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18th October 2020

Twenty-Ninth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

2020



Congratulations to the 36 young people from our Parish who were recipients of John Paul II Awards this year - these awards are given for services to community and parish. Well done!

The Award ceremony was a virtual one this year held in Carlow Cathedral. Our Parish was represented by leaders Siobhán Keogh, Anne Byrne, Sean O'Neill and Fr. David. Seen here with Bishop Denis. The award ceremony can be viewed on the Diocesan Facebook page.




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Torn

We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time.

We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time. But in our lives torn by conflicting interests, how do we make time for God?

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" they were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced to the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.

'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.'

Today's Gospel Jn17:11



We welcome into our Parish Community
Barry Edward Kelly,
Market Mews

Ellie Margaret Houlihan,
Oaklawn

Oliver Jackson Power,
O'Moore Place

Marta Zofia Lorek,
Clondarrig Court

who were baptised last weekend

World Mission Sunday 18th October 2020

**'Together we can do more:
Blessed are the peacemakers'**



Every single day, all over the world, countless young girls are exploited. Often stolen from their families or sold against their will, these children

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Many thanks for your patience and understanding at this time.

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TIME TO THINK!

All will be well

"Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. 'Daughter, what do you see?'

'Potatoes, eggs, and coffee,' she hastily replied.

'Look closer,' he said, 'and touch the potatoes.' She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

'Father, what does this mean?' she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity - the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

'Which are you,' he asked his daughter. 'When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond?'

Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?'



Living out the virtue of Christian hope when confronted with adversity that we cannot control or overcome, allows us to dig deep to unearth a level of confident patience and perseverance that will sustain us.

It can also give us the courage to resist, challenge and triumph over adversity and so circumstances that seem hopeless to some people will seem less so to those living in accordance with this virtue. This is because as Christians, death no longer needs to be considered as the moment of our annihilation and similarly, in moments of crisis and adversity we can come to know that we are held by a love that is stronger even than death itself.

Very much in line with the famous adage of mystic Julian of Norwich - "All will be well" - Christians have the ability to remain joyful in all circumstances, however difficult, because of their knowledge that God gently guides history and cares in an intimate way about us.

Our opportunity, is to deepen trust, that our lives are safe in God's hands, that God has a plan for us all, calling us out of darkness into his wonderful light.





The decision to leave Portlaoise Parish and retire to Kiltegan was a difficult moment in my life. It involved not only drawing the curtain down on people I got to know and love so well, but it also brought to a close the pastoral way of life that I was so happy at for over sixty years.

Now that I have found myself where I began my training for priesthood I have to focus on another type of apostolate which will be more contemplative and ordered. Whatever it involves, the good

people of Portlaoise, the Heath and Ratheniska will be foremost in my thoughts and prayers. I will be remembering in a special way, my good friends on my First Friday rounds who will always have a prime place in my heart.

On my retirement from Elphin Diocese, I went back to Kiltegan and asked for a chaplaincy if possible and I was asked to go to Sue Ryder, Portlaoise. Little did I know, that appointment was extraordinary for me. After some months Monsignor John invited me to be a bit more involved. He gave me the use of the house where I was so happy for all those years I was with you. The whole experience was like a breath of fresh air. I was overwhelmed by the sheer vibrancy of the place. The Liturgy was so much alive. The large congregations even at the week-day Mass and so many people coming to the beautiful church for adoration was a powerful witness. The number of people involved in various ministries of service in the church was refreshing. The leadership of Monsignor John with his clergy team was an eye-opener. The banter at the meetings reflected a free and amusing atmosphere. The order and amount done was extraordinary. The Parish Centre was fully alive and flourishing. It was all a new vision for me.

I am deeply grateful to Monsignor John for giving me such a refreshing experience and giving me new energy. Thank you to the various priests on the team during my time, for their welcome and friendship. I thank the sacristans and all the parish staff in all three churches for your kind support. I thank the house-keepers for the many lovely meals. I thank Declan, Michelle and all the staff for their friendship and lovely service. I thank the staff for their service in keeping my house in shape during my time, and to Winnie for coming to me each Monday. No wonder I found it hard to move.

I am over whelmed by all the good wishes you have so kindly and lovingly sent me. I regret I am unable to reply to each one individually. Please forgive me for that. Each message is very dear to me. Be assured that all you wonderful people of Portlaoise, the Heath and Ratheniska, will be in my heart and prayers in every Mass I offer. You are all very special to me. May I lastly encourage all the many groups such as the Legion of Mary, The Vocations Group, Adoration Group and so many others to keep up your good work. May God and Mary always be with you and bless you, your families and homes, and the wonderful parish.

T. J. Conroy S.P.S.



Today is World Mission Sunday

Today we remember those who work as missionaries. We also welcome those that have moved from other countries and from other parts of our own country. There is a special mission rosary which has different coloured beads than the Traditional rosary. The coloured beads symbolise the missionary efforts of the Church in each of the five continents.

The beads of each decade are as follows:

- Green for Africa
- Red for the Americas
- White for Europe
- Blue for Oceania
- Yellow for Asia



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.



Sé do Bheatha, a Mhuire

Sé do bheatha, a Mhuire
Atá lán de ghrásta,
Tá an Tiarna leat.

Is beannaithe thú idir mhná,
Agus is beannaite toradh do bhroinne, Íosa.
A Naomh Mhuire, a mháthair Dé,
Guigh orainn, na peacaigh,
Anois agus ar uair ár mbais. Áiméan.

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
With compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with
which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands,
With which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, your are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
With compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
Prayer of St. Theresa of Avila.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

What is the 'Missionary Spirit?' Pope John Paul II said 'It is still true today to say that charity begins at home, but home today is all the world' In the Gospel we are asked to 'go out to all nations and spread the Word of God'. So, what is mission? Is it a place? Is it a thing? No..... Mission is YOU! You are the life you live is a testament and powerful example God's love, to the Word of God working in our World. Your life should be a reflection of God's love for everyone. Years ago missionaries left Ireland and went all around the world to spread God's love. This is called evangelisation. They went out and helped people who were suffering and lived among them through all their troubles. Missionaries stayed with the people and the people saw this and wondered why they did it. Their lives were a testament to God's love and their lives made people want to listen and learn. Can you be a missionary at home in your community and family? Can your actions spread a message of love?

OUR MISSION TOGETHER

The Theme this year 'Together we can do more'



There are many individuals, lay organisations, and religious communities that are involved in missionary work throughout the world and even in Ireland. Missionaries share the tasks of all Christians; to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and to serve the needs of the world by using the hands. Missionaries, following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, leave their homes and often travel great distances and enter cultures foreign to the own in order to follow God's call.

YOUR CHALLENGE FOR THE MISSION MONTH OF OCTOBER.

- ♦ To pray daily for people around the world
- ♦ To put into practice the Gospel message: Love your neighbour as yourself
- ♦ To make a difference, no matter how small, in your parish or your school.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

What does it mean? It's a very simple concept, it means basically that you talk to and treat people as you would like them to talk to and treat you! Here are a few ideas to help you on your way.

When someone hurts your feelings: Try not to retaliate with anger. Take a moment, think about why you are feeling hurt. Talk to the person who has hurt you, tell them how their actions or words have affected you. Accept any apology they give and try to move on and forget about it. Don't make things worse by telling the world about it!



When you have hurt someone: A simple acknowledgment to the person and apology normally works wonders. Try to imagine how they are feeling and recognise the mistake you made.

Be polite: Practice saying 'please' and 'thank you' in shops and at home. You'll be amazed at how quickly this becomes a very good habit. You could move on from this by holding open a door for someone, or giving up your seat on the bus for an adult.

Smile: it's amazing how people react to someone who smiles at them. You'll feel much more positive about the world too as people will smile back at you!



Social Media: Always think twice before you post on any site. Ask yourself; will this hurt or offend? If you are always posting negatively, people will see you as a negative person. Be the one who makes people smile when they read your posts.

Bullying: No-one likes a bully and truth to be told the bully probably doesn't feel too good about themselves either! If you see someone being bullied, talk to an adult about it and ask them to deal with the situation.

Sticks and stones may break my bones,
but names will never hurt me!!!



Mission Prayer

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever. Amen.





PORTLAOISE/ABBEYLEIX NOTES

Scoil Chríost Rí Portlaoise Application for Enrolment 2021

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Raheen Parish Bicentenary (1820-2020)

Miscellany: An English tourist in 1746 wrote of Raheen: "The poorer sort of Irish natives are Roman Catholics who make no scruples about assembling in open fields. As we passed yesterday we saw a priest, under a tree, with a large assembly about him, celebrating Mass in his proper habit and though at a great distance from him, we heard him distinctly. These sort of people seem to be very solemn and sincere in their religion."

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company's top individual prizes, rather a conglomeration of raw and melancholic emotions that can, if not adequately and promptly addressed, spiral out of control causing dark clouds to form on the horizon and quite soon overhead, making the intended victim suffer a complete loss of self-esteem, confidence and experience a mental breakdown whilst more than likely at home alone in their room or lying in bed.

This whole experience can be an incredibly lonely incarceration with a choking sensation of despair and disillusionment with what seems like no hope or way out, however, we as a society, must take a long hard look at ourselves and shoulder some of the responsibility, as for generations having this type of affliction, especially if you were a male, was deemed to be a sign of weakness and so would sow the seeds of doubt in the sufferer's mind causing them to refrain from seeking the necessary help, support and researching the recommended 'How to achieve and sustain positive mental health' step by step guidance list. But instead sinking further and further into their own lonely, sorrowful mental black hole abyss, with thoughts of self-harm gathering pace in their mind and trying to find the courage to end it all.

A sufferer can, in some cases, suddenly experience the powerful physiological reaction of fight or flight and a battle of the mind ensues leading to a state of chaos, confusion, rediscovered feelings of joy, happiness and harmony, which can result in a rise, however this may only be temporary, with the potential for a second or repeat fall. These forlorn experiences can last for hours, days or weeks and the sufferer tends to deal with it in their own unique way, however this writer knows that getting a rush of blood to the head and making a hurried or rash choice to sink or swim can be likened to a diver coming up too fast from the depths and experiencing what is known as 'the bends'. In other words, it can cause the person to become very sick, the body to shut down or even worse still it could be the person's demise, so time and patience are of the essence as well as the aforementioned help, psychological supports and of course their loved ones in order to help them rise, and fight this disease that has been somewhat swept under the carpet by generations that have come and gone. **I am of course talking about one of society's greatest taboos, the silent and unspoken disease, known as 'Depression'.**

This author has battled with a form of depression known as Body Dysmorphic Disorder, or B.D.D. for short, for almost 25 years now but was only officially diagnosed in 2009. Living with the sporadic peaks and troughs of such an illness over a vast period of my life could in no way have prepared me to deal with the lowest of low emotions experienced in February of that year when it felt like I had run out of borrowed time, and for those of you who are unfamiliar with B.D.D., it's a person's fixation/obsession with perceived physical flaws on their body, which can in a lot of cases be seen by everyone else to be perfectly normal or fine. I, like a lot of people, have had to learn to live with rather than fight against one of the many forms of depression that exist and would like to finish by saying that you are not alone and do not need to feel ashamed or embarrassed by your predicament; time, a calm head and a lot of patience are essential; and just remember that it was the hare who got the rush of blood to the head and was ultimately overtaken by the tortoise at the finish line. *(Mr. C. Chorley)*



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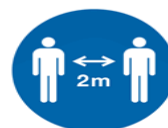
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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

In Loving Memory of
PHYLLIS FITZPATRICK

14 Borris Road, Portlaoise. Died 14/10/2004.
16th Anniversary occurred 14th October 2020.



*Memories are something no one can steal,
Death is a heartache no one can heal,
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In Loving Memory of
FRANCES COOKE

12 Fielbrook & formerly of Rathevan, Portlaoise.
 Died 16th October 2012.



8th Anniversary Mass
 will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church this
 Saturday 17th October
 at 10am.

It's been a lonely time without you,
 And nothing is the same,
 All we have are memories and your picture in a frame,
 We travel to your resting place,
 And flowers we place with care,
 But no-one knows the heartache,
 As we turn and leave you there.

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Margaret,
 son-in-law Ger, grandsons Edward & Gearóid, Katie &
 Rachel & great-granddaughters Madison and Ailbhe.*

May Frances Rest in Peace

8th ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
FRANCES COOKE

Rathevan, Portlaoise. Died 16th October 2012.



*A Loving Mother, Grandmother and
 Great-grandmother.*

*You gave us years of happiness,
 Then sorrow came with tears,
 You left us lovely memories,
 We will treasure through the years.*

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Bridie, son-in-law
 Stephen, grandchildren Deirdre, Karen and Eamonn and
 great-grandchildren Ciara, Oisín, Abbie, Hayley and Lily.*

May Frances Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH (Joe) DOOLEY

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
 7th Anniversary occurs 17th October 2020.



*Your smile was made of sunshine,
 Your heart was made of gold,
 We thank you for the love you gave,
 And the memories that we hold.
 No matter how we spend our days,
 No matter what we do,
 No morning dawns, no evening falls,
 Without a thought of you.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all his loving family.

May Joe Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE PENNEY
 Ballsbridge and formerly Togher

8th Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
 Church, Thursday 22nd 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 all her loving family & friends.

May Catherine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
P.J. O' BRIEN

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
 4th Anniversary occurred 16th 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,
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9th Anniversary away from home.



*We often sit and think about the
years that have passed by,
And the happiness and joy that
was shared by you,
We think of all the laughter,
The smiles and all the fun,
And before we even know it,
Our tears have once again begun,
For although it brings us comfort, to walk down
memory lane,
It reminds us how life without you has never been
the same.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
loving family, Kathleen, Chris, Mag, Pat and
Jacqueline.*

May Caroline Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
SHANE MOORE

62 Rossvale, Portlaoise
7th Anniversary occurs 19th October 2020



*Our thoughts are always with you,
Your place no one can fill,
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure.*

Loved and remembered always;
Mam, Dad, Marian, Ross, nephew Shane and
all your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Shane

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
Aaron Jordan Kelly

2nd birthday away from home occurs 21st October 2020.



Happy 20th Birthday Son

If I could have one wish in life, that wish
would have to be, that God would take
away my pain, and send you back to me.
Your birthday's here today my son, and
I just wanted you to know, how much I
deeply love you and that I miss you so.
On days like this we should celebrate, but
for me that proves hard, for unlike other
Mothers, I cannot send a birthday card.

No kind sses can I give you, or birthday gifts to buy, only flowers I
now can give you, which I place down where you lie.

Two other things I send you, are my thoughts and all my love,
So hold them close and keep them safe, in Heaven up above.
And please wait for me, my darling, until my days are through,
And then I'll come and spend all time in Heaven just with you.

*Loved and eternally missed by Mammy, Mudasar, brothers
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Rest in Peace Aaron



Christmas Remembrances

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Portlaoise Parish



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15th October 2020



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