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22nd September 2019

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**SEASON OF  
CREATION**

1st September - 4th October



Harvest Thanksgiving Mass  
Saturday 21st September  
at 6.30pm

The Parish Centre 057 8621142  
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19th September 2019 Portlaoise Parish

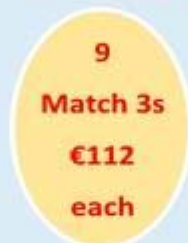


**No €14,000 Jackpot Winner**

**WINNERS**

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Mary Dooley  
Claire Scully  
Mary O'Brien  
Tom O'Donoghue  
Sandra O'Sullivan  
Claire Scully  
Sheila Roche  
Paul Delaney

**MATCH 3s €1,000**



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Paul Dooley  
Online Lotto  
Parish Centre  
Anthony Preston  
Paul Dooley  
Parish Centre  
Kathleen Brown  
Mary Arthur



**Next Week's Jackpot**

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*Priests of the Parish*



**Msgr. John Byrne P.P.V.G.**  
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**Fr. Ciprian Matei**  
Tel: 057 8509998



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



**Fr. Eddie Lalor C.C.**  
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**Fr. Tom O'Connor P.E.**  
(Parish Chaplain)



*Visiting Priest*  
**Fr. Benny Antoney**

**To contact the Priest on Duty:**  
**Parish Centre during office hours**  
Tel: 057 8621142  
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Tel: 057 8621364



**Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm**  
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MANAGER Declan Kelly

Parish Secretaries Michelle Bartley  
Agnieszka Kaczmarek

Accounts Michelle Conroy

Sacristans Parish Church

Sr. Sybil and Sr. Jooly 057-8692151  
(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times)

**All Masses and services from the Parish Church**  
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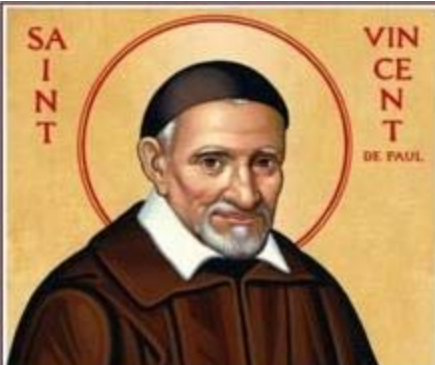


**Secretary: Julie Conroy**  
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**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP)**

**"Awareness Month 2019"**  
**27th September**

September is a very special month for the Society, as it marks the feast day of St Vincent de Paul the society's patron. The SVP has therefore decided to use this month as an opportunity to let more people know about its services and work.

The core of the society's work is 'befriending' by one to one visiting. More diverse aspects cover breakfast clubs, holidays, hostels and refuges, shops, furniture donation, youth clubs and housing projects to name just a few. There are plenty of ways to get involved and offer your services as a volunteer. If you cannot volunteer you can be a friend to the society and donate.





## God's Apprentice



Today's is a strange and difficult parable. A dishonest business man is caught squandering and is faced with dismissal. The business man sees a bleak future ahead of him and without a minute to waste sets about making some shrewd though dodgy deals to

secure his future. We sit back waiting for his come-uppance but it doesn't happen! In fact the business man is applauded for his shrewdness.

This rogue business man shares much in common with our twenty first century business men and women. The rogue business man is talented, skilled ambitious and plausible or he wouldn't have been taken on as a manager in the first place. The manager has the ability to look into the future, decide what he wants from life and make the necessary plans. More importantly he works as though his life depends upon it without a moment to waste. This man could've achieved great things but for one thing. Money! Money has the power to corrupt each and every one of us and the man in today's story was well and truly corrupt. Nevertheless Jesus tells us that the 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. What if we could get up at six every morning, knock back a quick cup of coffee and set about God's work. What if we were to work tirelessly solving the world's problems barely stopping for lunch and getting home late every night. What if we were to use our skills and talents to persuade others to invest in our cause? What if we were to work with one eye on our ultimate destination keen to secure our place in heaven? The world would certainly be a very different place. To achieve it we would each need to make God our master and not money.

The real difficulty in this story is not in understanding Jesus' unexpected choice of subject, but in adhering to his mandate. "No slave can serve two masters..... You cannot serve God and wealth."

## Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

**Monday - Friday**  
7.30am & 10am

**Saturday**  
10am

## SUNDAY MASSES

Scoil Bhride, Knockmay (Saturday) 7.30pm  
St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

Vigil (Saturday) 6.30pm  
8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,  
The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,  
Ratheniska: 10am.

## CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am  
& 6.30pm Masses.



## We welcome into our Parish Community

Ruby Julieann Maher  
Greenview

Bobby Eoin Gorman  
Cois naHabhann

Paula Kargelyte,  
Courthouse Square, Maryborough Village  
**who were baptised last weekend**

"Anyone who stops learning is old,  
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— Henry Ford

## Sunday 15th September 2019

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|----------------------|-----------|
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This morning I am going to tell you two true stories about people who found a large amount of money and chose to do the right thing.

Tom Malone is a 8-year old school student. One day, Tom found a bag of money containing €120 on top of the water machine. He took it to his teacher the two of them went to the principal's office to turn in the money. When asked why he turned in the money instead of keeping it, Tom said that he was concerned that the employee who left the bag would get in trouble if he lost this money.

Eddie McLoughlin was walking home one evening when he found a bag on the footpath outside a shop. He picked up the bag, looked inside, and saw that it contained a large amount of money. When Eddie got home, he told his mother about finding the bag of money and together they counted it. There was over €4,000 in the bag. Eddie called the gardaí and told them about the money. The manager of the store had dropped the bag while closing up, and without a doubt, he was happy that it was Eddie McLoughlin who found the money.

When we hear stories like these, it may make us stop and ask ourselves, "What would I have done if I had found all of that money?" To find the answer to that question, ask yourself, "What would I do if I found a euro on the floor beside my teacher's desk?" You see, honesty is not a question of how much money is involved, it is a matter of doing the right thing.

One day Jesus told his disciples a story about a rich man who had a manager, and the manager was using the man's money for himself. The rich man discovered that the manager was wasting his money so he called him in and fired him. After telling this story, Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." If we make sure that we are honest in the small things, then we can be sure that we will be honest in the big things. If people know that they can trust us in small things, they will know that they can trust us in the big things too.



Dear Father, help us to remember what Jesus taught about honesty and help us to be honest in every situation—big or small. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





# First Holy Communion/Confirmation

Just a reminder...

A meeting for parents/guardians for First Holy Communion Candidates will held in the Parish Church on Thursday next at 7pm.

A meeting for parents/guardians for Confirmation Candidates will held in the Parish Church on Thursday next at 8pm.



Will return next Sunday 29th September and will be held every Sunday at 11:15am Mass. Children in Junior Infants, Senior Infants & First Class will be invited to the Play and Pray room in the Parish Church. The leaders will help them explore the Bible stories of the day through music, song and art activities.

**If you wish your child to participate it is important that you enrol him/her in the 'Play and Pray' group, please complete a permission form at reception in the Parish Centre.**

## Altar Servers

Congratulations to all our Altar servers for all the hard work they do in the Church.

We thank their parents and school community for their constant support.

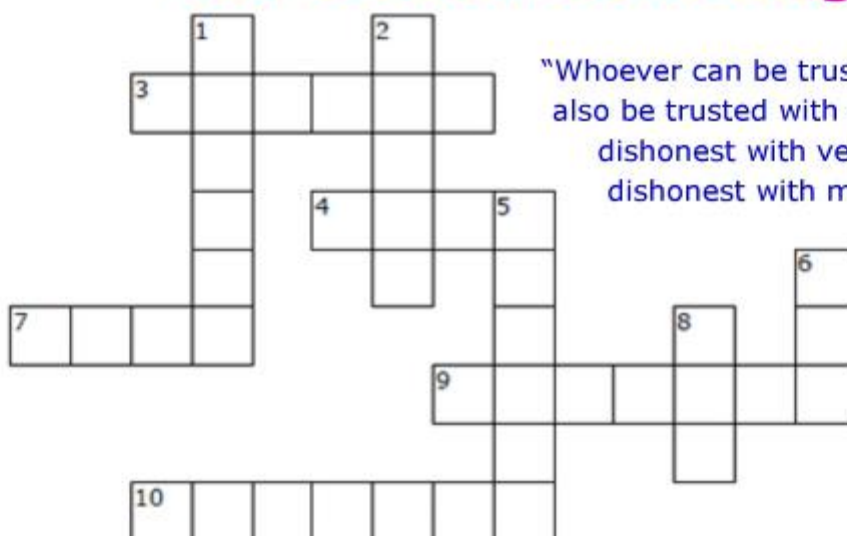
Application forms available in the Parish Centre and on-line if you wish to join. Training will provided shortly.

We warmly welcome new servers!



## The Dishonest Manager

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Jesus  
little  
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honest  
riches  
love



"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10



### ACROSS

3. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
4. A very large amount
7. To like something very much
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something
10. A person who performs duties around the home of a master

### DOWN

1. A very small amount
2. The Son of God
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
8. To make a hole in the ground with a shovel







# TIME TO THINK!

## GOD'S COFFEE



A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor.

Conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work

and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups - porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain looking, some expensive, some exquisite - telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

When all the students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups... and then you began eyeing each other's cups."

"Now consider this," he continued... "Life is the coffee. The jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us."

*God brews the coffee, not the cups... Enjoy your coffee!*

"The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything they have." Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly... and leave the rest to God.

Last week the national ploughing championships, celebrated in warm sunshine, the abundance of hope that is contained within rural Ireland.

An abundant harvest might be described in agricultural terms as a "bumper crop."



A bumper crop is a crop that has yielded an unusually productive harvest. When you reap an abundant harvest, you will have more than enough, overflow, and blessing on top of blessing. There will be no lack, nothing will be missing, and all desires fulfilled - and then some.

Leviticus 26:3-5, describes an abundant harvest this way: "If you obey all of my commandments, I will give you regular rains, and the land will yield bumper crops, and the trees will be loaded with fruit long after the normal time! And grapes will still be ripening when sowing time comes again. You shall eat your fill, and live safely in the land."

Would you like to see that kind of harvest in your life this year? That's God's plan for you. Psalm 115:14 says, "May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children". God wants to increase you more and more.

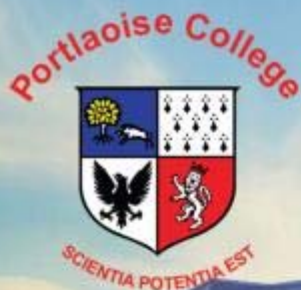
Maybe it doesn't look like it is even possible in your world right now - a harvest in your health, finances or family, but remember this: The laws of the spirit supersede the laws of the natural. It doesn't need to look possible or even be possible - the favour of God will propel you further and faster than you could ever imagine.



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

**Fr. Paddy's book "All will be well" on sale in the Parish Shop or online at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie)**





# Portlaoise College 1st Year Open Night

Scholarship  
exam offered  
to all incoming  
first years

## Thursday 26th September 2019 6:30 pm

Parents/Guardians of all 5th & 6th Class  
Students are welcome.

- Come see our full range of subjects in action.
- Meet our management and staff.
- Participate in school tours and a wide range of curricular activities.

**6:30pm** Enrolment

**7:00pm** Principal's address

**7:30pm** School tour commences

### Important dates to remember!

- Final Enrolment Date - 25th October 2019
- Incoming 1st Year Aptitude Exam - Saturday 23rd November 2019 @ 9:30 am
- Information Evening for incoming 1st years - Tuesday 14th January 2020 @ 7:00 pm
- Scholarship Exam - Thursday 27th February 2020 @ 5:00 pm

Contact Details

Tel: (057) 862 1480 Email: [info@portlaoisecollege.ie](mailto:info@portlaoisecollege.ie)

Download application form from: [www.portlaoisecollege.ie](http://www.portlaoisecollege.ie)





# Robin Hood



## Portlaoise Pantomime Group

will shortly resume rehearsals for their  
36<sup>th</sup> Annual Production;  
*Robin Hood*

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm, there will be an  
information night in the Holy Family Senior School,  
Aghnaharna, Stradbally road, for parents of interested  
4<sup>th</sup> Class and TYs (portlaoise catchment area schools).

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30pm in H.F.S. school, there  
will be a meet and greet night with the director; Sharon  
McNamara and the committee, for adults and TYs.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, there will be auditions 6-7pm for  
children (4<sup>th</sup> class only, from Portlaoise, the Heath and  
Ratheniska schools) and for TYs 7-8:30pm.

For further details tel. 085-8271175 or e-mail;  
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## MOUNTRATH COMMUNITY SCHOOL OPEN NIGHT

School Tour and Information for Parents and  
intending 1<sup>st</sup> Years, for the academic year  
2020/2021

on

**Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2019**

Registration commences at 6.30pm, followed by  
school tour

Enrolment period (school opening hours);  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Assessment and an opportunity to experience the  
optional subjects, will be Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> 2019  
from 9am until 3.30pm



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# END OF SUMMER SALE

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### 17 FORD FOCUS 1.5TD H/B

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Met Silver, 25,663mils, 1 owner, 4-dr, Driver & Passenger Airbags, Air Conditioning, Alloys, Bluetooth Phone, ABS, CD player, Electric Mirrors, Electric Windows, Imm, Remote Central Locking, Multiple Airbags, Fog, Heated screen, Traction control, was ~~€16,500~~



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### 14 OPEL MOKKA 1.7TD SUV

Met Black, 62,386mils, 1 owner, 5-dr, ABS, Driver & Passenger Airbags, Air Conditioning, Alloys, Bluetooth Phone, CD player, Cruise Control, E/m, E/w, Imm, Rcl, Multiple Airbags, Traction Control, Foglights, was ~~€11,950~~



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### 13 FORD FOCUS 1.6TD SALOON

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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;



**Philomena (Phil)  
O'Brien**  
*'Drishane' Meelick  
and late of Cork*

**Alan Ryan**  
*Lime Tree Avenue, Kilminchy*

**Mary Scarff née O'Meara**  
*Kilminchy & Cheltenham, England*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**  
*Our sympathy to their families.*

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to  
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### In Loving Memory Of PETER CULLEN

6 Oaklawn, Portlaoise. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise,  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 11.15am.

*Your hand we cannot touch, still we have so many  
memories of the one we loved so much,  
Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll  
never part, God has you in his keeping, we have you  
in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.  
May Peter Rest in Peace*

### In Loving Memory of

**RICHIE  
GRAHAM**

Ridge Rd, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2019

And his wife  
**PHYLLIS  
GRAHAM**

28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

*There is a path of beautiful memories from here to  
Heaven above,  
That keeps us very close to you and it's called the  
Path of Love,*

*Your shadows walk beside us ever since the day you died,  
Oh angels take this message to our Dad and Mam above,  
Tell them that we miss them and give them all our love.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Cora, John,  
Ciara, Darragh, Seamus and all their loving family.*

*May Richie & Phyllis Rest in Peace*

### In Loving Memory of ANNE GRIFFEY

32 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church  
this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6.30pm.

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

*Sadly missed by all her loving family & friends.  
May Anne Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of**

**DAD**



**JOHN (BARNEY)  
BRENNAN (34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
Died 18<sup>th</sup> September 1985.

Also

**OUR BROTHER  
OLIVER PATRICK  
BRENNAN**

Died 25<sup>th</sup> September 1963.

*There is a little plot of land,  
no one knows its worth,  
That is where our loved ones lie,  
the richest soil on earth,  
Memories lie in a beautiful place,  
Where thoughts and love are true,  
Again and again, we stand at that plot,  
Just to spend time with you.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6:30pm.

*Sadly missed by all their loving family and extended family.*

*May Barney & Oliver Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of**

**GERARD BENNETT**

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm



Ger;

*It does not take a  
special date for us to  
think of you,  
For there hasn't been a  
day gone by that we  
haven't thought of you.  
No matter how life  
changes,*

*No matter what we do, a special place within  
our hearts is always kept for you.*

*Forever in our hearts, Sadie & family.*

*May Gerard Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**

**SEAN O'REILLY**

Borris Rd., Portlaoise. 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



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

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

*May Sean Rest in Peace*

**† In Loving Memory of †**



**Frances Conroy**

Late of 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise  
Who died 27th September, 1996 RIP.  
23rd anniversary.



**William McCormack**

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise  
Who died 19th September, 1985 RIP.  
34th anniversary.



**John (Johnny) McCormack**

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise  
Who died 29th September, 2001 RIP.  
18th anniversary.

*Whose anniversaries occur at this time*

*Time may pass and fade away,  
But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

**† Loved and always remembered †**  
by all your family

**In Loving Memory of**

**CATHAL LALOR**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.



*Although you cannot be here with  
us, we are truly not apart,  
Until the final breath we take,  
You'll be living in our hearts.*

*We will always miss you*

*Cathal xxx*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all your  
loving family*

*May Cathal Rest in Peace*



## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

For a very dear Mum

In Loving Memory of

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



*Missing you on your birthday  
Mother*

Today is full of memories,  
happiness and tears, of birthday  
celebrations, we've shared  
throughout the years.

I have always missed you,

The endless joy you brought, warms my heart with  
gratitude and fills my every thought.

Wherever you are resting I hope that you can see,  
How precious and uplifting your memory is to me.

I feel, that you are with me, in everything I do,  
So I'll celebrate your birthday, but I'll spend it missing  
you.

*Happy 78<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Heaven Mother  
Missing you on your birthday*



A Mum's love is special,  
A gift beyond compare,  
You only know the meaning  
when she is no longer there.  
A special time, a special face,  
A special Mum I cannot replace,  
With an aching heart I whisper low,  
I miss you Mum and love you so.



*Happy birthday dear Mum in Heaven*

Mum, I'm talking to the Lord today, asking him to  
bless you in every way,  
Your birthday is a heartfelt day for me, because you'll  
own my heart eternally.

Lord, please care for my sweet loving Mother, who  
gave so much she was unlike any other,  
Lord please give her happiness and more,  
Love her Lord, my Mum whom I adore.



Have a great birthday in Heaven  
Mother, you and the angels,  
thinking of you all the time and  
missing you always, on this your  
day.

God bless Mother, from your son  
James xxx

*May Elizabeth Rest in Peace*

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of Our Daddy

**KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR**

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise, whose 48<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs  
22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019. 6<sup>th</sup> birthday away from home.



The day you left and gained your  
wings, our hearts just broke in two,  
We wish you could have stayed  
with us, but Heaven needed you.  
Today would have been such a  
special day, but now it brings  
sadness and sorrow, if we could  
share just one more day, if there  
was one more tomorrow.

But Birthdays are a time for  
reflection, to look over a year that's  
past, and we can't believe another year has gone by,

The time it goes so fast.

You left us with the memories, and we love you dearly still,  
No matter how much time goes by, you know we always will,  
You were a very special person with kindness in your heart,

And the love we had together grows stronger now we're  
apart, but memories of happier times in our hearts will stay,  
We'll treasure each and every one until we meet again some  
day.

We know we cannot bring you back although we wish it  
everyday,

A piece of us went with you the day you went away.  
So we'll say Goodbye for now and blow a kiss to Heaven  
above.

We wish you Happy Birthday Daddy and send you all our  
love.

*Happy 48<sup>th</sup> Birthday Daddy  
Forever in our thoughts  
Lots of love Becky and Dylan*

## In Loving Memory of LIL DOYLE

Green Road, Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6.30pm.

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

*Sadly missed by her loving husband  
William, sons and extended family.*

*May Lil Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of ANNE E CONROY

3 Rockdale, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles on  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

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

*Greatly missed by Noel, your loving  
brothers, sisters and all your extended family.*

*May Anne Rest in Peace*



## 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 Wednesday 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.

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

**An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community, Praise and Worship Meeting** will be held in Portlaoise Parish Centre on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept., commencing at 10:40am immediately after 10am Mass until 12.15pm. Rosary, praise and worship with music ministry. The teaching topic will be Healing. Spiritual Director; Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305 for details. All welcome.

## USEFUL SERVICES

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

**Bowls:** Every Monday at 3pm in St. Mary's Hall - regular & new members are always welcome to come along and take part and become a member of the ARA Bowls team.

**Whist:** Play or learn Whist at Sue Ryder Centre every Thursday from 2.30pm to 4pm. All are welcome. Absolute beginners and improvers are catered for. Learn an enjoyable pastime and meet new friends.

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>:** The first Sports & Activity day of the new season, will feature some new games and activities to learn and enjoy, in a relaxing and fun filled afternoon. An opportunity not to be missed to take part and laugh at the hits and the misses of the day.

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

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

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

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

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon:**

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

Proceeds in support of local charities. For queries or information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, call Pat O'Connor 087-7824481.

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



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## LAOIS ARCH CLUB DISCO

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8-10pm**

**In the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise.**

You are all invited to our African Drumming Session!

**7:30pm-10:00pm**

*Please note the earlier start time.*

The drumming session will be followed by the disco with our resident DJ - P.J. Dempsey

{Please note that due to health and safety issues, we will no longer be providing sandwiches at the discos. However, we will still be providing drinks and snacks.}

*Looking forward to seeing you all!*

**Admission €5.**

For further information contact;  
Mary Heaney 087-2188794  
Órlagh McCrory 087 6836156  
Trish Carroll 087-6756955

Please note that everyone attending the disco must sign in at the door for insurance purposes. This includes members, volunteers, staff and family members.



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#### **Kids Workshops;**

4-5pm Dyspraxia-Creative Movement  
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€10 per class or €8 prepaid

#### **Adult Workshops:**

6-7pm Theatre-Confidence Building  
Workshops

7-9pm Social Club & Pizza Night  
€15 x 3 hours or €13 prepaid

All participants will learn pieces  
suited to their abilities, towards an  
end of year show and optional Irish  
Board of Speech & Drama awards.

**For details and to book;**

**E-mail;**

**office.allabilities@gmail.com or**  
**text 086-023 5746**

### **CHILDMINDER** **REQUIRED**

For 8 month old, in own  
home (Heath area) or  
minders home, 3-4 days per  
week, 8am-5pm. References  
required. Contact;  
**087-7912925**

### **HATHA YOGA**

**In the Heath Hall**  
Starts Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
September, 7.45pm-8.45pm  
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of music is necessary.



**Call 057 8621841  
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**St. Mary's C.B.S. Portlaoise**  
**Open Night; Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October '19, 6pm-9pm**  
*For 1<sup>st</sup> year enrolment for September 2020.*

Application forms are available on request from the school office, 057-8635041 and our school website;  
[www.portlaoiseCBS.com](http://www.portlaoiseCBS.com). Closing date for receipt of completed applications is 12 noon Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October.



## **WANTED**

Upright  
piano in  
good  
condition.

Contact the Linkup Office.



*(Supporting the Suicide Bereaved)*

Tea/Coffee Morning in Portlaoise Parish  
Centre on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.,  
10am-12 noon. All welcome.



## **PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK** **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPT.**

*Sponsored by Portlaoise Legion of Mary*  
Bus leaving Lyster Car Park 9am  
sharp, Emo 9:15am, Mountmellick  
9:30am. Adults €10. Children €5.  
For bookings contact any member of  
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**087-9611331**

**Parish Office 057-8621142**



The Killeshin Hotel  
was the venue for  
our first meeting on  
Monday night 9<sup>th</sup>  
September.

With a theme of  
new beginnings,  
Mary Killeen, Toastmaster welcomed all  
guests. Martina Walsh as incoming  
President thanked our out-going  
President Garrett Malone and reminded  
both members and guests of the  
benefits of joining Toastmasters which  
allows people to build the skills they  
need to become more confident public  
speakers and stronger leaders in every  
area of their lives. In addition to  
delivering speeches, members are  
asked to evaluate other member's  
speeches while also developing their  
own listening and interpersonal skills.  
We had two great speeches from Bryan  
Holland and Jennifer Fitzpatrick.  
Reeling in the years themed topics in  
the second half by Garrett Malone  
concluded a very enjoyable evening.  
The Geraldine O' Loughlin Award was  
presented to Jennifer Fitzpatrick in  
recognition of her wholehearted  
involvement in Toastmaster meetings.  
Our next meeting will be held on  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at 8pm in  
the Killeshin Hotel. First two meetings  
are free for guests.



## **Macra na Feirme** *Portlaoise*

## **Interested in joining a club with a difference?**

As the Macra year kicks off,  
Portlaoise Macra will be running  
a recruitment initiative over the

few weeks. The club offers something for everyone from competing in sports,  
to testing your brain power, developing speaking and presentation skills or  
just having a good time at any Macra social event and much, much more.  
Over the past year the club has organised foreign trips, competed in and won  
national honours in various competitions, hosted and attended weekly social  
events and generally kept our members enjoying the best of what Macra has  
to offer.

On **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**, the club will host an open night in the Macra  
hall on the Timahoe Road, Portlaoise at 8:30pm. There will be a number of  
speakers present to talk about various aspects of Macra as well as current  
members who have reaped the full benefits of what Macra has to offer.  
Macra is open to anyone between 17 and 35, and contrary to popular belief is  
not just for those from a rural or farming background with a large percentage  
of our membership not being able to tell one end of a cow from another!  
If you are interested in joining or know someone who is, please come  
along to our new members night or contact Jean 087-6991223 or Tony  
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