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2nd August 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOOD NEWS ON JOBS FOR PORTLAOISE

Portlaoise Plaza opening

The opening of the new Motorway stop at junction 17 on the M7 on Friday last (31st) sees the creation of 120 new jobs. This is good news for Portlaoise in these difficult times. The jobs were announced at the site last Monday morning by the newly appointed Minister for State at the Department of Finance, Seán Fleming. Killeen Civil Engineering were the main contractors for the building of the Plaza.

Photo: Padraig Killeen, Msgr. John, Una & Pat McDonagh, Sean Fleming and John Killeen.



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St. John Vianney, priest

Tuesday 4th August

1786-1859 had to contend with poverty, military service and his own intellectual shortcomings in order to become a priest. In 1817, he was sent to care for the people of Ars, a small, obscure French village. The marvellous gift of the unlearned priest for seeing into the depths of the soul brought the world to Ars. From 1830 on the cure averaged twelve to sixteen hours a day in the confessional. Patron of priests.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday (Bank Holiday)

10am & 11am

Tuesday—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

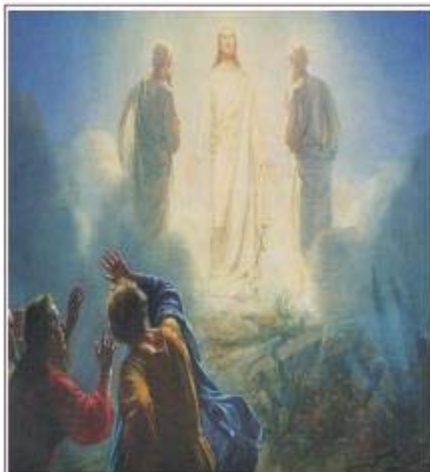
Happy Anniversary To Bishop Denis

Tuesday (4th August) is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Denis Nulty, (4th August 2013)



HEATH CEMETERY MASS Saturday 15th August.

**Feast of the Assumption
Procession & Rosary 7pm
Mass 7.30pm.**



The Transfiguration of the Lord

Thursday 6th August

Having a vision is important. If we set out on our holidays with neither a destination nor a map we will get precisely nowhere! Similarly having a vision is important in life, firstly in giving us something to aim

for and secondly to keep us motivated when we get sidetracked. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without hunger, poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person. The Feast of the Transfiguration on Thursday 6th invites us to stay motivated as disciples in the belief that we will one day enjoy the place God has prepared for each of us.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Aimhirgin Áine Ní Fhaoláin, Rossvale

Alice Marie Nevin, Clonrooske View

Chloe Emma Powders, Killeen

Matteo Gabriel Oлару, Ballyfin Rd.

Leon Kurt Harding, The Mill Lane, Morette

Eric Joseph Byrnes, Beechfield

Anne Sophie Gaffney, Aghnaharna Court

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Fr. David presenting Lily with a cheque for €500 on behalf of the Whelan family.

You too could be as lucky as Lily and her family - play lotto online at www.portlaoiseparish.ie or purchase a lotto membership in the Parish Centre. If you are not in, you can't win!!

Until the bingo resumes the lotto draw will take place in the foyer of the Parish Centre every Thursday evening after 5pm and will be live streamed on the Portlaoise Parish facebook page; fb.com/portlaoiseparishlaois

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TIME TO THINK!

Mind your Mind

I was moved by Brendan O Connor's interview with Brent Pope recently. Brent spoke of his reflective-time during the lockdown. He thought of his mother in New Zealand who had gone into a home. He thought of those 30 years in Ireland away from home and family. He realised what he had missed. He spoke of his father. He reminisced on his visits home. Holiday visits are less real - he missed the humdrum of ordinary family life. He spoke of his father's funeral. He spoke of not having a wife and not giving his family, children. He recalled why he left New Zealand. He was a well-known rugby player and a successful coach. He was paralysed by self-doubt, shyness; lack of confidence; mental health problems. A high-achiever couldn't admit to such problems in a macho-culture.

He found a niche for himself in Ireland as a rugby pundit on the media and as a businessman. He now spends his time talking to men and helping them to speak about their inner stories.

It was a very moving programme. If such a successful person could be so nervous and riddled with doubt - how many more of us, might admit to feeling much the same? Would that be why many of our intelligent and articulate folk are so reticent in venturing into print? How little we know.

People aren't only wearing masks these Covid days; we all wear masks. My own view is that the work in a Parish and in the Church, is primarily to give people confidence; to help people believe in themselves; to nurture the gift of God in everyone. We are all John the Baptists. We call out the wonder of God in every person. Mental health seems to be a major concern at present.

What is positive mental health?

Positive mental health is about reaching our potential and feeling like we always have the chance to give everything our best shot. Not just feeling positive, but also getting out there in the big bad world. Positive mental health not only prevents mental ill health, it also leads to greater enjoyment and satisfaction with one's life.

TELL SOMEONE

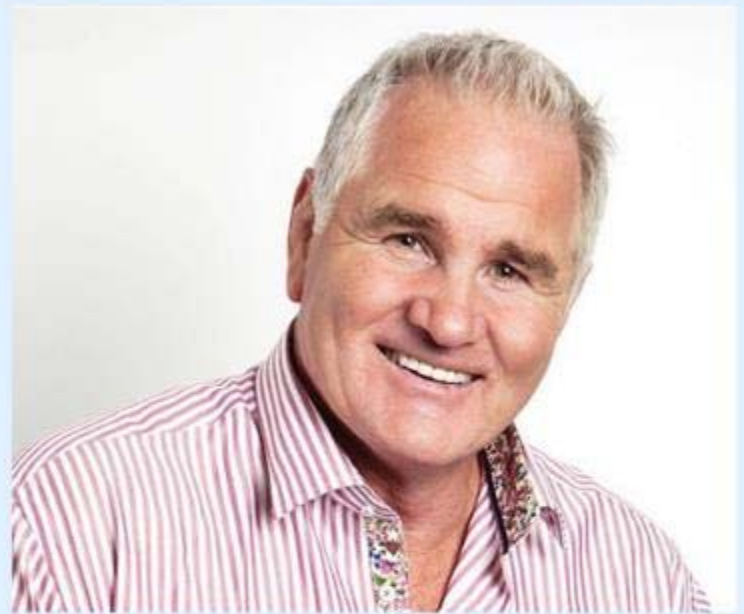
This is the most important one. The biggest thing you can do to improve your mental health is talk to someone about how you are feeling. A friend, family member or counsellor if needed. You don't need to feel the way you do and there are lots of people willing to listen. So do your mind a favour and talk.

Don't Judge

A teacher teaching math in a class of 6-year-olds, asked a boy named Adi.

"Adi, if I give you two mangos and another two mangos, how many mangoes will you have?"

He answered "5 mangoes".



She was surprised by his reply but she tried again. Now this time she uses her fingers to make him count with her.

"Ok Adi, look if I give you One, Two. Two mangoes and another one-two. Two mangoes. How many mangoes will you have?"

He again answered " five mangoes".

This time she gets really annoyed by his answer but she controlled her anger and remembered that his mother once told her that he likes the strawberries. So, she tried this.

"Ok Adi, If I give you two strawberries and another two strawberries. Now, how many strawberries do you have?"

"teacher, 4 strawberries".

She felt relieved that he is back on track. So, again she asked him.

"Now tell me, Adi, If I give you two mangoes and another two mangoes. how many mangoes do you have?"

He answered " teacher, five mangoes".

The teacher outburst in anger "how can you have five mangoes if I give you four mangoes?"

"teacher, because One mango I have in my bag".

Complete silence. The teacher calms down and regrets her anger.

Moral of the Story:

Two sides to every story. Never judge others.

We should not make a decision for others without knowing their point of view. We make the decision on the basis of what is logic rightness i.e. what is the obvious answer and don't try to know the practical rightness i.e. what is the actual truth.



A Feast for All

How many of you enjoy going on a picnic? Oh, so do I! Let's see, there would surely be sandwiches, crisps, cookies, and some soft drinks in our picnic basket. If we had all of the things we mentioned, do you think there would be enough food in our basket



for everyone in our church this morning if they came to our picnic? What if everyone in our town came to our picnic, would there be enough food to feed the whole town? No way! You couldn't feed the whole town with just this little basket of food.

One day Jesus and his disciples wanted to have some time to relax. They got into a boat and went away to a quiet place to rest. When they arrived, there were people there waiting for Jesus to teach them and heal the sick. Jesus had wanted to rest, but when he saw the people, he loved them so much that he forgot all about being tired. He healed the sick and taught the people about the kingdom of heaven.

Soon it was time to eat. The disciples went to Jesus and asked him to send the people away so that they could get something to eat. "They don't need to go away," Jesus said, "you feed them."

"All we have is five loaves of bread and two fish" the disciples answered.

Jesus told the disciples bring him the loaves and fish and to tell everyone to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the loaves and fish and looked up to heaven and gave thanks. He then gave the food to the disciples to give to the people. Everyone ate until they were satisfied. Then the disciples picked up the leftovers and there were twelve baskets full! The Bible tells us that there were five thousand men who were fed plus all the women and children.

Can you imagine feeding a whole town of people with one little picnic basket full of food? With Jesus, anything is possible!



Dear Jesus, help us to remember that when we give what we have to you, even a little bit is enough.
In your name we pray. Amen.



JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. Matthew 14:20

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- _____ 1. Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating
A. loaves B. food C. fish D. five
- _____ 2. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked.
A. fish B. two C. loaves D. bread
- _____ 3. A animal without legs that lives in water
A. turtle B. fish C. hippopotamus D. dinosaur
- _____ 4. To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well again
A. xray B. feed C. loaves D. heal
- _____ 5. To take food into your mouth, chew, and swallow it
A. drink B. sip C. eat D. heal
- _____ 6. What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
A. food B. water C. candy D. pizza
- _____ 7. The number that comes after four and before six
A. three B. five C. two D. seven
- _____ 8. the number equal to one plus one
A. eleven B. five C. three D. two



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PORTLAOISE NOTES

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.

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Sunday 16th, 23rd and 30th August from 11am to 9.30pm.

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Bin 1 depicts the Azure Damselfly
Bin 2 depicts the native Pine-Marten
Bin 3 depicts the round-leaved Sundew
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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.



COLT GAA CLUB LOTTO RESULTS 27/7/2020

Winning Numbers ; 2--28--29
 There was no Jackpot Winner
 €20 winners - Sharon Fitzpatrick,
 Julie Lawler, Samantha Kelly
 and Mary Dwane
 Next Week's Jackpot
 €700



Congratulations to the students from 6th Class in Shanahoe Parish who graduated on Wednesday 13th July.



Congratulations to the students from 6th Class in Scoil Mhuire who graduated recently.

Abbeyleix Tennis Club would like to wish *Vikki Byrne* all the best for the year ahead in her role as Chairperson for 2020/2021

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linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie

(Only e-mails sent to this address will be guaranteed inclusion)

Deadline for receipt; 12 noon Wednesday



*We welcome baby Thomas, baby Jack and baby Sienna Mae into Abbeyleix Parish.
It is wonderful to be back celebrating baptisms and new life.*



Support your local shops and businesses by spending your money locally as Covid-19 restrictions ease. Your shops and small businesses are vital and also employ local people and deserve support from all of us. Support the small businesses who supported us throughout lockdown; your local corner store who worked long hours to ensure you could buy essentials without having to travel; your local pharmacy who delivered medicines and worked tirelessly under very difficult conditions.

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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;



Bernard Dowling
Parkside, Trumera and Bray

Catherine (Kaye) Kane
née Duffy
Esker Hills and Kilmeague

Brendan Tuohy
Old Mill Road, Portlaoise and Mountmellick

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod
and your staff - they comfort me.*

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



The deadline for receipt
of Anniversaries and
Acknowledgments for
our next publication
(8th/9th August) is;

**12 noon Wednesday
5th August**

Please e-mail memorials/acknowledgements
for both the Portlaoise linkup and the
Abbeyleix/Raheen linkup, with a photo to
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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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7th Anniversary occurs 2nd August 2020



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and I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget, if you can, that I ever
frowned and remember only my smile.
Forget unkind words I have spoken,
Remember some good I have done,
Forget that I ever had a heartache,
And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered

and sometimes fell by the way, remember I have fought some
hard battles and won, ere the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going;

I would not have you sad for a day,

But in summer just gather some flowers and remember the
place where I lay.

And come in the evening when the sun paints the sky in the
west, stand for a few moments beside me and remember only
my best.

*Always in our thoughts Kie; Mam, Angie, Kelley, Tracy,
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Rathmore, Stradbally



Hugh's wife Bernadette, sons Frank, Hugh, Chris, Rory and daughter Anne-Marie would like to thank you most sincerely for your support on their recent sad loss of Hugh.

Thank you to all those who sent floral tributes, Mass cards, sympathy cards and messages of condolences and to our dear

neighbours, relatives and friends, whose support was very much appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks to the Priests of the Parish especially Msgr. Byrne for the beautiful ceremony and Jenna Flynn for her singing.

A special thanks to the carers at Connected health and the HSC for the kindness and dedication to the care of our dad these last few years and the palliative care nurses who were very supportive, also to the doctors and staff at Portlaoise hospital.

Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode for their professionalism, kindness and support in carrying out Dad's funeral arrangements with such dignity and respect and to the gravediggers for preparing Dad's final resting place with such care.

Thanks also to our families overseas for the phone calls and chats with dad which he loved so much.

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 will be offered for your intentions.

Rest in Peace Hugh



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**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTY McCANN**

15 Balladine, Abbeyleix.
15th Anniversary occurred 29th 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.
Sadly missed by your loving family.
Rest in Peace Christy*

**In Loving Memory of
SR. MURIEL**



*"When we serve the
poor and the sick, we
serve Jesus.
We must not fail to
help our neighbours
because in them we
serve Jesus."
St. Rose of Lima*

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Sr. Muriel on July 21st, 2020 at 11pm in Medjugorje, at the age of 96. Sr. Muriel is buried in Kovacica graveyard in Medjugorje.

Sr. Muriel, a Sister of the Cenacle from Boston (MA), has been working in Medjugorje since 1992, after first coming to the town to help refugees during the war. In 1999, she was joined by Mary Walsh, and together they established St. Joseph, The Worker, a charity dedicated to providing assistance to the poor and destitute elderly. In 2002, they set up The Home Project, opening their first home to 50 elderly residents in 2004. Following its success, three more refuges have since opened, financed solely by charitable donations and the kindness of their patrons. They also run a Food Delivery Programme which brings dry food once a month to the elderly living in the surrounding villages and mountains; now delivering to 250 homes, most of these people live alone without any income, running water or heating. Thanks to her tireless efforts, there is also a Nursing Home and Hospice in Ljubuski and a house for children with special needs in Medjugorje. To those who knew her, Sr. Muriel was a strong, energetic woman with a heart as big as her accomplishments. A very composed and prayerful person, may her life's great work continue, now that she is at peace.

Rest in Peace Sr. Muriel

**In Loving Memory of
EUGENE O' CONNOR**

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9th Anniversary away from home occurs 4th August 2020



*As kids we lived together,
We fought, we laughed, we cried,
We did not always show the love that
we both had inside.
Missing you always, love from;
your twin sister Lucy, brothers, sisters,
son James, daughter Zoe and
grandson Odin xxx*

May Eugene Rest in Peace



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

**CARMEL
FITZPATRICK**

Whose birthday occurs 4th August

And her Mother-in-Law



**CARMEL
FITZPATRICK**

Whose birthday occurred 28th July



Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away,
And those who have loved you dearly,
Are thinking of you today.

*Loved always and fondly remembered by
The Fitzpatrick and Dunne families.*

Rest in Peace

Portlaoise Parish



Results for
30th July 2020



No €20,000 Jackpot Winner

WINNERS

Mick Reynolds
Pat Scully
Bridie O'Reilly
'Very Unique'
Fintan Phelan
Lawlor Kids
Kevin Lynch
Fintan Fitzpatrick
Teresa Greene
Sean Fennelly
Ann O'Connor
Betty Phelan
Teresa Mortimer
Declan Fitzpatrick
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Paul Dooley
Mary Arthur
Betty Phelan
Anne O'Keeffe
Declan Fitzpatrick
Michael O'Connor
Pam Killeen

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(Parish Chaplain)

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Safeguarding

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The crown you've
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