

PORTLAOISE
PARISH
link
up

30th August 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bishop Denis visited Holy Family campus on Wednesday wishing all teachers and pupils and staffs of our Schools every blessing as a new and challenging year begins. With him, Fr. Ciprian, Msgr. John, Enda Hickey and Fr. David.



Prayer for school Year

Father, bless the students who are beginning another school year. Give them wisdom and strength as they learn. Bless the teachers as they instruct and care for their pupils. Bless the parents as they let their children go, whether for the first year of preschool or the final year of college.

Amen.




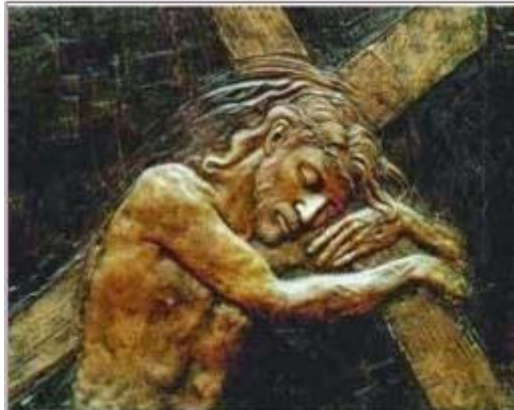
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Accepting Our Crosses

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering and death at the hands of the

elders, chief priests and scribes. Peter took Jesus aside, "This must never happen to you," he said. Surely Peter only had Jesus' best interests at heart. Imagine how mortified he must have felt to hear Jesus reply, "Get behind me Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

What kind of deal is it to get everything you want in life but lose your soul? So often when we finally get what we want in life, the euphoria is short lived. We might feel elated for a few days at achieving one of our closest held ambitions, but then we are left with that hollow, 'what next?' kind of feeling. Today Jesus is talking about the necessity for suffering and dying. But why does Jesus see accepting the cross as a necessity? Why does he not stop to consider the alternative that Peter suggests?

As Christians we are asked to live life differently from those who struggle to fill life with pleasure and enjoyment. There is a well-known saying that goes, 'It is better to die a meaningful death, than live a meaningless life.' As Christians we have to transcend, self-interest, self-preservation and ego trips. The person who tries to indulge in every enjoyment may find him or herself chasing impossible rainbows. Could this be Satan's favourite trick? By trying to make life perfect by our own human agendas, are we in danger of reaching the end of life only to realise we have not lived life at all?

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

We welcome into our Parish Community

Jack Dennis Kelly, Glenfield

Ellie Mae Bowe, Clonroosk Abbey

Aaron Tom Conroy, Green Mill Lane

Cody Daithi Leonard Maher, Esker Hills

who were baptised last weekend.



How to support the Parish During this time of Pandemic

Elsewhere in this edition of the Link Up (pages 10 & 11) we have a full outline of the various ways you can contribute to the Parish at this time.

We are very grateful for the support we have received and encourage those who haven't found away to replace their traditional contributions to adapt to one of the new ways!

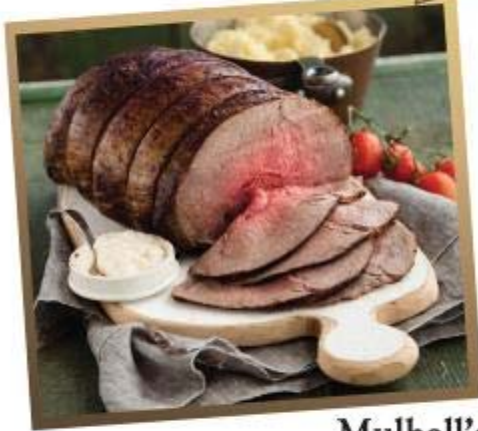
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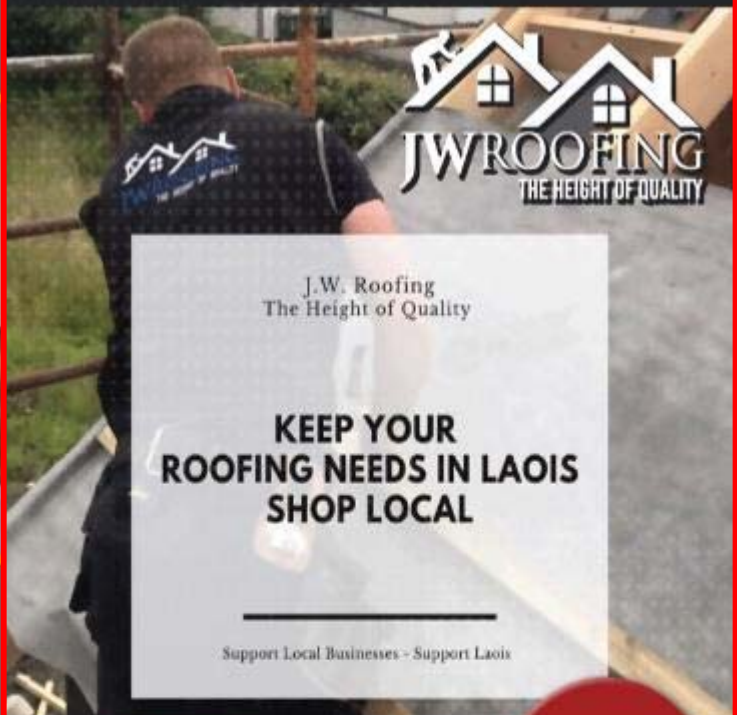
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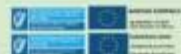
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Prayer As We Return to School

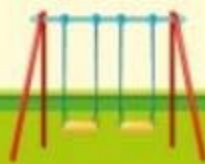
Loving God, we ask you to wrap our diocesan school family in a cloak of love and protection as our schools reopen this year.

Bless our boards of management and staff as they continue the good work that they have already begun to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for all.

Bless our parents as they again entrust their children to us, confident we can all work together to help them become the very best that they can be

Above all, God of Love, we ask you to extend your hand of blessing on our pupils as they joyfully reunite with their friends and all in the school community. May they continue to progress in their studies and always know that they are safe, secure and protected in your loving embrace.

We know much will seem very different this year, but, Gracious God, we are confident that through the intercession of our own Saints Brigid, Conleth and Laserian, your love and care for each of us will never change. May we show the same love and care for one another in all we do and say this year. **Amen.**



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Since lockdown in March of this year due to Covid-19 we have had to adapt to a whole new way of living and being Parish. We appreciate now the freedom we used to have to gather without being overly concerned about health and safety. It is difficult to get used to the new regulations and restrictions as we gather now in smaller numbers and observe 'social distance' from each other - the very antithesis of worship a few months ago! There is of course no obligation on anyone to attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays during this time of pandemic and we ask anyone with underlying conditions which makes them vulnerable, to be particularly aware of this at this time. We know many are nervous and you shouldn't be worried about missing Mass. But make no mistake about it we do miss you and you are constantly in our prayers. You are still a cherished member of our Parish. Many join us via our Parish Radio (106.5am) or Webcam, Facebook Live or ShalomWorld.org (who transmit our 10am Mass each day including Sunday). Many from outside the Parish join us also and we receive quite a number of requests for inclusion in prayer from all over the World.

All of this has had a huge impact on our funding. We had been used to a very generous response every weekend to our collections - Our Offertory collection which effectively ran the Parish and our Development fund which enabled the considerable development in the Parish over the past number of years. We will not be returning to passing the 'blue bags' or the 'baskets' anytime soon - maybe never. We know we still have a generous and supportive cohort of parishioners. Many have found ways of supporting the Parish at this time, many have continued to use the Parish envelopes and deposited them in one of the boxes available in the Churches or to the Parish Centre, some have made contribution by cheque or cash, some have found the 'donate facility' on our website (some have signed up to a regular subscription via this method), some are using the envelopes placed near the new donation boxes in our Churches. We have also recently installed a 'cashless payment' gadget at the back of the Church and it is being used. We are very grateful to all who have contributed in whatever way - thank you. While we are grateful for all that generosity, all in all, our donations have been down close to 50% over the past 5 months. We have to get used to a new way of supporting our Parish and the Priests collections. We need your support and ask you to find a way of supporting the Parish that suits your circumstances.

VARIOUS WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR COLLECTIONS



The traditional 'box of envelopes'. These are distributed to those who wish to use them each year in February. There has been a decline over the past few years of those using this method to contribute to the Parish, about 100 at present. That is understandable against the backdrop of two collections at our Sunday Masses. But in these changed circumstances we hope there might be a renewed uptake of the 'boxes' when we come to distribute them next year. In the meantime there are envelopes available adjacent to the donation boxes in our Churches and at the Parish Centre.

*Give from
your heart...
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2 Corinthians 9:7



The Donation boxes placed at the entrances and exits of our Churches. Envelopes as well as notes and coins can be placed in the boxes. For our own convenience and maybe yours as well, we would encourage the use of envelopes and notes. If it suits, you do not have to contribute each week but wait for a time and use an envelope with notes.

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A new contactless payments facility has been installed at the back of the Parish Church. We have been moving towards a 'cashless' society for the past number of years. The Pandemic has hastened that movement. This facility is a convenient and secure method of making a donation to the Parish by simply tapping the machine with your card.

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Ever this day,
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To light and guard.
To rule and guide.
Amen*



Wishing our young parishioners
the best of luck as they start
school again.



Always believe in God. Because
there are some questions that
even Google can't answer.



BACK TO SCHOOL



Prayer for child attending school

Dear Father,

Bless me as I go to school today and everyday.
Keep me and my schoolmates safe and protected, Father.

I ask that this school year you would use every person,
every experience and every lesson to shape me into Your
image, to grow in my fruit of Your spirit.

God, grow in my heart.

Teach me to sacrifice like You did, giving up that I value
for the good of others.

Bless my teacher and all the staff, Keep them safe. Amen.



Prayer for Young People

Lord, help me to remember that
nothing is going to happen today
that You and I together can't
handle.

Portlaoise Parish First Holy Communion Dates 2020



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

(teachers listed are your 2nd class teachers)

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

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



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

Due to the restrictions in place because of the COVID19 pandemic and with the health and safety of all in mind, Unfortunately, we have to limit the numbers attending, therefore it will be the child+2 adults. Others will be able to follow the Mass on the webcam. This is the plan for now but as you know the situation is evolving and things may have to change again. Thank you for your understanding and every blessing to you all.

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

For Shanahoe and Raheen will be announced shortly.



*May the good Lord be with all our families, preparing to
celebrate these sacraments over the coming weeks.*





TIME TO THINK!

LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH

You don't just wake up one morning, light streaming in from the window, birds fluttering about, and jump from your bed with exuberance declaring "I have a faith!" No, it's more like a slow crawl from your bed as you try to slam on the snooze button one last time.

Getting faith isn't easy, even though people put the phrase "have faith!" on repeat like it's no big deal. It's a slow, sometimes agonizing process that many people give up on, but in truth, it's worth the wait. Having faith puts that pep in your step when you feel like you've busted a kneecap. It gets you to try one more time towards your righteous desires and keeps you smiling when all you want to do is crawl back into bed. Faith is the end result of a long journey, but makes the trip bearable.

But sometimes it can be hard to see the road to faith, or at least the end of the road. If you've found yourself in this spot, Martin Luther King Jr. has some wise words.

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

So what is the first step? Honestly, it's different for everyone. But if you're having a hard time viewing that staircase, here are a few steps to get you started.

Identify the Doubt

What's causing you anxiety right now? What's making you worry? What's filling you with doubt? Pinpoint an area of your life that's weighing you down and take some time to ponder why it's so hard. If you need to, find a quiet space to meditate or pray about the things that are bothering you, and ask yourself why these things are having an impact on your life.

Why are we doing this? Because in order to identify a solution, we need to identify the problem.

Find Your Mantra

Having a little saying you can repeat to yourself in times of trouble is a great way to dispel fear. Faith is a concept that's been around since the beginning of mankind, and you can find motivating quotes across the religious or spiritual spectrum. Take some time to search them out and find a phrase or quote that speaks to you. Put this quote somewhere you can see it often, like your phone. Then when you feel that fear or anxiety begin to rise, just take a deep breath, and repeat after them:

"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone." - Pope Francis

"If it can be solved, there's no need to worry, and if it can't be solved, worry is of no use." -Dalai Lama

"For with God, nothing shall be impossible." - Luke 1:37

Take Action

Now that we've identified the problem and have a mantra to keep us focused, let's work on that solution. Write your problem down and start brainstorming ways to fix it, even the hard ones. What are the obvious ways you can fix it? The not-so obvious? Make bullet points until you have a solid list, then go through and find the solution that would be the most effective.



And now you'll take action. You might be afraid, but that's okay. Faith isn't about not having fear, it's about acting anyway. So take that solution and run with it, not looking back.

Faith isn't a one-step process, and it's also not a one-stop shop. In order to find and keep faith, you'll need to practice over and over again. But that's okay! With each step you'll become stronger and stronger until faith is your first reaction to challenges, not fear

Prayer to become a Giving Person

Loving Father I come to You today with grateful thanks for the gifts and promises that so readily stream in my direction from You. So often Lord my foolish heart is filled with worry and anxiety and I find myself looking at the problem of my supply instead of looking to You as my generous Supplier. Please forgive this lack of trust in You, for I know that You have promised to supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory - for which Lord I thank and praise You.

Lord I want to be able to hand over each and every one of my worries to You and to develop a generous and outgoing personality - that keeps my eyes on Jesus, rather than continuing to be the "worrier" that I have become. I know that this does not honour Your name and I so desire to walk in the paths of righteousness and become a person with a generous heart that flows from Your own generosity - a grateful heart that is full of trust and thanks to You, who have done so much for me.

Lord I know that I cannot change my nature myself - but I do know that in the power of the Holy Spirit I can take my worrisome thoughts captive and hand them over to You - and turn my worries and anxieties into purposeful praise, knowing that in all things You are the supplier of all I need. I ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

ABBEYLEIX/RAHEEN NOTES

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

Divine Mercy and Holy Rosary is recited daily in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, on the Parish webcam at 3pm.

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*Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

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the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

**In Loving Memory of
ALLAN WRIGHT**

The Green, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 1st September 2020



*I am still with you
If it seems that I am far away, on this
empty and solemn day,
Just open your heart and know its
true,
That I am still right here with you.
Sadly missed by your loving wife Iva,
children Janet, Barbara, Alan, Teresa
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In Loving Memory of

CHRISTOPHER (Christy) GING
Irishtown, Mountmellick and formerly
New Road, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurred 28th August 2020



*You're not just a memory
silently kept,
You're a part of our family,
we will never forget.
Gone from our sight and
from our touch,
But in our memories,
loved so much.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on
Saturday 29th August at 7:30pm.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his
loving family and friends.*

May Christy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

ELIZABETH (Betty) KEEGAN
8 Beechfield and formerly Market Sq. Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurred 25th August 2020.



*Though your smiles are gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
We shall never lose sweet memories,
Of you, we loved so much.*

*Gone from our home those smiling faces,
The cheerful pleasant ways,
The hearts that won so many friends,
In bygone happy days.*

*Your voices keep whispering gently,
Loved ones be brave and true,
At the end of life there is sunshine,
We'll be waiting and watching for you.*

Also remembering her loving husband, Peter
Keegan, who died 18th February 1992.



*Fondly remembered and always in our thoughts,
from all your loving family*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JOE CARROLL

35 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 3rd September 2020



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Thursday 3rd September at 10am.

*Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.*

*Sadly missed by Mary, Marie, Tracy, Liam, Des and all his
loving family.*

Rest in Peace Joe

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of ARON GING

Whose 1st Birthday away from home occurred 28th August.

I Made It Home

*I just wanted to let you know that
I made it home,
Everything is so pretty here, so white,
so fresh, so new,
I wish that you could close your eyes
so you could see it too,
Please try not to be sad for me,
Try to understand,
God is taking care of me,
I'm in the shelter of His hands,
Here there is no sadness and no
sorrow and no pain,*

*Here there is no crying and I'll never hurt again,
Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing,
I really have to go for now....I've just got to try my wings.*

P.S. I'll be the first face you see when you get here!

*Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.
Loved and remembered by all your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Aron

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of ARON GING

Whose 1st Birthday away from home occurred 28th August.

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

*Always on our minds,
Forever in our hearts.*

*Loved and remembered always by
your loving dad, sisters Lisa and Emma,
brother Ross and nephew Michael JJ xx*

Rest in Peace Aron

**In Loving Memory of
JULIA (Peg) HOLOHAN**

12 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 1st September 2020



*You're not just a memory silently kept,
You're a part of our family, we will never
forget,
Gone from our sight and from our touch,
But in our memories, loved so much.
Loved always & remembered by
Liz, Peter & family and niece Lorraine.*

*Gone from home that smiling face, those cheerful happy
ways, the heart that won so many friends, in by gone happy
days.*

From P.J., Ann & family.

*It's not the tears that are shed at the time, that tell of the
hearts that are broken, but the silent tears in the after years,
when our loved ones name is spoken.*

Sadly missed & remembered by Mary, Liam & family.

*Thinking of you today and always.
From James & family.*

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

May Julia (Peg) Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JULIA (Peg) HOLOHAN**

12 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
Whose 8th Anniversary occurs 1st September 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Tuesday 1st September at 10am.

*Loving memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts she is living yet,
We loved her too dearly to forget.*

From Frank, Peggy & family.

May Julia (Peg) Rest in Peace

**Treasured Memories of
CHRISTOPHER DWANE**

28 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurred 27th August 2020.



*We did not know that morning,
What sorrow the day would bring,
When a heart of gold stopped beating,
And we couldn't do a thing,
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,*

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Always remembered by his loving mother and family.

May Christy Rest in Peace

60TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
60th Birthday occurs 2nd September 2020.



*Happy Birthday in Heaven
Is there a party up in Heaven to celebrate
today? Did angels frost a cake for you?
Or sing to start your day?*

*We're celebrating down here, as they must
be above, I truly hope your special day is
filled with peace and love.*

*This day was always special, as we
gathered 'round you here, we'd sing and
laugh and celebrate your day with so much cheer.
I miss those special moments, that we shared throughout the
years, it's hard to find that on this day, my eyes now fill with
tears.*

*I'm trying hard to smile for you, but ohhh...that empty chair,
I turn around and find myself still shocked that you're not there.
Please know I'm thinking of you, as I go throughout each day,
This day is very special, because it's your birthday.*

*Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters, extended
family and friends.*

*For Your Birthday in Heaven
Still loved, still missed and very dear
Your birthday's here, but you aren't,
We would send a gift but we know we can't,
So we'll make a wish upon a star,
To carry our love to where you are.*

*Happy birthday Nanny, hugs and kisses and lots of love
from all your grandchildren xxx*

**In Loving Memory of
TOMMIE KEOGH**

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise, whose
Anniversary occurs at this time.

*You're not just a memory silently kept,
You are part of a family, that will never
forget.*



*Also Remembering
Tommie's Wife
Mary (Mollie) Keogh
And his Son
Pat Keogh
whose Anniversaries
occurred in April*



*Loved and always remembered by all their loving
family, extended relatives and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH (Joe) HOLOHAN

Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix.

4th Anniversary occurred 27th August 2020.



Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.

*All our love, George, Ann and all the
family and your sister Phil.*

Rest in Peace Joseph

In Loving Memory of
EDWARD (Ned) McEVOY

Capoley, Portlaoise - 22nd Anniversary (30th August)



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Sunday 30th August at 12:30pm.**

*Time unfolds another year, memories keep you
very near. No need for words except to say
you are loved and missed each passing day.*

In God's care you rest alone, In our hearts you rest in love.
Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered
everyday by Sarahann, Ailish, Mary, Joe and Breda and
families.

Also thinking of our Mother Madge at this time.

May Edward Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
SHEILA READY

26 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



The family of the late Sheila Ready would like to thank the many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, attended the funeral Mass and burial and who provided emotional and practical support to us during this extremely difficult time.

A special word of thanks to Tullamore, Dublin and Portlaoise hospitals who took such great care of Sheila during her long illness.

To our friends and neighbours of O' Moore Place who helped us greatly during this sad time, we thank you all.

To all those who sent Mass and sympathy cards and floral tributes, we greatly appreciate your kind thoughts.

To all those who helped with the funeral; the Priests of the Parish for the beautiful requiem Mass and for attending our home; To Rankin funeral directors for the professional and compassionate manner in which they carried out Sheila's funeral arrangements; To the grave diggers for preparing Sheila's final resting place with such care and respect.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually for their support and for making such a hard and difficult time for us more bearable, we trust that you will accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and gratitude to you all.

**Sheila's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on
Sunday 6th September at 12:30pm.**

May Sheila Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN KAVANAGH

Colt.

1st Anniversary occurs 3rd September 2020.



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

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Fintan's Church, Raheen, on
Tuesday 1st September at 7pm.

*Sadly missed by all her loving family,
extended relatives and friends.*

Rest in Peace Kathleen

*Prayer to St Mother Teresa
of Calcutta*



Saint Teresa of Calcutta,
You allowed the thirsting love of Jesus
on the Cross to become a living flame within you,
and so became
the light of His love to all.

Obtain from the Heart of Jesus
(here make your request)

Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my
whole being so completely that my life too,
may radiate His light and love to others. Amen
Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our Joy,
pray for me.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta pray for me.
*Keep the joy of loving Jesus in your heart and say often
during the day and night.*

*"Jesus in my heart I believe in your tender love for
me. I love you."
Mother Teresa*

Saturday 5th Sept: Feast Day of St. Teresa of Calcutta

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In Loving Memory of PETER KEOGH

Late of Borris Rd., whose 25th Anniversary occurred 27th August.



Gone are the days we used to share Peter,
But in my heart you are always there,
The gates of memory will never close,
I miss you more than anyone knows,
With tender love and deep regret,
I who loved you will never forget.

Lovingly remembered today and forever.
Deeply missed by your loving Julie xxx

May Peter Rest in Peace Forever

In Loving Memory of LILIAN MALONE

'Cumbria' Green Road, Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurred 28th August 2020



Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.

Always remembered by John, Mary and family.

May Lilian Rest in Peace

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Your earth days are done but don't be sad
Remember all the good times that you had
Loved ones will join you, don't despair
You have many in Heaven waiting for you there
Your body died but your soul was set free
That's why you get to fly with me



The deadline for receipt of Anniversaries and Acknowledgments for our next publication (5th/6th September) is;

**12 noon Wednesday
2nd September**

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

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