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27th September 2020

Congratulations

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Our thanks to all at Holy Family Schools for three lovely First Communion ceremonies last weekend. This week it is the turn of Scoil Bhríde and the Gael Scoil. Thank God we are able to celebrate this important occasion with the boys and girls who have been so patient and good.

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Change of Heart

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but doesn't bother.

Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet gain Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service.

Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, get stuck into the job.

For those of us who have lived our lives doing the same old things it might be very difficult to turn around a pattern of poor or ineffectual behaviour, but we only need to talk to a reformed offender or a reformed addict to know that a change of heart is not beyond any of us.

St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael September 29th

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each

Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.



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

Lauren Fitton, Clondarrig Court

Erick Fitton, Clondarrig Court

Thomas John Moylan, Cullenbeg Park

Victoria Charlotte Weidling, Highfield Meadows

who were baptised last weekend



Saint Jerome

30th September

The Bible was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Prior to the Latin



Vulgate there were Old Latin translations which were widely copied but carelessly and therefore affected the authenticity of the Bible. In 382 to keep the Western bible free of corruption Pope Damasus I commissioned Jerome to revise and translate the bible.

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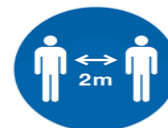
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First Holy Communion last weekend - Holy Family School







Parable of Two Sons

Have your mother or your father ever asked you to help out around the house by doing some chores? I'm sure that has probably happened to you. This morning I am going to tell a story about a father who had two sons named John and William. One day dad walked into John's room to find him building a model airplane. "John, we had a lot of wind last night and there are leaves scattered all over the yard. Would you please rake the leaves and put them in these bin bags?" dad asked.

"Aw Dad, I don't have time to rake the leaves. I am working on this model airplane and I really want to finish it today," John answered.

The father turned and left the room and went to look for William. He found William watching TV. "William, there are a lot of leaves in the yard. Would you please rake the leaves and put them in these bags?" dad asked.

"Sure, I'd be glad to," William answered.

"Great!" said dad. "I'll leave the rake and the bin bags in the yard."

After his father left, John began to think about what he had asked him to do. "I can rake the leaves and still have plenty of time to finish my model airplane later," John thought to himself. He went outside and began raking the leaves.

When dad returned home, he saw John raking leaves. "Where is William?" dad asked.

"I don't know. The last time I saw him he was watching TV," John replied.

When dad went into the house, guess what he saw? There sat William, still watching TV! I wonder which of the two sons pleased his father? John, who said he wouldn't rake the leaves, but did -- or William, who said he would rake the leaves, but didn't?

In the gospel today, Jesus told a similar story to show how different people obey what God has called them to do. In Jesus' parable of the two sons, the father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. Just as the two boys in my story, one son answered, "No," but went and worked. The other son answered "yes" did not go. In telling the story, Jesus wanted us to realise that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he tells us to "Love one another," but what he really wants is for us to love one another! Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he says, "Follow me," but what he really wants is for us to follow him! That's the kind of child I want to be. Isn't it the kind of child you want to be?



Prayer

**Father, sometimes we say, "Yes," but our actions say, "No."
Help us to be faithful to do what you have called us to do.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



The Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary but in October we also remember all those who work as missionaries. While reciting Prayers, you think about certain stories in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These stories are called Mysteries: A Mystery is a story about God. Rosary beads are used to keep count of the Prayers and Mysteries. The word Rosary means garland of roses. The complete Rosary consists of five decades. There are four sets of mysteries and five stories in each set.

The Mysteries are:

- ◆ The Joyful Mysteries
- ◆ The Sorrowful Mysteries
- ◆ The Glorious Mysteries
- ◆ The Luminous or Light Mysteries

(Prayed Monday and Saturday)

(Prayed Tuesday and Friday)

(Prayed Wednesday & Sunday)

(Prayed Thursday)



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



Hail 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 our death. Amen.



Congratulations to the boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion this weekend.

How to Pray the Rosary

The Rosary

- START**
1. Make the Sign of the Cross, and pray the Apostles' Creed.
2. Pray the Our Father.
3. Pray 3 Hail Marys.
4. Pray the Glory.* Name the 1st mystery. Pray the Our Father.
5. Pray 10 Hail Marys.
6. Pray the Glory. Name the 2nd mystery. Pray the Our Father.
7. Pray 10 Hail Marys.
8. Pray the Glory. Name the 3rd mystery. Pray the Our Father.
9. Pray 10 Hail Marys.
10. Pray the Glory. Name the 4th mystery. Pray the Our Father.
11. Pray 10 Hail Marys.
12. Pray the Glory. Name the 5th mystery. Pray the Our Father.
13. Pray 10 Hail Marys.
14. Pray the Glory and the Hail, Holy Queens.
15. Kiss the crucifix.

*After the Glory, you may also say the prayer taught by Mary at Fatima (see page 2) or another short prayer.



TIME TO THINK!

Building Faith in Challenging Times

Whether you're struggling with the fear and isolation of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic or you're just having one of those weeks where nothing seems to go right, relying on faith can help carry you through. I took some time to reflect on how my faith guides me during my life so I could offer some guidance to you.

1. Maintain your faith at all times

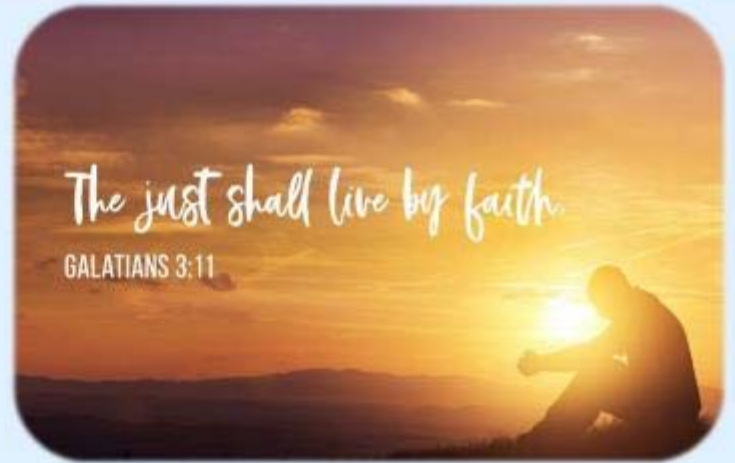
I really don't separate good times or hard times from my faith. I am blessed to have my life penetrated with the gift of faith and I have striven to have my relationship with Jesus (God) be as authentic a relationship as I would have with a physical person. I have scheduled prayer and worship as a part of my day. I pray that God will soften my heart during those times and make me attentive so that it is not "work" or "routine," but true worship that I offer. In this, I desire to come to know and understand His love in my life and what He is asking of me. I also practice The Daily Examen, which is essential to be able to reflect on my day, my emotions, my interactions and my responses all in the light of Christ and what He is calling me to.

2. Find practices that bring you peace

I often go to the Passion of Christ sections of the Bible (Mark 14-15, Matthew 26-27, Luke 22-23, John 18-19) because I find my challenges can be best united to His. I ask for His wisdom to look at the situations I am in with His eyes and to be able to walk with His Heart. I use the Scriptural Stations of the Cross, which follows the walk of Jesus to Calvary. This has made my reflections and prayers come more alive because my body walks from Station to Station and my focus becomes engaged in His, carrying our sins, our wounds, our pain to an ultimate redemption. I also rest in the Psalms, which seem to hold within them all the varied emotions I feel when going through difficult times. I keep the structure of prayer and worship intact, which creates a backbone and consistent support to my day. When I get grumpy and negative, I can confess this before God for forgiveness and strength to move on.

3. Lay your struggles before God

During hard times, I bring my true emotions, the conversations I have with others, including their concerns, into my prayer. I lay them at the feet of Jesus, to whom I have grown in trust and confidence. It is His wisdom and love that gives me confidence and hope, even when my emotions struggle. Struggling is normal and I would say in many ways essential to growing in faith. If we can't go before God in truth then we are not in a right relationship with Him. I think we should bring every emotion, fear, doubt and concern to Him. If you are in a relationship with someone and a lack of trust has come into that relationship, it is important for that relationship that the doubts are openly talked about.



It is the same with my relationship with God. I need to be able to say to God, "I am doubting you. I am angry at you. I am feeling torn apart. Help me!" I think saying out loud how we feel to God allows Him to respond back in our heart and through others and there can be spiritual peace.

4. Rely on your support systems

If I am not internally able to share my struggles with God, I find a close friend to share my heart with, someone who cares enough to listen, not necessarily to do something.

I think it is important that we accept and understand that we are created for community, for relationship. We need love, support, kindness, hope and confidence to gain strength to deal with the challenges of life, and we find that in and through our relationships.

This helps us better understand ourselves, take better control of the situation we are in and gain balance and perspective on things.

5. Find the good

Also remember to have a heart of gratitude and find some good in your day, to claim it as good and to tell someone of that good. We need laughter. Read a funny book, watch a truly funny movie.

Remember that God is bigger than COVID-19, He is bigger than a bad week and this time on earth will be very short compared to the gift of Heaven.

Loving God, please grant me peace of mind and calm. Give me the strength and clarity of mind to find my purpose and walk the path you've laid out for me.

I trust in your Love God, and know that you will heal and refresh my mind and body. Just as the sun rises each day against the dark of night. Let your grace and strength anoint me with your healing love.

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Celebrating First Holy Communion in Raheen and Abbeyleix Parishes





PORTLAOISE/ABBEYLEIX NOTES

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Raheen school who received their First Holy Communion recently.

We welcome baby Genevieve into Abbeyleix Parish.



PORTLAOISE NOTES

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Marian Avenue, Portlaoise



*Catherine (Connie)
Powders*
née Robinson
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Cremation takes place in
England on 30th September

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

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85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.
Died 28th September 1985
35th Anniversary occurs at this time.

*Deep are the memories,
Precious they stay,
No passing of time can take them
away.*

Sadly missed and remembered by your loving family.

May Kevin Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

Our Dear Cousin

TOMMY MOYLAN

121 Hillview Drive, 10th Anniversary occurs 27th Sept.



*To us you were someone special,
What more is there to say,
We only wish with all our hearts, that
you were here today.*

Sadly missed by The Tuohy Family

May Tommy Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL DALTON**

4 Borris Little, Portlaoise.



The family of the late Michael Dalton would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who sympathised, sent Mass cards and messages of support on the loss of our Dad and husband.

We would like to say a very special thank you to all the staff of Portlaoise Hospital for their excellent care and compassion to Michael and all their great support to us.

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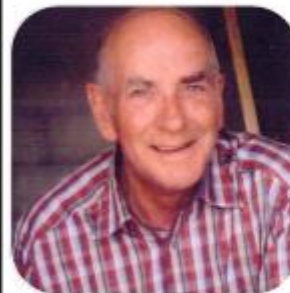
As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

Michael's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 27th September at 11.15am.

**In Loving Memory of
SEAN O' REILLY**

Borris Rd., Portlaoise. 12th Anniversary occurs 24th September.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 26th September at 10am.



*There are some we meet in passing,
and forget as soon as they go,
There are some we remember with
pleasure and feel honoured and
privileged to know,
You were that kind of person who
left beautiful memories behind,
And there are many days which
bring fond memories of you to mind.*

Sadly missed by his loving wife Nancy, sons Aidan and Noel and all his family, extended family & friends.

May Sean Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory Of
BERNADETTE KELLY**

Parkside Apartments and formerly Capoley.

2nd Anniversary occurs 5th October 2020



*God saw you getting tired and a cure was
not to be, so He put His arms around you,
and whispered; "Come to me".
With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw
you pass away, and although we loved you
dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating, hard
working hands at rest, God broke our hearts
to prove to us, that He only takes the best.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 3rd October at 6pm.

Sadly missed by her loving daughters Joan and Thelma, son-in-law, grandchildren and all her loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Bernadette

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Willie) MILLS**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Birthday occurs 27th September.



Brother
I thought of you today,
But that is nothing new,
I thought about you yesterday,
And will tomorrow too.
I think of you in silence,
And make no outward show,
For what it meant to lose you,
Only those who love you know.

*Remembering you is easy, I do it every day,
It's just the heartache of losing you, that will never go away.*

Sadly missed by all your loving family.

Rest in Peace William

**In Loving Memory of
MALACHY BYRNE**

*New Rd., Portlaoise and Killeigh, Co. Offaly.
2nd Anniversary occurs 26th September 2020.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 27th September at 12:30pm.



*Our lives go on without you,
But nothing is the same,
We have to hide our heartache,
When someone speaks your name.
Sad are the hearts that love you,
Silent the tears that fall,
Living without you is the hardest
part of all.*

*You did so many things for us,
Your heart was so kind and true,
And when we needed someone,
We could always count on you.*

*The special years will not return, when we are all together,
But with the love in our hearts, you walk with us forever.*

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by his loving children
and their spouses, grandchildren, extended family and
dear friends.*

Rest in Peace Malachy

**In Loving Memory of
CATHAL LALOR**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
20th Anniversary occurs 29th September 2020*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 3rd October at 4.30pm.



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

*We will always miss you Cathal xxx
Forever remembered by all your loving family xxx*

May Cathal Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
HELEN & PHILIP ROWNEY**

*53 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
Died 20th September 1991 and 19th October 2012. R.I.P.
29th and 8th Anniversaries occur at this time.*



*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you
both today.*

*Always remembered by all
your loving family.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 4th October at 11:15am.

May Helen and Philip Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
DENIS (Dinny) BRENNAN**

Borris Little, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs 30th Sept.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 26th September at 6pm.

*We miss you in so many ways
We miss the things you used to say
And when old times we do recall
It's then we miss you most of all.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered
From your loving wife Mary and family*

May Denis Rest in Peace



**In Loving Memory of
SARAH DEMPSEY**

*8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 25th September 2020*

6th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 26th September.



*There are some we meet in passing,
And forget as soon as they go,
There are some we remember with
pleasure and feel honoured and
privileged to know,*

*You were that kind of person who left beautiful memories behind,
And there are many days which bring fond memories of you to mind.*

Forever in our hearts Mam, from all your loving family.

May Sarah Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET (Pearl) WALSH**

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 5th October 2020.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 3rd October at 4:30pm.

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



Sadly missed by her loving husband Jim and all her loving family.

May Margaret (Pearl) Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ANNE E CONROY

3 Rockdale, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs at this time.



7th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles on
Sunday 4th October at 10am.

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

*Greatly missed by Noel, your loving
brothers, sisters and all your extended family.*

May Anne Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Joe) FITZPATRICK

The Hermitage, Borris Rd. Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary away from home - 2nd October 2020



*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 so much by his wife Mary,
sons Mark and William, daughter
Julie, grandsons Colin and Craig,
granddaughters Emma and Amy and
daughters-in-law Elaine and Mary.*

May Joe Rest in Peace

Birthday Remembrance
Christy Keogh

2 Aghnaharna Drive, Portlaoise.
Birthday Remembrance
27th September



From your loving wife Phil, daughters
Mary and Rachel and granddaughters
Shannon and Aislinn and extended family.

May Christy Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
JOHN SCULLY

Ridge Road, Portlaoise.



The family of the late John Scully,
would like to thank the relatives,
friends, neighbours, well-wishers
who attended the funeral Mass and
burial, sent Mass and sympathy
cards and floral tributes, especially
those who provided emotional
support to us during this very
difficult time.

To those who spoke the kindest
words and those who could not be
there but thought of John and us on that day,
whatever you did to console us, we thank you.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne and Fr. David
Vard for the beautiful funeral Mass and to Fr. Kelly
from Stradbally for the prayers in the funeral home.

Our thanks to Nuala Kelly and George Murphy for the
funeral music.

To Matthew Keegan and David Goode, funeral
directors, for the professional and compassionate
manner in which they carried out John's funeral
arrangements and to the grave diggers for preparing
John's final resting place with such care and respect.
A special word of thanks to the wonderful staff of
Fennor Hill Care Facility, Urlingford, who took such
great care of John during his last few weeks.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone
individually for their support, we trust that you will
accept this acknowledgement as an expression of
our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to
you all.

John's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts.
Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on Saturday
3rd October at 4:30pm.

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of
PATRICK RYAN

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 28th September 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Monday 28th September at 10am.

*Beautiful memories, silently kept,
Of one that we loved and will never forget.*

Sadly missed by your loving family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Paddy) BYRNE

113 St. Brigids Place, Portlaoise.
30th Anniversary occurs 30th September 2020.



*You left so many memories,
To us you were so dear,
No matter when we needed you,
We always found you near.
You gave us all you had to give,
Gifts both big and small,*

But most of all you gave us love, the greatest gift of all.

Loved and remembered always by Mary and family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
BRENDAN BOWE**

77 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 5th October.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 3rd Oct. at 7:30pm.



*Never more than a thought away,
And those who have loved you dearly are
thinking of you today, and always.*

*Love from your wife Eilish, sons Gary
and Shane, grandchildren, brother, sisters
and extended family.*

May Brendan Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL & JILL KEENAN**

4 New Row, Green Rd., Portlaoise.

Michael's 9th Anniversary occurs 2nd October '20.
Birthday Remembrance for his wife Jill; 16th October '20.



Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Friday 2nd October at 10am.

*Deep in our hearts you will
always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
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The family of the late Catherine (Kitty) Hosty would like to thank her many friends, neighbours and ex. colleagues from Portlaoise General Hospital who sent Mass cards and kind messages of sympathy on her recent passing, your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to you all.

May Heaven be her bed



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With eyes that sparkled oh so bright and your
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So twinkle now our little star, so swiftly here
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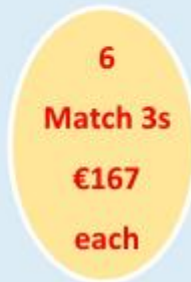


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