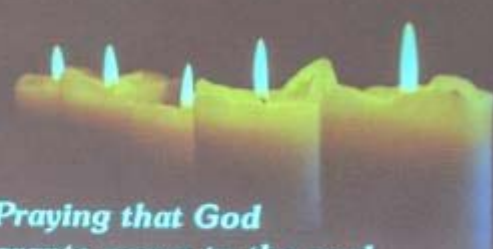


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# All Saints



*Praying that God  
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## IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

We associate November with remembering our faithful departed. But we begin the month with the very joyful and hope filled feast of All Saints. Reminding of Jesus words 'that of all that he has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day'. Giving us great hope that our departed loved ones are also numbered among the Saints.

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**Sunday 1st November Holy Hour 6.30pm**

**Monday 2nd November 7.30pm - Our Annual Mass to remember those who died during the Year and those who mourn them (see page 2)**

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## NOVEMBER

### Remembering our faithful departed.

Our Parish list of the departed are remembered at Masses throughout the Month of November. A total of 12 Masses are celebrated for those on our 'dead list'.



Envelopes and lists are available at the Church Porches and near the Memorial Trees. If you would like to have your dear departed included in these Masses please put their names in one of the envelopes and hand in to the Parish Centre. You may also enter the names via our website [www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie)

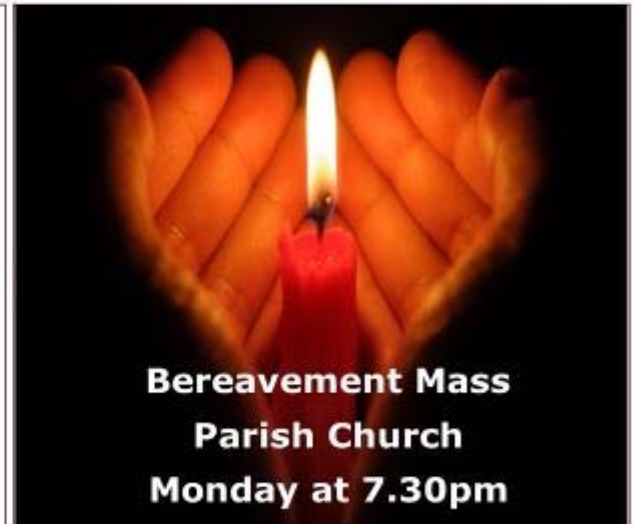
**'It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead'**

Old Testament Book of Maccabees



**You are also invited to place the names of your loved ones on our memorial tree in the Sanctuary of the Parish Church**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



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### Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

#### Finding Rest

During the month of November, but particularly on this day we remember all those who have died. We remember them in a meaningful way rather than a mournful way. We remember the lessons we have learnt from them and the talents we have inherited from them. We remember how we loved them and how they loved us and made us what we are today. We remember their good deeds and determine to be more like them. Most importantly we remember that they have found rest, just as Jesus promised.

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## HOLY HOUR TO CELEBRATE ALL SAINTS DAY

As we enter into the month of November, a month when we traditionally pray for all our faithful departed, we are inviting all our parish to join us for a virtual Holy Hour on

November 1st, All Saints Day, at 6.30pm

This Holy Hour will mark the beginning of 24 Hours of Prayer in our Parish for all our Faithful Departed and will conclude with the Celebration of our Annual Mass of Remembrance on

Monday 2nd November, the feast of All Souls, at 7.30pm.

During these 24 hours we invite you to pray for your loved ones who have gone before us. You can mark this by lighting a candle, visiting their grave, coming to the Church to say a prayer and hang their name on one of our Trees of Remembrance and by joining us for our

Holy Hour and Mass of Remembrance.

November is a sacred time to remember and pray for all our loved ones and we do so together, especially during this unprecedented time.

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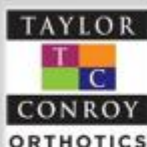
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# TIME TO THINK!

## THE 10 SPIRITUAL TIPS FOR WINTER LOCKDOWN 2020

### 1. Life is messy (Covid especially: world-wide mess, winter weather, weariness)

The lived experience of life is what makes us who we are. If we lived in a perfect existence we would never grow. Life is not always a smooth ride. It is, in fact, by its very nature messy at times. Remember God didn't send Covid like an Old Testament plague, so forget about conspiracy theories or superstition. Faith doesn't protect you from the storms of life but it gives you courage to steer a course.

### 2. God is in the mess with you (i.e. the Covid pandemic)

God deals directly with us and is present to us, so our job is to recognise where God is present in our everyday lives. Even in the mess of things, in the dirt and muck of things at times, God is always there. That may be unexpected but it is liberating. We've seen God at work in these Covid times: the community sense, helping others, Frontline workers' commitment, the emergence of the Common Good, focusing on important things: God, family, relationships, kindness, reaching out.

### 3. There are two forces working on us (one of light and one of dark)

There are two voices speaking to us at any moment: one is from God and leads to life, while the other he calls the 'enemy of human nature' and leads to 'death'. While this is primarily a spiritual insight, it obviously has huge implications for mental health and psychological well-being. Ultimately, it boils down to consistently making life enhancing decisions, tackling the seductive demons and unmasking them. We can't afford to be naive, listening to the wrong voice leads to destructive consequences.

### 4. Learn how to discern (tune in to God's guidance)

This is about identifying what is the unhelpful inner movement (anxiety, shame and paralysis, desolation) and moving towards a more positive one (connection, reconciliation, positive action; consolation). God is normally calling us through our humanity, our deeper feelings, not normally in miracles and 'signs'. Using these movements of consolation and desolation, we can tune in to what God is saying and make the adjustments necessary to align ourselves with God's plan and live a more rewarding life. Covid is a time to look deeper, there are gifts or blessings in it, you can respond more maturely, find God in it, how to respond, live in the reality, and make good choices.

### 5. The answer lies within us (God in our deepest feelings, not superficial ones)

Life is tough and feelings can be the toughest things of all. Learn to befriend them, understand them and realise that you are much more than your feelings; you're not your feelings. Everything in life passes – savour the good and let go of the bad. Feelings come and go. Learn to watch them like clouds coming into your life, and remember just as you can't hold onto a cloud, your job is to let your surface feelings go too.

### 6. Fear or anxiety is not a good counsellor (fear around Covid, illness, work, safety etc.)

The trap for people with a tendency to be fearful is to canonise that emotion such that it dominates all decision making. Of course, there is an opposite understandable reaction which sees us override all fear and behave recklessly. The point is that both are driven by fear and lack balance – fear can be a useful indicator to be cautious about some undertaking but taken to an extreme it is crippling and immobilising. The best formulation might be 'feel the fear and do the best thing anyway'. (Act against the fear/anxiety; Have the courage to

implement your best decisions, get back your peace & power).

### 7. The paradox of suffering (the experience of the Cross)

This 'U' shaped curve pattern seems to apply to almost any human process of change: things get worse before they get better. This is also the spiritual process sometimes called 'the dark night' or the 'Way of the Cross'. Understanding this process helps a lot in terms of keeping hope alive, knowing what to expect, getting your head right, and crucially how to pray in really tough times, as Jesus did on the Cross, such that you come through and experience the light at the end of the tunnel. Through faith our hope is strengthened, we learn how it is possible to pray our way through dark lockdown times. Remember especially, if you are feeling abandoned and empty, God is carrying you ('footprints in the sand'), God is close to you, but we need to learn how to interpret these times and pray through them as Jesus does. Generally, you have to pass through the experience of the Cross or Passion to appreciate the light.

### 8. Prayer is about finding God's will

This is the most challenging thing as it demands prayer is not about my needs, rather I need help from a higher power to face situations and make good decisions. A bit like charging a battery, there is no shortcut for being plugged into the source for a certain time and frequency. This prayer has to result in some positive, practical action, acting more like Christ, e.g. reaching out to others. It becomes easier with practice.

### 9. It is about God working through us

St. Paul says that the Spirit prays within us. God needs priority access to our hearts and time to make great instruments of us. It's more about listening and learning, God will meet us more than halfway. In any close, loving relationship, people find a way to relate through words, gestures, signs or symbols. It is about finding some way that works; each of us are different and different things will work. As Pope Francis says each of us has our own path to God based on how we are uniquely made. Some of us use sight, some actions, some words and some gestures to communicate our love for others. Our job is to try out different ways of praying and learn what works in terms of God becoming more and more the centre of our lives.

### 10. You always have a choice

If we are created by God, and we are in constant communication with our creator, then God has a plan for us. Like a GPS buried inside us, it is possible to get guidance and direction by stopping being busy, creating a space, and looking at what is coming up within us. It is only in reflection, looking back over the experience, that all of us are able to sort out what was genuine. Similarly, for us, feelings and moods are messy, but with practice and some guidance it is possible to find a way of getting a good GPS reading and moving forward. We have to allow ourselves to be guided, finding the way like pilgrims on the road.

I sincerely pray, in these days of winter darkness, we will be overwhelmed by the much brighter light that comes from God's consolation.





# Congratulations



*Pictured left;*  
Congratulations to Gráinne Egan and Andrew Lambe, who were married in The Church of the Assumption, The Heath, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.  
*Celebrant:*  
Fr. David Vard.

*Pictured above;*  
Congratulations to Ailbhe Culleton and Gearoid Hanrahan who were married in the Church of the Assumption, The Heath, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.  
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*Pictured below;*  
Congratulations to Marie and Thomas who were married recently in Ballinakill Church.  
*Celebrant:* Fr. Paddy Byrne

## *Our Marriage Prayer*

*Lord, help us to remember when we first met  
and the strong love that grew between us.*

*To work that love into practical things  
so that nothing can divide us.*

*We ask for words both kind and loving  
and hearts always ready to ask for forgiveness  
as well as to forgive.*

*Dear Lord,  
we put our marriage into Your hands.*

*Amen*







## Rules to Live By

Do you enjoy playing games? I do. I especially enjoy getting together with family or friends and playing games. Sometimes we play card games or board games. Every game comes with its own special set of rules. To really enjoy the game as it was intended, everyone must play by the rules. Have you ever played a game with someone who didn't follow the rules? Do you always follow the rules?



There are rules that we must follow in the game of life too. The Bible is the rulebook we must follow in life. To really enjoy life the way God intended, it is important to follow His rules.

The religious leaders of Jesus' day liked to sit around and discuss the law. They would sometimes ask Jesus questions about the law to try to trick him into saying something that would cause people to turn against him. One day they were questioning Jesus and he answered them with one good answer right after another. A Jewish teacher of the law came in and heard that Jesus was giving good answers and he asked him, "Of all of the commandments, which is the most important?"

Jesus answered him, "The most important one is this, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

There are a lot of rules in this Book. It may sometimes be difficult to remember all of them. If we can just remember and obey the two commandments that Jesus said were the most important, all of the rest would follow. Then we would enjoy life the way God intended it.

Dear Father, help each of us to love you with all our heart and to love others as we love ourself. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





# IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER

## WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In November we remember all those who have died. If you have anyone belonging to you who has died, a grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or even a good friend. You can put the name of that person on the Remembrance Tree in the Parish Church.



**All the Saints of Ireland - Friday November 6th**  
This poem gives us an insight into the Saints we meet in our daily lives.



I know a lot of Saints, I do!  
So let me mention just a few:  
I know someone who runs a team  
And teaches kids to play and dream,  
Who stands in cold and wind and rain  
on days they play and nights they train;  
Someone who's there when we are sad,  
The best and gentlest friend we've had,  
Someone who says, 'Just do your best'  
When I am sacred to take the test;  
A friend who takes the time to show  
how things are done when I don't know,  
A teacher who just always knows where  
that comma always goes;  
And others who are kind and good,  
who try to act as Jesus would,  
Who shows God's love in all they do.  
I know a lot of Saints, don't you?



Christy Kenneally

Do you know where our  
Remembrance Tree is  
located in the  
Parish Church?



## Prayer for the Dead

God of the living and the dead,  
of the visible and the invisible,  
of the seen and the unseen;  
bless all, everywhere and in everytime.  
For no one and no thing  
is beyond your generous love.  
**Amen.**

## Today is the Feast of All Saints



When something seems too difficult, we have a tendency to 'switch off'. If something is seemingly beyond our reach, we don't even try. Following in the footsteps of the saints, for most of us is like attempting rocket science or brain surgery ... it's just simply not for us. Think again! Following in the footsteps of the saints is not about becoming a saint overnight. Saints are just real people who have struggled through crisis and frustration to live their faith. Like the concert pianist who began his career with simple scales, so following God's blueprint for discipleship is about starting out with small steps. Take one element from the Beatitudes and practise it. You might choose to be more patient with your relatives, gossip less at school, or heal a family rift. Today, take one small step towards making the Beatitudes your way of life.





# COMMUNITY NOTES



Portlaoise GAA Club recently organised a fundraiser #PortlaoiseGAAAroundTheWorld whereby they asked for people to complete a walk/run from different locations around the world over a bank holiday weekend. A portion of all funds raised was to go to a charity as nominated by participants. The chosen charity was The Cuisle Centre.

*Pictured left; Mr Jas O' Reilly, Chairman of Portlaoise GAA presenting a cheque for €2,408, on behalf of the club, to Sonya Bowen at The Cuisle Centre.*



*We welcome baby Angel Maria into Abbeyseix Parish.*



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#### SUNSET

Beautiful photograph by James Osborne - we wish James all the best, currently recovering from an accident at The Rock of Dunamaise while pursuing his passion of capturing spectacular photos of 'lovely Laois'. Get well soon James!!



## My Own Dear Shanahoe

Song by the late Paddy Ashe of Killeaney and Shanahoe Lane



In this far and distant country  
As I sit and think alone  
I dream about my native land  
My own dear Irish home.  
My wandering days now over  
It's home I long to go  
To see my friends once again  
In my own dear Shanahoe.



Memory of my childhood  
When I was young and keen  
As I walked the roads in Killeaney  
And cycled to Raheen.  
I take a spin to Durrow,  
Mountrath or Timahoe  
But the jewel of the county  
Is my own dear Shanahoe.

Those happy days of summer  
It was always the same  
To wander through Barnadarrig  
Cloncough or old Clonban.  
The memory is always with me  
No matter where I go  
To that dear place in Ireland  
My own dear Shanahoe.



To sit again on Poormansbridge  
As I did in days of yore  
To watch it swiftly flowing  
The peaceful river Nore.  
We always had our sportsmen  
All famous in their day  
And now we have a gun club  
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In winter time the card games  
'Twas good to be alive  
And ramble to a neighbour's house  
For a penny twenty-five.  
In spring time or in summer  
Or the cold of winter snow  
The game of whist was always  
played

In my own dear Shanahoe.



And now I lay aside my pen  
I've not much more to say  
But think and pray for loved ones  
Some buried far away.  
And when the good Lord calls me  
I'll be happy for to go  
To rest in peace for ever more  
In my own dear Shanahoe.



# Halloween Safety Tips



Station Officers throughout Laois County Council Fire and Rescue Service have made an appeal to the communities they serve to watch over their loved ones around fireworks and bonfires this Halloween. Bonfires and unauthorised fireworks displays are illegal in Ireland for a reason. Thousands of people throughout the Country over the years have seen the pain and suffering of friends and family members as a consequence of fireworks and bonfire displays that have gone horribly wrong. We encourage everyone to adhere to National COVID 19 guidelines in relation to "trick or treat" visits, parties and events and to follow the recommendations below to ensure that this time of celebration remains a safe time for all.



## BE SAFE AND STAY SAFE TIPS

1. Comply with all National COVID-19 guidelines.
2. If dressing up in dark clothes, add reflective material to improve visibility to all road users. Preferably only use fire retardant materials for costumes and ensure children are accompanied by a parent or guardian.
3. Bonfires are illegal and should be avoided where possible.
4. Where bonfires do occur they should be well clear of all residential areas and away from ESB cables and pylons, ideally, the bonfire should be sited in a clear open space. It should be at a safe distance (preferably no less than 50 metres) from buildings, trees, wooden fences, overhead cables or car parking areas,
5. The layout of the area should also take the direction of the wind into account so that the bonfire does not blow towards the spectators and sparks are not carried towards any combustible materials.
6. A bonfire should be supervised by adults and a perimeter ring should be established around the bonfire within which no person should be permitted.
7. Never use petrol/paraffin etc. to light a bonfire.
8. Do not allow fireworks to be thrown on bonfires - this is highly dangerous.
9. The site should have a suitable entrance(s) for emergency service vehicles and kept clear of obstruction until the event is over.
10. The bonfire should be kept to a manageable size and the maximum height should not normally exceed 3m. It should be evenly built so that it collapses inwards as it burns. Spectators should be kept a minimum distance of twice the height of the bonfire to minimise the chances of injury in the event of the bonfire collapsing.
11. The bonfire should not contain any potentially hazardous materials which may explode or give off toxic fumes, such as aerosols, batteries, bottles, foam-filled furniture, gas cylinders, tins of paint etc.
12. Tyres should not be used as they produce large amounts of black smoke and can roll off the bonfire when alight.
13. Light-weight materials that may be blown away while on a fire should not be used.
13. At the end of the event, the bonfire should be extinguished with water and it should not be left until the person in charge is certain that it is out.
14. **If your bonfire gets out of hand, dial 999/112 and inform the fire brigade/emergency services.**

### Be Safe and Stay Safe!

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Forest Park  
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*Martin Rafter*

The Hermitage, Borris Rd.  
Portlaoise.

*Thomas (Tom) Clarke*

Borris Rd. Portlaoise and Kildare

*Danuta Tomasik*

(Fr. Theo's Mother who died in Poland this week. Our deepest sympathy to Fr. Theo and his family at this sad time.)



*Margaret (Peig) Hurley*

née Costello  
Formerly Raheen, Abbeyleix



*Michael O' Neill*

Abbeyleix and Newbridge

*Margaret (Peg) Delaney*

née Kavanagh  
Formerly Durrrow

*Elizabeth (Bessie) Kirwan*

Ralish, Abbeyleix

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## 26<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

### In Loving Memory of SARAH CLARKE

Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise, whose anniversary occurred recently.



*Will those who think of Mam today;  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Always remembered by her loving son  
Bill, daughter Chrissie, grandchildren  
and great-grandchildren xx*

*May Sarah Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of CECELIA MULHALL

85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.



*As each day dawns we think of you,  
As each night falls we pray for you,  
We miss you in so many ways,  
We miss the things you use to say,  
And when old times we do recall,  
It's then we miss you most of all.  
Loved and remembered by all her  
loving family.*

*May Cecelia Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of

Our Mother

### ELIZABETH CULBERT

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Also remembering her daughter and  
our sister



### ANGELA CLEARY née Culbert

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurred 29<sup>th</sup> October.

*May the winds of love blow softly, for only you to hear,  
We still love and miss you, as it dawns another year.*

Masses Offered.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family.*

*May They Rest in Peace*



## In Loving Memory of WILLIAM (Bill) O'REILLY

Marian House, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

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

*Thinking of you today and always.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Maura and family.*

*May Bill Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of KEVIN BOWE

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church on  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 10am.

*Quietly remembered everyday,  
No longer in our lives to  
share, but in our hearts  
you're always there.*

*Sadly missed by your wife Marie, children  
Suzanne, Kevin, Robert, Sandra, Paul and Kenneth,  
grandchildren, sisters Betty & Patty and brother  
Frank and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace Kevin*

## In Loving Memory of NOEL BRENNAN

Grenville, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 10am.



*Although you cannot be here  
with us, we're truly not apart,  
Until the final breath we take,  
You'll be living in our hearts.*

*Always loved and remembered  
by Alice & your daughter  
Shauna xxx*

*May Noel Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
FIÁDH & EVE GRAHAM**

*Boughlone Way, Bellingham.*

*Special Anniversary thoughts of our beautiful Granddaughters*



*Look around your garden Lord,  
Find two angels with a smile,  
It would not be hard to find them,  
They must stand out a mile,  
Call their names out softly,  
And when they look your way,  
Tell them that we love them and miss them everyday.*

*Never forgotten Nannie, Grandad, Ger, Dolores, Trevor, Tracy,  
Emma, Tristan and Shaun xxxxxx*

*May Fiádh & Eve Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
DANIEL (Dan) NORTON**

*Sheffield Ave. Portlaoise.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 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.  
Sadly missed by his loving wife  
Margaret & family.*

*May Dan Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
JIM SEXTON**

*"Padua", Clonminam Road, Portlaoise.  
17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.*



*Will those who think of Jim today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
Always loved and remembered by  
Pat, Mary, Frank and his extended  
family.*

*Rest in Peace Jim*

**In Loving Memory of  
JOSEPHINE WATSON**

*Main St. Portarlinton and Dublin Rd, Portlaoise.  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred recently.*



*As each day dawns, we think of you,  
As each night falls, we pray for you.*

*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.*



*Loved and remembered by all your loving family.*

*May Josephine Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
THOMAS (Tommy) McCARTHY**

*New Road, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020*



*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10am.*

*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, He only takes the best.*

*Sadly missed by the Egan family and all his friends.*

*May Tommy Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
MAUREEN O'CONNOR**

*3 St. Brigid's Place.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020*

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



*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 and always remembered by your loving  
family and friends.*

*May Maureen Rest in Peace*





## OUR ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Will take place at 7.30PM ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

This year the Mass can only be attended via our Parish Webcam,  
Facebook Live or via our Parish Radio on 106.5Fm

Please join us as we remember and pray for all our faithful departed.

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord and Let Perpetual Life Shine Upon  
Them. May they Rest in Peace.

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### *In Loving Memory of*

## **TOM DUFF**



*Ballyknockan.*



18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church, this  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10am.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife,  
and all his family & friends.*

*May Tom Rest in Peace*



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### **Christmas Remembrances**

Over the course of current government restrictions we would like to use this quieter period to finalise Christmas Remembrances and anniversaries, in advance of December which is usually our busiest time.

In order to adhere to level 5 restrictions and government guidelines, the linkup will primarily operate via phone and e-mail as we will be unable to engage in face-to-face contact.

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.

For all new anniversaries or remembrances we request that these are submitted via e-mail with a photo to

**[linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie](mailto:linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie)**

*Thank you for your patience and co-operation  
and we do hope that you will all continue to  
remain safe in these challenging times.*





## Portlaoise Parish



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29<sup>th</sup> October 2020



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## Safeguarding

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## Parish Centre



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## 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 Parish Lotto can be played Online—see results sheet above!

**THANK YOU**

## Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for November

Artificial intelligence systems are usually different from other computer software in their ability to learn. A machine learning system observes information about the past and makes judgments or predictions when it is shown new information. Because AI systems learn from what they see in the world, they are likely to continue those patterns rather than adapt to changing conditions or values. Just as Christians are called to weigh the things we think and say (Phil 4:8-9), we must also be aware of our influence on AI systems, machines that echo and reinforce our personal and societal behaviours. Just as parenting includes moral responsibilities for the behaviour of our children, we may need to take similar responsibilities toward AIs. This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention "...that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind."





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