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31st March 2019



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FOURTH SUNDAY

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Mothering Sunday is celebrated today, fourth Sunday of Lent.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home... a day off to visit their mother and family, usually taking gifts of cake or flowers.

Nowadays it's a day to show our mothers that we appreciate and love them.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- 6:30pm: Karen Fagan, Kitty Lalor, Phil Culleton, John Culleton, Martin Sinnott & Ruaidhri Tierney.
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 11:15am: Armando Sanchez, Evelyn Keyes, Eugene McDonough, Christine Saunders & Anna Hennessy.
 12.30pm: Elaine McGinn, Michael McEvoy, Liam Greene, Ann Marie Lynch & Dennis Maloney.

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- Sunday: Noreen Doherty & Maura O'Callaghan
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READERS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- 6:30pm: Josie Fitzpatrick & Ann O'Keeffe
 8.30am: Mary Bradley & Ann O'Sullivan
 10am: Rita Muldowney & Sheila Heffernan
 11:15am: Bill Kelly & Helena Corbett
 12.30pm: Paul Quail

COLLECTORS FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- 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 & Bill Kelly.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday—Thursday

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

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.

Communion Calls

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



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Laetare Sunday



Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and they hardly ever think about the fact that Latin remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But occasionally, Latin reasserts

itself, as it does in the case of Laetare Sunday. Laetare Sunday is simply the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Laetare is the Latin for "Rejoice". It's the Sunday in Lent on which the austerity is briefly lessened. Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday and also Mother's Day.

We welcome into our Parish Community

Adam Eles,
Heathfields

Jake Shane Healy, Lime
Tree Avenue

Peigí Kate Campbell
Clonboyne Close

Who were baptised last weekend

Sunday 24th March 2019

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In order for members of the Community to be informed about the proposed development, Bord na Móna will be holding two Community Information Sessions in Portlaoise Rugby Club on the following dates:

Wednesday 10th April

Thursday 11th April

Both sessions will run from 3.00pm - 9.00pm.

Bord na Móna invites you to attend one of these sessions during the scheduled opening hours.

The site of the proposed development is located approx. 3 km north west of the Bord na Móna Cúil na Móna works which is located near Junction 17 on M7.

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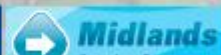
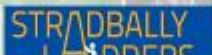
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Sunday Mass



Digging Deeper



PART THREE THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WE COME TOGETHER TO SHARE IN CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD



Gifts of Bread and Wine

Jesus purposely chose bread and wine to be the signs of his Body and Blood. Bread is known as the staff of life; it is a basic food for life. Jesus is our Bread of Life.

Wine was used by Jesus at the Last Supper to represent his Blood, shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. It also alludes to the heavenly banquet in which we will share because of Christ's sacrifice.

Both bread and wine require our co-operation with the work of creation. Wheat and grapes; bread and wine. 'Fruit of the vine and work of human hands'. A powerful reminder to us that God always seeks our co-operation and participation in what God is doing for us and to us in love.

In Memory of Him...

In this part of the Mass we join with Christ in doing what he asked us to do in memory of him. We share in the **meal** that he had with his disciples, his followers, in the upper room on Holy Thursday: The Last Supper.

Jesus saw in this meal a foreshadowing of his own **sacrifice** of love on the Cross. He knew that he would give his very life, his body and his blood, for the salvation of God's people. And he promised that, whenever this meal is shared, his act of love, his sacrifice, will not only be remembered but it will be present to us and for us.

In the Liturgy of the Eucharist, Christ is with us; reaching out to us in love once more. His once and for all sacrifice on Calvary is being poured out into our lives in this moment, for the forgiveness of all our sins; making each of us holy and bringing us God's healing and salvation.

Christ is present to us in a real and substantial way under the signs of bread and wine. Through the great prayer of thanksgiving, the Eucharistic Prayer, the bread and wine that we bring to the altar is transformed by God. Through consecration they are made sacred and holy. They become, as Jesus said himself, his Body and Blood. This is what we say Amen to when we receive Christ – The Body of Christ; the Blood of Christ.

The Four Actions of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

The shape of the Liturgy of the Eucharist follows closely the shape of the meal that Jesus had with his disciples at the Last Supper. It is very similar, also, to other meals that Jesus shared in his ministry on earth. For example, the feeding of the five thousand and the meal he shared with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. (See Matthew 14:13-21 and Luke 24:28ff)

In all these meals we see a four-fold pattern that we can still recognise in our modern-day celebration of the Mass. These are the actions of **Taking – Blessing – Breaking – Sharing**. They each correspond to an element of the Liturgy of the Eucharist:

- + **Taking** The Preparation of the Altar and the Presentation of Gifts
- + **Blessing** The Eucharistic Prayer
- + **Breaking** The Lamb of God with its accompanying action (also known as the Fraction Rite)
- + **Sharing** The procession of the people with reception of Holy Communion



The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

— Pope Francis —

THE SHAPE OF THE MASS

Introductory Rites

The Liturgy of the Word

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Concluding Rites

Taking: The Preparation of the Altar and Presentation of the Gifts

We **sit** for this simple action of setting the table of the altar for the sacred meal we are about to share. The gifts of bread and wine are presented by members of the congregation on all our behalf. We are very much part of this action.

Ideally, enough bread is brought forward to facilitate as many people as possible to receive Hosts consecrated at this Mass.

After prayers have been said over the gifts, they, as well as the Cross, ministers and people, may be incensed, underscoring the sacredness of this action.

As we present these gifts, we know in faith that God will make them holy (consecrate) and transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ.

Along with our gifts we are invited to present our very selves for God's blessing and transformation. We are invited to do this every time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist!

Sunday as a day of Charity During this time in the Mass, we also present monetary gifts. This has its roots in the earliest times of Christianity. On one hand, the parish belongs to us and we are responsible for its upkeep. On the other hand, as Christians each of us is called to care for the needs of the poor; this is why our Trócaire and other charitable collections are so important.

Blessing: The Eucharistic Prayer

We come to the core and centre of our Sunday Mass. We **stand** for the opening of this prayer as 'we lift up our hearts to the Lord'. There are a number of Eucharistic Prayers (EP) that can be used at Mass; they all have common elements that are essential to any EP. All of them are addressed to God the Father.

Next time you are at Mass listen and see if you can recognise the following elements of the EP.

After an **Opening Dialogue** between priest and people, the priest leads us in the **Preface**. This text changes for each celebration. In it we remember the good things God has done for us and we give thanks and praise to God (*the meaning of 'Eucharist' is to give thanks*).

This is followed by a (sung) acclamation by the congregation and priest, the 'Holy, Holy' or **Sanctus**. Here we join our prayer with that of the saints and angels in heaven. Then we **kneel** as we enter deeper into the prayer.

In every sacrament, at some point, we **call upon** God to send down the **Holy Spirit**. In the EP we ask God to send the Holy Spirit upon the bread and wine so that they will become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The words and actions of Jesus himself at the Last Supper are now repeated in the **Institution Narrative and Consecration**. These sacred words achieve what they promise and express. Jesus, and his sacrifice of love, is now present among us under the signs of bread and wine which are now his Body and Blood. This real and saving presence is what we are invited to receive in Holy Communion.

In response, we sing (or say) the **Memorial Acclamation** to Christ, recalling and confessing our belief in the central 'Mystery of our faith' – His death and resurrection.

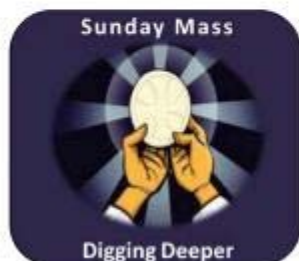
We continue to **recall** Jesus' passion, resurrection and ascension into heaven and we **offer** to God this 'once and for all' sacrifice of Christ. In doing so we also join ourselves and our lives to this offering to God.

The prayer goes on to pray a series of **intercessions**, deepening our bond with the saints, Mary, the local and the wider Church, as well as those gone before us. The EP concludes where it began, with a prayer of praise and glory to God, called the **Doxology**.

We, the assembly, respond with our **Amen**, endorsing not just the Doxology but also all that we have prayed in the whole of the EP – our Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Breaking and sharing:
*Continued in 'Sunday Mass - Digging Deeper'
Part Four*

We Come together...



March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31	April 7	April 15	April 18-21
•digging deeper: an Invitation	•to meet the Lord	•to listen to God speaking to us	•to share in Christ's Body & Blood	•to be sent to bring Christ to the world	•as a diocesan family for the Chrism Mass	•to celebrate the Easter Triduum

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Three Wishes

I am sure that most of you have read a book, seen a movie, or at least heard the story about "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp." In one version of the story, Aladdin worked in a shop that exchanged new lamps for old ones. Aladdin's job was to polish the lamps and make them look like new. One day, as he was polishing a lamp, a genie came out of the lamp and promised to grant Aladdin anything he wished for. With the help of the Genie, Aladdin gained great wealth and won the love of a beautiful princess.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have your every wish come true? You might think so, but the truth is, sometimes the things we wish for are not good for us. That is what a young man discovered in today's Gospel.

The Gospel today is about a young man who had three wishes.

- 1. He wished for a lot of money.**
- 2. He wished to travel and see the world.**
- 3. He wished he could be his own boss.**

The young man got his wishes, but they were not granted to him by a genie. The young man went to his father and asked him to give him the inheritance that would be his when his father died. Even though the father was sad that his son wanted to leave, he gave him his share of the family fortune and the young man left home and travelled all around the world. He visited all of the places he had always wanted to visit and did whatever he wanted to do. He was happy that no one was telling him what to do. Since the young man had a lot of money, if he saw something he wanted, he bought it, and since he had a lot of money, he also had many friends.

This sounds like very happy story, doesn't it? Well, that isn't the end of the story. After a while, the young man ran out of money. When he ran out of money, his friends ran out on him. He was so desperate that he went to work for a man who sent him to feed his pigs. The young man was so hungry that he would gladly have eaten the food he was feeding to the pigs. As he looked at the filthy pig pen, he thought about the mess he had made of his life. He thought about his father and the home he had left behind.

"Even a servant in my father's house lives better than this," the young man said to himself. "I will return to my father and tell him that I am sorry for the way I have behaved and ask him to give me a job as one of his servants."

Do you think the father was willing to take him back? Yes, but not as a servant. He welcomed him back home as a son. He called his servants together and told them, "Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was lost, but now is found."

Well, the story had a happy ending after all, didn't it? This story that Jesus told is really a story about you and me and the way we sometimes behave.

Sometimes you and I make bad choices just like the young man in our story. We sometimes wish for things that are not good for us. We sometimes don't want to listen to God and obey what the Gospel tells us we should do. When we act that way, we really make a mess of our life, Well, I have good news for you! Just like the father in our story, God, our Heavenly Father, is always willing to take us back if we will admit that we were wrong and return to Him.

My Prayer 

Dear Father, we sometimes make bad choices. Thank you for being a loving Father who will always take us back when we come home to you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



HAPPY Mother's DAY



And Grandma's Too

While we honour all our mothers
With words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
And their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
She's a mother too, you see.....
For she mothered my dear mother
As my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

The Parable of the Lost Son

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___1. **A male parent**
A. kiss B. found C. father D. sons
- ___2. **the number that is equal to one plus one**
A. two B. feast C. sons D. father
- ___3. **Your male children**
A. two B. kiss C. sons D. pig
- ___4. **A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.**
A. wealth B. lost C. kiss D. two
- ___5. **Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs and a flat nose.**
A. pig B. sons C. wealth D. father
- ___6. **To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.**
A. feast B. father C. two D. kiss
- ___7. **A large special meal to celebrate something or honour someone**
A. kiss B. feast C. father D. sons
- ___8. **To not be able to be found (I _____ my dog.)**
A. two B. found C. sons D. lost
- ___9. **When something which was lost has been relocated. (I _____ my dog.)**
A. lost B. found C. father D. feast





TIME TO THINK!

A MOTHER'S LOVE IS A BLESSING

Sure I love the dear silver that shines in your hair. Does anyone recognise that song? An old Irish favourite, Mother Machree! I remember my father singing it to us and the words have been flowing through my head this week as I wondered how to prepare a homily for Mothers' Day. Of course, this is the ideal song for mothers - even if it was written with an older woman in mind. Age is irrelevant when it comes to love and care and being there for another.

Hear the words:

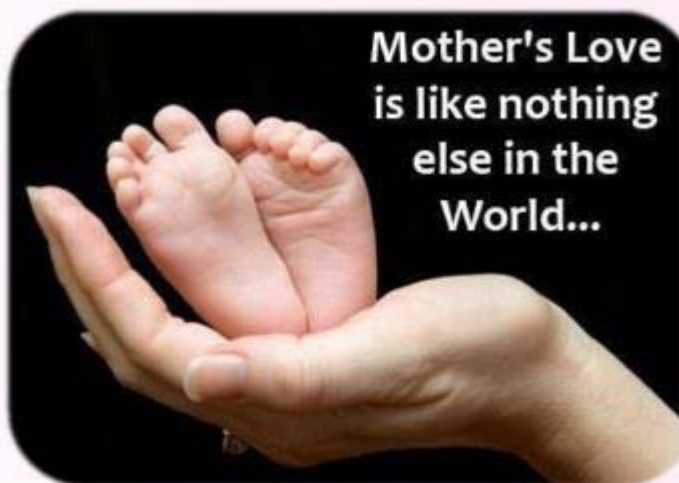
Sure, I love the dear silver that shines in your hair
And the brow that's all furrowed and wrinkled with care
I kiss the dear fingers so toil worn for me
O God bless you and keep you, Mother Machree.

Something that makes the song especially relevant for us today is the name Machree. It's made up of two Gaelic words, ma / chroí which carry the meaning from the heart. Isn't that precisely why we honour mothers? They serve from the heart. And when we honour someone, that honour comes from our hearts, from our memories of love given and shared. It's from the heart that truth and goodness shine; from the heart mistakes are forgiven and forgotten. Regrettably, it's also from the heart that other memories come: memories of going without, memories of absence, pain, neglect! But that's when Mothers' Day can become a time of healing, a time of letting go the hurt that a struggling, anxious, or abandoned mother may have inflicted on those in her care. To be generous in forgiveness is possibly the best kind of honouring.

Jesus honours his disciples in this way when he greets them with Peace be with you, following their betrayal and cowardice. His forgiveness overflowed and swamped their sense of unworthiness and in today's gospel we see this forgiveness in the Father's love for his sons. He is calling us to this same love, to love without limits and consequences.

Jesus' love is a forgiving love. He understands our weaknesses; he knows the efforts we make and the pressures we can find ourselves under. He knew Peter would not be able to hold his nerve and would deny his friend; he knew the others would panic and run. He saw them as little children, not yet able to take responsibility for themselves or their actions. We are children of God, privileged way beyond our understanding, but destined for greatness if we can just learn to think more of others than ourselves.

Love one another as I have loved you - could also be the legacy of a mother to her children.



A mother's love models the most unselfish love and it is richly laced with forgiveness. A two year old is into all the low-lying cupboards and before long there's a breaking sound as a dish shatters. At that moment, the real mother's concern is for the child, not the loss of property. Her love pours out, overwhelming any feeling of annoyance or disappointment. She reacts from the heart: the good of the child is primary.

In their way of loving, mothers can show their children what God's love is like, and with Jesus they can say to them, love one another as I have loved you.

A contemporary song thanks a mother in these words: In my heart you bring the sunshine on my stormy days. To my soul you bring the fire that brightens up my way. The greatest gift that love can bring is your presence in my life. But I still cherish the song my Dad used to sing - and I sing it for every mother among us, and for those who have died: Sure I love the dear silver that shines...

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of history who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of a loving partner, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood.

Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

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Annie Delaney
née Keegan
Ballygormill, Timahoe



Frances Doody
Ridge Road

*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

Our sympathy to their families.

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Mother's Day Remembrance

For The Loving Memory Of
ELIZABETH MARY McEVOY

64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.

4th Mother's Day away from home



Mothers Day in Heaven

If roses grow in Heaven Lord,
please pick a bunch for me,
Place them in my Mother's arms
and tell her they're from me.

Tell her that I love her and miss her
and when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.

Because remembering her is easy,
I do it every day, but there's an ache within my
heart that will never go away.

For each petal of God's loving hours
I think of you mum, with her loving showers
With her sweet love, she gave us her care
When we needed her she was right there.

On days of cold with weather freezing
Her heart had warmth with love relieving
Warm meals each day that maintained our health
and taught God's love of enriching wealth.

She became our friend, each child she carried
She washed our clothes and ironed all night
Taught us manners, always being polite.

At night she prayed to God for our keep while we
dosed of into Heaven's sleep
Every mother's day I send her my love, next to all
angels residing above.

I pick each petal, while saving just some
Each petal reminds me of you sweet mum
Save me a spot next to Heaven's delight
When we meet once more by God's golden light.

Mother's day brings such sadness now with every
coming year
It fills us full of sorrow Mum, because you wont be
here

And we were all together, our safety held within our
hearts, to keep with us forever.

If we could have one wish today and our wish
would come true
It would be to have you here with me
and spend mother's day with you.

Have a Happy Mother's Day in Heaven



Remembering you Mum
With love on Mothers Day, James xxx

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

Cherished Memories of

EILEEN POWDERS

9 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 2nd April 2019



*A special smile, a special face,
In our hearts, a special place,
Memories are a gift to treasure,
Ours of you will last forever,
Although we smile and make no fuss,
No one misses you more than us.*

Remembered by Eileen's daughters Deirdre and Joan,
sons-in-law Larry and Ger, Grandchildren Orla,
Shona, Adrian, Keith, Lorraine and Sean xxx

Also remembered by Martin.

May Eileen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

MARIA MORAN

Dr Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 9th April 2019.



2nd Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 7th April at 10am.

Sadly missed by her loving husband and
family.

May Maria Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JERRY LODGE

'Curradubh', Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 3rd April 2019



*No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.*

Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Saturday
6th April at 6.30pm.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal

In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL (Mickey) DOYLE**

Late of 102 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 30th March 2019.



*Just like the sweetest rose,
Your petals fell too soon,
But the love you planted in
our hearts, will never cease to
bloom.*

*May you always walk in
sunshine and God's love
around you grow,*

For the happiness you gave to us, no-one will ever know.

*Our thoughts are always with you,
Your place no one can fill;
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
We know you walk beside us
And when our lives are through,
We pray that God will take our hands,
And bring us straight to you.*

*Loved and remembered always your loving wife
Kathleen, daughter Olivia, partner Hagi, grandkids
James, Jason, Becky, Matthew, Mickey xxx*

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of our Father **MICHAEL (Mickey) DOYLE**

Late of 102 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 30th March 2019.



*If we could write a story
It would be the greatest ever told
Of a kind and loving father
Who had a heart of gold.*

*We could write a million pages
But still be unable to say;
just how much we love and miss
him every single day.*

*We will remember all he taught us
We're hurt but won't be sad
Because he'll send me down the answers and he'll
always be our Dad.*

*Loved and missed dearly by your daughter Sinead and
son-in-law Jim, son Patrick and partner Karla,
grandkids and your first great grandkid.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL (Mickey) DOYLE & JACK DOYLE**

Formerly 102 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise and
Emmet Terrace, Mountmellick respectively.
Mickey's 9th Anniversary occurs 30th March 2019.
Jack's 11th Anniversary occurred 12th March 2019.



*Resting where no shadows fall,
In peaceful sleep they await us
all,
God will link the broken chain,
When one by one we meet again.*



*Also remembering their
nephew Paul Doyle whose 9th Anniversary occurs in April
Sadly missed and never forgotten by brother Joe and Kathleen.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of Our Brother **MICHAEL (Mickey) DOYLE**

Late of 102 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 30th March 2019.

*Also remembering our nephew Paul whose anniversary occurs
at this time.*



Brother

*Put your arms around them Lord
Don't leave them on their own
For it's their 9th year away from
home.*

*We know you're in God's care and
that's the way it should be,
But when we go to Heaven he will give you back to us,
Our love we send on the wings of a dove.*

*Loved always and never forgotten, your loving sister and
aunties Ellen, Guggie, Mary and families xx*

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **SADIE BOHAN**

Late of 34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
35th Anniversary occurs 31st March 2019.



*We cannot forget the face we loved or the
memory of your smile or the countless things
you did for us to make our lives worthwhile,
It has been lonely here without you and
grows lonelier everyday,*

*The world has been a sadder place since
the world took you away but we know you walk beside us
and when our lives are through we pray that God will take
our hands and lead us straight to you.*

*Always remembered by her sons Billy, John, Michael, Maurice,
Eugene, Dermot and Brian, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.*

May Sadie Rest in Peace

IN LOVING MEMORY

Of our Daddy

KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary away from Home - 1st April 2019



If only we had five minutes
Daddy the day you passed away
We would have had time to tell
you, all the things we needed
to say

We never got to tell you how
much you meant to us
Or that you were the greatest
Daddy and never caused a fuss

The last time that we talked to you, we wish we could
have known

We would have said we loved you and kept you on the
phone

If only we had five minutes Daddy the day you passed
away

We would have held on to you with real tight hugs never
wanting to let go

We would tell you that we'd miss you, more than you
could ever know

But God had called upon you, it was time to get your
wings

To leave this life and us behind you and enjoy all of
Heaven's beautiful things

So wait for us in Heaven Daddy, don't let us come alone
The day the angels come for us, please be there to bring
us home.

Never more than a thought away

Loved and missed everyday

Becky and Dylan xx

May Kenneth Rest in Peace



MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of our Mam

BRIGID (Cissy) MILLS

148 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

1st Mother's Day away from home.



To the world you were our Mother,
But to us you meant the World.

You are missed so much today Mammy.

Happy Mother's Day

*With love, Gean, Cathy, Marie,
Patrick and Teresa xxxxx*

Rest in Peace Mam

In Loving Memory of JOSEPHINE FARRELL

17 Elmlawn, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 30th March 2019.



We never need a special day to bring you
to our mind,
For days without a thought of you are very
hard to find.

*Sadly missed by your sisters Cecilia,
Eileen, brother Frank, deceased brothers William
and Gerry and extended family.*

May Josephine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of Our Dear Sister

BERNADETTE COYNE, LALOR

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. Died 29th March 2015.

4th Anniversary occurs 29th March 2019.



Gone is the face we loved so much,
Silent is the voice we loved to hear,
Too far away for sight or speech,
But not too far for thought to reach.

Miss you Bernie

*Always loved and remembered by
your sister Kitty, brother-in-law
Donie and family, also your sisters Mary, Peggy &
Trish and brother-in-laws.*

May Bernadette Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of Our beloved Mother

BERNADETTE COYNE

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

4th Anniversary occurs 29th March 2019.



*Let this be a loving reminder, that
someone special is missing today
Someone our hearts still hang on to,
As we travel along life's way.*

*Someone who made life so special,
For all of us still here,
Someone who won't be forgotten,
But cherished from year to year.*

*And now as we pause to remember, let us all fondly recall
How dearly all of us love her, and oh how she loved us all.*

Thinking of you today and always xx

*Sadly missed by all her loving family
and friends.*



May Bernadette Rest in Peace

2nd ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA GING

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary away from home - 31st March 2019

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday, 31st March at 10am.



You left us without warning

Not even a goodbye,
 And one year on, we still can't
 seem to stop asking the
 question "why?".

We didn't see this coming,
 It hit us by surprise,
 And when you left for Heaven,
 a small part of us died.

Your smile could brighten anyone's day,
 No matter what they were going through,
 And everyday for the rest of our lives, we will be

Missing You

♥ Thinking of you in Heaven today and always ♥

Loved and missed by her parents John-Joe and Ann,
 daughters Emma and Lisa, sons Aron and Ross,
 grandson Michael, sister Joanne, brother-in-law
 Sean, niece Aoife, nephews Gavin, Conor and Cian,
 uncles, aunts, cousins, and extended family and
 friends.

Rest in Peace Patricia

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.



MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of our Mother
JANE SHIELS



We Miss You Mom

We think of you with love today
 But that is nothing new
 We thought about you yesterday
 And the days before that too
 We think of you in silence
 We often speak your name
 All we have are memories and your
 picture in a frame

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part
 God has you in his keeping but we have you in our hearts
 Because remembering you is easy, we do it everyday.

Love from your loving family, sons and daughters

Rest in Peace Mam

In Loving Memory of
PADDY CARROLL

New Road, Portlaoise



We also remember;
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CARROLL
 New Road, Portlaoise

KATHLEEN
CRIPPS
 Mountrath Road, Portlaoise

PATRICIA
CARROLL
 England

EDDIE CARROLL, O'Moore Place, Portlaoise
PATRICK CARROLL, England
JULIE LACUMBER, New Road, Portlaoise.

Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church
 this Sunday 31st March at 12.30pm.

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
EUGENE CONROY

Ridge Road, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
 21st Anniversary occurred 25th March.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
 Saturday 13th April at 6:30pm.

*In loving care you rest above,
 In our hearts you rest with love.*

Sadly missed by his loving wife Josie & family.

May Eugene Rest in Peace



Congratulations



Above; Peter O'Reilly and Fiona Whelan, who were married on Friday 8th February in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeylax. Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne.



Above; Myles Connolly and Misty Higgins, who were married on Friday 15th February in Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska. Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne.



Above; Rebecca Kelly and James Furlong, who were married on Saturday 9th February in Lahinch. Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne.



Above; Tomas Moore and Danielle Keane, who were married on Friday 1st March, in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath. Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne.

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





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 Wednesday night at 8pm in the Prayer room of the Parish Church.

"Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God": Treo Nua (Knockmay 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 April 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. Sean Hyland (*Whisperings of my Soul*)

Music Ministry: Margaret Brennan.

Teach Mhuire Praying Community Mass for Healing will be celebrated Tuesday 2nd April in St. Paul's Church Emo. Holy Rosary 7:45pm. Holy Mass 8pm. Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lalor CC

USEFUL SERVICES

Accord: Going through a difficult time in your marriage/relationship? Counselling Services available at Accord, Parish Centre, Portlaoise, call 057-8661581 or e-mail us at; accordportlaoise@hotmail.com

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bowls: In Timahoe Hall every Tuesday at 7.20pm. €5 per person. First night free. All are welcome.

Midlands Living Links Outreach Listening and Support Service for people bereaved by Suicide. Call; 086-1600641.

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/learn Whist at Sue Ryder centre every Thursday 2.30-4pm. All are welcome.

April 3rd: An activity day with new interesting games to keep the senses active and enjoy the excitement of participating in new activities suitable for all members.

Upcoming Event: On April 24th, Portlaoise ARA is celebrating the 15th Anniversary of the foundation of the club. This is a major milestone in our history, and promises to be a very entertaining and exciting day for all our members. It will feature live music, a DVD highlighting a 15 year story of achievement, followed by delicious afternoon tea, with catering by Café Latte. All members should collect their invitations, and ensure the 24th is printed in the diary. This is an event not to be missed.

Thank You: Portlaoise Cemetery Committee would like to thank everyone who supported their Church gate collection on 16th/17th March.

Found: Pair of children's glasses (pink and yellow) found outside the cleaners in Lyster Sq. on Monday 25th March. Contact; 087-2648194.

Coming Soon to the Dunamais Arts Centre: "Sive" by John B. Keane - 24th and 25th May, presented by Fourth Wall Laois Theatre. A play not to be missed, featuring an all star cast and crew.

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 entertainment on the field and a two band session that night in aid of the Lalor House Restoration Project. Enquiries to 087-9614235.

Applying for CAO 2019? Visit Carlow College, St. Patrick's Open Evening on 9th April, 5pm to 8pm.

Free Public Lecture by Leading US Scholar, Irish Americans in the first Parliament of Religions. Leo D. Lefebure of Georgetown University will speak at Carlow College, St. Patrick's, Monday 8th April, 1.45pm. For more information and registration please visit www.CarlowCollege.ie

Portlaoise Library News: Ireland, the EU and Brexit

Daniel Keohane, Head of Policy and Advocacy at European Movement Ireland will join us at Portlaoise Library to discuss Brexit and it's impact on both Ireland and the EU. This talk is taking place on Tuesday 9th April from 7.30pm at Portlaoise Library. Booking is advised.

Keeping Kids Safe Online: Bob Flavin who runs a successful You Tube channel will be speaking to parents about safety online. He will advise of things to look for in children's online use and of ways to promote their safety. This talk will take place on Wednesday 24th April at 6.30pm. Booking is advised.

COPD Support Group Exercise classes for people with COPD are held in the Parish Cathedral Centre, Carlow every Wednesday from 12 noon to 1pm. All are welcome.

EARTH HOUR 2019



On Saturday 30th March, millions around the world set aside an hour to host events on Climate Change which threatens the future of

our Planet Earth. We are asked to switch off all lights from 8.30pm to 9.30pm or another hour that suits, on this Sat. March 30th and to include this intention in our prayer. This is very much in keeping with Pope Francis' wish to care for our Common Home in his document LAUDATO SI'.

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