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15th September 2019

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1st September - 4th October

National ploughing Championships at Fenagh, Co. Carlow this week - 17th to 19th. If you are attending you will be most welcome to call in to The Diocesan Stand at 399 Row 18. Also please see notice 'Prayer at the Ploughing' on page 18.



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Priests of the Parish



Msgr. John Byrne P.P.V.G.
Tel: 057 8692153



Fr. Ciprian Matei
Tel: 057 8509998



Fr. David Vard C.C.
Tel: 057 8661139



Fr. Eddie Lalor C.C.
Tel: 057 8661605



Fr. Tom O'Connor P.E.
(Parish Chaplain)



Visiting Priest

Fr. Benny Antoney

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Secretary: Julie Conroy
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St. Matthew
21st September

One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw, seated in his customs bureau, Levi the publican, whose business it was to collect the taxes from the people for their Roman masters. Jesus said to him: "Follow me," Leaving all behind, Matthew arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace. The humble Matthew, as he was thereafter called, tells us himself in his Gospel that he was Levi, one of those publicans abhorred by the Jews as enemies of their country, outcasts and notorious sinners, who enriched themselves by extortion and fraud. Other than this, we know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles.





Welcome to Fr. Ciprian



This weekend we warmly welcome Fr. Ciprian Matei to our parish. Fr. Ciprian is a native of Romania and was ordained priest on 27th of June 2014 in St Joseph Cathedral, Bucharest, after studying in St. Joseph's Minor seminary in Bacau and St. Joseph's Major Seminary in Iasi. From 2014 until 2019 he served as Curate at St. Padre Pio Parish, in Constanta Romania, serving also as a Chaplain at Mihail Kogalniceanu military airbase, near Constanta, for the American soldiers. Also he assisted the Nigerian students in Constanta from 2014 to 2018. We welcome Fr. Ciprian and hope he will be very happy in our parish.

Visit our website: www.portlaoiseparish.ie

"Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up."

Stephen Hawking
January 7th 2016

We welcome into our Parish Community



Fáilte

Evie Norah O'Halloran, The Hermitage
Finn Michael Gormley, Rosdarragh Glen
Pola Aleksandra Lechicka, Lalor Way, Fairgreen
Faye Gillian Hinc, Stradbrook
Keiva Mary Kate Ready, O'Moore Place
Raymond Dean Bergin-O'Donovan, St. John's Square
Lorenzo Mateo Santos, Ridge Road
Tom Martin Nolan, Maryborough Village
Ethan William John Howlett, Rathevan
who were baptised last weekend

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,
The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,
Ratheniska: 10am.

CONFESSIONS

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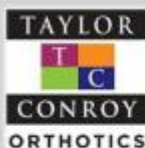
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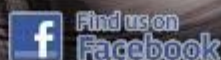
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As I pray before the Blessed Sacrament, I will pray for each one of you. God knows who you are. May the Good God bless each one of you with His Peace, Mercy and Hope. May our Blessed Mother always watch over each one of you and guide you to Jesus.

To live in hope is to walk towards a happiness that we will not have here, but that we will have in Heaven. It is a virtue which is difficult to understand, but one which brings us to an encounter with Jesus in Heaven. Trust in Him at all times. He will never let you down.

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Prayerfully in Our Lady

S. Mucic

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That reminds me of a lesson that Jesus taught to a group of religious leaders one day. The religious leaders were very upset that Jesus was often seen associating with sinners. He was even sometimes seen eating with them. The religious leaders didn't like that at all and were very critical of Jesus. Jesus told them a story to help them to understand.

"Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and you lost one of them," Jesus said. "Wouldn't you leave the ninety-nine who were safe, and go and search for the lost sheep? And when you found the lost sheep, wouldn't you joyfully put it on your shoulders and carry it back home? Wouldn't you be so happy that you would tell all of your friends about finding the lost sheep?" I imagine that all of the religious leaders had to agree that they would do just as Jesus had suggested. Then Jesus said to them, "In the same way, there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

The Gospel teaches us that we are like sheep and sometimes stray away from God. That makes God very sad, but he never gives up on us. He keeps searching for us and calling to us. He wants to draw us back into his arms. He even sent Jesus, his Son, to save those who are lost. Aren't you glad that God doesn't give up on his lost sheep? I am, because "I once was lost, but now I'm found!"

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd. We are thankful that you came to save those who are lost. Amen.

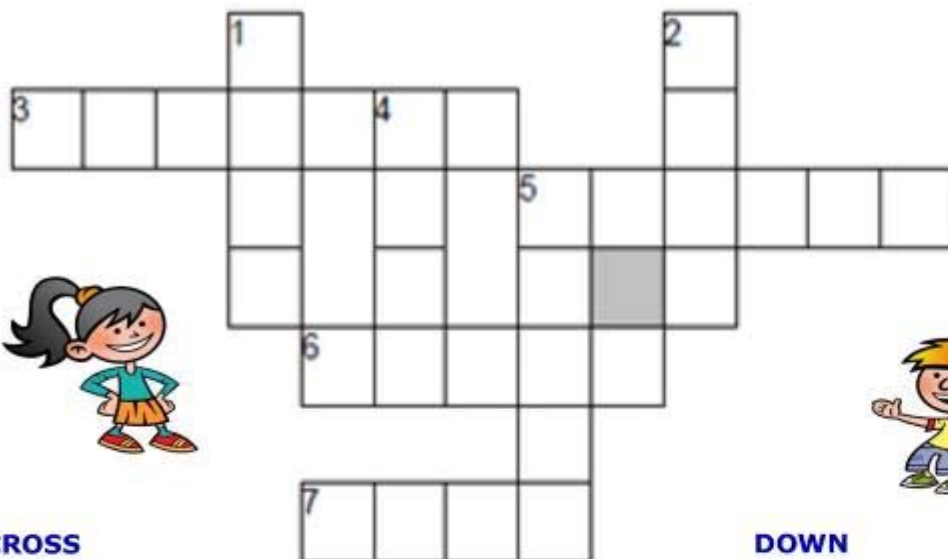


The Parable of the Lost Coin

"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it?" Luke 15:8



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ACROSS

3. To feel or show great happiness about something
5. A person who disobeys God's laws
6. A heavenly being often used by God as his messenger
7. A device placed on a table to give light

DOWN

1. To no longer possess something because you do not know where it is
2. To locate something by searching for it.
4. A small round piece of metal which is used as money
5. To clean a floor by using a broom.



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Start date: **October 16th. Book your place now.**

Venue: **Holy Family Junior School, Portlaoise**

Time: **Wednesdays at 3.15pm**

Contact: **Orla Coughlan/Margaret Dooley
0833758421**





TIME TO THINK!

GOD IS WITH US

A minister passing through his church in the middle of the day decided to pause by the altar and see who had come to pray. Just then the back door opened, a man came down the aisle, the minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while. His shirt was shabby, old, and his coat was worn and frayed. The man knelt, he bowed his head then rose and walked away. In the days that followed, each noon time came this chap. Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap. Well, the minister's suspicions grew, with robbery a main fear.

He decided to stop the man and ask him, "What are you doing here?" the old man said he worked down the road. Lunch was half an hour. Lunchtime was his prayer time for finding strength and power. "I stay only moments, see, because the factory is so far away. As I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is what I say: *"I just came again to tell you Lord, how happy I've been since we found each other's friendship, and you took away my sin. I don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you everyday. So Jesus, this is Jim, checking in today"*.

The minister, feeling foolish, told Jim, that was fine. He told the man he was welcome to come and pray just anytime. Time to go, Jim smiled, and said "Thanks." He sped to the door. The minister knelt at the altar, he'd never done it before. His cold heart melted, warmed with love, and met with Jesus there. As the tears flowed, in his heart, he repeated old Jim's prayer: *"I just came again to tell you Lord, how happy I've been since we found each other's friendship, and you took away my sin. I don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you everyday. So Jesus, this is me, checking in today"*.

Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come. As more days passed without Jim, he began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill. The hospital staff were worried, but he'd given them a thrill. The week that Jim was with them, brought changes in the ward. His smiles, a joy contagious, changed people, were his reward. The head nurse couldn't understand why Jim was so glad when no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed, he voiced the nurse's concern: No friends came to show they cared. He had nowhere to turn.



Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up and with a winsome smile; "The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, that in here all the while, everyday at noon, he's here, a dear friend of mine, you see, he sits right down, takes my hand, leans over and says to me:



"I just came again to tell you Jim, how happy I have been since we found this friendship, and I took away your sin. I always love to hear you pray, and I think about you every day. So Jim, this is Jesus, checking in today".

Lord Jesus, you overpowered the control that sickness had by curing people of their illnesses. Those who were disabled were freed to walk again.

You calmed the sea and showed that you had control even over nature.

You rose to a new way of living and showed that not even death had power over you.

With your power in our lives, everything that happens to us can be turned to good.

And so I ask you this day, to help me to transform my difficulties and draw goodness out of what is negative in my life, knowing that there is nothing in life or in death that can ever separate me from your love.

Amen!

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 16,400 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

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



Have a Cuppa in aid of Laois Hospice Foundation

This year Laois Hospice coffee morning takes place on

Thursday 19th September

Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning sponsored by Bewley's

Would you have an hour to spare on the 19th to host a coffee morning or evening or arrange a coffee morning in your workplace?

Invite in a few friends and put on the kettle and share a cup of coffee.

Laois Hospice are looking for people/organisations or workplaces to host coffee mornings or evenings on **19th September**.

If you would like to be a host please contact;
Mary Delaney, Laois Hospice on 086-8157280
for supply of coffee.

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Friday 27th & Saturday 28th September 2019

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GRELLAN DELANEYS

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 27TH

Table Quiz

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9:00pm

SEPTEMBER 28TH

Throwback Night

Relive your

**St. Mary's Memories
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9PM Til Late

All Are Welcome

Prayer at the Ploughing



The Ploughing Championships takes place in the middle of the annual Season of Creation. Because the 3-day ploughing championship focuses on rural living, I am also inviting people to submit a personal prayer (no more than 100 words) about the environment which they compose themselves. This new environmentally centred prayer could relate to farming, gardening or sustainability.

People can submit their preferences and entries to prayerattheploughing@kandle.ie between now and 10 September. Alternatively they are welcome to post them to me at Bishop's House.

A shortlist of the favourite prayers will be displayed at the Kildare & Leighlin stand when the event gets underway on 17 September. The theme of the Kildare & Leighlin stand at the ploughing is 'Digging Deeper – Rooting for Christ' a continuation of our diocesan campaign exploring new ways for people to understand their faith.

+Denis

WRAP UP IN CULTURE

FRI 20 SEP



CULTURE NIGHT IN PORTLAOISE

Explore, Experience, Enjoy

FREE EVENTS in Laois to celebrate Culture Night on Friday 20th September

Visit the National Culture Night website www.culturenight.ie
for other free events in Laois

PORTLAOISE



Dunamais Arts Centre, and the Laois Arts Office in association with Music Generation Laois present The Henry Girls in concert. **The Henry Girls** have a sensational talent and all three have studied music and are multi-instrumentalist, utilising fiddles, ukulele, banjo, guitar, harp, mandolin, piano, and accordion. Free booking online; www.dunamais.ie; or phone 057-8663355

Venue: Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise R32 W93P - Time: 7pm-8.30pm



Laois Youth Dance Ensemble will perform at Laois Shopping Centre. Funded by Arts Council Ireland and supported by Laois Arts Office and Dunamais Arts Centre, LYDE is a youth contemporary dance company based in Portlaoise, that offers opportunities for young people (ages 10-14: Junior; 15-24: Senior) to develop their dance skills and perform. For more info. tel. 087-1328852 or visit www.lyde.ie

Venue: Laois Shopping Centre, Portlaoise R32 TK79 - Time: 5.30pm-6pm

Mountmellick Embroidery Portlaoise Group will exhibit their exquisite work and the public can see how this age old craft is created or join in making work in an effort to encourage new members to join and keep this craft alive.

Venue: Laois Shopping Centre R32 TK79 - Time: 7pm-8.30pm



When All is Said: Anne Griffin in conversation with Claire O'Brien. Anne Griffin, author of When All is Said – sees 84-year-old Maurice Hannigan finally tell his story to different people who sit at the bar beside him. It has been lauded as 'beautifully observed', 'hugely enjoyable' and 'a rare jewel'. The winner of the John McGahern Award for Literature, Anne has also been shortlisted for the Hennessy New Irish Writing Award and the Sunday Business Post Short Story Competition. Anne will be interviewed by Claire O'Brien of Midlands 103. Booking Recommended T: 057-8622333

Venue: Portlaoise Library, R32 X702 - Time: 7pm-8.30pm

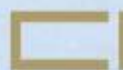
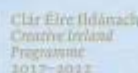
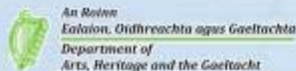
Laois Writers' Group presents "The Language of Love" sharing the best of classical writing on the theme of love in all its forms. From Shakespeare's sonnets to Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning, from Jane Austen to Edna O'Brien. Members of Laois Writers' Group will share some of their favourites and the audience are welcomed to bring their favourites to share on the night also. Booking Recommended T: 057-8622333.

Venue: Portlaoise Library, R32 X702 - Time: 8.30pm-10pm



The Equinox - A night of performance-based art in celebration of the Autumnal equinox. Beautiful, mystical, and magical performances from artists from Laois and across Ireland - expect visual art, magic, performance art, poetry, dance, music, and burlesque.

Venue: Kavanagh's (upstairs venue), Portlaoise, R32 TK79 - 9pm 'til late / Free entry / Over 18's



USEFUL CONTACTS

LOCAL GP or in Emergency: Telephone: 999 or 112.

MIDOC: Urgent Family Doctor Out-of-Hours Service: LoCall: 1850-302-702
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Contact HSELive - We're here to help you

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HSE SERVICES:

RESOURCE SERVICE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION: Tel: 086 8157320 / 086 8157850

MIDLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL TULLAMORE: Tel: 057 9321501

MIDLAND REGIONAL HOSPITAL PORTLAOISE: Tel: 057 8621364

ST. FINTAN'S PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL, Portlaoise: Tel: 057 86 92873 (Admin)

Department of Psychiatry at M.R.H. Portlaoise: Tel: 057 86 96396 (Assessment Unit)

Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Laois (based in Portlaoise). Tel: 057 86 96152.

Young Adult Mental Health Service Laois/Offaly: Tel: 057 86 96916

ADHD Service Laois/Offaly: Tel: 057 86 92834

Community Mental Health Centre, Bridge Street, Portlaoise: Tel: 057 86 22925

PSYCHIATRY FOR LATER LIFE: An Triu Aois, Block Rd., Portlaoise. Tel: 057 86 70245.

ADULT HOMELESSNESS - COMMUNITY LIAISON NURSE: Laois/Offaly: Tel: 087 610 7011.
Email: Nuala.hyland@hse.ie

COMMUNITY PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES,
Child & Family Resource Centre, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise: Tel: 057 86 92564 / 92598

COMMUNITY ALCOHOL & DRUG SERVICES: Dublin Rd., Portlaoise: Tel: 057 86 92516.

COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICES:
Health Centre, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise: Tel: 057 86 21135

COUNSELLING IN PRIMARY CARE SERVICE. Tel: 057 93 70605. (Time limited counselling for over 18's with a Full Medical Care on referral by GP. Venues: Athlone, Mullingar, Longford, Tullamore, Portlaoise, Portlaurington and Mountmellick).

MIDLANDS CRISIS PREGNANCY COUNSELLING SERVICE: Freephone 1800 200 857

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES: Children and Family Services:
Child & Family Resource Centre, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise: Tel: 057 86 92567 / 92568

LOCAL COUNSELLING SERVICES:

PCI Counselling Service (reduced cost): MIDLANDS: Co-ordinator: 0818 555 450 (11am - 6pm).
Provided by Counsellors in association with the Personal Counselling Institute.

Private counselling services: See www.counsellingdirectory.ie or www.iacp.ie for a list of accredited counsellors.

NATIONAL COUNSELLING SERVICES:

24/7 Suicide Helpline - Freephone: 1800 247 247. (Pieta House) Text 'HELP' to 51444

CONNECT: (National Adult Counselling Service) Freephone: 1800 477477 (Wed-Sun. 6pm – 10 pm).
Email: www.connectcounselling.ie

HELPLINES:

Adult Counselling Service:	1800 234 113
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AWARE:	1890 80 48 48
Irish Cancer Society Helpline:	1800 200 700
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Childline:	1800 666 666
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HSE Information Helpline:	1850 241 850
HSE Suicide Prevention Helpline:	1800 742 745 (6pm-10pm)
HSE Drugs Helpline:	1800 459 459 (Drug & Alcohol Information and support)
LGBT Helpline:	1890 929 539 (Email: LGBTMentalHealth.ie / lgbt.ie)
M.A.B.S. Helpline:	0761 07 2000.
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Narcotics Anonymous: (24 hr helpline)	01 830 0944 / 086-8629308.
Parentline:	1890 927 277
Rape Crisis Helpline (Laois/Offaly)	1800 323 232 Dublin (24 hr): 1800 778 888
Farm & Rural Stress Farmline:	1800 742 645
Relationships Ireland:	1890 380 380
Samaritans:	116 123 / Text 087-260 9090 (std rates apply)
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Women's Aid National Freephone Helpline:	1800 341 900

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:

ANAM CARA PARENTAL AND SIBLING BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: www.anamcara.ie / Tel: 01-4045378; Mobile: 085-2888 888; (Satellite support groups throughout the country).

CUISLE CENTRE Portlaoise: Bereavement Counselling 057 86 81492

HSE / Pieta House Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service (Midlands): Liaison Officer 086 418 0088

MIDLANDS LIVING LINKS: Contact Co-Ordinator: 086 160 0641

PORTLAOISE PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Tel: 057 8621142 / 087 987 8300

RAINBOWS: Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Tel: 057 86 21142.

OTHER SERVICES:

ACCORD: 057 86 61581

BARNARDOS FAMILY SUPPORT PROJECT: Freephone: 1850 222300 / www.barnardos.ie.

CARER'S ASSOCIATION: Helpline: 1800 240 724 / Co-Ordinator Co. Laois 086 795 7086.

CITIZENS INFORMATION SERVICE: Kellyville House, Portlaoise (above SuperValu). Tel: 076 1075 590

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICE LAOIS: Tel: 057 86 71100

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE: Harpers Lane, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. Tel: 057 86 86151.

LAOIS TRAVELLER ACTION GROUP: Portlaoise. Tel: 057 86 82210

M.A.B.S. - Money Advice and Budgeting Service: Helpline: 0761 07 2000 / Portlaoise 0761 07 2620

MIDLANDS SIMON COMMUNITY: Regional Office 090 64 44641

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*Always so good, unselfish and kind,
Few on this earth, his equal we'll find,
Honourable and upright in all his ways,
Loyal and true to the end of his days.
Danny, you will never be forgotten.*

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Ridge Road, Portlaoise, who died 12th September 1980.
39th Anniversary occurs at this time.



God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill too hard to climb,
He gently closed your weary eyes,
And whispered 'Peace Be Thine'.

Sadly missed and always remembered
by your loving family.

May Peter Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **BERNARD FITZPATRICK**

Killone, Stradbally, Co. Laois (2nd Anniversary)

Bernard's Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in the Church of the Assumption,
The Heath, Sun. 15th September at 9.30am.



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.

From his loving family, Anna, Moyra, Bill,
Henrietta, Pattie, nieces and nephews.

May Bernard Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **TIMMY SCULLY**

3 New Road, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 17th September 2019



5th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on **Saturday 21st**
September 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.*

*So many things have happened, we wanted you to
share,*

*So many times we needed you, and wished that you
were there.*

*We think about you always and talk about you too,
We have so many memories, but we wish we still had
you.*

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

Also remembering his loving wife Bernadette at this time.

May Timmy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **SEAN O' REILLY**

Borris Rd., Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversary Mass was celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Saturday 21st September at 6:30pm.



*There are some we meet in passing,
and forget as soon as they go,
There are some we remember with
pleasure and feel honoured and
privileged to know,
You were that kind of person who
left beautiful memories behind,
And there are many days which
bring fond memories of you to mind.*

Sadly missed by his loving wife Nancy, sons Aidan and
Noel and all his family, extended family & friends.

May Sean Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Pad) DOYLE**

58 St. Brigid's Place. 6th Anniversary occurs 17th Sept. 2019.

And his Sister

ANN WHELAN

85 St. Brigid's Place. 18th Anniversary occurred recently.



*Gone are the days we used
to share, but in our hearts
you are always there,
The gates of memory will
never close, we miss you
more than anyone knows,
With tender love and deep*



regret, we who love you, will never forget.

*Sadly missed, never forgotten by your brother Joe and
Kathleen.*

May Patrick & Ann Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Pad) DOYLE**

58 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 17th September 2019.



*I cannot see you, but I can
remember you,
Your smile, your laugh, your
advice, your kindness,
There are so many reasons why
we will love you until we meet
in Heaven once again.*

*Sadly missed and loved by Mary,
Ellen, Guggi and families.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MARTIN CAHILL**

Kylevalley, Stradbally, Co. Laois.

3rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church,
Ratheniska, Sunday 22nd September at 10am.



*"In memory and celebration of someone
who made this world a brighter and
better place"*

Love and miss you, Mary, Julieka, Jamie,
Elizabeth, Martina, Joleene, sons-in-law,
daughter-in-law and grandchildren xxxxx

May Martin Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **CHRISTINE FARRELL**

39 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs 16th September 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the
Parish Church, Sunday 15th Sept. at 12:30pm.
*You left behind some aching hearts that loved
you most sincere, we never shall and never
will forget you, Mother dear.*

Loved and sadly missed by her sons, daughters, daughters-in-law,
sons-in-law, sister Eileen, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

May Christine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN LYNCH**

Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise.



25th Anniversary occurs
18th September

*Thinking of you today
and always.*

From all your loving family.

May Mam Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **CHRISTINE COUGHLAN**

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs 16th September - Mass offered.



*Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*

Sadly missed by all her loving family
and friends.

May Christine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **WAYNE SIMPSON**

38 Borris Road, Portlaoise.

Whose 11th Anniversary occurs 16th September 2019.



*Gone from our home that smiling face,
The cheerful, pleasant way,
The heart that won so many friends in
by-gone happy days.*

Love forever, missing you xxx
From Mam, sister Lisa and niece Melissa xxx

May Wayne Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE For a very special Mum In Loving Memory Of

ELIZABETH (Mary) McEVOY née Ryan
64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.
22nd Sept. 1941 - 5th Birthday away from home.



*Happy Birthday
In Heaven Mother*

Mother

To one who bears the sweetest
name and adds lustre to the same,
Long life to her, for there's no other
who takes the place of my dear Mother.

God bless you Mum

Birthday Remembrance Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Friday 20th September at 7:30am and 10am.

May Elizabeth Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **JOHN CLEARY**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Died 10th September 1979.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 14th September at 6:30pm.



*Always a smile, never a frown,
Always a hand when one was down,
Always true, gentle and kind
Wonderful memories you left behind.*

Always remembered by his wife Kathleen, nieces, nephews
and lots of friends.

May John Rest in Peace



Months Mind Mass for Martin Lawless, Tinnahinch,
Rosenallis, will be celebrated in Abbeyleix Church,
on Saturday 21st September at 7:30pm. R.I.P.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **TERESA KHANDKER**

1st birthday away from home occurs at this time.



*I often sit and think about the years
that have passed by,
And of the happiness and joy, that
was shared between you and I,
I think of all the laughter, the smiles
and all the fun,
And before I even know it, my tears
have once again begun.*

*For although it brings me comfort, to
walk down memory lane,
It reminds me how without you, life will never be the same.*

Happy birthday wishes to a dearly missed friend.

Love Frances and Tom.

In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL KELLY**

*Old Post Office, The Heath, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 13th September 2019.*

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the
Assumption, the Heath, this Sunday 15th September at 9:30am.**



*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and forever dear.
Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.
May Michael Rest in Peace*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of **MALACHY BYRNE**

*New Road, Portlaoise and Killeigh.
1st Anniversary occurs 26th September 2019*



The family of the late
Malachy Byrne would like to
acknowledge the many
expressions of sympathy and
gestures of kindness shown
to us following our sad loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks
to the many relatives, friends,
neighbours and well wishers
who visited our home,

attended the wake, funeral service and burial and
who provided emotional and practical support for
us at this difficult time.

To those who telephoned, travelled long distances,
sent floral tributes, cards and messages of
condolences, we are truly grateful.

A special word of thanks to the medical and nursing
staff of Medical 2 ward, Midland Regional Hospital,
Tullamore, for their unwavering kindness and
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requiem Mass. Thanks also to O'Reilly Funeral
Directors for their sensitive and professional
handling of the arrangements.

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

**Malachy's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Patrick's Church, Killeigh, Sat. 21st September at
7:30pm.**

Rest in Peace Malachy

In Loving Memory of **JIM LALOR**

*Rossleighan, Portlaoise. Died 22nd September 2018.
1st Anniversary occurs at this time.*



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 22nd September at 10am.**

*Enfolded by the gentle warmth of God's
most holy grace, and led unto the shelter
of a blessed, peaceful place,
Those cherished ones who've gone beyond,
still so dearly loved, have found eternal
comfort in God's glorious realm above.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family.

May Jim Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **SARAH SCULLY**

*Kyleclonhobert, Portlaoise.
40th Anniversary occurs 14th September 2019.*



*Wonderful memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts you are living yet,
We loved you too dearly to forget.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
Pat, Mary & families.*

May Sarah Rest in Peace



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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 Wed. 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.

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.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2019: 7 Night Package Inclusive €705, 3rd-10th October.

Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland cc. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

An Evening with 'The Priests': We are delighted to welcome to the Cathedral of the Assumption Thurles, Fr. Eugene and his brother Fr. Martin O'Hagan, natives of Co. Derry and Fr. David Delargy from Ballymena, Co. Antrim who form the internationally famed Musical Trio, The Priests. Come and enjoy them in concert in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles on Friday 27th September. Tickets now on sale at Parish Centre, Cathedral Street, Thurles (0504 22229) and Bookworm, Liberty Square, Thurles (0504 22257). As you may already be aware the Cathedral requires reroofing and this is one of our fund-raising events. Tickets €35. Doors open 7pm. Concert 8pm.

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

Caroline's Holistics M.N.R.R.I.: Reflexology, Indian Head Massage, Hopi Ear Candle Treatment. Treatments are one hour, cost €50. Appointments 11am to 8pm. Call; 086-4055618 (Abbeyleix).

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

Sept. 18th: The first opportunity of the new season to take out the dancing shoes again and get the adrenalin flowing, learning new dance movements with Maureen. The additional exercise will help us hold on to whatever summer fitness is still there.

Calling over 50's: We suspect there are senior citizens, or soon to be seniors, in our community who may appreciate meeting persons of similar age, and possible similar interests, to chat, discuss and have an opportunity to make new friends, and also partake in interesting events. Whether male or female, mobile and active, or less mobile, the ARA is open to everybody. You are very welcome to call to any of our club meetings at the Church Parish Centre, any Wednesday 3pm to 5.30pm, where we can discuss with you the details of our activities, and what the ARA has to offer. We would be delighted to see you any Wednesday, and it may be the beginning of a new adventure.

Dancing at An Sean Chistin, Ireby, Ballyfin: Commencing Monday Sept. 16th Set Dancing 8pm. Tuesday 17th Line Dancing, beginners at 10am and experienced dancers at 11am. Wed. 18th Line Dancing, beginners 7pm, experienced dancers 8pm. Enquiries Maureen 087-6482038.

Sing for Joy: Rehearsals for the new season commence Wed. 18th Sept. at 11am in Portlaoise Parish Centre. This is a Community Choir, emphasis on self confidence relaxation, participation, well being, teamwork, friendship, inclusivity etc. which welcomes attendees from care facilities around Portlaoise and it's environs. We look forward to a successful year with public performances during our first term. For info. tel. Maureen 087-6482038.

Table Quiz: Mountmellick Macra will be hosting a Table Quiz in Turley's Pub, Mountmellick on Friday 27th September starting at 9pm. Table of 4 costs €20, it would be great to have as many people as possible there to support. For any queries, feel free to contact us on our Facebook page or call 086-2398422.

Pop-up Gaeltacht: To celebrate our treasured Irish Language there will be a pop up Gaeltacht at An Sean Chistin Ireby, Ballyfin, R32X5D6 on Friday 20th September at 8pm.

Culture Night - A free event where all are welcome to use the cúpla focal in a relaxed, informal setting, poetry, songs, seanfhocail and music will also be included. Míle Fáilte. For info. tel. Maureen 087-6482038.

Irish Girl Guides Portlaoise: There are currently a number of vacancies in the following Irish Girl Guide groups in Portlaoise.

Triogue Ladybird Unit

Monday 6-7pm, Girls aged 5-7. Please contact;

Valerie O'Reilly 087-2111908.

Triogue Brownie Unit

Monday 6-7.15pm, Girls aged 7-10. Please contact;

Carmel Kelly 087-2424909.

Mosse Brownie Pack

Wednesday 6-7.15pm, Girls 7-10. Please contact;

Carmel McSweeney 087-6850199 or Maureen Brennan 087-9602899.

Volunteer Drivers: The Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in all public hospitals nationwide. Volunteers will need their own car but all expenses are paid. If you have 2 free days each month (Monday-Friday) and an active e-mail address we would love to hear from you.

Please call Laura 01-2310594, e-mail transport@irishcancer.ie or visit www.cancer.ie for more information.

Laochra Laoise: Portlaoise Special Olympics Group, would like to thank all those who supported their recent Church gate collection. Funds raised contribute towards training costs and participation in athletics, bowling and floor ball events. New members are always welcome. Contact Liz 087-2778893 or Helen 087-2272128.

Cuise Fayre Charity Shop: No. 1 Church Avenue (side of old Shaws). Donations of good quality household items required, also good quality ladies and gents clothing. Cuise Fayre volunteers greatly appreciate the generosity of their patrons.

Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, 2nd Steam Threshing Festival - Saturday 28th September at 5pm: Steam Engine & Mill arrives at The Deadmans Inn, Ballyfin. Music on the night.

Sunday 29th at 12 noon:

Threshing starts - Vintage tractors, cars, machinery, bouncing castle, stalls, music, raffles and more. Adults €5, under 12s free.

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current term is *"Of Human Bondage"* by William Somerset Maugham,
which is an excellent read. **Contact Ann 086-0678828 or Helen 085-1529558.**

October 1st-7th National Breastfeeding Week: Midlands Regional Hospital at
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