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17th March 2019

Second Sunday of Lent
St. Patrick, Bishop,
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**Novena to our Lady of
Perpetual Help**

Beginning Saturday 23rd
March at 7am and continuing
until Sunday 31st March.

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for more details.

Sunday Mass



Digging Deeper

Our Diocesan
Lenten Programme
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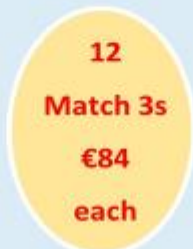


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19th March

It is disappointing considering the importance of St. Joseph's role, that the gospels do not tell us more about him. All we really know of his character is that he

was a 'holy and righteous man who generously cooperated with God's grace.' Early Christians must have been more interested in imitating Joseph's virtues than recording biographical details. So today, as the early Christians did, we honour Joseph for trusting in God's plan even though he had limited understanding of its reasons or consequences. We offer petitions to him as patron saint of fathers, guardians, workers and of the dying.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Saint Patrick

St. Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in Roman colony of Britain. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. The voice of the Irish was calling him to come and walk among them once more. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland as a bishop 457-61, or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately greatly successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings survive: the Letter to Coroticus, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold them as slaves, and his Confession written near the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life. He died 491, though again other dates have been suggested, 480 or as early as 461.



St. Patrick's Day 17th March Sunday



To mark the celebration of the feast of our National Patron, the 11.15 Mass on Sunday will be celebrated 'as Gaeilge'

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday (Bank Holiday)

10am & 7.30pm

Tuesday to Friday

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday

10am

SUNDAY MASSES

Scoil Bhride, Knockmay (Saturday) 7.30pm

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

Vigil (Saturday) 6.30pm

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

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Church of the Holy Cross,

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LENTEN STATIONS

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Fáilte

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Sunday 10th March 2019

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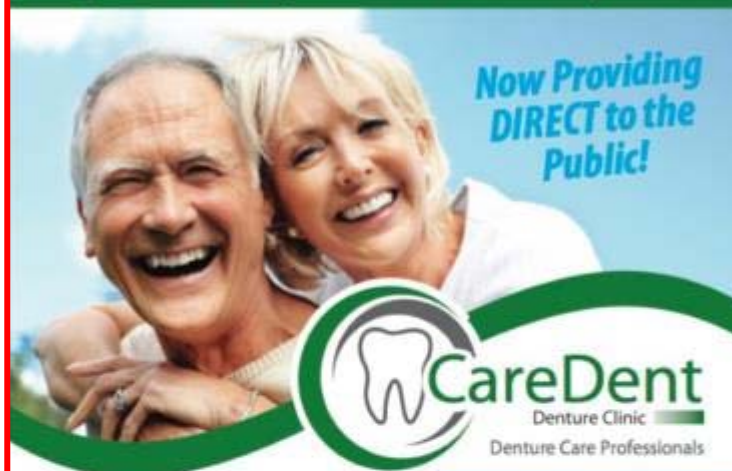
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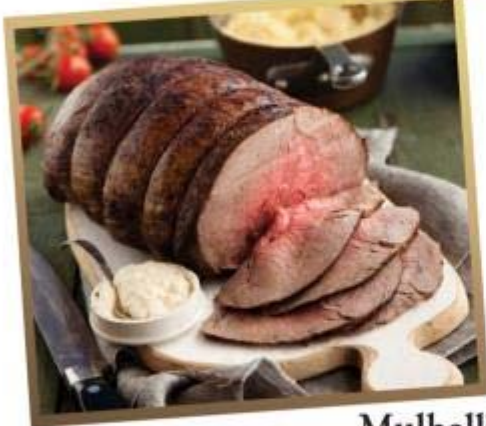
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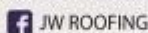
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Raffle on the night with excellent spot prizes. Table of four €20 or €5 per person.
Laois diabetic support group is affiliated to Diabetes Ireland



Managing our Car Park

Beginning this week our Car Park will be controlled by a new Car Park management Company APCOA PARKING.

The terms and conditions to users will be the same as heretofore - €2 per hour or €6 per day.

The purpose of controlling our Car Park is not about raising revenue but rather to discourage 'all day' and casual parking and have the Car Park available to those

who use the Parish Church and Parish Centre.

There is no charge to those who attend services in the Church or meetings or functions in the Parish Centre. For those visiting the Church during the day the Car Park at the front of the Church is available or if you wish you may collect a Car Park pass at the Parish Centre.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Parish Shop

At the Parish Centre

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Communions in our Parish; 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th May



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HANDING ON
THE FAITH



ST. PATRICK

As a teenager, Patrick was captured by Irish raiders and forced into slavery for six years. During this time he learned the language and customs of the Irish people. He also grew close to God. After the six years, he escaped and made his way back to his family. Then he decided that the people of Ireland needed him. So, he began to learn the Bible and train for mission work. Once he was ready, he returned to Ireland and preached to the people for 40 years before he died. As he converted the Irish, he made disciples out of them. Many of his followers went on to become renowned religious leaders as well.

Saint Patrick left behind a great example for us to follow. He could have hated the people who stole him from his family, but he knew that they needed God's love. He loved his enemies and wanted them to know God like he did. In addition to converting many, he spent time training them to lead others. We need to learn from his example of not only converting the lost but training them in God's Word after they convert. Patrick's love, forgiveness, service, and leadership provides us with an excellent example to emulate.



Rainbows offers a 9 week listening, group support programme for children following a bereavement or parental separation.

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Rainbows is suitable for children from age 7 years

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Visit www.rainbowsireland.ie for more information on the Rainbows Service

Start date: April 3rd. Book your place now.

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Time: Wednesdays at 3.15 pm

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Feast of St. Joseph March 19th

Joseph looked after Jesus and helped Mary to mind him. That is why Saint Joseph



is the patron saint of fathers. Say a prayer to Saint Joseph today. Ask Saint Joseph to bless your Daddy, your granddad, Uncle, or whoever helps to mind you like Joseph helped Mary.



Make sure to say thank you to that person today. Tell him that you asked Saint Joseph to bless him.



Congratulations to the 333 boys and girls who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise



Now that we have received the Sacrament of Confirmation we are now full members of the Church.

Any other Sacrament you might receive - even Holy Order - does not make you any more a member of the Church than those who have received the sacraments of initiation. To be a member of the Church means to be part of Christ's Body.



Anointing with Chrism:

Each person that was confirmed is anointed with Chrism. This anointing shows that the Holy Spirit is strengthening them to work for Jesus Christ. Being confirmed means being strengthened. The chrism is preserved in a small silver vessel. The Bishop or Priest dips his thumb into the chrism. He then traces the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of the person being confirmed while he says the words, "Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit".



In Confirmation, God's sign or mark of love is imprinted or sealed on the person being confirmed. God's sign can never be removed.

We say that in Confirmation we are sealed or marked forever when we are given the Gift of the Holy Spirit.



We hope you and your family had a great day last weekend!

Confirmation Ceremonies 2019







Heath NS, Ratheniska NS,
St. Francis & Educate
Together School



DVD with the ceremony including photos available in the Parish Centre (on request only, €10).
Photos courtesy of Agnieszka Kaczmarek
More photos on our website www.portlaoiseparish.ie



TIME TO THINK!

ST. PATRICK AND FAITH

On St. Patrick's Day we celebrate our Irishness and our faith. For so long in our history they have been intertwined, perhaps at times identified. As a result we may have been tempted to take our faith for granted. Admittedly we did not have to fight for it or die for it as our ancestors did. They were challenged by their faith and responded generously to that challenge.

Today, Irish people all over the world and we here at home rejoice in the new opportunities which are available in our country - education, employment and a good quality of life. Indeed many of our exiles will tell you that they regret the fact that these opportunities were not available to them before they emigrated.

In the past the challenge to our faith came from outside of ourselves - from Penal Laws and from oppressive regimes. Today the challenge is not so obvious and it comes from within ourselves. Faith is not something that has myths of compartmentalisation; rather it impinges on all areas of human living. Today there is probably no area of life in which faith is not being challenged and in which it does not have a significant contribution to make.

As individuals and families, whether in our work, socialising, education or whatever, our faith impinges or we can refuse to allow it to do so.

At times we misinterpret and misunderstand the nature of faith. Great faith is not a faith that walks in the light and knows no darkness. Real faith perseveres in spite of God's seeming silence.

When one considers the obstacles with which Patrick contended - taken captive from his own people and his home, slavery on Slieve Mish, eventual escape and yet prepared to return as a missionary and preach Christ's Gospel to those who had held him captive.

The wholeheartedness and single mindedness of Patrick are clear pointers to his faith. He is a man of flesh and blood whose whole life was fed on faith in God's love. Faith must have been a struggle for him, as it is for you and I. In the experience of slavery it must have been tempting for him to abandon faith and yield to despair. Yet he recognised his real helplessness and turned to God as a helper and a true friend.

Slavery in the 21st century takes on a more sinister and subtle form. Work, pleasure, comfort, the celebrity status.

Almost unnoticed God can be excluded and pushed out to the margins of life in a busy competitive world. With so many voices clamoring for our attention we have to make an effort to keep the lines of communication open with God in prayer and in our participation at Mass and the sacraments.

In a confused and complex culture we need a compass to provide us with a sense of direction, enabling us to



cope with and respond to the various challenges which meet us every day. I am convinced that faith, properly understood and genuinely lived can provide us with such a compass. Faith can enable us to see beneath and beyond the situations in which we find ourselves. Just as in Patrick's life, faith made it possible for God to enter, so in our lives faith makes it possible for God to become involved in our busy world and our hectic activity.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy celebration and pray that the faith that Patrick brought to our shores will sustain all of us in challenging times.

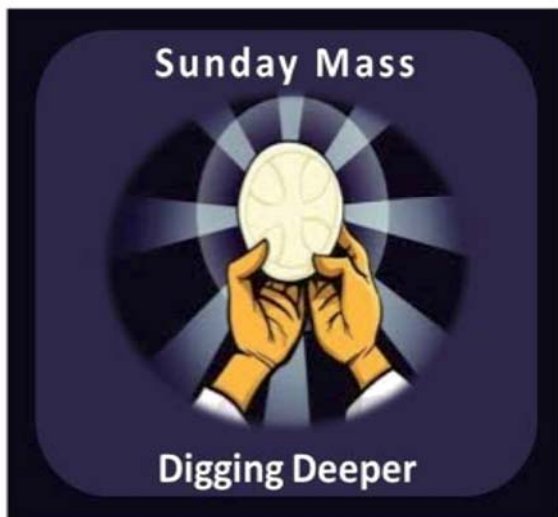
St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. (*The term breastplate refers to a piece of armor worn in battle.*)



Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 15,500 followers 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



PART ONE THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

WE COME TOGETHER TO MEET THE LORD

SUNDAY AS THE HIGHPOINT OF OUR WEEK

From the very beginning, the early Christian communities realised the importance of Sunday. It is the day of Jesus' **Resurrection**, a day of **joy** and **rest**, as well as **charity**. Sunday is the **Lord's Day**, the day when we are called to **remember** what God has done and continues to do for us. This, then, is the day the Lord's people are called to **keep holy**, together. The observance begins with the evening of the preceding day.

SUNDAY - EUCHARIST - COMMUNITY

Early Christians did what Jesus had asked them to do; they gathered and celebrated the meal Jesus had shared with them, the Eucharist. We also know this as the Mass. This gathering of the community on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist gave rise to a basic principle of the Church: **There can be no Sunday without the Eucharist and no Eucharist without an assembly of the faithful.**

This principle endures to this day. It led Voltaire to declare, "If you want to kill Christianity, you must abolish Sunday." As members of the Christian community, we are each called to gather with the rest of our faith community on a Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist. The Sunday Mass is the place where we gather as a parish, as a community, as the People of God. This is at the heart of the life of the Church. It is the highpoint of our Christian life, where God nourishes us to go out and live as Christians.



A Glossary of Terms

Church- those called together or gathered by God: *ecclesia*

Eucharist – Derived from the Greek word 'to give thanks'. It can refer to the consecrated Bread and Wine, as well as the whole of the Mass

Order of Mass – The texts and sequence of the Mass that does not change from week to week

The Roman Missal – The ritual book that contains all the prayers and rubrics (instructions) to be observed in the celebration of Mass in any situation.

Assembly – another name for the congregation. It highlights that God calls us together as one body of people

Presider – the priest celebrant who leads the celebration of Mass

CALLED BY GOD, WE GATHER WITH CHRIST AND ONE ANOTHER:
all are welcome, all are wanted, all are needed

"We Christians have been called one-by-one: no one of us is Christian by pure chance. No one."



As baptised members of the Church, we are part of a faith community called by God. When we gather for Mass on a Sunday we do so in response to God's personal invitation to each one of us. Ever before the Mass begins, each of us is called, welcome, wanted and needed.

We are not here to simply 'get Mass'. As Catholics, on a Sunday we are obliged and are called to join with the rest of our community to offer our worship, our praise and thanksgiving to God. We are here to **celebrate** Mass – this inserts us into the heart of the Mass, calling all of us to be **active participants** rather than silent spectators. That is why we need to come ready to pray, ready to be attentive to the words and actions that unfold in our midst.

And when we gather in the name of the Lord we know that Christ is with us. For Christ told us where two or three are gathered in his name that he is there. (Matthew 18:20) From the beginning of Mass, therefore, we are invited to welcome Christ present in his people. *Look around next time you are at Mass and see the face of Christ in those who have gathered with you!*

THE SHAPE OF THE MASS

Introductory Rites

The Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rites

THE PURPOSE OF THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Each of us, individually or with our families, make our way to Sunday Mass. As we enter the Church, we bless ourselves with holy water as a reminder of our common baptism. We may greet friends and strangers who have come with a common purpose. Taking our place, we genuflect towards the tabernacle reverencing the presence of Christ in the reserved Sacrament and we pause for a moment of silent prayer, preparing ourselves to enter into this great act of worship with the rest of our faith community.

The Mass itself begins with the Introductory Rites - a series of words and actions that begins with the *Entrance Procession*, and its accompanying hymn, and ends with the Opening Prayer or *Collect*.

The function of the Introductory Rites is to enable us as a community, coming from different places and with a variety of concerns, to become aware of ourselves as a gathered assembly; establishing a unity or communion among us and preparing us to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the sacrament.

Exploring the Introductory Rites

* **ENTRANCE PROCESSION AND HYMN:** This procession of the priest celebrant and ministers through the body of people is a visible reminder to us that we gather as the Body of Christ. Christ is with us and we **stand** together as a sign of welcome and reverence for his presence among us. Our hymn unites us in one voice of praise. The priest reverences the altar with a bow and a kiss as the altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of this assembly.

* **GREETING:** All make the sign of the Cross and the priest celebrant greets us from the Chair in words taken from Scripture. These words remind us that in our gathering, the God of the Trinity, the God of grace, love and peace, is with us and working upon us through this celebration.

* **PENITENTIAL ACT:** Before we enter deeper into the Mass we take one more moment to prepare ourselves, using one of three prayer options given to us in the Missal. Conscious that we all likely come with things we would like to change in our lives, behaviours we would like to be different, in the *Confiteor* we acknowledge before our brothers and sisters that we have sinned, and we ask for their prayers. But even greater than our sin, we trust in the enduring mercy and love of God, and so we can pray in confidence, *Lord, have mercy*.

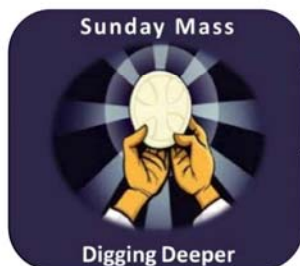
On some Sundays, especially in Easter Time, in place of the usual Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of water to recall our baptism may take place.

* **GLORIA:** On Sundays outside of Lent and Advent, on solemnities and feasts, the *Gloria* is sung or recited. In this joyful hymn of praise the gathered assembly unites with the heavenly choirs. Within this hymn we recall the five actions of the Mass we are each called to: we are here *to praise, bless, adore, glorify and thank* our God.

* **OPENING PRAYER / COLLECT:** The Introductory Rites conclude with an opening prayer, called the Collect. This prayer gathers (or collects) all our prayers into one prayer of the day. It has a four-fold pattern of 1) an invitation from the priest celebrant to the assembly to pray, 2) a brief silence to gather the prayers of our hearts into one, 3) the prayer itself proclaimed by the priest celebrant and 4) our assent to the prayer in our 'Amen'. The silence within this prayer can help create a sense of unity among the assembly. Like all our prayers in the liturgy, we make our prayer to God the Father, through Christ and in the Holy Spirit. This can be a timely reminder to us that the celebration of the Mass is the action of Christ and of the people of God, united in common worship.

See kandle.ie for:

- + an iCatholic video link exploring the Introductory Rites and other parts of the Mass
- + a list of dates and venues for the Lenten Course: Exploring the Mass – Signposts on the Road to Emmaus



We Come together...

March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31	April 7	April 15	April 18-21
•digging deeper: an Invitation	•to meet the Lord	•to listen to God speaking to us	•to share in Christ's Body and Blood	•to be sent to bring Christ to the world	•as a diocesan family for the Chrism Mass	•to celebrate the Easter Triduum

LENT IN PORTLAOISE PARISH



MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH CHURCH

Monday to Friday; 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm
Saturday; 10am and Vigil for Sunday 6.30pm
Sunday; 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm
Scoil Bhríde (Vigil) Saturday 7.30pm
The Heath; Sunday 9.30am
Ratheniska; Sunday 10am

Stations of the Cross in the Parish Church

Fridays of Lent 8pm - after evening Mass

Rosary every evening 7pm



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 2019 **23rd-31st March**



Our Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is an important focus on our Lenten Journey. This nine day Novena will bring rich blessing and strength for the many personal intentions that will be remembered throughout the nine days.

Daily Masses;

Weekdays 7am and 10am

(We will also celebrate the usual 7.30pm Lenten Mass)

Sundays 11:15am and 12:30pm

Personal petitions will be available in the Parish Church and Parish Centre

Saturday 23 rd ;	Fr. John Harris O.P. - Prior of Newbridge College
Sunday 24 th ;	Julie Kavanagh - Understanding the Eucharist (11:15am, 12:30pm)
Monday 25 th ;	Bishop Denis Nulty - Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin
Tuesday 26 th ;	David Walsh - Founder of Netwatch - Entrepreneurship
Wednesday 27 th ;	Fr. Patrick Cahill and the Holy Family Mission
Thursday 28 th ;	Maria Steen - The Value of Life
Friday 29 th ;	Fr. Conor McDonough O.P. - Praying for the Sick
Saturday 30 th ;	TBA
Sunday 31 st ;	Fr. Richard Gibbons - P.P. Knock, celebrating Mother's Day (11:15am, 12:30pm)

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SUNDAY MASS DIGGING DEEPER

AS PART OF OUR LENTEN
JOURNEY THIS YEAR, LET'S
DIG DEEPER INTO OUR
UNDERSTANDING OF THE
CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY
MASS – THE HIGHPPOINT OF
OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE
TOGETHER

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**John
Ging**
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MAY HE REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to his family.

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In Loving Memory of **TOM WALL**

23 Beladd, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 24th March 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 24th March at 12:30pm.

*[Lonely is the home without you,
Life for us, is not the same.*

Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.
Rest in Peace Tom

In Loving Memory of A Loving Mother, Father & Son

KATHLEEN, THOMAS & SEAN WHELAN
Late of Marian Avenue, Portlaoise, whose
Anniversaries occur at this time.



*Will those who think of them today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

Always remembered by your daughter Maureen,
son-in-law John and grandchildren.

May They Rest in Peace

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In Loving Memory of **ORLA CONROY-KELLY**

25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 16th March 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 16th March at 6:30pm.

Without your kind and gentle
smile and sweet familiar face,
A treasured life is missing,
And the world's a sadder place.

You lived your life so graciously,
You always did your best,
And now you're with the angels and it's time for
you to rest.

As peace surrounds you everywhere in Heavenly
skies above,
Here on earth you're deeply missed and thought
about with love.

We see the stars at night time, shining bright and
clear,
And as we say goodnight, God bless, we know
that you will hear.

Loved and missed so much Orla, from your heartbroken
children; Lydian, Paddy, son-in-law Sean, granddaughter
Orla-Mae, Mammy & Daddy & Brendan, Sharon & Jim,
Lorena & Shane, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian,
Geraldine & Rocky and your adored nieces & nephews
who miss you so much.

May Orla Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **ANNIE (Na) CARROLL**

25 Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.
Birthday and Anniversary Remembrance

99th birthday occurred 10th March 2019
20th Anniversary occurs 27th March 2019



Just close your eyes and you will see,
All the memories that you have
of me,
Just sit and relax and you will find,
I'm really still there inside your mind.

Don't cry for me now I'm gone,
For I am in the land of song,
There is no pain, there is no fear,
So dry away that silent tear.

Don't think of me in the dark and cold,
For here I am, no longer old,
I'm in that place that's filled with love,
Known to you all as "up above".

From her loving family Mickey, Tommy, Ann, P.J., Eileen,
John, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Annie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **NED CONNOLLY**

Green Road, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurred 11th March 2019



1st Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this
Saturday 16th March at 6:30pm.
Will those who think of Ned today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed by his loving family

May Ned Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **BRIDGET & JOE CARROLL**

4 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise, whose 33rd and 15th
anniversaries occur at this time (February & March)



*We won't forget ye,
We won't even try,
We just miss ye more,
as time goes by.*



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Friday 22nd March at 10am.

Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.

May Bridget & Joe Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **CARMEL McDONALD**

née Hyland

13th Anniversary occurs around this time.



*God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*

*Always remembered by her husband
Paddy, Patrick, Trish, Kaitlyn
and friends.*

May Carmel Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
The Most Wonderful and Loving Dad
BRIAN LARKIN*

*56 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
1st Birthday in Heaven - 21st March 2019*



They say there is a
reason,
They say that time will
heal,
But neither time nor
reason, will change
the way we feel.
For no one knows the
heartache, that lies
behind our smiles,

No one knows how many times,
We've broken down and cried.
We want to tell you something Dad, so there
won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to
live without.

Happy Birthday Daddy

Forever in our hearts, your loving boys;
Ethan, Damon, Oisin and grandson Odhran.

*To My Wonderful Husband on your
1st Birthday in Heaven*

I am sending a Dove to Heaven with a
parcel on it's wings,
Be careful when you open it,
It's full of beautiful things.
Inside are a million kisses, wrapped up in a
million hugs,
To say how much I miss you and to send you
all my love.
I hold you close within my heart and there
you shall remain,
To walk with me throughout my life,
Until we meet again.

*Happy Birthday Brian
Your loving wife Fiona.*

Rest In Peace Brian

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*In Loving Memory of
MALCOLM SMYTH*

*Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
Died 9th February, 2019.*



The family of the late Malcolm Smyth; his wife Winnie, children Zoe and Alan, his step children Sarah, Colin, Hannah and grandchildren Saoirse and Luna, brothers, sisters, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, relatives and friends, would like to express their sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who supported Malcolm through his recent illness including the home help team of carers, especially Trish and Liz, the palliative care nurses Mai and Mary, Dr. White and public health nurse Joanne and the Motor Neuron Clinic in Beaumont.

To all Malcolm's close family and friends who kept the music going throughout Malcolm's illness, especially Bill O' Brien, we are eternally thankful.

A sincere word of thanks to Fr. Dooley for his house calls to Malcolm during his illness and all who participated in the Mass including Msgr. John Byrne and Fr. Paddy Byrne c.c. for their support, the 65 Kitchen Choir, Pat, Sinead, Liam, Bill, Zoe and the readers and altar servers, we are especially grateful.

A special word of thanks to all who visited the home and attended the Mass to pay their respects, sent sympathy and Mass cards and donations to the Motor Neuron Association. To our neighbours, family and friends who provided food and refreshments, we are thankful.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode for the respect and care shown to Malcolm and the support given to the family in arranging the funeral and the gravediggers for preparing Malcolm's final resting place, we are thankful. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. *The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.*

Malcolm's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 16th March at 10am.

Rest in Peace Malcolm

*In Loving Memory of
TOM HALPENNY*

*17th Anniversary occurred 14th March 2019.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 17th March at 11.15am*



Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent is the voice we loved to hear,
Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for thought to reach.
*Remembered always by his loving family
Rest in Peace Tom*

In Loving Memory of **BREDA HOLOHAN**

Killeen, The Heath

5th Anniversary occurs 19th March 2019



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Tuesday 19th March at 10am.*

*A day without a thought of you is
very hard to find,
I'm always thinking of you and you
are always on my mind,
All the things we did together,
I'll remember them forever.*

*Sadly missed by your loving husband Michael, brother Pat, sisters
Mary & Betty and neighbours and friends.*

May Breda Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **EILEEN ROCHFORD (née Farrell)**

Lakeglen and St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs 17th March 2019



*Although we're sad without you and
wish that you were here,
Within our hearts your lovely smile still
shines bright and clear.*

*We treasure the memories growing up
with you, the secrets we could share,
And as the years pass quickly by we
wanted you to know, that on this day
eleven years on, our hearts still miss
you so.*

*Anniversary Mass for Eileen will be celebrated in Sts Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Sunday 17th March at 10am.*

*Sadly missed & always remembered by your sisters & brothers,
nephews and nieces.*

May Eileen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **THOMAS LALOR**

Late of Birchgrove, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 15th March 2019.



*Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the one we loved so much.
Your memory is our keepsake, with which
we'll never part,*

God has you in his keeping, and we have you in our hearts.

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Loraine, son-in-law
John and granddaughter Darina.*

May Thomas Rest in Peace

Cherished Memories of **THE HOULIHAN FAMILY**

Late of St. John's Square, Portlaoise



In sad and loving memory of;

Our Dear Mam Elizabeth; Died 7th March 1989

Our Gran Ellen Neilus; Died 10th March 1966

Our Brother Eugene; Died 12th March 2013

Our Brother Mick; Died 24th March 1970

*Kathleen Huber McEvoy; Died 24th March 2018 and
whose 1st Anniversary occurs at this time*

So Sadly Missed... So Very Loved

*I'd been with you that very day,
Little did I know that hours later I'd receive this blow.
There are so many things I would have said, as you walked
away,
But how was I to know that we were sharing our last day.
Every time I come here, the thoughts run through my head,
I stand here with a broken heart and say the things I should
have said.*

*Sadly missed and Lovingly remembered
By your sons, daughters, brothers and sisters.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MARTIN HOGAN**

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6th Anniversary occurred 2nd March 2019



*So rest in Peace dear loved one,
And thanks for all you've done,
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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 Wednesday night at 8pm in the Prayer room of the Parish Church.

"Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God": Treo Nua (Knockmay Centre). Thursdays, 11am to 12 noon. New members welcome.

Parish Bereavement Support: If you have lost a loved one, there is a confidential one to one support service available (by appointment), call 087-9878300.

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

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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/learn Whist at Sue Ryder centre every Thursday 2.30-4pm. All are welcome.

Upcoming Events;

20th March: An afternoon of dancing to some old and new routines with Maureen, provides an opportunity to get some beneficial exercise to make us feel good in body and mind.

COPD Support Group Exercise classes for people with COPD are held in the Parish Cathedral Centre, Carlow every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1pm. All are welcome.

Heath Clean Up: In conjunction with Clean up Laois Week 2019 it is proposed to arrange a clean-up of the Heath General Area. A meeting will take place in the Church hall on Wednesday 20th March at 8pm. All interested parties are invited to attend. This is the one time of the year that we get the opportunity to give the locality a good clean up, your attendance and help is greatly appreciated.

Laois PPN invites all community groups from across the county to attend their Funding and Resources Workshop on Monday 25th March in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise from 5pm to 9pm. Come and see what grants, funding, training and resources your groups can avail of. No registration required. Light food and refreshments will be served. For further information contact Suzanne O'Connor 057-8665661 or e-mail; ppn@laoiscoco.ie

Laois-Offaly branch of Retired Nurses Association will hold its meeting in Portlaoise Parish centre on Wednesday 20th March at 2pm. This will be our last meeting before our A.G.M. on Tuesday 23rd April (same venue). Refreshments will be served, parking tickets available at reception.

Bowls: In Timahoe Hall every Tuesday at 7.20pm. €5 per person. First night free. All are welcome.

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E-mail mhengage.mlm@hse.ie
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Portlaoise Library News: Ireland, the EU and Brexit, Daniel Keohane, Head of Policy and Advocacy at European Movement Ireland will join us at Portlaoise Library to discuss Brexit and it's impact on both Ireland and the EU. This talk is taking place on Tuesday 9th April from 7.30pm at Portlaoise Library. Booking is advised.

Keeping Kids Safe Online Bob Flavin who runs a successful You Tube channel will be speaking to parents about safety online. He will advise of things to look for in children's online use and of ways to promote their safety. This talk will take place on Wednesday 24th April at 6.30pm. Booking is advised.

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