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3rd November 2019

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Annual Bereavement Mass
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November, Month of the Faithful Departed

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

That time of year again - when we remember all those who have gone before us. Ours is not an empty remembering but is filled with hope. Hope in him who said '**I am the resurrection and the Life**'. If you wish to enrol your loved ones in our November list of the dead to be remembered at Masses during the month, envelopes are available in the Church Porches or at the Parish centre.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on: Tuesday at 7.30am; Wednesday at 10am & Friday at 7.30pm.



You are also invited to
place the names
of your loved ones
on our memorial tree
in the Sanctuary
of the Parish Church

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday—Friday

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday

10am

SUNDAY MASSES

Scoil Bhride, Knockmay (Saturday) 7.30pm

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

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Church of the Assumption,

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am
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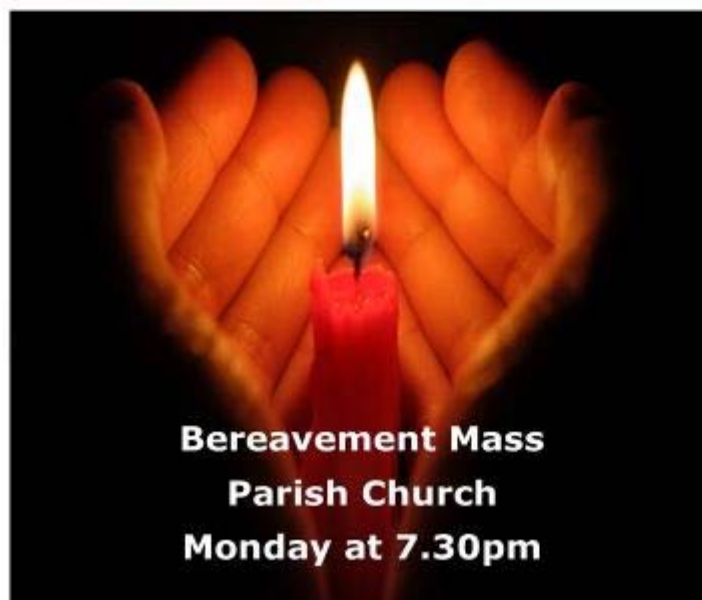
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the crowd. You probably know this man's name, don't you? That's right, it was Zacchaeus. He didn't have a periscope to help him see above the crowd, but he really wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed a tree and waited for Jesus to pass by.

As Jesus travelled through the streets of Jericho, he came to the place where Zacchaeus sat up in the tree. Jesus stopped, looked up in the tree, and he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down, for I am going to your house today."

The people in the crowd were shocked! You see, Zacchaeus was one of the most hated men in all of Jericho. Why did the people hate him? Because Zacchaeus was a little man with a great big problem! He was a thief and a cheat! He was the chief tax collector and he had become very rich because he cheated people by collecting more taxes than they owed and keeping it for himself. The people could not believe that Jesus would go to the home of a man like that!

Zacchaeus knew that he had cheated people and when he and Jesus arrived at his house, he confessed and said that he was sorry for what he had done. He said to Jesus, "I am going to give half of all that I own to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Because Zacchaeus was sorry for what he had done and confessed his sin, Jesus forgave him and said, "Today salvation has come to this house." Yes, Zacchaeus was a little man with a big problem - sin! But he met Jesus and his life was changed. It doesn't matter if you are short or tall, when you meet Jesus, he will change your life too.



Our Father,
when we meet Jesus it is a life-changing experience.
Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Amen.

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

When Jesus reaches the spot, he looked up and said to him
"Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today".
So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6
Choose the word that matches the definition.

___ 1. Not tall

- A. fat B. short C. big D. loud

___ 2. A large plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves.

- A. tree B. weed C. flower D. bush

___ 3. To move upward, especially by using the hands and feet.

- A. climb B. run C. sit D. walk

___ 4. A person who disobeys God's laws; one who does wrong.

- A. poor B. banker C. climb D. sinner

___ 5. A building in which people, usually a family, live

- A. tent B. house C. barn D. tree

___ 6. To get something for yourself in a dishonest way

- A. save B. buy C. climb D. cheat

___ 7. To have very little money

- A. rich B. cheat C. poor D. sinner

___ 8. To search for something or someone

- A. cheat B. climb C. seek D. lost

___ 9. To set free from sin; to rescue

- A. save B. lost C. poor D. cheat

___ 10. To be unable to find your way

- A. poor B. climb C. lost D. cheat.





TIME TO THINK!

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From Gods Desk

Please be aware that there are changes you need to make in your life. These changes need to be completed in order that I may fulfil my promises to you to grant you peace, joy and happiness in this life. I apologise for any inconvenience, but after all that I am doing, this seems very little to ask of you. I know, I already gave you the 10 Commandments. Keep them. But follow these guidelines as well...

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.



GOOD ADVICE

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!

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 16,500 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

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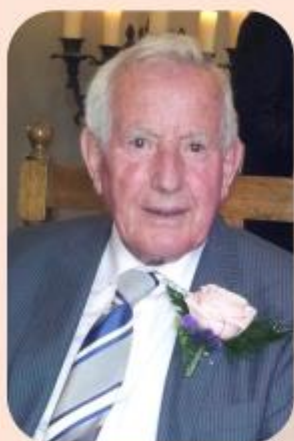


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I fear no evil: for you are with me: your rod
and your staff - they comfort me.*

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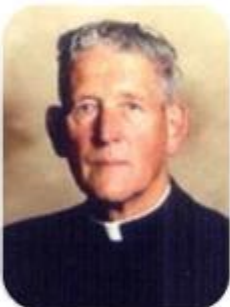
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15th Anniversary
occurs Saturday
9th November.

*"For this God is our God
forever and ever;
He will be our guide even
to the end"*

May he Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **VIOLET & PETER McNULTY**

*Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise, whose anniversaries
occur at this time.*



*Deep in our hearts you
will always stay,
Loved and
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5th Anniversary, 6th November, 2019



*Along the road to yesterday,
That leads me straight to you,
Are memories of happy days,
Together we once knew.*

*Sadly missed by your loving
family and extended family.*

May Gerard Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

Our dear Mother

CECELIA MULHALL

85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

16th Anniversary occurs 1st November.



*If tears could build a stairway, and
heartaches could make a lane,
We would walk to Heaven, and bring
you home again.*

From all her loving family.

May Cecelia Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

CECELIA MULHALL

85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

16th Anniversary occurs 1st November.



*As each day dawns we think of you,
As each night falls we pray for you,
We miss you in so many ways,
We miss the things you use to say,
And when old times we do recall,
It's then we miss you most of all.*

*Loved and remembered by all her
loving family.*

May Cecelia Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

ANNE SMYTH

Ballytegan, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 9th November 2019



3rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 9th November at 6:30pm

Thinking of you today

*Forever loved, cherished and never forgotten by your
husband Joe and your children Gemma, Brian and
Joanne and your grandchild Danann.*

May Anne Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

WILLIAM (Bill) O'REILLY

Marian House, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 5th November 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 10th November at 12:30pm.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and forever dear.*

Thinking of you today and always.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Maura and family.

May Bill Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

CARMEL KEALEY

Sheffield, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 4th November 2019



4th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on
Saturday 2nd November at 6:30pm.

*It was a sudden parting,
Too bitter to forget,
Those who love you dearly are the
ones who cannot forget,*

*The blow was hard, the shock severe, to part with one
we loved so dear.*

*Sadly missed by your loving husband Frankie,
children Pauline, Carmel, Francis and Breda,
grandchildren, extended family and friends.*

May Carmel Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

MARY CARROLL

76 St. Brigid's Place Portlaoise.

43rd Anniversary occurs at this time



*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
loving brother Oliver and all the family.*

May Mary Rest in Peace

***Cherished Memories of
Our Beloved Sister***

BREDA WALSH (née Keogh)

*Late of Chelmsford Essex and Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 6th November 2019*



A bouquet of beautiful memories sprayed
with a million tears,
Wishing God would have spared you,
If just for a few more years.
Quietly today your memory we treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.

*Always loved and sadly missed by your
sisters, brothers and extended family.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Tuesday 5th November at 10am.

Rest in Peace Breda

***In Loving Memory of
BREDA WALSH***

(née Keogh)

*Late of Chelmsford, Essex and Ridge Road,
Portlaoise.*

3rd Anniversary occurs 6th November 2019.



Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the
same,
But as God calls us one by
one,
The chain will link again.

*Forever loved
Never forgotten and always
missed.*

*Matty, Jason, Helena, Emma
and Shane and all the
grandkids and extended
family.*

May Breda Rest in Peace

***CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCES***

Due to the large volume of remembrances
in past years we request that you please
bring in your remembrances during the
month of November to allow sufficient
time to complete them.

We thank you for your co-operation.

***In Loving Memory of
FIÁDH & EVE GRAHAM***

Boughlone Way, Bellingham.

Special Anniversary thoughts of our beautiful Granddaughters



*Look around your garden Lord,
Find two angels with a smile,
It would not be hard to find them,
They must stand out a mile,
Call their names out softly,
And when they look your way,
Tell them that we love them and miss them everyday.*

*Never forgotten Nannie, Grandad, Ger, Dolores, Trevor, Tracy,
Emma, Tristan and Shaun xxxxxx*

May Fiádh & Eve Rest in Peace

***In Loving Memory of
JIM SEXTON***

"Padua", Clonminam Road, Portlaoise.

16th Anniversary occurs 3rd November 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on
Saturday 2nd Nov. at 6:30pm.

*Will those who think of Jim
today,*

A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed and always remembered by Pat,
Mary, Frank, daughter-in-law, grandsons and
great-granddaughters.

May Jim Rest in Peace

***In Loving Memory of
TONY PHELAN***

Santa Maria, New Rd., Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 12th November 2019

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



*A Prayer for My Dad
Dear God, I gratefully thank you
for giving me my dad,
You must really love me, 'cause
you gave the best you had,
Watch over him and bless him
Lord, and keep him in your care,
And may he feel my love for him,
In my humble heartfelt prayer.*

Sadly missed by;

Your loving wife Eileen, Zelig, Ger, Ray, Bosco and
Brigid, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and your fourteen
grandchildren. Lots of love xxx

May Tony Rest in Peace



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of ADAM KENNEDY

Kylebrook, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 8th November 2019.



On this the 1st anniversary of our late son and brother Adam, Siobhan, Gerry, Jane and Jack would like to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss.

The enduring love and support shown to us by our families at the time will be forever

remembered and was key to us coping with our tragic loss. We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many relatives, friends, neighbours, work colleagues and well wishers who visited our home, attended the ceremonies and who provided support to us during those difficult days. We very much appreciate the attendance of all who travelled long distances to be at our side. Your practical and personal support will never be forgotten.

A special word of thanks to the residents of Kylebrook, teachers and pupils of Scoil an Fraoch Mór, The Heath GAA, teachers and pupils of St. Mary's CBS, staff of the Irish Prison Service and the Emergency Services in Portlaoise.

To the nursing staff and doctors of Tallaght and Beaumont Hospitals - for their care of Adam and at all times going above and beyond to provide the best possible comfort to Adam and our family.

We also wish to thank all the priests who concelebrated at the funeral Mass, especially Fr. Vard whose spiritual support and assistance was invaluable throughout, and all associated with making the Mass a memorable celebration of Adam's life.

A special word of thanks to Matthew Keegan undertakers for making the whole funeral a seamless and dignified occasion.

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

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Adam's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 10th November in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath at 9.30am.

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

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.

"Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God": In the Parish Church (old sacristy), Thursdays, 11am to 12 noon. New members welcome.

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

Divine Mercy Mass: Wed. 6th Nov. in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, rosary at 7pm, Mass at 7:30pm and blessing with St. Faustina's relic. All are welcome. Celebrant: Fr. John O' Regan. Music: Margaret Brennan.

The Rosary is recited in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe every Monday evening at 8pm. All are welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: Please join us for a Holy Hour at 3pm every Friday, as we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life. All are welcome.

Kildare Christmas Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - 8 nights: Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea & Sea of Galilee. ex Dublin. Contact James Treacy 086-0572216.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Laochra Laoise Special Olympics Sports Club AGM: Monday 4th November at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Hall, Dublin Road, Portlaoise. All athletes, their families, volunteers and those interested in our activities are asked to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

Bowls: Every Monday at 3pm in St. Mary's Hall - regular & new members are always welcome to come along and take part and become a member of the ARA Bowls team.

Whist: Play or learn Whist at Sue Ryder Centre every Thursday from 2.30pm to 4pm. All are welcome. Absolute beginners and improvers are catered for. Learn an enjoyable pastime and meet new friends.

Nov. 6th:

Fashion Show-an opportunity to dress in your finery and strut the red carpet and imagine you are performing on the catwalk. This is intended to be a light hearted fun day where we can show that we may be mature in years but young at heart. There will also be a raffle with nice prizes to claim. An afternoon not to be missed.

Pioneer News: Annual Mid-Leinster Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday 10th Nov. in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel at 4pm. Please note change of day and time. Tickets available from members of local centre or phone 087-2868092.

Abbeyleix Probus Club are planning a coach trip to the National Concert Hall, Saturday 16th November for the "R and R" Production of Oklahoma. The coach leaves Abbeyleix Heritage House car park at 11am, returning at 9pm approx. For further details contact P.J. 087-8298856.

Retired HSE Staff Annual Mass for their dead relatives and colleagues will be celebrated in St. Vincent's hospital Chapel Mountmellick on Monday 4th Nov. at 2:30pm followed by refreshments in staff canteen. All retired staff welcome.

Midlands Science is pleased to announce details of unique Science Week activities in Laois this year which are part of a new collaboration with the National Museum of Ireland which will see the National Museum bringing educational outreach activities to the Midlands region for Science Week. This year's activities in Laois are presented in partnership with the Heritage Office of Laois County Council.

Free Viking Artefact Detective! Drop in family event: November 14th, 3-5pm in Treo Nua, Harper's Lane, Portlaoise.

Secrets of the Bog - The National Museum of Ireland Bog Bodies Research Project: November 14th, 7-8:30pm in Midlands Park Hotel. Please book this free event on www.midlandsscience.ie

Laois County Council notice to all staff, former staff, members and their families:

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Youth Theatre in Portlaoise have a few places still available for young people aged 12-14 to join:

If you are interested in drama or performance, come along to the next session of Youth Theatre in the Laois Music Centre, (Old Scoil Mhuire), Church Street, Portlaoise on Friday 8th November from 4pm-5.30pm. It's all about having fun with drama in the weekly workshops, experiencing local and national theatre, taking part in an end of year performance and attending professional shows at the Dunamais Arts Centre at a reduced rate. For more info. 057 8664033/13 or e-mail; artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/laoisyouththeatre or website; www.laois.ie

Community Well being Vision being developed in Laois:

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Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club

Chat show

Tickets
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with
Mr James Sutton
&
Guest speakers



Professor Noel Fitzpatrick - 'The SUPERVET'

Fr. Sean Hyland CC - 'Whisperings of my soul'

Mrs. Anna May Mc Hugh M.D. - 'Queen of the Ploughing'

Ballyfin Community Centre
16th November 2019
7.30pm Sharp

Ticket only event. Ticket €25 (seat allocation)

Includes Musical Entertainment

All proceeds to Ballyfin Vintage Club re. local charities

Ticket sales at; Deadman's Inn Ballyfin, Centra Stores
Ballylinan, The Parish Centre Portarlinton,
Phelan's bakery, Top Square Portlaoise, Delaney's Butcher
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ANNUAL RETREAT AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S

Sunday 24th November

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PORTLAOISE PARISH HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE THANKSGIVING MASS

Tuesday 12th November

7:30pm in the Parish Centre

We look forward to seeing you all again.

NIGHT VIGIL TO KNOCK **Saturday 7th December**

Bus leaving Stradbally
6:30pm, Portlaoise 7pm,
Mountmellick 7:10pm.

Seats must be booked with

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Enrolments are now being accepted for the above school
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Please return Enrolment forms to the office along with
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Closing date for applications is 2nd December 2019



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL



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