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26th July 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer of Saint John Henry Newman

May the Lord support us all the day long,
Till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy may he give us a safe lodging,
and holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

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Buried Treasure

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person



finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In both parables both appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards , home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

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

Saint Martha

29th July

Jesus liked to stay at the house of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, his friends at Bethany, when he was in Judea. One of these visits has ever remained dear to Christian memory. On that occasion Martha, busily serving the Master, asked him to persuade Mary to help her. Without in any way reproaching Martha, Jesus explained to her that certain souls, called by God, should choose a better part still - the primary duty of listening to him and contemplating him.

Some of us are more like Martha - and some of us are more like Mary; but there is in all of us a built in need to combine the two within us, for without sitting and listening to God our work for God can only lead to anxiety and anger and angst and without doing the work our faith is clearly nothing.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Freya Belle Breen, Highfield Meadows

Chloe Lily Murphy, The Grange

Leon Paul Neville, Ashley Gardens

Dan George Breen, Cherrygrove

Thomas John Dunne, Killone

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- Appointments to be made for all eye exams, collections and repairs.
- The format of the eye exam is changing but we will inform you of that when booking your appointment.
- We are insisting that masks are worn by all patients and staff.
- Sanitising of equipment, surfaces and frames will be done after each patient.
- **New opening hours Monday-Friday 10am-5pm. Closed for lunch 1-2pm. Closed Saturdays for now.**

Below are some photos so you can see some of the changes to the shop.



The front desk has two screens to protect us all.

The final picture is an ultrasonic bath which we will use to disinfect any frames that are tried on, again to prevent any infection.



Before the eye exam, we will have to dilate the pupils to assess the health of your eyes. This is the instrument we use for the assessment. It has a breath shield fitted to prevent any infection and is the safest way to do that part of the exam.



NOTICE

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Face Masks are required in the shop and during the eye exam.

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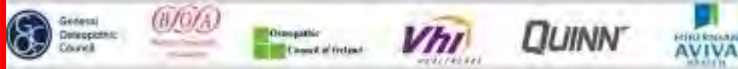
I hope you are all well and staying safe! We are delighted to inform patients the clinic is now open. While there may be an easing of restrictions based on the current pandemic, we are maintaining strict procedures at Taylor & Conroy Clinic.

We are continuing our Covid 19 clinic policy of pre-screening each patient and at present for the benefit of patients we are not treating patients that fall under the high risk groups.

Patients with appointments are required to wear a face mask and to remain in their vehicles until called by their practitioner.

Many thanks for your patience and understanding at this time.

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



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Kolbe School caters for children within the severe to profound learning disability spectrum and/or Autism. The school would benefit massively from any money raised. Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

You can donate through their Gofundme page;



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/Losing-our-locks-for-kolbe>





TIME TO THINK!

Stay Positive

Our world screams out for poetry even if it can't cope with it. Faith can only exist in a world of poetry. God is always big and bigger. Little minds have nothing worthwhile to say of God or faith. The rigids and the dogmatics and the absolutes, live in the world of machines or robotic faith, and not in God's world or among real and true humans. We need to rewind and revisit Buzz Aldrin some 50 years ago: Pause, contemplate, give thanks and enter into real Communion. Allow the unexpected to happen. Believe that Shane Lowry can win the Open. Believe that the broken Tiger can win the Masters. Believe that Kilkenny can win the All Ireland. Believe that anything can happen and that we can reach out beyond the confines of our present thinking and celebrate with a new heart. Oh yes. And why not – believe in miracles

A motivational speaker walked confidently around the room holding a glass of water while leading a seminar on stress management. Everyone guessed she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

And remember;

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.



4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone €20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
8. Never buy a car you can't push.
9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird - sleep late.
12. The second mouse gets the cheese.
13. When everything's coming your way you're in the wrong lane.
14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
15. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
16. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.
17. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
18. Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!

We all know that life is the best educator. Simply its never to late to begin again. Every day the challenge is for us all to see the glass half full.... The more we grow in our inner journey the greater we will notice the beauty and gift that is this moment.. so be positive, calm and mindful.... Enjoy the beauty of this Harvest time. May the month of August be a healthy and happy one for us all.



X Marks the Spot

There was a time, when someone who had something of great value would often bury their treasure so that no one could find it and take it away. Of course, there was always the risk that one might forget where their treasure was buried, so to make sure that they would remember where it was, they would often make a map. Usually they would mark the spot where the treasure was with an "X". That is where we get the expression, "X marks the spot."



Have you ever dreamed of finding an old map and following it to a spot where a pirate had buried a chest full of glittering gold? I want to tell you about a treasure that is more valuable than a chest full of gold -- and I will even tell you how to find it.

Jesus once said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and then hid again; in his joy he went and sold all that he had and bought that field." If you would like to find the treasure that Jesus was talking about, perhaps the Bible could be the map that leads us to that treasure. The Bible has a lot of information in it, but it is sometimes hard for us to understand, so how do you know exactly where the treasure is? That's easy, because "X marks the spot." Jesus died on the cross so that you and I could enter into the kingdom of heaven. When you look to the cross and put your trust in Jesus, the treasure will be yours.

To enter the kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure one could ever desire. It is more precious than silver, gold, or jewels. That is why Jesus calls us to give up all that we have and follow him.

Dear Jesus,

Nothing we have can compare to life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Help us to place our trust in you, so that we may find that priceless treasure.

In your name we pray.

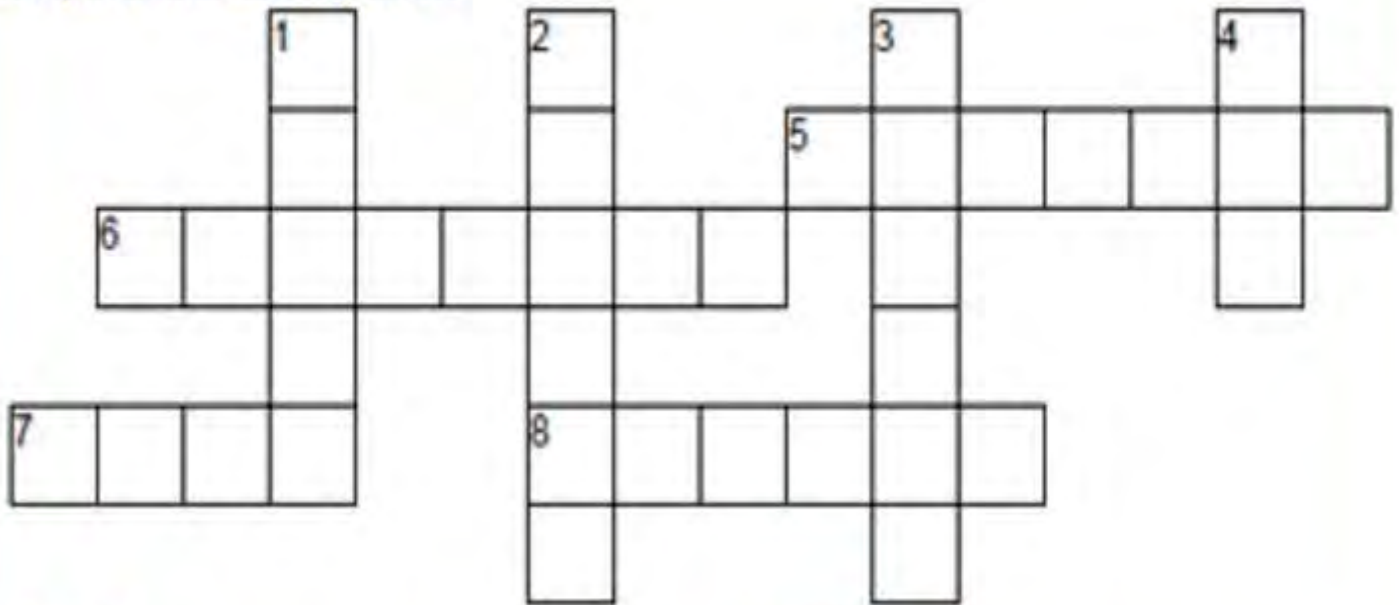
Amen.



THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44

Complete the activity below



ACROSS

5. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
6. Something of great value such as silver, gold, or jewels
7. Gave something in exchange for money.
8. The place where God is

DOWN

1. An open area of land without buildings on it.
2. Purchased something by paying money for it
3. To be kept out of sight so no one can find it.
4. A feeling of great happiness.

KINGDOM	HIDDEN	HEAVEN	TREASURE
FIELD	SOLD	BOUGHT	JOY



Peace



We pray to You, Lord,
 God of life and God of those who hope!
 Listen to our prayer for the whole world:
 for peace among all peoples,
 for prosperity in all lands.
 We pray to You that evil may be overcome
 and that all wars may end.



PORTLAOISE NOTES

USEFUL SERVICES

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Clonkeen & District Community Group Walk; Bank Holiday

Monday, 3rd August, 5pm
Beautiful Woodland Walk from the old Bord ná Móna Railway

Bridge in Clonkeen to Tougher Wood (will be signposted). Short walk 4km approx. 40 mins and long walk 6.5km approx. 1 hour 30 mins. Please wear appropriate footwear, old runners and if wet, wellies and rain gear. For more info. contact Geraldine 086-8385541.

Showcase Local Heritage using

Lego Bricks: The Heritage Council is calling on children across the country to put their imagination to good use this summer by using LEGO bricks to recreate their favourite example of Irish built, natural or cultural heritage. The competition is open to children aged between four and twelve years with two age categories: 4-7 years and 8-12 years. To enter children need to build their model, choose the category, write a short description of what their model represents and why it is important to them, and then take a photo of the model and submit it via the Heritage Council website. The Heritage Council plans to feature as many entries as it can on its website and Facebook page. Examples of models which could be built in each category include;

Category 1: Built Heritage-Traditional thatch cottage, High Cross

Category 2: Natural Heritage-Red Fox, Hedgehog.

Category 3 Cultural Heritage-Galway Hooker Boat.

The closing date for entries is Sunday 30th August, with prizes of LEGO DK books for the winners of each of the 4-7 year old categories and a LEGO Kit for the winner of the older categories. Full list of rules and details can be found on www.heritagecouncil.ie or the Heritage Council facebook page.

Portlaoise Library Opening Hours:

Tuesday 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm

Wednesday 10am-1pm, 2pm-7:30pm

Thursday 10am-1pm, 2pm-7:30pm

Friday 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm

Saturday 10am-1pm, 2pm-4pm

Please note: Internet, Printing and Photocopying services are unavailable at this time and all library group meetings are currently postponed. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Library patrons can contact staff directly to place an order of books/audiobooks/DVDs/CDs currently available in Laois Library branches. A time slot for collection will be given, and one member of a household can enter the lobby of the library to pick up the order. Patrons are asked to use hand sanitiser and adhere to social distancing guidelines when collecting items. Library staff will compile an order for you based on your requests, please bear in mind that the library does not currently have access to the same range of stock which was available prior to the lockdown. Any items currently out on loan can be returned to the library at this time.

You can keep up to date with our live videos on Laois Libraries facebook page. Baby book club, 0-3 years, 10:30am Tuesday & Thursday. Bookbugs club, 4-7 years, 10:30am Friday. Children's craft, 4-7 years, Wednesday at 11.30am. Summer Stars Saturday activities and quizzes for children at 11.30am.

Teen Photographers: As part of Laois Libraries summer events programme and in conjunction with Heritage Week, they are running a Mobile Phone Photography Competition for teenagers. There are two age categories; 13-15 years and 16-18 years. There are some super prizes to be won. To enter fill in an application form at a Laois Library branch, collect a copy of the rules and shoot your best image and e-mail it into us. Closing date; August 12th.

Portlaoise G.A.A.: The story of Portlaoise G.A.A. Club legend Brian 'Bruno' McCormack is now available as a podcast. The ace player looks back at his career in full which has seen him claim a remarkable 15 Laois SFC medals, 2 Leinster Club SFC crowns amongst representing Laois in both football and hurling. Listen on Soundcloud: [//tinyurl.com/y8tpkz7](https://tinyurl.com/y8tpkz7) iTunes: [//tinyurl.com/yav4ffqr](https://tinyurl.com/yav4ffqr) Spotify: [//tinyurl.com/ya9m7p5z](https://tinyurl.com/ya9m7p5z).

NCBI Retail

NCBI (National Council for the Blind of Ireland) has reopened their dedicated bridal boutique on North Main St. Naas and are offering an exclusive number of appointments weekly to brides.



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I know why the sky is blue. Do you? Celebrate the 200th birthday of the great Co. Carlow scientist John Tyndall and learn about his life and contributions to modern science. On Sunday 2nd August (Tyndall's Birthday) an online lecture will be livestreamed featuring Martin Nevin, Sir Roland Jackson and Dr. Julie Donnelly from the Tyndall National Institute. This lecture is presented by Carlow County Museum and the Tyndall National Institute, and will be available to watch online at 2pm on Facebook. Visit www.carlowmuseum.ie for info.

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ABBEYLEIX/RAHEEN NOTES

SHANAHOE PARISH HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



GET INVOLVED!

Your community needs you, now more than ever! You are invited to attend the rescheduled AGM of Shanahoe Hall Committee on Monday July 27th at 7pm in Shanahoe Hall.

We will announce our next big fundraiser building on the good will created by The Taste of Shanahoe. Looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces!

Raheen Parish Bicentenary (1820-2020) Miscellany: Since the foundation of Raheen Parish in 1820 seventeen priests have served as Parish Priest, twelve are now deceased.

Adoration in Ballinakill every Friday from 3pm to 6pm.

Abbeyleix students record 'The Impact of Covid-19': As part of Abbeyleix Further Education Centre's Summer Programme, VTOS students got involved in a collage project. The theme of the project was 'The Impact of Covid 19'. The students could look at how it impacted their learning, their life in general or a combination of both. There were three choices of how to communicate this impact, either through a poem, an essay or a painting. All the pieces of work were submitted and staff then assembled the collages. All pieces of pyrography were produced with inspirational quotations. The finished work was very impressive with plenty of colour and creativity. Well done to everyone who took part.

Plans are in place for a new walking track linking the village of Ballyroan to the local GAA club with Cllr. Mary Sweeney urging Laois County Council to support their application for funding. Cllr. Sweeney explained that the local community are putting in a track that would go from the village and take in the Sue Ryder Centre and the primary school as well as the Ballyroan-Abbey GAA grounds which will have a walking track around the perimeter of their grounds. "There is a need for more footpaths for walks," said Cllr. Sweeney at last week's meeting of Portlaoise Municipal District in Laois County Council. "One of the few positives from Covid was the amount of people, particularly families, out walking and exercising".

"The Ballyroan Development Community Association want to increase physical activity and want to ensure that the track is careful and safe for all". "This would allow a link from Ballyroan-Abbey walking track to the village. If completed every resident would be able to use it".

"I would ask Laois County Council to give serious consideration to the application." Ballyroan are applying for funding under the Town and Village Renewal Scheme. Carmel McNicholl from Laois County Council, explained that they intend to support six applications. "Expressions of interests were invited for the identification of suitable projects under the scheme and all EOIs submitted are receiving due consideration, including this project".

"Additional information is being sought, as required and the Council intends to submit the maximum six applications under the scheme by the due date of August 28th."

[Credit: laolistoday.ie]

The Abbeyleix Manor are open for lunch every day, 12 noon to 3pm (no pre-booking required) and for evening meals Thursday to Sunday, 6pm-8:30pm, booking is essential. Please call us on 057-8730311.



Social Tennis: We welcome players of all ages and abilities. Beginners can come down to the club any Wednesday at 7:30pm to try out the facilities. We look

forward to welcoming you to our club.

Ballyroan/Abbeyleix and District Athletic Club update:

Unfortunately all juvenile championships have been cancelled.

The junior, senior and masters have been postponed and will now take place over 3 days, 14th, 15th, 16th August assuming phase 4 of unlock proceeds on 10th August. If phase 4 is delayed then this competition will be cancelled. Entries will not be open until phase 4 is confirmed by the government. Can anyone who has previously asked to be entered please confirm that they still want to enter. The timeframe for entering will be very tight so don't leave your decision too late.



COLT GAA CLUB LOTTO RESULTS 20/7/2020

Winning Numbers - 1, 6, 7

There was no Jackpot Winner

€20 winners - PJ Peacock, Dan Sinnott, Katie & Ashling and Michael G Lawler

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In line with HSE guidelines, we have made some changes to how the office is operating;



1. Where possible we ask that you please submit your adverts and notices for both the Portlaoise linkup and the Abbeyleix/Raheen linkup by e-mail to linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie. If you do not have access to e-mail and are submitting your advert to the office, we ask that you please have your notices/adverts and memorials/acknowledgements written out before arriving to the office.
2. Only 2 people in the office at any time - we appreciate your patience and co-operation.
3. If you are placing an Anniversary notice, please book your Mass at reception before arriving to the office.
4. We will be unable to design/edit adverts or memorials while advertisers are present as we have previously done, advertising will be proofed by e-mail if required.
5. We ask that you please use the hand sanitiser outside the office before entry and then take a seat in the office and observe social distancing.



The deadline to place adverts is 12 noon Wednesday.

(subject to availability of space)

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(For both the Portlaoise Linkup and Abbeyleix/Raheen Linkup)

Office Hours; Monday to Thursday 11am - 5pm

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Stephen McElroy
Portlaoise and Tyrone



Patricia O'Brien
née Rice
Cherrygrove



Camillus Ryan
O' Moore Place

Christopher Walsh

Kilminchy, Portlaoise and Athy

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



DEADLINE

The deadline for receipt
of Anniversaries and
Acknowledgments for
our next publication
(1st/2nd August) is;

**12 noon Wednesday
29th July**

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

If you do not have access to e-mail and would
like to submit your notice in the office, we ask
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In Loving Memory of DEAN BERGIN

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 1st August 2020



Dean's Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Saturday 1st August at 10am.

Goodbyes are not forever
Goodbyes are not the end
They simply mean we'll miss you
Until we meet again

*Love Mossie, Sandra, Martina, Lisa, Keith,
Lexie, Jake, Hannah, Dion and Raymond.*

Also remembering your father Ray
at this time.

Rest in Peace Dean and Raymond



In Loving Memory of TOM (Scal) FENNELLY

10 Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix
24th Anniversary occurs 23rd July 2020



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

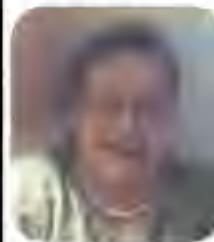
*Missed and remembered with fondness
by your loving family.*

May Tom Rest in Peace



7th ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of
MARY WHELAN Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.



Mary's Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church on Saturday 25th July at 7:30pm.

*Although you can't be here with me,
We're truly not apart,
Until the final breath I take,
You'll be living in my heart.*

7 years gone from her loving home,
Sadly missed everyday.

*From her loving Partner Tom
May Mary Rest in Peace*



In Loving Memory of PADDY DOYLE

64 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 19th Anniversary occurs 23rd July.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 25th July at 10am.

*In God's care you rest above,
In our hearts you rest in love,
Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by his wife Nan & family.

Rest in Peace Paddy



In Loving Memory of JULIA MARGARET "BELL" DOHENY

23 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary occurred 23rd July.



*Mother: A mother like ours is more than a memory,
she is a living presence. Our mother is always with
us, she's the whisper of the leaves as we walk down
the road; she's the smell of bleach in our freshly
laundered socks; she's the cold hand on our brow
when we're not well. Our mother lives inside our
laughter and she is crystallised in every tear drop.
She's the place we came from - our first home, and
she's the map we follow with every step we take.*

*She's our first love and our first heartbreak, and
nothing on earth can separate us, not time, not space - not even death.*

*Always remembered and never forgotten.
From her daughters, sons, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.*

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Julia Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of AGNES LAWLESS

29 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
22nd Anniversary occurs 28th July 2020



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

*Always remembered and never
forgotten by Mick xxx*

May Agnes Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ELLA McGRATH**

46 Borris Road, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs at this time.



The dearest mother, the kindest heart,
One of the best whom God could lend,
Loving, thoughtful, gentle and true,
Always willing a kind act to do.
Loved and remembered by David, Alison,
Stuart and Aisling.

Gentle Jesus up above, give our nanny
a great big hug.

Always remembered by Ava, Adam, Aaron, Caoimhe, Will,
Molly, Abbie, Emmy and Ben.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Saturday 25th July at 6pm.

Also remembering our father Mick at this time.

Rest in Peace Ella

**In Loving Memory of
GERRY ALLEN**

Eyne, Portlaoise. 36th Anniversary occurs 26th July 2020.



Time cannot steal the treasures that
we carry in our hearts,
Nor ever dim the shining thoughts our
cherished past imparts,
For the memories of the ones we love
still cast a gentle glow,
To grace our days and light our paths
wherever we may go.

Your life was a blessing Gerry, your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Sadly missed and always remembered by Mam and all
your family xx

May Gerry Rest in Peace

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
DECLAN DOOCEY**

Formerly of Castletown, Colt and Abbeyleix



The family and partner of the late
Declan Doocey who died on 5th May,
wish to acknowledge the many
expressions of sympathy shown to
us on our great loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our
relatives, friends and neighbours.
We would like to thank all of the
people who supported us from a
distance during this very difficult

time, the neighbours and friends who lined the road
at Colt Cross, the members of Mountrath Golf Club
for the guard of honour to the Church. We would
also like to acknowledge and thank the large group
of people who gathered on the green outside the
church in Castletown and lined the village foot paths
as the funeral procession made its way to the
graveyard. Your presence and support were very
much appreciated.

We would like to extend our gratitude and thanks to
the members of the Fire Brigade, Mountrath Golf
Club, Ambulance Paramedics and all who attended to
Declan at the scene of the accident. A special thanks
to the nurses and doctors at Portlaoise Hospital.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Hennessy for the lovely Mass,
thanks to Martin Delany for the beautiful singing in
the church. Thanks to James Gullfoyle and staff for
the professional way they carried out their funeral
duties.

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 Declan



**In Loving Memory of
MARK GERCEN ALANON**

Dumaguete City, Philippines
15th Anniversary occurred 24th July 2020.



Of all the special gifts in life,
However great or small,
To have you as my son, Mark,
Was the greatest gift of all.
Nothing can ever replace,
The void left in my heart,
And I will always miss you,
However far apart.
I think of you in silence,
And make no outward show,
What it meant to lose you,

Only those who loved you can ever really know.

The heartache never, ever goes away,

We will miss and love you always, each and every single day.

With eternal love, Mam Cendy, sister Jenniffer, brother
Gerald and all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Mark

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Portlaoise Parish



Results for
23rd July 2020



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Mary Cripps

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Lily Whelan
Celine Cripps

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Thank You.

Priests of the Parish



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