



6th October 2019

# Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Day for Life

The Church recognises the hurt done to those who have experienced domestic abuse.

Unacceptable customs still need to be eliminated. I think particularly of the shameful ill-treatment to which women are sometimes subjected, domestic violence and various forms of enslavement which, rather than a show of masculine power, are craven acts of cowardice. The verbal, physical and sexual violence that women endure in some marriages contradicts the very nature of the conjugal union. (*Amoris Laetitia*, 54)

Pope Francis



**The Scourge of  
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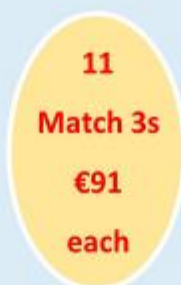


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## Day for Life

Celebrated today, 6th October and will focus on the theme 'The Scourge of Domestic Abuse'

### Day for Life Pastoral Message for 2019 'The Scourge of Domestic Abuse'

Jesus said:

'The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
To proclaim liberty to captives  
And to the blind new sight,  
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Luke 4:18-19

Leaflets available in the Church porches.

Also download **Day for Life** resources from  
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## Day for Life prayer

Holy Mary, Mother of Love,  
holding in your arms, the fruit of your womb,  
graciously look upon our earth and remove from it  
all that hardens our hearts and dims our eyes  
to the preciousness of human life,  
from the moment of conception to natural death.

Through the example of your tenderness  
teach us the ways of compassion and love  
that we may build up the civilisation of love among us  
and a society that is truly worthy of the human person.

Help us to reject all that contributes to a culture of death,  
and to work with others of goodwill  
in promoting the culture of life.

Bring us ever closer to your Son,  
so that we may know the fullness of life that he offers us  
and come to know that life more perfectly,  
with you, and all the angels and saints,  
in the eternal life of Heaven. Amen

**The Month of October is traditionally the month of the Rosary. Rosary is recited before the 10am Mass each weekday morning and every evening at 7pm in the Parish Church.**

## OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.



**Rosary at the Grotto on Monday at 8pm.**

## 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,  
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Ratheniska: 10am.

**CONFESSIONS**  
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Theo Ollie Conroy Phelan, Ballylusk

Evie Valerie Murray-Greene, Mountain View  
Senan Cian Christopher Cooney, Laurel Drive  
Kylie Rae Keogh Byrne, St. Brigid's Place  
Julya Ciela Bedisa Mombo, Rath Gailine

**who were baptised last weekend**

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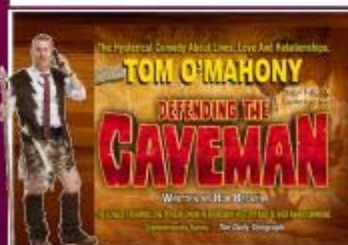
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Have you ever seen a mustard seed? The mustard seed is one of the smallest of all seeds. The mustard seed is so small that you can hardly even see it. Some people wear a necklace that has one of these tiny mustard seeds inside of a piece of glass. They wear this necklace as a symbol of their faith in God. Do you know why the mustard seed is considered a symbol of faith?



One day, Jesus was talking to his disciples when one of them turned to him and said, "Lord, increase our faith." Jesus answered and said, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Can you imagine what it would be like to have that kind of faith?

I heard a story about a man who read this verse in the Bible and decided to put it to the test. There was a large tree in his front yard, so he went out to that tree and said, "In the morning when I wake up from my sleep, I want you to be gone." That night the man went to bed. When he woke up the next morning, he went to front door, opened it, and looked out into his front yard. "Just as I thought!" the man said. "It's still there."

Well, first of all, the man didn't have mustard seed sized faith, did he? In fact, he didn't have any faith at all. When he told the tree to be moved, he never expected it to happen. In the second place, I think that the man misunderstood what Jesus was trying to teach his disciples.

Jesus was not suggesting that you and I go around trying to move trees just to prove that we have faith. What Jesus was trying to teach his disciples - and what he wants you and me to learn - is that it doesn't take a great faith to produce great results. Why? Because the results don't depend on us, they depend on God. If the results depended on the size of our faith, I have no doubt that we would probably go around bragging about our great faith.

What have we learned about faith today? This is what I hope we have learned: Don't ask for a great faith so that we can do great things — ask for faith the size of a mustard seed so that we can see God do great things!

## PRAYER



Dear Father, we ask for a mustard seed sized faith. Help us to believe and never doubt your mighty power. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



# A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you."

Luke 17:6

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel.  
**A. pharisees      B. apostles      C. angels      D. troops**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. To make greater or larger  
**A. obey      B. shrink      C. seed      D. increase**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea.  
**A. obey      B. deny      C. hope      D. faith**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow.  
**A. leaf      B. branch      C. seed      D. twig**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches.  
**A. honey      B. pickles      C. jam      D. mustard**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves.  
**A. tree      B. flower      C. bush      D. ivy**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land.  
**A. river      B. sea      C. pond      D. pool**
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. To do what you are told or expected to do  
**A. tattle      B. gossip      C. lie      D. obey**



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# TIME TO THINK!

## AN "EXTRAORDINARY MERCY" - "I GIVE YOU THE POWER OF THE KEYS"

Pope Francis made a phone call to a leading theologian and priest who was suspended from active ministry in part over his LGBTQ-affirming work, and gave the theologian "the power of the keys," a phrase indicating his restoration to active priesthood.

Francis placed the call two years ago to Fr. James Alison who only yesterday shared in *The Tablet* his account of the experience, which was first reported about anonymously in Frédéric Martel's *In the Closet of the Vatican* published earlier this year. In Alison's account, he begins by explaining his suspension from ministry by the Vatican's Congregation for Clergy in the 1990s:

"... I had been forcibly removed from clerical status, and was forbidden to teach, preach or preside. And that this was unappealable. Even for someone predisposed to imagine a Kafka-esque quality to Vatican bureaucracy it was shocking to be tangential to a process in which it is unnecessary to inform the one charged of the charges against him, in which no legal representation is permitted, and whose sentence does not require the signature of the sentence."

Most bishops and church leaders would not support Alison, some being unwilling to even be seen meeting with him. Yet, a bishop with whom he was friendly eventually said he would request a private audience with Pope Francis and plead Alison's case. The priest's sharing continued:

"Eighteen months later, the bishop had his private audience, bearing with him a letter from me appealing what the Congregation had claimed was unappealable. My letter pointed out that the whole process smacked of the 'self-referential curialism' that Francis has so often criticised. And that I had been doing exactly what he had publicly encouraged us to do: to evangelise in an existential periphery, and 'cause a bit of a stir'. In the letter, I exposed my conscience to him: that I could not reconcile what he himself had said in public with the Latin document sent to me in his name, and was proposing to treat that document as null, and to carry on as before."

"I asked Francis, if at all possible, to make my situation regular, not as a personal favour to me, but as part of opening up wider ministerial possibilities in the Church for LGBT people to speak, preach, evangelise, in the first person, no longer bound by the dreaded 'they' of clerical dishonesty."

Alison's case was known by the pope by May 2017, a step which the theologian considered to be significant progress. But an even more significant step would occur:

"Then came the call: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 at about 3pm. Him: 'Soy el Papa Francisco'; Me: '¿en serio?'; Him: 'No, en broma hijo' ('This is Pope Francis'; 'Are you serious?'; 'No, just joking, son'). But it was he. The Argentinian accent, but more the fact that he knew the content of my letter, and was clearly referring to it as he spoke, clinched for me that this was no prank played by a cruel friend. "And then this: 'I want you to walk with deep interior freedom, following the Spirit of Jesus. And I give you the power of



Fr. James Alison

the keys. Do you understand?

I give you the power of the keys.' I said, 'Yes', though in retrospect, how, in my daze, I thought I had understood the gift is beyond me. The conversation went on, talking with humour, and even a certain piquancy, about friends and acquaintances in common. In the background a hint of lyric opera, which I strained to recognise.

After urging me to discretion, not to cause problems for good bishops, he ended with 'Pray for me. I'll look up your dossier and get back to you.'

The call was an "extraordinary mercy," Alison wrote, with implications for not only him, but others. The pope, it seemed, "did not regard as binding his own Congregation's sentence" and "clearly treated [Alison] as a priest" with universal jurisdiction to hear Confessions. Alison explained further:

"That [Francis] was trusting me to be free to be responsibly the priest that I have spent all these years becoming; that for the first time in my life in the Church I had been treated as an adult by an adult, and, good Lord! It takes the Pope himself to act like that... Thirty years a priest, and it feels as though only now is my ordination kicking in. Having received, in addition, such freedom, how now should I exercise a ministry? With whom and for whom? In what good ways to be accountable, and to whom?"

Pope Francis has talked about this being a change of epoch rather than an epoch of change. What is going to be the shape of ministry in the Church that is being birthed? What is the form and style of teaching? These are, thank heaven, up in the air in ways I could never have imagined when as a frightened and classically-minded youth I lay prostrate before a bishop on a cold floor in 1988, full of intellectual certainty, hoping for some emotional security to match: and instead received from the Holy Spirit a 30-year blast into adulthood."

Francis invites the church to always embrace the margins in a spirit of compassion and inclusion. This is the heartbeat of the Gospel and will always bring with it signs of hope and healing.

**Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 16,400 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)**

**Fr. Paddy's book "All will be well" on sale in the Parish Shop or online at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie)**





# Public Meeting



*Laois Hospice Foundation.*

*Public Meeting*

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at 8pm**

**Venue; The Killeshin Hotel**

Laois Hospice Foundation welcomes Majella O'Donnell to their Public Meeting which will be held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, at 8pm in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

Laois Hospice invites you all to this meeting to hear Majella's journey through cancer and also to hear from Laois Hospice where funds collected and donated by the public are spent and their plans to develop further hospice home care services to the people of Laois.

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, at 8pm**







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## SUMMARY OF PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 2018

The Parish and Parish Centre Accounts for 2018 have been submitted to and examined by the Diocesan Accountant and audited by the Diocesan external Accountants. They will in turn form part of the Diocesan consolidated accounts which must be submitted to the Charity Regulator in October each year. They have also been approved by the Parish Finance Committee before publication of a summary of the Parish Accounts

### **Parish Finance Committee:**

Justin Brown, Bridie O'Reilly, Philip Moran, John Dunne, Betty Brophy, Imelda Monahan.

### **RECURRING INCOME**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	€	€
Development Fund	168,895.00	170,527.00
Basket Collection		
Parish Church	133,583.00	152,699.00
Scoil Bhride	2,880.00	1,988.00
Heath	8,330.00	8,987.00
Ratheniska Church	3,995.00	5,506.00
Shrines	88,091.00	83,355.00
Donations/Bequests	40,000.00	-
Parish Lotto Income	118,874.00	200,234.00
Charity Christmas Cards	15,678.00	16,446.00
Sundry Income	239.00	283.00
Rental Income	55,580.00	46,315.00
	<b>€636,145.00</b>	<b>€686,340.00</b>

### **RECURRING EXPENDITURE**

Wages and salaries	57,493.00	62,496.00
K&I Retired Priest Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00
Insurance	19,655.00	18,225.00
Light and heat	62,328.00	44,184.00
Telephone, Broadband & Internet Related Expenses	10,033.00	7,956.00
Computer Hardware/Software & Servicing Costs	3,556.00	1,070.00
Repairs and maintenance	31,360.00	32,995.00
Houses repairs, renewals and renovations	49,300.00	-
Postage, Stationery and Office exes	6,415.00	8,781.00
Collection Envelopes	1,169.00	1,293.00
Missalettes	674.00	1,046.00
Rates- Water, LPT, Waste Collection	4,519.00	3,018.00
Altar Shrine Requisites	29,240.00	41,040.00
Pastoral Programme Expenses	4,689.00	4,070.00
Youth and Community Expenses	4,124.00	2,633.00
Diocesan Levy	47,820.00	47,820.00
Legal & Professional Fees	765.00	3,110.00
Accountancy Fees	295.00	305.00
Bank charges	3,105.00	3,848.00
Sundry Expenses	2,228.00	1,505.00
	<b>€341,768.00</b>	<b>€288,395.00</b>

### **Ordinary Income v Expenditure (Surplus)**

**€294,377.00**

**€397,945.00**

The complete accounts for the Parish & Parish Centre may be inspected at the Parish Centre by arrangement.



### **WHERE DO THE COLLECTIONS GO?**

**The Parish Development Fund Collection** - the envelope collection or by contributing to the first collection taken at our Sunday Masses (the blue bag in the Parish Church) goes to Parish Development. Income from this collection has gone to the purchase of sites for schools, the building of the Parish Centre, the renovation of the Parish Church and other developments over the years. **The Offertory Collection—the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection** - goes to the ordinary running costs of the Parish eg. Insurance, Light and Heat, Sacristy and Secretarial expenses, maintenance of Churches and houses etc. Two houses were purchased in 2018 from the Parish Development Fund at a cost of €415K —17 Parnell Crescent, now occupied by the Ursuline Sisters and formerly Dr. Maguire's on Dublin Road now occupied by Msgr. John.

### **PAYMENTS TO PRIESTS:**

The Priests of the Parish do not receive any payment from the Offertory or the Development Fund Collections. Our salaries come from the collections for the Priests taken at Christmas, Easter, Lenten Stations and October Collection. We rely on your generosity to these collections - thank you. At diocesan level there is an agreement among the priests that our salaries are equalised - we receive an agreed amount. Any surplus created in parishes goes to pay the Diocesan retired priests fund. Across the diocese there has been a reduction in the amount collected in Priests collections and salaries are currently 12% less than in 2010. Parish Priests receive €1,900 per month and CC's €1,750. Again we are very grateful for the support we receive.

### **THE PARISH LOTTO:**

As you can see from the accounts there is quite a reduction in the profit from the Lotto in 2018 v 2017. It is accounted for by the 'luck of the draw'! The number of Jackpots lost (or won depending on how you look at it!) 2019 has been a bit of a disaster so far—but we live in hope! Thank you to all who support it and in particular our promoters. Half yearly and yearly membership gift tokens are available from the Parish Centre and many have used these at Christmas, Birthdays and other occasions. You might consider it!! It is also possible to play the Parish Lotto on-line from our website [www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie). Many have taken the opportunity, maybe you would like to participate? It is a fun way to support Parish Development and at the same time give yourself a chance to share in the €1,000 weekly match 3 prize fund or to scoop the attractive Jackpots on offer each week of between €10,000 and €20,000. Again many thanks to all who support it and in particular to our promoters.

### **TAX REFUND ON YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PARISH**

A leaflet explaining *the tax refunds on donations* is available at the Churches. The Parish qualifies for this scheme and is entitled to reclaim tax at a rate of 31% on donations in excess of €250 per year. This has much more potential than we are currently availing of. We receive very good support from our parishioners many of whom contribute more than that sum each year to the Parish. In order to take advantage of this scheme we have to be able to record the donations. We would encourage you to donate in a way in which this can be done. The easiest way is to use the envelope boxes. We record donations made in this way each week and can calculate the annual donation. Alternatively we can record donations made by cheque. Priests collections also qualify - donations made in the envelopes supplied at Church porches also qualify provided the name and address of the donor is clearly marked on the envelope. The donor is asked to sign a form (CHY3) and the Parish can process a claim for the tax refund. Please pick up one of the explanation leaflets and help us to make more use of the Tax Refund scheme.

### **PARISH CENTRE:**

The Parish Centre continues to be a very important part of the social infrastructure of Portlaoise community—it is perhaps busier than ever at the moment providing a suitable environment and space for so many community activities. This is apart from being a vital cog in the operation of the Parish on so many levels. We truly do wonder how we got on before it came into being in 2005! It also incorporates the Link Up which is a great medium for Parish news and views as well as being to the benefit of its many advertisers. The Centre accounts for 2018 have been audited. It continues to operate without being a drain on other Parish income - it is able to look after itself.

We know the Parish Centre is appreciated by a large number of people and organisations. It well deserves its national 'Pride of Place' award. The Parish Centre's continues to meet its aim of maintaining a high standard of service to the parish and community without being a burden on the direct income of the Parish.

**Thank You**

The healthy state of our Parish finances is down to the generosity of so many. Thank you for your continued support.

*John Byrne, P.P.*

**October 2019**



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;

**Kevin (Springer) Maher**  
Portarlinton and The Heath,  
Portlaoise

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**  
*Our sympathy to his family.*

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**THOMAS (Tommy) DARGAN**

Late of 3 Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise.

Died 11/9/2008. 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



*Gone are the days we used to share,  
But in our hearts you are always there,  
The gates of memory will never close,  
We miss you more than anyone knows,  
With tender love and deep regret,  
We, who loved you will never forget.*

Loved and always remembered by Mary, Patrick, Eugene, Sean & Ronan.

*Rest in Peace Thomas*

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✠ **In Loving Memory of** ✠  
**CATHERINE (Kate) BROPHY**

Market Sq. Portlaoise. 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



*"A loving Mother with a Heart of Gold"  
Will those who think of her today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

Lovingly remembered by your son John  
and Rita, daughter Phyllis and Peter  
and grandchildren.

*May Catherine Rest in Peace*

✠ **In Loving Memory of** ✠  
**TOM McEVOY**

3 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



*Always a smile, never a frown,  
Always a hand when one was down,  
Always true, gentle and kind,  
Wonderful memories you left behind.*

*Sadly missed and always  
remembered by your loving family.*

*May Tom Rest in Peace*



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✠ **In Loving Memory of** ✠  
**MICHAEL GAYNOR**

Whose 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.

*You are with us dad when the morning  
breaks and as the day departs,  
For God has left a special gift of footprints  
in our hearts.*

*Lovingly remembered Dad today and forever, by all your loving family xxx*

*May Michael Rest in Heavenly Peace*



## In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN DEEVY**

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Whose 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



*It's an everlasting sadness, that  
you're no longer here,  
But every year on this day, we like  
to think you're near.*

*Your love for us was constant,  
Your devotion had no end,  
You filled our lives with sunshine,  
as a Wife, Mother and a friend.*

*So may you know forever, that to us you were the best,  
And may you find a gentle peace in sweet eternal rest.*

*In our hearts you will live forever.*

*Because we thought the world of you.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 12:30pm.

*Sadly missed by her sons Pat and Brendan and  
daughter Hannah.*

*Also remembering her dearly departed husband Patsy at this time.*

*May Kathleen Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN DEEVY**

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Whose 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019



*You gave us many things in life,  
Gifts both great and small,  
But most of all you gave us love,  
the greatest gift of all,  
There's not a day dear Mam that  
we do not think of you.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 12:30pm.

*Sadly missed by Pat, Sylvia, grandchildren Craig  
and Rebecca and friend Nancy.*

*May Kathleen Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **JOE LAFFAN**

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 11.15am.

*Will those who think of Joe today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Kitty  
and family.*

*May Joe Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **MARY O' LOUGHLIN**

33 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.

*A tribute of love to a mother so dear,  
So close to our hearts each day of the year.*

*Sadly missed by her sons & daughters  
and extended family.*

*May Mary Rest in Peace*



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## In Loving Memory of **SARAH DEMPSEY**

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019



5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Saturday  
5<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.

*There are some we meet in passing,  
And forget as soon as they go,  
There are some we remember with  
pleasure and feel honoured and  
privileged to know,*

*You were that kind of person who left beautiful memories behind,  
And there are many days which bring fond memories of you to mind.*

*Forever in our hearts Mam, from all your loving family.*

*May Sarah Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **PADDY DOYLE**

Formerly 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

Died 7/10/1978. 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



*Partings come and hearts are broken,  
Loved ones go with words unspoken,  
Deep in our hearts there is a memory kept,  
For a father that we will never forget.*

*Sadly missed, never forgotten by his  
son Joe & Kathleen.*

*May Paddy Rest in Peace*



## **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.

**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.

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

**Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the Feast of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. in Sacred Heart Church, Stradbally at 7pm. Celebrant; Fr. John Mockler S.D.S. Mass, Adoration and Blessing with first class relic of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

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

## **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**

**Knitting Classes** will commence 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm in the hall at the Heath Church. All are welcome.

**The PTAA (Pioneer) Annual Church Gate Collection** in aid of promoting temperance locally and nationally will be held at all Masses in Portlaoise Parish this weekend, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> October. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

## **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.

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>:** A great fun afternoon occasion singing with Caroline, the many new songs as well as the tried and tested beautiful melodies that we all know and enjoy so much. Everybody can participate as it is not a competition and the primary purpose is enjoyment.

**Understanding Self-Harm Free Seminar for Parents** will explore the topic of self-harm with a focus on why people self-harm, prevalence rates, myths, functions, motivation in Laois Education Centre, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 7-9pm. Booking essential. Tel. 057-8672402.

**Mountmellick Macra** are delighted to welcome everybody to our new members night. Join us from 9pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October in Tom & Vron's pub, Mountmellick for more info. on what we do, and to have some fun. It would be great to see as many as possible on the night! As always you can contact us on our Facebook page or at 086-2398422 for any queries.

**Laois/Offaly branch of the retired nurses association** are hosting a talk on crime prevention and safety in your home, by Graham Kavanagh, in Portlaoise Parish Centre, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 1pm. All retired HSE staff welcome. Free parking while attending the talk, tickets available at reception. If interested please contact 086-8812228 to facilitate seating accommodation.

**Carlow Bingo at the Youth Centre, Green Lane, Carlow on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm:** Super Bingo!

€6,000 in prize money. **Book** line checks €50, double line €50, full house €250. **Jackpot** line checks €50, double line €100, full house €500. **Flyer Game**, line €50, double line €100, full house €500. **Raffle** line check €50, double line €100. Plus TV prize in number on sheet. Full House €500. All loose sheets €2. 6 panel book €5. Double book €10.

**Cuisle Fayre Charity Shop:** No. 1 Church Avenue (side of old Shaws). Donations of good quality household items required, also good quality ladies and gents clothing. Cuisle Fayre volunteers greatly appreciate the generosity of their patrons.

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