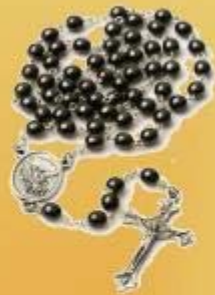


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19th May 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Fr. Tom celebrates his Diamond Jubilee

*Congratulations Fr. Tom. 60 years a Priest.
Ordained on the 23rd May 1959.*

*He began his studies in 1952 in St. Patrick's
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classmates was Ordained 7 years later.*

*He was appointed to Ogoja Diocese Nigeria,
where he worked until the late 1960s when
he was displaced by the Biafran War.*

*He came back to Ireland and has held
appointments in the Diocese of Ardagh and
Clonmacnoise from 1969 to 1975 and in the
Diocese of Elphin from 1975 until 2009.*

*We had the good fortune when Fr. Tom
retired from being Parish Priest of Boyle, Co.
Roscommon that he came to reside in
Portlaoise. What was to be a light association
with the Parish quickly developed into a fully
engaged ministry. He takes responsibility for
chaplaincy to the Legion of Mary, the Pioneer
group, the Adoration group as well as being
part of the chaplaincy to the Hospital.*

*We are very grateful for his generous service
to our Parish.*

*Fr. Tom will celebrate his Diamond Jubilee at
the 10am Mass on Thursday 23rd May.*

*Fr. Tom earnestly ask 'please no
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*We know that Fr. Tom really wants this wish
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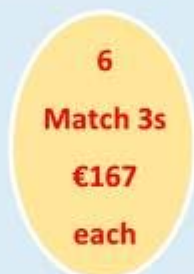


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test and the many tests of life yet to come my
way.

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and my knowledge with ease, and be gracious
with anything I have overlooked.

Help me to remain calm, focused, and
confident in my ability and to remember no
matter the outcome you will never leave me.

Amen.



Exam Prayers

At this time of year we would like to remind any younger parishioners who are facing exams at the moment that we are praying for them. We pray that our youngsters might be able to put aside anxiety, regret and any other nervous distraction. We remind our children to ask for the support of the Holy Spirit, and that at the end of the day, understand that God does not value us for our academic success! Mass for all Leaving Cert & Junior Cert students will take place in the Parish Church on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm. See Prayer for Exams pg 2.



St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery Mass Sunday 2nd June at 1pm

This Mass will replace the 12.30pm Mass in the Parish Church on that Sunday.

Ratheniska Cemetery Mass Friday 7th June at 7pm

COLLECTION FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS NEXT WEEKEND 25th/26th MAY

We ask for your support for this collection which will be held next weekend.

There are over 20 retired Priests in our Diocese, a number of them in Nursing Homes and others with need for extra assistance to remain in their own homes.

With a reduced number of priests in Parishes it is now necessary to invite the assistance of the faithful in the Diocese to contribute to the Retired Priests Fund by way of this annual collection.

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Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

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Scoil Bhride, Knockmay (Saturday)
7.30pm

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8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm
Church of the Assumption,
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Ratheniska: 10am.

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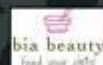
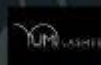
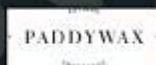
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I don't know why the children don't like cherry. I guess cherry is a little bit different. Maybe it isn't quite as sour as lemon or cherry, or some of the other flavours, or maybe they just don't like the colour of them. Do you know what I do with the leftover cherry Bon-bons? I eat them myself, because I love all the flavours!

These "Bon-bons" remind me of children. Have you ever noticed that when children play games, some children are always the last to be chosen? Maybe they are just a little bit different or maybe their skin is a different colour. For some reason, the other children just won't choose them.

We all need to remember that Jesus loves ALL the children and he said that you and I should do the same. Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so must you love one another." Have you ever been the one who was left out? It isn't a very good feeling, but if you are ever the one that feels left out, you can know that Jesus loves you just as much as He loves the other children.



Dear Lord, help us to remember that you have told us to love one another just as you have loved us. In Jesus' name we pray,

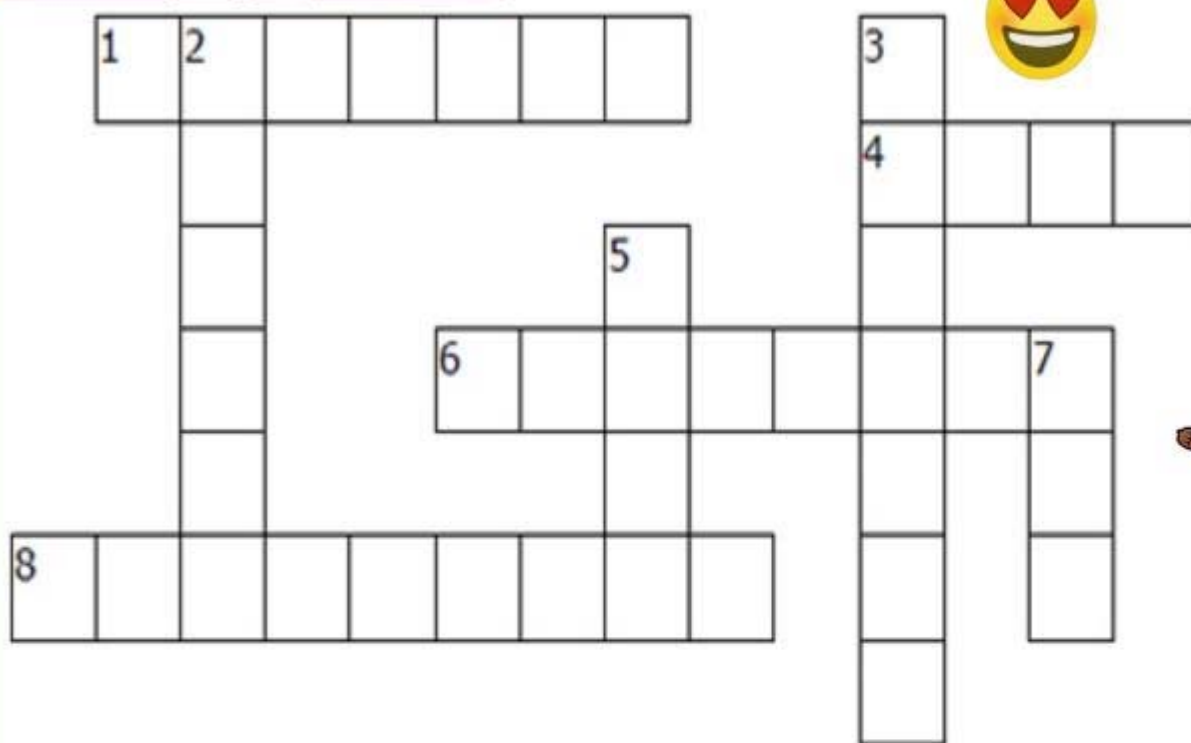
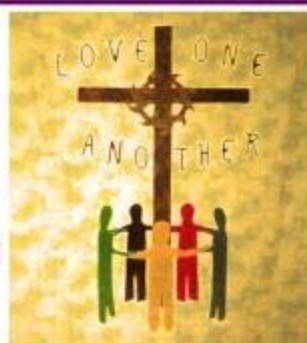
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Jesus Loves Us All

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John 13:31-35



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4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
6. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus.

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5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years etc.
7. The opposite of old.

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NEW**

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CHILDREN**

**OTHERS
LOVE**

This weekend our Play and Pray group will begin their Summer Vacation. This is a wonderful group of young people led by Ms. Anne Byrne who guides young children during the 11.15am Mass. We thank Anne and her team and look forward to their return in September.



TIME TO THINK!

A PRAYER FOR STUDENTS

As we move through the month of May thousands of students prepare for exams. Exam-time brings with it many mixed emotions and feelings. Soon it is time to sit the Junior, Leaving Certificate and Third Level exams. Exams can be stressful occasions when young people can feel pressure and anxiety. The Leaving Certificate is an important milestone in the lives of our young people, the vast majority of students engage with this state exam, which in many ways itself, is a right of passage, into a more adult and responsible life. This is a time of great opportunity for the Class of 2019. There are many pathways that can bring us to our chosen college places. There are many noble careers where vocational training is another option. For all students, you cannot be defined by the number of points you will receive. Gifts and talents, character and personality will never be simply measured by a points system. These days candle shrines burn brightly in many of our churches, representing the prayers offered by parents and the wider faith communities prayers for students at this time.

St. Paul once said: "With God on our side who can be against us?"

Essentially being open to the love of God in all our lives is surely a great gift. The life that this young generation now enter more fully is a vibrant one, full of energy and yet very challenging. I don't think it is easy to be a young person in the present culture we find ourselves in. All of these young students will now experience the competitive environment that is the point's race, finding the right college course and career path in a volatile global economy where so often only the fittest and leanest survive. The 'burden of youth' at times can be tragic, manifesting in addiction, anxiety and mental health issues. However, the enthusiasm, resilience and sense of hopeful optimism that is so real for young people, will carry them through the difficult weeks ahead.

It makes sense to me now, why this group of young people, find themselves engaging in school liturgies and lighting candles in their local Church. I believe faith in the living God is a great source of strength and love for our young friends. Yes, there will always be difficulty and disappointment in life, but faith gives us a confidence and inner peace, that allows us all to live life to the full. God invites us to manifest our hopes and dreams into the realities of our day to day lives. Faith is grounded, in the knowledge that our God abundantly loves us for who we are, not for who we may like to present ourselves as. Faith allows us to hope even in the face of adversity and human struggle. Essentially faith informs us that we are not alone. Our God resides in depth of our human experience, even in the stress of getting ready for the Leaving Certificate or Third Level exams.

Over the coming weeks pray for young people that the good Lord will bless them with strength, happiness and



peace. A prayer I always prayed as I faced exam time and never let me down was,

'Holy Spirit, send your power, help me to remember all that I have learnt, inspire me with the gift of Knowledge'. Amen!

Prayer for Preparation to Study

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.

Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study. Help me to focus on my books and notes, keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time that is available to me.

Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying, and help me to remember it when the time comes.

Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.

Help me always to use them in such a way that they honour you and do justice to myself. Amen

Prayer before an Examination



Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

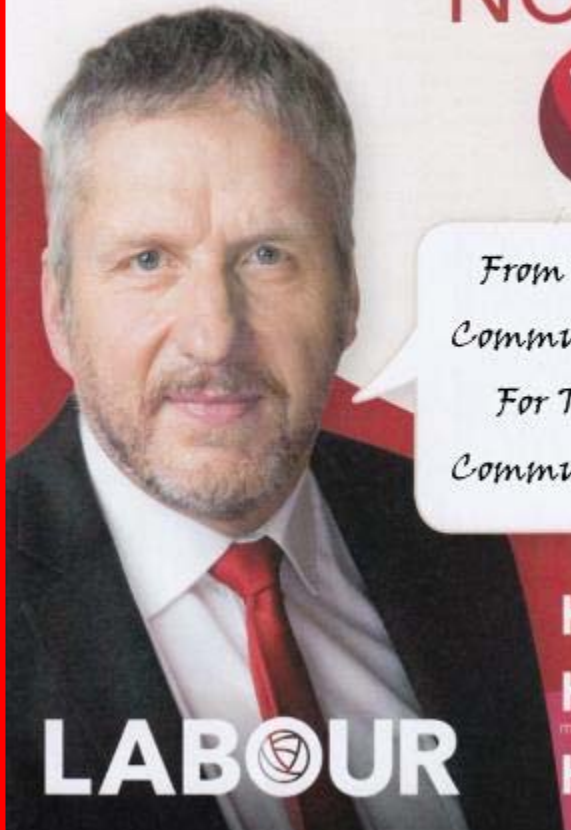
As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen

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**A: "I promise when
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fight for our hospital"**

**A: "Why hasn't this
been done by you or
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Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne.



Above; Ross Wolfe and Leona Martley,
who were married on Saturday 4th May, in
the Church of the Assumption, the Heath.
Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne.



Above; John Bergin and Catriona Keane,
who were married on Friday 3rd May, in
the Church of the Assumption, the Heath.
Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne.

Love is Patient
Love is Kind
It always Protects
Always Trusts
Always Hopes
Always Perseveres
Love Never Fails

[1 Corinthians 13.4, 7-8]



Above; Sean Kerr and Louise Conroy,
who were married on Friday 12th April.
Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne.

We wish all couples every good wish and blessing for a happy future together.



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**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET LALOR**

*Late of 10 Birchgrove, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 20th May 2019.*



*Mum & Nanny; Our lives go on without you,
Though nothing is the same,
We have to hide the heartache, when someone
speaks your name,
You did so many things for us,
Your heart was kind and true,
As long as we were happy, you were happy too.*

*Loved always, never forgotten, your loving daughter Laraine,
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Paul and Chris, daughters Katherine and Juanita, all
her grandchildren, daughter-in-law, brothers,
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You believe because you can see me.
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John 20:29



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Feelings of sorrow and sadness we hide,
Seven years without you breaks us apart,
We love and miss you, forever in our hearts.*

XXX

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 18th May at 6:30pm.

Forever missing you - Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **LENA CONNOLLY**

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 26th May at 11:15am.

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

*Sadly missed by her loving husband and
family.*

Rest in Peace Lena

In Loving Memory of

A wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather & Great-grandfather

JOHN (Johnnie) PRESTON

Late of 28 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.

25th Anniversary occurred 18th May 2019.

When God was making husbands,
as far as I can see,

He spent a lot of time on one and
saved that one for me,

He made a perfect gentleman,
compassionate and kind,

With more patience and affection
than I could hope to find,

I wish that I could see you Johnnie,
for just a little while,

I wish that I could hug you and see your loving smile,

I know you still hear me, so please know this is true,
That everything I do today, it's all because of you.



*Sadly missed and never forgotten, your loving wife Eileen xxx.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Saturday 18th May at 6:30pm.*

DAD;

If we wrote a million verses, it would not be a start,
To tell the world about you and what is in our hearts,
They say in time you do forget, to some it may be true,
But how on earth could we forget, Such a wonderful Dad
like you.

*Loved always and never forgotten by your loving daughters,
sons, daughters-in-law & son-in-law xxx*

GRANDAD;

We loved to walk with Grandad,
His steps were short like ours,
He never said "hurry up", he always took his time,
Happy memories we keep forever, of all the times we shared
together.

*Missed and loved always from your loving grandchildren and
great-grandchildren xxx*

May John Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MARY (Daisy) MULLINS**

née McEvoy

Walkinstown and Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary occurred 19th May 2019.



Wife

As time goes on without you,
And the days turn into years,
They hold a million memories,
And a million silent tears,
Although I cannot see you,
Your love has kept me strong,

The memories you have left, have helped me carry on,
Always stay beside me, it helps to know you are there,
And thank you for everything, your love and all your care.

Sadly missed by your loving husband Bill.

Mam

A special smile, a special face, within our hearts a special
place.

No words we speak will ever say, how much we miss you
everyday,

To hear your voice and see your smile, to sit and talk to you
for awhile,

To be together in the same old way, would be our wish today.

*Loved and sadly missed by Tom, John, Bill & Nancy,
son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.*

May Mary Rest in Peace

4th ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of **KEVA SAUNDERS**

*No. 1 Carmody Way, Fairgreen, Portlaoise and late
of Derrygarron. 4th Anniversary occurred 17th May.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Saturday 18th May at 6.30pm.*

Keva;



No one knows how much we miss
you, no one knows the bitter pain,
we have suffered since we lost
you, life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly, tender, fond and true,
There is not a day darling Keva,
That we do not think of you.

*Sadly missed and loved always by Mammy,
Daddy and Josie, sister Hayley, brothers David
and Erick, Christina and Lisa, your nephews Paddy
and Mason and niece Ciara xxxxxx*

May Keva Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory

JOSEPH McEVOY, Kilminchy
10th Anniversary occurs 25th May 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 19th May at 11.15am.

*Those we love aren't far away,
A little prayer to Jesus say,
They walk beside us every day,
Memories of you are here to stay.*

Always remembered by his loving wife, family & sisters.

May Joseph Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of SEAN McCORMACK

Late of 16 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise whose
14th Anniversary occurs 27th May 2019.



May the winds of love blow softly
and whisper in your ear,
And tell you how much we love
you,
And miss you more each year.

*Lovingly remembered everyday.
Sadly missed by his loving wife, Phil
& family, also his great grandchildren,
Cormac, Aodha, Polly and Wendy.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 26th May 11.15am.

May Sean Rest in Peace

*You are the
Light
of the World*

In Loving Memory of OUR BROTHER JIM DOYLE

Late of 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurred 17th May 2019.



Brother,

A day that's filled with sadness, is
here with us today,
To mark the time you left us, in
such a sudden way,
To us you were so special,
What more is there to say?,
We only wish with all our hearts,
That you were here today.

*Loved always, never forgotten, your loving sisters;
Ellen, Guggie, Mary and families xx*

Rest in Peace Jim

In Loving Memory of

Our Dear Mother

ROSEANNE GING

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs 26th May.



*Your memory is so precious,
Your presence missed so much,
You'll always be remembered and
loved by all of us.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 25th May at 10am.

Also remembering at this time; our dear father Patrick and our
dear brother John.

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

Always loved and remembered by all their loving families.

May They Rest in Peace

Treasured Memories of PATRICK DWANE

41 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 38th Anniversary occurs 20th May 2019.



*Quickly and quietly came the call,
Without farewell you left us all,
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you we'll always keep.*

Always remembered by your loving wife and family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

Precious Memories of MY DEAR BROTHER JIM DOYLE

133 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise, whose
5th Anniversary occurred 17th May 2019.

And his Mother

MARY (Mai) DOYLE

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise, whose
18th Anniversary occurred 13th May 2019.



Gone are the days we use
to share,
But in our hearts you are
always there,
The gates of memories will
never close,



We miss you more than anyone knows.

With tender love and deep regret,
We who love you both will never forget.

*Always remembered and sadly missed by
Joe & Kathleen.*

May Jim and Mai Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARIE WHELAN**

33 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 20th May 2019.



Along the road of suffering,
You found a little lane,
That took you up to Heaven,
And ended all your pain.
*Loved and sadly missed by your
husband Peter Whelan.*

May Marie Rest in Peace

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
EDMUND PURCELL**

4 Grattan Street, Portlaoise. Died 21st May 2018.



The family of the late Edmund Purcell, his mother Mary, sisters Colette and Anne and brothers David, Declan and Brian would like to express our sincere gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following Edmunds' death. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many kind relatives, friends and neighbours who visited our home, attended the ceremonies and who provided us with support during those difficult days. For those who travelled long distances, sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy we are truly grateful. To Edmunds' uncle and Marys' brother Jack Delaney for his exceptional kindness and support. To our wonderful neighbours Paul and Marion Donoghue, we are ever so grateful and we will never forget your kindness.

Our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to the Priests; Monsignor John Byrne, Fr. Paddy Byrne and Fr. Tom O'Connor for the beautiful funeral Mass, to the altar servers and choir. To the Parish Centre and Bosco Ramsbottom and staff for the excellent food provided. Many thanks to Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors and their staff for their guidance and professionalism. To Doctor Michelle Byrne for her kindness and support. As it would be impossible to thank you all individually, please accept this acknowledgement from us as a token of our appreciation and gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions and a donation to St. Vincent De Paul has been made in lieu of memory cards.

Edmunds' 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Pauls' Parish Church, Portlaoise, this Sunday 19th May at 12:30pm.

Rest in Peace Edmund

Rest in Peace Edmund

Rest in Peace Edmund

Rest in Peace Edmund

**1st ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN McDONALD**

Colliers View and Loughteague.
1st Anniversary occurs 18th May 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in in the Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska, this Sunday 19th May at 10am.

When I lost you;

I wish I could see you one more time,
come walking through the door,
But I know that is impossible, I will hear your voice no more.

I know you can feel my tears, and you don't want me to cry,

Yet my heart is broken, because I can't understand why someone so precious had to die.

I pray that God will give me strength, and somehow get me through, as I struggle with the heartache, that came when I lost you.

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Patricia,
husband John-Joe, sister Phyllis and friends.*

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Our Son DARYL DARGAN**

2nd Anniversary occurs 22nd May 2019.



Son;

We never expected it - the loss of our son so dear, oh what we wouldn't give to have one hour with him near.

Life did not prepare us to ever say "good-bye" to our own flesh and blood and we keep asking "why?".

But there are no answers, so we grieve with silent tears,

Looking back on moments of the past days, months and years. Those times are our treasures, that we keep inside our hearts, And we send our love up to you, wishing that we never had to part.

Loving you Forever, Mammy & Benny xxx

Brother;

My brother, you will never know how much we truly loved you so. Having you so very close is what we always miss the most. No words describe or could say, the sorrow we feel everyday.

Each day you are on our minds.

Brother you were one of a kind.

Love and miss you, Lee, Stuart and Jade xx

Rest in Peace Daryl



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.

"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.

Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting: 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; 29th April - 24th 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 20th May;** Bishop Fintan Monahan - Bishop of Killaloe.

An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community: Praise and Worship meeting for all Prayer Groups and Friends in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Centre, Portlaoise on Saturday 25th May, commencing at 10:40am immediately after 10am Mass and concluding at 12.15pm. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Tel. Michael Nerney, 086-8157305 for further details.

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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.

May 22nd: Quiz Day - the time has come to try and find our frazzled brains again after the excitement of the past few weeks, so today is a good opportunity to return to normal meetings again and enjoy a selection of questions on various topics to keep the mind and body active.

May 29th: No meeting this week as many members will be away enjoying the sunshine. We wish them all an entertaining and safe time.

Abbeyleix Probus Club Day Trip to Strokestown Park House, Roscommon on Saturday 22nd June. Bus leaves Heritage House, Abbeyleix at 9:30am, returning at 8:30pm approx. Trip includes Tea, Coffee, Sandwiches on the way. Dinner on way home in the Hodson Bay Hotel. Also includes Bus Fare and entry to house and national famine museum. Enquiries to P.J. on 087-8298856.

Portlaoise Library News: A series of **free history lectures** will be taking place throughout May on a number of topics with guest lecturers, Tuesdays, 7:30pm. Booking recommended. **Fake News and Irish Freedom by Ian Keneally** - This talk will take place on 21st May at 7:30pm and centres on the propaganda efforts of the republicans on one side and the British forces on the other, mainly during the War of Independence, but also the Civil War.

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