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26th May 2019

**SIXTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Congratulations!

Yesterday concluded our First Communion Masses for 2019 with two celebrations with pupils of Scoil Bhríde. We congratulate the 368 boys and girls who have received their First Holy Communion this year in our Parish. A big 'thank you' to our Teachers and all involved in their preparation. We hope it was an enjoyable and enriching experience for the children and their families.



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23rd May 2019

Portlaoise Parish



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Priests of the Parish



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Fr. Eddie Lalor C.C.
Tel: 057 8661605



Fr. Tom O'Connor P.E.
(Parish Chaplain)

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

Outside of Office Hours

In emergencies only

To contact the Priest on duty
057-8621364

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

- 6:30pm: Rebecca Deevy, Kitty Gowing, Aoife Hanniffy,
Nicholas Bergin, Frank Keane & Breda Cooley.
8.30am: Ann Brennan, Mary Ryan & Jim Curley.
10am: Teresa Phelan, James Muldowney, Rita Muldowney,
Lisa Connolly & Josie Keane.
11:15am: Maureen Brophy, Aisling Ahern, Freda Gaynor, Ann Hyland,
Dan Hooban & Liam Greene.
12.30pm: Anna Cedro, Noreen Doherty, Michael McEvoy,
Mary McGrath & Marion O'Reilly.

Hospital Ministers for the Month of June

- Sunday: Maura O'Callaghan & Eugene McDonough
Wednesday: Kitty Timmons & Christine Lacey

Ballard Nursing Home

Eugene Keyes

Funeral Ministers of Holy Communion for June

Liam Greene & Michael Holohan

READERS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

- 6:30pm: Paul Quail & Danny Reddin
8.30am: Patricia Keenan & Therese Collins
10am: John Hanniffy & Chelsea Joseph
11:15am: Mary Ging & Eugene Keyes
12.30pm: Brendan O'Sullivan & Bernitta Ohaa

COLLECTORS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

- 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.

Parish Centre



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. Julie 057-8692151

(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times)

**All Masses and services from the Parish Church
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Secretary: Julie Conroy

Monday to Thursday

11am to 1pm & 2.15pm to 5pm

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St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery Mass

Next Sunday 2nd June

at 1pm

Celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty

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

Care for Our Common Home

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

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

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

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

THE DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY (The 1st collection taken at Mass)

Will be given to the Retired Priests Fund

**Envelopes are available in Development Boxes or
you can pick up an envelope in the Church porches.**

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.**

**Polish Mass, 3rd Sunday of the Month
at 5pm.**

CONFESSIONS

**Every Saturday after 10am
& 6.30pm Masses.**

**Mass for all Leaving Cert &
Junior Cert students will take
place in the Parish Church on
Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm.**

Ratheniska Cemetery Mass Friday 7th June at 7pm



**We welcome into our
Parish Community**

**Rachel Colette Scully
Cherrybrooke**

**Lily Elena Egan
Lakeside Gardens**

**Pádraig Anthony Malone
Bauteogue**

Who were baptised last weekend

Sunday 19th May 2019

Offertory Collection	€3,241.00
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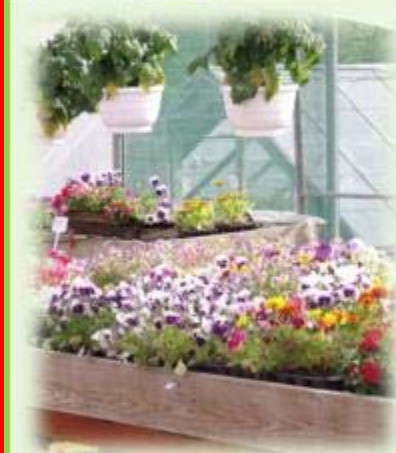
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Peace of Mind and Heart

I must confess that when I was a child, I was afraid of the dark. At the end of the day, when it was time to turn out the lights and go to bed, I wanted to know that I was not alone in the darkness. That is where my Teddy Bear came to the rescue. Somehow, the darkness was not so frightening with "Teddy" in the bed with me.

Have you ever been afraid? Of course you have. We are all afraid at times. It is nothing to be ashamed of -- even adults are sometimes afraid. Some of us may be afraid of the dark. Some may be afraid of the thunder and lightening that comes with a storm. Here are just a few of the things that people are afraid of: bugs, bees, snakes, heights, dentists, doctors, dogs, cats, mice, and germs.

When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to return to his Father, they were afraid. What would happen to them? Would the enemies recognize them as his followers and try to harm them?

Jesus knew that his disciples were afraid and he offered these words to comfort them. "I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. Don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I have told you: 'I am going away, but I will come back to you again. I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me.'"

These words were a great comfort to his disciples and they are a great comfort to us today. When Jesus returned to his Father heaven, he asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to comfort his disciples until the day when he returned. That includes you and me! What a wonderful gift Jesus has given us -- peace of mind and heart. We no longer have anything to fear. Whenever we find ourselves in the dark or in the storms of life, Jesus is with us.



Prayer



Father, we thank you for the Holy Spirit who guides us and calms our fears. We also thank you for the promise that one day we will be in Heaven with Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.

Fr. Tom O'Connor Diamond Jubilee



Thursday morning 10am Mass was a joyful celebration of Fr. Tom's Diamond Jubilee. We give thanks to God for 60 years of Priesthood and almost 10 years of wonderful service in our Parish followed by a 'cuppa' in the Parish Centre.





TIME TO THINK!

LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH

You don't just wake up one morning, light streaming in from the window, birds fluttering about, and jump from your bed with exuberance declaring "I have a faith!" No, it's more like a slow crawl from your bed as you try to slam on the snooze button one last time.

Getting faith isn't easy, even though people put the phrase "have faith!" on repeat like it's no big deal. It's a slow, sometimes agonizing process that many people give up on, but in truth, it's worth the wait. Having faith puts that pep in your step when you feel like you've busted a kneecap. It gets you to try one more time towards your righteous desires and keeps you smiling when all you want to do is crawl back into bed. Faith is the end result of a long journey, but makes the trip bearable.

But sometimes it can be hard to see the road to faith, or at least the end of the road. If you've found yourself in this spot, Martin Luther King Jr. has some wise words.

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

So what is the first step? Honestly, it's different for everyone. But if you're having a hard time viewing that staircase, here are a few steps to get you started.

Identify the Doubt

What's causing you anxiety right now? What's making you worry? What's filling you with doubt? Pinpoint an area of your life that's weighing you down and take some time to ponder why it's so hard. If you need to, find a quiet space to meditate or pray about the things that are bothering you, and ask yourself why these things are having an impact on your life.

Why are we doing this? Because in order to identify a solution, we need to identify the problem.

Find Your Mantra

Having a little saying you can repeat to yourself in times of trouble is a great way to dispel fear. Faith is a concept that's been around since the beginning of mankind, and you can find motivating quotes across the religious or spiritual spectrum. Take some time to search them out and find a phrase or quote that speaks to you. Put this quote somewhere you can see it often, like your phone. Then when you feel that fear or anxiety begin to rise, just take a deep breath, and repeat after them:

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone." - Pope Francis

"If it can be solved, there's no need to worry, and if it can't be solved, worry is of no use." - Dalai Lama

"For with God, nothing shall be impossible." - Luke 1:37

Take Action

Now that we've identified the problem and have a mantra to keep us focused, let's work on that solution. Write your problem down and start brainstorming ways to fix it, even the hard ones. What are the obvious ways you can fix it? The not-so obvious? Make bullet points until you have a solid list, then go through and find the solution that would be the most effective.

Take the first step in faith.
You don't have to see
the whole staircase,

**just take
the first step.**

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

And now you'll take action. You might be afraid, but that's okay. Faith isn't about not having fear, it's about acting anyway. So take that solution and run with it, not looking back.

Faith isn't a one-step process, and it's also not a one-stop shop. In order to find and keep faith, you'll need to practice over and over again. But that's okay! With each step you'll become stronger and stronger until faith is your first reaction to challenges, not fear

Prayer To Become a Giving Person

Loving Father I come to You today with grateful thanks for the gifts and promises that so readily stream in my direction from You. So often Lord my foolish heart is filled with worry and anxiety and I find myself looking at the problem of my supply instead of looking to You as my generous Supplier. Please forgive this lack of trust in You, for I know that You have promised to supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory - for which Lord I thank and praise You.

Lord I want to be able to hand over each and every one of my worries to You and to develop a generous and outgoing personality - that keeps my eyes on Jesus, rather than continuing to be the "worrier" that I have become. I know that this does not honour Your name and I so desire to walk in the paths of righteousness and become a person with a generous heart that flows from Your own generosity - a grateful heart that is full of trust and thanks to You, who have done so much for me.

Lord I know that I cannot change my nature myself - but I do know that in the power of the Holy Spirit I can take my worrisome thoughts captive and hand them over to You - and turn my worries and anxieties into purposeful praise, knowing that in all things You are the supplier of all I need. I ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 15,800 followers or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

Fr. Paddy's book "All will be well" on sale in the Parish Shop or online at www.portlaoiseparish.ie



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Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration's Programmes for our Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine 2019



Invitation to ADOREMUS PILGRIMAGE weekend

Friday evening 14th June 2019 *(All in Adoration Chapel except Refreshments)*

- 7.30 Welcome (John Howard) Prayer and brief outline of recent dev. at the Shrine
- 7.45 Special Rosary *(of and for unborn)*
- 8.00 Powerful Testimony
- 8.30 Mass & Homily
- 9.30 Adoration guided by Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal Drogheda
- 10.20 Benediction

Email info@eucharisticadoration.ie or text us 087 1045200 if you are coming to the Friday evening session.

Saturday 15th June 2019

- 10.30 Welcome & Rosary *(of and for the unborn)* **St John's Rest & Care**
- 11.00 -1.00 Praise & Worship Led by Living Water Prayer group Dublin
(18 to 45 years focus but all welcome) **Adoration Chapel**
- 11.30 Talk on Confession Fr Patrick Cahill (**Adoration Chapel?**)
- 11.15 – 12.15 Adoration: Guided by Franciscan Sisters of Renewal **Apparition Chapel**
- 12.15 Talk **Basilica**
- 12.45 Lunch, sharing, personal prayer time and reflection time
- 1.30 Testimonies by Donncha and Méabh **Basilica**
- 2.15 Practice for readers etc for Holy Mass **at the altar in the Basilica**
- 2.30 Anointing **Basilica**
- 3.00 Mass & homily Most Rev Eamon Martin Archbishop of Armagh **Basilica**
- 4.00 Eucharistic Procession **outdoor:** Benediction & Thanks (B. Cleary) at **Apparition Chapel**

Parallel Activities:

- 11.00 – 4.30 Children of the Eucharist COTE by Antoinette Moynihan and Team for 6 – 12 age group in the **Prayer & Guidance Centre**
- 11.00 – 1.00 Teens 13 to 17 years guided in the **Hub**
- 11.00 – 2.00 Confessions **Reconciliation Chapel**
- 12.00 – 12.30 See Children's Adoration in the **Prayer Centre** (time & place may change)

Further details will be available on our website from mid March 2019 and feel free to email us for extra details then. (info@eucharisticadoration.ie).

Get word out; buses booked and contact your local youth groups to come.

See reverse side explaining the nature of this amazing Eucharistic and Marian Pilgrimage called ADOREMUS. Please get notices into Church Bulletins and local papers.

Encourage friends, neighbours, priests and religious to attend.



Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration's

ADOREMUS National Eucharistic & Marian Pilgrimage



In Knock Shrine on Friday evening 14th June and full day Saturday 15th June

It was very inspiring to see Pope Francis visit our wonderful Eucharistic Marian Shrine in Knock, and it makes us even more committed and excited to have a memorable Eucharistic Marian Pilgrimage and Congress at Knock Shrine on 14 and 15 June 2019. We call it **ADOREMUS** to stress the Eucharistic as well as the Marian aspect of this great National Pilgrimage of the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration.

Following extensive feedback, and after 5 major pilgrimages to Knock Shrine we feel it is time to expand and invigorate the event and to reach out to a younger age group especially the 18 to 45-year olds. We have done an amount of work in this area and we are very excited with the feedback and responses to date. (more details later on our website)

We see Adoremus as a rolling programme of adoration, talks, testimonies, masses, praise and worship, children's adoration, anointing, confessions and sharing as well as time for quiet prayer and reflection. This is an opportunity to meet and pray with people from all over Ireland and beyond and all age groups. **Everyone is welcome.**

It will be a Eucharistic and Marian gathering of clergy, religious and laity and youth to promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church, dwelling very much on the Marian dimension also.

The programme commences on Friday evening at 7.30 pm and starts again on Saturday morning at 10.30 am.

Email us info@eucharisticadoration.ie or text us 087 1045200 if you are coming to the Friday evening session to ensure the location we have chosen at the Shrine is big enough to cater for everyone.

The Adoremus Programme and the 'Parallel Programme' of faith enriching events are open to all. All programmes will deliver great speakers, fantastic music, prayer and sharing. The reason for a parallel programme is to cater for a wide range of interests and age groups. See the Apostolate's wide range of religious materials in St John's Centre.

Our 23 Diocesan Adoration committees are keeping us informed with excellent feedback and interest levels for this event and they are working very hard to maximise numbers at all age levels. Adoremus will be a very big success and possibly one of the biggest religious gatherings in Knock in 2019.

We are depending on you to invite adorers, priests, religious lay people and youth groups, to this unique religious event. There is something for every age group.

Please copy this poster front and back and distribute it widely in your parish. If you are coming for Saturday only you will have a very early start but it will be worth the sacrifice.

See our website www.eucharisticadoration.ie for further details and updates from mid to end of March 2019. Feel free to call us on 01 6625899 or better still, email us at info@eucharisticadoration.ie. Looking forward to meeting you in Knock Shrine.

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Ratheniska & The Heath National Schools, who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday.



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10th Birthday away from home.

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,
A beautiful memory
dearer than gold,
Of a father whose worth can never be told.



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birthday Craig xx and see your
smiling face.

The only gifts today will be, your
sweet memories left behind,
of laughter, joy and happiness,
They echo on in our minds.
We'll gaze upon pictures,
We'll think of you with love,

And hope you are doing fine, in Heaven up above.
May angels hold you closely and sing you a happy song,
And we'll be sending wishes today and all year long son.

Happy 21st birthday in Heaven Craig
Love and miss you always

*Sadly missed and loved always, Mammy, Daddy,
Mudasar, your brothers Aaron, Brandon, Noah and
Junaid, and sisters Aisha, Chloe and extended family.*

May Craig Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **PAT BYRNES**

29 Beechfield, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 29th May 2019



Husband:

*Wonderful memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts he is living yet,
We loved him too dearly to forget.*

*Sadly missed by your loving wife
Margaret, never forgotten.*

Dad & Grandad:

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

*Sadly missed by your loving family: Mark, Anna, Joanne,
Marguerite & Daniel and all your 14 grandchildren.*

**Pat's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Wednesday 29th May at 10am.**

May Pat Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **BERNADETTE KELLY**

Whose birthday occurred 20th May.

Mum on your birthday,
I celebrate you having being you,
my extraordinary mother,
You have made such a difference,
created so much good in my life!
I celebrate your smart mothering,
your clever, creative methods of
gently moulding your beloved
child, your first descendant, into
your vision of me: a strong,
capable adult, an unselfish person
of good character.

I celebrate your boundless physical
and emotional energy, loving me, leading me, supporting
me, lifting me when I fall.

You are always there.

On your birthday, Mum, I celebrate the best thing about
my life...having had you as my mother and the treasure
we all have, having had you in our lives.

Happy Birthday Mum

From Martina family and friends.

May Bernadette Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL FARRELL**

Lake Glen, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 1st June 2019

Also 3rd Birthday away from home.



*God saw the road was getting
rough,*

*The hill was hard to climb,
He gently closed your loving eyes,
And whispered "peace be thine".*

*No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,*

A special place within our hearts is kept for you.

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

**Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 1st June at 6.30pm.**

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
SEAN CONROY

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

15th Anniversary occurs at this time.



*We miss you more than
words will ever say.*

*Loved and remembered
always by your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Sean

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

FRANCES DOODY

Ridge Road, Portlaoise. Died 26th March 2019.



The nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews of Frances, wish to thank everyone who supported them during their recent bereavement.

A very special word of thanks to Dr. Sinéad Burke, who was a brilliant friend and doctor to Frances and to Dr. Booth

and all the doctors, nurses and receptionists of the Cedar Clinic.

To Liz and her team in Tullamore Oncology Unit, who were so good to Frances. To all the nurses and doctors in Portlaoise A&E, who were so caring, comforting and kind to Frances. To Olive in Palliative care and to the doctors and nurses and all the staff on the surgical ward in Portlaoise, whose care and compassion was beyond belief. Our thanks also to Hughes Pharmacy and McElwee Pharmacy for their constant support.

A huge thank you to Frances' carers and to her many wonderful friends who looked after her so well. To all the girls in the "Monday Night Club" in Bridie Doody's house, which Frances looked forward to every week.

A special thank you to Fr. Eddie, who called to see Frances in hospital and for the lovely funeral Mass. Sincere thanks to Audrey Whelan and her son for providing such beautiful music at the Mass and also to the altar servers and sacristan.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode for all their help and professionalism and also to the gravediggers for preparing Frances' final resting place with such care.

Thanks also to M&M Catering for the lovely food and refreshments.

As it would be impossible to thank you all individually, please accept this acknowledgement from us as a token of our appreciation and gratitude.

May the Lord have Mercy on her gentle Soul

In Loving Memory of
Our Wonderful Dad

PATSY DEEVY

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 26th May 2019.



*You never looked for praises
and you were never one to boast,
You were always there for those
you loved the most.*

*You worked so hard and those
strong hands led us through life
and helped us understand,*

*That life can be hard, tough and sad, but through it
all we had one of our greatest blessings,
the man that we called Dad.*

*Sadly missed by his sons Pat and Brendan, daughter
Hannah, daughters-in-law Sylvia & Maura,
son-in-law Paddy, grandchildren Craig, Rebecca & Paddy.*

*Also remembering his dearly departed wife Kathleen
at this time.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 26th May at 12.30pm.*

May Patsy Rest in Peace

Also remembering at this time Patsy's brother

JAMES (Jimmy) DEEVY

*17 O' Moore Place, whose 21st Anniversary
occurs 31st May 2019.*

May James Rest in Peace



**Months Mind Mass for Theresa
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Fr. Paddy, Joe and Peggy Conroy and the Ursuline sisters, at
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1st Prize - Tom Boland, Athy; Ticket to Medjugorje

2nd Prize - Lisa O' Reilly, Emo; Hamper

3rd Prize - Charlie Kennedy, Timahoe; Chocolates

Sincere thanks to all who supported our raffle.

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

Live Web Streaming

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(and at home) might be
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Cemetery Mass will be live
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Roadside parking is prohibited on the Stradbally side of the graveyard.
A supervised car park will be provided in a field opposite Kelly's farm.
The Gardai request your cooperation in this matter.

Collection on Cemetery Sunday

The collection taken is shared between the Parish and Sts. Peter & Paul's Cemetery
Committee. We are grateful for the care and attention they give to this Sacred place.
Thank you for your support.



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.

"Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God": Parish Centre. Thursdays, 11am to 12 noon. New members welcome.

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

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

Solemn Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, 9 Monday nights; 29th April - 24th June at 7.30pm. (Rosary 7.10pm). Singing will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton, accompanied by the Poor Clare Community and Parish choirs. **Speaker 27th May;** Marian Curran - Lecturer University College Belfast.

Clonfert: Day of Prayer for Healing in Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert, led by Eddie Stones and team, Saturday 1st June. Bus leaving Tullow at 8am via Portlaoise. Further details from Lily 087-2245193 or 059-9151245.

Clonfert Pentecost Sunday Celebrations: Sunday 9th June at 11am, led by Eddie Stones & Team. Music, Adoration, Talks, Confession and Holy Mass. Please bring packed lunches. All welcome.

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Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

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

Whist: Play or learn Whist at Sue Ryder Centre every Thursday 2.30pm to 4pm, all are welcome.

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

The "Young at Heart" Show: Portlaoise ARA had the privilege of staging our "Young at Heart" Variety show at the Dunamais theatre last Wednesday. We are thrilled that the sell-out show went brilliantly and the feedback comments were extremely positive. The months of hard work behind the scenes paid off and the variety of song, dance, recitations, comedy sketches etc. was appreciated by the supportive audience. We wish to thank the supporters, many of whom travelled some distance, and everybody who helped before and during the show. Our 5th ARA production would not have been possible without our friends and mentors Caroline and Maureen. Roll on show number six.

Sing for Joy: All are welcome to come and join with our Sing for Joy Choir, their carers and family at their sing along Bealtaine Concert in Parish Centre, Portlaoise on Wednesday, May 29th at 11am. We will sing well known songs to welcome Summer. We are deeply grateful for your attendance and appreciation. Maureen Cullenon.

LOFFA: New committee in place. Our next meeting will be held in Portlaoise Parish Centre on Tuesday 4th June at 8pm. **Speaker;** Nicholas Ryan Purcell (film maker), speaking about his experiences growing up with Asperger's Syndrome. New members welcome to attend. Membership forms available on the night or download from www.loffa.ie. Membership fees to be renewed.

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

Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club are holding their 9th annual road run on Sunday 23rd June, starting at 2pm at the Community Hall, Ballyfin. Visitors and spectators free and welcome to come along. Proceeds in support of local charities. For queries or information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, please call Pat O'Connor at 087-7824481.

The Irish Heart Foundation

visiting Portlaoise Library - Know your blood pressure, free checks available in the Mobile Health Unit: This event is taking place Wednesday 29th May from 10am to 3.30pm. The nurses will be available to provide heart health information and do blood pressure and pulse checks. The one to one advice offered by the nurse is a vital part of this check. Each person receives a personal record card with their results and in the event of any abnormal results is advised to follow up with their GP. No booking necessary, first come first serve basis. Please note anyone wishing to avail of a blood pressure check must be over 18.



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