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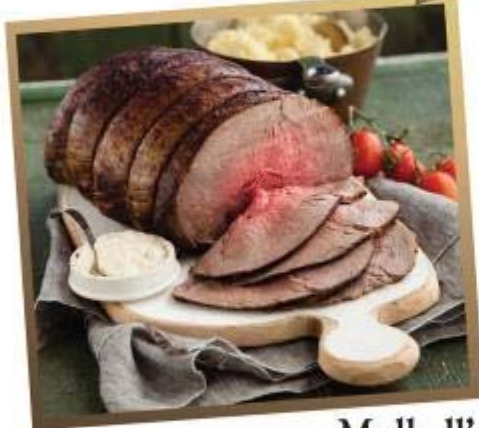
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The teacher soon arrives and asks,

"What's going on here?"

"He pushed me!" one child responds.

"Well, he pushed me first!" replies the other.

"He hit me!"

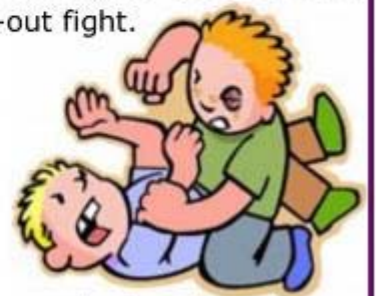
"He hit me back!"

I'm sure you have seen something like this happen on the playground at school. What do you think? If someone pushes you, isn't it OK to push them back? If someone hits you, isn't it fair for you to hit back?

I think it would be a good idea to see what Jesus has to say about this in today's Gospel. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus told his followers, "You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say, do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also." That doesn't sound fair, does it?

But Jesus went even further! "You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say, love your enemies! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? If you are only kind to your friends, how are you different from anyone else?"

So, that is what Jesus said and that is what he expects of us. We can only do that if we ask God to help us.



OUR PRAYER

Father, sometimes we want to strike back when someone hurts us. Give us the strength and courage to do as Jesus taught us and "Turn the other cheek." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Lent begins Next Wednesday

Remember these are the three things we are asked to focus on for Lent.

Praying: Spend a little more time with God.

Sacrificing: Giving up something that you really like.

Almsgiving: Giving to those who have very little or sharing





The Season of Lent

Facts about Lent:

- Lent is a time when Christian people get ready for Easter.
- Lent is a sacred time within the Church calendar. It is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.
- Lent lasts for forty days reminding us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert doing penance and fasting. It begins on **Ash Wednesday (26th February 2020)** and finishes before sunset on Holy Thursday. We don't count Sundays in the forty days because Sundays are days of celebration in the Church calendar.
- Purple vestments are worn by the priest during Lent.
- The Gloria and alleluia are not prayed at Mass during Lent.
- Lent comes from the word "lente" which means springtime.
- Many people promise to do something during Lent to help them to be more like Jesus. Sometimes they give up something they like, they fast from sweets, or television. Other people promise to do something like being kinder, going to Mass, saying prayers or to put money in the Trócaire box to remind them to help others who are not as lucky as they are.
- What we do during Lent helps us to get ready for Easter.



Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is the First Day of Lent. On Ash Wednesday people are asked to fast. On Ash Wednesday the priest blesses the ashes and uses them to make the sign of the cross on our foreheads. The priest or minister says *'turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel'*, or similar words. Wearing ashes is a sign that a person is going to make an extra special effort during Lent to use his/her gifts for the good of others.

I promise to _____

as I make my journey through Lent to Easter.

My Lenten Prayer



**Lord Jesus,
be with me as
I try to keep
my promise
and help me to
be more like
you everyday.
Amen.**



TIME TO THINK!

LENT - A TIME TO GROW

Lent begins on Wednesday 26th February. Christians around the world mark the beginning of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. This ancient day and season has a surprising modern appeal. I experience outside of Christmas, more people attend Church on Ash Wednesday than any other day of the year, including Easter. But this mystique isn't reserved for Christians alone. The customs that surround the season have a quality to them that transcend religion.

Perhaps most notable is the act of fasting. While Catholics fast on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays during the Lenten season, many people - religious or not - take up this increasingly popular discipline during the year.

But Pope Francis has asked us to reconsider the heart of this activity this Lenten season. According to Francis, fasting must never become superficial. He often quotes the early Christian mystic John Chrysostom who said: *"No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."*

But this isn't to downplay the role of sacrifice during the Lenten season. Lent is a good time for penance and self-denial. But once again, Francis reminds us that these activities must truly enrich others: *"I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt."*

So, if we're going to fast from anything this Lent, Francis suggests that even more than candy or alcohol, we fast from indifference towards others. In his annual Lenten message, the pope writes, *"Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience."*

Describing this phenomenon he calls the globalisation of indifference, Francis writes that *"whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades."* He continues that, *"We end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own."*



But when we fast from this indifference, we can begin to feast on love. In fact, Lent is the perfect time to learn how to love again. Jesus - the great protagonist of this holy season certainly showed us the way. In him, God descends all the way down to bring everyone up. In his life and his ministry, no one is excluded.

"What are you giving up for Lent?" It's a question many people will get asked over the next few days. If you want to change your body, perhaps alcohol and candy is the way to go. But if you want to change your heart, a harder fast is needed. This narrow road is gritty, but it isn't sterile. It will make room in ourselves to experience a love that can make us whole and set us free.

Now that's something worth fasting for!!!

I Will Turn

(A daily prayer for Lent)

Lord, I will turn,

Turn my face towards you.

I will lay before you the desert areas I hide,
And turn to soak in your refreshing words of life.

I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits,
And turn to rest in the tranquil warmth of your love.

I will draw back from the harsh pull of media,
And turn to bathe in the gentle power of your Spirit.

Lord, today I turn my face towards you.

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To soak in your words of life,

To rest in the warmth of your love,

And to bathe in the power of your Spirit.

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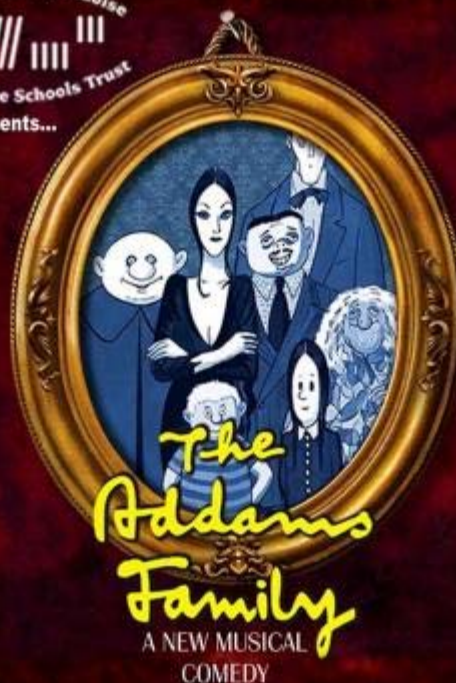
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Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary occurs 23rd February.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 23rd February at 11:15am.

Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away.

*Always remembered by all his loving
family and friends.*

May John Rest in Peace

† **In Loving Memory of** †
JOSEPH MALONE

Green Rd. Portlaoise. 6th Anniversary occurs 24th February 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 23rd February at 12:30pm.

Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us, we will
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R.I.P. Masses offered. 19th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Time slips by and life goes on,
But from our hearts you are
never gone.

*Loved and remembered always, your nephews Jim and
Eddie, and their Families.*

May Annie Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
ORLA CONROY-KELLY

25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
 42nd birthday occurs 25th February 2020



Are there birthdays in Heaven?
 Does the angel blow his horn?
 Announcing to everybody, that this is
 the day you were born.
 Can the stars be your balloons and
 angel food your cake?
 Presents wrapped in moon beams,
 all the angels helped to make.
 Birthdays meant so much to you,
 They were always a big deal,

So we'll whisper a little prayer today, asking everyone up above,
 To sing you a happy birthday song and give you all our love.

Happy 41st birthday Doll, loved and missed more everyday.

Lots of love from Mammy & Daddy, Sharon & Jim,
 Lorena & Shane, Brendan, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian,
 Geraldine & Rocky, adored nieces and nephews,
 your daughter Lydian and partner Sean, your treasured son
 Paddy and your granddaughter Orla-Mae.

May Orla Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MARIAN ROCHFORD

12 Roselawn, Portlaoise. 15th Anniversary occurred 20th February 2020



Think of her as living in the hearts
 of those she touched,
 For nothing loved is ever lost, and she
 was loved so much.

*Sadly missed and always remembered
 by her husband Hugh, all her loving
 family and friends.*

May Marian Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOSEPHINE LALOR

1 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
 Died 28th February 2012



Eight years have passed now Josephine,
 since we had to part,
 Though time may heal the deepest
 wound,
 It doesn't mend a broken heart.

*Never Forgotten,
 Your loving husband Martin.*

May Josephine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PADDY SAUNDERS

Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 24th February 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church on Saturday
 22nd February at 6:30pm.

God saw the road was getting rough,
 The hill was hard to climb,
 He gently closed your weary eyes, and
 whispered "peace be thine".

Sadly missed always by all his loving family.

May Paddy Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of



**Mary Kate (Kitty)
 McCormack**

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
 Who died 20th February, 1984 RIP.
 36th anniversary.

Whose anniversary occurs at this time

*Time may pass and fade away,
 But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

Loved and always remembered
 by all your family

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of

P.J. O' BRIEN

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Dad

Birthday Memories

A special smile, a special face,
 A special dad we can't replace,
 You gave your love your whole life
 through, God bless you Dad,
 We love you too.

A loving father is now at rest,
 For each of us he did his best,

His love was great, his heart was kind,
 A beautiful memory left behind.

*Never forgotten by your loving wife Teresa, daughters, sons and
 all your loving grandchildren xxx*

May P.J. Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
MAURA LANHAM
Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



The family and extended family of the late Maura Lanham wish to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them, sent Mass and Sympathy cards, called to the house for the rosary and attended the funeral Mass and burial. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks to Msgr. John Byrne and all the Priests of the Parish for their support, prayers, for visiting Maura in the nursing home and for the beautiful funeral Mass.

Special thanks to Emlyn O' Reilly and Louise Kavanagh for the beautiful singing and music and to all those who participated in the Mass and to Bosco's catering for providing the refreshments after the burial and Portlaoise Golf Club.

Sincere thanks to the staff and carers in Ballard Lodge Nursing Home and to the carers in Droimnín Nursing Home for their kindness and exceptional care of Maura and their support to all her family.

Our thanks to Dr. White for his many years attending Maura and to Adam's Pharmacy for all their advice and assistance throughout the years.

Our thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode, funeral directors, for their professionalism, kindness and support and to the gravediggers for preparing Maura's final resting place with such care and respect.

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

Maura's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, this Sunday 23rd February at 10am.

Rest in Peace Maura

In Loving Memory of

Our Loving Father **WILLIAM KERRY**
61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise, Died Feb 1999
21st Anniversary occurs 19th February 2020.



Your gentle face and patient smile,
with sadness we recall,
You had a kind word for each
and died beloved by all.

*Sadly missed by your loving family
May you Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of
FRANCIS (Frank) ROWAN
Late of Woodgrove and Dublin
2nd Anniversary occurs 20th February 2020.



Those special memories we
have of you, will always bring a
smile,
If only we could have you back
for just a little while,
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we use to do,
The fact that you're no longer
here will always cause us pain,
But you're forever in our hearts
until we meet again.

You never looked for praises, you were never one to
boast, you just went on quietly working, for the ones
you loved the most,

Your dreams were seldom spoken, your wants were
very few, and most of the time your worries went
unspoken too,

You were there, a firm foundation, through all our
storms of life, a sturdy hand to hold in times of stress or
strife,

A true friend we could turn to, when times were good or
bad, one of the greatest blessings was the man we
called our Dad.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 23rd
February at 12:30pm.**

*So sadly missed by his loving wife Betty, son Frank,
daughters Elizabeth, Barbara and Siobhán,
daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.*

Rest In Peace Frank

**The final deadline for receipt of all Anniversaries
and Acknowledgements is 12 noon Wednesday.**

In Loving Memory of

CHRISTY KEOGH

2 Aghnaharna Drive, Stradbally Rd. and formerly St. John's Sq.
Portlaoise. 9th Anniversary occurred 21st February 2020.



Though his smile has gone forever and his
hand I cannot touch,
I still have so many memories of the one
I loved so much,
His memory is my keepsake with which I will
never part,
God has him in his keeping,
I have him in my heart.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Phil, daughters Mary and Rachel,
granddaughters Shannon & Aislinn and all his relatives & friends.*

May Christy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MARGARET (Peg) & JOE
GEOGHEGAN

The Lodge, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.
Peg's 20th Anniversary occurred 19th February



Always missed and lovingly remembered by all the family.

Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
DOMINIC DUNNE

9 Glendowns, Portlaoise. 12th Anniversary occurs 27th February.



12th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Sunday 1st March at 11:15am.**

No words can tell, no tears express, the love, the loss, the emptiness,
 You are not just a memory or part of the past,
 You are ours to remember as long as life lasts.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Mary, family and friends.

May Dominic Rest in Peace

Never Say Goodbye

*There can be no goodbyes for us
 It'd be too painful, dear
 Our connection still lives on
 Although you're far from here*

*I miss the times that we once had
 But one day, once again
 I'll hold you close and laugh with you
 I just wish I knew when*

*Each moment 'til that day arrives
 Until my time is through
 I'll miss you more than words can say
 And always think of you*

*I'll look for you among the stars,
 And each dawn's pastel sky,
 And whisper words of love to you
 But never say goodbye*

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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.

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

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.

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

"Meditating... Being Mindful... Seeking God": In the Parish Church (old sacristy), Thursdays, 11am to 12 noon. New members welcome.

Teach Mhuire Praying Community Mass for Healing will be celebrated in St. Paul's Church, Emo, on Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm, Rosary at 7:45pm. Celebrant Fr. Eddie Lalor c.c.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Portlaoise Active Retirement Association (ARA)

Bowls:

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Financial Talk: Friday 28th February in Portlaoise Parish Centre from 11am to 1pm. Mr Pauric Druhan from Pearse Trust in Dublin will speak regarding financial issues associated with families of special needs children/adults. This is a free talk offered by Family Carers Ireland and all are welcome to attend.

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Friday 6th March

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Saturday 7th March

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