



28th July 2019

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope: 50th Anniversary of Moon landing 'inspiration for common good'



Pope Francis said on Sunday last 'Fifty years ago, yesterday, Man set foot on the Moon, achieving an extraordinary dream' He went on to express his hope that the memory of 'that great step for humanity' might spark the desire to reach even 'greater goals' namely 'more dignity for the weak, more justice among peoples and more future for our common home'

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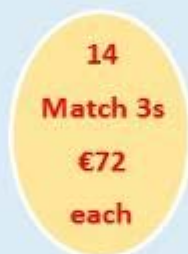


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10am: Josie Fitzpatrick, Tony Heffernan, Marion Donohue,
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11:15am: Maureen Brophy, Bernadette Regan, Dan Hooban,
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12.30pm: Michael McEvoy, Bernadette McEvoy, Vivian Ohaa,
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11:15am: Chelsea Joseph
12.30pm: Michael Costello

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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

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Does Prayer Work?

Have you ever prayed really really hard for something and not had that prayer granted? Have you ever looked back in life at a prayer you once made and thought thank goodness God didn't grant it? This week's gospel reading is a lesson in prayer, but more importantly, it's a lesson in having faith that God is a parent who will not let us down.



Let's face it, we pray hardest to God when we want something. We pray hardest when something seems beyond our human means and we need some kind of miracle, this often leads us to make inappropriate prayers. How many of us pray that the love of our life will notice us in the launderette? How many of us pray to win the lottery and make secret deals with God that we will donate half the winning to charity in return? How many of us pray to God for our football team to score a winning goal in the closing minutes of a match? Worse... we lose faith when such prayers aren't answered! We find it difficult to believe that unanswered prayers might mean that God knows better, or has a different purpose for us.

Perhaps Jesus' disciples shared some of our frustration when they say, "Lord teach us to pray." In response Jesus gives us a model by which to pray. It's important to recognise it as a model and not a prayer as such. Reciting a prayer is not the same as praying. The model prayer Jesus gives us, 'The Lord's prayer', invites us to pray to God as our Father, acknowledging his holiness and praying with the shared commitment to have his will done on earth. We are invited to pray for our 'daily bread', in other words, for the things we genuinely need. Pray for forgiveness, and promise to forgive others. Pray with persistence. Prayer is about building a relationship with God, speaking to him often throughout the day. Lastly, and most importantly we should approach God with the faith we approach a loving parent. "What father," reasons Jesus, "would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?" or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg?" Even parents with very average parenting skills know how to give children what they need. "How much more," says Jesus, "will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Communion Rounds

The priests of the parish will attend their communion rounds on Friday (First Friday).

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

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8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

The Heath: 9.30am

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am
& 6.30pm Masses



We welcome into our Parish Community

Jack Alen Dent-Greene
Bruach naHabhann

Arina Ciuiuko, Quail Run, Maryborough Village

Meliyah Margaret McQuillan Coyle

Who were baptised last weekend

Saint Martha - 29th July

Some of us are more like Martha - and some of us are more like Mary; but there is in all of us a built in need to combine the two within us, for without sitting and listening to God our work for God can only lead to anxiety and anger and angst, - and without doing the work our faith is clearly nothing.

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Sunday 4th AUG 7.30pm

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TEACH US TO PRAY



"Our Father ..."

As you all know, Jesus spent much time in prayer and he was a great teacher. One day he went to a quiet place to pray. When he had finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus answered, 'When you pray, say,

"Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil."

That is a beautiful prayer, isn't it? It isn't a very long prayer, but there are three things in this short prayer that every prayer should include. First of all, it praises God, our heavenly Father. Second, it asks God to provide for what we need for each day. Finally, it asks for God's forgiveness for the times that we fall short of what he expects of us.

After 2000 years, we still pray the way that Jesus taught us.



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Teach Us to Pray

Jesus said to them, when you pray, say, "Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses; as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil." Based on Luke 11:2-4

Choose the word that best matches the definition

- ___ 1. Holy, sacred, worthy of praise
A. hallowed B. forgive C. teach D. evil
- ___ 2. To remove the blame for doing wrong
A. pray B. sin C. forgive D. teach
- ___ 3. A country whose ruler is a king or queen
A. earth B. evil C. heaven D. kingdom
- ___ 4. The planet where we live
A. Saturn B. Mars C. Earth D. Venus
- ___ 5. Something bad; wicked
A. pray B. evil C. heaven D. hallowed
- ___ 6. A baked food made from flour
A. fruit B. Vegetables C. bread D. Salad
- ___ 7. To speak to God with praise, confession, asking, thanksgiving
A. Pray B. forgive C. kingdom D. temptation
- ___ 8. To instruct someone on how to do something
A. pray B. forgive C. evil D. teach
- ___ 9. The place where God is
A. evil B. heaven C. sin D. teach
- ___ 10. To break God's laws
A. sin B. pray C. teach D. forgive





TIME TO THINK!

HARVEST - A TIME OF HOPE

Recently I was greatly inspired by the kind gesture of a neighbour calling with a bag of fresh vegetables from their garden. There is something very fulfilling eating fresh vegetables that you have nurtured and cultivated with your own hands. Harvest is from the Anglo-Saxon word *hærfest*, "Autumn". It then came to refer to the season for reaping and gathering grain and other grown products. The full moon nearest the autumnal equinox is called the Harvest Moon. So in ancient traditions Harvest Festivals were traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This moon is the full moon which falls in the month of September.

An early Harvest Festival used to be celebrated at the beginning of the Harvest season on 1st August and was called Lammass, meaning 'loaf Mass'. Farmers made loaves of bread from the fresh wheat crop. These were given to the local church as the Communion bread during a special service thanking God for the harvest.

As we celebrate the beginning of harvest time, once again we are reminded of God's bounty, when it comes the harvest. In Celtic times, this season of Lunasa was an occasion of thanksgiving. The Celtic people burnt huge fires, danced and celebrated many rituals, as they thanked God, for the food and sustenance that nourished them as they faced the darker and more vulnerable months of the year. Harvest time is indeed a time of rich blessing, a time to gather all that has been planted and cared for since the early spring. There can be no harvest without all the necessary tilling, planting, pruning, weeding and nourishing that accompany any fruit that ripens into something good and nourishing.

Perhaps this harvest time is an opportunity for us all, to acknowledge the fruits that we all have in the depth of our being. Fruits that take a lot of time to grow and mature into the beautiful personality and unique qualities that are particular to all our stories. The gift of Grand-parents who embody the story of every harvest. Parents who respond so generously to the needs of their children. Parenting I'm sure in many ways could be likened to tending the needs of the vineyard, it is constant, demanding, most challenging and in many ways totally dependent on the unconditional generosity and reservoir of love, that provides for the needs of family life. I am often truly inspired by the time and indeed sacrifices that so many wonderful parents, so often make for their children, in order to allow them to grow and realise the best possible harvest for their family.



No fruit or talent can realise its potential without effort and work.

The story is told about a group of frogs, travelling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope left for them. However, the two frogs decided to ignore what the others were saying and they proceeded to try and jump out of the pit. Despite their efforts, the group of frogs at the top of the pit were still saying that they should just give up, that they would never make it out. Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying and he gave up, falling down to his death. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to stop the pain and just die. He jumped even harder and finally made it out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he was deaf. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

Moral of the story: People's words can have a big effect on other's lives. Think about what you say before it comes out of your mouth. It might just be the difference between life and death. May we be all instruments of encouragement and radiators of hope. Encouragement is verbal sun shine that allows real growth and rich harvest.

Lord, thank you for walking with us through the seasons of our lives.

For the winter, when we are held safe in your arms through the darkness.

For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.

For summer time, full of warmth and colour.

And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.

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Above; Elizabeth Tynan and Simon Walton,
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the Church of the Assumption, the Heath.
Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne



Above; Clare Meehan and Dylan Doheny,
who were married on Saturday 29th June,
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church.
Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne



Above; Róisín Ryan and Shane Forde, who
were married on Friday 5th July, in the
Church of the Assumption, the Heath.
Celebrant; Fr. David Vard

We wish all couples every good wish and blessing for a happy future together.



Congratulations



Above; Karen Delaney and Michael Dowling
who were married on Friday 12th July, in
St. Paul's Church, Emo.
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Above; Ann-Marie Ireland and Padraig Kiely
who were married on Thursday 18th July, in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church.
Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne



*Love is patient, Love is kind.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.
Love never fails.*
1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

Pictured Left;
Christine Farrell and James Shalloe
who were married on
Saturday 20th July, in the Church
of the Assumption, the Heath.
Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne

We wish all couples every good wish and blessing for a happy future together.



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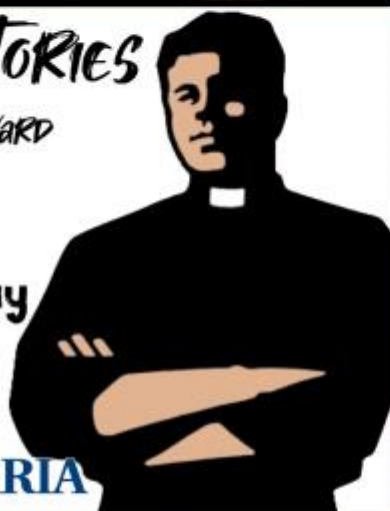
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back, we know, because we've tried,
And neither will a thousand tears,
We know, because we've cried.

*Missing you always, your loving Mother Mossie xx
your sisters Martina, Lisa and Sandra, Godson Keith,
nieces Lexie and Hannah, nephews Dion, Jake and
Raymond and all your loving family and friends.*

May you have the best bed in Heaven Dean,
until we meet again.

Also remembering your late Father, Raymond, who
passed away recently.

May Dean and Raymond Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

ELLA McGRATH

46 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



On this the first anniversary, of our wonderful mother; David, Alison, Stuart, Aisling and her grandchildren Ava, Adam, Aaaron, Caoimhe, Will, Molly, Abbie, Emmie and Ben would like to thank everyone who called to our home, attended the rosary, funeral Mass and burial, sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy and all those

who travelled to be with us, it really meant a lot to all the family.

Thank you to our old neighbours in St. Brigid's Place and the Borris Road, your kindness will never be forgotten.

Sincere thanks to all the Priests of the Parish and Mammy's brother Fr. Tom for the beautiful Mass.

We would like to thank Matthew Keegan and David Goode, funeral directors, for the dignified, respectful and professional manner in which they carried out Mammy's funeral arrangements and to the gravediggers for taking such care in preparing her final resting place.

Heartfelt thanks to Catherine and Franzita for the beautiful music and singing and to Bosco's catering for providing refreshments and Grellan Delaney for providing the venue.

Our thanks also to Jim, Deirdre and all the staff in Hughes Pharmacy, Dr. Gullane and all her staff, Patricia Bowe and Bernie McGloshen, Judy Preston, Portlaoise hospital and St. James hospital and a special thank you to Kilminchy nursing home who looked after Mammy so well in her final weeks and the compassion they showed to us, we will be forever grateful.

Thank you to all of Mammy's wonderful friends in the Parish Centre and a huge thank you to Mammy's best friend Margaret, so well known to us in our home as the "Twin", thanks for everything you did for Mammy and us, we would have been lost without you.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

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

Ella's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, this Saturday 27th July at 6:30pm.

Also thinking of our father Mick at this time.

Will those who think of Mammy and Daddy today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

Gentle Jesus up above, give our Nanny and Ga Ga a great big hug.

Rest in Peace

1st ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of My Dear Friend

ELLA McGRATH

46 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



Missing You;

We're missing you, a little more,
each time we hear your name,
We've cried so many tears, yet our
hearts are broken just the same,
We miss our time together, things in
common we could share,

But nothing fills the emptiness, now
you're no longer here,

We have so many precious
memories to last our whole life through, each one of
them reminders, of how much we're missing you.

*Always remembered and sadly missed by Margaret,
Danny and family.*

Rest in Peace Ella

In Loving Memory of

BRIAN BLAND

21 Borris Road, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 3rd August at 10am.



Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away,
And those who loved you dearly,
Are thinking of you today.

*Sadly missed and loved by his sister
Geraldine, brother-in-law David,
step-father Eddie Burns,*

nieces Sinead, Evelyn and Lisa and nephew David.

May Brian Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

AGNES LAWLESS

29 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

21st Anniversary occurs 28th July 2019



*Will those who think of
Agnes today,*

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Always remembered and never
forgotten by Mick xxx*

May Agnes Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
CARMEL FITZPATRICK



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 1st Birthday away from Home.

Always in our thoughts and
 prayers.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by,
 James, Betty, Noel and families.*

May Carmel Rest in Peace

GOD GRANT ME THE
SERENITY
 I **ACCEPT** SOULS THE I **CANNOT**
CHANGE;
COURAGE
 I **CHANGE** IF I **THINGS**
I CAN;
& WISDOM
TO KNOW THE
difference

In Loving Memory of
JOHN HYLAND

Ballydavis, whose 15th Anniversary occurs 9th August.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the
 Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on
 Sunday 4th August at 9:30am.

After Glow

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy
 one,

I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done,
 I'd like to leave an echo, whispering softly down the ways,
 Of happy times and laughing times and bright and
 sunny days,

I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the
 sun, of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Loved and remembered by his loving family.

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DOWLING

2 Borris Little, Portlaoise, who died 26th July 1993.



We miss you from your fireside chair,
 Your loving smile and gentle air,
 Your vacant place no one can fill,
 We miss you mother and always will.
 Each time we look at your picture,
 You seem to smile and say,
 Don't be sad but courage take,
 And love each other for my sake.

Kathleen's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
 Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 27th July at 6:30pm.

*Always remembered by your daughters Kathleen and Gertie,
 son-in-law Owen and family.*

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

Life is but a stopping place,
 A pause in what's to be,
 A resting place along the road,
 To sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
 Different paths along the way,
 We are all meant to learn some
 things,
 But never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place,
 Far greater than we know,
 For some the journey's quicker,
 For some the journey's slow.

But when the journey finally ends,
 We'll claim a great reward,
 And find an everlasting peace,
 Together with the Lord.



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The Defibrillator is covered by CCTV and is also alarmed.

Well done to those who have launched this initiative to make Defibrillators more available to the general population in the case of emergencies. Undoubtedly it will save lives.



Mrs Dormouse was stealing food from the kitchen with her children, when Slat, the cat pounced. Encouraging her children to run, Mrs Dormouse shepherded them towards the mouse hole but it was obvious she wasn't going to make it. In desperation, she turned to face Slat the cat and shouted 'Bark, Bark' extremely loudly. Slat the cat skidded to a halt, turned and ran away. Mrs Dormouse turned to her children and said, 'You see how important it is to learn a foreign language.'





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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.

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.

Kildare Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: from Tues. 13th August to Thurs. 15th August, Feast of the Assumption. Bus leaving Monasterevin at 6.30am. For further details contact Michael on 087-669702 or Joe 087-3815887.

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