



24th February 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Town in Bloom

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Paul Dooley
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Carol O'Shea
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Maura Loughlin
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Parish Centre
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Peter Ryan
Peter Ryan
Peter Ryan
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Eddie Phelan
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Next Week's Jackpot

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Love Rules

Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you? Surely that's a recipe for becoming a doormat, yet this is what Jesus is asking us to do in today's gospel.

The six o'clock news fuels our anger. We want to hit back at the terrorists who hurt us. We want to see consequences for those who kill or maim or take away from us. Jesus' advice doesn't make any sense. How can we love those we don't even like! How can we forgive when punishment feels more human. But in the words of Martin Luther King Jr "When you live by the rule 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, you end up with a nation of blind and toothless people'".

These are tremendous words, because they tell us that when we respond to those who hate us with love instead of recrimination, we defeat evil. So how do we make it work? Firstly we have to know that love isn't a warm fuzzy emotion that leaps out of a Valentine's card. Love is a decision. Love is not a feeling it's a choice. We have to make decision to do good and then do it. We know we are loved by the way we are treated, and in the same way we have to show others that we love them by the way we treat them. Next come the rules. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned. Give and it will be given to you. In short we have to treat everyone the way we would like to be treated ourselves whether we like them or not. If everyone could live their lives by Jesus' teaching conflict and war would be confined to dusty history books.

Priests of the Parish



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11:15am: Mary Maher, Richard O'Dowd, Pat Maher, Ann O'Dowd &
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12.30pm: Bernadette McEvoy, Margaret Holohan, Vivian Ohaa,
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- Sunday: Justina Ohaa & Mary Bradley
Wednesday: Anne Carroll & Freda Gaynor

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Funeral Ministers of Holy Communion for March

Kitty Gowing & Margaret Holohan

READERS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- 6:30pm: Joe Brennan & Billy Bohan
8.30am: Marie Croke
10am: Mary O'Halloran & Patricia Carroll
11:15am: Mary Cullen & Eugene Keyes
12.30pm: Paddy O'Connor & John Moran

COLLECTORS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

- 6:30pm: Tommy Timmons & Stephen Dwane
8.30am: Pat McEvoy & Jim Hyland
10am: Tommy Hilliard & Michael Holohan
11:15am: Billy O'Keeffe & Olive Maher
12.30pm: Dan Devoy & Bill Kelly.



First Friday Calls

The priests of the parish will attend their
Communion Rounds on Friday.

HEALING SERVICE

This Sunday (24th February)
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Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday — Thursday

7.30am & 10am

Friday (First Friday)

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

The Heath: 7pm

Ratheniska: 7pm

Saturday

10am

SUNDAY MASSES

Scoil Bhride, Knockmay (Saturday) 7.30pm

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

Vigil (Saturday) 6.30pm

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,

Ratheniska: 10am.

Polish Mass, 3rd Sunday of the Month
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CONFESSIONS

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We welcome into our Parish Community

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Orla Mae Kelly-Fortune, Carmody Way

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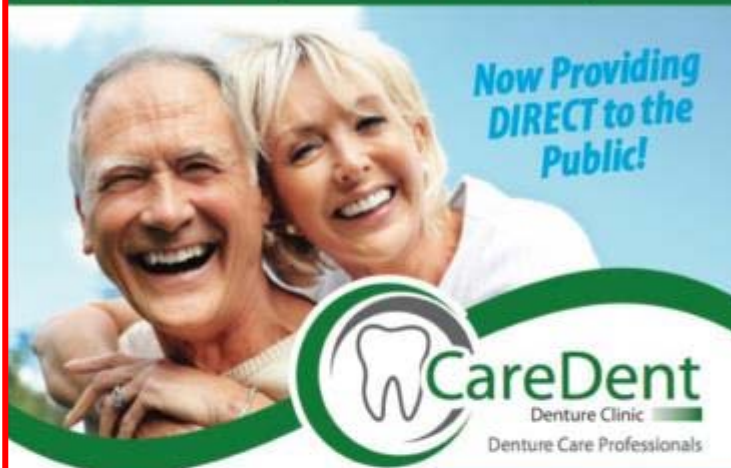
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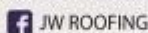
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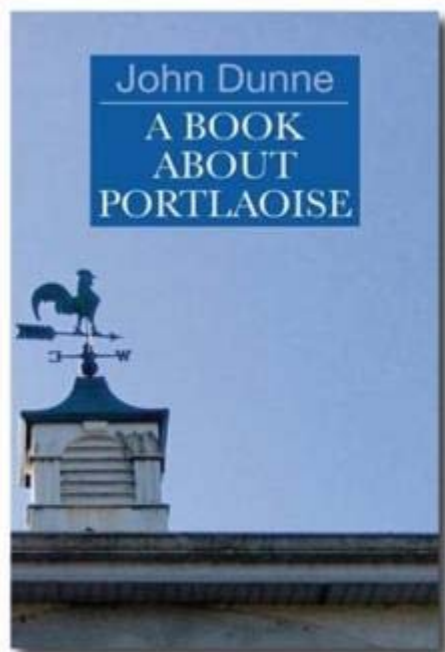
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Are there any boys or girls that are mean to you at school? Has anyone ever said something about you that was not true? Do you love those boys and girls? Should we really be expected to love people who are mean to us, treat us badly, and say ugly things about us? Well, let's listen to what Jesus told us to do.

One day Jesus was teaching out on a hillside. We call his lesson that day "The Sermon on the Mount." In his sermon, Jesus said some things that really surprised his listeners. "You have heard that you should love your neighbours and hate your enemies," Jesus said. "But I say, love your enemies -- and if someone does mean and hateful things to you, pray them."

Why should we love our enemies? Jesus said that when we love our enemies, we are acting like children of God. If we only love those who love us, will God reward us for that? If we are only kind to our friends, what is so great about that? Everybody does that!

It isn't always easy to love your enemies, but there are some good reasons for doing it.

- It demonstrates the love of God to others.
- It sets a good example for others to follow.
- It turns enemies into friends.



Our Prayer

Father, it is easy to love those who love us. Help us to love our enemies so that they might know that we are your children. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



THE GOLDEN RULE

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Luke 6:27-38

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In Loving Memory of DOMINIC DUNNE



9 Glendowns, Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary occurs 27th February.

11th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 24th February at 11:15am.



No words can tell, no tears express, the love,
the loss, the emptiness,

You are not just a memory or part of the past,

You are ours to remember as long as life lasts.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Mary, family
and friends.*

May Dominic Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of



Mary Kate (Kitty) McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 20th February, 1984 RIP.
35th anniversary.

Whose anniversary occurs at this time

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



Loved and always remembered
by all your family



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

KAREN COONAN (née DIXON)

Chantieri Gate, Portlaoise. Died 3rd March 2018.



Karen's family would like to express our sincere thanks to all who sympathised with us on Karen's passing, to all who gave Mass and Sympathy cards, to those who called and sent messages of support, all who attended Keegan's Funeral

Home and Requiem Mass, paying lovely tributes to Karen in kind words.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, and who provided emotional and practical support for us at this difficult time. We are truly grateful.

A sincere thank you to all those who participated in the Mass including Fr. Vard C.C., and the Priests of the Parish, for their help, professionalism and support. To Julie Conroy our singer, readers, and altar servers, we are grateful.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan for the respect and kindness shown to Karen and the support given to us in arranging the funeral. Also thanks to the gravediggers for preparing Karen's final resting place.

A special word of thanks to all who helped care for Karen, the dedicated doctors, nurses and staff of Tullamore, St. James and Portlaoise Hospitals.

To the committee of the Laois branch of the Irish Kidney Association, your help and support was invaluable to us.

To the Killeshin hotel, who provided a beautiful and fitting meal after the funeral we are thankful.

To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

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

Karen's 1st Anniversary mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 3rd March at 11:15am.

Sadly missed by her husband Owen, son Matthew, parents Anne and Brendan, brother Alan, extended family & friends.

May Karen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of ANNIE TARLETON

Late of Rossleigh, Portlaoise, who died 27th Feb. 2001.
R.I.P. Masses offered. 18th Anniversary occurs at this time.



*Time slips by and life goes on
But from our hearts you are never
gone.*

*Loved and remembered always, your nephews, Jim,
and Eddie, and their Families.*

May Annie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Fiddler) DELANEY

Clonroosk, Portlaoise.

16th Anniversary occurs 28th February 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 2nd March at 6:30pm.

*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.*

*Lovingly remembered by Mam, Dad, sister MaryAnn, brothers
Clement, Alan & Don, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

13TH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of a dear Wife & Mother
GERALDINE CORRIGAN

Rockdale, Portlaoise, who died 23rd February 2006



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 24th February at 11:15am.

*We hold you close within our hearts and
there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives, until
we meet again.*

*We miss your smile, your loving ways,
We miss the things you used to say,*

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

Always remembered by Michael, Brian, Michelle and Family xxx

May Geraldine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PADDY SAUNDERS

Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 24th February 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Saturday
23rd February at 6:30pm.

*God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb,
He gently closed your weary eyes, and
whispered "peace be thine".*

Sadly missed always by all his loving family.

May Paddy Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of ***FRANCIS (Frank) ROWAN***

Woodgrove, Portlaoise and Dublin.
1st Anniversary occurred 20th February 2019.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sat. 23rd Feb. at 6:30pm.

*It's sad to walk the road alone,
Instead of side by side,
But to all there comes a moment,
When the ways of life divide,
You gave us years of happiness,
Then sorrow came with tears,
But you left us beautiful memories,
We will treasure through the years.
No words can tell, no tears express,
The love, the loss, the emptiness,*

*You are not just a memory or part of the past,
You are ours to remember as long as life
lasts,*

*To your grave we travel,
Flowers we place with care,
But no one knows the heartache as we turn
and leave you there.*

***Sadly missed and always remembered by
your loving wife Betty, family, friends and
extended family.***

Dad

*You did so many things for us,
Your heart was kind and true,
When we needed someone,
We could always depend on you,
Our hearts are full of memories,
With pride we speak your name,
Though life goes on without you,
It will never be the same.*

***Sadly missed by your loving son Frank,
daughter-in-law Debby, grandchildren
Craig, Danielle, Samantha and
great-granddaughter Hollie.***

My Beloved Dad

*As we loved you, so we miss you,
In our memory you are near,
Loved, remembered, longed for, always
bringing many a silent tear.*

***Sadly missed everyday, lots of love,
hugs and kisses, your daughter Siobhán,
son-in-law Paul and grandchildren
Keith and Megan.***

Dad

*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 by your loving daughter
Barbara, son-in-law Paul, grandchildren
Ciara, Eimear, Conor & Aisling.***

Dad

*May the winds of Heaven blow softly,
And whisper in your ear,
How much we love and miss you,
And wish that you were here.*

***Sadly missed by your loving daughter
Elizabeth, son-in-law David,
grandchildren Susan, Carol, Ciaran and
Laura and great-grandchildren Saoirse,
Alana & Dylan.***

Rest in Peace Frank

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
FRANCIS (Frank) ROWAN
Woodgrove, Portlaoise and Dublin.
Died 20th February 2018.



The wife and family of the late Francis Rowan would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised and supported us during the very sad loss of a beloved Husband, Dad and Grandad. We wish to thank the doctors, nurses and all the staff at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise, for the care and dedication shown to Frank while he was under their care for such a short time.

To Dr. Robert Lawlor and doctors and staff at the Cedar Clinic, Portlaoise, also Deirdre and staff at Laois Pharmacy. Special thanks to Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. David Vard for celebrating Frank's Requiem Mass, Msgr. John Byrne, Fr. Eddie Lalor and Fr. Tom O' Connor who also officiated at the Mass.

To Aishling Rohan for her beautiful singing and the Altar Servers and Sr. Sheila who lead the prayers and readings at our home on the morning of Frank's removal to Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church for Mass.

We deeply appreciate and want to thank all those who called to our home, attended the funeral Mass and burial and to all those who travelled long distances to be with us. We gratefully thank all those who sent Mass cards and messages and letters of sympathy.

A sincere thank you to our relations, friends and neighbours who supported us during our sad time.

To Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors for their assistance and professionalism and to the gravediggers for preparing Frank's final resting place with such care.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

May Frank Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
ORLA CONROY-KELLY
25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
41st birthday occurs 25th February 2019.



Are there birthdays in Heaven?
Does the angel blow his horn?
Announcing to everybody, that this is
the day you were born.
Can the stars be your balloons and
angel food your cake?
Presents wrapped in moon beams,
all the angels helped to make.
Birthdays meant so much to you,
They were always a big deal,
Birthday presents, lots of friends and perhaps a special meal.
So we'll whisper a little prayer today, asking everyone up above,
To sing you a happy birthday song and give you all our love.

Happy 41st birthday Doll, loved and missed more everyday.

Lots of love from Mammy & Daddy, Sharon & Jim,
Lorena & Shane, Brendan, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian,
Geraldine & Rocky, adored nieces and nephews,
your daughter Lydian and partner Sean, your treasured son
Paddy and your granddaughter Orla-Mae.

May Orla Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOSEPHINE LALOR

1 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
Died 28th February 2012; 7th Anniversary



Seven years have passed now Josephine,
since we had to part,
Though time may heal the deepest wound,
It doesn't mend a broken heart.

Never Forgotten
Your loving husband Martin.

May Josephine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PATRICK LEWIS

Raheen, The Heath, Portlaoise. 3rd Anniversary; 4th March.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in the Church of the Assumption, the
Heath on Sunday 3rd March at 9:30am.

*You left us special memories, your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.*

*Loved and remembered by his wife
Kathleen and family.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE DOWLING

7 Borris Road, Portlaoise whose Anniversary
occurred 19th February 2019



*Will those who think of Catherine today,
A little prayer to Jesus say
Always remembered by all
her loving family.*

May Catherine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of CHRISTY KEOGH

2 Aghnaharna Drive, Stradbally Rd. and formerly St. John's Sq.
Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurred 21st February.



Though his smile has gone forever and his
hand I cannot touch,
I still have so many memories of the one I
loved so much,
His memory is my keepsake with which I will
never part,
God has him in his keeping,
I have him in my heart.

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

May Christy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of DENIS GRIFFEY

32 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
33rd Anniversary occurred 22nd February 2019.



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

*Sadly missed by all his loving family.
May Denis Rest in Peace*



In Loving Memory of JOSEPH MALONE

Green Rd. Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 24th February 2019.



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

Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us, we will
always remember you.

Always remembered by all his loving family.

May Joseph Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of ELIZABETH (Lil) GALLAGHER

Mosse Lane, Portlaoise.
Died 25th February 1999. 20th Anniversary occurs.



O far the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still

*Always loved and remembered by
Frank, George and Mary.*

May Elizabeth Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of JIM BRACKEN

33 Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.



We, the family of the late Jim
Bracken would like to thank
everyone who sympathised with us
on the death of our beloved Jim.

To the Regional Hospital, Portlaoise
and Kilminchy Lodge Nursing Home
for the wonderful care given to Jim
at all times.

To Rankin Funeral Directors for the
respectful manner in which they

carried out the funeral arrangements.

Many thanks to Fr. Paddy Byrne and Fr. David Vard for all
their help and guidance.

Finally to Jim's neighbours and loyal friends who visited
him during his illness and were a great support to us.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually,
please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of
our deepest gratitude.

May Jim Rest in Peace

An Angel's Hand



An angel whispered in my ear
Believe in me and have no fear
Come with me and take my hand
I will take you to another land
A place of peace, a place of light
Do not be afraid, just hold on tight
Your earth days are done but don't be sad
Remember all the good times that you had
Loved ones will join you, don't despair
You have many in Heaven waiting for you there
Your body died but your soul was set free
That's why you get to fly with me



RELIGIOUS NOTICES

Adoration: Monday to Friday after 10am Mass, concluding with Rosary 7pm. Saturday after 10am Mass concluding with Rosary 6pm. Sunday commencing at 2:30pm, concluding with Rosary 7pm. From 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Sunday will be a special time of prayer for vocations to the Priesthood.

Adoration in the Church of the Assumption the Heath Sundays from 2.50pm to 4pm.

Rosary: Please join the Prayer for Ireland team in praying the Rosary daily at 9.30pm on the Parish radio (106.5fm) or web cam.

Rosary at the Grotto: First Fridays and all Feast days to Our Lady, 8pm.

Legion of Mary: meeting every Wed. night at 8pm in the Prayer room of the Parish Church.

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

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

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

USEFUL SERVICES

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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Abbeyleix Social Services monthly meeting will be held on Monday 25th February at 8pm in social services. All new members welcome.

Midlands Living Links Outreach Listening and Support Service for people bereaved by Suicide. Call; 086-1600641.

Portlaoise Men's Shed are open Tuesdays and Thursdays at Portlaoise Equestrian Centre, Timahoe Rd., 11am-3pm. Drop in for a chat and a cuppa and see some of the new projects and activities. New members welcome.

Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

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

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

Upcoming Events;

Feb. 27th: It's time to exercise the brain cells again so we must dust down the thinking caps and see what we can remember for a diverse series of questions to challenge us, set by Anne.

Pioneer News: The annual enrolment of the Confirmation classes will take place in the coming weeks. Full details will be available in the schools. Parents should advise their children to avail of this opportunity to enrol to be members until they are 18 or over. Anyone who would like to get a copy of the Pioneer magazine should contact 087-2868092. This is a very readable and interesting monthly publication containing articles, crosswords, photos, remembrances of deceased members and much more.

Aontú Political Party - Laois: Aontú is a new grassroots, activist-led party established by Peadar Toibín, TD, which also includes pro-life policies. To join this party you are invited to come along to the next Portlaoise Aontú Cumann meeting at the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise on Monday, 25th February at 8pm. For further information contact 085-7840960.

Portlaoise Toastmasters: Do you feel nervous talking in group situations or doing any kind of public speaking? Do you have a presentation to give at work in the near future? Portlaoise Toastmasters is the perfect place to develop your skills and build confidence in a supportive and warm environment and have fun while doing it. Our next meeting will take place Monday 25th February at 8pm in the Killeslin Hotel, Portlaoise. New members are always welcome, first two sessions are free. Please look us up on Facebook.

Laois Local Forum next monthly meeting will be held on Thursday 28th February in Triogue Centre, Bridge St. Portlaoise from 6pm to 7:45pm. No booking required, all are welcome. For further information tel. 087-3761552 or e-mail; mhengage.mlm@hse.ie or visit www.hse.ie/mentalhealthengagement

Portlaoise Library News Seachtain na Gaeilge 1-17th March 2019

We will be celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge, with an evening of entertainment of Irish Music, Poetry, Song and Dance, Wed. 6th March, 4.30pm. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street, Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Social Club: Rather than going on tour this time, we are having our Social Club on 28th February from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre, for people with Dementia and their carers. This is a very relaxed informal event where activities, fun and chat can be shared over a cup of tea. If you are in the area please join us. All are welcome. For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnely, Home-care Coordinator on 057-8663398 / 086-8372168 or e-mail; laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

Carlow Bingo at the Youth Centre, Green Lane, Carlow on Sunday 3rd March at 3pm:

€10,000 in prize money. All full house on Book €500. Jackpot full house €1,500. Raffle full house €1,000. Flyer full house €1,000. 6 panel book €5. Double book €10. Plus Bumper Lotto Jackpot. Don't miss it!

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Children of a similar age required. Reimbursement €800-2 students / €400-one student.

Tel. Michael 087-9235496 or e-mail laoislanguagecamps@gmail.com.

GROW Community Mental Health Support Group meet at 7:30pm every Wed. in Portlaoise Parish Centre. Why not come along and learn more about positive mental health, well being, recovery and how GROW may help you achieve this. Free of charge. All welcome. Contact; Michelle on 086-4183805 or visit www.grow.ie.

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

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Annual sponsored Fun Walk will
take place this Sun. 24th February
leaving the Parish hall at 3pm.
Refreshments served afterwards.

LAOIS ARCH CLUB **MONTHLY DISCO**



**Thursday 28th Feb., 8-10pm
In the Midlands Park Hotel,
Portlaoise.**

The Arch Club is a social club for
adults with an intellectual disability.
Here our members meet in a safe,
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**This Sunday 24th February
at 7pm**



At An Sean Chistin

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Thank You



for your Kindness

Portlaoise ICA Guild would like to extend
sincere thanks to Simona, the management
and staff of the Killeshin hotel.
The guild held their 10th anniversary
celebration in the hotel on Wednesday 13th
February, during which one of our members
became unwell.
We would like to acknowledge the
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