



8th September 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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1st September - 4th October

Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last two hundred years. Yet we are called to be instruments of God our Father, so that our planet might be what he desired when he created it and correspond with his plan for peace, beauty and fullness.
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Saturday 14th September

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We are indebted to the Kiltegan Fathers for the services of Fr. Eddie Lalor and Fr. Tom O'Connor in our Parish.

I dream of a ... a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's ways of doing things... can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world. **Pope Francis.**

What is stronger than God, more evil than the Devil, poor people have it; rich people don't need it and if you eat it, you will die?

GNIHON

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

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Saturday
10am

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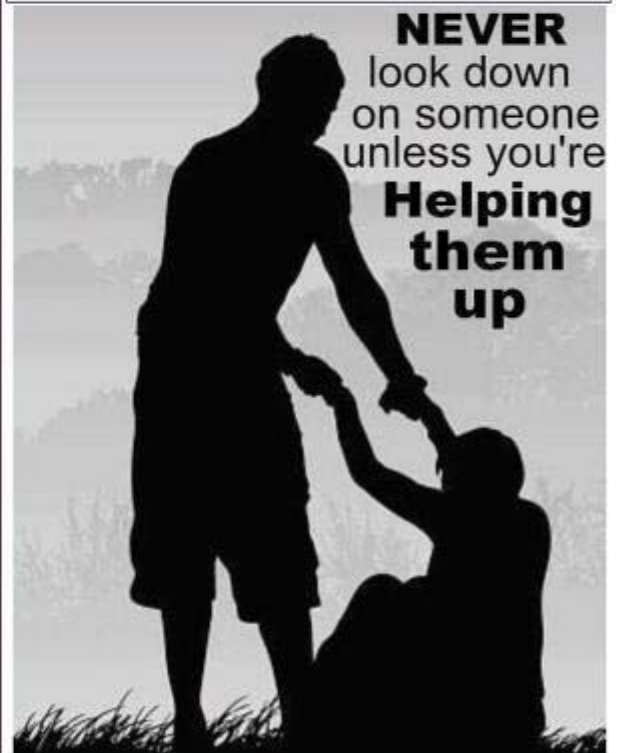
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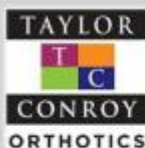
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Next you need to find a teacher. After all, you can't teach yourself. Not if you really want to play well. For a lesson it could cost around €25 per lesson. Let's see, if you have a lesson every week that's €100 a month, do you still want to play the piano?

What else do we need? Oh yes, we will need some music! I went to the music store and found out that most of the music books cost €10-€15 each. If you want to buy a single copy of sheet music, they usually cost around €5 each. Do you still want to play the piano?

Now that you have a piano, a teacher, and some music you must be willing to practice. Most piano teachers require their students to practice at least one hour every day. That means that there will be times when other children will be out playing while you must stay in and practice. Do you still want to play the piano? If you want to play the piano, you have to count the cost and make sure you are willing to pay the price!

Did you know that Jesus said that same thing to some people who said they wanted to be his disciples? Jesus told them that if they wanted to follow him, they had to count the cost. He said they had to be willing to take up their cross daily and follow him. To follow him, they might have to be willing to give up their family and friends. Jesus also said that people might make fun of them and call them names and that some people might even want to hurt them. They had to count the cost and make sure they were willing to pay the price.

A lot of people today say that they want to follow Jesus. They join the church and for a while you will see them every week, but when they find out how much it is going to cost, they fall away. Being a true follower of Jesus is not always easy, but it is always worth it, if you are willing to pay the price.

PRAYER



Dear Jesus, it is easy to say that we want to follow you, but it isn't always easy to do. Help us to follow you, whatever the cost. Amen.



**WHY IS MUM SO HAPPY?
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Welcome back to all pupils and teachers after the summer holidays; a special welcome to the boys and girls who are taking their first step into the world of education. And those who begin new schools this September.

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Lourdes Group 2019: Lilibeth Culberth, Hannah Daly, Rebecca Deevy, Lisa Hainsworth, Roisin Kirby, Ellen Major, Sinead Ni Chuinn, Aimee O' Brien, Grace O' Brien, Ellen O' Driscoll & Amy Reddin.

Article by: Grace O' Brien



TIME TO THINK!

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

This Tuesday, September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day.

Suicide prevention remains a universal challenge. Every year, suicide is among the top 20 leading causes of death globally for people of all ages. It is responsible for over 800,000 deaths, which equates to one suicide every 40 seconds.

Every life lost represents someone's partner, child, parent, friend or colleague. For each suicide approximately 135 people suffer intense grief or are otherwise affected. This amounts to 108 million people per year who are profoundly impacted by suicidal behaviour. Suicidal behaviour includes suicide, and also encompasses suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. For every suicide, 25 people make a suicide attempt and many more have serious thoughts of suicide.

Suicide is the result of a convergence of genetic, psychological, social and cultural and other risk factors, sometimes combined with experiences of trauma and loss. People who take their own lives represent a heterogeneous group, with unique, complex and multifaceted causal influences preceding their final act. Such heterogeneity presents challenges for suicide prevention experts. These challenges can be overcome by adopting a multilevel and cohesive approach to suicide prevention.

A special vigil will take place at the Tree of Hope which was planted last year at the Memorial Garden at the Ridge Road at 7pm on Tuesday, September 10th.

Working Together to Prevent Suicide is the theme for this year's World Suicide Prevention Day.

Donal Walsh, before his death, pleaded earnestly to his young peers to value life. A message powerfully communicated to every Secondary School in this Country, in his DVD "Life is Gift". "I realised that I was fighting for my life for the third time in four years and this time I have no hope. Yet still I hear of young people committing suicide and I'm sorry but it makes me feel nothing but anger. I feel angry that these people choose to take their lives, to ruin their families and to leave behind a mess that no one can clean up." He pleaded, "Please, as a 16-year-old who has no say in his death sentence, who has no choice in the pain he is about to cause and who would take any chance at even a few more months on this planet: appreciate what you have, know that there are always other options and help is always there."

"Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem,". Its consequence leaves a permanent heartache in the lives of loved ones who are left behind wounded, bereaved, broken and so often void of the

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apparent answer to why a sibling, son or daughter, brother or sister, partner, neighbour or friend; should end their life in such a tragic manner. Of course the darkness and despair in those final moments when life is ended by suicide, in no way defines the totality of that person's life. In the same sense "Nothing can separate us from the love of God". God's love is best summed up as our saviour dying out of love on the cross prayed aloud; "Today you will be with me in paradise".

The frequency of suicide is an alarming reminder of how fragile and vulnerable the human mind is. I believe mental illness is the most difficult of any human cross to carry. When illness is physically manifested, it is tangible, acceptable and real. Illness of the mind is more subtle, and less apparent than a broken leg or physical illness. However, mental illness can be hidden, stigmatised and much more difficult to "fix".

Perhaps the greatest devastation that results from suicide is the unanswered questions that loved ones will forever struggle with. Why did this happen? Should I have recognised the signs? Why did they leave this pain on us? How did I not know that they were so unhappy?

I believe the burden, anxiety and overwhelming despair that brings somebody to end their own life is itself the most lonely and vulnerable cross any human has to carry. I suggest that theirs surely is the Kingdom of Heaven - a kingdom that transforms despair into hope, darkness into light, and being lost into the joy of being found. Any individual whose life has ended in the darkness of suicide also has a life story filled with brightness, gentleness and tremendous actions of human love. In these dark days that are so uncertain and difficult for so many, please talk out your fear to somebody. Avail of so many listening ears in family and community who can offer support and help. *It's ok not to be ok.*

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Kavanagh**
*née Brennan
Colt, Ballyroan*

John (Jacko) Murphy
*Kilminchy, Portlaoise and
Portarlington.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod
and your staff - they comfort me.*

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1st Anniversary occurred 6th September 2019



*No longer in our lives to share, but in
our hearts you are always there.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 14th September at 6:30pm.

Sadly missed by all his loving family.
May Dad Rest In Peace.



In Loving Memory of THOMAS CARROLL



72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise whose 9th Anniversary
occurs 12th September 2019.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on
Saturday 14th September at 6:30pm.

*The thoughts we held most dearly,
are the times we spent with you,
The laughs, the jokes and silly things,
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EDWARD (Ned) McEVOY

Capoley, Portlaoise - 21st Anniversary (30th August)



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in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 8th September at 12:30pm.

*Time unfolds another year, memories keep you
very near. No need for words except to say you
are loved and missed each passing day.*

Loved and remembered always by your loving family.

May Edward Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JEMEEL WALSH

Ashley Gardens, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 17th September 2019

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Sunday 15th September at 12:30pm.



*Softly the leaves of memory fall,
Gently I gather and treasure them all,
Unseen, unheard, you are always near,
So missed, so loved, so very dear.*

*Loved and remembered by her husband Gerry,
children Matthew, Alex and Sarah
and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Jemeel

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN (Brigid) DEEVY

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Whose 3rd Anniversary occurs 12th September 2019.



God knew that she was suffering,
That the hills were hard to climb,
So he closed her weary eyelids,
And whispered, Peace be thine.
Away in the beautiful hills of God,
By the valley of rest so fair,
Some day, we know not when,
We will meet our loved one there.

*Will those who think of Mam today.
A prayer to our Blessed Mother say.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Sunday 15th September at 11:15am.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by her daughter Marie,
son-in-law Seamus, grandchildren Blaine, Evan, Aoife,
Clodagh and partners and great-grandchildren Ellie-Mae,
Heidi-Marie and Leah, extended family and friends.*

May Brigid Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
A Treasured Uncle
WILLIAM (Bill) DOYLE

13 New Road, Portlaoise, whose 4th Anniversary occurs
9th September 2019



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Sunday 8th September at 12:30pm.

*Your name is often spoken,
we talk about you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
you know you never will.
No words or verse could ever say
how much we miss you everyday*

*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
we love you too dearly to ever forget.*

*Loved and remembered today, yesterday and in
all our tomorrows, from all his loving family.*

May Bill Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA O' BRIEN

Whose Anniversary occurs at this time



From your loving sister Mary and Jimmy
and family.

May Patricia Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA (Thrush) O'BRIEN

13 St. John's Square, Portlaoise

10th Anniversary occurs 8th September.



*Loving memories never die,
As years roll on and days pass by,
In our hearts a memory is kept,
Of one we loved and will never forget.*

Never Forgotten. Tony

May Patricia Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of our Mam
ALICE ROGERS

9 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurred 5th September 2019



*Also remembered at this time;
Her husband Michael and son Tony.*

*No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.
Loved and missed everyday by all your
loving family.*

May Alice Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
TOMMY BREEN**

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
21st Anniversary occurred 7th September 2019



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

Sadly missed & remembered by
his sons, daughters & families

*Also remember his son Nevin on his second birthday
away from home.*

*Always in our Thoughts, Forever in our Hearts.
May Tommy and Nevin Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of
MICK KAVANAGH**

Ballydavis, The Heath.
Whose 1st Anniversary occurs 8th September 2019.



Beyond the rainbows end,
there lies, the land of love and
light,
Where shadows never dim the
skies, for there, there is no
night.
And though the loss is hard to
bear, of a loved one or a
friend,
We know that we shall find
them there,
Beyond the rainbows end.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the
Assumption, The Heath, this Sunday 8th September at 9:30am.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving family,
relatives and friends.*

May Mick Rest in Peace

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
EUGENE THOMAS CONROY**

3rd Birthday Away from Home



Gone from our home but always
remembered by your loving
family, your Mother, Father,
brothers Michael, Eddie, Andrew,
Paul & James, your sister Theresa
and your loving daughter Shannon

*Also remember Eugene's brother
Christopher who died in infancy and
whose birthday remembrance also occurs at this time.*

May Eugene and Christopher Rest In Peace.

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

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
1st Birthday away from home
occurs 8th Sept.



*Parting comes and hearts are broken
Loved ones go with words unspoken,
Deep in our hearts, there are memories kept,
Of a husband and father we'll never forget.*

Wishing you a Heavenly birthday Ray.

Love and miss you always, Mossie xx Martina, Lisa,
Sandra and grandkids.

May Ray Rest in Peace

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
MARYANNE (Nan) LAWLESS**

24 Birchgrove, Portlaoise.



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*The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been
offered for your intentions.*

Months Mind Mass for Maryanne will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, Saturday 7th September at 6.30pm.

Rest in Peace Maryanne

**The Fatima Candle will be lit at 10am Mass in the Parish Church, Friday 13th September in honour of
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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.

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.

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2019: 7 Night Package Inclusive €705, 3rd-10th October.

Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland cc. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

Family & Life invites you to their Healing Mass with Fr. Joseph Deane, in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, Tuesday 10th September at 7.30pm. Veneration of St. Padre Pio's glove afterwards.

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

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.

Sept. 11th: There will be no ARA meeting this week as many members will be away in Killarney playing with, and supporting the Bowls team in their quest for honours for Portlaoise.

Sept. 18th: The first opportunity of the new season to take out the dancing shoes again and get the adrenalin flowing, learning new dance movements with Maureen. The additional exercise will help us hold on to whatever summer fitness is still there.

Dancing at An Sean Chistin, Irey, Ballyfin:

Commencing Monday Sept. 16th Set Dancing 8pm. Tuesday 17th Line Dancing, beginners at 10am and experienced dancers at 11am. Wed. 18th Line Dancing, beginners 7pm, experienced dancers 8pm. Enquiries Maureen 087-6482038.

Sing for Joy: Rehearsals for the new season commence Wed. 18th Sept. at 11am in Portlaoise Parish Centre. This is a Community Choir, emphasis on self confidence relaxation, participation, well being, teamwork, friendship, inclusivity etc. which welcomes attendees from care facilities around Portlaoise and it's environs. We look forward to a successful year with public performances during our first term. For info. tel. Maureen 087-6482038.

October 1st-7th National Breastfeeding Week: Midlands Regional Hospital at Portlaoise would like to invite breastfeeding families, past and present, to celebrate with us with Afternoon tea, October 1st at 3pm.

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An evening safe-TALK (suicide alertness) programme will take place in Portlaoise Parish Centre on Thursday 12th September at 7pm.

To register for the Safe Talk contact: Josephine Rigney, Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention; e-mail; josephine.rigney@hse.ie | T. 086-8157850.



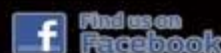
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