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### A Father's Day Blessing

Lord, God, you are our Father and the source of all fatherhood.

Bless all fathers especially those gathered here. May their fatherhood reflect yours.

May they offer wise guidance and sound example to their children.

May they be patient and kind.

Bless them in times of difficulty of uncertainty. Give them a strong and lively faith with their children.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Happy Father's Day to all Fathers!

### Priests of the Parish



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

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Secretary: Julie Conroy Monday to Thursday 11am to 1pm & 2.15pm to 5pm 057-8692154

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### Mysteries of Faith

In Jesus' farewell to his disciples he says, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." It is clear that Jesus is teaching his disciples in stages. Like every good teacher, Jesus knows that we can only



digest so much information at a time. The original disciples had to learn to walk before they could run, and that goes for us too.

We are all at different stages in our journey of faith, but that journey should never become static. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." Jesus implies that we will be ready to learn more at some future date and he is leaving us the Spirit of truth to guide us towards revelation. In the face of great mysteries, it is tempting to give up and leave theology to the great academics; but we are reminded that God has revealed truth to all sorts of people from small children to acclaimed philosophers, and from simple fishermen to learned theologians.

God is a sympathetic teacher, but we have to play our part and be willing students. As adults it isn't good enough to rely on the faith we developed at school. There was nothing wrong with the faith were given as youngsters of course, but it's time to develop our thinking and stretch our understanding. In an age of improved communications, discussion groups, television, competitive publishing and the internet, there's not much excuse for us to cease growing in intellect or spirituality.

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To celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, an all-night vigil will take place after the evening Mass on Saturday 22nd June and finish before the first morning Mass on Sunday 23rd June. We would particularly invite people to come between the hours of 1am to 5am.

A sheet will be in the register book were people are invited to sign their names and pledge an hour during the night.

### 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.

Polish Mass, 3rd Sunday of the Month at 5pm.

#### CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am & 6.30pm Masses.

### Please!

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### We welcome into our Parish Community

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Pearl Lisa Scully, Chestnut Avenue Noah Alan Lawless, Hillview Drive

Who were baptised last weekend

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Sunday 9th June 2019

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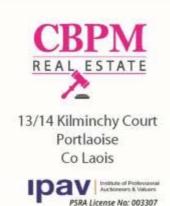






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confused. What if we could shrink the message of God's love down so small that it could fit inside this nutshell? That would be great, wouldn't it? Well, I think we can do that this morning.

I did a search on my computer for the top 10 verses in the Bible. I searched for the top ten verses that people know, love, and read the most often. Can you guess what the number one verse is? John 3:16! How many of you can say that verse with me? "For God so loved the world that he have his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." That is good news, isn't it? That is everything you need to know about God's love. Now let's take a closer look at what this verse tells us.



Who is this verse about? - God

What does God do? - loves

Who does God love? - the world (that includes you and me)

What did God do to show his love? - gave his one and only Son

What must we do in return? - believe that Jesus is the Son of God





The Bible is full of the promises of God's love. You and I should be ready to share those promises with our friends. We should read our Bible daily and study to learn more about it, but when it comes time to share God's love, remember the "Gospel in a Nutshell" that we studied this morning. It is a message that the whole world needs to hear.

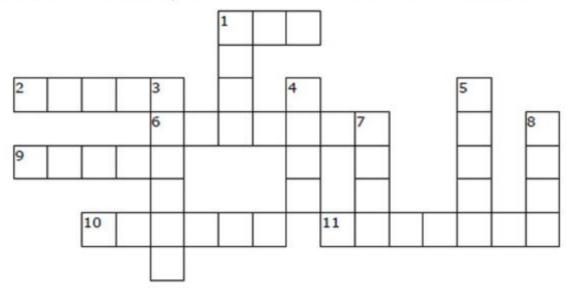
"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."



Our Father, we thank you for your love — a love so great that you gave your one and only Son so that we could have eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### The Greatest Gift of All

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16



### **ACROSS**

- A male child
- The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
- 6. Lasting forever, without end
- Received the ten commandments from God
- 10. To die or be destroyed
- To accept something as true, genuine, or real

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- 1. To rescue from danger or harm
- Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
- 4. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
- 5. A serpent or reptile)
- To care very deeply for someone
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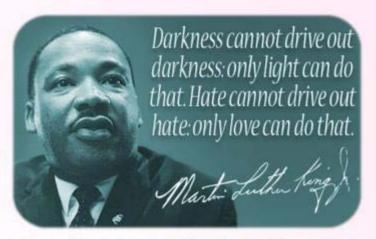
### GOD'S DREAM

We can wait no longer. Martin Luther King's Letter degenerating sense of "nobodiness"-then you will to White Church Leaders; understand why we find it difficult to wait. There

In 1960, Martin Luther King was imprisoned after leading a civil rights march. His dream seemed a long way off. Criticised by white church leaders, he responded with his famous "Letter from an Alabama Jail", which included this section:

We have waited for more than 340 years for our constitutional and God given rights. The nations of Asia and Africa are moving with jet like speed toward gaining political independence, but we still creep at horse and buggy pace toward gaining a cup of coffee at a lunch counter. Perhaps it is easy for those who have never felt the stinging darts of segregation to say, "Wait." But when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate filled policemen curse, kick and even kill your black brothers and sisters; when you see the vast majority of your twenty million Negro brothers smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your six year old daughter why she can't go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see tears welling up in her eyes when she is told that Funtown is closed to coloured children, and see ominous clouds of inferiority beginning to form in her little mental sky, and see her beginning to distort her personality by developing an unconscious bitterness toward white people; when you have to concoct an answer for a five year old son who is asking: "Daddy, why do white people treat coloured people so mean?"; when you take a cross county drive and find it necessary to sleep night after night in the uncomfortable corners of your automobile because no motel will accept you; when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading "white" and "coloured"; when your first name becomes "nigger," your middle name becomes "boy" (however old you are) and your last name becomes "John," and your wife and mother are never given the respected title "Mrs."; when you are harried by day and haunted by night by the fact that you are a Negro, living constantly at tiptoe stance, never quite knowing what to expect next, and are plagued with inner fears and outer resentments; when you are forever fighting a

degenerating sense of "nobodiness"-then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait. There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair.



Faced with injustices like these, it would be understandable if King had become stuck in "the abyss of despair". His letter oozes a compassion for the suffering of his fellow African-Americans and a smouldering anger at the injustices heaped upon movement them. But his aroused opposition. Even the white church, which he had hoped would side with his cause, opposed what he was doing. At times the challenge must have seemed too big, the forces of oppression too powerful, and the future fated to be an endless rerun of the past.

But to his compassion and anger King added hope. He was convinced that his dream was in fact God's dream; that God too had.

### An Inspirational Prayer

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then.

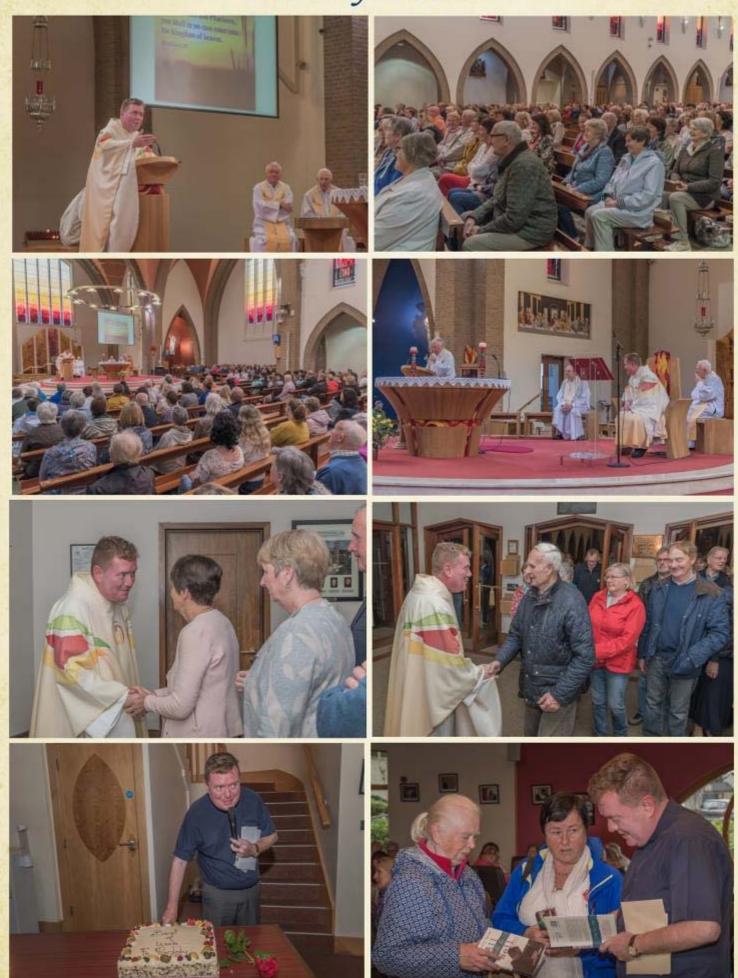
Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually; "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him."

St. Francis de Sales

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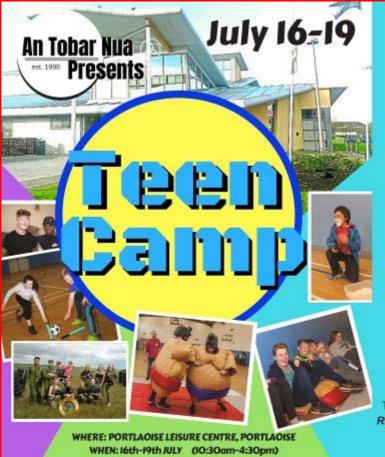




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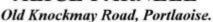
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### In Loving Memory of *ALICE PARNELL*





Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6:30pm.

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Sad and sudden was the call. So dearly loved by one and all, Paddy's memory is as sweet today, As in the hour Paddy passed away. Always missed and loved, Carol, Keith, Alan, Niall and all his loving family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 15th June at 6:30pm.

May Raddy Rest in Reace









### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of

### PATRICIA GALLAGHER

née Kelly

Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Died 4th May 2019.



Patricia's sister, Elaine McGinn and family, Beladd, Portlaoise, together with the Kelly and Gallagher families, Donegal, wish to express our sincerest thanks to everyone who sympathised with us on the recent sad passing of Patricia.

We thank most sincerely those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, phone calls, texts and

flowers. Also those who made the long journey from Portlaoise to Roscrea to Letterkenny for the wake and funeral, we thank you.

We thank everyone for their prayers, Novenas, Mass Bouquets and good wishes during Patricia's illness. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

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

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

Rest in Peace Patricia



### In Precious & Loving Memory of A Loving Son and Brother DANIEL (Danny) WHELAN

5th Anniversary occurred recently. Died 8th June 2014 - age 18 years.



Danny, you were life's gift of love to me, You brought joy and laughter into my heart and soul,

You were such an amazing young man and a wonderful son,

You were the nicest gift any parent could ever ask for,

I'm so thankful for every moment and memories – even the tough ones, that we all got to spend with you.

You left your own special "heartprint" wherever you went.

You made our world a brighter place, but most of all my darling son, you always made my heart smile.

Loving you and missing you always Son;
Your loving parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews,
grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.
May Danny's Oboul Rest in Reace among all our
Ceavenly Angels.



### FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Pat) MILLS

148 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Daddy; You were someone so wonderful Words just can't convey
How much we wish, that you were here
Once more with us today.

To the world you were our father But to us you meant the world

With Love Jean, Cathy, Marie, Patrick and Teresa.

May Eatrick Rest in Reace



### Father's Day Remembrance PATRICK SHIELS

Formerly Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.



The rolling stream of life rolls on But still the vacant chair Recalls the love, the voice, the smile Of the one who once sat there

Remembered loving on this Father's Day by his sons, daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Ratrick Rest in Reace



### FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE **BRIAN LARKIN**

56 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise. Missing you Dad on your 1st Father's Day in Heaven.



If we could write a story, it would be the greatest ever told,

Of our kind and loving Father, who had a heart of gold, We could write a million pages, but we still just couldn't say;

How much we miss and love you Dad since you went away.

We remember all our happy times, we're hurt but we won't cry, we'll carry you within our hearts, Until the day we die xxx

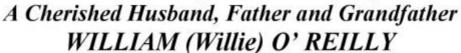
Happy Father's Day Daddy

Love and miss you; your loving wife Fiona, sons Ethan, Damon, Oisin and grandson Odhrain.

Rest In Reace Brian



### In Loving Memory of



28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 2nd Father's Day away from home - 16th June 2019.



### Husband;

Sometimes I just sit quietly, reflecting for awhile,
Imagining your voice, your face, your warm and loving smile,
For it's so lovely to recall the happy times we had,
When you played such a special role as both husband and a dad,
And at this very special time I only wish you knew, that I'd give all the
world today for one more hour with you,
But I still have my memories and since we've been apart, it comforts me
so much to know that you're right here in my heart.

Forever loved, sadly missed and always in my heart.

Happy Father's Day Willie.

Your Loving Wife Anne xxx

### Daddy;

Thinking of you and missing you on this your special day, wishing we'd said all the things we never got to say,

Because it seemed we took your love for granted and that we truly know, we only wish we told you, how much we

loved you so,

For if we ever needed you, you'd never turn your back, you'd pick us up each time we'd fall and put us back on track, And since you've gone, we miss you so and realise what we had, a parent with a heart of gold;

The World's most special Dad.

You were someone who meant so very much and were loved by all you knew, You left behind a trail of tears and precious memories too,

We loved the sunshine in your smile and the kindness in your heart, but Heaven saw that you were getting tired, which meant we had to part,

And now that it's your special day, Dear Angels hear our prayer, Please guard our Daddy, with your wings and tend him with great care,

For he was someone wonderful and words just can't convey, how much we wish that he was here once more, with us today.

Always remembered today and everyday. You are never more than a thought away.

Happy Father's Day Daddy.

Alan, Michael, Thomas, Lisa, Nicola, Jenny, Trevor, Becky, daughters-in-law, Mary, Fiona, Sara, Nicole and son-in-law Trevor xxx

### Grandad;

No one else could make us laugh, the way you used to do, you'd care for us, be there for us and calm our worries too, For you were really special with a kind and caring way, you'd always be so helpful and have something wise to say, Now that Father's Day is here, this special message brings love and heartfelt thanks for doing all those caring things, And just for simply being you, for no one else could be as wonderful as you were to all the family, And on this your very special day, it's sad to say but true, that our lives have changed forever grandad, since we said goodbye to you.

Always remembered now and always. Happy Father's Day Grandad.

Leona, Joanne, Megan, Avril, Katie, Billy, Dylan, Sarah, Aimee, Leah, Abbey, Jayden, Sean, Carly, Braidan, Caoimhe, Óisin and Maisie and baby Noah-Alan xxx



### Fathers Day Remembrance

In Loving Memory of our Daddy KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 6<sup>th</sup> Father's Day away from home - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019.



The pain that we are feeling never seems to go away,
We wish we could visit
Heaven, if only for a day,
We know that you would hold us and whisper in our ears; "Don't think of me as gone away, because I am always here".

We know you're in a better place where you are at peace and free,

To be happy in eternal life and still watch over us, Although the door between our worlds is closed and we're apart, until the time God opens it, you're always in our hearts.

We love and miss you Daddy and though you've passed away, you'll never be forgotten for we think of you everyday.

Happy Sather's Day Daddy

Forever in our thoughts.

Lots of love Becky and Dylan xx



### In Loving Memory of

Our Dearest Mam & Grandmother JANE McEVOY

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise. (15th Anniversary) Also a very special Birthday wish for her and Happy Father's Day to our Dad.



They are our bridge over troubled water,
The wind beneath our wings,
And now our loving parents, are a candle in the wind.
The flowers we place upon your grave will wither and decay,

But the love we buried with you both, will never fade away.

Love you both forever, your loving family.

Rest in Reace Mam and Dad



### In Loving Memory of MARGARET RYAN

33 Newpark, Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 18th June.

5th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 22nd June 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.

Sadly missed by all her loving family.

May Margaret Rest in Reace

# In Loving Memory Dad On Father's Day

The day you left and gained your wings my heart just broke in two
I wish you could have stayed with me
But Heaven needed you

You left me with the memories And I love you dearly still No matter how much time goes by You know I always will

You were a very special person With kindness in your heart And the love we had together Grows stronger now we're apart

I know I cannot bring you back Although I wish it everyday But a piece of me went with you The day you went away

My dad is not here, but he is watching from Heaven.



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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.

"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.

<u>Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting:</u> Every Monday 8-9pm in the Prayer room of Portlaoise Parish Church.

Solemn Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, 9 Monday nights; 29<sup>th</sup> April - 24<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> June; Fr. Derek Ryan CSSR (Redemptorist Priest).

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2019: 7 Night Package Inclusive €705 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland cc. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Praise and Worship Meeting will be held Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 7pm to 9pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre with guest Fr. John Mockler CC and spiritual director; Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. For details tel. Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

Kildare 3-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July: Bus leaving Monasterevin 6:30am. Contact Joe 087-3815887 / Michael 087-6697902. Kylecolmbane Cemetery Mass Will be celebrated on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm. All welcome and parking is available.

Divine Mercy Apostolate Healing
of the Generations (Family Tree
Mass) will be celebrated in St.
Brigid's Church, Coon, Kilkenny on
Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> June with Fr. Delaney
and Coon Prayer Team. Adoration
6:30pm, Holy Mass 7:30pm and
Benediction. All are welcome.

#### **USEFUL SERVICES**

Accord: Going through a difficult time in your marriage/relationship? Counselling Services available at Accord, Parish Centre, Portlaoise, call 057-8661581 or e-mail us at;

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#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

**Bowls:** Every Monday at 3pm in St. Mary's Hall - regular and new members are always welcome to come along and take part.

Whist: Play or learn Whist at Sue Ryder Centre every Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm, all are welcome.

19<sup>th</sup> June: Now that the excitement of our successful show has abated, it is time to dust down the dancing shoes again and trod the boards with Maureen, who has a range of dances to demonstrate that will be sure to entertain the members.

**26**<sup>th</sup> **June:** The ARA members are having an outing to Emo Court to enjoy the quiet relaxed atmosphere, to sit or walk and hopefully enjoy the sunshine, followed by tea and some delicious scones.

Note: Portlaoise ARA will then take a break from the Wednesday meetings to enjoy some relaxation and charge our batteries for the Autumn series. We will reconvene at the Parish Centre on Wed. 4th September, full of inspiration and energy.

Sue Ryder Charity Shop: Donations always welcome of ladies/gents good quality clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, jewellery, giftsets, curtains, household appliances, unwanted gifts, bed linen, blankets, furniture. Call Marguerite on 085-8662842.

The Annual Celebration of Mass on the Lower Green at Beladd, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise will be celebrated at 7pm, this Tuesday 18th June. As usual, all are welcome from Beladd Lower and Upper and surrounding areas.

Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club are holding their 9<sup>th</sup> annual road run on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, starting at 2pm at the Community Hall, Ballyfin. Visitors and spectators free and welcome to come along. Proceeds in support of local charities. For queries or information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, please call Pat O'Connor at 087-7824481.

Pioneer News: The annual presentation of pins to celebrate 10 years, Silver (25 years), Gold (50 years) and Diamond Jubilee (60+ years) of pioneer membership will take place on Friday 28th June during 7.30pm Mass in the Parish Centre. The presentation is open to members of the Pioneers who joined in Portlaoise Parish and also those who may be living outside the parish now and also for Pioneers now living in Portlaoise Parish who joined in another Parish. Anyone wishing to avail of a Jubilee pin, please forward your name before Wednesday 19th June to Paddy Lalor 087-2868092. Any person wishing to join as a member of the Pioneer Abstinence Association can do so by contacting Paddy or any of the committee members.

Super Bingo at the Youth Centre, Green Lane, Carlow on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm: €6,000 in prize money. Book; line check/double line €50, full house €250. Jackpot; line check €50, double line €100, full house €500. Flyer; line check €50, double line €100, full house €500. Raffle; line check €50, double line €100, plus TV Prize in number on sheet. Full House €500. All loose sheets €2. 6 panel book €5. Double book €10.

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Our next Support Group is on Wed. 19th June, 7.30-9pm in Resource Centre, Portlaoise. Our next Social Club is Thursday 27th June, 1.30-2.30pm in the Day Care Centre on Timahoe Road, Portlaoise for people with Dementia and their carers. This is a very relaxed informal event where activities, fun and chat can be shared over a cup of tea. If you are in the area please join us. All welcome. For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnelly, Home-care Coordinator on 057-8663398 / 086 8372168 or e-mail; amunnelly@alzheimer.ie

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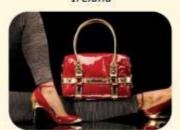
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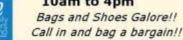


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