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# Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

'Blessed are the peacemakers they shall be called children of God'

Matthew 5:9

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IS AN ACCIDENT
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#### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday's feast is a celebration of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven. Mary is a model of vocation and fidelity, a fidelity that demands self-knowledge courage and sacrifice.

For those of us who feel we have no vocation we could learn many lessons by studying Mary's brand of discipleship. Motivation is key. Mary's motivation was to support God's plan. Nothing Mary ever did or said was for her own glory. At the same time there can be few people who could claim to have led a more challenging or rewarding life than Mary's.

#### St Lawrence 10<sup>th</sup> August

Saint Lawrence was martyred for outwitting a Roman prefect and for standing firm in the face of persecution. A saint with a modern day message, from St Lawrence



we learn to always stand against those who seek to destroy us and persecute us for our beliefs in Jesus Christ and His Church. With great confidence and fortitude, we too can overcome the challenges that stand before us. Throughout the world, many of us are being faced with a threat against our religious freedom. We must stand against such tyranny and battle for our freedoms.

When Peter began to sink he cried to Jesus: 'Lord! Save me'. Jesus put out his hand and held him.

#### Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday - Friday 7.30am, 10am & 11am

Saturday 15th August Feast of the Assumption 10am, 11am 4.30pm, 6pm & 7.30pm Cemetery Mass Heath:



7.30pm

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday (Vigils): 4.30pm, 6pm & 7.30pm Sunday:

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm The Heath: 9.30am, Ratheniska: 10am

#### St. Clare, virgin

Tuesday 11th August

The law of God is sweet to those who obey with childlike simplicity. St. Clare, born at Assisi in 1193, died 1253. She



followed St. Francis in his life of poverty and was founder and ruler of the Poor Clares. She led an austere life, abounding in works of piety and charity. Patron of television.

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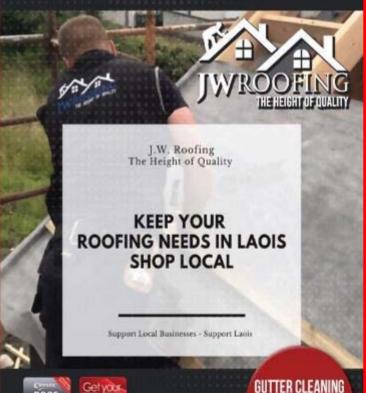
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## An Instrument of Peace

John Hume put his devotion to what was right above what was best for himself, his life's work was given its ultimate return in the Good Friday Agreement he signed 22 years ago. Hume had a multitude of qualities that allowed him be a singularly resolute peacemaker during The Troubles but his selflessness was surely the one that shines above all others.

That very same agreement that brought peace to the island arguably cost the party he founded electorally in the years since he stepped back from public life. This very nobility was clear even in his retirement and in 2010 he was named as Ireland's greatest person.

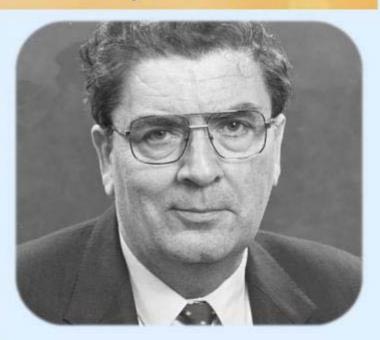
Hume was born in Derry in 1937 and like many of his generation his Catholic faith was at the core of his upbringing. He studied for the priesthood in Maynooth but ultimately returned to his native city to become a teacher after graduating with a degree in French and History.

His career began as an organiser. He founded the first Northern Irish Credit Union and became president of the Irish League of Credit Unions (ILCU) while in his twenties. Throughout the 1960s Hume became a central figure in the city's Civil Rights Movement as he and others sought fairness in franchise, jobs and housing. It was a fraught time in which the movement faced violence from the State and militants from various factions became increasingly active. Hume was literally at the front of tense marches that marked the period and can be seen in a documentary released last year facing paratroopers in the week before Bloody Sunday.

Hume was first elected as an independent nationalist candidate for the Foyle constituency in 1969 before founding the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) a couple of years later. As violence exploded in Northern Ireland throughout the 1970s, Hume remained committed to politics and was elected leader of the SDLP and to the European Parliament at the end of the decade.

He was elected as an MP in 1983, a position he held until 2005. As efforts intensified to find peace in Northern Ireland throughout the 1980s, Hume continued to denounce violence while also beginning dialogue with Gerry Adams, then the leader of Sinn Féin. The long-time moderate nationalist was criticised by politicians and commentators from both sides of the border for his engagement with Adams, but the Hume-Adams talks as they became known are now seen as a vital step in the peace process.

In the 1990s, Hume was the preeminent voice of nationalism in the north and he participated in various peace efforts that sought to find a resolution to the conflict. When the Provisional IRA called a ceasefire in 1994 and again in 1996, Sinn Féin were allowed to



enter the talks process, as were loyalists who had also called a ceasefire. The ultimate result of these renewed efforts was the Good Friday Agreement, which was secured following a tortuous process at which Hume was at the centre. When the agreement was passed by a huge majority in the Republic of Ireland, it was opposed by Ian Paisley's DUP and was passed by a smaller majority in Northern Ireland's referendum. It was Hume who took perhaps the largest responsibility in selling the deal, famously appearing with the UUP's David Trimble on stage with U2's Bono.

In 1998, he and Trimble were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts in securing peace in Ireland. Hume's retreat from public life was due to a struggle with dementia, something his wife of 58 years spoke about.

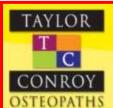
Upon his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2017, Hume received praise from all around the globe. President Higgins said the "moral architect of an inclusive peace process", and "a man of courage, a committed European and dedicated and visionary peacemaker". Bill Clinton called him "the Irish conflict's Martin Luther King".

As well as the Noble Peace Prize, Hume was also awarded the Ghandi Peace Prize from the Indian Government and a Knighthood from Pope Benedict XVI.

But while Hume's legacy may appear to be rooted in the past, it is not a stretch to say that his ideals may well influence the future.

> Lord Make me a channel of Your peace Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord And where there's doubt, true faith in You

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August from 11am to 9.30pm

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Scripture: Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31 (NIV)

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someone-probably a teacher-helped you learn. Did any of you need any help learning how to play soccer? There are always going to be times when you need a helping hand-even when you are grown!

Today's Gospel is about a time when the disciples of Jesus needed a helping hand, one in particular whose name was Simon Peter.

It had been a long, hard day for Jesus and his disciples. After the disciples had helped Jesus feed more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two small fish, Jesus told them to get into their boat and go on ahead of him to the other side of the lake. Jesus then went up on a mountainside to be alone and to pray. Later that evening, the disciples were quite far out onto the lake when the wind began to blow and the waves

began to bounce their boat around on the water.

Shortly before dawn, Jesus went out to the disciples, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they cried.

Jesus immediately spoke to them: "Don't be afraid! Take courage. I am here!"

Peter spoke up, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

"Yes, come," Jesus answered.

So, Peter climbed out of the boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus. But when he started looking around and saw the waves being blown about by the wind, he was afraid and he began to sink. "Lord, save me!" he cried.

Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. "Why did you doubt?" Jesus asked.

So, you see, even a grown-up fisherman like Simon Peter needed a hand from Jesus when it came to walking on the water. You and I may face some pretty rough times in our lives, but as long as we keep our eyes on Jesus, he will always be there to give us a hand.



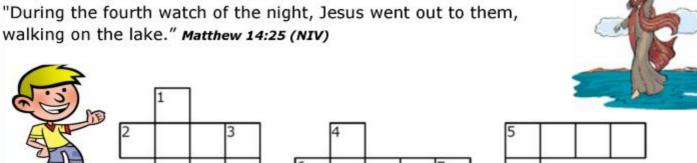
#### Prayer

Father, help us to remember that you are always there when we need a helping hand.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



#### JESUS WALKS ON WATER

walking on the lake." Matthew 14:25 (NIV)



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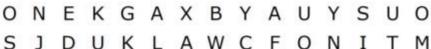
- 2. The natural movement of air.
- **5.** To travel along on your feet.
- **6.** Moving swells on the surface of the sea.
- 8. A small vessel for travelling on water.
- 9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger.

#### DOWN

- 1. To go downward in water.
- 3. A lack of confidence or belief in God.
- 4. A firm belief in God.
- **5.** A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain.
- 7. To rescue someone.

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## ABBEYLEIX/RAHEEN NOTES

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

Raheen Parish Bicentenary (1820-2020) Miscellany: St. Fintan undertook his noviciate as a young man at Terryglass Monastery which was run by St. Columba near Lough Derg in Co. Tipperary following which he founded his own monastery at Clonenagh.

Divine Mercy and Holy Rosary will be recited daily in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, on the Parish webcam at 3pm, commencing 15<sup>th</sup> August.









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Many traditions are associated with St. Fintan's Well. Taking a stone from the well and keeping it as a preservative against death by any sort of untoward accident is the most common tradition - and it is one which is carried out faithfully by many pilgrims to this day. Another tradition concerns the one-eyed trout which if spotted in the well will relieve the fortunate pilgrim of any ailment they may be suffering. And, of course, drinking water from the well is common practice. Many locals in past generations when feeling unwell were more likely to make their way here to drink the fresh sacred water than to seek medical attention. The feast day of St. Fintan on 17th February has traditionally attracted a significant numbers of visitors. However, 29th June (formerly a Church Holy day to mark the feast of Saints Peter and Paul) was a particularly significant day of devotion at St. Fintan's Well in times past with pilgrims arriving in large numbers all through the day. Great credit is due to the local families who put huge effort into maintaining the beauty of St. Fintan's Well and it surrounds. One cannot but feel welcome walking through that little painted gate and down the short pathway with well-trimmed hedges on either side and the smell of nature all around - to experience and be enriched by one of the simple pleasures of life.

Author Tony Delaney Shanahoe

#### Prayer for Life, Unity and Peace

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#### JOHN DELANEY *ROBERT DELANEY KATHLEEN DELANEY* Green View, Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

In Loving Memory of







John's 65th Anniversary, Robert's 28th Anniversary & Kathleen's 20th Anniversary occur at this time.

John's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 9th August at 12:30pm.

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.

Sadly missed by their loving family; Joe, Mary, Rena, Sheila, Madeline, John, extended family, relatives and friends.

May They Rest in Reace



#### **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE** In Loving Memory of PATRICIA GING

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home; 12<sup>th</sup> August 2020



#### Missing You on your birthday in Heaven

Today would have been such a special day, but now it brings sadness and sorrow, If we could share just one more day, if there was one more tomorrow.

But birthdays are a time for

reflection, to look over years past, and we can't believe another years gone by, the time just goes

But memories of more happier times, in our hearts will always stay, we'll treasure each and every one, until we meet again someday.

So we'll say goodbye for now Patricia and blow a kiss to Heaven above, to wish you the happiest of birthdays and send you all our love.

Loved and missed by all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Patricia



#### In Loving Memory of PATRICK DOYLE

20 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 18th Anniversary occurs 9th August 2020.



Treasured thoughts of one so dear Often bring a silent tear Thoughts of scenes long past Years roll on but memories last. Sadly missed and always remembered by all his loving family.

May Ratrick Rest in Reace



#### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of UNA TYNAN



1st Birthday away from home occurs 6th August 2020

> Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts

Always remembered by the Tynan and McEvoy families.

Rest in Reace Ulna



#### In Loving Memory of JOHN (SON) WALSH

Summerhill, Portlaoise.

Whose 16th Anniversary occurs 12th August 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Wednesday 12th August at 10am.

Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts

Sadly missed by his loving wife Rose & family.

May John Rest in Reace











#### In Loving Memory Of MARGARET FENNELLY

Thornberry, Abbeyleix.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.

'Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard but always near, Still loved, still missed and forever dear.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all her loving family.

Rest in Reace Margaret



#### In Loving Memory Of MARGARET (Peg) CASEY

Beechfield, Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary occurs 16th August.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 11.15am.

Even though you are not with us, Your presence is still strong,

Because in your heart we'll always find,

The love for which we long.

Sadly missed and always remembered by Liam, Dermot, Denise, Emma and Anna.

May Margaret Rest in Reace



# Precious Memories of Our Darling MARTIN WALSH

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> August. Died 11/8/1992.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm.



A whisper on an August evening,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of God,
And quietly left us all.
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.

We love and miss you deeply Martin, your ever loving Mammy, brothers Anthony, Joesph, sisters Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia, Colette, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Also remembering his Dad Martin at this time.

Rest in Reace Martin



#### In Loving Memory Of JOHN DUFF

Died 13<sup>th</sup> August 1968 (52<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) And his Son PATRICK



DUFF

Died 10<sup>th</sup> August 1983 (37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Kyle, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

Softly the leaves of memory fall, gently we gather and treasure them all, for the ones we loved so dearly.

John and Patrick's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 10am

Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving family.

Rest in Reace John and Ratrick



#### In Loving Memory of TOM BERGIN

66 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 21st Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 12:30pm.

Time passes, memories stay, Quietly remembered everyday. From his loving wife Mary & family.

May Tom Rest in Reace



## World



# BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ALICE NEVIN

12 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday away from us.



Birthday Remembrance Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August at 10am**.

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain, To walk with us throughout our lives, Until we meet again. So rest in peace our Angel, And thanks for all you've done,

We pray that God has given you, the crown you've truly won.

Happy Birthday in Heaven Sadly missed and always remembered, love from Paddy, Kathleen and family and grandchildren .

Rest in Reace Alice



#### In Loving Memory of GERARD & THOMAS LAWLESS

Whose Anniversaries occur on 14th and 6th August respectively (23rd & 8th Anniversary)



Wonderful Memories woven in gold, This is a picture we tenderly hold, Deep in our hearts a memory is

kept, To love, to cherish & never forget.

Sadly missed by Mammy, their loving family, nieces, nephews, their godson Kameron and extended family and friends. Also remembering baby Harris at this time

May Gerard and Thomas Rest in Reace



# In Loving Memory of PAULINE HOOBAN

121 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurred 6th August 2020.



Everyday in some small way,
Memories of you come our way,
Though absent you are always near,
Still loved and missed and very dear.
Loved and missed everyday,
your sister Mary and family.

May Rauline Rest in Reace

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

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 5-2-1960 - 4/8/2011 9th Anniversary occurred 4th August 2020



Recall the closeness that was ours,
A love as sweet as fragrant flowers,
We know you have a view from there,
You see us here and we feel you near,
You follow us throughout our day,
We are not alone along our way.

Always loved and remembered by James, Zoe, Odin and Ange.

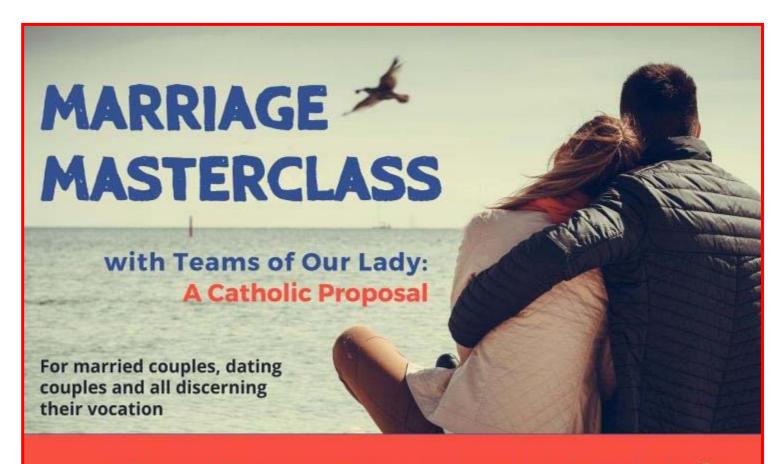
May Eugene Rest in Reace



The Fatima Candle will be lit at 10am Mass in the Parish Church on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and for the intentions of all parishioners.







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3rd Day Glorious

4th Day Luminuous and then Joyful

5th Day Sorrowful etc.

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