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30th June 2019

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Together is Better' Baby & Toddler Group



For the past two years the baby and toddler group "Together is better" have been meeting in the parish centre on Friday morning from 10am - 11.30am. The group welcomes everyone with open arms and provides a great opportunity to get to know new parents from the area. See more on page 20 and an Ad for an interesting forthcoming Fund Raiser.

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27th June 2019 Portlaoise Parish



No **€11,000** Jackpot Winner

One MATCH 3 Winner

€1,000

Thomas O'Brien Jnr

Promoter: Marie O'Brien

Next Week's Jackpot

€12,000

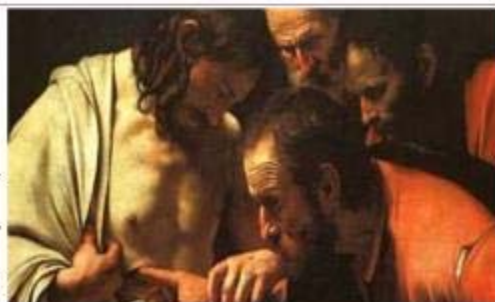
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Communion Rounds (First Friday)

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

St Thomas the Apostle 3rd July

'Doubting Thomas' shares the lot of Peter the impetuous, James and John, the "sons of thunder," Philip and his foolish request to see the Father—in fact all the apostles in their flaws and lack of understanding. However we mustn't dwell too much on these facts, for Jesus chose his disciples because he could see their worth despite their weakness. We are shown that God chooses ordinary men and women just like us to do his work.



Priests of the Parish



Msgr. John Byrne P.P.V.G.
Tel: 057 8692153



Fr. Paddy Byrne C.C.
Tel: 057 8661139



Fr. David Vard C.C.
Tel: 057 8509998



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



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

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

Outside of Office Hours

In emergencies only

To contact the Priest on duty
057-8621364



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MANAGER Declan Kelly

Parish Secretaries Michelle Bartley
Agnieszka Kaczmarek

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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
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- 6:30pm: Betty Lynch, Mary Lalor, Michelle Bartley,
Nicholas Bergin, Pauline O'Sullivan & Therese Hennelly.
- 8.30am: Elaine Duff, Frank O'Reilly & Natalie Dunne
- 10am: Sandra Hanniffy, Liam Moran, Josie Meehan,
Noel O'Rourke & Chris Lannigan
- 11:15am: Eugene McDonough, Mary Fogarty, Maura O'Brien,
Mary Butler, Jordan Overton & Claudette Whyte
- 12.30pm: Dennis Maloney, Christine Lacey, John Delaney,
Elaine McGinn, Ann Marie Lynch & Mary Saunders.

Hospital Ministers for the Month of July

- Sunday: Liam Greene & Mary Bradley
- Wednesday: Michael Holohan & Margaret Holohan

Ballard Nursing Home

Helena Corbett

Funeral Ministers of Holy Communion for July

Mary Ging & Barry O'Callaghan

READERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

- 6:30pm: Mark Delaney & Pauline Carbery
- 8.30am: Jennifer McEvoy & Joseph McEvoy
- 10am: PJ Phelan & Caroline McCormack
- 11:15am: Michael McNamara & Vivian Ohaa
- 12.30pm: Mary Ann Dunne

COLLECTORS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY PARISH CHURCH

- 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 & Margaret Houlihan.

Bitesize

Fear is a darkroom where negatives develop. *Usman B. Asif*



A Farewell Mass for Fr. Paddy will be held in the Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska, next Friday (5th July) at 7pm. All are welcome.

Peter's Pence collection takes place next Sunday. Envelopes in Development Boxes. Thank you for your kind contribution.

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,

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.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Conor Paul Gallagher
Ballycarroll

Con Óg Tom Peter Bourke,
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Sophia Ellen Gillen
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Sunday 23rd June 2019

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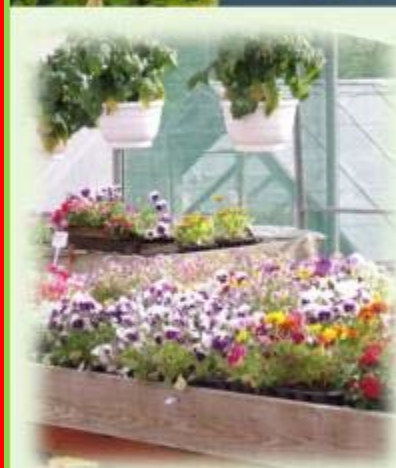
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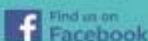
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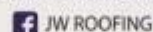
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- **Make my bed**
- **Ride my bicycle**
- **Clean my room**
- **Play with my friends**
- **Go shopping at toy store**
- **Do my homework**
- **Go to the movies**
- **Help dad mow the lawn**
- **Watch TV**



There is one problem I can see with our To-Do list. There are some things on our list that are fun and easy to do while other things might be more difficult. We might be tempted to do the fun and easy things first and leave the other things to do later. We must remember that all of the things on our To-Do list may be good, but some are more important than others.

One day, Jesus was heading toward Jerusalem with a group of disciples. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, **"I will follow you wherever you go."**

Jesus said to the man,

"Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but I don't even have a place to lay my head."

He wanted the man to understand that following him might not always be a fun and easy. Then Jesus turned to another man in the group and said, **"Follow me."**

The man answered, **"First let me go and bury my Father."**

One of the other men with Jesus said,

"Lord, I will follow you, but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus answered him,

"No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God." Jesus wants you and me to follow him too. If he were here speaking to us today, he might say to us,

"It's OK for you to have a To-Do list, but you need to make sure that you keep first things first, and the first thing on your list must be to follow me."

It is good for us to have a plan for our daily life. There are many good things that we do each day, but the most important thing is to follow Jesus. Let's remember to keep first things first.

Dear Father,



Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son to save us and to be our guide through life. We are holding on to Jesus. Amen.

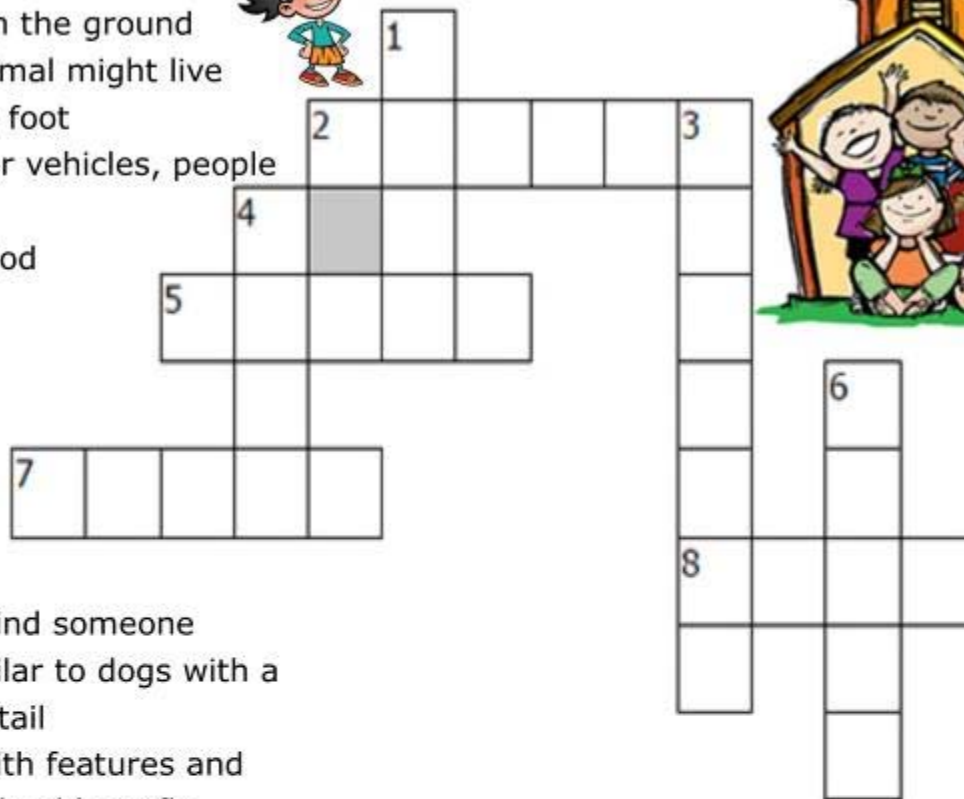
Hold on to Jesus

Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

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3. Travelling on foot
4. A pathway for vehicles, people and animals.
6. The Son of God



ACROSS

2. To walk behind someone
5. Animals similar to dogs with a long, bushy tail
7. Creatures with features and wings, usually able to fly
8. A home for birds



BIRDS	NEST	WALKING	FOXES
JESUS	FOLLOW	ROAD	HOLE

Keeping Safe during Summer Holidays

This week marks the beginning of summer holidays for all our primary school children and teachers. Summer holidays from school are perhaps the best time of the year. No early mornings, long evenings and plenty of time to do fun things. It's very important to get out and play. Don't fall into the trap of being 'stuck in' all day on your computer games.



It's also important to remember to be safe.

Remember the safe cross code.

Never swim without following all proper instructions.

And always let your parents know where you are, following their instructions.

We wish all you a wonderful summer holiday.





TIME TO THINK!

FROM GOD - TO ALL HIS CHILDREN

This Week marks the beginning of our Summer holidays for all primary school children. Let's pray that they will all enjoy a happy and bright and wonderful Summer.

Below are 10 guidelines for a happy and peaceful Summer for all;

1. QUIT WORRYING: Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you? Or do you just enjoy fretting over every little thing that comes your way?

2. PUT IT ON THE LIST: Something needs to be done or taken care of. Put it on the list. No..... not YOUR list! Put it on MY to-do-list! Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to Me. And although My to-do-list is long, I am after all God! I can take care of anything you put into My hands. In fact, I take care of a lot of things for you that you never even realise!

3. TRUST ME: Once you've given your burdens to Me, quit trying to take them back! Trust in Me. Have faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials. Problems with the kids? Put them on My list. Problem with finances? Put it on My list. Problems with your emotional roller coaster? For My sake, put it on My list. I want to help you. All you have to do is ask.

4. LEAVE IT ALONE: Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here. "Why do you think you are feeling stronger now? It's simple. You gave me your burdens, and I'm taking care of them. I also renew your strength and cover you in my peace. Don't you know that if I give you these problems back, you will be right back where you started? Leave them with me and forget about them. Just let me do my job.

5. TALK TO ME: I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the worry and the fretting because you know I'm in control. But there's one thing I want you to never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me - OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want you to include me in the things going on in your life. I want to hear you talk about your friends and family. Prayer is simply you having a conversation with me. I want to be your dearest friend.

6. HAVE FAITH: I see a lot of things from up here that you can't see from where you are. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing. Trust me, you wouldn't want the view from my eyes. I will continue to care for you, watch over you, and meet your needs. You only have to trust me. Although I have a much bigger task



than you, it seems as if you have so much trouble just doing your simple part. How hard can trust be?

7. SHARE: You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy with those who need encouragement. Share your laughter with those who haven't heard any in such a long time. Share your tears with those who are mourning. Share your faith with those who have none.

8. BE PATIENT: I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs many times, learn many trades, travel to so many places, meet thousands of people, and experience so much. How can you be so impatient then when it takes me a little longer than you expect to handle something on my to-do-list? Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect. Just because I created the entire universe in only six days, everyone thinks I should always rush, rush, rush.

9. BE KIND: Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, or talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all. Please try to get along, for my sake. I created each of you different in some way. It would be too boring if you were all identical. Please know I love each of your differences.

10. LOVE YOURSELF: As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of Love. Love me. Love your neighbours. But also love yourself. It makes my heart ache when I see you so angry with yourself when things go wrong. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

With all my heart, I love you.....GOD

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Together is Better Baby & Toddler Group

Invite you to their
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**In Portlaoise Parish Centre on
Saturday 27th July from 10am to 2pm.**

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Are you looking to sell your unwanted
baby related equipment, children's
clothes, books, toys etc?

Then why not book a table for only €15!

Pre-booking essential, contact;
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Raffle and Bake Sale on the day.

***Proceeds in aid of Féileacáin and
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Together is Better

For the past two years the baby and toddler group "Together is Better" have been meeting in the Parish Centre on Friday mornings from 10am to 11.30am. The group welcomes everyone with open arms and gives a great opportunity to get to know new parents from the area. As a parish community it is wonderful to welcome these young families, chat about their day, share a cup of tea and sometimes a simple "how are you" and a smile is all these young mummies need to reassure them.

The group has also been fundraising for different charities like Down Syndrome Ireland, Barnardos Ireland. In July we have a family market in aid of Portlaoise Hospital Special Care unit and Féileacáin. For further information please contact Christina Malone, 085-7578432.



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A Prayer service of thanksgiving was held in our Parish Church on Thursday to give heartfelt thanks to Mr. Sutton for his dedicated 40 years of service to teaching .



Prayer for Comfort

*Dear Lord, please comfort those in
grief*

Love them, lift them, give relief

For loss they've suffered, sadness felt

Make this sorrow slowly melt

Lord let happy memories ease

Creating peace like a gentle breeze

And as you help them make it through

Draw them closer Lord to you.

Look for Me in Rainbows

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;
Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.

In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.

In the evening sunset, when all the world is through,
Just look for me and love me, and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then,
My loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Time for us to part now, we won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows shining in the sky.

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6th Anniversary occurred 20th June 2019.

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We will never forget you*

*Sadly missed along life's way
With silent thoughts and deep regret
We think of you everyday
No longer in our lives to share
But in our hearts you are always there.*

*So many things have happened, since
you were called away*

*So many things to share with you, had you been left
to stay*

*Every day in some small way, memories of you come
our way.*

*We love you to the moon and back and will never forget you
Jamey. Love Mammy, Daddy and sister Ellie xxx*

**80th BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY
REMEMBRANCE**

PAULINE FLANAGAN

Dunamais House, Stradbally.



*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.*

Love Lorraine, Dan and Ellie xxx

**80th BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY
REMEMBRANCE**

PAULINE FLANAGAN

Dunamais House, Stradbally.



*Happy 80th Birthday Mam on your
27th Year Anniversary*

*Thinking of you today and always
in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love always from Jean, Caroline,
John, Mick, and grandkids Paula,
Danny, Ellie and Jayden xxx*



*Happy 21st Birthday to our Special
Little Angel Jamie*

*Always in our thoughts and
prayers*

*Love from Auntie Jeanie,
Auntie Carly, Uncle John,
Uncle Mick and cousins Paula,
Danny and Jayden xxx*

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN DUNNE**

6 Borris Little, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs 30th June



Brother & Uncle

*Beyond the rainbows end, there lies
the land of love and light,
Where shadows never dim the skies,
for there, there is no night.
And though the loss is hard to bear,
Of a loved one, or a friend,
We know that we shall find them there
beyond the rainbows end.*

Sadly missed by Barbara, Ciaran, Cheryl & Brendan.

May John Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN DUNNE**

6 Borris Little, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs 30th June 2019



Brother,

*As each day dawns, we think of you,
As each night falls, we pray for you,
And throughout our lives, no matter where,
In our hearts you are always there.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your
sister Laura, Tommy and family.*

May John Rest in Peace

You are the
Light
of the World



**In Loving Memory of
Aaron Jordan Kelly**

Knockmay and Millbrook, Portlaoise.



*Months Mind Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Sunday
7th July at 12:30pm.*

*Wonderful memories woven in gold
This is a picture I tenderly hold
Deep in my heart a memory is kept
To love, to cherish, never to forget.*

*Sadly missed and always loved and remembered by your
heartbroken Mum, Mudasar, brothers Brandon, Noah and
Junaid and sister Aisha xxx
Rest in Peace Aaron*

In Loving Memory of **OLIVER BARTLEY**

91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurred 27th June 2019



No special time is needed
for us to think of you,
To us you were someone
special and we thought
the world of you,
Your memory is our
greatest treasure, to
have, to love, and keep
forever,
Time slips by, life goes
on, but in our hearts you
are never gone.

*Loved and sadly missed by your wife Elizabeth,
sons John, Oliver, Shay, Darren, daughter Mona Lisa,
daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren.*

Oliver's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 29th June at 6.30pm in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church.

May Oliver Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **LEONA CUDDY**

Late of Meelick, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 2nd July 2019



July comes with sad regret
The day, the month, we will
never forget
Like falling leaves one year
slipped by
But love and memories never
die.
To hear your voice, to see your
smile,
To sit and talk to you awhile
To be together in the same old way, would be our
dearest wish today.

*Remembered always by your grandfather,
Mick Fitzpatrick and family, Borris Road.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on
Friday 5th July at 7:30pm.

May your gentle soul Leona, Rest in Peace

All Night Vigil in Reparation

Friday 28 June 6 p.m.
- Saturday 29 June 6 a.m.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus -
Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

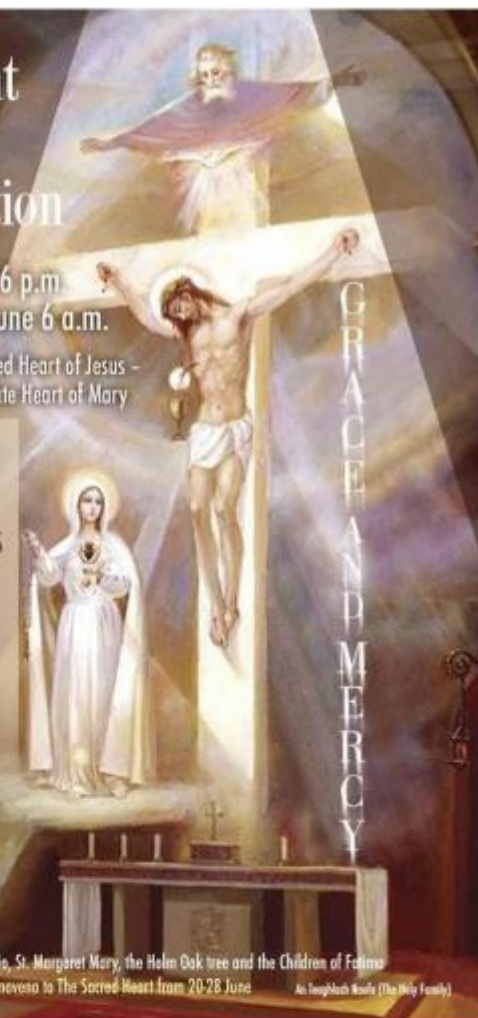
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Pioneer Total Abstinence Association

The Regional Pioneer Council are organising an outing
to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the founding of
the Pioneer Association.

The outing will take place on **Saturday 10th August**
with a visit to Glasnevin Cemetery for a guided tour
which will include visits to the graves of Fr. James
Cullen, founder of the Pioneers and Frank Duff, The
O'Connell Monument and other items of interest
with lunch in the Cemetery café. Then on to Sean
McDermott street to visit the remains of Matt Talbot.
The event will conclude with a visit to Gardener street
Church to receive a blessing with a relic of Fr. John
Sullivan and view his resting place. This is the Church
in which the Pioneer Association was founded by
Fr. Cullen. The visit will conclude with evening Mass.

Closing date for those wishing to travel is Wednesday
3rd July. Places are limited.

For full details phone 087-2868092.

DIVINE MERCY PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE JUNE 2019





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.

Divine Mercy Mass: Wednesday 3rd July 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. David Vard. Music: Margaret Brennan.

Teach Mhuire Praying Community Mass for Healing: Tuesday 2nd July in St. Paul's Church, Emo, Portlaoise. Rosary at 7.45pm at the Grotto and Mass at 8pm. Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lawlor c.c. Portlaoise.

Holy Land Pilgrimage - 13th-21st Sept. 2019: Walk in the footsteps of Jesus - Mount Tabor, Mount of Beatitudes, boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, Capernaum, Holy Sepulchre, Bethlehem, Nazareth and Cana. Direct flight from Dublin to Tel Aviv - 4 star hotels, 3 nights in Tiberias, 5 nights in Jerusalem. €1,695 - half board basis. Enquiries to MAP Travel, 01-8783111 or visit www.maptravel.ie

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

Portlaoise ARA will take a break from the Wednesday meetings to enjoy some relaxation and charge our batteries for the Autumn series. We will reconvene at the Parish Centre on 4th September, full of inspiration and energy. Until we reconvene again, we wish all our members and friends a happy, healthy, peaceful, and safe Summer and a few weeks of sunshine would also be welcome. We also take this opportunity to wish our members who may not be in good health at this time, a speedy recovery and hope to see them back in action again soon. Keep the spirits up and remember we are still Young at Heart, if not in age!

An Sean Chistin, Ire, Ballyfin, R32X5D6: This Sunday June 30th at 3pm, we will hold our annual Summer event. We invite people living with Parkinson's disease and their families and carers to be our special guests on this occasion. All are welcome to come along and sing, dance, play a tune, tell a story, recite a poem etc. or just enjoy a cuppa and chat among great company and make the occasion a memorable experience for all. Looking forward to welcoming you - Maureen, 087-6482038.

Summer Stars is back! Children's Reading Challenge takes place over the Summer holidays, it's for children up to 12 years and is absolutely FREE. Registration commenced Friday 21st June, drop into your local library and pick up a brochure of all the summer events, you'll be surprised what you find! So come on in and join in the fun!

Victim Assistance, a charity, offering assistance to all victims of crime and those who have experienced a "traumatic" incident, are launching their Midlands Regional Unit in the Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore, Mon. 1st July at 11am.

The Laois County Council Summer Arts Programme 2019 running at the Laois Music Centre, Church Ave Portlaoise includes a Portfolio Preparation Course with Mary Burke running from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July for young people aged 15 to 18 from 10am to 4pm. The course is designed to help students prepare a portfolio for submission for Art and Design Courses and will also benefit students preparing for Leaving Certificate Art Coursework. Cost €60. And lots of fun to be had at Dance Workshops with Marie Cashin from Tuesday 30th July to Thursday 1st August from 11am to 1pm and a second workshop from 2pm to 4pm for ages 7 to 12. A fun introduction to hip hop, jazz & free style. Cost €25. E-mail; artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or phone 057-8664013/33, download application forms from our website; www.laois.ie or from local libraries.

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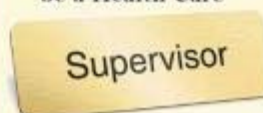
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