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21st June 2020

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



A Father's Day Prayer

*Bless all the fathers in the world.
Father, we ask that you guide them
to be good role models and loving
to their children.*

*We also ask that you help them
to be a father like You are.*

*Give them grace and patience to handle
situations in a loving way.*

Amen.

The Parish Centre 057 8621142

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Father's Day Sunday 21st June



For some, Father's Day is a chance to celebrate the love they have been given by the men who raised them. For others it is a reminder of lost loved ones, lost hopes and dreams for a family they cannot have, or painful memories of men who were not able to offer a good model of loving care. In all its nuances both happy and sad, a day for us all to reflect on fatherhood.

Parish Shop

Now Open
Monday - Friday
9am - 1pm

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Thank you

There has been a very generous response to our on-line donation facility. We are very grateful for your support at this time.

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Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can be viewed on our website and our Church Porches.

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**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



Noreen Coss

née Doyle
Grattan Street



Detective Colm Horkan

Charlestown, Mayo
There is a book of condolences
in Portlaoise Garda Station.

Betty Peters - Stradbally Road

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on
to the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

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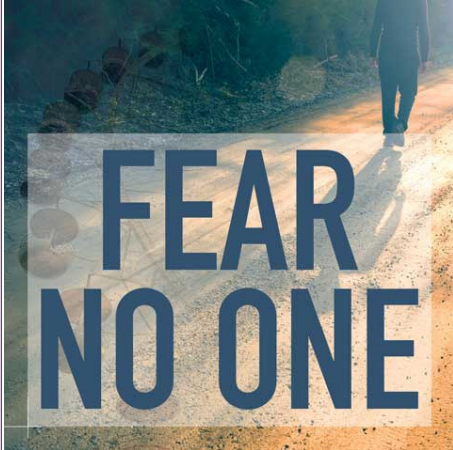
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Courage and Worth



Some people leave their homes and go to work with the poorest of the poor in far flung third world countries but we are not those people. Some people fund raise tirelessly day in and day out for those who are sick or homeless and living in poverty but we are not those people. Some people campaign endlessly to end injustice and cruelty ... but we are not those people. We are not those people! Why not?

We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, of failure, disruption and discomfort. In short, we lack the necessary courage.

In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who have refused to compromise their beliefs. Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart?

Today's gospel teaches us an important lesson; courage is all to do with self-worth. If you feel you are worthless you are easily intimidated, but if you feel you do have worth, your conviction will lend you real courage. So do we appreciate our worth? Jesus convinces us that even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we. We have an individual worth to God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have great potential. We all have something to offer no excuses, no exceptions.

Peter's Pence Collection takes place next Sunday.

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy See and its works of charity to those in need. Your generosity allows the Pope to respond to our suffering brothers and sisters.

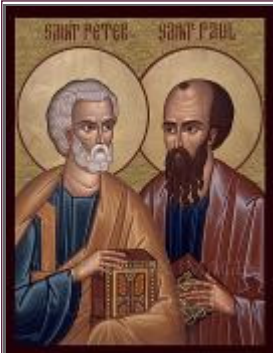
**Envelopes in Development Boxes.
Thank you for your support.**

Baptisms

If you wish to book a baptism, you can now do so with the Parish Office, 057 8621142
Baptisms, for the

foreseeable future, will take place
Monday – Saturday at 1.30pm in the Parish Church only and each ceremony will be limited to 4 families, with ten people per family.





Saints Peter and Paul 29th June

Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, making many mistakes along the way. Paul, on the other hand, came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that. We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail and to get things wrong, yet we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always be on fire for the Lord, and proclaim Him to everyone and in every situation, no matter how difficult it can sometimes be to do so.

**St. Peter and St. Paul
Patrons of our Parish
Pray for Us**

Celebrated on Monday 29th June

A return to the public celebration of Mass

Thank God we have made sufficient progress in suppressing the Covid-19 virus that we can plan to return to public worship on Monday June 29th. By happy coincidence this is the feast day of our Patrons - Sts. Peter and Paul. Mass on that day at 7.30am, 10am and 11am - this will be our weekday schedule Monday to Friday. We will notify next week what our Saturday/Sunday schedule will be.

Please note the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays is dispensed with during this time.

We have a committee in place planning how we can accomplish this return to worship and comply with all the regulations regarding public health and safety. It will not be a return to things as they were. We will have reduced capacity and an obligation to observe social distancing. We are looking for volunteers to help with stewarding at and assisting with cleaning between Masses. If you wish to become a volunteer please leave your name and contact details into the Parish Centre or Parish Office
Tel: 0578621142 or

Email: info@portlaoiseparish.ie

Volunteers must be aged 16 or over.



The Birth of John the Baptist

24th June

John's mission had two facets. First of all he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokes person. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great profit like John. A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in us. St. John's motto was, "Jesus must become more and more. I must become less and less." He said that he was not even worthy to loosen the strap of Jesus' sandal.