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6th January 2018

The Epiphany of the Lord



We had a wonderful celebration of Christmas in our Parish - our thanks to all who had our Churches looking so well, to our Choirs, our various ministries and the huge numbers who answered the invitation 'come let us Adore Him'.

Photo of our 4pm Mass; more photos on pages 20 & 21.



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Portlaoise Parish

Results for

27th December 2018



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Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for January 2019

We are living in changing times, and with change comes resistance. Of course some changes demand resistance, but other changes require us to look for new directions. The best people equipped to deal with change are our younger parishioners. Our youth look at the world with fresh and unbiased eyes. This month Pope Francis urges our youth to emulate the unerring, fearless and selfless example of Mary in steering our 21st Century church. Older parishioners are tasked with giving younger people platforms and opportunities. We are invited to join Pope Francis's prayer intention for January **"...That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world."**

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord

Next Sunday 13th January

**Blessing of Babies
2pm**

Parish Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

Children baptised during the past year have received a special invitation to this short blessing ceremony but of course all are welcome.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday—Friday

7.30am & 10am.

Saturday

10am

SUNDAY MASSES

Scoil Bhride, Knockmay (Saturday) 7.30pm

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

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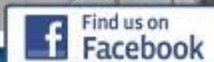


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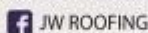
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that we receive and use the map to guide us, we will surely find the way.

After Jesus was born, some wise men, also called Magi, saw a star in the sky which they believed announced the birth of a king. They travelled to Jerusalem and began to ask, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

Herod heard about the Magi and their search for a king and he was deeply disturbed. He called a meeting of the priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" The priests told Herod that the prophet Micah had written that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. So Herod called for private meeting with the wise men and said to them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

As you know, the wise men did not have a map to guide them to Bethlehem, but they had something even better - they had a star to guide them. So the wise men followed information that the priests had given to Herod and the star that God had given to guide them and it led them right to Jesus. When they found him, they gave him gifts and bowed down and worshiped him.

Wise men, women, boys, and girls are still searching for Jesus. There is no map to help us find Jesus and there is no star to follow, but we do have the Bible. We can find the way to Jesus by reading God's Holy Word! The Bible is the map and star that will lead to Jesus. All of us should read it every day to make sure we are headed in the right direction!



Dear Jesus, we seek you today because we want to worship you and crown you as our King. We are thankful for all our pastors and teachers who want to help us and we are thankful for the Bible which we have been given to lead us to you. Amen.



The Visit of the Magi

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

After Jesus was born in _____ in Judea, during the time of King Herod, _____ from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been _____ king of the Jews? We saw his _____ in the east and have come to _____ him."



After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it _____ over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother _____, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of _____ and of _____ and of _____. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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TIME TO THINK!

SR. WENDY BECKETT

Sister Wendy Beckett, who recently died aged 88, could be dismissive of the high-profile television work that made this hermit nun with owl-like glasses into an unlikely household name during the 1990s. "If I had known how much time it would take, I would never have started it." She was an iconic lady. She communicated to millions of people her love of art. A love that brought appreciation of beauty to millions of viewers on her popular TV shows.

Wendy was born in Johannesburg to Aubrey and Dorothy Beckett. She never liked her Catholic parents' choice of name. "It's a trivial little name. I think Mother called me Wendy because she thought I would be small and pretty. She was probably rather taken aback when she got this lump of a child who did nothing but read." She spent part of her childhood in Edinburgh, where her father trained to be a doctor before returning to South Africa. She was, by her own account, a frail girl. Had she been worldlier, she used to reflect, she would never have joined the Notre Dame de Namur sisters, the order that ran her own school because she was physically unsuited to the rigours of classroom teaching. After graduating in style, however, she soldiered on for 17 years in convent schools in South Africa, feeling she had no alternative, until finally her health collapsed.

Her order agreed to her living thereafter under the protection of the Carmelites in Norfolk as a hermit, devoting herself to prayer. She was received by the local bishop as a consecrated virgin, an ancient ceremony, revived in Catholicism in the 1970s, in which she pledged her perpetual virginity and was "betrothed mystically to Christ". She dressed not as a Carmelite, but in a traditional black and white habit that she designed herself, merging features from several orders.

Her caravan in the grounds of the Carmel was small, cold and basic, but was crammed with postcards and calendars of works of art. Starting in the early 80s, she began to put down on paper, often in close type, squeezed onto the back of a recycled luggage label, her thoughts about paintings that she had only ever seen in reproduction. A visitor to the Carmel, the cook and devout Catholic Delia Smith, was so impressed by Sister Wendy's writing that in the late 80s she persuaded the Catholic Herald newspaper to publish them as a weekly series. It led in turn to an appearance on a TV arts show and eventually to five major series, scripted and presented by "one-take-Wendy", as she was known to directors.

Her impact on audiences was so great that she even had a musical written about her. Postcards from God: The Sister Wendy Musical, created by Marcus Reeves, ran briefly and campily in a small West End venue. Sister Wendy herself said she was bemused but not displeased by the accolade. Her health was never good, she had suffered from a weak heart since childhood and could very quickly run out of energy in mid-take. After Sister Wendy's American Collection and Sister Wendy at the Norton Simon Museum had made her name with US TV viewers in 2001-02, she declined any further offers. Her novelty may have also worn off for commissioners in Britain, for her subsequent



attempt to return to our screens to present a short series on Orthodox icons, a great passion, failed to find a taker. Her routine in the caravan was both simple and extraordinary. She would get up at 1am, the best time for prayer and contemplation, she said. She would find time for a couple of hours of work, writing the occasional article and a series of well-received books on prayer, St Paul and the religious festivals. At some stage, she would walk over to the Carmel to collect food and her post and then turn in for the night at 6pm. She communicated with the Carmelites only by note and lived, for the most part, alone and in total silence. It was as she wanted it.

Behind her gentle, toothy smile, though, Sister Wendy could be fierce. It was seen in some of her verdicts on modern artists who failed to interest her, though cloaked as ever in a show of nun-like Christian charity. "I find myself saying to myself firmly that I might not have been interested or excited or challenged by what I've seen," she said on a rare trip to London in 2008 to see an exhibition by those on the Turner Prize shortlist, "but the artists who made these installations must have been. I am prepared to marvel at their inexplicable enthusiasm."

Her own preferences among the current generation featured figurative and often religious painters such as Greg Tricker, Simon Garden and James Gillick.

Her steel could also be glimpsed in relation to what she insisted was her own "very minor celebrity". When approached, during a trip to a London gallery, by a fan who wanted to get into contact with her about a personal problem, Sister Wendy smiled kindly but, once the woman had gone, remarked, "I hope that woman doesn't write to me. My time is for God. I've no time for gardening and letter-writing, the usual let-outs for those who are alone." Despite her old-fashioned garb, her views on Catholicism were anything but traditional. In private and occasionally in public she would question the church's strict code on sexual ethics as a distraction from the real business of bringing people to God, whatever their gender, chosen method of contraception or orientation.

And her views on God were challenging. When asked once what she felt about God, she replied, sharply: "I don't think anyone can feel God. Those who believe in him most are most aware of his non-feelability, as it were. God is such a total mystery. My heart sinks when the word God is bandied around glibly."

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 15,300 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



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*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

Loved, cherished and forever in our hearts,
from all her loving family and friends.

May Mary Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
LILY BYRNE**

Late of Capoley, Portlaoise. (Died 7th January 1981)



*Each time we look at your picture
You seem to smile and say;
"Don't be sad, but courage take and love
each other for my sake"*

*Sadly missed by your son Martin,
daughter-in-law Jacqueline &
grandchildren Lorraine, Michelle & Sarah.*

May Lily Rest in Peace

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
DEAN BERGIN**

Missing You On Your Birthday Son



*To lose a fine and precious son
whether man or boy
Deprives the heart of all its
warmth and life of so much joy
But each year on this
special day*

*We celebrate your birth
And treasure every moment
that you were here on earth
We took those days for granted*

*and never dreamt or thought
that all our lives would change so much
and yours would be so short
But now we must remember
that although the tears may fall
The son we'll miss forever
brought sunshine to us all*

*Missing you on your birthday Dean
Happy 35th Birthday*

Love Mossie and Ray XXX

May Dean Rest In Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JAMES DEMPSEY**

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 1st January 1997.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 5th January at 6.30pm

*A loving husband and father so true,
No one on this earth we'll find like you,
For us you always did your best,
God grant your soul eternal rest.*

*Also remembering our mother Sadie at this time.
From all your loving family.*

May James Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL O' SHEA**

*26th Anniversary occurred on 27th December 2018
Late of Kenmare, Co. Kerry and 34 St. John's Square,
Portlaoise.*



Thinking of you today and always.

*Loved and missed by;
Your son Michael O' Shea
(of Church Avenue, Portlaoise)
and great-granddaughter Stephanie and
great-grandson Kyle.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
DEAN BERGIN**

*Today is your birthday in Heaven
above*

*My blessings I send on the wings of a
dove*

*Not just for today but everyday hereof
I think of you always with all of my
love*

*Always loved, forever missed. Happy 35th Birthday brother
Love your sisters Sandra, Lisa, and Martina XXXX*

May Dean Rest In Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARTIN BRENNAN**

54 Borris Little, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 14th January 2019



Remember Martin with a smile today,

For he would not want our tears,
Reflect instead on memories of all his
happy years.

Sadly missed by your loving mother Nellie, brothers and sisters.

May Martin Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PADDY "Patrick" McEVOY

Capoley, Portlaoise. 10th Anniversary.



10th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 12th January at 6:30pm.

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends

May Paddy Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE DAVE LALOR

Hawthorn Drive, Portlaoise
whose 80th birthday occurred on 1st January 2019



*No special time is needed
for us to think of you
For you were someone special
And we thought the world of you
Happy Heavenly Birthday Daddy.
Love and miss you always.*

Ger, Daithi, Marie, Christy and Mags, Kyle, Finn, Oisín, Cillian and Shauna xxxxxxxxxx

May Dave Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of AGNES CARROLL ROONEY

43 Liogard, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs at this time.



*Those special memories of you,
will always bring a smile....
If only we could have you
back, just for a little while....
We could sit and talk again
just like we used to do...
You always meant so much to
us and you always will do
too...*

*The fact that you are no longer
here, will always cause us pain!*

*But you are always in our hearts, until we meet
again*

*Sadly missed and always remembered
by all her loving family.*

May Agnes Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of JANE SHIELS

formerly of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise
whose 19th Anniversary occurs on 5th January 2019



*It seems like you left us yesterday
The wounds are still so sore
But every second of every day
We miss you more and more
Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still, loved, still missed and very dear.*

*Loved and remembered by your sons, daughters,
son-in-law, grand-children and great grandchildren.*

May Jane Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Paudge) LARKIN

176 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

whose 6th Anniversary occurs 5th January 2019



*In God's care you rest above,
In our hearts you rest with love,
Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

6th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 6th January at 12:30pm.

*Lovingly remembered by your wife Angela,
son P.J. and daughter Michelle.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE

3rd Anniversary occurred 4th January 2019



*A bouquet of beautiful memories sprayed
with a million tears,
Wishing God could have spared you, if just
for a few more years,
We cannot bring the old days back when we
were all together,
But memories and love will live forever within
the hearts of those who loved you.*

Rest in peace Fergus. Dear Jesus, thy Heavenly home above with
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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 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.

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Divine Mercy Prayer Meeting: Every Monday 8-9pm in the Prayer room of Portlaoise Parish Church.

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Pro Life Meeting will take place in the Parish Centre on January 15th at 7.30pm. Speaker : Carol Nolan

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Jan 9th What better way to ease back into action after our Christmas break, than to sit, relax and enjoy a very pleasant film. It will be both a nostalgic and an uplifting show.

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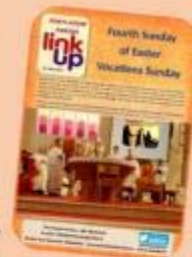
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