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11th October 2020

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



**Congratulations to the girls and boys from Kolbe School, St. Francis School and pupils from Educate Together who received their First Communion last Saturday. Thank God we got to complete our First Communions before the new restrictions were imposed. Well done to all 345 boys and girls who celebrated First Communion this year.**

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## Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all. But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?



In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

## HIGH PRAISE!

From the letters page of **THE TABLET**  
The International Catholic News Weekly

'Throughout the lockdown and since, I have been participating each Sunday in the livestreamed Mass from SS Peter and Paul Church, Portlaoise in Ireland. Contrary to the view expressed by Gabriel Martin (Letters, 12 September), I have been greatly impressed not only by the way the Mass is celebrated with care and dignity, but also by the homilies given by each of the priests without exception.

Always based firmly on the Gospel reading for the day, the text is expounded and interpreted with clarity and comprehension. The words and works of Jesus are at the heart and centre of what is being said, and always with great relevance to the present day. Any notices are quite properly given at the end of the Mass and before the Blessing.

No lethargy here, but rather nourishment and encouragement in the following of Jesus Christ.'

(RT REVD) DAVID HOPE

HELLFIELD, NORTH YORKSHIRE

*Revd David is a retired Anglican Archbishop of York - we thank him for his kind words and are happy that he joins us each Sunday morning.*



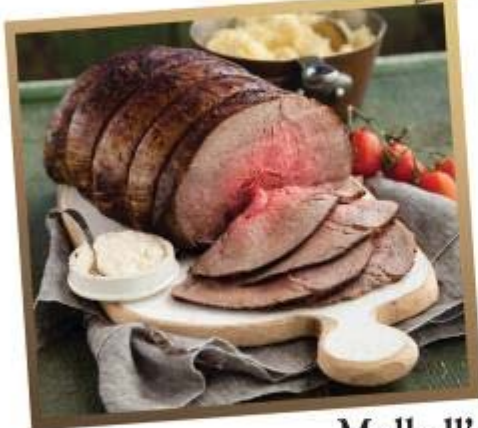
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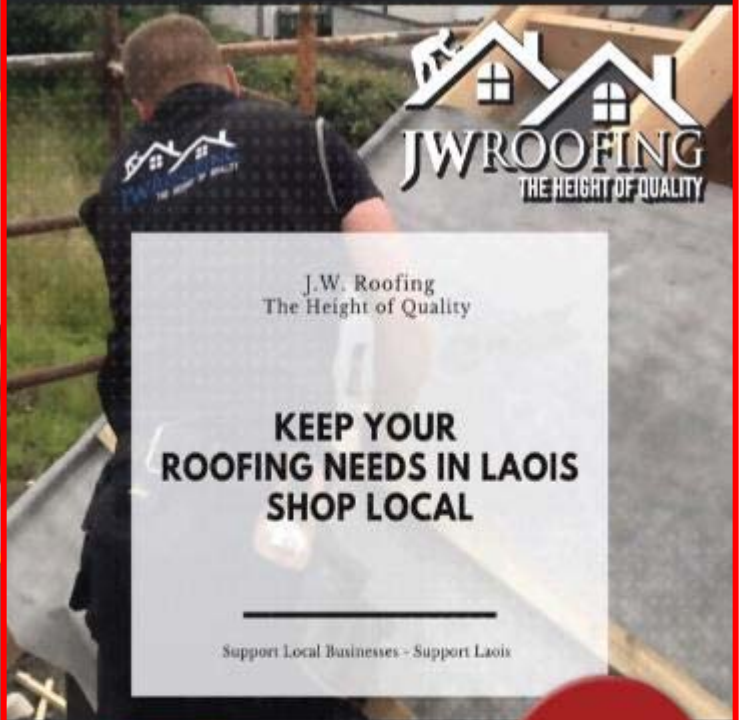
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*The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*

Have you ever planned a party and sent out the invitations, but no one showed up? Oh, I hope not! If that happened, how do you think it would make you feel? Would you be angry? Would your feelings be hurt? What do you think you might do?

Jesus once told about a king who threw a party, but none of the people he invited showed up for his party. In Jesus' story, the king was going to have a party for his Son who was getting married. Since he was a king, and this was his only son, you can imagine that it was going to be quite a celebration and it was a tremendous honour to be invited!

All of the plans had been made, the food was prepared, the invitations had been sent. The day of the celebration came, but no one showed up! The king sent his servants to see where the people were and why they had not come to his celebration. The people all began to make excuses about how busy they were.

The king was very upset, so he told his servants to go out into the streets and invite everyone they saw to come to his son's wedding celebration. They did exactly what the king told them to do and the Bible tells us that the wedding hall was filled with guests.

In this story, the King is God and, of course, Jesus is His Son. God is going to have a great celebration for His Son in Heaven and we have all been invited. I can't imagine why, but some people will turn down God's invitation. You've been invited -- I hope you will accept God's invitation.



**Dear Father, thank you for inviting us to join you in your heavenly celebration. If there are any here today who have not accepted your invitation, we pray that today will be the day.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

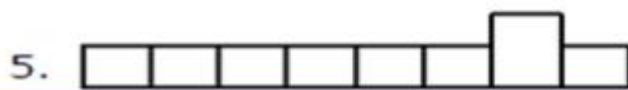
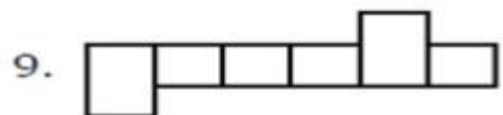
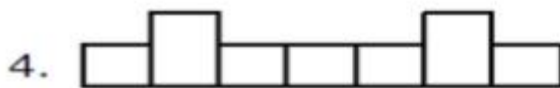
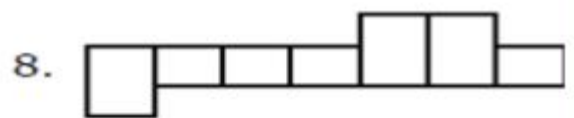
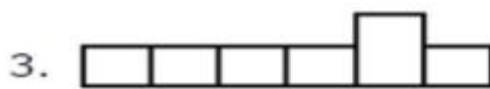
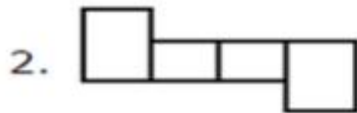
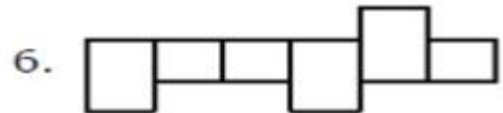
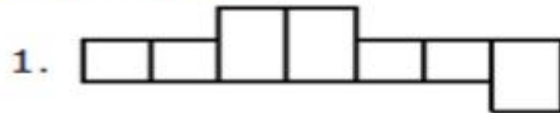


# The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10



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<b>people</b>	<b>servants</b>	<b>invite</b>	<b>king</b>	<b>guests</b>
<b>parable</b>	<b>dinner</b>	<b>wedding</b>	<b>come</b>	<b>streets</b>

## The Angelus

*The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary  
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

**Hail Mary...**

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord*

*Be it done unto me according to thy word.*

**Hail Mary...**

*And the Word was made flesh.*

*And dwelt among us.*

**Hail Mary...**

*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God*

*That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,*

*Your Grace into our hearts;*

*that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,*

*your Son by the message of an angel,*

*so by His passion and cross*

*we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.*

*Through the same Christ, our Lord.*







# TIME TO THINK!

## *Fratelli Tutti*

On the anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's death, Pope Francis celebrates Mass before the Saint's tomb and signed his Encyclical "Fratelli tutti". Pope Francis has warned against "myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism" in some countries, and a "growing loss of the sense of history" in a major document outlining his view of the world.

Fratelli Tutti - the third encyclical letter addressed to the whole of the Catholic church, of his papacy, was published on Sunday, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, amid global uncertainty and anxiety over the Covid-19 pandemic and rising populism. Pope Francis urges nations to work towards a just and fraternal world based on common membership of the human family. He expands on familiar themes in his teachings, including opposition to war, the death penalty, slavery, trafficking, inequality and poverty; concerns about alienation, isolation and social media; and support for migrants fleeing violence and seeking a better life.

Pope Francis had begun writing the encyclical when the pandemic "unexpectedly erupted". But, he says, the crisis has reinforced his belief that political and economic institutions must be reformed to address the needs of those most harmed by it. The global health emergency has demonstrated that "no one can face life in isolation" and that the "magic theories" of market capitalism have failed. "As I was writing this letter, the COVID-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities," the Pope's document reads. "Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.

"The recent pandemic enabled us to recognise and appreciate once more all those around us who, in the midst of fear, responded by putting their lives on the line. We began to realise that our lives are interwoven with and sustained by ordinary people valiantly shaping the decisive events of our shared history; doctors, nurses, pharmacists, storekeepers, supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caretakers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests and religious. They understood that no one is saved alone. "The fragility of world systems in the face of the pandemic has demonstrated that not everything can be

resolved by market freedom. It is imperative to have a proactive economic policy directed at 'promoting an economy that favours productive diversity and business creativity' and makes it possible for jobs to be created, and not cut." Francis says a "certain regression" has taken place in today's world. He notes the rise of "myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism" in some countries, and "new forms of selfishness and a loss of the social sense".

The leader of 1.2 billion Roman Catholics says "we're more alone than ever" in a world of "limitless consumerism" and "empty individualism" where there is a "growing loss of the sense of history" and a "kind of deconstructionism".

"Hyperbole, extremism and polarisation" have become political tools in many countries, he writes, without "healthy debates" and long-term plans but rather "slick marketing techniques aimed at discrediting others". He notes that "we are growing ever more distant from one another" and that voices "raised in defence of the environment are silenced and ridiculed".

Addressing digital culture, he criticises campaigns of "hatred and destruction" and says technology is removing people from reality. Fraternity depends on "authentic encounters". He writes: "Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all." He also speaks eloquently of kindness that involves "speaking words of comfort, strength, consolation and encouragement" and not "words that demean, sadden, anger or show scorn."

For Francis, however, kindness is not just a personal virtue, but something that needs to permeate culture. Because kindness "entails esteem and respect for others, once kindness becomes a culture within society it transforms lifestyles, relationships and the ways ideas are discussed and compared," he writes. "Kindness facilitates the quest for consensus; it opens new paths where hostility and conflict would burn all bridges." This should lead to a "culture of encounter," he says, where people "should be passionate about meeting others, seeking points of contact, building bridges, planning a project that includes everyone." These days, are challenging for us all. May we all embrace the power of hope and kindness at this moment in our lives.

Fratelli  
tutti

*Franciscus*







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- \* Websites; www.yourmentalhealth.ie www.nosp.ie



## A message from Fr. Paddy

Yet again, we find ourselves with greater restrictions, as we live with this pandemic. Our Churches, remain open for private prayer, no public liturgies, can take place at this time. I want to assure you, in my daily prayer and private Masses, I will remember all of you and your families, during this very challenging time. Anniversary Masses of your loved ones take place privately, please phone Parish Office 057-8730844 Mon.-Fri. 9am-3pm for any enquiries. Alternatively, phone me directly on 087-9948505 for any pastoral concern or need. May the Lord, continue to bless and protect us all with health of mind and body. Stay safe and trust this too will pass - Fr. Paddy.



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Application forms are now available for 1<sup>st</sup> year for the 2021/2022 school year.

**Closing date for applications:  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 12 noon**

Applications are available to download from our school website, [www.portlaoisecbs.com](http://www.portlaoisecbs.com), school app, in the school office or e-mail [admissions2021.22@portlaoisecbs.com](mailto:admissions2021.22@portlaoisecbs.com)

**Our virtual open night is on  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October at  
7pm on Facebook.**

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To look after toddler in own home during the school term.

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We are now accepting applications from the current 6<sup>th</sup> class girls only for September 2021.

The application process is open from  
**October 1<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

Please find the link to our application form on our school website  
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## Launch of Virtual Open Night

**Mon 19th Oct 2020 @ 7pm on  
Scoil Christ Rí** 



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;



*Susan Lodge*  
née Muldowney  
Stradbally Road,  
Portlaoise.

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

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**  
*Our sympathy to her family.*

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to  
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**In Loving Memory of  
J.J. BRACKEN**

Summerhill, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.



10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

*Sadly missed along life's way,  
Quietly remembered everyday,  
No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts  
you're always there.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.*

*May J.J. Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
A Cherished Father, Grandfather,  
Great-Grandfather and Brother  
JOSEPH PAISLEY**

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020



*Our Father kept a garden,  
A garden of the heart,  
He planted all the good things, that  
gave our lives their start,  
He turned us to the sunshine, and  
encouraged us to dream,  
Fostering and nurturing the seeds of  
self-esteem.  
And when the winds and rain came,  
he protected us enough, but not too  
much because he knew, that we  
would stand up tough.*

*His constant good example always taught us right from wrong,  
Markers for our pathways that will last a lifetime long.  
We are our fathers garden.*

*We will love and miss you always, from all your loving family.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

Also remembering at this time, Joseph's wife Kathleen on her  
third anniversary, his brother-in-law Bill Doyle and all deceased  
members of the Paisley and Doyle families.

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

*Rest in Peace Joseph, Kathleen and Bill*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
In Loving Memory of  
EOIN STONE**

Thornberry, Abbeyleix, who died 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020



The family of the late Eoin Stone  
wish to thank all those who  
sympathised with them on  
their recent sad and sudden  
bereavement.

To all those who sent condolences  
on RIP.ie, text messages, phone  
calls and Mass cards. A special  
word of thanks to all those who  
called to the house with food and  
flowers.

To Shamrock Rovers football club, a treasured  
thank you for acknowledgement of Eoin's passing  
on social media.

To the ambulance personnel, Dr. John Madden,  
Abbeyleix Garda Station, a sincere thanks from us  
to you for your tireless effort.

To Éamon Kelly undertakers for the professional  
and compassionate manner in which they carried  
out Eoin's funeral arrangements and to the grave  
diggers for preparing Eoin's final resting place.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Paddy Byrne for his kind  
words of hope and sympathy offered to Eoin's  
family at such a difficult time.

A special word of thanks to all our kind relatives,  
friends and neighbours and Portlaoise National  
Learning Network for their lining of the route from  
Eoin's home on his final journey to his resting  
place.

To those who spoke the kindest words and could  
not be with us through the most difficult days but  
thought of Eoin and his family, whatever you did to  
console us we thank you.

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.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for  
your intentions.

Rest in Peace Eoin

**In Loving Memory of  
JOHN FAHY**

55 Beladd, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.

8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020



**Dad;**

Our hearts still ache in sadness,  
Our silent tears still flow,  
For what it meant to lose you,  
No one will ever know.  
Although you can't be here  
with us, we're truly not apart,  
Until the final breath we take,  
You'll be living in our hearts.

*Love and miss you so much Dad:*

*James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dor, sons-in-law, daughter-in-  
law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxxxx*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

*May John Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
CHRISTY KEENAN**

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



*Will those who think of Christy  
today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
Sadly missed and always remembered  
by Geraldine, Pat and Claire,  
neighbours and friends.  
Rest in Peace Christy*

**In Loving Memory of  
ANN HEFFERNAN**

Clonboyne, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



*We are sad within our memory,  
Lonely are our hearts today,  
For the one we loved so dearly,  
Has forever been called away.  
We think of her in silence,  
No eye may see us weep,  
But many silent tears are shed,  
When others are asleep.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

*Loved and never forgotten by all your loving family.*

*May Ann Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
CATHERINE (Kate) BROPHY**

Market Sq. Portlaoise. 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



*"A loving Mother with a Heart of Gold"  
Will those who think of her today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
Lovingly remembered by your son John  
and Rita, daughter Phyllis and Peter  
and grandchildren.*

*May Catherine Rest in Peace*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**In Loving Memory of  
JOHN KENNEDY**  
Dun Masc, Portlaoise.



The family of the late John Kennedy would like to thank all who expressed their sympathy on his recent passing and to acknowledge the great support given to us and all those who helped us through this difficult time.

Our sincere thanks also to the staff of St. Brigids Hospital, Shaen, who took such wonderful care of him during his years there. Thanks to Monseigneur Byrne and Fr. Kelly for the lovely service and to Matthew Keegan and David Goode for the professional manner in which they dealt with the funeral arrangements.

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

*Rest in Peace John*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARY BYRNE**

Formerly of Knockanina, Mountrath.  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

*Just a prayer from the family who loved you, just a memory fond  
and true, in our hearts you will live forever because we thought  
the world of you.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your husband James, sons and  
daughters, Anthony, James, Thomas, Mary and Paula, relatives & friends.*

*Rest in Peace Mary*

**In Loving Memory of  
ANN HOGAN**

Mayfield, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin this  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10am and in  
the Parish Church, Portlaoise this  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

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

*Remembered by her husband Vinny, son Liam and  
daughters Clare, Denise and Alice & extended family.*

*May Ann Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
WILLIAM BOHAN**

34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 9<sup>th</sup> October.



The years we spent together, we keep within our  
hearts, they hold precious memories that will  
never let us part, unspoken thoughts, no outward  
show, but deep inside we miss you so.  
Each one thought the world of you, for us you did  
your best, and now we pray the Lord will grant  
your soul eternal rest.

*Always remembered, Billy, John, Michael, Maurice, Eugene, Dermot,  
Brian, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters-in-law and  
brothers-in-law.*

*May William Rest in Peace*



## In Loving Memory of EOIN FINGLETON

Sallins and formerly of Ballytegan, Portlaoise.  
Died 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019



1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

*Never more than a thought away,  
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,  
Loved and remembered everyday.*

*Sadly missed by his Dad, Mam, sisters Aoife and Ciara,  
brother Brian, fiancé Sarah, nephew Cillian, niece Aine,  
extended family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Eoin*

## In Loving Memory of MICHAEL LACUMBER

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
Died 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home.



9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church this  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

*Our lips cannot speak how much  
we love you, our hearts cannot  
tell them what to say,*

*Only God knows how much we miss you, every hour  
of every day.*

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

*May Michael Rest in Peace*

## Service of Remembrance

The Maternity Department, at Midland Regional  
Hospital Portlaoise, is holding  
**A Service of Remembrance**  
**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm in the Parish church.**

This annual service is held in memory of all babies  
who have died, and of all pregnancy losses.  
Due to current Covid-19 guidance we are unable to  
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If you have previously placed a notice with us and would like to repeat the same notice, you can call the office on 057-8692154 and we can assist you with this over the phone.

If you do not have access to e-mail and would like to submit your notice in the office, we ask that you please have your completed notice written out before arriving to the office in order to adhere to social distancing and Covid-19 restrictions.

*Thank you for your patience and co-operation.*





## Portlaoise Parish



Results for  
8th October 2020



**No €20,000 Jackpot Winner**

### WINNERS

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**Fr. David Vard C.C.**  
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To contact the Priest on Duty:  
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## Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can be viewed on our website and our Church Porches.

**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person**  
Mick Daly [dlp@kandle.ie](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie)

## Support for the Parish

Thank you to all support our Parish, particularly at this difficult time. Many have been very generous. Nevertheless since March (lockdown) our income has been severely curtailed - income is at about 60% in comparison with the previous year.

### Some ways to support at this time:

Envelopes available at Church porches

Online at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie) via the Donate button

Standing Order—forms available at the Parish Centre.

Cashless point at the back of the Parish Church.

Also of course if you would like to play the Parish Lotto see above.

**THANK YOU**

## SERVICES VIA WEBCAM FROM OUR PARISH CHURCH

Mass times for the coming week

**Monday—Sunday**

**10am** (behind closed doors)

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## Parish Centre



Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

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