

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

CHRIST THE KING

Congratulations to Vincent Crowley, Eugene Keyes and Liam Dunne who were conferred with the order of lector at our 12.30pm Mass last Sunday by Bishop Denis.

They will be ordained Deacons next June, please God.

Photo courtesy of Pat Ahern; more photos page 29.



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11:15am: Maureen Brophy, Armando Sanchez, Ann Hyland, Dan Hooban,
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12:30pm: Anna Cedro, Noreen Doherty, Michael McEvoy, Mary McGrath,
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Sunday: Maura O'Callaghan & Eugene McDonough
Wednesday: Kitty Timmons & Christine Lacey

Ballard Lodge Nursing Home for December

Noel O'Rourke

Funeral Ministers of Holy Communion for December

Maureen Brophy & Kathleen McEvoy

READERS FOR DECEMBER

6:30pm: Paul Quail & Danny Reddin
8:30am: Patricia Keenan & Therese Collins
10am: John Hanniffy & Chelsea Joseph
11:15am: Mary Ging
12:30pm: Brendan O'Sullivan & Bernitta Ohaa

COLLECTORS FOR DECEMBER

6:30pm: Tommy Timmons & Stephen Dwane
8:30am: Pat McEvoy & Jim Hyland
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11:15am: Billy O'Keeffe & Olive Maher
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King of Mercy

Our lives are filled with such horrible instances of the abuse of power, that royal imagery seems out of place when talking about Jesus. But the reign of

Jesus from the cross is based on a different vision of power altogether. Jesus' authority is nothing about oppression and everything about mercy. His is a power that never seeks to rule or dominate, but rather seeks to serve and lead by example. His is a power that never seeks to rule by causing conflict or division but a power that seeks to unify the world by promoting understanding, tolerance, justice, sharing and peace. His is a kingdom in which we will all be valued and loved.

This week sees the close of Pope Francis's 'Year of Mercy'. It's apt that the year closes in a week where we consider Christ as a king not of power but of compassion and mercy. What must we learn from the year of mercy, and from the path Jesus chose? It's simple! We might see others as guilty or sinful. Jesus sees those same people as needy and vulnerable. If we have learnt anything this year it should be that there is worth in everyone we meet.

The vision of God's kingdom is a vision we can start living here on earth. We can begin realising it by challenging our own values, in how we treat others and how we respond to the world around us.

In today's gospel, we see a crown of thorns instead of a crown of jewels and a cross instead of a throne. It might seem a bit of a mystery to the non-believers who are governed by self-interest but to those who understand values such as self-sacrifice, love and forgiveness, this is where discipleship begins.

'Are you the King of the Jews?'

'My Kingdom is not of this World'

*A kingdom of truth and life
A kingdom of holiness and grace
A kingdom of justice, love and peace
(From today's preface)*



Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday—Friday

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday

10am

SUNDAY MASSES

Scoil Bhride, Knockmay (Saturday) 7.30pm

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

Vigil (Saturday) 6.30pm

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,

Ratheniska: 10am.

Polish Mass: 5pm

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am & 6.30pm Masses.

Calling all our Readers!

We would like to invite all our current readers to a short meeting which will be held in the Parish Centre on Monday 2nd December at 7.30pm.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on:



Tuesday at 10am;
Wednesday at 7.30am
& Thursday at 7.30pm.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Kara Patricia Grant, Laurel Drive

Jayden John McEvoy, Pallas Little

Archie Ronan Mann, Aghnaharna Drive

Meela Leanne Byrne, Ashley Gardens

Adam John Finn-Lambe, Boughlone Way

who were baptised last weekend

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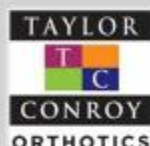
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Have you seen the movie "Lion King?" As a lion, Simba was born to be the "King of the Beasts." In one scene from the movie Simba sings, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." If you have seen the movie, you will remember that one reason why Simba was so anxious to become king was that he didn't want anyone telling him what to do. He didn't want to hear anyone saying, "do this" or "stop that." He wanted to be free to run around all day doing everything his way.

It wasn't just that Simba didn't want anyone to tell him what to do, he was also looking forward to telling everyone else what to do. Just listen to what he says! "I'm gonna be a mighty king so enemies beware! I'm gonna be the mane event like no king was before. I'm brushing up on looking down. I'm working on my ROAR! Oh, I just can't wait to be king!"

I think that Simba had a very poor idea of what it means to be a king. You see, the real role of a king is to look after the needs of his people. A good king is more concerned with caring for his people than he is in being served.

During his last days on earth, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. When asked if he was a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Yes, Jesus was a king, but he wasn't interested in running around free and doing things his way. He was only interested in doing the will of his Father. He was born to be king, but his kingdom is not on this earth - it is in heaven. He only came to earth to make a way for us to live with him in heaven.

Jesus "Just can't wait to be your king." He has invited you to enjoy eternal life in his heavenly kingdom. If you haven't already accepted his invitation, I hope you will crown him as your King today.

Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son to be our Lord and King. Help us today, and every day, to honour him, obey him, and follow his will for our life.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

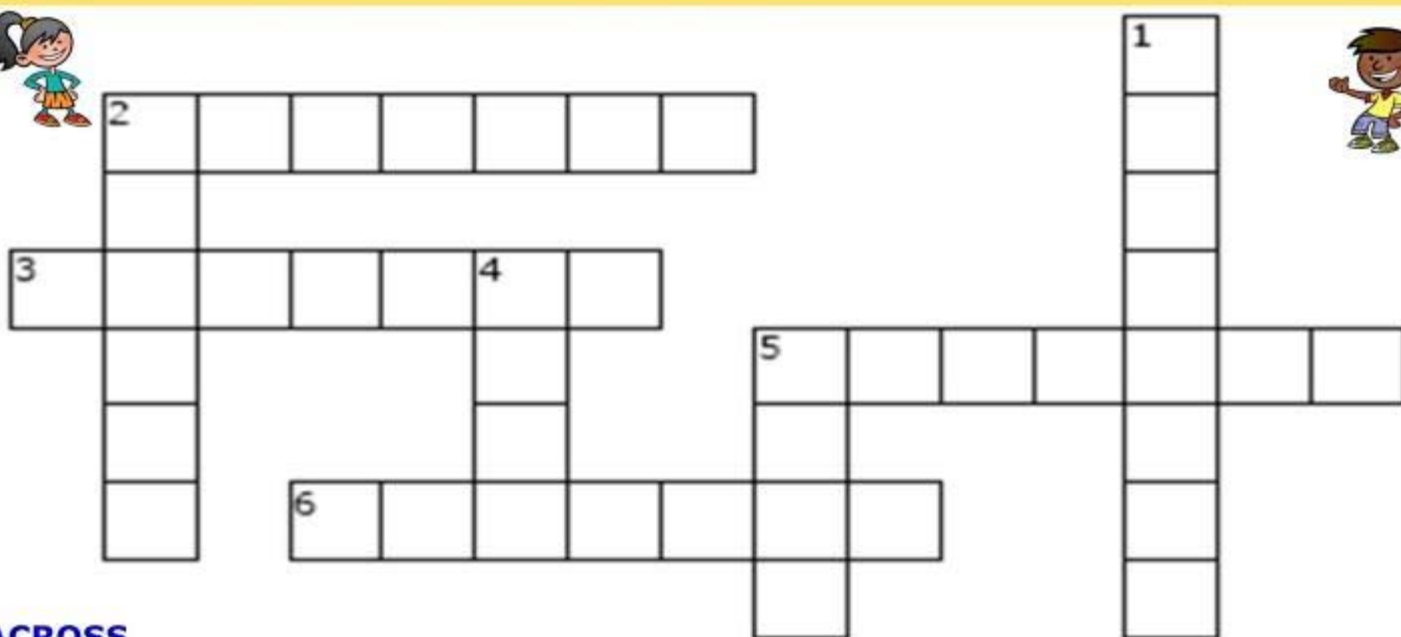




Christ The King

Christ the King

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." *John 18:37*



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2. Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
3. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
5. A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
6. To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done.

DOWN

1. Someone who commits a crime
2. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament
4. The emotion you feel when you are frightened or worried
5. To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue.

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10am in Ratheniska Church

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Saint Andrew the Apostle

November 30th

As one of the twelve apostles, Andrew worked closely with Our Lord during his public life. He was present

at the Last Supper, beheld the risen Lord, witnessed the Ascension and shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost.

The good deeds and preaching of St. Andrew became known in all parts of the world.

According to tradition, a part of the remains of St. Andrew were taken to Scotland, and he was chosen as the Protector of the Scottish people. The Cross of St. Andrew also adorns the British flag where it was placed after the union of Scotland and England.





TIME TO THINK!

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Jesus couldn't do much for the man on the cross... his own hands were nailed. He couldn't take him off, but he gave him more than he could ask for. He gave him paradise.

Where is God in our suffering? What sort of hope can we find this week in our country? What with so many horrible atrocities taking place, and the economic mess we have. What has God and the Church to say? God in his love for his people, and the Church with its social teachings - have they any message of hope?

Where is God? God did not cause the recession nor murders. We may learn a lot through it and good may come later or now. Our suffering at the moment is of human making, not of our making, but of some of our leaders and bankers, mostly through greed. God is with us suffering like he was with the thief. He didn't cause the suffering of the man on the next cross to him. He wants our happiness and wants justice and prosperity for all.

God is with us, holding our hands, asking us to support each other. The Church will offer a place and space to find the love of God, and its social teaching will ask us to look for the common good in the future. It offers also a place where we can hear the Church's approach to our economic future, reminding us all the time of the needs of the poor and the ordinary in education, medical care, housing and the ways in which the very old and the poor will suffer most in a situation which has been none of their doing. We are the Church and called on to make our voices heard for those who, like the man on the next cross, have little voice except to ask for help.

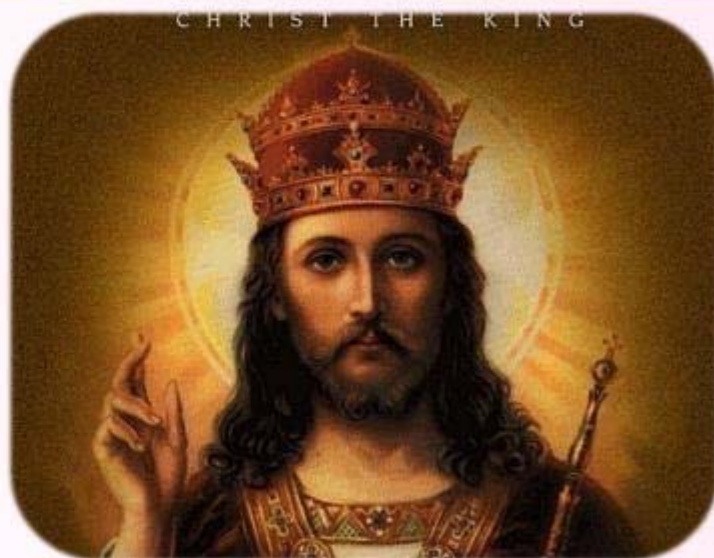
One of the oldest images of Christ the King, we have is a third-century fresco from the catacombs depicting Jesus as a young Good Shepherd. At the other end of the spectrum is a sixth-century Orthodox icon of Christ the "Pantocrator," the all-powerful or all-sustaining One.

A common Latin American image depicts Christ the King robed in purple, crowned with thorns and with his hands tied in front of him. Sadao Watanabe, a Japanese artist, depicted a serene Christ with light streaming from his cross and small figures of a kneeling man and woman praying on either side of him.

Most crucifixes place the INRI scroll above Jesus' head, reminding us that he was executed as "Jesus Christ, King of the Jews."

A google search for images of Christ the King adds pictures that look very much like St. Louis, king of France — and many more. If we take them seriously, true icons lead us to contemplate the mystery of Christ, others may trivialise him or even seem heretical.

What do we celebrate on this last Sunday of the church year? The feast called the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe is less than a century old, a very recent addition in light of our 2,000-year history. Pope Pius XI said he established this feast in 1925 to combat the rise of secularism and nationalism. Although the name sounds ostentatious, the readings convey a distinctly different tone. Luke's Gospel doesn't refer to Jesus as a king until



the time of his passion. Then Luke tells us that when Jesus made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the crowd on that day cried out, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" and soon thereafter shouted, "Crucify him!" Jesus avoided claiming the designation for himself when Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" At the crucifixion, his executioners turned the title into a way to mock him. Luke's way of using the term indicates that if we want to think of Christ as a king, we must allow Jesus' own actions to define the meaning of his kingship. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus exercises his sovereignty by pardoning his persecutors and offering a place in his kingdom to a condemned criminal. He demonstrates his intimate relationship with God through the filial obedience of saying, "Not my will, but yours be done." Jesus exhibited his invincibility by accepting death with unshakable faith in the Father's power to give life.

In other words, Jesus lived up to the title placed over his head by redefining kingship, revealing what it looks like in the divine realm rather than in the world of politics and power.

As we celebrate this feast, the readings prod us to examine how seriously we want to take it. Paul not only called Christ the image of the invisible God, but also said that God has made us fit to participate in his kingdom. It is our choice. Jesus' life reveals that obedience is the way to share in divine life. Jesus' practice of forgiveness shows us how to live in true freedom. His passion and death reveal what God's power is like. Christ the King offers us a model of grace, liberty and unfathomable love. Christian art is graphic theology. The Christian community makes theology experiential. The life of the baptised can never be neutral. We who pray, "Thy kingdom come," are always presenting an image of Christ to the world. Our history is replete with heretical dominating images that mirror the power structures of our world. Our call is to create communities that provide true icons of Christ's kingship expressed through the grace of God's reconciling love and life-giving power.

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A Work in Progress

Great work under way by The Men's Shed, who are making a Nativity Crib for The Parish Church. The men have been working very hard on this project over the past few weeks. The Crib will be on display outside the Parish Church early in December. Well done to all!



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Late of 10 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 30th November.

And her daughter

DEIRDRE (DC) CONROY
(O'CONNOR)

Late of Kilminchy and Ridge Road,
Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 9th December.

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

Deirdre's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 8th December at 12:30pm.

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Kyleclonhobert, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

4th Birthday away from home; 25th November 2019.



Thinking of you on your birthday
with sadness in our hearts,
For a very special someone from
whom we had to part.

*Loved and remembered always from your
loving son, daughters and grandchildren.*

May Rita Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **ELIZABETH GING**

8 New Road Portlaoise. Died 3rd December 2008

11th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on **Saturday**
30th November at 6.30pm.

*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 your resting place we visit,
Place flowers there with care,
But no one knows our heartache,
When we turn and leave you there.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
daughter Bernie, son-in-law Ivan, grandchildren
and great grandchildren.*

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

May Elizabeth Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **PETER AND KATIE MOLLOY**

2 Upper Grattan Street, Portlaoise.

Whose 29th and 6th Anniversaries occur at this time.



Time and years slip gently by, but love and
memories never die,
In God's care you rest above, in our hearts you rest
with love.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Friday 29th November at 7:30pm.

Loved and missed by all your family and friends.

May Peter & Katie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

MARGARET LYNCH (nee Doheny)

23 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise. 10th Anniversary.



*It broke our hearts to lose you, but you
did not go alone,
Part of us went with you, the day God
called you home,*

*You left us beautiful memories,
Your love is our guide, and though we
cannot see you, you're always by our side.*

*Sadly missed by her husband Mick, children, grandchildren,
brothers, sisters, relatives and friends.*

Also remember other deceased relatives & friends at this time.

May Margaret Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **JIM GORMAN**

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs 27th November 2019



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

*We think of you every day,
You are in our hearts forever,
For nothing loved is ever lost and you were
loved so much.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family
and friends.*

May Jim Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **NANCY DUNNE**

Rockview Drive, Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise

Died 21st November 2013



Mam, your physical presence is dearly
missed in our lives, but your spiritual
presence and guidance is with us always.

*Loved and missed by all your loving
family and friends.*

May Nancy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JOE BYRNE

24 Liogard, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs Sunday 24th November 2019



*Since Heaven has become your home,
I always feel so alone,
And though we are not far apart,
You will forever hold a piece of my heart.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 24th November at 12.30pm.*

Always remembered by his loving wife Olive.

May Joseph Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JOSEPH (Joe) BYRNE

24 Liogard, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 24th November 2019



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

*Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews,
brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren
and extended family.*

May Joseph Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

KEVIN YOUNG

34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise and formerly
Derreen, Cloneygowan, Co. Offaly.

1st Anniversary occurs at this time.



*1st Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church on
Sat. 30th November at 10am.
Refreshments to follow in the
Parish Centre, all are welcome
to reminisce.*

*A year has come and gone so fast, since you left us
last November,
Treasured memories still fill our hearts, fond times
we all remember,
A year away from home you are, and missed dearly
every day,
To have one last minute to sit with you, "I love you",
I would say.*

*Thinking of you always, from Pamela, Roger, Rosie,
Melanie, Aaron, Chloe, Hannah, Nicole and
grandchildren.*

May Kevin Rest in Peace

Birthday Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
MARY-KATE SHEEHAN

Late of 68 O' Moore Place.

1st Birthday Away from Home



*Thinking of you on your
Birthday Dear Mum
You always had a smile to share,
love to give and time to care,
A wonderful nature,
warm and true,*

These are the memories I have of you.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
daughter Sheila and son-in-law Willie.*

Happy Birthday Angel Grandmother

*To my grandmother in Heaven,
It's your birthday today,
I hope that you can hear me,
As there are things I'd like to say,
I really miss and love you,
How much you'll never know,
You were so special to me,
How I wish you didn't go,
Even though you're there not here,
I know that you will see,
The special thoughts I have for you,
And what you meant to me.*

*Sadly missed by your grandchildren
William and Marie.*

May Mary-Kate Rest in Peace

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In Loving Memory of NOREEN CONROY

11 Roselawn, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 30th November 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
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Saturday 23rd November at 6:30pm.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by John,
Kathy, Jennifer, Jack, Hazel and Robyn and
mother Hannah, brothers and sisters.*

Rest in Peace NoREEN

In Loving Memory of ANGELA HYLAND

Mountmellick - Portlaoise

5th Anniversary occurred 21st November 2019



5th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday
24th November at 12:30pm.

We often sit and reminisce and have a laugh or two.

Telling family stories of the things we used to do.

They bring a smile, sometimes a tear, how we wish you were still here.

Loved and missed by your nieces, nephews and God-children in Portlaoise, also
your sister Eileen and family, Birmingham.

Not forgetting her sister Mary and Joe whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May Angela Rest in Peace

Birthday Remembrance In Loving Memory of TOMMY CLEAR

17 Liogard, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurred 21st November.



*Time slips by and life goes on,
But in our hearts you are always there.*

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

May Tommy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of JOHN JOE BRENNAN

Rathleague, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs Thursday 28th November 2019

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Sunday 1st December at 10am.



Think of him as living in the hearts of
those he touched,

For nothing loved is ever lost,
And he was loved so very much.

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

Rest in Peace John Joe

*"Draw near to God
& He will draw near to you."*



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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES



Due to the large volume of remembrances
in past years we request that you please
bring in your remembrances during the
month of November to allow sufficient
time to complete them.

We thank you for your co-operation.



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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 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.

An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Praise and Worship Meeting: Saturday 30th November in Portlaoise Parish Centre after 10am Mass. Holy Rosary, Praise and Worship with Music Ministry and a talk on Healing. All are welcome. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305 for details. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill.

Bus to Clonfert for a day of Prayer and Healing at Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert, led by Eddie Stones and team, Saturday 7th Dec. at 10:30am. Please bring a packed lunch. Bus from Carlow, Ballylinan, Portlaoise and Mountrath. Contact; 059-9151245 / 087-2245193.

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.

Nov. 27th: Maureen will be providing expert information, tuition & practice in the specialty of maintaining health and wellness in everyday activities. This is a very valuable asset for persons in our mature years.

Thank You: Ratheniska CCE would like to thank all those who kindly donated to their recent Church gate collection on the weekend of 10th November. €183.94 was collected in the Heath and €104.49 in Ratheniska, we thank you for your generosity.

The Heath Golf Club - accepting new members now. Under 30s €300, over 30s €425 to end 2020. Juniors €50. Driving Range, professional on-site. Payment plans available. Junior programmes for boys and girls. Get into Golf for women. Contact us on 057-8646533, email, info@theheathgc.ie

The Heath Golf Club

HSE Retired Staff Christmas Dinner: Wed. 11th December at 1pm in the Killeshin Hotel. Ample car parking. A good opportunity to meet up with former colleagues. Good meal and spot prizes assured. All retired staff welcome. If interested please call; 086-8812228 / 087-2068974 / 087-6219253 before Wed. 4th Dec.



Mountmellick MONSTER BINGO
1st December

In the Arts Centre at 8:30pm
€5,000 in prizes.
Books €10 single and €15 double.

Sing for Joy Choir will present it's annual concert "Christmas Joy" in St. Fintan's Church (the small church in the grounds of St. Fintan's Hospital), Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise on Wed. 4th Dec. at 11am. The members, their families and carers earnestly look forward to singing all the familiar joyful songs in preparation for the big occasion. We welcome your support and encouragement. All are welcome to join in. Admission free. For details contact Maureen 087-6482038.

Free Smart Phone Course in Portlaoise Library every Wednesday afternoon, 2-4pm. If you would like to learn a bit more about your phone or are struggling with your tablet/iPad, this class is perfect for you and it's free. Please contact 046-9557766 to book a place on this very popular and fun course in Portlaoise. Booking is essential. The same course is running in Stradbally Library every Tuesday afternoon, 1.30-3.30pm and booking for this course is directly with Stradbally library on 057-8641673.

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Junior Infant Enrolment 2020-21 School Year

Scoil Bhride N.S. is now accepting applications for Junior Infants for the school year 2020-21. Application forms are available from the school.

The closing date for receipt of completed application forms with a copy of child's birth certificate is

Friday 6th December 2019.

For further info. contact the school secretary on 057-8620287.

On their way to Diaconate

The Acts of the Apostles describes how, in the first century, the Church was faced with the challenge of responding to the needs of those who were at risk of being marginalised, either through culture or material poverty. Keeping in mind the example of Jesus, the Apostles selected and ordained a number of men as deacons specifically for this service.



Vincent Crowley Eugene Keyes Liam Dunne

The Second Vatican Council restored the Order of Deacon in the Church.

We wish Vincent, Eugene and Liam from our Diocese (Eugene from our own Parish) the best as they continue their preparation for ordination as Deacons, scheduled to be celebrated in Carlow Cathedral in June 2020.



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€200 deposit, non-refundable and non-transferable, to be paid to JWT, 143 Lr. Baggot Street, Dublin 12.

For info. contact; **JWT 01-2410802 | Sean O' Leary 086-3633785 | Frances Doheny 085-8142666**



**COFFEE
MORNING**

Tuesday 3rd December
In the Parish Centre
after 10am Mass.

In aid of the Fatima Invalid Fund

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Maura O' Brien 087-1210263



Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre 47 Main Street
Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Our next
Social Club is Thursday 28th Nov. in the Day Care Centre,
Timahoe, Rd., Portlaoise, 1.30-2.30pm 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. Laois Alzheimer's
are offering one weeks **respite care** to people who have a
dementia diagnosis in Waterman's Lodge Care Centre, Ballina/
Killaloe. You do not have to be availing of homecare services
to apply. For any information on dementia and respite care,
contact Ann Munnally on 057-8663398/086-8372168 or
e-mail amunnally@alzheimer.ie



ARCH CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY 28th NOVEMBER
In The Midlands Park Hotel
8pm-10:30pm
(Please note later ending time than usual)
€10 Supper included

(Please note that the Arch Club relies completely on fund
raising to remain in existence and we work very hard at
this throughout the year. Our Christmas night is much
more expensive than our usual discos as, in addition to
paying for the hotel, we have to pay for supper provided
by the hotel and also spot prizes. We are asking
everyone attending to contribute €10 towards the cost of
the night and the club will cover the remainder. This
applies to members, volunteers, staff & care assistants.
We are happy to issue receipts to allow staff claim for
this. We hope you all understand.

DRESS CODE : RED & GLITTER!

**Get into the Christmas spirit by wearing something
red like a red Santa hat, red tie, red scarf, etc.**
Add tinsel, glitter or anything else Christmasy!

For further information contact Mary Heaney
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Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir
together we learn



The Heath, Portlaoise, Co.Laois
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Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday 29th November 2019.



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