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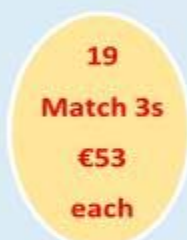
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**Feast of the Transfiguration
 Vision and Motivation
 6th August**

Life without vision is like a ship without a rudder. As Christians we might have a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply the vision to improve the life of one other person. Vision is important if we want to stay motivated through life's 'lows'. The Feast of the Transfiguration invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.



**St Lawrence
 10th August**



Saint Lawrence was martyred for outwitting a Roman prefect and for standing firm in the face of persecution. A saint with a modern day message, from St Lawrence we learn to always stand against those who seek to destroy us and persecute us for our beliefs in Jesus Christ and His Church. With great confidence and fortitude, we too can overcome the challenges that stand before us. Throughout the world, many of us are being faced with a threat against our religious freedom. We must stand against such tyranny and battle for our freedoms.

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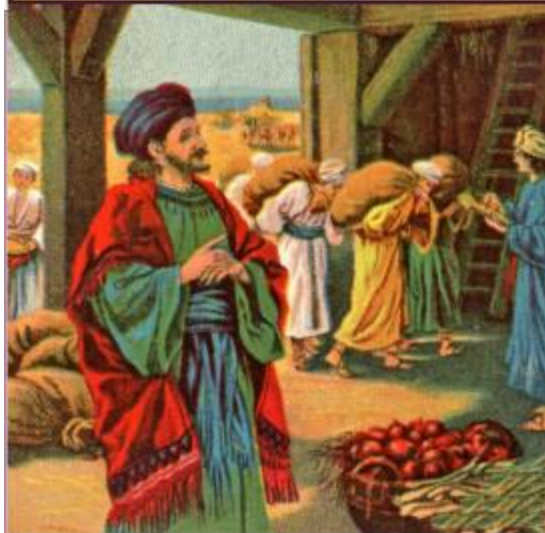


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A Fool and His Money

There's an old saying that goes, "A fool and his money are soon parted." If Jesus were to re-write the saying it might read, "A fool and his money are never parted."

In today's gospel, a rich landowner pulls down his barns and builds bigger barns in which to store wealth for his future. "You fool!" God says, "this very night your life is being demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" Yes, it's another of those lessons that target the rich. That's all right then because none of us are particularly rich and so surely this lesson doesn't apply to us. Or does it?

We've all worried about money at some time or another. We worry about university fees, the cost of getting married and the cost of keeping a roof over our heads. We worry about paying our bills and providing for our children. We worry about providing for our old age and the cost of keeping Great Aunt Ethel in a nursing home. We even worry about the cost of dying. Today Jesus warns us that in worrying about money we allow money and material wealth to exert some kind of hold over us. Everything we own possesses a little part of us. If we have a house we are slave to a mortgage. If we own a car we are slaves to maintaining it. Once we have finally struggled our way towards a healthy bank balance we suddenly become afraid to spend it, let alone share it with the needy. Without knowing it, we can become penny pinching and greedy. We don't need to be particularly rich to become as foolish as the landowner in today's parable.

HEATH CEMETERY MASS Thursday, 15th August

Feast of the Assumption

Procession, Rosary at 7pm. Mass at 7.30pm.

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

Vigil (Saturday) 6.30pm

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,

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CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am

& 6.30pm Masses



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Who were baptised last weekend

Bitesize

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Seneca Roman dramatist, philosopher, & politician

(5 BC - 65 AD)

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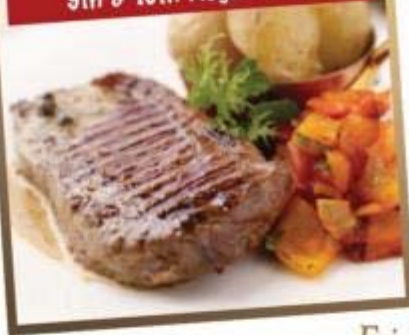
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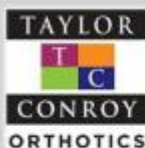
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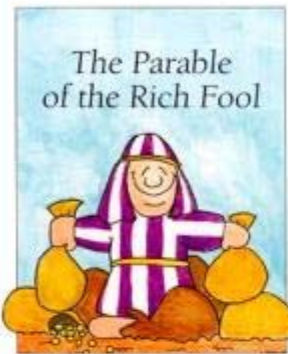
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Today's Gospel

A Fool and His Money



Do you like to watch game shows on television? I have always been a big fan of TV game shows. One of my favourite game shows of all time was a show called "Let's Make a Deal." On that show, contestants would be given a chance to trade a prize that they had already won for a prize that was hidden behind curtain #1, #2, or #3. Sometimes they would win a great prize, but sometimes they would end up with a worthless prize.

And also, it doesn't always work that way in real life. Sometimes people go through life making deals and trying to build up more and more wealth. They think that the more money and possessions they have, the happier they will be. Jesus warned about that. He said, *"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* He then told the story of a man whose land had produced so much grain that he had no place to store it. Even though he had plenty, he wanted more, so he decided to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. Jesus said the man was a fool, for when his life was over, he would leave everything behind. He would leave this world with nothing. Life is not a TV game show and God doesn't make deals. God has promised to supply all of our needs, but He has not promised to fulfil every selfish wish.

Jesus said, "Watch out!" What did He warn us to be on guard against? (All kinds of greed.) Greed means wanting more than you need. There are many types of greed. We can be greedy for more money, candy, attention, food, toys and other things we like. Jesus doesn't say it is wrong to have lots of money or to save things, but we must use them to be rich toward God instead of keeping everything for ourselves. To be rich toward God is to use our money and things to build His kingdom. We do this when we give our offering and when we use our time and treasures to focus on Him and to serve our neighbours.



PRAYER

Dear Father, help us to be content with the blessings which you so generously give us and help us to be on guard against selfishness and greed. Amen.

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then God said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15

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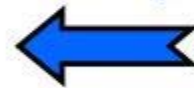
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**LIFE
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**The things we own are temporary.
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**Pray that we will
always put God first
in our lives and place
everything else
below Him.**



TIME TO THINK!

STAY POSITIVE

Our world screams out for poetry even if it can't cope with it. Faith can only exist in a world of poetry. God is always big and bigger. Little minds have nothing worthwhile to say of God or faith. The rigids and the dogmatics and the absolutes, live in the world of machines or robotic faith, and not in God's world or among real and true humans. We need to rewind and revisit Buzz Aldrin some 50 years ago: Pause, contemplate, give thanks and enter into real Communion. Allow the unexpected to happen. Believe that Shane Lowry can win the Open. Believe that the broken Tiger can win the Masters. Believe that Kilkenny can win the All Ireland. Believe that anything can happen and that we can reach out beyond the confines of our present thinking and celebrate with a new heart. Oh yes. And why not – believe in miracles

A motivational speaker walked confidently around the room holding a glass of water while leading a seminar on stress management. Everyone guessed she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

And remember;

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.



4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone €20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
8. Never buy a car you can't push.
9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird - sleep late.
12. The second mouse gets the cheese.
13. When everything's coming your way you're in the wrong lane.
14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
15. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
16. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.
17. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
18. Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!

We all know that life is the best educator. Simply its never too late to begin again. Every day the challenge is for us all to see the glass half full.... The more we grow in our inner journey the greater we will notice the beauty and gift that is this moment.. so be positive, calm and mindful.... Enjoy the beauty of this Harvest time. May the month of August be a healthy and happy one for us all.

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Sunday 11th August at 11.15am.

*Even though you are not with us,
Your presence is still strong,
Because in your heart we'll always find,
The love for which we long.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Liam, Dermot,
Denise, Emma and Anna.*

May Margaret Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of MARY NEVIN

12 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary occurred

31st July 2019

Mary's Birthday occurred 1st July.

Mass was offered for Mary on
Wednesday 31st July at 10am.

*Memory is a lovely lane where hearts
are ever true,
A lane we so often travel down
because it leads to you.*

*Loved and remembered by your loving son Paddy, Kathleen
and family and grandchildren .
Always love you, never forget you.*

Rest in Peace Mommy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of SR. MAURA O'CONNOR

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I wish to express my sincere thanks
and deep appreciation to so many
kind people who sympathised with
me on the death of my sister
Maura. My thanks to Msgr. John
and all our priests of the parish for
their generous understanding and
brotherly support. The presence of
Msgr. John and Fr. Paddy on either
side of me concelebrating the

funeral Mass was warmly appreciated by all the family
circle and beyond. My thanks to our religious sisters in
the Parish for their prayer and sympathy.

I am most grateful to all the members of the parish staff
for their inquiries, prayers and support all through the
weeks before and after Maura's death. I am deeply
indebted to our wonderful parishioners for the so many
masses, prayers, sympathy and kind remembrances
shared with me.

My thanks and appreciation to everyone who attended
the funeral Mass and at great inconvenience to
themselves. Mass has been offered for all your
intentions. You will also continuously have an intention
in my Masses and prayer. In the closing years of my life I
can never forget the extraordinary kindness of the
priests, religious & people of this wonderful parish. I
pray:

*'May the good Lord always bless you and keep you. May
His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May He
turn his countenance upon you and give you His peace.'*

Fr Tom O'Connor

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ALICE NEVIN

12 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.

1st Birthday away from us.

Birthday Remembrance Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church on **Saturday 10th August at 10am.**

*No morning dawns, no night returns, but
that we think of you.*

*Those left behind are very good, but none
replaces you.*

*Many a silent tear is shed, when we are all alone,
The one we love so very much, the one we call our own.*

Happy Birthday in Heaven

*Sadly missed and always remembered, love from
Paddy, Kathleen and family and grandchildren .*

Rest in Peace Alice

John 14:1-11

**1stDo not let your hearts be troubled. Trust
in God; trust also in me. 2In my Father's
house are many rooms; if it were not so,
I would have told you. I am going there
to prepare a place for you.**

In Loving Memory of

JOHN DELANEY
ROBERT DELANEY
KATHLEEN DELANEY
 Green View, Ridge Road, Portlaoise.



John's 64th anniversary, Robert's 27th anniversary
 & Kathleen's 19th anniversary occur at this time.
 John's anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
 this Sunday 4th August at 12:30pm.

*Although you can't be here with me, we're truly not apart,
 Until the final breath I take, you'll be living in my heart.*

*Sadly missed by their loving family;
 Joe, Mary, Rena, Sheila, Madeline, Loughlin, John,
 extended family, relatives and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

KIERAN DELANEY

A Dear Son, Uncle and Daddy

Late of Green Mill Lane & St. Brigids Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurred 2nd August 2019



*We're sending a dove to Heaven,
 with a parcel on it's wings,
 Be careful when you open it, it's
 full of beautiful things,
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 To say how much we miss you
 and to send you all our love,
 We hold you close within our
 hearts and there you will remain,
 To walk with us throughout our lives until we see
 you again.*

*Always in our thoughts Kie: Mam, Angie, Kelley,
 Tracy, Brendan, Sean, Laura and his son Adam,
 nieces and nephews and all his loving family.*

May Kieran Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory Of

JOHN DUFF

Died 13th August 1968
 (51st Anniversary)

And his Son

**PATRICK
 DUFF**



Died 10th August 1983 (36th Anniversary)
 Kyle, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

*Softly the leaves of memory fall, gently we gather and
 treasure them all, for the ones we loved so dearly.*

John and Patrick's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 10th August
 at 6.30pm

Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving family.

Rest in Peace John and Patrick

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
LOUIS G. CULLITON

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The wife and family of
 the late Louis G.
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 most sincerely all those
 who sympathised with
 them on Louis' death.
 Thank you to all those
 who called to the house,
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 mass and burial, sent mass cards and
 letters of sympathy. Thank you to all the
 neighbours and relatives who helped out
 in so many ways.

A special word of thanks to Msgr. John
 Byrne, Fr. Paddy Byrne and Fr. Eddie Lalor
 who were so kind and attentive to Louis.
 Thanks also to the HSE care workers and
 Home Instead and the Palliative Care
 Team who were so helpful to Louis in his
 final illness.

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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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": 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 7th August 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. Paddy Banville. Music: Margaret Brennan.

Kildare Pilgrimage to Lough Derg: from Tues. 13th August to Thurs. 15th August, Feast of the Assumption. Bus leaving Monasterevin at 6.30am. For further details contact Michael on 087-669702 or Joe 087-3815887.

Cemetery Masses Raheen Parish: Cemetery Masses in August, Shanakill Thursday 15th Aug at 7.30pm, Cromogue Friday 16th Aug 7.30pm & Clonad Wednesday 21st Aug 7.30pm.

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Portlaoise Library News: Board Games Club. Weekly meet-up to play board games with like minded adults in Portlaoise Library, on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Scrabble, ticket to ride, chess and many more. All welcome. Booking advised.

Heritage Week at Portlaoise Library: 17th-25th August, Laois and National Heritage Guides are now available in the library. An exhibition of Main Street, Portlaoise 'Down the years' taking place from 5th to 31st August. You can check the library webpage www.laoislibraries.ie for details of events. Booking is essential for some of the events as places are limited. Contact library 057-8622333 or email laoislibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

Laois/Offaly Branch of Retired Nurses Association are having an afternoon outing to Japanese Gardens with refreshments on Tuesday 20th August. Meal on way home. All grades welcome. Further details from Joe McGill 087-2682206, Charlotte Griffin 087-2068974 or Marie Costigan 087-6219253.

Word of Appreciation: Thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning in the Parish Centre in aid of St. Fintan's Hospital Special Cemetery Committee. Sincere thanks to all those who baked cakes and gave donations and helped in any way. Expenses are now all paid.

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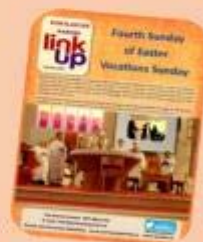
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