever in our thoughts no matter what we do,
Not just a memory or part of the past, just ours to remember as long as life lasts.*

*Quietly today your memory we treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.*

From your daughters Pauline, Catherine, Maria, Jean, Fidelma, sons Brian and Joe, Martina and Renee, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-granddaughters Grace, Rebecca Jane, Hannah-Grace, Anna-Rose and your sister Mena.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 20th October at 11.15am.

Also remembering at this time, Joseph's wife Kathleen, his brother-in-law Bill Doyle and all deceased members of the Paisley and Doyle families.

Will those who think of them today,

A little prayer to Jesus say,

May Joseph Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **THOMAS (Tom) McEVOY**

80 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 13th October 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 12th October at 6.30pm.

*We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again. xxx*

Sadly missed and never forgotten by all your loving family.

May Thomas Rest in Peace

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In Loving Memory of
ALAN (Tom) RYAN

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Rest in Peace Alan



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In Loving Memory of
PHYLLIS FITZPATRICK

14 Borris Road, Portlaoise. Died 14/10/2004.
15th Anniversary occurs 14th October 2019.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
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Saturday 19th October at 6.30pm.

*The happiest years we ever knew, were as a
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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 night 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.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Feast of St. Margaret

Mary Alacoque: Wednesday 16th Oct. in Sacred Heart Church, Stradbally at 7pm. Celebrant; Fr. John Mockler S.D.S. Mass, Adoration and Blessing with first class relic of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

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Oct. 16th:

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Laois/Offaly branch of the retired nurses association are hosting a talk on crime prevention and safety in your home, by Graham Kavanagh, in Portlaoise Parish Centre, Wednesday 23rd October at 1pm. All retired HSE staff welcome. Free parking while attending the talk, tickets available at reception. If interested please contact 086-8812228 to facilitate seating accommodation.

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