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*Fr. Paddy Byrne*



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## Who is **NOT** my Neighbour?

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Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don't show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the benefit fraud, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the refugee or the teenager upstairs who plays his music too loudly and at all times of the day. Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the 'Good Samaritan'. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a 'Good Samaritan' because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time?

Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, "Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?"

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## Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

### Monday - Friday

7.30am & 10am

### Saturday

10am

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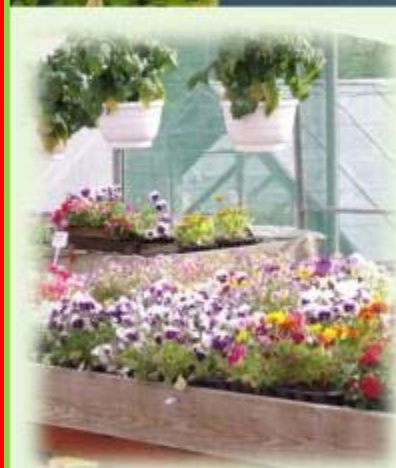
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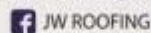
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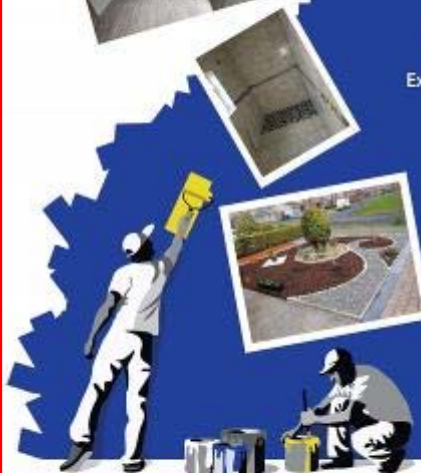
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To answer this question, Jesus told a story about a man who was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They beat him, took his money, stripped him of his clothes, and left him beside the road to die.

A priest came by and when he saw the man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and continued on his way.

A little while later, a Levite who worked in the temple came along. He also saw the man lying there and passed by on the other side of the road.

Finally, a man from Samaria came along, and when he saw the man, he stopped to help him. He put medicine on his wounds and wrapped them with bandages. That isn't all. He took the man to an inn and took care of him. The next day, he gave the innkeeper some money and told him to take care of the man. **"Give him anything he needs. If it costs more than I have given you, I will pay you the next time I am here."**

Then Jesus asked, **"Which of these three men was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by the robbers?"**

The lawyer answered, **"The one who helped him."**

**"You are right,"** said Jesus, **"now you go and do the same."**

The world is full of people today who are in desperate need of a neighbour.

**"Won't you be my neighbour?"** they ask. Just as the good Samaritan in the story helped the one in need, Jesus says to you and me, **"Go and do the same."**



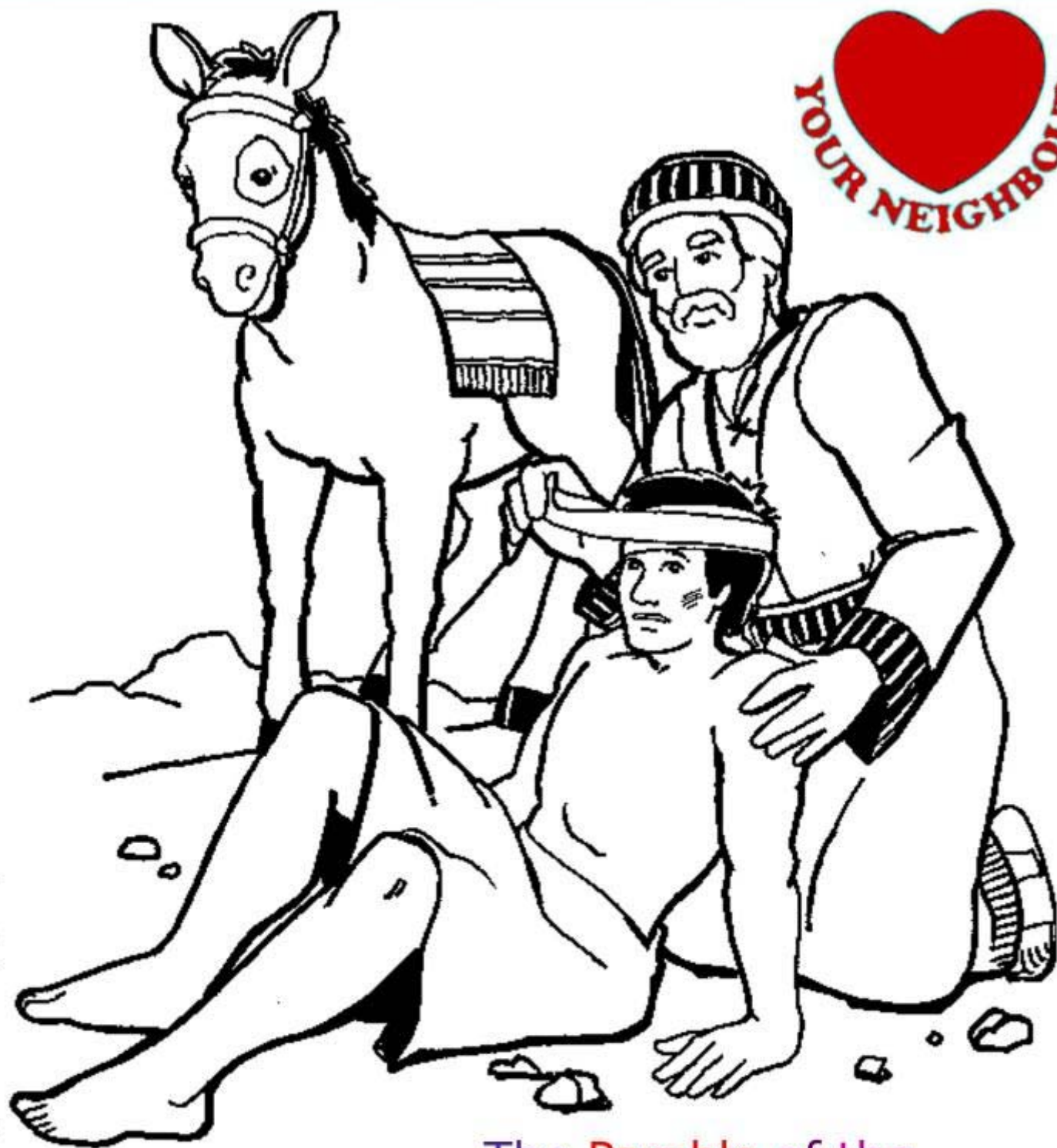
Dear Jesus,

You have taught us to love our neighbour.

Help us to be a good neighbour to everyone we meet. Amen.



YOUR NEIGHBOUR



## The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Luke 10:25-37







# TIME TO THINK!

## TAOISEACH MAKES REFERENCE TO PARISH PRIESTS

At a recent exchange about funding for a by-pass in Cork, An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, compared the leader of the opposition to 'one of those parish priests who preaches from the altar telling us to avoid sin while secretly going behind the altar and engaging in any amount of sin himself'.

The immediate reaction was one of surprise and confusion. What was this about? Was Leo just tired after a hectic schedule in Brussels? Was he just being smart-assed and playing to the gallery? Or was it that in the heat of the moment the truth came out? Did we glimpse the real Leo, instead of the carefully constructed media image of a leader happy and privileged to lead the very disparate communities that make up the new Ireland? Was this indicative of what he really thought of the Catholic Church and of priests?

I immediately tweeted ..... "Taoiseach not all of us padres are toxic. Most of us contribute to our local communities with generosity and compassion. This is shameful for a head of state to take a populist attack on a minority", almost 2000 people liked that tweet.

The widespread condemnatory response to his comments was immediate and strong. The reason, I think, was that what he seemed to be saying was not just that the Catholic Church had a lot to answer for (as we do); or that we should apologise for our failings (which we have) but that behind the facade of condemnation, priests were living lives that contradicted what they were preaching. We know that's the worst possible accusation against a priest. And we know that tarring every priest with the brush of child abuse is unfair and unconscionable, but this is what the Taoiseach speaking in the Dáil chamber seemed to be implying. Whatever he said, whatever he meant, whatever the provenance of his words, I think this was why the response was so instinctive.

In fairness, the Taoiseach apologised and it was important and necessary that he did so. But it raises other issues. Does he mean it? And can we believe him? When the Pope was here, even though some doubted Leo's sincerity when he praised the contribution of the Catholic Church in different areas of Irish life, more now wonder whether it was all just PR-spin, hoovering up Catholic votes before the next election. So the question remains: is this what Leo actually thinks of us?

What Leo doesn't seem to understand is that very few people in Ireland now have no difficulty with lambasting the Catholic Church for its real or perceived sins and failings (and bishops are included in that) but attacking the local priest is for many a step too far, not that priests are not criticised. We are, constantly, sometimes by our own parishioners. But for others, it's a no-no.

While the Catholic Church has lost much or most of its authority in Ireland, and while criticism is devastating and on-going, at local parish level there is still huge respect for, appreciation of and solidarity with the local



priest. And that's why Leo's flippant comment has been so devastating.

Over the last few decades, as priests watched television documentaries forensically dissecting the child abuse scandals and as we read the terrible detail of the Dublin Report, the Ferns Report, the Cloyne report and others, the nightmare question for priests was that as we walked to the altar to say Mass that weekend; after what they had read in the papers or seen on television, are my parishioners wondering whether I too am an abuser? What the Taoiseach seemed to be implying in the Dáil was that this might well be true.

What the Taoiseach's remarks have achieved is that they will awaken and give a focus to 'the sleeping giant' of traditional Catholicism. There are, as we say, Catholics and Catholics in it. The reality is that the Marriage Equality Referendum and the Abortion Referendum were only carried because Catholics in their thousands voted for them. But the reality too is that most, roughly one-third who voted against them were Catholics – and they, along with many Catholics who voted for it, weren't at all impressed, for example, by the cheering in Dublin Castle for an abortion regime in Ireland.

The difficult truth for Varadkar is that while the new inclusive Ireland where the marginalised are being brought into the centre, has the support of many Catholics, many see the current demonisation of Catholicism as an unfair price to pay for it. And they have votes too.

As Ivan Yates commented on his radio show (and he knows a thing or two about elections) those Catholics unhappy with the Taoiseach's loose talk about their priests will be waiting for him in the long grass at the next general election. While many people admire Leo Varadkar for his ability and, not least for the new Ireland that's being created under his watch, it was disappointing that in the Dáil chamber he descended to the mocking and stereo-typing of Catholic priests, who have more than most borne the heat of the day.

We deserved better.

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**Agnes Egan (née Fitzpatrick)**  
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### *In Loving Memory of* **KEVIN GRIFFEY**

50 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019

*Although death has seperated 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.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
Church, this Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm.

*Loved and remembered always by Martina, Sharon, Colin, Craig,  
sisters and brother, extended family and friends.*

*May Kevin Rest in Peace*

### *In Loving Memory of* **WILLIE KEANE**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019



God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hill was hard to climb,  
He gently closed your loving eyes, and  
whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
No matter how life changes,  
No matter what we do,  
A special place within our hearts is kept  
for you.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family.*

*May Willie Rest in Peace*

### *1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Remembrance* *In Loving Memory of* **SIMON WALSH**

*Late of Fairgreen, Portlaoise.*  
*Simon's birthday occurred 10<sup>th</sup> July.*



*As we opened our eyes this morning,  
We looked to the Heavens above,  
We whispered "Happy Birthday Simon"  
And sent you all our love.  
We cannot send a birthday card,  
Your hand we cannot touch,  
But God will take our greetings,  
To the one we love so much.*

*Lots of love always and forever, your loving partner Shauna  
and children Miya and Callum xxx*

*Thinking of you on your birthday Simon,  
But that is nothing new,  
For no day dawns and no day ends, without a thought  
of you.*

*Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by your Mum and Dad  
and brothers Stephen and Lorcan xxx*

*Rest in Peace Simon*



## In Loving Memory of FRANCES CARROLL

72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Frances' Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm.



God looked around his garden and found an empty place,  
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put his arms around you, and lifted you to rest,  
God's garden must be beautiful,  
He always takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering,  
He knew you were in pain,

He knew that you would never, get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.  
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Loved and sadly missed by Maria, Dermot, Fiona, Aidan, Fergal and Christine, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

*May Frances Rest in Peace*

## 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of EILEEN GRIFFIN

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 16<sup>th</sup> July 2009.



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.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.

Sadly missed by your son Ger, daughters Mary & Geraldine, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

*May Eileen Rest in Peace*

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of FERGUS (Patrick) DUNNE

Late of Dr. Murphy Place and Kilmunchy, Portlaoise  
4<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home.



Forever in our thoughts  
Another birthday, another year,  
With precious memories of one so dear,  
Thoughts today of our lives together.  
Hold a love that will live forever.

Also remembering, other relatives and friends at this time

From your loving partner Esther, his brothers, sisters, relatives & friends.

*May Fergus Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of KAY DEVOY

Late of Borris Great, Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019.



It doesn't take a special day to bring you to our mind,  
For days without a thought of you are very hard to find.  
You always tried to do your best,  
Your heart was true and tender,  
You simply lived for those you loved, and those you loved remember.

Loved and remembered by all your family and friends.

*May Kay Rest in Peace*

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of JANE SHIELS

Formerly of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise  
Whose birthday occurs on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019



We never need a special day  
To bring you to our mind,  
For days without a thought of you,  
Are very hard to find.  
We cannot send a birthday card,  
Your hand we cannot touch,  
But God will take our greetings  
To the one we love so much.

Loved and remembered by your sons, daughters, son-in-law, grand-children and great grandchildren.

*May Jane Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of ANTHONY WALSH

Late of 1 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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.

Missed and remembered daily by your loving wife Kay, sons John and Toney, daughter Catriona and grandchildren.

*May Anthony Rest in Peace*



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
In Loving Memory of  
**JOHN-JOE BENNETT**  
Hophall, Portlaoise.



John-Joe's family; Michael, Mary, Patricia, Ann, daughter-in-law Aileen, sons-in-law Jim, Michael and John, grandchildren, his sister-in-law Bridie Conroy, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends, wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them in their recent bereavement.

Thanks to our neighbours and friends for their help and support, to all who called to the house, attended the removal, funeral Mass and burial, sent Mass cards, messages of sympathy and phone calls.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to Msgr. John Byrne and Fr. Tom O' Connor for his many visits and words of comfort and we offer our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and the lovely funeral prayers and Mass. Thanks also to all the priests who attended the funeral and called to the house; Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. David Vard, Fr. Eddie Lalor, Fr. Jim O' Connell, Fr. Michael Kelly (Raheen) and Fr. Sean Kelly (Stradbally). Dad was very grateful for all your prayers and support.

A special thank you to Arthur Drennan for his help and support, a good friend to Dad. Thanks also to the Altar Servers. Thanks to Spink Milk Committee for their guard of honour, which was much appreciated by the family and to members of the Park Ratheniska GAA Club, who organised car parking, both for the house for three days and for the Church, it was much appreciated.

Sincere thanks to Henry Rankin Funeral Directors. Thanks to Simon and Deirdre Honan and the staff of Maryborough family practice for their care and support. Thanks to the wonderful staff of Breslin's pharmacy for their help down through the years.

To the staff at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise especially Consultant Dr. Sharma and his team, for their support and kindness while dad was in hospital and also to Mary Margaret Daly and Olive Delaney for your kind support and all the staff on the Medical ward, thanks again. Thanks to Damien, the Irish Homecare Manager and the wonderful staff he has working with him, they treated dad with dignity and respect. Thanks to all who contributed to the Irish Homecare, it was greatly appreciated.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Dad's good old friends down through the years; Bernie Maher and his brother Mick, cousin Bernie Maher, also Ned Mansworth, Noel Ramsbottom, Fint Duff, Harry Kerr and his wife Ruby, for their caring support, help and phone calls.

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

Months Mind Mass for John-Joe and his wife Anne R.I.P., whose anniversary occurs at this time, will be celebrated in the Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska, on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10am. Rest in Peace.

**Birthday Remembrance**  
**MARGARET HOULIHAN**

14 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise  
2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday away from home occurs 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019



Missing You on Your Birthday.

You were very kind and thoughtful with a warm and loving heart,  
And when other people needed help you always played your part,  
You're thought of every single day,  
whatever time of year,  
But somehow more than ever now your special day is here.

No present can be given and that's really very hard,  
But there's a world of love inside this special little card  
Each memory is shining bright and treasured dearly too.  
But memories can't take the place of someone dear,  
like you.

*Sadly missed and always remembered from your husband James, sons & daughters, grandchildren.*

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**ANTHONY (Tony) SAUNDERS**  
40 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 12:30pm.

*Wherever we go, whatever we do,*

*Memories of your love keeps us near to you.*

From your loving wife Christina, daughter Ellis, son-in-law Ger and grandchildren, George, Clare, and Trevor.

*May Anthony Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARY FLYNN**  
Lakeglen, Green Rd. Portlaoise.



19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> July

*Wherever I go, whatever I do, memories of your love keep me near to you.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.*

*May Mary Rest in Peace*



# Portlaoise Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima 2019



L/R; Natham Harrison who celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and Mr & Mrs Kelly who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with Fr. Paddy who also celebrated 18 years ordained into the Priesthood while in Fatima.



L/R; John Egan, Fr. Thulani, Fr. Fitzgerald (Mountrath) and Hughie Callaghan.



Nuala Smith & Paddy Connolly



Frances Doheny and Johnny O' Brien



L/R; Maureen Ryan, Phil Mulhare & Eugene Lacey



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Fr. Paddy pictured with Maura & Johnny O' Brien





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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.

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**Dr. Aisling Heath**  
née

**McCormack**  
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Cape town, South Africa, will be remembered at the 6:30pm Mass on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

*May Aisling Rest in Peace*

### An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Praise and Worship Meeting

**Meeting:** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July in Portlaoise Parish Centre, commencing at 10:40am immediately after 10am Mass, concluding at 12.15pm. Format: Rosary, Praise and Worship with Music Ministry. Teaching Topic: Healing. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. For details contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305. All are welcome.

**Rambling House Festival:** From Monday July 29<sup>th</sup> to Monday August 5<sup>th</sup> there will be various cultural activities at An Sean Chistin, Irey, Ballyfin R32X5D6. Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup> Rambling House Session at 8pm. Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup> Pop up Gaeltacht at 8pm. Thursday Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, Laois Matters when we will celebrate the best of Laois singers, musicians, dancers, storytellers and poets. Saturday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Sean Nós and brush dancing workshop at 11am, all ages, abilities welcome. Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> Farewell Rambling House Session at 7.30pm. There will also be four céilithe in Community Centre Ballyfin, over the Bank Holiday weekend. For further info. tel. Maureen 087-6482038 or e-mail; seanchistin@gmail.com.



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### The Laois County Council Summer Arts Programme 2019

running at the Laois Music Centre, Church Ave Portlaoise includes a Portfolio Preparation Course with Mary Burke running from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July for young people aged 15 to 18 from 10am to 4pm. The course is designed to help students prepare a portfolio for submission for Art and Design Courses and will also benefit students preparing for Leaving Certificate Art Coursework. Cost €60. And lots of fun to be had at Dance Workshops with Marie Cashin from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August from 11am to 1pm and a second workshop from 2pm to 4pm for ages 7 to 12. A fun introduction to hip hop, jazz & free style. Cost €25. E-mail; artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or phone 057-8664013/33, download application forms from our website; www.laois.ie or from local libraries.

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