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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish's new Confirmation initiative was launched last Monday night. RUAH aims to accompany the boys and girls who are preparing to receive the Holy Spirit in a fun and faith filled way. We give thanks to *An Tobar Nua* for all their help in organising this event and a special thanks to our speaker Darragh Bailey, who beautifully shared with us his story of faith. Stay tuned for details of our next RUAH event.



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**Bereavement Mass - Parish Church
Monday 4th November At 7.30pm**



IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

Those who died in our Parish during the year and their families will be remembered at our Mass on 4th November. A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory. If we have a photo of the deceased it will accompany their name on the screen in the Parish Church.

There are parishioners who have lost loved ones, parent or siblings, and also natives of our Parish, whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere. If you would like them to be remembered by name at our bereavement Mass please give the details to the Parish Centre by calling in or email michelle@portlaoiseparish.ie (A photograph may also be displayed if you wish to provide one).

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11:15am: Eugene McDonough, Chris Lannigan, Liam Moran,
Claudette Whyte & Frances Delaney.
12.30pm: Mary Saunders, Christine Lacey, Justine C Ohaa,
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Mary Lalor & Caroline McCormack

READERS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- 6:30pm: Margaret Nolan & Caroline McCormack
8.30am: Owen Kelly
10am: Declan Costello & Karen Chambers
11:15am: Betty Brophy & Justin Brown
12.30pm: Jim Fogarty

COLLECTORS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- 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 & Paddy O'Connor

To celebrate the feast of Holy Souls an all-night vigil will take place, starting after the evening Mass on Friday 1st November and finishing at 8am on Saturday 2nd November.

Don't forget to put your clocks back 1 hour
on Saturday night!



(If you are reading this on Sunday it might be earlier than you think!)

Communion Calls

Next Friday is the First Friday, the priests of the parish will attend their communion rounds.



Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday (Bank Holiday) 10am

Tuesday - Thursday

7.30am & 10am

First Friday: Feast of All Saints

Vigil 7.30pm (Thursday)

8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm & 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,

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am
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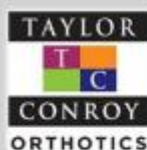
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The Pharisee & the Tax Collector



Have you ever known someone who thought they were much better than everyone else and deserved special treatment? Dr. Seuss wrote a story about a turtle who was like that. Perhaps you have read the story. The title of the story is "Yertle the Turtle."

Yertle was ruler of a little pond on the island of Sala-ma-Sond. All of the turtles at the pond had everything they needed and were quite happy. They were happy, that is, until Yertle decided that his kingdom was too small. "I am ruler of all that I see, but I don't see enough. My throne is too low down" complained Yertle.

So Yertle lifted his hand and gave a command. He ordered nine turtles in the pond to stand on each other's backs so that they could become his new and higher throne. He climbed up onto the backs of the turtles and he had a wonderful view. But Yertle still wasn't satisfied. "Turtles! More turtles!" he called from his lofty throne, Yertle swelled with pride and feelings of importance as turtles from all over the pond came to climb on the stack of turtles which made up Yertle's throne.

At the very bottom of the stack was a plain and ordinary turtle named Mack. He struggled under the weight of all the turtles until finally, he decided that he had taken enough. That plain little turtle named Mack did a very plain little thing. He burped! His burp shook the throne and Yertle fell right into the mud! And now the great Yertle is King of the MUD.

When you think too highly of yourself, you often wind up taking a big fall, don't you?

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells a story about a man who thought he was better than everyone else. In the story that Jesus told, two men went to the temple to pray. One of the men was a Pharisee, a religious group that was very strict in obeying the law of Moses. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: "I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I'm certainly not like that tax collector over there! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of all my income."

The tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he bowed his head in sorrow, saying, "Oh God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner."

Now, which of these two prayers do you think was pleasing to God? You are right. The prayer of the tax collector. Jesus said, "The tax collector, not the Pharisee returned home justified before God. For those

who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted."

When we are tempted to brag about ourselves, we need to remember that other people are not impressed - and neither is God!

My Prayer



Dear Father, we pray that you would help us to remain humble so that we would not think more highly of ourselves than we ought. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Please Note: Due to Midterm break the Pray and Play Group at the 11.15am Mass will be not be here next Sunday (3rd November). Play and Pray will resume the following Sunday (10th November).

RUAH Launch Night

Over 270 boys and girls took part on Monday evening last at the launch of our new Confirmation programme.

We hope everyone enjoyed the night.



The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 18:14

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TIME TO THINK!

NOVEMBER - A TIME TO REMEMBER

Time moves by too quickly, where has this year gone!! This week we begin winter time. November is a time to remember all our loved ones who have gone before us. Death is that challenging confrontation that reminds us "We are only here for a short time". Death points us to mystery. A Christian proclamation, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again". Here in Portlaoise Parish, over 100 funerals of parishioners, greatly loved and cherished, have taken place in 2019. A deep loss, we pray consolation for all bereaved.

As millions of children and adults participate in the fun of Halloween on Thursday, few will be aware of its ancient Celtic roots.

In Celtic Ireland about two millennia ago, Samhain was the point between the lighter (summer) and darker halves (winter) of the year. At Samhain, the gap between this and the other world was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. People's ancestors were honoured and invited home, while harmful spirits were warded off. People wore costumes and masks to disguise themselves as spirits to avoid harm. Bonfires and food played a large part in the festivities. The bones of slaughtered livestock were cast into a communal blaze, household fires were extinguished and started again from the bonfire. Food was prepared for the living and the dead and was ritually shared with the less well-off.

Christianity incorporated honouring of the dead into the Christian calendar with All Saints (All Hallows) on 1st November, followed by All Souls on the following day. The wearing of costumes and masks to ward off harmful spirits has survived as Halloween customs. The Irish emigrated to America in great numbers during the 19th century, especially around the time of famine in Ireland during the 1840s. The Irish carried their Halloween traditions to America, where it is now one of the major holidays of the year. November is the time of year when we remember the souls of loved ones who have gone before us.

November is a difficult time of year. The beginning of winter brings long nights and cooler days. This can be a time of loneliness and anxiety, especially for those who live alone. In our Celtic tradition, we have a great sense of our own mortality and vulnerability during this month. The Celtic festival of Samhain was a time to remember all who had gone before. Death is difficult and painful. It strips us of the familiar and often leaves us naked and vulnerable with our bereavement and painful losses, which we all have experienced when a loved one dies. The death of a loved one often leaves many unanswered questions as we attempt to carry on without a husband, wife, sibling or friend.

Perhaps the two most powerful lines in the entire Gospel describe the human emotion felt by Jesus when his friend Lazarus died: "Jesus wept." Jesus knew the pain and hurt that comes when a loved one dies. And for God to fully embrace the human condition, he also had to embrace death itself through his son. The humiliating and brutal manner of Christ's death united God with all types of suffering and persecution.



The final words that came from our dying God was a prayer of welcome and wonderful invitation: "Today, you will be with me in paradise." We know from our experience that the leaves will blossom again, that spring will come. Christ's death was the ultimate demonstration of love by his father. As he was awoken to new life and resurrection, so, too, are all of us who believe in him. As we remember our loved ones who have died and pray for them, we do so with great hope in our hearts.

St. Paul tells us that "our true home is in Heaven". May all our loved ones enjoy the eternal promise of life and peace in the happiness and joy of God's presence.

Jesus tells us: "I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you, too, shall be." And despite the pain that comes when a loved one dies, in faith we are encouraged to hope in the reality that God's love is even brighter than death itself.

Pádraig Pearse once told a beautiful story to demonstrate our Christian hope regarding death. In the month of September, the little boy asked his mother where do all the swallows go to? She replied: "To the land where it is always summer." We all have "Loved and Lost"; May all we remember enjoy the light of an eternal flame.

Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long,
And not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that once we shared,
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all part of the master plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
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Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, Sat. 2nd November at 6:30pm.



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FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF
My Darling Husband
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BRIAN LARKIN Junior
Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
Died 29th October 2018 aged 43



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

I lost my loving husband, my partner in my life,
 He was one of a kind, I was proud to be his wife,
 He was one of a kind, a husband like no other,
 He was my best friend, my soul mate and my lover.
 Rest in peace my beautiful angel, I just want you to
 know, I miss you more each passing day and how
 much I love you so.

And when I get to Heaven, I know what I will do,
 You will be there with open arms and I will run to
 you.

Sadly missed everyday, your loving wife Fiona x

A Dad's love is special, a gift beyond compare,
 You only know the meaning when he is no longer
 there,

A special time,

A special face,

A special day we can't replace,
 With aching hearts we whisper low,
 We miss you Dad and love you so.

*Sadly missed by your loving sons Ethan, Damon,
 Oisín and grandson Odhrán x*

Rest In Peace Brian

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL & FRANCES
WALSH

*Late of 48 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise, whose
 Anniversaries occur at this time.*



*Although death has seperated us physically,
 Faith and love have bound us eternally,
 Though we cannot see you,
 We know you are here with us, in our every thought,
 As we think about you each day.
 Though we cannot touch you, we feel the warmth of
 your smiles,
 As we turn the page to a new chapter in our lives.
 From all your loving family,*

Mam & Dad Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MARGARET BARRETT

née O' Connor

*Formerly of 'San Michelle', Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.
 11th Anniversary occurs this month.*



Beloved wife of the late Richard
 "Dick" Barrett, and beloved mother to
 Brídín and dearest 'Nanna' to
 Chelsea, her granddaughter.

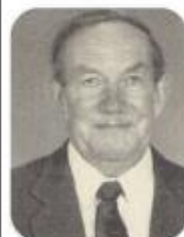
St. Pio pray for her.

From your two best friends, hugs and kisses xx

May Margaret Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
TOM DUFF

Ballyknockan.



17th Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in Sts. Peter &
 Paul's Parish Church on
 Friday 1st November at 10am.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife,
 and all his family & friends.*

May Tom Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert**

**37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary away from home occurs
29th October 2019.**



They say there is a reason

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time or reason,
will change the way we feel.

For no one knows the
heartache that lies beyond
our smiles,
No one knows how many
times we have broken down
and cried.

We want to tell you something, so there won't be
any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to be
without.

We cannot bring the old days back, when we were
all together,
The family chain is broken now, but memories live
forever.

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

Rest in Peace Mam

**Also remembering Angela's Mother
ELIZABETH CULBERT**

**Dr. Murphys Place, Portlaoise, whose
7th Anniversary also occurs at this time.**



Our lips cannot speak how
much we love you,
Our hearts cannot tell them
what to say,
Only God knows how much
we miss you,
every hour of every day.

*Sadly missed by your son-in-law Tom, granddaughters
Stephanie, Tracey and Paula and great-grandchildren
Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and Willow.*

Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Granny

In Loving Memory of

Our Mother

ELIZABETH CULBERT

**Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs 25th October.**



Also remembering her daughter and our sister

ANGELA CLEARY née Culbert

**Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 29th October.**



*May the winds of love blow softly, for only you to hear,
We still love and miss you, as it dawns another year.*

Masses offered.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family.

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MAUREEN O'CONNOR**

3 St. Brigid's Place.

3rd Anniversary occurs 1st November 2019



**3rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Friday 1st November at 10am.**

*A Loving mother, grandmother and
great-grandmother*

*You gave us years of happiness,
then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories,
we will treasure through the years.*

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

May Maureen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
SEAN HOLOHAN**

**Formerly 40 Oakleaf Place
& Newtown Stradbally**

**11th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Saturday
2nd November at 6.30pm.**



*If tears could build a stairway,
And heartaches could make a lane*

We would walk to Heaven and bring you home again.

*Sadly missed by your wife Chris, children,
daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, sisters and
grandchildren and great grandchild Scarlet Rose*

May Sean Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY**

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 29th October 2019.



The sun will set, a flower will die,
But forgetting you Angela, never will I.
Thank you for the laughter and all the
fun we shared,
Thank you for being my friend and for
the memories that we shared.
From your forever friend Geraldine x
Rest in Peace Angela

**In Loving Memory of
NOEL BRENNAN**

Grenville, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 1st November 2019.

8th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 2nd November at 6:30pm.



Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
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Always in our thoughts and
always in our hearts.

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May Noel Rest in Peace



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**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTY FINNEGAN**

126 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 28th October 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Josephs Church Ballinagar on Sunday
27th October at 10.30am.

Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories which will last forever.
Sadly missed by his wife Mary, daughters
Margaret and Anne, grandson Eoin and
all his loving family.

Also remembering you on your 91st birthday on Thursday 1st November

May Christy Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
SHEILA AND
RICHARD (Sonny) BROWN**

2 Dublin Road Portlaoise
Richard's 27th anniversary occurred on 12th September 2019
Sheila's 10th anniversary occurs 27th October 2019



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

Sadly missed by all their loving family extended
family and friends and the Wright family

May Sheila and Richard Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KEVIN BOWE**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 5th November 2019.



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

Quietly remembered
everyday, no longer in our
lives to share, but in our
hearts you're always there.

Sadly missed by your wife Marie, children
Suzanne, Kevin, Robert, Sandra, Paul and
Kenneth, grandchildren and extended family.

**In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Brother Kevin**

Remembering you is easy Kevin,
We do it everyday,

Missing you is a heartache that never goes away.
Our thoughts are always with you, each and
every day, in a very special way.

Sadly missed by your sisters Betty and Patty,
brother Frank, brothers-in-law Ger and Syd,
sisters-in-law Margaret, Eilish and Breda and
their families.

Rest in Peace Kevin

In Loving Memory of MARY (Maley) CONNELL

57 Marian Place, Portlaoise. 15th anniversary occurred 25th Oct.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Sunday 27th October at 11:15am.



*May you always walk in sunshine and
God's love around you flow,
For the love and happiness you gave us,
no one will ever know.
Forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed and loved by your loving family,
sons Dick, Pat and Kieran, daughters Geraldine,
Phil, Bernie, Nora and Teresa, daughter-in-law,
sons-in-law, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

Also thinking of our dad, at this time.

May Mary Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of JOSEPHINE WATSON

Main St. Portarlington and Dublin Rd, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 22nd October 2019



*As each day dawns, we think of you,
As each night falls, we pray for you.*

*We miss you
in so many ways ...
We miss things
you used to say ...
And when old times
we do recall ...
It's then, we miss
you most of all.*

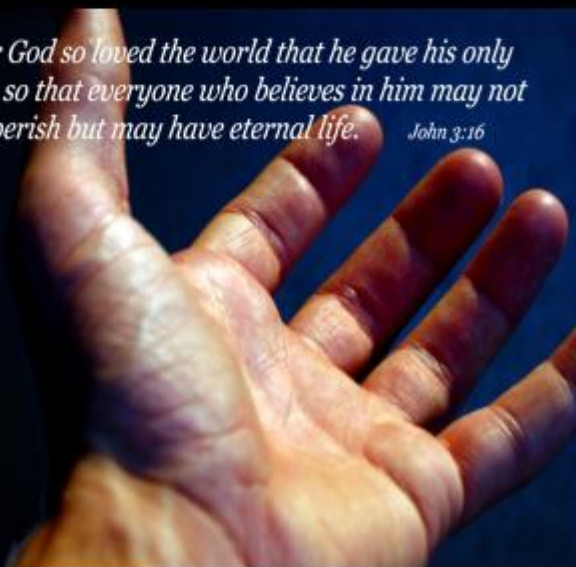


Loved and remembered by all your loving family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Sunday 27th October at 11:15am.

May Josephine Rest in Peace

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only
Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not
perish but may have eternal life.* John 3:16



In Loving Memory of THOMAS (Tommy) McCARTHY

New Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 2nd November 2019



3rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Sunday 3rd November at 10am.

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you, and whispered;
"Come to me".*

*With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away,
And although we loved you dearly, we could not make you
stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest,
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May Tommy Rest in Peace

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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.

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.

An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Praise and Worship Meeting: Thursday 31st October, 8pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre. **Format:** Rosary, Praise and Worship with Music Ministry. Talk given by Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. All are welcome. Contact Michael Nerney for details on 086-8157305.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Laochra Laoise Special Olympics Sports Club AGM: Monday 4th November at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Hall, Dublin Road, Portlaoise. All athletes, their families, volunteers and those interested in our activities are asked to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

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Pioneer News: Annual Mid-Leinster Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday 10th Nov. in the Abbeylax Manor Hotel at 4pm. Please note change of day and time. Tickets available from members of local centre or phone 087-2868092.

Abbeylax Probus Club are planning a coach trip to the National Concert Hall, Saturday 16th November for the "R and R" Production of Oklahoma. The coach leaves Abbeylax Heritage House car park at 11am, returning at 9pm approx. For further details contact P.J. 087-8298856.

Retired HSE Staff Annual Mass for their dead relatives and colleagues will be celebrated in St. Vincent's hospital Chapel Mountmellick on Monday 4th Nov. at 2:30pm followed by refreshments in staff canteen. All retired staff welcome.

HEATH HALL AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE AGM

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