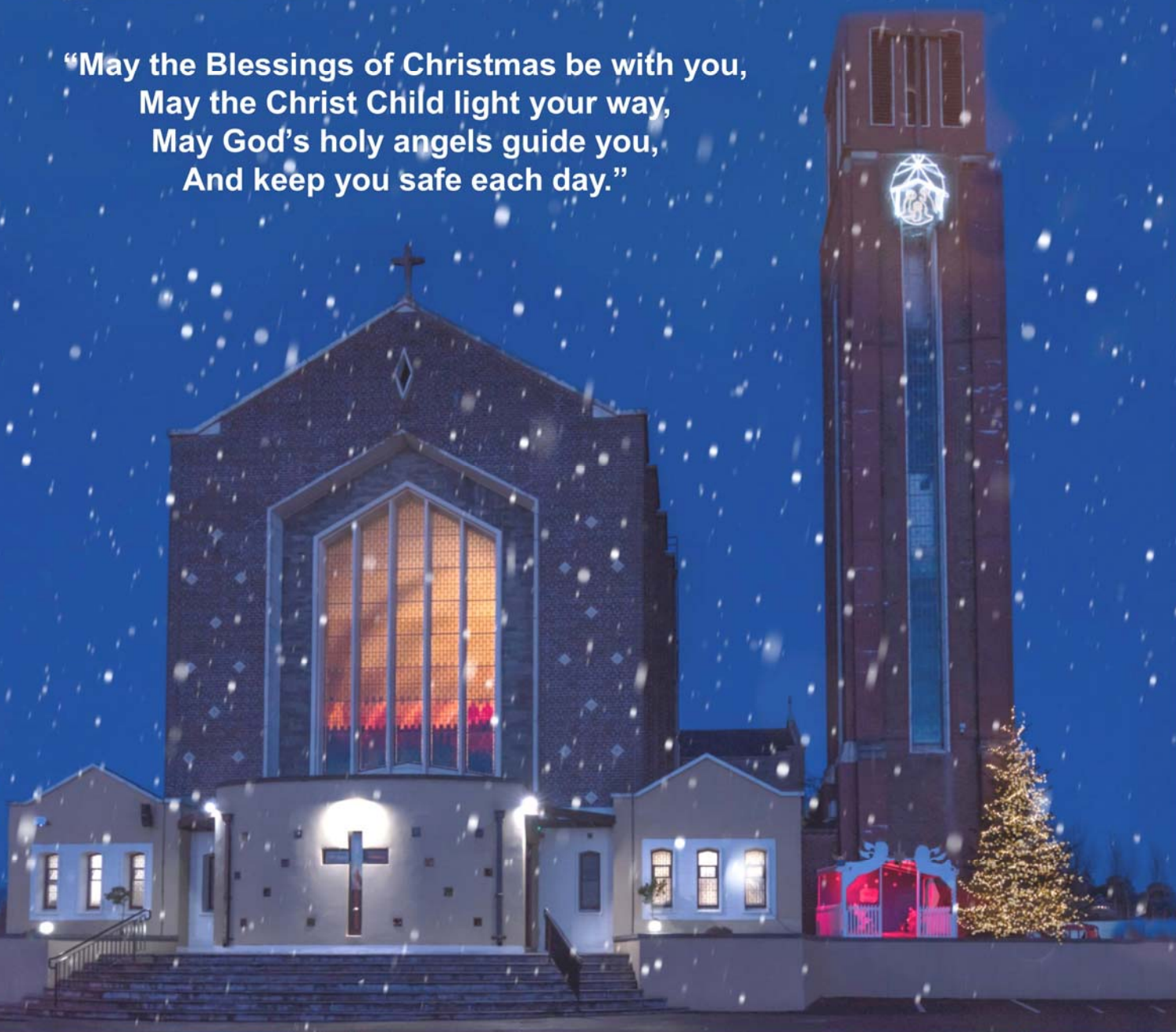


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11:15am: Mary Fogarty, Maura O'Brien, Mary Butler, Jordan Overton & Claudette Whyte

12.30pm: Dennis Maloney, Christine Lacey, John Delaney, Elaine McGinn, Ann Marie Lynch & Mary Saunders

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Wednesday: Mary Cushen & Armando Sanchez

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10am: PJ Phelan & Trudy Nealon

11:15am: Michael McNamara & Vivian Ohaa

12.30pm: Mary Ann Dunne

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8.30am: Pat McEvoy & Jim Hyland

10am: Tommy Hilliard & Michael Holohan

11:15am: Billy O'Keeffe & Olive Maher

12.30pm: Dan Devoy & Bill Kelly



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Keep calm... and enjoy Christmas

At Christmas there is a huge pressure on us to get everything right the right presents, a Christmas card list that

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who were baptised last weekend

*The Priests of the Parish would like to wish all
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Mass times for the Christmas period (Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday & Tuesday (23rd & 24th Dec.)
7.30am & 10am

Christmas Masses

Children's Masses:

4pm & 6.30pm

Knockmay: 7pm

Parish Church Midnight
Mass 9pm

Christmas Day

8.30am 10am,

11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,

Ratheniska: 10am.

Thursday (St. Stephen's Day)

10am and 1.30pm (Polish Mass)

Friday & Saturday (27th & 28th Dec)
10am

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

Vigil (Saturday) 6.30pm

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm.

Knockmay: Vigil 7.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,

Ratheniska: 10am.

Monday & Tuesday (30th & 31st Dec)
10am

Wednesday 1st January

(New Year's Day)

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Thursday 2nd January

10am

Friday 3rd January (First Friday)

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The Heath 7pm

Ratheniska 7pm

Saturday 4th January

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Sun 29th Dec - 7.30am-7pm
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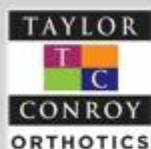
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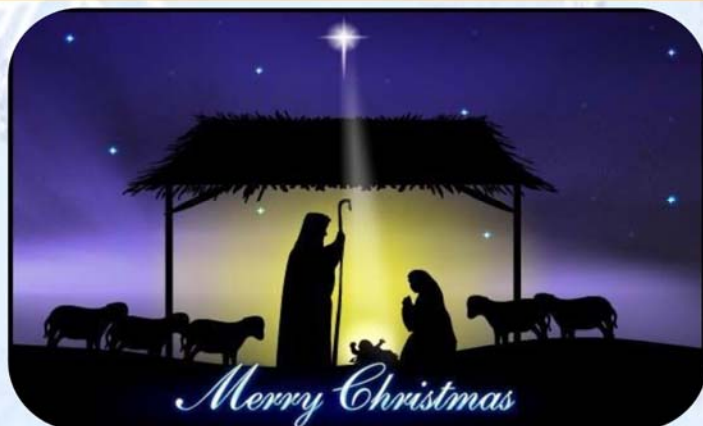
I was struck by a headline on a national newspaper recently that read, "A nation yearns for meaning at Christmas". It noted that 86% of Irish people, questioned in a survey, believe that Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Christ, has become too commercial, while at the same time it found that the amount spent commercially this Christmas has gone way beyond previous years. Modern Ireland has an identity crisis about how it wishes to understand Christmas. There are those who feel that Christ has long since been marginal in people's idea of Christmas and are resigned to that situation. However, this is not the complete picture. Alongside all the commercialisation, Christmas is a time for great generosity. It is a time that brings out the best in us. Families come together. The lonely are remembered. Huge generosity was given this Christmas to St. Vincent de Paul Christmas collection.

Paradoxically, much of what is now celebrated commercially draws heavily from elements that we have inherited from the Christian tradition. The Christian idea of the celebration of the birth of Christ was never just about what happens in Church. Christmas was always also about a vision of human relations in which people care and share, in which people rejoice in the experience of goodness, in which people gather and unite, in which children celebrate simple joys. The fundamentals of what Christmas really means were never just created in Hollywood. They have deeper roots that still endure. Christmas is also a time in which people come to Church. A warm welcome awaits everyone who gathers to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Believers come to celebrate the mystery of the incarnation of the son of God. Others find that the simplicity of the Christian mystery rekindles aspects of their faith that throughout the year they have not lost but may never have had occasion to reflect on due to the time pressures in which people live today.

Some of course will celebrate Christmas in their own way without any reference to God and some may even celebrate Christmas with the intention of telling God he has no place in their lives. Some will actively try to remove public mention of Jesus at Christmas as if the story of his birth constituted a public endangerment.

Some practicing Christians will betray the real Christmas by the way they live. The Church as an institution hosts wonderful charitable organisations that really blossom at Christmas, yet it also has within its history a shameful failure to protect children and the vulnerable. Many of those who celebrate Christmas without God may do so because they have a false notion of God. Many of those who celebrate with all the frills of religion may also be celebrating the wrong God. The Gospel reading for Christmas begins with a series of historical details, about who was Emperor and who was governor and how Mary and Joseph were to be registered as citizens. Why is this so? The evangelist wishes it to be noted that the great mystery of the birth of the Son of God took place within real history.

God intervened in human history and human history is changed. Our notion of God has also changed. In Jesus Christ, God has become present in our world in a different way. Our God is not a distant God in Heaven. God chose to be present in human history not just at the birth of Christ but also in our own day. Among my favourite biblical figures, there are the two men in white garments who appear after Jesus is lifted up to Heaven at his ascension.



They ask the disciples why they are looking up to Heaven to find their God. The Christian message is that God is present in human history and a God who seems to be removed from what is happening in our world would not be the Christian God. God is certainly not to be identified just with this world. God is transcendent. He is the only one who can definitively draw us out of and above human compromise. It is that same God who is also present in our world.

How do we identify that presence? When we begin to understand that the God revealed in Jesus Christ is the God of love we begin to understand He is present in the world where genuine love springs up. If God is present where genuine love springs up, He must also be present calling us to respond to those who do not experience love.

The God of love is present reminding us to be there where men, women and children of our times become excluded and marginalised. God is present at Christmas in the measure in which we reach out to those whom our society fails to provide with the experience of love. Despite our affluence, our cities conceal the faces of people of many who are left feeling that they do not belong. We hear daily of homelessness, immigration, poor education and inadequate health care as problems that scar our society. Homelessness, immigration, poor education and poor health care are simply concepts. We can talk and debate about concepts and the pros and cons of our social and political responses. The Christmas message must draw us beyond just discussing concepts and spinning statistics, towards encountering people. We are talking about people who stand this night on the edges of our streets and housing estates. They are part of our urban landscape. We know that they are there, but do we really know them personally?

God is present with them. God is present to us through them. We meet God in them. Yes, God is really present on our streets this Christmas, but do we recognise him? Further, we must ask: do the marginalised recognise Jesus in us? Do we as believers witness to others that our God, the Wonder Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace appears in all humility and challenges us to reach out to the humble. The mystery of Christmas challenges us. The mystery of Christmas is the mystery of our God who in the Christ Child, became small and humble to be with us and change us and open us to his greatness through allowing us to mirror his love. Only in that God do Christians find its true meaning. Let us celebrate Christmas in that spirit, today, tomorrow and for the year to come.

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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 2.50-4pm and Christmas Day, same time.

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.

"Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God": In the Parish Church (old sacristy), Thursdays, 11am to 12 noon. New members welcome.

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.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: Please join us for a Holy Hour at 3pm every Friday, as we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. All are welcome.

Bus to Clonfert for a day of Prayer and Healing: Saturday 4th January. Bus leaves Carlow 7:15am, Stradbally 9am and Portlaoise 9:15am. Booking is essential. Tel. 059-9151245 or 087-2245193.

New Year Celebrations with Eddie Stones at Emmanuel House, Clonfert, Tuesday 31st Dec., 2-6pm.

3-Day Continuous Prayer (72 hrs) in Clonfert: Commencing 3rd Jan. at 10am with Holy Mass and concluding 5th Jan. at 6pm. Consecration to the Holy Family will take place Sat. 4th.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

Now that the ARA Season has come to a very successful conclusion, we take this opportunity to wish all our members and friends a very Happy, Healthy and Safe Christmas. We also express our thanks and appreciation to Caroline and Maureen for their expertise & friendship, not forgetting Declan, Julie and all the Parish Centre team for their courtesy & assistance. We thank the many people, too numerous to mention, who provided material or other assistance of any kind during the past year. We look forward to meeting you all again in 2020.

Annual St. Stephen's Day Walk in Clonaslee in aid of Laois Hospice:

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Portlaoise Athletic Club Cuisle

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Couch to 5K returns 8th January at the track at Portlaoise College at 6pm for 10 weeks. Registration at 5:15pm on 8th, €30 for 10 weeks.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Would like to thank our Parish Priest, all the Priests of the Parish and all visiting Priests and all Parishioners who have attended our Masses throughout the year. Your support is much appreciated. We wish you all a very happy, Holy, Healthy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Joe and Peggy Conroy

The results from Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee Christmas Raffle held 17th Dec. in the Parish Centre:

- 1st; 6 night Lourdes Pilgrimage - James Conroy
- 2nd; €100 Mulhalls Supervalu Voucher - Rona Byrne
- 3rd; €100 Hughes Pharmacy Hamper - C. Donnellan
- 4th; €50 O' Gorman's Voucher + €40 Shaws Voucher - Justin Lalor
- 5th; Christmas Cake Flanagan Food Store - Sinead Stokes
- 6th; €75 Fuel Voucher Dunkeen Oil - Kai McCormack
- 7th; Browns Christmas Hamper + €25 Meat Voucher Paul Harding Butchers - Tom Major
- 8th; €50 Brownes Animal Feeds Voucher - Aoibheann Nolan

The committee would like to thank everyone who has supported and contributed to all our collections in 2019 and we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

The Heath Knitting Group would like to thank all who supported their draw on Sunday 15th Dec. in support of the Church refurbishment. A total of €1,335 was collected.

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What's in a name? Has anyone ever asked you what your name means? Do you know what your name means? When your mum and dad found out they were going to have a baby, they spent a lot of time choosing a name. They may have looked through a book that gives the meaning of names. I looked up a few names to see what they meant.

John is a very popular name for boys and Joan or Joanna for girls. Their name means "God's gracious gift." Have you ever known anyone named Daniel or Danielle? Their name means "God is my judge." We all know quite a few boys named Michael and girls named Michelle. That is a great name that means "one who is like God." One of the angels in the Bible was named Michael.

When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't have to go to the library and get a book to choose his name. In fact, they didn't choose his name at all. God sent an angel to tell Mary and Joseph,

"You will have a son, and you will call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin."

You see, the name Jesus means **"the Lord saves."** God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sin. The Bible tells us that there is no other name that can save us.

What's in a name? If the name is Jesus, there is salvation!



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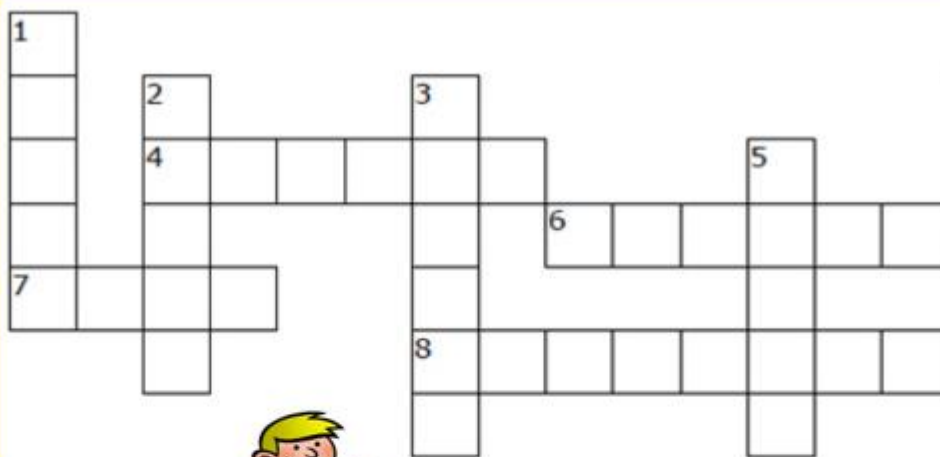
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I worship with the shepherds;
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I give my love
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I wonder at the 'Word made flesh'.
I am aware of the love of God;
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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

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Remembering you in Heaven above this Christmas time.

Missing you Mum at Christmas

It's not just because it's Christmas, that you're very much in mind, for days without a thought of you are so very hard to find.

But the lights, the decorations and the happy atmosphere, only make it so much harder, to accept that you're not here.

For at this time of year, your love and your kindness really shone, and the seasons warmth and magic, have all faded since you've gone.

And if tears, heartache and longing could make special dreams come true, I would be celebrating Christmas once again, dear Mum with you.

Without you at Christmas

There's a little place within my heart, that is with me everyday, a place where all my memories are softly tucked away.

It is the perfect place, at special times for me to go, for words could not explain, how very much I miss you so.

And now that once again, Christmas time has come around, it's where the sweetest memories and thoughts of you are found.

Missing you Always - Especially at Christmas-time

With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near,

What a lovely time we'd have, if only you were here.

We'd spend so many happy hours, the way we did before, Christmas is for loved ones, and I couldn't miss you more.

When I wake on Christmas Day, I'll look to Heaven above,

And I'll remember every smile and think of you with love.

Missing you Mother, this Christmas and always

*Merry Christmas in Heaven Mum
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Especially at Christmastime

Looking back to Christmases past and happy times gone by, remembering your laughter and as always asking "why?".

For there are just so many things that no one can explain, why both of you were taken while the rest of us remain.

And why a special time like this should be a time to grieve, to wish you were both still here and wonder why you had to leave.

Because you're missed at Christmas and on each and every day, for both of you were special and meant more than words can say.

Happy Christmas Mammy and Daddy

*Love and miss you today and always Mammy and Daddy,
from your daughter Mary, Grandson Keelin, sister Ellie and
the Greene family.*

May Mammy & Daddy Rest in Peace



Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 2nd Christmas away from home.

*To a loving Wife, cherished
Mother and adored Nanny*

Thinking of you this
Christmas and how things
just aren't the same,
There's this dull and nagging
heartache, when someone
speaks your name,

Sadly, we can't buy gifts for you, just silent tears
that fall, for this time of year without you, is the
hardest time of all.

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom,
daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula,
grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and
Willow. Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Mam





CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



In Loving Memory of
A Cherished Husband, Father and Grandfather
WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY
28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 2nd Christmas away from home.



Husband;

When God was making husbands, as far as I can see,
He made a special soulmate especially for me,
He made a perfect gentleman, compassionate and kind,
With more love and affectionate than you could ever wish to find,
He gave my darling husband a heart of solid gold,
He gave me wonderful memories only my heart will ever hold,
He was someone I could talk to, that no one can replace,
He was someone I could laugh with until tears ran down my face,
Next time we meet will be at Heaven's door,
When I see you standing there, I won't cry anymore,
I will put my arms around you and kiss your smiling face,
Then the pieces of my broken heart will fall back into place.
Happy Christmas Willie, Forever in my Thoughts.

Your loving wife Anne xx

Daddy;

Remembering the Happiness and the feelings of good cheer,
When we celebrated Christmas in the days when you were here,
For at special times like this one, almost everything we do,
Seems to bring back precious memories of those moments spent with you,
But your smile lives on forever and your voice we often hear,
And on Christmas Day as always, we will shed a silent tear,
We will think of all those good times and the special bond we had,
For we never will forget you, Our Devoted Dearest Dad.

Happy Christmas Daddy, Always in our Thoughts.

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

Grandad;

Are you sitting there in Heaven way up in the sky,
Watching over us this Christmas with that twinkle in your eye,
And we wonder are you smiling at the old familiar sights,
Of bright baubles, glowing candles, tinsel, trees and Christmas lights,
And although there's some excitement as Christmas Day draws near,
Have you noticed that we're trying not to shed a silent tear,
For we're thinking of a person we've loved our whole lives through,
And we hope you know Dear Grandad that we're really missing you.

Happy Christmas Grandad, We miss you more than words can say.

Joanne, Leona Megan, Avril, Katie, Billy, Dylan, Sarah, Aimee, Leah, Abbey, Jayden, Sean,
Carly, Braidan, Caoimhe, Óisín, Maisie and Baby Noah-Alan xx

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Of our Daddy

KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR

44 O' Moore Place, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.
6th Christmas away from Home.



We're thinking of you once again
Daddy and the memories we hold
so dear,

But it always seems to hurt more
at this time of year,
Christmas here without you is like
winter without the snow,
And everything seems darker since
the day you had to go.

Heaven gained an angel, but it left us feeling blue,
Especially at Christmas time our hearts still weep for you,
But we'll remember all the good times and keep the memories
burning bright,

Until the day God calls for us and we can re-unite.
So, as we place the presents beneath the Christmas tree with
no fuss, we'll wrap one up with all our love and you'll know
that one's from us.

Happy Christmas Daddy

Always in our thoughts.

From Becky and Dylan xx

In Loving Memory of

My Wonderful Mother and Father

MARGARET (Peggy) McDONNELL née Tobin

Ballylinan and formerly of Summerhill, Portlaoise

AND THOMAS (Tom) McDONNELL

Ballylinan.

Margaret's 6th Anniversary occurs 4th January 2020

Thomas' 5th Anniversary occurs 2nd February 2020



May the Lord bless you and
take you into His keeping,
May He show you His
countenance and take pity
on you,

May He turn his eyes towards
you and give you His peace.



Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Margaret & Joe.

May Margaret and Thomas Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of our Mother

RITA DUFF

And her Brother

DAN CONROY

Glenfield, Portlaoise



Remembering you this Christmas
Always loved and never forgotten.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving family.

May Rita and Dan Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance



**MICHAEL
KERRY**



**ROSE
KERRY**



**AGNES
GLEESON**



**JOHN-PAUL
MITCHELL**



**JOE
KERRY**

If I could have a life time wish a dream
that would come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart for
yesterday and you,
A thousand words can't bring you back,
I know because I've tried,
And neither will a million tears,
I know because I've cried,

You left behind my broken heart & happy memories too,
But I never wanted memories I only wanted you.

Loved and missed always by their loving families & friends.

May they rest in Peace

4th ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of our Mother

RITA DUFF

Kyleclonhobert, Ridge Rd. Portlaoise

Died 6th January 2016



4th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 4th January 2020 at 6:30pm.

You gave us years of happiness,
Then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories,
We will treasure through the years.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all her loving family
and friends.

May Rita Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS

The Heath, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.



Heavy are our hearts today
Memory brings you back once more
To the time you were with us
To the happy days of yore.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered
by her parents-in-law, Teddy and
Trisha, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law
and extended family.

May Geraldine Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS

The Heath, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.



*Missing you always, especially this
Christmas, our first Christmas
without you.*

Loved and missed dearly by your loving
husband Derek, children Serena,
Rachel, Darragh, grandson Killian,
parents John and Maura,
parents-in-law Ted and Trisha,
brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces,
nephews and extended family.

May Geraldine Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
JIMMY & MAY PRESTON

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Missing you Mam and
Dad at Christmas

It's sad that you are not
with us at this lovely
time of year, but we
have precious memories
of when you both were here.



You made Christmas special, the way its meant to be, filled
with love and kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad,

We know that we were blessed, and pray that Christmas
angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

Loved and missed dearly by all your loving family.

May Jimmy and May Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS

The Heath, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.



We are sad within our memory,
Lonely are our hearts today,
For the one we loved so dearly, has
forever been called away.
We think of you Geraldine, in silence,
No eye can see us weep,
But many silent tears are shed for you,
when others are asleep.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Daddy, Mammy,
Sean, Valerie, Edel and families xx

May Geraldine Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
TOM TIERNEY

Tierman, Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 4th January 2020



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Portlaoise on
Sat. 4th January 2020 at 6:30pm.

*Tom, absent from our lives,
Always present in our hearts.*

*Loved and remembered by your
wife Paula, sons Séamus and
Ruaidhrí.*

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS

The Heath, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.



I thought of you yesterday and the day
before that too,
The special memories of you will
always bring a smile,
We would sit at the fire and have our
chats,
You were always there when I needed
you, no task too great or small,
And although you live in Heaven now, your memory will
always last.

Sadly missed by Susan, Ollie and family.

May Geraldine Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of JOSEPH (Joe) BYRNE

24 Liogard, Portlaoise. 6th Christmas away from home.



I miss you now, my heart is sore,
As time goes by I miss you more,
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can ever fill your vacant place.

*Always remembered by his loving wife
Olive xx*

May Joseph Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of GRETTA KELLY AND JOE BYRNE



Deep in our heart you
will always stay,
Loved and remembered
every day.



*Thinking of you both always, especially at Christmas
time from Mammy, Daddy and all the family.*

May Gretta and Joe Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In remembrance of our parents & brother JOHN, OLIVE & OLIVER BRENNAN

51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.



Someone is missing
at Christmas

Let this be a loving
reminder, that someone
is missing today,
Someone our hearts still

hold onto, as we travel along life's way.



Someone who made life so special, for all those who
gather here,
Someone who won't be forgotten, but cherished from
year to year.

And now as we pause to remember,
Let us all fondly recall,
How dearly each of us loved you both, and oh and ye
loved us all.

*Loved and missed by your sons and daughters and
extended family.*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of JOHN ROCHE

Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise. 2nd Christmas away from home.



I hide my tears when I say your name,
But the pain in my heart is still the same,
Though I smile and seem carefree,
There is no one who misses you more than
me.

Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife
Mary, sons, daughters, grandchildren, sons-in-laws,
daughters-in-law, great-grandchildren and extended family.

May John Rest in Peace

18TH CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of JOHN ROCHE Jnr.

Formerly Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise and Newbridge, Kildare.



In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day dear John,
That we do not think of you.

Sadly missed and always remembered
by Mam, brothers, sisters and
extended family.

Rest in Peace John

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of TOM WALL

Beladd, Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from Home.



Rest in peace dear loved one,
and thanks for all you've done,
A special place is in our hearts,
that you have truly won.

*Loved and remembered by your loving wife Lily and all your
family and friends.*

May Tom Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
Of a Loving Son and Brother
DEAN BERGIN

2nd Christmas away from home.



Christmas memories of a son and
 brother whose love was strong
 and true,

To lose someone special brings
 pain you can't undo,
 You were the treasure in our
 hearts, you were loved in every
 way,

Now you're gone and you're truly
 missed each and every day.

You always brought the blue skies and filled our world
 with joy, spreading love and happiness since you were
 with us at Christmas time,

Life will never be the same now you're no longer here,
 But our love for you is solid and will last forever.

Missing you at Christmas time

Love your mother Mossie, Martina, Lisa,
 Sandra, nieces and nephews xxxxxx



May Dean Rest In Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
RAY BERGIN

1st Christmas away from home.



Missing you at Christmas time

Every day without you since you
 had to go, is like summer without
 sunshine and winter without snow,
 We wish that we could talk to you,
 Life has changed so very much since
 you went away,

We miss the bond between us,
 And miss your kind support,

You're in our minds and in our hearts, and every
 Christmas thought.

We'll always feel close to you, and though you're far
 from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that
 shine on Christmas night.

Missing you always, you're wife Mossie,
 daughters Martina, Lisa, Sandra, grandkids
 and all extended family and friends xxxxx



Rest In Peace Ray

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
John & Kathleen Dunne

*St. Christopher's Place, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise.
 2nd and 7th Christmas away from home*



Sadly missed along life's way,
 Quietly remembered everyday,
 No longer in our lives to share,
 But in our hearts you're always there.

*Loved and remembered by Veronica, Dan, Dermot,
 Clodagh and Aoife*

May John & Kathleen Rest In Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERARD DUNNE

*Braccas, Ballacolla, Co. Laois
 3rd Christmas away from home*



Many the thoughts I give to you,
 As the long hours go by,
 Thinking of the things we used to
 do and say, just you and I.
 Sometimes they make me smile,
 Sometimes they make me cry,
 But are precious to me alone,
 Memories of You and I.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving
 wife Kathleen and all his family xxx*

May Gerard Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUNNE FAMILY

Late of 6 Borris Little



Seamus Dunne, Charlotte Dunne,
 Charlotte Gogarty, Ger Dunne
 And John Dunne

*Beautiful memories are treasured forever
 Of happy days when we were together*

*Remembering you all at Christmas time
 From Geraldine, Tony and family.*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of My Friend

TERESA KHANDKER formerly England
1st Christmas with the Angels



My Friend;
Though there is gold up in the mountain,
Lovely pearls deep in the sea,
Those treasures do not mean as much,
As your friendship means to me.

*From your friends Frances and Tom.
Rest in Peace Teresa*

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

TERESA KHANDKER formerly England
1st Christmas with the Angels



For a Special Lady this Christmas
It's at this special time of year,
We like to have our dearest near,
To hold, to hug, to love, to share,
To show how much we really care.
Though things will not be quite the same,

Our hearts will fill to hear your name,
You gave us strength when we had none,
Our friend, our nanny, our loving Mum.
And so we pray to the Lord above,
To send you now our Christmas love.

*Forever in our hearts and dearly missed, from all your
loving family across the water xx*

Rest in Peace Teresa

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

KATHLEEN McDONALD

Colliers View and Loughteague.

2nd Christmas away from home.

2nd Birthday away from home occurred 16th December.



Take my hand O' Blessed Mother,
Hold it gently lest I fall,
I am nervous when I'm waiting,
So to thee I humbly call.
Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me while I'm on the stairs,
Help me with my undertakings,
Lessen many of my cares.

Then when darkness falls around me, and I fear to be alone,
take my hand O' Blessed Mother, once again,
and lead me home.

Forever missed by her loving daughter Patricia & John-Joe.

Rest in Peace Kathleen

In Loving Memory of **ANTHONY (Tony) DUNNE**

Glendowns, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 6th January 2020.

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Sunday 5th January at 12:30pm.*



Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts, you're always there.

Sadly missed and always remembered
by his loving wife Mary, daughters
Tracy and Regina, sons, Tony, Greg and
Damien, grandchildren Danielle,
Cheyenne, Saffron, sister Josephine and extended family.

Rest in Peace Tony



Today in the town of David, a Saviour has
been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:11

IN LOVING MEMORY OF **JIMMY MORRIN R.I.P.**

45 St. John's Sq., Portlaoise, formerly New Road.

15th Anniversary occurs 24th December 2019.

*Also remember our dear mother Annie who died on
26th March 1962 aged 38 years.*



His dreams were seldom spoken,
His words were very few,
And most of the time, his worries went
unspoken too,
True friend we could turn to, when times
were good or bad,
One of our greatest blessings, the man
that we call Dad.

*Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

Mass offered

*Sadly missed by Kathleen and Anne and sons-in-law and
granddaughters Karen and Rachel.*

May Jimmy Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance *In Loving Memory of* **THE DOYLE FAMILY**

Formerly of 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

Mam and Dad, sister Ann Whelan, brothers Jack and Pad,
Mickey and Jim and nephew Paul Doyle.

Also remember our brother-in-law Billy Whelan, at this time.



*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish and never forget.*

*Loved and remembered everyday.
From your brother Joe and wife Kathleen
May They Rest in Peace*

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

For a Loving Husband and Father

CHRISTOPHER (Christy) KEOGH

2 Aghnaharna Drive, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.



We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday and days before
that too,

We think of you in silence, we often speak your
name, all we have are memories and your picture
in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, from which we'll
never part, God has you in His arms, we have
you in our hearts.

Loved & missed by his wife Phil, daughters Mary and Rachel,
granddaughters Shannon & Aislinn and all his relatives & friends.

May Christy Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

ALICE PARNELL

"Avondale" Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.



As time unfolds this first year,
We know and feel you are very near,
Silent thoughts of our time together,
Hold memories that will last forever.

Loved and remembered by her husband Kieran,
son Michael, daughter Lisa, daughter-in-law Ann,
son-in-law Peter, grandchildren Aoife, Rachel, Adam,
Laura and Conor, relatives and friends.

May Alice Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

TOMMY CLEAR

17 Liogard, Portlaoise

21st Anniversary occurs 1st January 2020



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Knockmay on 4th January at 7:30pm.

*It is not what we write or even what we say,
It is what we feel inside as we think of you today.*

From his loving wife Mary, sons,
daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law
and grandchildren.

May Tommy Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

For A Loving Father and Son

Paddy and Patrick Doyle

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.



Deep within our hearts,
Wrapped in the purest gold,
Are happy Christmas memories,
Spent with you at home.

Loved and missed by the Doyle Family.

May Paddy and Patrick Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMBEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

WILLIAM KERRY 20th Christmas Away from Home

ROSANNA KERRY 2nd Christmas Away from Home

61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise.



We cannot send a
Christmas Card,
Your hands we
cannot touch,
But God will take our
greeting to the ones we
love so much.



Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, grandchildren,
great grandchildren & extended family xx

May William and Rosanna Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

To our Parents

DAVID AND JANE McEVOY

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise.

Also Birthday Remembrance of our Dad David



They are our bridge over
troubled waters,
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.

Loved and never forgotten, your loving family xx
May David and Jane Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
My Wonderful Husband at Christmas
BRIAN LARKIN
2nd Christmas in Heaven*



This time of year was always
such a special time for me,
I loved to share its warmth with
you beside the Christmas tree.

But without my lovely husband
I feel lost and all alone,
And everything seems pointless,
now that I'm on my own.

But each time I see your picture, you seem to smile
and say,
Don't cry for me, I promise, that we'll meet again
someday.

So until that perfect moment, we'll be just a thought
apart,

And at Christmas time, as always, you'll be here
inside my heart.

Sadly missed by your loving wife, Fiona x

*Loving Memories of a Special Dad
at Christmas.
2nd Christmas in Heaven*

Remembering the happiness and the feeling of good
cheer, when we celebrated Christmas, in the days
that you were here.

For at special times like this one, almost everything
we do, seems to bring back precious memories, of
those moments spent with you.

But your smile lives on forever and your voice we
often hear,

And on Christmas day this year, we will shed a silent
tear.

And we'll think of all those good times, and the
special bond we had,
For we never will forget you, our devoted, dearest
Daddy.

Happy Christmas, Daddy in Heaven
*Loved and missed always by Ethan, Damon,
Oisin and grandson Odhrain.*

May Brian Rest In Peace

Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of
**LIAM CONROY AND HIS
GRANDSON SHANE FINAN**
ELIZABETH HACKETT
10 New Row, Green Road, Portlaoise*



We miss your smiles, your joking ways,

We miss the things, you use to say,

And when old times, we do recall, it's then
we miss you most of all.

*From Nana Mary & Brian, Shirley, John & Conor,
Jake & Steven.*

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

*Gertrude
John
Eamon
ROCHE*

Ballycarroll, Portlaoise, Laois



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

*Loved and missed always by daughter Anne, son-in-law
James and grandchildren.*

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of Dad & Mam
MICHAEL and JULIA TIMMONS
53 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.*



*Will those who think of
Dad and Mam today,
A little prayer to
Jesus say.*

*Love always, Margaret,
Brendan and family.*



Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
PADDY McEVOY

Fairgreen, Portlaoise and formerly Dublin.
8th Christmas and Birthday gone from us;
3rd January 2020



Paddy, it's hard to forget someone,
who gave so much to remember.

Love you always and forever,
Carol, Keith, Alan, Niall, Abi-Rose
and all your loving family x

May Paddy Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
TOMMY McCARTHY

6 Well Road, Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas in Heaven.



A whisper on a November morn,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all,
Your memories are so precious,
Your presence missed so much,
You will always be remembered and missed by all of us.

From your many many friends.

May Tommy Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of

Patrick (Bumper) Whelan
16 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



And his daughter
Caroline Moore née Whelan

9^h & 8th Christmas away from home.

The sadness never goes away, the silent tears still flow,
You're thought of and so sadly missed, more than you'll ever
know,

But now you're with the angels, safe and sound in Heaven
above, we hold onto the memories and treasure them with love,
Yet special times like Christmas often make us wonder why,
God took you from this world, it was too soon to say goodbye,
But memories are precious, they will last a lifetime through,
We know God has chosen you to be his angel too.

Happy Christmas to a wonderful Dad and Sister
From your loving wife Kathleen, Patrick, Chris, Mag, Jackie,
Mary, Samantha, Paul, Niall and Gavin xxxxxxxx

May Patrick and Caroline Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
EDWARD & FRANCES COOKE

Rathevan, Portlaoise.



*Deep in our hearts you will forever stay,
Both loved, cherished and remembered everyday.*

Missing you both at Christmas time, your loving daughter
Bridie, son-in-law Stephen, grandchildren Deirdre, Karen
and Eamonn and great-grandchildren Ciara, Oisín, Abbie,
Hayley and Lily.

Rest in Peace Edward and Frances

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
EDWARD & FRANCES COOKE

Fielbrook & formerly Rathevan, Portlaoise.



*Sweet are their memories, dear are their names,
Close to our hearts they will always remain.*

Missing you both at this time, from your loving daughter
Margaret, son-in-law Gerard, grandsons Edward and Gearóid,
Katie and Rachel and great-granddaughter Madison.

May Edward and Frances Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JIMMY & GERTIE RANKIN

1 Elm Lawn, Portlaoise.

Whose 18th and 24th Anniversaries (respectively) occur.



Never more than a
thought away,
And those who have
loved you dearly are
thinking of you today.



Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving family.

May they Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of

Joseph Paisley

Kathleen Paisley

William
(Bill) Doyle



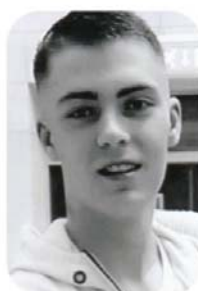
We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday and the day
before that too,
We will think of you tomorrow, as we will our whole
lives through,
For the day we fail to think of you, is the day
God calls us too.
You were always there for everyone, no task too
great or small, but most of all you gave us love,
the greatest gift of all.

Remembering you on this Christmas day and always.

Lots of love, Pauline, Catherine, Maria, Jean, Fidelma,
Brian, Joe, sons-in-law, Mena, grandchildren,
great-granddaughters Rebecca, Grace, Hannah,
Anna-Rose, gran-nieces and nephews and all the
extended Paisley and Doyle families.

May they Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
**THOMAS, CRAIG AND
AARON KELLY**



Without you at Christmas
There's a little place within my heart, that is
with me everyday, a place where all my
memories are softly tucked away.
It is the perfect place at special times for me
to go,
For words could not explain, how very much
I miss you so.

And now that once again, Christmas time has
come around, it's where the sweetest memories
and thoughts of ye are found.

*Loved and eternally missed by your daughter
Fiona, Mudas and grandkids, Mammy, brothers
Brandon, Noah and Junaid and sister Aisha xxx*

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
JOSEPHINE (Dody) DINEEN
Aughmaddock, Stradbally.



Although you cannot hear her voice or
see her smile no more,
Our Mother walks beside us still, just
as she did before,
A silent thought, a quiet prayer, for
our special Mother, safe in God's care.
Also remembering Dody's husband
Finbarr at this Christmas time.

May They Rest In Peace

Love on this Christmas day and always.

Your son Barra, daughters Mairead, Joanne, Gearoidín,
daughter-in-law Della, sons-in-law Mike and Matt,
grandchildren Cara, Oisín, Cathal, Sadhbh,
great-granddaughters Keelin and Aoibheann.
A big hug and kiss to you Granny Dode xx

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
WINIFRED & JAMES McCORMACK
Timahoe and Clonboyne, Portlaoise.
8th and 30th Christmas away from home



Missing you at
Christmas

Christmas brings us
peace and joy, but it
brings sorrow too,
And just like many
others will, I'll spend
it missing you.



So this year as I gaze into the dark and wintry sky,
Christmas stars will twinkle and I'll know the reason
why.

*Sadly missed by Margaret, Richard, Pauline, Robert,
Gavin, Alex, Margaret, Dave, Ryan, Pat and Trish x*

May Winifred & James Rest In Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of MOLLIE FENNELLY

*Late of 30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Died 30th December 2001 R.I.P.*



*Gone, yet not forgotten,
Although we are apart,
Your spirit lives within us,
Forever in our hearts.*

*Loved and remembered always by Mary, Patrick, Eugene,
Sean and Ronan.*

Rest in Peace Mollie

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of PADDY & ROSIE CONROY

Market Square, Portlaoise.



*Loved and missed by Geraldine & family.
May Paddy & Rosie Rest in Peace*

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE THE BUGGY FAMILY

George

Pat

Mary



*28th
Anniversary*



*8th
Anniversary*



*21st
Anniversary*

George



*7th
Anniversary*

*Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity,
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We are all meant to learn new things,
But never meant to stay.*

Love Phil x

May they Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of DAVID RAFTER *"Ardville" Glenside, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.*



*Every day without you, since
you had to go, is like
summer without sunshine
and Christmas without snow.
I wish that I could talk to you,
there's so much I would say,
life has changed so very
much, since you went away.
I miss the bond between us
and I miss your kind support,
you're in my mind and in my
heart and every Christmas thought.*

*Happy Christmas Dave, love always, Vanda xxx
Also remembering my Mother Esther Szwaglis at Christmas x*

*Miracles do not happen, but this Christmas, just one
would do, that we would hear the doorbell ring and you
would walk smiling through.*

Loving and missing you always.

Happy Christmas Daddy, love Stefan & Amy xxx

*Nothing on earth can ever replace, the sound of your
voice, the smile on your face,
No verse, no flowers, no tears can say,
How much we miss you everyday.*

*Happy Christmas David, love always,
Mam and Dad xxx*

*I'll always feel you close to me and though you're far
from sight, I'll search for you among the stars, that shine
on Christmas night.*

Missing you today and everyday.

*Happy Christmas Daithí love always,
John, Martina and Craig xxx*

*Missing you always, especially at Christmastime
With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near,
what a lovely time we'd have, if only you were here,
We'd spend so many happy hours the way we did before,
Christmas is for loved ones and I couldn't miss you more,
When I wake on Christmas Day, I'll look to Heaven above,
and I'll remember every smile and think of you with love.*

*Happy Christmas David, love always, Jimmy,
Claire, Aaron, Rachel and Jonathan xxx*

Rest in Peace David

Family Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of

The Collins Family Mountmellick; Mam and Dad,
Pam Tuohy, Bernie Geraghty
Carmel and Mick McGuinness
Granddaughters Fiádh & Eve Graham



John (Barney), Olive and Oliver Brennan
51 Dr Murphy's Place
Joseph (Jo Jo) Lawlor - Ash Trees Stradbally
Sean and Ann Hanrahan - Ballinakill



*Missing you all at Christmas time and thinking of you
always.*

Love from Michael, Ann and Family.

May They Rest In Peace

Christmas Remembrance

For our Loving Parents

THOMAS & JULIA DOHENY

23 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.

*Ye cared for us when we were small,
Watched over us as we grew tall,
Ye shared our joys and dried our tears,
Thank you for those precious years.*

*With love from their sons, daughters,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
extended family and friends.*

*Also remembering other deceased
relatives and friends at this time.*

May Thomas and Julia Rest in Peace



Christmas Remembrance

MARGARET HOULIHAN

14 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise

2nd Christmas away from home



Missing You at Christmas.

Every day without you since
you had to go,

Is like Summer without sunshine
and Winter without snow,
I wish that I could talk to you,
There's so much I would say,
Life has changed so very much,
since you went away.

I miss the bond between us and
I miss your kind support,

You're in my mind and in my heart and every Christmas
thought.

I'll always feel you close to me and though you're far
from sight,

I'll search for you among the stars that shine on
Christmas night.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving
husband James, sons, daughters and grandchildren and
extended family.*

May Margaret Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

For a Loving Sister, Mother & Gran

MARGARET LYNCH née DOHENY

St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
her loving husband, children, grandchildren,
sisters, brothers, relatives and friends.*

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Margaret Rest in Peace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

CRAIG AND AARON

GORMAN-KELLY

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

6th and 1st Christmas away from home.



We think of you
in silence,
We often speak
your name,
But all we have
are memories,
and your picture
in a frame.



Your resting place we visit,
And put flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.

*From your loving father Michael, brother Brandon
and sister Chloe, extended family and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

For A Loving Partner and Brother

FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE

*Fergus, Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words and missed
beyond measure.*

*Always remembered by his loving partner Esther,
brothers, sister, relatives and friends.*

*Also remembering other deceased relatives
and friends at this time.*

May Fergus Rest in Peace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

of a Special Son and Father **JAMIE-LEE MOORE & FRANCIS MOORE**



With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near,
What a lovely time we'd have if only ye were here,
We'd spend so many happy hours, the way we did
before,

Christmas is for loved ones and I couldn't miss ye more,
When I wake on Christmas Day, I'll look to Heaven above,
And I'll remember every smile and think of ye with love,
It warms my heart to know ye are together for all eternity.



Love and Miss ye always Jamie Lee and Daddy

Christmas Remembrance of a Precious Brother **On your 5th Christmas away from home Jamie Lee**

Thinking of you and missing you more than words could ever say,
For life seemed to change forever on the day you went away,
And this season has lost it's sparkle now that you're no longer here,
Gone is all the warmth and laughter and those feelings of good cheer.
But each night there in the distance shines a brilliant Christmas star,
which is Heaven's way of showing just exactly where you are,
And on Christmas Day as always and on each day yet to come,
You'll be loved, missed and remembered for you meant the world to us
dear brother.

*Love and miss you always, Tanya, Tirna, Jake, Taylor and
your niece Kyra-mae xxx*

Christmas Remembrance of a Nephew and Dad

Looking back to Christmas past and happy times gone by,
Remembering both with laughter and always asking "Why"?
For there are just so many things that no one can explain,
Why both of you were taken but the rest of us remain,
And why a special time like this should be a time to grieve, to wish you both were still here
and wonder why ye had to leave,

Because you're missed at Christmas and on each and every day,
For ye both were someone special, who meant more than words can say

Love and miss ye Always, Sharon, James and family xxx

May Jamie and Francis Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
**CHRISTOPHER
& ELIZABETH GING**
8 New Road, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're
not with us at this
special time of year,
but we have precious
memories of when you
both were here.



You made Christmas special, the way it's meant to be,
filled with love and kindness and generosity.
You were the dearest Mam and Dad, we know we were
truly blessed, and pray that Christmas angels, bring
you sweet eternal rest.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

*Loved and always remembered by their sons,
daughters and all their loving family.*

Rest in Peace Christopher & Elizabeth

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
RICHARD (Ricky) DWANE



Ricky's Mother Christine, brother Rory
and partner Mel would like to
sincerely thank all those who attended
the funeral Mass and burial and
sympathised with them and to those
who phoned, messaged, sent flowers,
Mass cards and Sympathy cards.

We would especially like to thank the
large Liverpool turnout, the Conroy,
McStay, Kelly and O'Shea families, Jacinta, Maher-Carney
-S. Renolds families Dublin, the Dwane family, all nieces,
nephews, cousins and grandparents Dina and George.
Heartfelt thanks to the Priests of the Parish, especially
Fr. David Vard and to the funeral directors; Matthew
Keegan and David Goode, for their professionalism and
also to the gravediggers for preparing Ricky's final
resting place with such care, dignity and respect.
Thank you to M&M Catering and a special thanks to
Ashling and Jason Bergin who arranged everything.
Our thanks also to aunties Julie, Gina, Brenda, Cathy and
Diane and uncle Richard, Aaron, Emma, Paul, Niall,
Gavin, Samantha, Lisa, Rachel, Kevin and Aideen.

Rest in Peace Ricky

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA GING
Formerly 44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
3rd Christmas away from home



You're here inside my Heart

For Christmas you're in a
different place, and though
we seem apart,
We're closer than we ever
were, you're here inside my
heart.

You are with me as I greet
each day and while the sun
shines bright,

You're here to share the
sunsets too and I feel your presence each night.
I feel you close when times are good, sharing a laugh
or two, and if a tear should start to fall, that's when
I'm thinking of you.

And when that day arrives, that we are no longer
apart, I'll smile and hold you close to me, safely
forever in my heart.

♥ Thinking of you in Heaven today and always ♥

Loved and missed by her parents John-Joe and Ann,
daughters Emma and Lisa, sons Aron and Ross,
grandson Michael, sister Joanne, brother-in-law
Sean, niece Aoife, grand-niece Grace-Rose, nephews
Gavin, Conor and Cian, uncles, aunts, cousins, and
extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Patricia

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM & KATHLEEN MARUM
63 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're not with us at this
lovely time of year,

But we have precious memories of
when you both were here.

You made each Christmas special,
the way it's meant to be,

And filled it with your love, kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad,
We know that we were blessed, and pray that Christmas
Angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

Loved and remembered by all your loving family.

Mam and Dad Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Of My Partner

JIM DOYLE

133 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Missing you this Christmas and always



While strolling through a lovely garden, as day was drawing to a close,
My eyes behind a tragic story,
I saw teardrops on a rose.

Standing on those rose bushes were two Robin red breasts,
As soon as I laid my eyes on them, tears welled up from my chest.
It should have been tears of gladness, but deep inside the sorrow shows,
A trusting heart had just been broken,
I saw teardrops on a rose.

I knew they were my loved ones, who were sent from Heaven's gate,
To let me know they're still around, since to the promise land they went.
They were singing a sweet song with a twinkle in their eyes,
Then they flew on to a small roof and flapped their wings to say goodbye.
A sobbing tear that follows parting, holds all the pain that sorrow knows,
A false goodbye, a life is shattered,
There lies a story on a rose.

My tears will dry, the rose will wither, when spring and winter comes and goes,
I loved, I lost, my story ended with just *teardrops on a rose.*
But I know they will be back again, when I am feeling down,
They will be singing their sweet song again to me, as if to say,
don't be sad, we are always around.

Remembering you Jim at Christmas and always

Never forgotten

Happy Christmas

From Bridget and extended families xxx

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
ORLA CONROY-KELLY

25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
 5th Christmas away from Home



Everyday without you since
 you had to go, is like a summer
 without sunshine and
 Christmas without snow,
 We wish that we could talk to
 you, there's so much we would
 say,
 Life has changed so very much,
 since you went away.

We miss the bond between us and we miss your kind
 support,

You're in our minds and in our hearts and every
 Christmas thought.

We'll always feel you close to us, and though you're far
 from sight,

We'll search for you among the stars that shine on
 Christmas night.

Happy Christmas Orla

You are always on our minds.

Loved and missed so very much.

From your heart broken parents, brother Brendan, sisters and
 partners, Sharon & Jim, Lorena & Shane, Lynda & Damien,
 Olivia & Brian, Geraldine & Rocky & your nieces and nephews.
 Also lovingly remembered by your adored children Lydian and
 partner Sean, son Paddy, and your granddaughter Orla Mae.

Also remembering Orla's Grandparents

MICHAEL & EILEEN GRIFFIN

19 Marian Place, Portlaoise.



*Remembering you both at Christmas
 and always*

Also remembering Eileen who would be celebrating her
 101st birthday on New Years Eve.

From all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Orla, Michael and Eileen x

Christmas Remembrance
Of our beautiful daughter
MARIA GREENE

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 7/2/09-15/3/14
 6th Christmas in Heaven



Happy Christmas

Love from Daddy, Mommy,
 brother Stephen, sister Natalie,
 grandparents, uncles, aunts and
 cousins.

We'll always feel you are close to us and though you are
 far from sight,

We'll search for you among the stars that shine on
 Christmas night.

Also remember
Our Loving Mother
JOSEPHINE (Josie)
GREENE

Kilimy, Emo.

4th Christmas in Heaven



Happy Christmas

Love from your sons, daughters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law
 and grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of
STEPHEN CONROY

34 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
 on **Saturday 4th January at 6:30pm.**

*Memories of you we will keep and treasure,
 In our hearts they will live forever.*

*Sadly missed today and always by his loving wife Pauline,
 sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
 grandchildren & great-grandchildren.*

May Stephen Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
NED (Edward) & MADGE McEVOY

Capoley, Portlaoise.

22nd & 2nd Christmas away
 from home.



*You never lose the ones you love,
 They walk beside us everyday,
 Unseen unheard but always near,
 A Father and Mother we loved so dear.*



*Forever in our hearts, loved and missed by all your loving
 family.*

May Ned & Madge Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
3rd Christmas away from home.



*Thinking of you today, Mum, but
then that is nothing new,
For you were thought of yesterday,
and will be tomorrow too.
Because you're missed so
very much, far more than words
can say,*

*And sadly Mum, no presents,
cards or hugs on Christmas Day.*

*Just silent tears and a special kiss, blown to heaven
above, to thank you for a lifetime of devoted, selfless
love,*

*And a whispered Christmas promise, that on each
day yet to come, you will always be remembered, for
you meant the world to us Mum.*

*Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith,
Ciara, grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and extended family
and friends.*

May Rita Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **TIMMY & BERNADETTE SCULLY** 3 New Road, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're not with us, at this lovely time of year,
But we have precious memories of when you both were
here.

You made each Christmas special, the way it's meant to be,
And filled it with your love, kindness and generosity.

*You were the dearest Mam and Dad,
We know that we were blessed,
And pray that Christmas Angels, bring you sweet eternal
rest.*

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

*Loved and remembered always by your daughters
Mary and Bernadette, grandsons Senan and Cillian
son-in-law John, family and friends.*

May Timmy and Bernadette Rest In Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL FARRELL** Lakeglen, Portlaoise.



There is a very special place beyond the
skies above,

Somewhere very peaceful that is full of
light and love,

That special place is Heaven where you're
free to laugh and roam, it was your time
to go there so the Angels took you home,
And though you're in our thoughts each
single day throughout the year,

At this special time of Christmas, we all wish you could be here.
Now you're in a better place your soul is laid to rest.

*Love always, Patricia and Patrick and also your brothers,
sisters, nieces and nephews xxxx.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **SHANE MOORE**



*No special day is needed,
for us to think of you,
You were always someone
special, generous, kind
and true,
You will never be forgotten
for we thought the world
of you.*

*Loved always, Mam, Dad, Marian, Ross and
nephew Shane and all your loving family.*

May Shane Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **RAYMOND (Ray) BYRNE**

*Remembering you on your Birthday, Anniversary and
at Christmas, all in December.*



*Thinking of you Dear Ray
You always had a smile to
share, love to give, time to care.
A wonderful nature, warm and
true,
These are the memories we
have of you.*

Always loved, Mam and family.

May Raymond Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance THE HOULIHAN FAMILY

Late of 43 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.



Dad, Mam, Mick, John, Eugene, Billy, Francis, Bridget, Helen, Pauline, nephews Fran and Wayne, brother-in-law Paddy Mills, Granny Ellen Neilus, baby McEvoy and baby Ging.

This is for a very special family, as loved as anyone could ever be,

For ye were everything in our lives, and ye meant the world to us, Life can be so unkind, when hearts are torn in two, nothing could ever compare to the pain of losing ye, An angel whispered in Francis' ear, believe in me and have no fear, Come with me and take my hand, I will take you to a better land, A place of peace, A place of light, Don't be afraid, just hold on tight, Loved ones will join you, don't despair, You have many in Heaven waiting there, Your body died, Your spirit is free, That is why you get to fly with me, A gentleman with a golden heart, who kept his family and friends close and were never far apart, Sharing love and kindness with everyone near, we will cherish the memories that are now so dear.



Happy Christmas to you all,
Always loved & remembered by your sons
and daughters, brothers and sisters.

In Sad and Loving Memory of

Our Dear Dad

PADDY HOULIHAN

43 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise. Died 25th December 1986.

33rd Anniversary occurs 25th December 2019.



Far away on the loveliest hill, away from sorrow and care, someday we will find you, watching and waiting there, We will know your voice in the midst of the crowd, and your lovely smile of old, our hands will meet on God's own street and never more enfold.

Sadly missed by your loving sons and daughters.

May Paddy Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

KATHLEEN HUBER MCEVOY

Switzerland & formerly Grange Upper



Little we knew that morning that God would call your name. It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you the day God called you home.

Sadly missed by your brother Joe, Mary, Tricia, Greg, Mary & families

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

KEVIN YOUNG

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from home.



Without You

How very much you're missed,
I think you somehow know,
For I feel you beside me, no matter where I go.

To be reminded of you, I don't have to go that far,
For, every night I see your face,
in every shining star.

As every moment passes by, now that Christmas time is here, I'll be thinking of the joy we shared, at this special time of year.

Thinking of you at Christmas time and always.

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by Rosie,
Marc, Nicole, Lauren, Oisín and Fionn x

May Kevin Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
A Dear Father, Mother and Brother
**PATRICK, BRIGID AND
WILLIAM MILLS**
148 St. Brigid's Place.*



A few more steps along life's road, perhaps a few more years,
Then by God's grace we'll meet again,
Beyond the vale of tears.

Loved and remembered by all their loving family.

Rest in Peace Patrick, Brigid & William



*And they came with haste, and found
Mary, and Joseph, and the baby
lying in a manger. [Luke 2:16]*

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
PHILOMENA HIGGINS
5 Newpark, Portlaoise.
3rd Christmas away from Home*



Philomena's Poem

January brings the snow, makes
our feet and fingers glow.
February brings the rain, thaws
the frozen lakes again.
March brings breezes sharp and
chill, shakes the dancing daffodil.
April brings the primrose sweet,
scatters daisies at our feet.
May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
sporting round their fleecy dams.
June brings tulips, lilies, roses, fills
the children's hands with posies.
Hot *July* brings thunder showers,
apricots and gillyflowers.

August brings the sheaves of corn, then the harvest home is borne.
Warm *September* brings the fruit, then sportsmen begin to shoot.
Brown *October* brings the pheasant, then to gather nuts is pleasant.
Dull *November* brings the blast, hark the leaves are whirling fast.
Cold *December* brings the sleet, blazing fire and Christmas treat.

*Loved and remembered by her husband Christy, sons David
and Matthew, grandchildren Jamie, Holly and Katefyn,
daughter-in-law Shauna, extended family, relatives and
friends especially the Lenehan family from Tralee and her
colleagues in St. Vincent de Paul and friends in the Shieve
Bloom Walking Club.*

Rest in Peace Philomena

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
**JANE AND PATRICK SHIELS &
BRIGID (Cissy) MILLS**
Late of Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.*



It's sad that you're not with us at this lovely time of
year but we have precious memories of when you
were all here.

You made Christmas special the way it's meant to be,
filled with love, kindness and generosity.

You were so very dear to us, we know that we were
blessed and pray that Christmas angels bring you sweet
eternal rest.

**Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by all
their loving family and friends.**

May They Rest in Peace

*In Loving Memory of **FRANK CONROY***

*The Downs, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 27th December 2019*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 29th December at 11.15am.

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

*Sadly missed by Nancy and family
May Frank Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of **MARGARET BUTLER***

*Debbycotte, Mountmellick and 16 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
22nd Anniversary occurs 3rd January 2020.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 5th January at 11.15am.

*Thinking of you as time goes by,
Our memories will never die,
Deep in our hearts your life we keep,
Not gone from us, just gone to sleep.*

*Loved always, your loving Mother, daughters,
grandson Cormac, granddaughters Aodha, Polly
& Wendy, brother, sister and families.*

May Margaret Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of PJ O' BRIEN

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
3rd Christmas away from home.



Missing you Dad at Christmas

Christmas is a time of joy, but now
without you Dad, memories surround
us, and it's easy to be sad.

But knowing you'll be watching with a
father's gentle pride,
We'll celebrate the happiness, those
memories provide.

Your love is here to guide us,
In everything we do,
And we give thanks at Christmas time,
In memory of you.

RIP Grandad XXX

Truly missed by your beloved wife Teresa,
daughters, sons, grandchildren and your large circle
of friends.



Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

OLIVER BARTLEY

91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
5th Christmas away from home.



God saw you getting tired and a
cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
and whispered come to me.
With tearful eyes we watched
you, and saw you pass away,
And although we loved you dearly
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only
takes the best.

From your loving wife Elizabeth, sons and daughter,
daughters and son-in-law and grandchildren.

May Oliver Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of THE O' SHEA FAMILIES

207 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Edward



Julia
O' Shea



Edward
(Sonny)
O' Shea



Oliver
O'Shea



Frankie



Geraldine
Keegan



Angela
Kelly-O'Shea



Gerard
Kelly



John
Kelly



Lisa
O' Shea



Jamie-Lee Moore



Wayne
Kelly



Elizabeth
(Betty)
O' Brien

Tommy (Eugene) Conroy

Also remember Sinead McCreavy

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day,
No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts ye are
always there.

From Lucy, Mag, Ann, Paul and Michael and
Jacinta xx

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of JOSEPHINE WATSON

Main St. Portarlinton and Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.
5th Christmas away from home



Time unfolds to a fifth Christmas year,
Memories keep you very near,
No need for words except to say, you are
loved and missed each passing day.

You're in our minds and in our hearts,
every single Christmas thought,
We always feel you close to us and
though you're far from sight,
We'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas
night.

We treasure the memories of you, and all our Christmas years.
You loved this Christmas season,
it was very dear to you.



Instead of a card we send our love,
Instead of a gift, a prayer,
We will always love and miss you and
wish that you were here.



Will those who think of Josephine today.

A little prayer to Jesus say.

Missing you at Christmas and always from all your loving family.

May Josephine Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN-JOE DWANE**

2 Well Rd., New Rd. (Maisonettes) Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary away from home occurs 26th December.



If I only had five minutes, the day
you passed away,
I would have had time to tell you,
all the things I needed to say.
I never got to tell you, how much
you meant to me,
Or that you were the best that
anyone could be.

The last time I talked to you,
I wish I would have known,

I would have said I love you, and kept you on the phone.

If only I had five minutes, the day you passed away,
I'd hold on to you with real tight hugs, I wouldn't want to go.
I would tell you that I'll miss you, more than you'll ever
know,

Now God has called upon you, it's time to get your wings,
To leave this life behind you and enjoy all Heavens beautiful
things.

So wait for me in Heaven, don't let me come alone,
The day the angels come for me,
Please be there to bring me home.

Loved and sadly missed always by your loving family.

May John-Joe Rest In Peace

**Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
JOHN-JOE & OLIVE DWANE**

2 Well Rd., New Rd. (Maisonettes) Portlaoise.



Christmas in Heaven, what do they do?
They all come to earth and spend it
with you,
So save them a space, one empty
chair, you might not see them but they
are sat there.



Lots of love always from all your
loving family.

May John-Joe and Olive Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
EDDIE CARROLL**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Saturday 28th December at 10am.



Thinking of you always.
Loved and missed by all his family,
friends and loved ones.

Rest in Peace Eddie

**Christmas Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of My Husband
STEPHEN DWANE**

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
6th Christmas and Birthday away from Home



*Although you can't be here
with me, we're truly not
apart,
Until the final breath I
take, you'll be living in my
heart.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife
Philomena Dwane xx*

May Stephen Rest in Peace

**Christmas Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of Our Father
STEPHEN DWANE**

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
6th Christmas and Birthday away from Home



*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories and your
picture in a frame,
Your resting place we visit and put
flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache as we
turn and leave you there.*

*To a loving father, sadly missed by your sons, daughters
and extended family. Forever in our Hearts. xx*

May Stephen Rest in Peace

**Christmas Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of Our Grandad
STEPHEN DWANE**

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
6th Christmas and Birthday away from Home



*It's lonely here without you,
We miss you more each day,
For life is not the same to us,
Since you were called away.*

To Grandad

Missing you every day.

*Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday from your
grandchildren and great-grandchildren xx*

May Stephen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ELISH DOOLEY**

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
19th Anniversary occurs 1st January 2020.



Gone are the days we use 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 loved you, will never forget.
*Sadly missed and lovingly remembered
by all your loving family.*

May Elish Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
CHRISSIE GRAHAM**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise. 25-12-13.



We never need a special day to bring you to
our minds, for days without a thought of you
Mam are very hard to find.
We cannot send a birthday card,
Your hand we cannot touch,
But God will take our greetings, to you Mam,
who we love so much.

*Happy Birthday. Loved always by your husband Jim,
son and daughters and grandchildren.*

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN McSTAY**

22 Mountain View, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise.
3rd Christmas away from Home



Missing you at Christmas

There's a little place within my heart, that is
with me every day,
A place where all my memories, are softly
tucked away,
It is the perfect place in my grief for me to go,
For words could not explain, how very much
I miss you so.
And now that once again, Christmas time has
come around,
It's where the sweetest memories and
thoughts of you are found.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Christina
and son Bernard.*

Dad; His portrait in it's silver frame,
The ravages of time may dim,
In our hearts he's still the same,
We hold bright memories of him.

Loved and remembered by his daughter Emma & son-in-law Abdul.

Grandad; Sincere and true in heart and mind,
A memory sweet you left behind.

*Dearly missed by his grandchildren Rebecca, Gavin, Gillian, Kilian,
Yasmine, Umar, Usman, Uzayr, Yousif, Lauren & Keri.*

May John Rest in Peace

**Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH, ELISH & FINTAN DOOLEY**
7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.



*Sweet are their memories, dear are their names,
Close to our hearts, they will always remain.*

Loved and remembered by all their loving family.

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL LEECH**

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise and formerly Kellystown, Wolfhill.
2nd Anniversary occurs 26th December 2019



*If we had all the world to give,
We'd give it yes, and more.
To hear his voice, to see his smile
And greet him at the door.
But all we can do dear Dad,
Is go and tend your grave.*

And leave behind tokens of love, to the best Dad that God made.

With much love, Anne, Elizabeth, Colette, Geraldine,
Michelle and families.

Michael's Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in
Sts .Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday, 22nd December at 11.15am.
And in St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, on
Sunday 29th December at 10am.

May Michael Rest in Peace

**Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of**

PATRICK and CHRISTOPHER DWANE

Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



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



*Thinking of you at Christmas
from all your loving family.*

May You Both Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of



LENA CONNOLLY

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.
1st Christmas away from home.

Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts.

Happy Christmas

*Always loved and remembered by her loving husband Paddy,
sons, daughters and grandchildren.*

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

KATHLEEN (Kay) & PATSY DEEVY



24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

*Someone is Missing
at Christmas*

*In Memory of a special
Mam & Dad with love at
Christmas*



Thinking of you both today, but then, that is nothing new,
For both of you were thought of yesterday, and will be
tomorrow too.

Because you're missed so very much,
Far more than words can say,
And sadly, no presents, cards, or hugs on this Christmas day.

Just silent tears and special kisses, blown to Heaven above,
To you both for a lifetime of devoted, selfless love.

And a whispered Christmas promise, that on each day yet
to come,

You both will always be remembered,
For you both meant the world to us.

*Sadly missed by your sons Pat and Brendan and
daughter Hannah.*

May Kathleen & Patsy Rest In Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

GERRY O'CONNOR

Station House, Portlaoise.
Another Christmas away from home.

We wish you were here Dad at Christmas
and always. Thinking of you everyday.

Loved and missed by all your loving family;

*Mary, Emer, Eamon, Sinéad, Gerdi, Margaret and your
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May Gerry Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

ALICE AND TOM McEVOY

80 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Wonderful memories
of ones so dear,
Treasured still with a
love sincere,
In our hearts they
are living yet,



We loved them too dearly to forget.

Also thinking of their loved ones past at this time.

From all their loving family.

May Alice and Tom Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

SEAN & KEVIN KEOGH

Parkview, Portlaoise.



When ties of love
are broken,
And loved ones
have to part,



It leaves a wound that

never heals, an ever aching heart.

From your loving wife Brid and family.

May Sean & Kevin Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

THE O'SHEA FAMILY

34 St. John's Square, Portlaoise

Remembering Mam, Dad,

Nanthan, Jimmy, Susan & Billy



It's Christmas time and ever since the day that ye were taken,
The lonely memories you've left have never been forsaken

They'll always stay as vivid, just as though ye still were here
And especially are cherished at this special time of year

There's never a day goes by without joyful thoughts of ye
For no one could bring happiness in the way ye used to.



Happy Christmas

From John, Joe and family.

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JOHN KEENAN

51 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

Whose 30th Anniversary occurs 3rd January 2020.



Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, cherished memories never fade, because one loved is gone.

Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is a memory, They live on in our hearts.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his wife Lily, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May John Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

A Loving Father, Mother and Sister

HUGH NEVIN - 14th Christmas away from home.

MARY NEVIN - 9th Christmas away from home.

And their daughter

ALICE NEVIN - 1st Christmas away from home.



Angel of God,
My guardian dear,
To whom God's love,
commits me here,
Ever this day,
Be at my side,



To light and guard, rule and guide. Amen.

From your broken hearted daughter and sister Kathleen and family.

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
THE DOYLE FAMILY



Our Parents Patrick and Mai Doyle, our brothers Mickey, Jack and Jim, our sister Ann Whelan and nephew Paul Doyle. Late of 37 Dr. Murphy's Place and 85 and 58 St. Brigid's Place.

Happy Heavenly Christmas

Time may hide a sadness, like a smile can hide a tear,
But memories will last forever, of our family we loved so dear.

Not just a memory or part of the past, but ours to remember as long as life lasts.

Sadly missed by Ellen, Mary, Guggie and families.

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

EAMON & CARMEL SMYTH

A Loving Mam and Dad, Nanny and Grandad,

Great-Nanny and Great-Granddad

Carmel; 1st Christmas away from home.

Eamon; 11th Christmas away from home and

81st birthday occurs 22nd December 2019.



Although you can't be here with us for Christmas,
We are truly not apart,
Until the final breath we take, you'll be living in our hearts.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sisters, brothers, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family xxx

May Eamon & Carmel Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

THOMAS & GERARD LAWLESS



Every day in some small way, memories of you come our way.



Though absent, you are always near,
Still loved and missed & always dear.

Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.

Also remember baby Harris

May Thomas and Gerard Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
ANNIE DOWNEY

7 Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from Home.



When we wake up on Christmas Day,
We'll look to Heaven above,
And we'll remember every smile,
And think of you with love.

Always remembered by all your loving family.

May Annie Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory Of
FRANCIS (Frank) ROWAN

Woodgrove - Dublin

2nd Christmas away from home.

Died 20th February 2018.



We speak your name with love
and pride,
We smile with tears we cannot
hide,
We thank you for the years we
shared, the love you gave, the
way you cared.
Your memory is our keepsake,
from which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.

Frank will be remembered at Christmas Remembrance
Mass in the Parish Church, at 10am on Christmas Eve.

*Sadly missed and remembered at Christmas by his
loving wife Betty, son, daughters, daughter-in-law,
sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
relatives and friends.*

Rest In Peace Frank

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

CHRIS & MOLLIE BERGIN

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise

Both birthdays occurred 18th December 2019



*Two special
people never
forgotten.*



Loved and remembered by all their family.

May Chris & Mollie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

PADDY CROSSAN

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurred 18th December 2019.



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

*Loved and remembered by his son
Michael, daughter-in-law Geraldine,
granddaughters Stephanie, Amber, Eve,
Amanda and her husband Ian and
great-grandson Oliver.*

May Paddy Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

JOE AND NELLIE CONROY

47 Main Street, Portlaoise.



*Will those who think of them
today,*

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Loved and remembered by all
their loving family and friends.*

May Joe and Nellie Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

MARGARET DRENNAN

Ratheniska House.



The Family of the Late Margaret
Drennan, Ratheniska House,
husband Arthur, son Diarmaid,
daughter-in-law Anne, grandsons
Sean and Padraig, would like to
sincerely thank everyone who
attended her funeral, sent cards
and called.

Margaret died 4th December 2019
after a long illness bravely borne.

We would like to thank all that cared for her over the last
few years and especially the staff of Abbeyleigh CNU where
she spent her last weeks and in whose tender loving care
she passed away.

Also the staff of the Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise
who looked after Margaret through difficult times.

To the staff of the HSE homecare team and the staff of
POLL who helped us, her family, to care for Margaret for so
long in her own home.

To the staff at Annebrook Medical Centre and Breslins
Chemists for all their help over the years.

We Thank Fr. Paddy Byrne PP Abbeyleigh who attended to
Margaret in Abbeyleigh and Msgr. John Byrne and all the
Priests of Portlaoise Parish for their prayers and kindness,
and all the Priests who attended Margaret's funeral and the
Altar Servers.

Thanks to all the neighbours and friends who helped in the
house during the funeral and to Park/Ratheniska GAA and
all who helped park cars.

Thanks to Matthew and David at Keegan Undertakers and
the gravediggers for their professionalism.

We thank God for Margaret's life.

Margaret's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in the
Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska, on Sunday 5th January
at 10am.

Rest in Peace Margaret

Christmas Remembrance

MARY & ALO M'EVOY

Late of St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Alo's 1st Anniversary occurs 28th December 2019



Alo's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 28th December at 6:30pm.

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*



Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.



Also remembering their
Grandson

DARYL DARGAN
3rd Christmas
away from home.

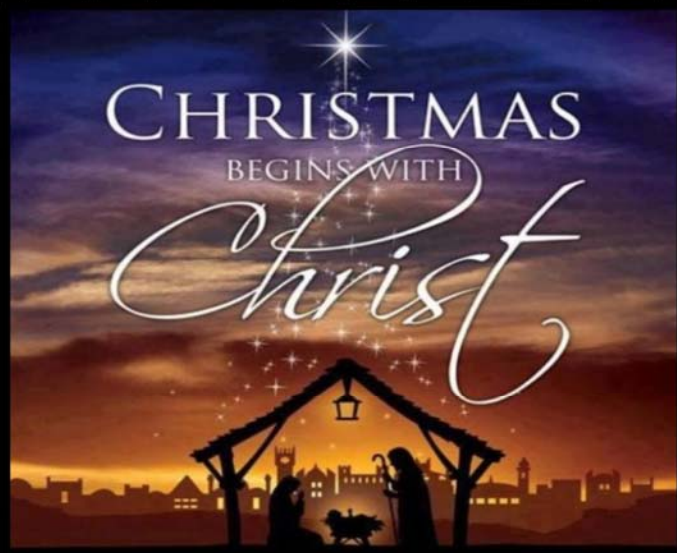
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BIRTHDAY & CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*Of the most wonderful Mother, Grandmother and
Great-Grandmother*

HANNAH TUOHY

10 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

5th Birthday and 5th Christmas away from home.



The happiest years we ever knew,
were when our family was complete
with you, you shared our laughter,
joy and tears, we remember with love
those happy years.

Miss you Mam and also our dear
brother Pa, whose 1st Anniversary
occurs 24th December.

Our lives will never be the same without you both.

*Treasured and loved always by all the Tuohy Family x
May Hannah Rest in Peace*

BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Of My Wonderful Daughter

SAMANTHA MOORE

Triogue Manor, Portlaoise.

5th Birthday and 5th Christmas away from home.



My heart still aches with sadness,
My silent tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.
Although you can't be here with us,
We are truly not apart,
Until the final breath I take,
You'll be living in my heart.

*Miss you so much Sammie, your loving Mother x
May Samantha Rest in Peace*

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and a
Happy New Year
from
Jim, Deirdre
and all
the staff at
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