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there is no sin so great that God cannot forgive. We may have put our own weaknesses to the back of our minds, but today is an invitation to put all our troubles before God. Today, Divine Mercy Sunday, along with our ordinary Sunday programme there will be a special Divine Mercy Celebration in the Parish Church - Confessions from 2pm followed by chaplet of Divine Mercy and Mass (3pm approx.)



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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,

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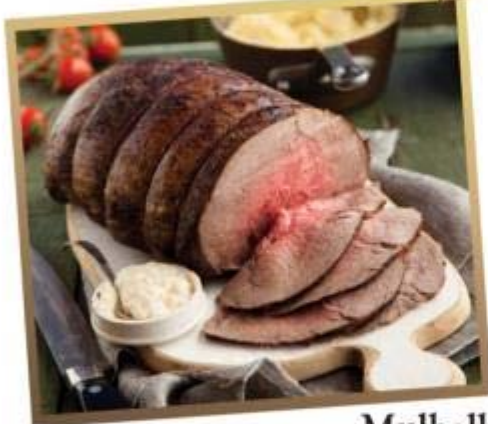


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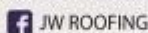
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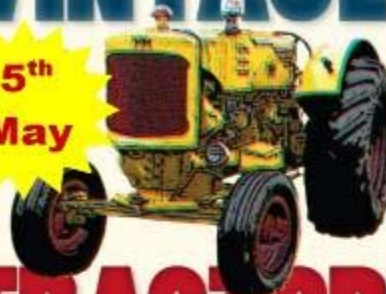
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Well, why don't you see if a paper clip will float. Put a small square of paper towel on the surface of the water and then carefully place the paper clip on the piece of paper towel. When

the paper towel becomes saturated, it will sink, leaving the paper clip floating on the surface of the water. You will see that the paper clip should float! Wow! That's amazing!

It isn't unusual to hear someone say, "I'll have to see it to believe it," is it? That is what our Gospel is about today.

On the evening of the first Sunday after Jesus was crucified, his disciples were together in a locked room. They were afraid that those who had crucified Jesus would also want to put them to death. Suddenly, Jesus appeared there in the locked room with the disciples. It was hard for the disciples to believe, but they saw him and Jesus showed them the wounds in his hands and his side, so they knew it was him.

One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them. When they told Thomas that they had seen Jesus, he did not believe them. He had seen Jesus crucified and buried, how could he be alive? Thomas said, "Unless I see the wound in his side and put my finger in the holes where the nails were in his hands, I will not believe it!"

A week later, the disciples were in the locked room again and this time Thomas was with them. Again, Jesus came and stood among the disciples. Jesus, said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas fell on his knees and answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

You and I have never seen Jesus with our own eyes. The question is, will we be a doubter, or will we be one of those who Jesus said were blessed because they believe, even though they have not seen?



Dear Father, help us to believe in our heart those truths we find in your Holy Word, even though we have not seen them with our eyes.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for the fear of the Jews, _____ came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his _____ and _____. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Now _____, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have _____ the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see _____ marks in his hands and put my where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not _____ it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were _____, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.

Stop _____ and believe."



**believe
finger
Jesus
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Thomas**

Upcoming Events - Holy Communions

Church of the Assumption the Heath

The Heath: Saturday 18th May at 11am

Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska

Ratheniska: Saturday 18th May 2018 at 11am

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise

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Holy Family Group A: Saturday 11th May at 11am

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TIME TO THINK!

DIVINE MERCY - A SACRED GIFT

How can anyone argue against Divine Mercy Sunday? Divine Mercy is hope wrapped up in a loving God, ever ready to embrace us and forgive even our gravest sins. Believing in God, but not in Divine Mercy, would be a depressing and burdensome faith to bear.

At the core of the Gospel story of the good thief is unconditional love and compassion. Today, you will be with me in paradise, not, okay your sins are forgiven; now do this and this and this, and you will be saved. But today, now, you will enter into glory with me. Welcome!

Divine Mercy is often associated with the visions and private revelations of St. Faustina. Pope John Paul II had a great devotion to this Polish nun. When he declared the Second Sunday of Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday, many took it as a papal decree to promote the devotions described in Faustina's "Diary," such as venerating the Divine Mercy image and praying the Chaplet.

As Catholics, we have a soft spot for devotions and devotionals. It's part of our hands-on, sacramental nature, but we are also a diverse bunch. What speaks to one, may not speak to another. Devotions and belief in private revelations, even if approved and recommended by the Church, are not mandatory. Offering a special Mass that includes the Divine Mercy devotions for those who wish it is a good thing.

Presenting the devotions as an obligatory form of worship for the Second Sunday of Easter is not. Even some Divine Mercy websites are careful to stress that this Sunday is not meant to be a "party for devotees." The focus, they say, should be on bringing "hardened sinners" back into the fold.

Perhaps we, as a Church, need to spend less time worrying about bringing back the "hardened sinners," and more time showing mercy to those struggling to stay despite personal hurts and rejection. We need to reach out to those who have one foot out the door, or who have already had the door closed on them.

As we meditate in gratitude for God's gracious mercy shown to us, we should look honestly at the mercy that we show to others. Our God is a God of mercy. Are we a Church of mercy?

Mercy is who God is. It is love's other name. Mercy is forgiveness.

God is more interested in our future than in our past. He takes past sins seriously but never as the last word. God wants each of us to become the best person, he wills us to be and this requires conversion, a change of heart. Genuine mercy believes God's grace has the power to transform us. God does not owe us forgiveness. Nor does God's mercy licence us to continue to sin, it demands a response to go and from now on sin no more (John 8:11). God's mercy motivates us to do better.

God's forgiveness is an easy thing to obtain.

One needs only to ask. God forgives, he opens his loving arms and grants mercy. He gives love away.

We do not have to feel guilty over the reality of our human frailty. God is not going to sternly judge

us. No, God is running down the road toward us, eager to wrap his arms around us and kiss it better. The enormity of God's love, which is so vast it is beyond measure or comprehension, creates in us an awareness of the depth of our inadequacy. But that awareness does not trigger feelings of unworthiness. Rather it creates a sense of poverty which allows us to trust fully in God and willingly accept his bountiful love.

Forgiveness is one of the greatest gifts of the spiritual life. It enables us to be released from the sorrows of the past and reminds us to forgive others without hesitation, without question. Without question is hard to do, which only illustrates more clearly God's love. Forgiveness simply says that we will never put someone out of our heart. Jesus says "Be merciful, just as the Father is merciful." (Luke 6:36)

Pope Francis message for Divine Mercy Sunday, is a very practical invitation to embrace God's powerful love for us all, "Jesus has this message for us: mercy. I think, and I say it with humility, that this is the Lord's most powerful message: mercy... It is not easy to entrust oneself to God's mercy, because it is an abyss beyond our comprehension. But we must! "Oh Father, if you knew my life, you would not say that to me!" "Why, what have you done?" "Oh, I am a great sinner!" "All the better! Go to Jesus: he likes you to tell him these things!" He forgets, he has a very special capacity for forgetting. He forgets, he kisses you, he embraces you and he simply says to you: "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more" (John 8:11). That is the only advice he gives you. After a month, if you are in the same situation, let us go back to the Lord. The Lord never tires of forgiving, never! It is we, who tire of asking his forgiveness. Let us ask for the grace, not to tire of asking forgiveness, because he never tires of forgiving. Let us ask for this grace".



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57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurred on 26th April 2019



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For the rest of our lives we will miss you mother, our secret tears still flow, oh, how we really loved you, no one will ever know.

We miss your smile, your joking 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.

You were always there when we needed you, no task too great or small, with loving heart and willing hands, for us you did it all.

Look around your garden Lord, and when she turns and smiles, put your arms around her, and hold her for a while.

Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters and extended family and friends.

To a Wonderful Nan

Of all the special gifts in life
However great or small
To have you as our Nan
Was the greatest gift of all.
May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper in your ear
We love and miss you Nan
And wish that you were here.
Deep in our hearts, you life is kept
To love and cherish, not forget,
No more tomorrows we can share
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On your Birthday in Heaven
I have a gift, you cannot see
Of heartfelt love and memories
This special gift, the angels bring
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To one I've lost, living above.

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May Alo Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of MICHAEL O' REILLY

Liogard, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. 9th Anniversary occurs 2nd May.



Along the road of suffering, you found a little lane,
That took you up to Heaven and ended all your pain.

You may be out of sight,
We may be worlds apart,
But you are always in our prayers, and forever in our hearts.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 5th May at 11:15am.

Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.

Please also remember his father Thomas and his sister Marie whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory Of MICHAEL COLLINS

Subur, Newpark, Portlaoise

A Dear Husband, Father and Grandfather.

2nd Anniversary occurs on 25th April 2019

Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 28th April at 12:30pm.



Lonely is our home without you,
Life is not the same,
The world would be like Heaven,
If we could have you back again.

Loved and sadly missed by your wife Sally, son Alan, daughter Ruth and family.

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of OLIVE DWANE

No. 2 Maisonette, Well Rd., New Rd. Portlaoise whose 18th Anniversary occurred 25th April.



Gone is the face we loved so dear,
Silent is the face we loved to hear,
Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for thought to reach,
Sweet to remember her once here,
Who, though absent, is just as dear.

Loved & sadly missed always from sons, daughters, granddaughter Sharon and great-grandchildren, Yasmin, Kirsha & Ava xxx

May Olive Rest in Peace

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In Loving Memory of BRIDIE O'BRIEN

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The family of the late Bridie O'Brien would like to express their sincere gratitude to all who supported Bridie during her illness. We would like to thank Dr O'Brien and his team of Nass General Hospital, especially Beatrice Fennelly whom was an Earth angel to Mam and our family, we will never forget your kindness, Portlaoise General Hospital, Dr Booth and his staff of the Cedar Clinic, Portlaoise, Hughes Chemist, Portlaoise Day Care Centre, Bluebird Care especially Rachael and Shannon, we are ever so grateful. To our wonderful friends and neighbours who helped us to do the catering especially Paula O'Gorman, Jackie Robinson, Marie Matthews, Nicola Moore, and Dominic O'Gorman, thank you so much. To all who sent Mass cards and travelled long distances, you will always be remembered. Our sincere thanks to Monsignor Byrne. Fr Dave and all the priest of the Parish for the beautiful Mass. Thank you to John Maloney undertaken for his help during this time, Trinity Biomedical Science who fulfilled our Mums wishes our deepest gratitude to you.

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

Bridies Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Pauls Church, Portlaoise on Saturday 4th May at 6.30pm. Mass.

May Bridie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of DAVID McEVOY

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise. 20th Anniversary occurs 3rd May.



*It broke our hearts to lose you Dad
but you did not go alone,
Resting now with Mam in Gods eternal
home,
Those special years will not return when
we were altogether,
But memories within our hearts will stay
with us forever,*

*Only God knows how much we miss you every hour of every day.
Miss and love you always, from all your loving family.*

May David Rest in Peace

*Rest
in Peace*



ANNIVERSARY AND Birthday Remembrance

Of our daughter

AGNES MILLIS GLEESON

**21st Anniversary and Birthday away
from home.**

Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



*Deep in the heart lies a
picture,
Of a loved one laid to rest,
In Memories frame we
keep it,
Because she was one of the
best.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 4th May at 10am.

Also remember our brother Joe Kerry

Late of 148 O'Moore Place, Portlaoise

1st Birthday away from home.

*Love and miss you always, from all your
loving family.*

May Agnes and Joe Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of MARGARET LEECH

*Ridge Road, Portlaoise, on her 6th Anniversary away
from home.*



*Till the shadows lengthen
And the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed,
And the fever of life is over and our work is done.
Then in His mercy
May He give us a safe lodging,
And holy rest
And peace at the last.*

Margaret's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, Sunday 5th May at 10.00 am.

*Loved and very much missed by Anne, Elizabeth, Colette,
Geraldine, Michelle and families.*

Rest in Peace Margaret



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": Parish Centre.

Thursdays, 11am to 12 noon. New members welcome. **Please note change of venue.**

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.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebrations: Sunday 28th April at 11.00 a.m., Emmanuel House, Clonfert Co. Galway led by Eddie stones and team. Confessions available and finishing with Holy Mass. Please bring a packed lunch.

Divine Mercy Sunday:

28th April at 2.45 pm. St. Josephs Church Mountmellick chaplet of Divine Mercy Holy Mass veneration of image blessing with relic of St. Faustina. All are welcome.

Divine Mercy Mass: Wednesday 1st May in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, rosary at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm and blessing with St. Faustina's relic. All are welcome. Celebrant: Fr. Pat Collins. Music: Margaret Brennan.

FATIMA MASS: Wednesday 22nd May Mass in the Parish Church for all parishioners travelling to Fatima. Celebrant Fr. Paddy Byrne. Tickets will be distributed in the Parish Centre after the Mass.

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 2.30 to 4.00pm all are welcome.

Upcoming Event: May 1st: Speaker from STEP, who provide many services for the elderly population. The speaker will outline the services available and procedures necessary to avail of them. It will be an opportunity for members to have up to date information on important issues.

The tea contribution will be in aid of the local Alzheimer Society.

May 8th:

Full dress rehearsal for the Bealtine Show at Dunamais theatre on 15th May.

Laois Local Forum for people using Mental Health Services, family members, carers: Open meetings held monthly in Triogue Centre, Bridge St., Portlaoise, 6pm-7:45pm, Thurs. 25th April, 23rd May and 27th June (No booking required).

New members always welcome.

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Laois Alzheimer's Society:

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

Tea Day venues for 2nd May

This May 2nd Alzheimer's Tea Day will celebrate 25 year of supporting the 55,000 people living with dementia in Ireland so if you can support by joining one of our tea day events in Laois.

- Parish Centre between 10am - 12.30pm (Stradbally Road, Portlaoise, R32 FH67).

- Portarlinton Further Education Centre between 1.30-2.40 pm (12 Bracklone Street, Portarlinton R32 FX49).

- Ballard Lodge will host a Tea Day at 3pm (Borris Road Portlaoise, R32 YW82).

For any information on dementia

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Portlaoise Library News.

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History Lectures series starting in May at Portlaoise Library Tuesdays, 7.30pm.

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Solemn Novena: To our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, 9 Monday nights 29th April-24th June, 2019. Time: 7.30pm. (Rosary at 7.10pm). Singing will be led by Fr. Liam Lawton, accompanied by the poor Clare Community and Parish choirs.

Speaker: 6th May, Olive Foley (Wife of the late Anthony Foley, former Munster & Irish Rugby Player).

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Family Fun Day in Raheen: Sunday 5th May featuring a Fun Run 6K Walk or Jog. Bouncing castles, stalls and side shows, also a car and tractor run, modern and vintage vehicles. Music and dancing on the field and a two band session that night in Eamon A' Chnoic in aid of the Lalor House Restoration Project. Enquiries to 087-9614235.

Teach Mhuire Praying Community:

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