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2nd June 2019

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

World Communications Day



A beautiful piece of Art was installed at Scoil Bhríde during the week depicting children at play. Created in steel and glass it was executed by artist Michelle O'Donnell, Glasshammer studios, Rhode, Offaly. Inset photo shows the Artist, Michelle with Principal, Muriel Wall Coughlan and Msgr John.



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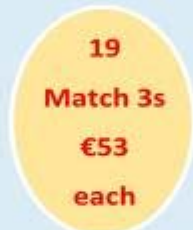
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Prayer for Exams

As I prepare for my exams help me to study well.

Help me to stay calm and not become over anxious.

Let Your Spirit guide me and help me to remember what is truly important in life.

Help me during the exams to remember what I have studied and to present my answers to the best of my ability.

Lord, stay close to me and help me at this time. Amen.

World Communications Day

Sunday 2nd June 2019

On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in Communications, and particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country.

Our Catholic Communication offices support the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. These offices are the central point for media enquiries and are a key resource for national and international media professionals.

The Catholic Church celebrates World Communications Day on 2nd June in 2019, when we are asked to pray for those who work in the media and when a second collection is taken after Mass to fund this important work.

Priests of the Parish



Msgr. John Byrne P.P.V.G.
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Fr. Tom O'Connor P.E.
(Parish Chaplain)

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Parish Centre during office hours
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Outside of Office Hours

In emergencies only

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057-8621364



Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

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MANAGER Declan Kelly

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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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Advertising deadline: 12 noon Wednesday

Subject to availability of space

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PARISH SHOP

Religious gifts and books.



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

A book to place names of those doing exams is available in the exam space (middle of the Parish Church. All names will be remembered at the Exam Mass.

CEMETERY SUNDAY PRAYER

O God, this hour revives in us memories of loved ones who are here no more.

What happiness we shared when they walked among us!

What joy, when, loving and loved,

we lived our lives together!

Their memory is a blessing forever.

Months or years may have passed,

yet we feel near to them.

Our hearts yearn for them.

Though the bitter grief has softened,

a duller pain abides,

for the place where once they stood is empty now.

The links of life are broken,

but the links of love and longing cannot break.

Their souls are bound up with ours forever.

O Lord, I thank You for allowing me to have these very special people in my life.

I have been truly blessed by their presence,

their words and actions, and their love.

I grieve not for them, but for myself,

as I truly miss them.

We shared so much,

and yet I feel our times together were fleeting.

Help me, O God,

to realise that the distance between us now

is not so great and that one day,

I will be reunited with them in paradise.

Together, we will glorify You,

Almighty Father, Your only Son, Jesus Christ,

and Your Holy Spirit for all eternity. Amen.

**Bishop Denis will celebrate our
Cemetery Sunday Mass today 1pm**

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday (Bank Holiday)

10am

Tuesday – 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,

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.

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



We welcome into our Parish Community

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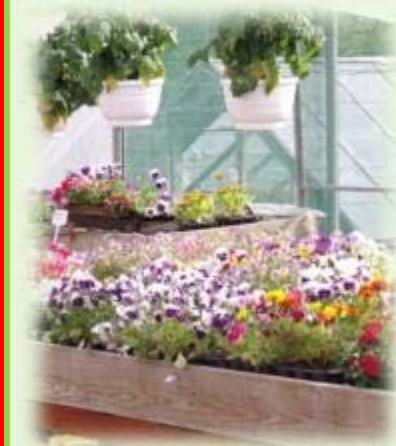
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Friday 7th June 2019

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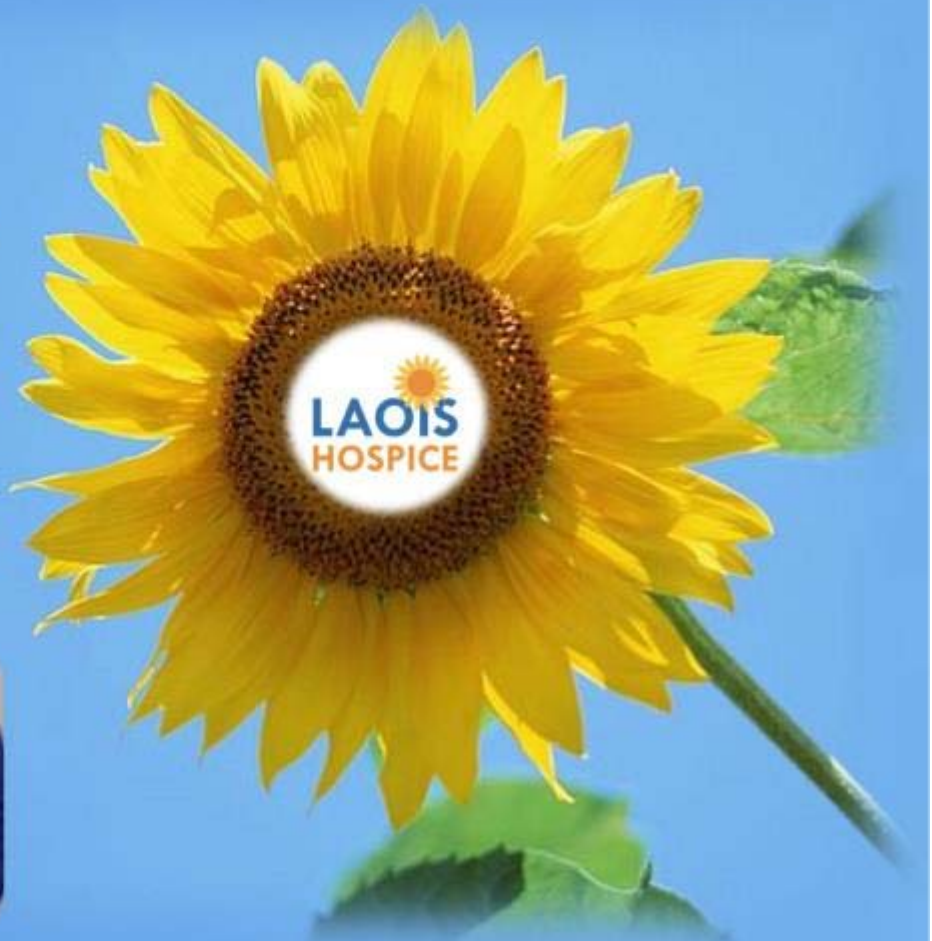
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If you have an hour to
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I love balloons. There are so many things you can do with balloons. Some people can make balloons into various shapes. That is fun to watch! There are also a lot of different games you can play with balloons. You can tie them around your ankle and play "Stomp the Balloon" or you can fill them with water and have a water balloon fight.

One of the most enjoyable things one can do with a balloon is to fill it with helium. I am sure you know that when filled with helium, a balloon floats in the air. If you don't want it to get away from you, it is a good idea to hold on tight or tie it around your wrist. But it is also quite enjoyable when it does float away from you. It is fun to stand and watch as the balloon floats higher and higher into the heavens until it totally disappears. The only way to experience that is to be willing to let it go.



When Jesus was ready to return to heaven, he took his disciples aside to make sure that they understood everything that had happened to him. He explained why it was important for him to be crucified and to be raised from the dead to fulfill what the Scriptures had said about him. He also told them that he was going to return to his Father in heaven, and that the Holy Spirit would come to be with them.

At first, the disciples were sad that Jesus would be leaving them, but then the Bible tells us that Jesus opened their minds so they would understand. Then, an amazing thing happened. The Bible tells us that Jesus lifted his hands and blessed his disciples. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

In my imagination I can see the disciples standing and watching as Jesus ascended higher and higher until he disappeared from view. Were the disciples sad? No way! The Bible tells us that when Jesus had ascended into heaven, the disciples worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. There they stayed continually in the temple, praising God.

We are here today for the very same purpose. We have come into the temple to worship him with great joy!

Dear Father,

we thank you for sending Jesus, your only Son, to die for our sin.

**We know that he has risen from the dead and has returned to
heaven. Bless us today as we worship him with great joy! Amen.**





Jesus Prays for His Disciples



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

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have _____ your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the _____ you gave me and they _____ them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I _____ for them. I am not praying for the _____, but for those you have _____ me, for they are yours. All I have is _____, and all you have is _____. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, _____ them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be _____ as we are one.



**KEEP
FATHER**

**SHOW
LIVE**

**LOVE
FOREVER**

**COMMAND
ORPHAN**

Today's feast is the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, 40 days after his death and resurrection.

In the Gospel

Jesus blesses his friends and goes back to Heaven as he has done everything his Father wanted him to do. He promises his friends he will send the Holy Spirit.



The Ascension





TIME TO THINK!

TURNING GREEN IS BEING CHRISTIAN

Recent European and local elections highlighted that our environment and climate change is a fundamental concern among most citizens. Young people lead this awareness in all our primary and secondary schools. Recent events to highlight climate and environmental issues have been led by young people. As adults we must listen and embrace their concerns and activism, being Green is also being christian....in his encyclical, *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis says...."[The earth] now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her."

I wonder if you have thought what it might be like to be facing climate breakdown, without having a faith? For many people, this is their reality.

I have for so long now been sure that I am loved, that I have a reason for hope, and that nothing can separate me from the love of God, (neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,' Rom 8: 38-39. I believe, along with Julian of Norwich, that 'All will be well'.

Some people are not just going through their life with the usual uncertainty about their personal future, with a fear of death – their own, their loved ones, but now have added to that the fear that the whole of the world, everything that lives and breathes, all plant life, sea life, animate and inanimate, is under threat.

And as individuals it is easy to feel so small and insignificant that we are at the mercy of what is coming, with no power to change things.

So, what can we offer people without faith, as Christians?

- We can offer what we are and how we are.
- We can show by the way that we live and act that we have hope.
- We can be people who can listen, and we can provide a good, positive place for others to be heard, to be angry or upset.
- We can face the truth together and not deny it. Our hope is not a head in the sand hope, it is hope with our eyes wide open to the truth.
- We can actively enjoy the world as it is, we are surrounded by beauty - clouds, birds, petals, caterpillars.
- We can show love to each other and to all others.
- We can be good to be around.
- We can join with other activists and campaigners out of love for the world we believe is lovingly created and out of love for all of us who depend on it.
- We can speak truth to power and choose silence if accused falsely of wrong doing – both tactics which Jesus adopted.

For some people, heading for climate breakdown is terrifying, risking arrest because of civil disobedience is frightening, being ostracised by those who think we are doing the wrong thing, is upsetting; for Christians though, we have an inner light, we are part of the vine, in God, in



Jesus, intimately connected to each other (John 15) and we know that even if things turn against us we need not despair. 'We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed.' (2 Corinthians 4:9)

I think what we have to offer to climate change activists and those frightened by climate change is faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is Love. (1 Cor 13:13)

A Prayer on Climate Change

Creator God, this earth is miraculous and beautiful. Forgive our confusion and inaction as we confront the challenges of climate change. In the light of your truth, seen so clearly in the life and teaching of Jesus, help us to re-examine ourselves and our lifestyle choices and see clearly the implications of how we live on all that sustains life on this earth.

May we follow your lead in caring for every aspect of this precious world, which you made, and love.

We pray for world leaders to find new, just and radical agreements that will protect our fragile world for future generations.

Throughout history you have moved people to do amazing things for the sake of their neighbours.

Inspire us now to work together, as your people, to change priorities in the way we live, so that we build a fair and safe world for all your creation; a world where your will is done as it is in heaven. 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



10TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS

Entry forms are now available for the 2019 Community & Voluntary Awards. This year's awards are brought to you by Laois County Council in partnership with Laois Public Participation Network and are proudly sponsored for the first time by People's First Credit Union. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the awards.

Nominations can be made under the following headings:

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- Unsung Hero

***CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS:
FRIDAY 5TH JULY, 2019.***

Applications are available on-line or in paper format via Laois County Council, Laois Public Participation Network or your local People's First Credit Union Branch.

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First Holy Communion in our Parish last Saturday

Scoil Bhríde





DVD with the ceremony including photos available in the Parish Centre (on request only, €10).
 Photos courtesy of Agnieszka Kaczmarek
 More photos on our website www.portlaoiseparish.ie

Calling all 2019 Confirmation Candidates and Young People

Would you like to become a Young Pioneer?

The Young Pioneer was founded to help young people who wish to abstain from alcohol until they reach the age of 18 years and who want to remain free from drugs for life.

If you would like to become a Young Pioneer please complete the attached application form and return to your School Office by Friday 14th June 2019.

Enrolments of the Young Pioneers will take place on Friday 28th June 2019 during 7.30p.m mass in the Parish Centre.

Message for Parents / Guardians – *This can be a very important choice / decision for your son / daughter.*

Application Form for Young Pioneer Membership



Name: _____ **School:** _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Application _____

Signed: **Applicant** _____

I (Parent / Guardian) _____

Consent to my son / daughter named above to enrol as a member of the Young Pioneers.

Signed: **Parent / Guardian** _____

Contact No. for Parent / Guardian _____

Date: _____

Thank You



Fr. Tom O' Connor wishes to thank most sincerely; Bishop Nulty, Msgr. Byrne, Fr. Paddy, Fr. David, Fr. Eddie, housekeepers and all the staff and all of the people of this faith-gifted Parish, for your kindness in marking my Diamond Jubilee with such a wonderful celebration in the Church and the Parish Centre.

I am very touched by the Masses and prayers as well as all the good wishes that have flowed in from all of you. My sincere thanks for your many Masses and prayers offered while I was in hospital some weeks ago. I apologise for not being able to personally reply to them. I am happy to place your intentions before the Lord in Mass and Prayer as I always remember all our sick & housebound.

Every blessing always.

Fr. Tom O' Connor

Fr. Paddy to be PP Abbeyleix

The Diocesan changes announced this week by Bishop Denis brought much anticipated but still unwelcome news of change in our Parish.

After 7 years as CC, Portlaoise, Fr. Paddy is to move to Abbeyleix as PP. He will also be Parish Priest of Raheen. The consolation is that he will not be far away but more than that one of the big challenges of our time, with declining numbers and an ageing priest population, is that neighbouring parishes will have to work more closely together in the future.

The full Diocesan changes for 2019 can be viewed on the website www.kandle.ie.

Another former Curate in Portlaoise was involved - Fr. Terence McGovern who moved from here to Hacketstown as CC is now to be Parish Priest there. We wish Frs. Paddy and Terence every blessing in their new roles.



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



Gordon Rowe
De Vesci Court,
Fairgreen



Teresa Khandker
(née McCormack)
London and late of
St. John's Square

Celia Downes
(née Cassidy)
Mountmellick Road

**Vincent 'Finch' and Sully
Rossi**
Mill Court

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me: your rod
and your staff - they comfort me.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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In Loving Memory of BERNADETTE KELLY

11 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise whose Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 2nd June at 11:15am.

*We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,
But all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame,
Your resting place we visit and put flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.*

Always remembered by Sean, Donal and Joan.

May Bernadette Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of DAVID CARROLL

33rd Anniversary occurs 7th June 2019



Because you cannot see me, does not
mean that I'm not there, because I am in
Heaven, does not mean I do not care.

I often see you crying, you often say my
name, I want to hold you tight,
I want to ease your pain.

It's easy for me, for I know Heaven is real,
If you knew the truth, how much better you
would feel.

One day we will meet again, when the time is right,
When you step out of the darkness, I will be standing in the light.
*Always remembered and never forgotten; Dad, Mam, Sister,
Brothers, Sisters-in-law, Brother-in-law, Nieces and
Nephews xxxxxxxx*

Also remember David's Grandad

JIM CARROLL

Anniversary occurs 9th June

Will those who think of him today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Always remembered, Jimmy, Maureen, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren. xxxxx*

May David and Jim Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of PADDY BRACKEN

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise whose anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on **Saturday 8th June at 6.30pm**

*Will those who think of Paddy today,
A little prayer to Jesus say*

*Loved always by the Dunne & Bracken Families.
Also remember Mary & Laurence Dunne, Ballyfin Rd.*

May Paddy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of DANIEL (Dan) CONROY

Glenfield, Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 8th June.



*Loving memories of you Dan,
We will never forget.
Sadly missed along life's way,
We think of you everyday,
No longer in our lives to share, but in our
hearts you are always there.*

**Dan's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter
& Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 8th June at 6.30pm**
Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving nieces and nephews.

May Dan Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of TERRY CONNELL

& JOHN (Rinty) CONNELL

Whose 32nd and 26th anniversaries occur at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on **Saturday 1st June at 6:30pm.**

*Dearer still as the years depart,
They live forever in our hearts.*

*Always remembered and sadly missed by Liz, Liam, Noreen,
John, Mary, Domo & Freda.*

May Terry & John Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of JIMMY FITZPATRICK

The Square Bar, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 7th June 2019.



Jimmy's 3rd Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on **Sunday 9th June at 11:15am.**

*Sadly missed by his loving wife
Ann and family.*

Ar dheis dé go raibh a anam dilis

In Loving Memory of COLEY CONNELL

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise whose 15th Anniversary occur at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 1st June at 6:30pm.

*You still live on in the hearts and minds of the
loving family you left behind.*

*Always remembered and sadly missed by your
loving husband Liam, son Philip, daughter
Orlaith, son-in-law John and grandchildren
Holly and Saran.*

May Coley Rest in Peace



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of my Beautiful Son

JAMIE-LEE MOORE

4th Birthday away from home occurs 5th June 2019.

Happy 21st Birthday in Heaven Jamie-Lee



Is there a party up in Heaven to celebrate today? Did the angels frost a cake for you or sing to start your day?

We're celebrating you down here as they must be above, I truly hope your special day is filled with peace and love.

This day was always special as we gathered round you here, we'd sing and laugh and celebrate your day with so much cheer.

I miss those special moments that we shared throughout the years,

It's hard to find that on this day my eyes now fill with tears.

I'm trying hard to smile for you....but oh...that empty chair,

I turn around and find myself still shocked that you're not there.

Please know I'm thinking of you as I go throughout each day,

This day is very special though because it's your birthday.

Hugs and 21 Kisses, Love and miss you always son,
you are always in my heart. Mummy xxxxx

Birthday Remembrance of our beautiful Brother

Jamie-Lee

Happy 21st Birthday in Heaven Brother

It's your birthday up in Heaven and we are wondering what you'll do.

Will there be a celebration and a cake to honour you?

Are the kitchen angels busy, breaking eggs and sifting flour?

Is the angel choir practicing as it gets close to the hour?

Is there ice-cream made from snowflakes and some candy made from clouds? Will it be just you and Jesus or all the happy crowds?

We won't be there to hug you or to count and pull your ears,
And I'm sure we will feel lonely, as we shed some birthday tears, but
we know your Heavenly birthday will be your best one yet,
Just remember we still love you and wish we could be with you today,
on your special day.

Sending you lots of hugs and 21 big kisses, love you lots,
missing you always, Tanya, Tina, Jake, Taylor and your
niece Kyramae xxxxxx

Birthday Remembrance of my beautiful Nephew

Jamie-Lee

Wish you were here today, even for just a little while,

So we could say happy 21st birthday and see your beautiful smile,

The only gifts today will be, the gifts you left behind,

The laughter, joy and happiness, precious memories ... the best kind.

Today we do our very best, to try to find a happy place,

Struggling to hide our heavy hearts and the tears on our face,

We'll sit quietly and look at your picture, thinking of you with love,
hoping you are doing ok, in Heaven up above.

Love and miss you always Jamie-Lee, Aunty Sharon, James,
kids, Nanny Maureen and Uncle Kevin xxxxx

When I think of you, I crack a smile, it makes my day worthwhile,
Looking back on the years, all we have been through, reminds me
everyday, how much I miss you.

When I think of you and all the things you use to do, it makes me
happy and gets me through, although you were like family to us, we
can never grieve enough.

On this day, you are 21, I know you see as we look up at the sun,
In our hearts, you shall always stay, missing you more everyday.

Love and miss you always, Louise, Joe and family.

Happy 21st Birthday in Heaven Jamie-Lee

In Loving Memory of GERARD DUNNE

Braccas, Ballacolla, and formerly Borris Little,
Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary away from home occurs 8th June.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Saturday
8th June at 10am.

*We begin to remember, not just
that you died, but that you lived,
and that your life gave us
memories too beautiful to forget.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by
Kathleen and all his family xxx

May Gerard Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of GER, JOHN & SÉAMUS DUNNE

Late of 6 Borris Little, Portlaoise, whose anniversaries
occur at this time.



Wonderful memories of ones
so dear,
Treasured still with a love
sincere,
In our hearts they are living
yet,
We loved them too dearly to
forget.



Loved and remembered by Geraldine, Tony and family.

Rest in Peace

You are the

Light
of the World



In Loving Memory of PATRICK SHIELS

Formerly of Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 2nd June 2019.



*We wander to your graveside dad
and place your flowers with care
No one knows the heartache as we
turn and leave you there.*

*It seems you only left us yesterday
The wounds are still so sore
We hold you close within our hearts
Dad and there you will remain*

To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving sons,
daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Rest in Peace Patrick

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

RAY BERGIN

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. Died 7th May '19.



We, the family of Ray Bergin, would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the staff of Tullamore Hospital, both ward 3 and ICU.

We would especially like to thank anyone who brought sandwiches and food to our house and helped out in any way.

Thank you to all those who sent Mass and Sympathy cards and messages of support and to those who travelled long distances to be with us at such a sad time.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne and Fr. Paddy, for the beautiful Mass and for all their support and to Matthew Keegan for carrying out Ray's funeral arrangements with such professionalism, dignity and respect. Our thanks also to the grave diggers for preparing Ray's final resting place with such care.

Ray will be sadly missed by his wife Mossie, daughters Martina, Lisa and Sandra, grandchildren and all his loving family and many friends.

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

Ray's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Friday 7th June at 10am.

Rest in Peace Ray

ANNIVERSARY & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Paddy) CARROLL

25 Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise
37th Anniversary occurred 28th May 2019.
95th Birthday Remembrance occurs 9th July 2019.



*Deep in our hearts you are fondly remembered,
Sweet happy memories cling around your name,
True hearts that loved you with deepest
affection, always will love you in death just
the same.*

*You're not forgotten Father, dear, nor ever
shall you be,*

As long as life and memory last, we shall remember you dear Dad.

God bless you Dad on your 95th birthday from all your loving family.

*Micky, Tommy, Ann, P.J., Eileen and John, sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace



There will be no Divine Mercy Mass
in the Parish Church this
Wednesday night, 5th June.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

PEGGY BRENNAN

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise. Died 10th June 2018.



On this, the first anniversary of Peggy's death, and her birthday, her husband Aidan, sons and daughters, extend their sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with them, in their great loss.

Sincere thanks to those who attended the removal to the funeral home, Requiem Mass and burial and to all

who sent Mass cards, letters and messages of sympathy. Very special thanks to Bernie, the nurses and staff of Ballard Lodge Nursing Home, to the doctors and nurses of Portlaoise Regional Hospital, the staff of Laois/Offaly Palliative Care Unit, the HSE Carers and Dr. John Geraghty of the Cedar Clinic for their wonderful loving care of Peggy during her illness.

To Msgr. Byrne and all the Priests of Portlaoise Parish and Fr. Sean Kelly, Stradbally, for their spiritual guidance and support, we are truly grateful.

We thank Funeral Directors, Matthew Keegan Ltd. For their kindness and professionalism.

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

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

Peggy's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 8th June at 6:30pm.

Rest in Peace Peggy

An Angel's Hand



**An angel whispered in my ear
Believe in me and have no fear
Come with me and take my hand
I will take you to another land
A place of peace, a place of light
Do not be afraid, just hold on tight
Your earth days are done but don't be sad
Remember all the good times that you had
Loved ones will join you, don't despair
You have many in Heaven waiting for you there
Your body died but your soul was set free
That's why you get to fly with me**



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.

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 3rd June;** Oisín McConville - Former Armagh County GAA Player,

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.

Teach Mhuire Praying Community Mass for Healing will be celebrated Tuesday 4th June in St. Paul's Church Emo. Holy Rosary 7:45pm at Grotto, followed by Holy Mass 8pm. Celebrant Fr. Eddie Lalor CC Portlaoise.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2019: 7 Night Package Inclusive €705 3rd-10th October. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland cc. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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.

June 5th: No meeting today as many members will be enjoying the Tourism & Trade Show for the over 50's age group, at Punchestown Racecourse. We hope everybody will have an informative, interesting and entertaining day.

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.

Portlaoise Area Community Games: The area finals in all athletic events will take place on Tuesday 4th June at Portlaoise College running track (enter via Harpur's Lane). Registration at 6:30pm, parents signature is required on registration forms. For further info. visit the Portlaoise Community Games Facebook page.

Sue Ryder Charity Shop: Donations always welcome of ladies/gents good quality clothing, shoes, bric-a-brac, jewellery, giftsets, curtains, household appliances, unwanted gifts, bed linen, blankets, furniture. Call Marguerite on 085-8662842.

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.

Pioneer News: The annual presentation of pins to celebrate 10 years, Silver (25 years), Gold (50 years) and Diamond Jubilee (60+ years) of pioneer membership will take place on Friday 28th June during 7.30pm Mass in the Parish Church. The presentation is open to members of the Pioneers who joined in Portlaoise Parish and also those who may be living outside the parish now and also for Pioneers now living in Portlaoise Parish who joined in another Parish. Anyone wishing to avail of a Jubilee pin, please forward your name before Wednesday 19th June to Paddy Lalor 087-2868092. Any person wishing to join as a member of the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association can do so by contacting Paddy or any of the committee members.



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