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## Our Lady of Knock Monday 17th August

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*(St. Bernard)*

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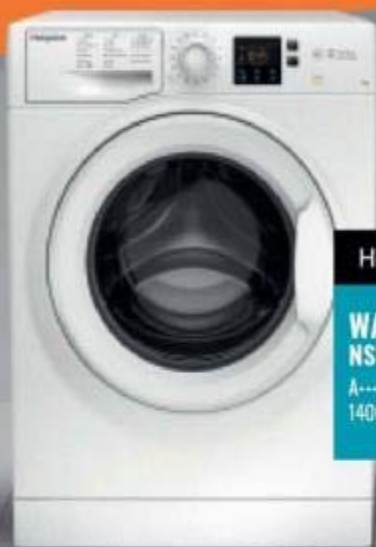
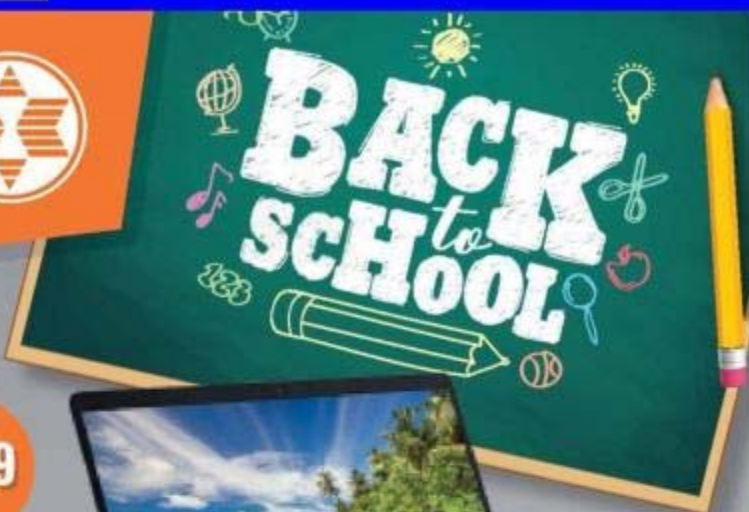


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For more information contact **Kellie or Darren 086-867 5060**



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**Avoid**  
crowds and crowded places.



**Stay**  
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**Wear**  
a face covering\*



**Practice**  
good cough/breath hygiene. Use your elbow or a tissue.



**Pay**  
special attention to vulnerable people.



**Step**  
aside to give others space.



**Respect**  
other people including staff.



**Wash**  
your hands for at least 20 seconds when you get home.



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- > Cough
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THE FAITH



Scripture: The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Matthew 15:26-27 (NIV)

Do you have a dog? What do you feed your dog? Canned dog food? Dry dog food? Do you ever feed him scraps from the table? Most vets say that you should not feed your dog table scraps. Why? They say that table scraps are not intended for dogs and may not provide the nutrients that a dog needs. That may be true, but just try to convince your dog of that as he sits by the table watching you enjoy a juicy steak. Maybe the meal was not intended for him, but that doesn't keep him from sitting by the table, begging for a little scrap, hoping that just one small bite might fall on the floor for him.



When Jesus came to earth, he came to preach and teach first to the Jews. That does not mean that He didn't love the other people of the world, but the first priority in his ministry on earth was to bring God's chosen ones to repentance.

When other people saw Jesus healing the sick and lame, they followed him wherever he went. One day there was a woman from Canaan who came to Jesus and asked him to heal her daughter. Jesus explained to the woman that his first mission on earth was to preach to the people of Israel.

The woman refused to give up. She came closer, knelt down, and begged, "Please help me, Lord!". Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."

The woman answered Jesus and said, "Lord, that's true, but even dogs get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."

Jesus was so touched by the faith of that woman that he told her that because of her faith, her daughter would be healed.

Even though Jesus came first to the Jew, he loved us so much that he shared his love with all of us. I guess we are a little bit like the dog -- even though the meal was not prepared especially for us, it doesn't keep us from enjoying it. We gladly sit at our Master's feet and thankfully receive whatever crumbs might fall from the table.

## Prayer

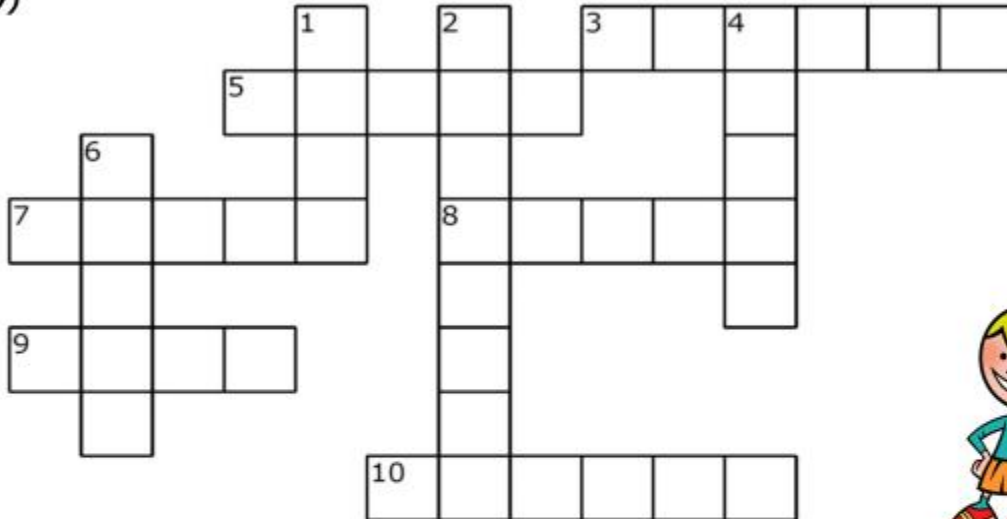
Dear Father, thank you for loving us so much that you shared your Son with the whole world, so that through him we could be saved.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



# CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE

"Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."

Matthew 15:28 (NIV)



## DOWN

- 1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things.
- 2. A female child in relation to her parents.
- 4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone.
- 6. An evil spirit.

## ACROSS

- 3. To experience physical or mental pain.
- 5. An adult female human being.
- 7. The Son of God.
- 8. A very large amount of something.
- 9. Unable to be found.
- 10. Small pieces of bread or cake.

JESUS	DAUGHTER	SUFFER	CRUMBS	DEMON
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- CRUMBS
- FALL
- LOST
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- SUFFERING
- WOMAN
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# TIME TO THINK!

## Direct Provision - A Failed System

This pandemic, is far from over, whilst hopefully it remains contained, on our Island. Here in Laois, we face the second week of restrictions, I believe necessary, in our collective responsibility to ensure safe public health and our shared desire that children will return to school in September. The recent spike of Covid-19, highlights that the vulnerable remain very susceptible and exposed to this virus. Direct provision residents, meat factory workers and members of the travelling community accounted for many of the confirmed cases in recent weeks. Remember cases are real people not just numbers. I pray that all will make a full recovery and return to good health.

Half of people living in direct provision have been unable to social distance from other residents during the Covid-19 pandemic, while more than 40% continue to share a room with a non-family member, according to new research seen by The Irish Times.

The Irish Refugee Council's (IRC) Powerless report, which examines the experiences of direct provision residents during the pandemic, says asylum seekers are suffering "fear and trepidation" because of their "inability to control" their health and safety during the pandemic. The call to end direct provision has become "more compelling than ever" in the context of the pandemic, the council says. The new Government has committed to ending the system.

Two levels of safety standards have been created during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to IRC chief executive Nick Henderson. "One for the general public, where social distancing is encouraged, and another for people in residential settings such as direct provision, where sharing of intimate space is implicitly accepted."

The study was carried out through an online survey made available to residents between April and June 2020. Some 418 people - 5.4% of people living in direct provision, from 38 direct provision centres and 22 emergency accommodation centres took part.

### Sharing space

The IRC found 55% of people surveyed felt unsafe due to the pandemic, while 50% were unable to social distance themselves from other residents. Some 42% said they were sharing a room with a non-family member. More than 15% shared a room with three people and 5% shared with four people. One respondent said they were sharing a room with 11 others.

More than half of respondents said they shared a bathroom with non-family members and 53% said they continued to eat in a communal dining area. Nearly one-quarter said they did not have regular access to soap and hand sanitiser in their centre.

Respondents expressed concern about overcrowded living conditions. One remarked: "We are powerless, just sitting ducks waiting to die." A pregnant woman said she lived in "constant fear of being infected" as she shared a kitchen with more than 100 people.

Some participants said they were concerned about the behaviour of fellow residents as some were acting irresponsibly. Many complained about a lack of communication from managers about the spread of the virus, saying there was "no visibility" about the number of cases at their centre. However, in a small number of cases, respondents said managers had been a source of support in recent months.



### Local response

Respondents said some local communities presumed residents had Covid-19 because they lived in direct provision, while one respondent recalled having been described as "Covid people".

Parents who took part in the survey said the closure of schools meant their children had to learn in overcrowded conditions and were left without a "sense of normalcy" in their lives, according to the report.

Of the 204 respondents who said they were employed, more than one-fifth worked in hospitals, other healthcare settings, or the care sector. Those in direct provision who lost their jobs because of the pandemic were initially not eligible for the Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment (PUP).

In May, a letter signed by 40 organisations and led by the IRC requested that asylum seekers, who currently receive €38.80 per week for an adult and €29.80 for children, receive an additional €20 per week during the pandemic. The request was rejected by then minister for social protection Regina Doherty.

However, on Friday, Minister for Social Protection Heather Humphreys announced that direct provision residents would now be eligible for the PUP, which she said will be paid retrospectively to them from when a person was laid off. Residents will also be able to claim the Covid-19 illness benefit payment, said the Minister.

This change in policy follows months of campaigning by support groups and the Taoiseach's assertion earlier this month that direct provision residents be treated the same as any citizen in terms of social protection supports during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The IRC report also calls for a "constructive" internal inquiry into the Department of Justice's handling of centres during the pandemic and requests that all people who are unsuccessful in their asylum application, but worked in healthcare during Covid-19, be given permission to remain in the Republic. The decision-making process for international protection applications should now restart to avoid further delays, it recommends.

*Matthew 25:35-36; "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."*

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*Abbeyleix/Raheen Parish; 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> September*





# PORTLAOISE NOTES

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Laois County Council announce details of new pedestrianisation plan for Main St, Portlaoise:

Laois County Council will pedestrianise Lower Main St., from Railway Street to Church Avenue, during the month of August, weekends only as follows:  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August from 6pm to 9.30pm  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August from 11am to 9.30pm  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August from 11am to 9.30pm.

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### Miracle Prayer in Thanksgiving;

Dear Heart of Jesus, in the past I have asked for many favours. This time I ask you this very special one (mention favour). Take it dear heart of Jesus and place it within your broken heart where your Father sees it. Then in His merciful eyes it will become your favour, not mine, Amen. Say this prayer for three days, publish it and favour will be granted.



**We have a prayer wall for our Priests in the Parish Church. Parishioners are invited to write their name on a petal and say a decade of the Rosary for that Priest.**



The Cuisle Cancer Support Centre would like to say thanks to all those who took part in their recent virtual raffle in aid of Cuisle. Many thanks also to Sean Doyle and Pat Devoy for securing so many wonderful prizes from the local businesses in Portlaoise, Portarlinton and Stradbally. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

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Congratulations to Eoin, Tim, Matthew and Josh from Shanahoe N.S., the winners of this years school quiz at Chapter level. They were due to represent our Chapter at National level until Covid hit and the event had to be cancelled, which was such a disappointment for the team after making it so far.

Also pictured in the photo; Carol from People First Credit Union, Portlaoise who called out to their school on their graduation day and presented them with a cash prize each to celebrate their greatness! Well done boys and best of luck in secondary school!

## Prayer for Life, Unity and Peace

The annual crossing of Ireland with a statue of Our Lady takes place on the 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> August as in previous years. The statue will be transported on the roof of a car and visible for all to see.

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.:** 11:30am Rosary in the Church of the Holy Rosary Abbeyleix.  
12:30pm Rosary at Our Lady's Shrine, Top Square, Portlaoise.  
2:30pm Rosary in the Parish Church, Mountmellick.  
3:30pm Rosary in the Parish Church Killeigh.

It is hoped that many will join in the Rosary and accompany the statue on part of the journey if not all the way. Rosary beads will be available.



E-mail all community notices and advertisements for **BOTH** the Portlaoise Linkup and the Abbeyleix/Raheen Linkup to [linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie](mailto:linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie)

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Deadline for receipt; 12 noon Wednesday



### A lovely message from a local Parishioner.....

Today as I walked on the beach with my beautiful wife and son, for the very first time I noticed all the individual pebbles, the different shapes, and sizes and the different colours. I used to be a stonemason so I know that different areas have different types of stone, but as I strolled along the beach I couldn't help but notice the very many different types of pebbles, worn smooth over millennia by the flowing and ebbing the tides. Some of these stones were of a type not from this area, washed up on our shores from distant lands, carried here by chance or by other means...and it got me thinking about our present life here in this country we call home, and all the different people who have landed here over recent years. Some are from here, and some washed up on our shores by chance or by other means, just like all the beautiful pebbles on the beach. Although there has been conflict and no doubt there will be some who will struggle with landing here and some who will struggle with those who have landed, in time....just like the pebbles, as we live together side by side, we will become smoother, softer and fit together better during turbulent times just as the pebbles have done. We too will lose our sharpness, and in doing so we will become more beautiful, making this place we live in as beautiful and colourful as the beach today, we must, like the pebbles, learn to fit together, accept that we are all different in many ways, but always remember that it's those very differences that make us, as a whole, beautiful. Be patient with each other and when doing so .....be kind. That is the real beauty of life.



Author; Stephen Eamonn Collins  
July 2020

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*John Kennedy*

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*Fr. Pat Breen P.E.*

(C.C. Timahoe)

Much loved Priest and a  
native of Raheen, who served  
in Kildare & Leighlin Diocese.

Requiem Mass will be  
celebrated in Raheen Church, 2pm Saturday.

*Catherine Farrell*

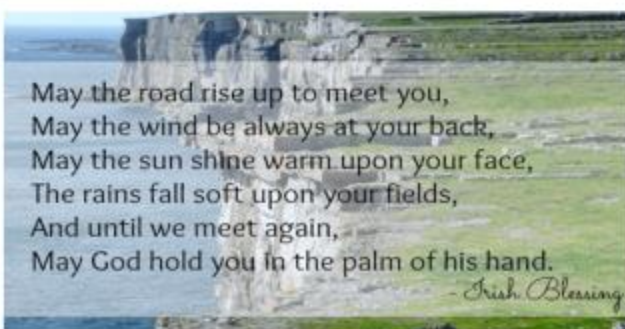
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Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday  
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A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to  
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*In our hearts you are always there.*

*Always remembered by his family and grandchildren.*

*May Joseph Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of DANNY MARUM

Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church  
this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 10am.

*Always so good, unselfish and kind,  
Few on this earth, his equal we'll find,  
Honourable and upright in all his ways,  
Loyal and true to the end of his days.  
Danny, you will never be forgotten.*

Sadly missed and fondly remembered by Tina, Duncan,  
Arabella, Hettie-Grace and Barnaby.

*Rest in Peace Danny.*

## In Loving Memory of AOIFE HUME

14 The Downs, Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020



Aoife's Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August at 10am.

*We hold you close within our  
hearts, and there you shall remain,  
To walk with us throughout our  
lives, until we meet again.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by Mam, Dad,  
sisters Aisling and Niamh and all of your extended family.

The family offer a heartfelt thanks to relatives, friends and neighbours who supported us on the great loss of Aoife. To everyone who wrote cards and letters, we thank you. A special thanks to the nurses and doctors at St. James Hospital for their care and kindness during Aoife's last hours.

A sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne and Fr. David Vard who celebrated the funeral Mass. Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode (Keegan Funeral Directors), for the professional manner in which they carried out Aoife's funeral arrangements.

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

*May Aoife Rest in Peace*

*The Last will be First,  
& the First Last*

MATTHEW 20:16

*In Loving Memory of*  
**MARTIN LAWLESS**

*Tinnahinch, Rosenallis*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020*



*Martin will be remembered on 20<sup>th</sup> August with Anniversary Mass to be celebrated at a later date.*

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 love you will never forget.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all his loving family, extended relatives and friends.

*Rest in Peace Martin*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**ALICE O'REILLY**

*46 Borris Road, Portlaoise.*

*22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020*



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

*Fondly remembered by her family;  
John, Tom, Margaret and all her grandchildren.*

*Also remembering our Dad and sister Ella.*

*Rest in Peace Alice*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**BRIDGET O'BRIEN**

*15 New Rd., Portlaoise, whose birthday occurs  
16<sup>th</sup> August.*



You'll never be forgotten, that simply cannot be,  
As long as I am living, I'll carry you with me,  
Safely tucked within my heart, your light will always shine,  
A glowing ember never stilled, throughout the end of time.  
No matter what the future brings, or what may lie ahead,

I know that you will walk with me along this path I tread,  
So rest now mother, be at peace and let your soul fly free,  
When it's my time, I'll join you there for all eternity.

*Sadly missed by your daughter Theresa, your grandchildren Yvonne and Shane and your great-grandchildren Emma and John.*

*May Bridget Rest in Peace*

*The Dash*

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth and now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own, the cars... the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard; are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile...remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So when your eulogy is being read, with your life's actions to rehash...would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

by Linda Ellis ©1996 Inspire Kindness, LLC



The deadline for receipt of Anniversaries and Acknowledgments for our next publication (22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> August) is;

**12 noon Wednesday  
19<sup>th</sup> August**

Please e-mail memorials/acknowledgements for both the Portlaoise linkup and the Abbeyleix/Raheen linkup, with a photo to [linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie](mailto:linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie)

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## Portlaoise Parish



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13<sup>th</sup> August 2020

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