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13th September 2020

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**Pictured below are: Tírna Moore, Laura Curtin,
Ashling Maher, Conor Mulhall, Joe Maher,
Winnie Moore and Jake Moore.**



CROAGH PATRICK



IRELAND'S HOLY MOUNTAIN

Some of the group of the Moore family and friends who climbed Croagh Patrick on 29th August, supported by the Block Project, to raise funds for Suicide Prevention in Portlaoise. See page 9 for more photos and the presentation of over €2,000 to counselling services in both the Parish Centre and Portlaoise Family Resource Centre.

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If Forgiveness Was Infectious

"Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us." Just imagine what sort of world we would live in if this simple statement could become a reality. Imagine feeling the relief of being forgiven for our sins and in turn, forgiving those who had

sinned against us. Imagine the same people forgiving those who had sinned against them and so on and so on until the world's screaming grievances grew gradually quieter and finally disappeared altogether. What a wonderful world that would be. Is it any wonder Jesus talks so much of repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation?

So how can we make forgiveness more of a reality? How can we make forgiveness globally 'infectious'? Firstly we need to look inwards. What do we each need to be forgiven for? Who might we be hurting, perhaps unintentionally? Might we have made someone feel small or stupid with a careless or overly sharp remark? Might we have spoilt someone else's relationship by indulging in an affair? Have we neglected a lonely or vulnerable family member? Might we have bullied someone, gossiped behind someone's back, lied, cheated or taken something that didn't belong? Have we contributed to keeping someone else in poverty or denied a helping hand when it was desperately needed? Only when we can admit our own sins and unburden our own guilt can we really appreciate the value of forgiveness in the lives of others.

Offering forgiveness is just as hard as asking for it. How often do we hear someone say, "I will never forgive that person for what they have done!" Behind the statement is a deep rooted need to avenge the offender, either by hurting them back, or by withholding forgiveness. One person not forgiving another person is bad enough, but when entire nations are unable to forgive, then mankind is in big trouble! Sometimes the sins of others are so great that we wonder how we can begin to forgive. Sometimes a crime is so great and the culprit so devoid of remorse that we wonder whether we should really be expected to forgive, yet Jesus tells us, "I do not tell you to forgive seven times but seventy seven."

It is clear that we need a few helpful strategies in place to move us from feelings of vengeance and violence to a more peaceful place. The first and probably the easiest strategy is to search for some level of understanding and empathy. Understanding why someone has done something is a strong platform for forgiveness. However, where empathy totally eludes us, it is important for us to entrust the mechanics of justice to others who are less angry and less prejudiced than ourselves. Another 'must' is to set aside any notion of forgiveness turning us into doormats or naïve and deluded 'do-gooders'. The strategy that Jesus teaches us today is that we can become more compassionate as individuals by remembering how often we have been forgiven ourselves.... perhaps more times than we can remember.

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

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Fíonn Patrick Lewis, Clonboyne Close
Roisín Elizabeth McGroary, Colliers View
Scarlett Rachael Miller, Peppers Court
Conor Peter Dunne, Aghnaharna Drive

who were baptised last weekend.

Bitesize

Anger makes you smaller, while forgiveness forces you to grow beyond what you were.

Cherie Carter-Scott, "If Love Is a Game, These Are the Rules"

'I tell you to forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.'

Gospel (Mt. 18:21-35)

Week of 6th September 2020

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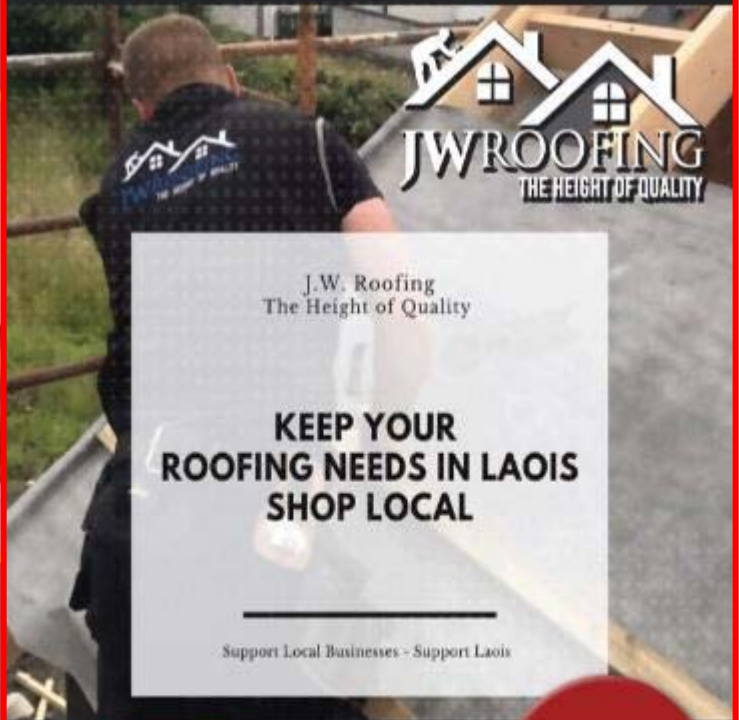
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Many thanks for your patience and understanding at this time.

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



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World Suicide Prevention Day

10th September 2020



World Suicide Prevention Day which took place on September 10th, highlighted the opportunity for all of us to play our part in preventing suicide. We can all make a difference, as a member of society, as a parent, as a friend, as a colleague or as a neighbour. There are many things that we can do, on a daily basis to prevent suicidal behaviour. These include raising awareness about the issue, educating ourselves and others about the causes and the warning signs for suicide, showing compassion and care for those who are in distress in our communities, questioning the stigma associated with suicide, suicidal behaviour and mental health problems and also by sharing our own experiences.

The HSE Resource Office for Suicide Prevention offers training programmes that prepare participants to recognise, engage with and support persons who may be having thoughts of suicide. Start is a one and half hour online programme which advises a four-step model and includes impactful simulations and practices. It can be accessed by contacting your local Resource Officer; **Josephine Rigney (Laois/Offaly)**, e-mail: josephine.rigney@hse.ie or phone **086-8157850**.

How can we change the stigma associated with suicide?

- **Challenge common myths** about or attitudes toward suicide. This will encourage society to look at suicide from a different perspective – one founded in openness, understanding and compassion for others.
- **Use trusted sources** to educate yourself on mental health difficulties and on suicide. Learn to use informed, appropriate, sensitive and non-judgemental language and try not to make assumptions. Don't identify a person solely by his or her mental health difficulty and never use 'suicide' as a noun to describe a person.
- **Recognise the contribution** of people who have mental health difficulties, have attempted suicide and recovered, or who have been bereaved by suicide. This will give you an invaluable insight into lived experience and will also be very empowering and healing for others.
- **Start a conversation** with someone you care about. When doing so, you don't have to be an expert or have all the answers – just listening with compassion, empathy and a lack of judgement can help restore hope.

Reflection Ceremonies: This year the theme of World Suicide Prevention Day is *'Working Together to Prevent Suicide'* and to mark this, **'Reflection Ceremonies'** have been organised by Midlands Living Links to be held at the locations of the **'Trees of Hope'** in the various towns in the Midland counties. In Portlaoise details are as follows;

Sunday 20th September at 11.30am - Tree of Hope, Memorial Garden, Ridge Road, Portlaoise, followed by Blessing at 12.15pm, Sensory Gardens, Rockview Walkways R427.

Preventing suicide requires the efforts of many - each of us, healthcare professionals, educators, community members and political officials and governments – but the positive effects of this collaborative work can be sustainable and have a massive impact.

Useful Resources and Supports:

- * Phone your local GP
- * MiDoc Out of Hours Service 1850 302 702
- * Hospital Emergency Departments
- * Pieta 24/7 Suicide Helpline 1800 247 247
- * The Samaritans 116 123
- * Your Mental Health Information Line 1800 111888
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National Office for Suicide Prevention

World Suicide Prevention Day - 10th September.



Jake Moore presenting a cheque for €2,006 to Msgr. John, half of the proceeds of the funds raised from their Croagh Patrick climb on 29th August. The remaining half was presented to Portlaoise Family Resource Centre. The presentations were made on Thursday, World Suicide Prevention Day and will be used by both Centres for counselling services. Well done and Thank You to the Moore family and friends.



The full group of pilgrims before climbing Croagh Patrick.



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NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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Keep On Forgiving

One day, Peter asked Jesus, "How many times should I forgive someone who sins against me? Should I forgive him seven times?"

I imagine that Peter thought he was being pretty generous to forgive someone seven times. I don't know about you, but I think I agree with Peter. To forgive someone seven times is be pretty generous. Guess what? Jesus didn't agree.

Jesus answered Peter, "Not seven times, but seventy times seven."

Wow! Seventy times seven! That's four hundred and ninety times. I think that before I got to four hundred and ninety I would lose count. You know, I think that is probably what Jesus was trying to get Peter to understand and he wants us to understand it too. We shouldn't worry about keeping count of how many times we have forgiven someone - we should just keep on forgiving. Isn't that what God does? He doesn't keep count of how many times he has forgiven us. He just keeps on forgiving.



Dear Father, we are thankful that you love us and forgive us without keeping count. Help us to love and forgive others as you have forgiven us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Happy Birthday Mary!

On Tuesday last, (8th September), we celebrated the birthday of Our Lady, Mary, Mother of God. Mary was born to Joachim and Anne, also saints, and she was so holy, even as a child. She always did what her mother and father asked of her. When she was still young, the Angel Gabriel asked her to be Jesus' mother, and she agreed, because she loved God so much and was always obedient to Him. Say a special prayer to Mary, who is our mother too.

Our Prayer to Holy Mary

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.



*Congratulations to the boys and girls from
The Heath and Ratheniska schools
who received their First Holy Communion
this weekend.*



Best of luck to all the boys and girls who will receive their
First Penance and First Holy Communion in the next few weeks.
We hope you and your family will have a lovely day!

Congratulations to all Leaving Cert students. Wishing you all the best for your future!

What is so special about the following sentence?

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

ANSWER: It contains all the letters of the alphabet!



Keep on Forgiving

Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. **Matthew 18:21-22**

1. _____ The number of times Peter thought you should forgive.
2. _____ To seek an answer to a question
3. _____ To excuse someone for an offense
4. _____ To break one of God's commandments
5. _____ One of Jesus' disciples
6. _____ To reply to a question
7. _____ The number of times Jesus said we should forgive
8. _____ A male who has the same parents as another person

SEVEN

ANSWER

FORGIVE

PETER

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BROTHER

SEVENTY-SEVEN



TIME TO THINK!

THE PLAGUE OF GOSSIP

A woman, pushing on in years, boasted to her pastor that she did not have an enemy in the world. He was very impressed. What a wonderful thing to be able to say after all those years! And then she added:- 'I have outlived them all'. I suppose if we live long enough we will also be able to make the same statement.

We have all been hurt in some way or other in the journey of life, made fun of in school by a teacher, not invited to the wedding, didn't get the job I thought I should have got, or at a more serious level, betrayed by someone you trusted, abused physically or emotionally and so on.

Sheila Cassidy, who was herself tortured in South America, had this to say:- 'I would never say to someone 'you must forgive'. I would not dare. Who am I to tell a woman whose father abused her or a mother whose daughter has been raped that she must forgive? I can only say: 'However much we have been wronged, however justified our hatred, if we cherish it, it will poison us. We must pray for the power to forgive, for it is in forgiving that we are healed'. Nelson Mandela continually reminded his fellow prisoners in South Africa that unless they let go of their hurts they would remain in the grip of their abusers.

By failing to forgive, we hurt ourselves more than anyone else. Surely this is what Jesus had in mind when he told how the merciless servant was cast into prison when he refused to forgive his fellow servant. I don't think he was suggesting that God would cancel his mercy. He is simply saying that an unforgiving spirit creates a prison of its own. It builds up walls of bitterness and resentment and there is no escape until we come to forgive.

Forgiving and letting go is not easy, especially when the wound is very deep. This is why I call forgiveness the 'F' word, because it's not to be used lightly. Forgiveness is a choice and often involves a three stage process: (1) I will never forgive that person (2) I can't forgive (forgiveness seen as a good thing, but the hurt is too great) (3) I want to forgive and let go with God's help.

Also we must learn to forgive ourselves. Imagine you are responsible for something very serious. You are driving a car with drink. There is an accident and a young person is killed. That life cannot be brought back. For more and more people there is something in the background, some skeleton in the closet - a broken marriage, a

broken relationship, a serious mistake. And for many of us we do not believe that there is another chance much less a seven times seventy chances. This is not the teaching of Jesus. God does not just give us another chance, but every time we close a door he opens another one for us.

The Lord challenges us not to make serious damaging mistakes, but he also tells us that our mistakes are not forever—they are not even for a life time - and that time and grace wash clean, that nothing is irrevocable. Nothing can separate us from the love of God..



Pope Francis has said "gossiping is a worse plague" than the coronavirus, claiming it can be used to divide the Roman Catholic Church.

Speaking during his weekly address from a window above St Peter's Square, Francis urged people to "never gossip".

Francis continued: "The devil is the great gossip. He is always saying bad things about others because he is the liar who tries to split the Church." In the unscripted comments, the 83-year-old added: "If something goes wrong, offer silence and prayer for the brother or sister who make a mistake, but never gossip."

It is not the first time Francis has brought up the subject of gossiping. In 2016, he urged priests and nuns to avoid spreading stories within their community to prevent the "terrorism of gossip".

The heart of the Gospel is one of healing and forgiveness. May we all go in the grace to be able to let go, so we can begin again.

Message of thanks from Fr. Eddie

Christ said: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news....."

Portlaoise Parish has a long tradition of living these words. It is a very vibrant parish. All its efforts and resources are directed to the message of Christ.

There is a palpable spirit of sharing and working together. I'd need about three or four pages of the Leinster Express to describe all of that but at the moment I do not have the energy to do it.

(This is an extremely inadequate tribute to Portlaoise parish and to all of you.)

There's a lovely Swahili word to describe a community that gets on well together - "wanasikilizana" - meaning they HEAR one another. The bible lays great stress on the words: Hear and listen. So the parish community is built on hearing the message of God and the various points of view of all the members who contribute. There is a large and very competent staff and they pull very well together - there are no tensions. There's an army of volunteers in teaching, singing, and other areas, too many to mention. So these factors contribute so much to a pleasant Christian atmosphere.

The living Faith is very strong, manifested in the large numbers who come to Sunday Masses and to weekday Masses. The Heath and Ratheniska have their own vibrant communities. I have to record the beautiful churches and the amazing Parish Centre. Also, you'll generally find people praying in the churches and lighting candles during the day when the churches are open. The people of the parish contribute very generously to the Offertory collections and the Development Fund and this makes possible the work of running the Parish. The horses have to be fed.

Then there are the various special apostolates: to the sick in the hospital, the nursing homes and those sick at home, to the huge number of people in schools, to refugees and to those in need.

If you're reading this you're probably saying to yourself, - "Sure I know all that" - but it's good to record all the goodness and the Good News and to say Thanks to God and to all in the parish for my seven joyful years as a member of the parish. I really miss being there. (The pandemic has turned everything upside down but the story of the Flood and Noah is a parable of total destruction and then recovery.)



MAY THE ROAD RISE
UP TO MEET YOU.
MAY THE WIND BE
ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK.
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM
UPON YOUR FACE,
MAY THE RAINS FALL SOFT
UPON YOUR FIELDS.
AND UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN
MAY GOD HOLD YOU
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To my fellow priests;
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me.

To complete the words
of Christ quoted at the
beginning ..."and behold
I am with you always 'til
the end of time."

Eddie Lalor

Fr. Tom's farewell homily can be viewed on our Parish Facebook Page

PORTLAOISE/ABBEYLEIX NOTES

PORTLAOISE NOTES

Remembering our Loved Ones lost to Suicide:

Join us this Sunday, 13th September for a Virtual Walk to raise funds for Teac Tom, who provide free Counselling services to families in Laois who have suffered the heart-breaking loss of a loved one through suicide and support to those who struggle with everyday life. We are encouraging people to get out and "Walk and Talk" at a time that suits them with a small group of family/friends in Castletown or another preferred location. If they wish they can wear orange, which represents HOPE and post their pictures to our Facebook page using @givinglightandhope2020. Please see our facebook page to register. For more details contact Martina 087-9426102 or Brigid 087-9431776.

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

Raheen Parish Bicentenary (1820-2020) Miscellany: Shanakill, which signifies 'old church' is the name of an ancient Parish in the townland of Boley that is now incorporated into the Parish of Raheen.

Memories from the people of Bondra and Colt: I am compiling a book on Bondra and Colt, and its people. I would like to invite you to share your stories, photos etc. of past and present events in the areas. If you send me original photos, I will return them safely to you. Please write on the back of the photo the details of who are in them and the year if possible. Also if you have any stories of growing up in that time please share also, or even the history of your family in the area. Please send anything you may have to Judy Preston-Grace, Borris Road, Portlaoise or e-mail judiegrace122@gmail.com, or phone 085-1449503. The closing date for receiving all information will be October 30th 2020.

We welcome baby Rian & baby James and Connie into Abbeyleix Parish.



COLT GAA CLUB LOTTO RESULTS 7/9/2020

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There was no Jackpot Winner

€20 winners;

Conor & Ciara c/o John Galvin,
James Mulhall c/o Michael Dooley
Eimear Walsh c/o Peter Walsh
Mary Mc Redmond
c/o John Sinnott

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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;



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Conroy*

O' Moore Place and
formerly St. John's Square



*Bridie (Bunty)
Connell*

The Rock of Dunamais

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née Robinson - formerly St. John's Square
Died in England

*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.

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
(19th/20th September) is;

**12 noon Wednesday
16th September**

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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JOHN BURKE**

13 Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 13th September 2020.



*Each morning when we awaken and
realise you are gone,
No one knows the loneliness, but we
still carry on,
Words cannot heal the heartache or stop
a silent tear, or take away the memories
of John, who we loved so dear.*

Forever remembered by Mary, Conor, Kate, Maeve and Ruairi
and grandchildren.

May John Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PHIL O' BRIEN**

"Drishane" Meelick, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 16th September 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 12th September at 6pm.

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

Sadly missed and never forgotten by all your loving family.

May Phil Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JEMEEL WALSH**

Ashley Gardens, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 17th September 2020
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Sunday 20th September at 12:30pm.



*Softly the leaves of memory fall,
Gently I gather and treasure them all,
Unseen, unheard, you are always near,
So missed, so loved, so very dear.
Loved and remembered by her husband Gerry,
children Matthew, Alex and Sarah
and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Jemeel

**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTINE COUGHLAN**

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 14th September - Mass offered.



*Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family
and friends.*

May Christine Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA O' BRIEN**

Whose Anniversary occurs at this time
From your loving sister Mary and Jimmy
and family.



May Patricia Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
THOMAS CARROLL**

72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise whose 10th Anniversary
occurs 12th September 2020



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on
Saturday 12th September at 6pm

*The thoughts we held most dearly,
are the times we spent with you,
The laughs, the jokes and silly things,
are memories fond and true.*

Forever in our thoughts.

Sadly missed by all his loving family, extended family and friends.

May Thomas Rest in Peace

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In Loving Memory of **TIMMY SCULLY**

3 New Road, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 17th September 2020



6th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday 19th September at 6pm.**

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain,

To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.

So many things have happened, we wanted you to share, so many times we needed you, and wished that you were there.

We think about you always and talk about you too, We have so many memories, but we wish we still had you.

Loved and missed by your daughters Mary & Bernadette, son-in-law John, grandsons Senan and Cillian, sister Ellie, extended family and friends.

Also remembering his loving wife Bernadette at this time.

May Timmy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Pad) DOYLE**

58 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs 17th September 2020.

Also remembering;

Our Parents Patrick and Mai Doyle, brothers Mick, Jim, Jack and sister Ann Whelan.



*Parents, Brothers, Sister,
Little did we know that morning,
God would call your name,
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same,
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide,*

And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by
Ellen, Guggie, Mary and families.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

I am the *Way,*
the *Truth & the Life*
John 14:6

Walking with grief

Do not hurry as you walk with grief;
it does not help the journey.

Walk slowly, pausing often:
do not hurry as you walk with grief.

Be not disturbed by memories
that come unbidden.
Swiftly forgive and let
Christ speak for you unspoken words.

Unfinished conversation
will be resolved in Him.

Be not disturbed.

Be gentle with the one
who walks with grief.
If it is you, be gentle with yourself.

Swiftly forgive;
walk slowly, pausing often.

Take time, be gentle
as you walk with grief.



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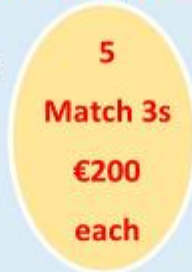


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14th September

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