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19th July 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*'Even when the dark clouds veil the sky,
You are by my side.'*

All across the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin choirs are missing the opportunity to sing at Mass. In the meantime through the medium of a Virtual Choir they offer a prayer, a hymn of hope for everyone that tells us that 'God is by our side' as they sing together Liam Lawton's The Cloud's Veil. You can see the performance on YouTube, by searching for *A Hymn of Hope*. See if you can spot any familiar faces!



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Wheat and Weeds

Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a field in which the master has sown good seed. In the night, an enemy comes and plants weeds, so when the crop grows it is a mixture of wheat and weed. The servants'



instinct is to pull the weeds out, but the master demands that the bad grow alongside the good ... he himself will sort the wheat from the weeds at the final harvest.

It's a typical Palestinian problem, the darnel weed, which looks just like wheat in its early stages is a menace to the harvest. The roots of the darnel weed intertwine with the roots of the wheat. To pull the darnel out can jeopardise the harvest. Similarly, just as it's hard to tell the difference between wheat and darnel, so it's not always easy for us to tell the difference between good and evil. A bad person can change and become good, and a seemingly good person might not be as virtuous as we imagine. It's best if we refrain from judging; this job is best left to God.

In films and novels, the good guys always win and the bad guys always get their come-uppance. Happy endings satisfy our human sense of justice, but in reality justice seems strangely elusive. We come up against evil time and time again. Sometimes we get so angry that we want to take justice into our own hands. Sometimes we are incensed that God can allow evil to grow alongside good, but before we get too irate, maybe we need to stop and take a good long look in the mirror. What makes us so sure that we're not weeds too? Where did we get that assurance that we are represented in the parable as the wheat?

Rarely is reality black and white. We all have good and bad inside us. We all need to change, and we all deserve the opportunity to make those changes. Perhaps this is the reason Jesus' advises us to leave the evil to grow alongside the good. As Martin Luther King Jnr. once said, "God's purpose is not wrathful judgement. God's purpose is redemption, and the road to redemption is by way of reconciliation."

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday—Friday

7.30am, 10am & 11am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigils)

4.30pm, 6pm & 7.30pm

Sunday

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

The Heath: 9.30am

Ratheniska: 10am

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READINGS

Wis 12:13,16-19. Ps 85:5-6,9-10,15-16.

Rm 8:26-27. Mt 13:24-43



**St. Mary
Magdalene
Wednesday
22nd July**

Mary Magdalene stood by the Cross of Jesus, with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'. The Gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the 'woman who was a sinner' who anointed Christ feet (Lk 7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who also anointed him (Jn 12:3).



**We welcome into our
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Rebecca Natali Petric, Garden Village.

who were baptised last weekend.



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Hello!

Hi!

Hey!



KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN

Bishop Denis announced the following Diocesan changes during the week. They involve a number of priests who served in Portlaoise Parish.

Former Curates in Portlaoise:

Fr. Paddy Byrne in addition to being PP Abbeylax and Raheen is now also PP Ballinakill,

Fr. Thomas O'Byrne now Adm Carlow Cathedral and assist at Bishop's House

Fr. Joe O'Neill on loan to L.A. now CC Emo and will assist in duty to Portlaoise Hospital

Also

Fr. Eddie Kavanagh PP Balyra, Ordained in the Heath (June 2003) to retire.

Fr. Liam Morgan, native of Raheen to be Vicar Forane for K&L North Deanery

Changes:

Fr. Liam Morgan PP Naas, Sallins, Two Mile House to become VF Kildare & Leighlin North Deanery, retaining responsibility for Parish Renewal & Development.

Fr. Seán Conlon PP Ballinakill to become PE CC Ballinakill,

Fr. Adrian Carbery PP Kildare to become PE CC Kildare

Fr. Eddie Kavanagh PP Balyra to retire

Fr. Paddy Byrne PP Abbeylax & Raheen to become also PP Ballinakill

Fr. Andy Leahy PP Tullow to become PP Kildare

Fr. Seán Maher CC Naas, Sallins, Two Mile House to become PP Balyra and Diocesan Scripture Resources

Fr. Thomas O'Byrne PP Myshall & Clonegal to become Adm. Cathedral & to assist at Bishop's House

Fr. Brian Maguire SPS CC Cathedral to become PP Tullow

Fr. Pat Hughes CC Emo & Portarlinton to become PP Myshall & Clonegal

Fr. Joe O'Neill who was on loan to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to become CC Emo & Portarlinton

Fr. Gaspar Habara SVD CC Kildare to become CC Cathedral

Fr. Yanbo Chen SVD to reside in Cathedral Presbytery and to assist in the wider area

Fr. Robert Petrisor (Archdiocese of Bucharest, Romania) to become CC Naas, Sallins, Two-Mile-House

Changes generally are not easy and particularly so during this very strange time.

We wish all the priests every blessing as they take up new parishes and new positions.



TIME TO THINK!

Appreciate Little Things.....

Ode to a mouse or a spider:

Robbie Burns writes well on the little things. When he was ploughing, he disturbed the home of a mouse. He apologised in a poem. 'Ode to a mouse.' He admits too, how careless humans are and disrespectful of the social status of life where every little mouse (and everything else) has a place. But then he wanders towards his own problems:


Still, thou art blest, compar'd wi' me!
The present only toucheth thee:
But Och! I backward cast my e'e,
On prospects drear!
An' forward tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear!

Robbie had a friend in Robert the Bruce (of Scotland). The Scottish myth catches an important Message, for all of us. Robert was on the run from the English and was hiding in a cave. He watched a little spider building a web. It didn't matter how often the spider failed, he kept going until he finished the job. Robert was inspired. And so we can. It is the little things always.

"The best laid schemes of mice and men (and women too) go often askew." (Burns)

The blessedness of little things:

Oh it is the little things. It is the gestures. The smile. The word. The call. The thank you. The hello. The -is there anything I can do? The appreciation. The praise. The touch. The shopping for the cocooned. The neighbours on the roads as a guard of honour for the funerals. The handing in of the Trócaire boxes. The collections in case the parish might be short. The opening up. The disinfecting of the churches. The tidy up. The patience of everyone. The small talk of life; the chatter; the gossip; the bantering; the raimeis of everyday. And what then is prayer? It is noticing the little things. The little people. The little gifts. The little beauty. The hidden gems. The wonder. It is being able to see. To take off the shoes. To bow the head. To be grateful. To being aware.



Make every day count.
Appreciate every moment
and take from it everything
that you possibly can, for
you may never be able to
experience it again.

To looking back and remembering the graciousness of life in people. It is looking around and seeing the Godly image in everyone. It is being at Mass and knowing that it is holy ground and listening. It is watching with amusement and amazement the scatter of seed in life and seeing the gentle growth. It is the marvel of Isaiah's words on the effectiveness of God's word which depends on our response. Oh it is the little things that matter. Every day and every moment is grace and blessing.

*God grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.*

*Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him*



Weeds in the Garden



I have weeds in my garden. I made sure that I planted my garden in good soil, and yet, I still have weeds. As you probably know, one of the biggest enemies of a good garden is weeds. Weeds will rob the soil of the nutrients that help your plants to grow and many times they will choke out good plants. What can you do? Well, you could take a hoe and chop down the weeds, but if you do that, you will

probably chop down some of the good plants by accident.

Another way to get rid of the weeds is to buy some weed killer. This stuff will really kill the weeds. The biggest problem with weed killer is that it doesn't know a tumble weed from a tomato plant. It kills every plant that it touches. Sometimes, it is best just to leave the weeds alone until it is time to harvest the crop. Then you can separate the weeds from the good plants.

One time Jesus told a story that compared his church to a garden that was infested with weeds. Sometimes there may be people in the church that don't really belong. They do things that aren't very loving and they don't seem to believe what the Gospel teaches. They sometimes say hateful things about the other members of the church and try to hurt them. They are like weeds in a garden.

We have to be very careful about trying to remove those people from the church. In his story, Jesus said that we shouldn't worry about pulling up the weeds that grow around us. If we do, we may do more harm than good. He suggests that we leave the weeds for God to take care of - and concentrate on doing what he wants us to do - which is producing good fruit.

Whenever you see someone in the church that you don't think should be there, before you grab your hoe or your weed killer, remember the advice of Jesus. Just leave it up to God to separate the weeds from the good plants. If we try to take matters into our own hands, we will probably do more harm.

Prayer

Dear Father, help us to love one another and leave the matter of judgment in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

More than a sign

Sometimes, we can look and look, search, long, beg and pray for a secret message from God, just for us. But Jesus is right there in front of us, in our neighbour, in the poor, in the sacraments and in his word. Jesus loves us, draws us to holiness, and fills our hearts with the wisdom of God.



Portlaoise Parish

First Holy Communion Dates 2020



We know how difficult a time it has been for our First Communicants and how anxious you are to know when you will receive your First Holy Communion. We hope setting the dates will help you and your family. **Please Note:** The dates are provisional and dependant on the situation re the Coronavirus. We do hope that all going well we will be able to proceed as planned and our preparations will work towards that goal. Boys and girls and parents please keep an eye on these pages (Catekids) in our Link Up during the coming weeks.

Saturday 12th September - Heath N.S. & Ratheniska NS at 11am



Friday 18th September - Holy Family School

(teachers listed are your 2nd class teachers)

Group A: Ms. Tsang & Ms. Moore classes at 2pm

Saturday 19th September - Holy Family School

Group B: Ms. Burbage & Ms. Dunne classes at 11am

Saturday 19th September - Holy Family School

Group C: Ms. Gallagher & Ms. Coughlan at 1pm

Friday, 25th September - Gaelscoil at 2pm

Saturday 26th September - Scoil Bhríde

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Group A: Ms. Fogarty, Ms Lanigan & Special Unit classes at 11am

Group B: Ms. McMahan & Ms. Martin classes at 1pm.

Saturday 3rd October - Educate Together, St. Francis & Other Schools at 11am.

Raheen & Abbeyleix Parish

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020

Saturday 19th September - Shanahoe
Shanahoe at 12noon

Saturday 19th September - Abbeyleix
Abbeyleix at 2pm

Sunday 20th September - Raheen
Raheen at 11am

Saturday 26th September - Ballyroan
Ballyroan at 12noon.



CONFIRMATION DATES 2020

Sunday 16th August - Shanahoe
Shanahoe at 2pm

Saturday 29th August - Raheen
Raheen at 3pm.





PORTLAOISE NOTES

PORTLAOISE LIBRARY NEWS:



Summer Stars National Reading Adventure 2020; Summer stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children, taking place during the summer in public libraries and online throughout the country. Our goal, as always is to promote every child's right to read and to invite all children throughout the country to join in the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer.

Summer Stars is non competitive and every child who reads even one book is regarded as having completed the programme-and its completely free! How will Summer Stars 2020 work? This has been a very challenging year for us all and so Summer Stars will look and work a bit differently from previous years. The parents or guardians of each child who would like to register can contact their local library and request a reading card and book pack. Eight books will then be selected from the library's stock and the book pack and reading card will be available for collection by appointment. Each child can then complete the reading card with books they have read from the pack, from their own books or e-books if they wish. They then return the completed reading card to the library to receive their reward.

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Story Competition;



As well as enjoying the amazing world of books, Summer Stars is also celebrating children's imaginations by running a short story competition; An Unexpected Adventure. This is a national competition. All entries to be submitted in digital copy (e.g Word, e-mail or other) to the following e-mail; summerstarsstory@lgma.ie by 5pm on 31st August. Hard copies will not be eligible. There are three age categories with great prizes for all the winners and runners-up. For further details you can log onto www.Librariesireland.ie

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GARDENING FOR BIODIVERSITY;



A new series of videos on biodiversity have been recently launched by Laois Heritage Office. Based on the popular book, "Gardening for Biodiversity" published by Laois County Council earlier this year, the series aims to give practical tips and guidelines to anyone who is interested in helping wildlife in their garden. The video can be accessed through <https://m.youtube.com/user/LaoisHeritage>.



ABBEYLEIX/RAHEEN NOTES



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WORD OF THANKS: The staff of Abbeyleix Community Nursing Unit would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting the recent fundraiser for Laois Hospice. The staff recently presented a cheque for €12,158 to Laois Hospice Chairman Seamus Donoghue. Also in attendance were Laois Hospice committee members Breda Broderick, Mary Delaney and Irene Murray. Needless to say the staff are delighted at the outcome which we are certain will be put to good use during these difficult times. Events organised included: headshave, hairdye, chest waxing, 20km walk, 24 hour fast, 24 hour sleep out. A coffee morning was hosted by Manor Stone including a raffle for a piece of garden furniture kindly donated by the Hennessy Family. Donations were also made online through Paypal. Staff came up with the idea of a fundraiser for a local charity. As Laois Hospice have direct links with Abbeyleix CNU it seemed the most obvious choice.



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- Bread removes most walls marks.
- Cleaning with Toothpaste will have your Gold sparkling.
- Mixing Lemon Juice and Salt is a simple way to clean copper.

Household Maintenance Tips of the week

Creaking Door - Rub all the joints in the hinges with a lead pencil, swing the door back and forth a few times, repeat the process and even the creakiest door should stop.
Sticky Desk Drawer - Rub a candle on the runners of a sticky desk drawer and it is amazing how much of a difference it will make.



Managing Odours Tips of the week

Smelly Shoes/Runners
Put some tea leaves into stockings and stuff into each shoe, leave for one day and like magic the smell just vanishes.

Smelly Kitchen Bin - Put a little bread soda in the base of your kitchen bin after washing and before popping in the bag and it will keep your bin smelling fresh for longer.



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Eileen Quinn

née Farrell
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Josie Dayton

née Condron
Boleybeg, Spink,
Abbeyleix and Maganey

James (Jim) Fitzpatrick
Knockbawn, Spink, Abbeyleix

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.



The deadline for receipt
of Anniversaries and
Acknowledgments for
our next publication
(25th/26th July) is;

**12 noon Wednesday
22nd July**

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7th Anniversary, 21st July, 2020



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Two willing hands are stiff,
The one who worked so hard for us,
Is resting in God's will.*

Sadly missed by your loving family
and extended family.

May Julia Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of FERGUS (Patrick) DUNNE

Late of Dr. Murphy Place and Kilminchy, Portlaoise
5th Birthday away from home.



*Forever in our thoughts
Another birthday, another year,
With precious memories of one so dear,
Thoughts today of our lives together,
Hold a love that will live forever.*
Also remembering other deceased relatives
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From your loving partner Esther, his brothers,
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The family of the late Alice Parnell who died on 16th May 2019, wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy shown to us on our great loss. We offer heartfelt thanks to the many relatives and friends, neighbours, Marian Avenue community, who attended the rosary, funeral Mass

and burial. To those who travelled long distances to be with us, who provided great support, sent Mass cards, messages of condolences and floral tributes.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne who celebrated the funeral Mass, Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. David Vard, Fr. Tom O' Connor, Fr. Eddie Lalor, Fr. Michael O' Meara PP Kinnitty, Offaly. Our thanks to Aishling Rohan for the music and singing and to all who took part in the Mass, especially our sacristans, Sr. Julie and Sr. Sybil.

A special word of thanks to Dr. Sharma; Dr. Fleming and the staff of ICU and ICC; Mary and staff at the Warafin Clinic at Portlaoise hospital; Dr. Bergin, Tullamore hospital and Dr. Daly and staff in St. James hospital.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode (Keegan Funeral Directors), for the professional manner in which they carried out Alice's funeral arrangements and also to Louis and Paddy and those who prepared the grave for her final resting place.

Thanks to the staff in the Parish Centre and to O' Loughlin's hotel for the beautiful meal.

To our work colleagues, social dancing friends from all the centres and to the friends who came to visit Alice in Portlaoise hospital, the Saturday night girls, we extend heartfelt thanks to you all.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Rest in Peace Alice

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **JOHN CONNELL**

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Treasured memories
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Mary, David, Jessie, Cillian and
Granny Quigley.

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of **ANTHONY WALSH**

Late of 1 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 15th July 2020



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 18th July at 6:00pm.

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

Missed and remembered daily by your loving wife Kay, sons
John and Toney, daughter Catriona and grandchildren.

May Anthony Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MARGARET CORCORAN** *née Byrne*

Clonmoylan, Portarlinton
3rd Anniversary occurs 19th July 2020.



Time slips by and life goes on, but from our
hearts you're never gone,
We think about you always,
We talk about you too,
We have so many memories, but we wish
we still had you.

Love always, your husband Matt, sister Carol and all her loving family.

May Margaret Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **EILEEN AND**

MICHAEL (MICK) GRIFFIN

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise, whose 11th and 29th
anniversaries respectively occur at this time.



Just a prayer from the
family who loved you,
Just a memory fond
and true,

In our hearts you will
live forever,
Because we thought
the world of you.



Sadly missed and always loved, Mary & Tommy,
Ger & Olive, Geraldine & Tommy, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren and great-great-granddaughter.

May Eileen and Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **DESMOND (Des) RANKIN**

Annebrook House, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 20th July 2020



It's lonely here without you,
We miss you more each day,
For life is not the same to us,
Since you were called away.
To your resting place we visit,
Place flowers there with care,

But no one knows our heartache, when we turn and
leave you there.

Sadly missed and remembered by your loving wife
Maureen, your daughters Anne and Mary, son-in-law
Trevor and grandchildren Ben and Anna.

May Des Rest in Peace

32nd ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK FARRELL**

39 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
32nd Anniversary occurs 18th July 2020



Quickly and quietly came the call,
Without farewell you left us all,
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye.
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you, we'll always keep.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Pauls Parish
Church, this Sunday 19th July at 12.30pm.

From his sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
sister-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended
family and friends.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

You are the
Light
of the World



In Loving Memory of
THOMAS (Tom) KELLY

147 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs 19th July. Missed so dearly.

7th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 20th July at 12.30pm



*I lost my life companion, a life linked with my own,
And day by day I pray for you, as I walk through
life alone,*

*The house you left is lonely and I am lonely too,
Those left behind are good and kind, but my heart
still aches for you.*

Always remembered by his loving wife Frances and family and friends.

May Tom Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of My Dear Father
GARRETT KEOGH

Borris Rd., Portlaoise.

50th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Will those who think of Garrett today,

A little prayer to Jesus say,

I will always love and remember you.

*Your daughter Margaret and son-in-law
Oliver xx*

Rest in Peace Garrett



The Annual Pioneer / Matt Talbot Pilgrimage at Our Lady's Shrine Knock, will be streamed live on the Knock website, watch live - Knock Shrine, this Sunday 19th July, commencing with Rosary at 2.30pm followed by Mass at 3pm. The Celebrant will be Fr. Richard Gibbons, Parish Priest Knock.

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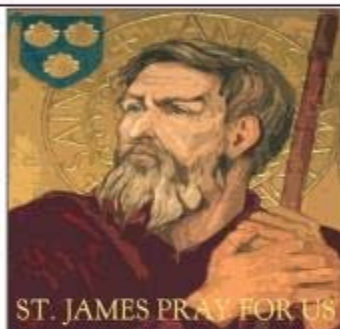
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Saint James 25th July

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Bitesize

Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be.

Thomas à Kempis, Imitation of Christ

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