

**PORTLAOISE
PARISH
link
up**
25th October 2020

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Don't forget to
put your clocks
back 1 hour on
Saturday night!

LEARNING TO ZOOM BEFORE LOCKDOWN

Members of Laois Sports Partnership teaching members of the Active 50's group how to 'Zoom' in the Parish Centre last Wednesday. It is so important to stay in touch with family and friends.

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THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT



Love Love Love

In that inimitable pop song the Beatles tell us, "All you need is love..." but is that

just a sentimental ideal? Don't we need other things as well like food, homes, jobs, clothes, education and laws to make a happy and safe society?

In today's gospel a lawyer employed by the Pharisees asks Jesus a question. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" It's another 'loaded' question. The religious leaders had devised six hundred and thirteen commandments. If Jesus were to pick on one commandment as being more important than another then it would be to negate one of the other six hundred and twelve. But Jesus manages not to invalidate any one of the commandments. Rather, he chooses the commandment that underpins all the others. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

It is difficult to think of a human situation that can't be remedied by a mutual love. Love in this context is not the warm fuzzy feelings that come in a Valentines card, but a deep empathy and compassion for fellow human beings. "It's easy....." sing the Beatles. Well not at first perhaps... it's sometimes difficult to even like the people we meet let alone love them. Love takes practice. Love is seeing the similarities between ourselves and not the differences. Love sees that everyone wants the same things and needs the same things. Love starts by the little things we do for each other and gradually turns into a permanent state of being. Only then can we really claim to love God. We cannot claim to love God if we dislike or have a deep disdain for those around us.

Love starts in the mind, so start thinking today and every day how best to love and serve our neighbours.

*'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart....
You must love your neighbour as yourself.'*

In November, We Remember



One of the important dates in our Calendar for the past number of years has been the annual Mass for the bereaved celebrated in November. This year we will have to celebrate this Mass online - it will be transmitted via our Parish radio, webcam and Facebook live. We will remember all those whose funerals were celebrated in our Parish since this time last year, we portray their name on the screen accompanied by a photograph (if we received one at the time of the funeral) and light a candle in their memory.

As someone who lost a loved one during the past year I invite you to join us on the 2nd November, the Feast of All Souls for this Mass. I ask you to inform other family members and friends who may wish to join in.

In addition to those funerals celebrated in our Parish we are happy to include the names and photographs of Portlaoise people who died elsewhere and also the parents, siblings etc. of parishioners who would like to have their loved ones remembered at this Mass.

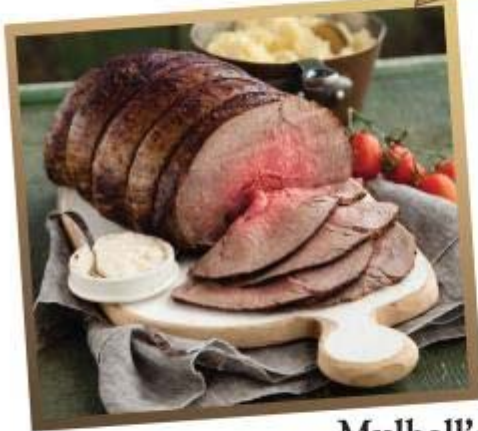
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In order to adhere to level 5 restrictions and government guidelines, the linkup will primarily operate via phone and e-mail as we will be unable to engage in face-to-face contact.

We request that all advertisements, anniversaries and Christmas Remembrances are e-mailed to:
linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie

If you have previously placed an anniversary notice or Christmas Remembrance with us and would like to repeat the same notice, you can call the linkup office on **057-8692154** and we will assist you with this over the phone.

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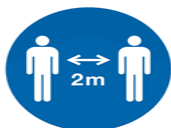
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COVID-19

Updates and Information

Portlaoise Parish

As we enter into these new level of restrictions from midnight tonight, the following changes will take affect within our parish.

- Mass will continue to be celebrated via our webcam, parish radio(106.5FM), Facebook Live and Shalom World TV at 10am everyday. All anniversaries and intentions will be remembered at this daily Mass. All three of our Churches will remain open for private prayers
- The Link Up, our weekly newsletter will continue to be published both online and in print. Copies will be made available in all Church porches and in some shops around the town.
- The Parish Office will remain open from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday. We ask that all communication, where possible, to be made via phone, 057 8621142 or by email, info@portlaoiseparish.ie.
- The Parish Shop will close but Mass Cards are available from the Parish Office.
- The Parish Lotto will continue during this time. Please drop back the tickets before 4.30pm on Thursday. Tickets are available from the Parish Office.

Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page, Twitter our Website and our Link Up for all announcements.

As always please be assured of our prayers and please stay safe.

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TIME TO THINK!

NOVEMBER - A TIME TO REMEMBER

2020, has been some roller-coaster, that will be remembered for generations to come, as the year of the pandemic. As we begin weeks of greater restrictions, I pray that healing, will visit all who are recovering from Covid at this time. This week, we begin winter time. November, is a time to remember all our loved ones who have gone before us. Death is that challenging confrontation that reminds us "We are only here for a short time". Death points us to mystery. A Christian proclamation, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again". Funerals have been most difficult for bereaved families during this pandemic. As a people, we do the funeral rituals very well, but so much of what was once the normal has been taken from funerals at this time. Who would have thought that we could not shake hands to offer sympathy, a gesture that was so associated in reaching out to the bereaved in times of death. Sincere prayers throughout the month of November for all who were recently bereaved.

Halloween did not come from Hollywood but rather its origins are strongly connected to ancient Celtic roots. In Celtic Ireland about two millennia ago, Samhain was the point between the lighter (summer) and darker halves (winter) of the year. At Samhain, the gap between this and the other world was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. People's ancestors were honoured and invited home, while harmful spirits were warded off. People wore costumes and masks to disguise themselves as spirits to avoid harm. Bonfires and food played a large part in the festivities. The bones of slaughtered livestock were cast into a communal blaze, household fires were extinguished and started again from the bonfire. Food was prepared for the living and the dead and was ritually shared with the less well-off.

Christianity incorporated honouring of the dead into the Christian calendar with All Saints (All Hallows) 1st November, followed by All Souls on the following day. The wearing of costumes and masks to ward off harmful spirits has survived as Halloween customs. The Irish emigrated to America in great numbers during the 19th century, especially around the time of famine in Ireland during the 1840s. The Irish carried their Halloween traditions to America, where it is now one of the major holidays of the year. November is the time of year when we remember the souls of loved ones who have gone before us.

November is a difficult time of year. The beginning of winter brings long nights and cooler days. This can be a time of loneliness and anxiety, especially for those who live alone. In our Celtic tradition, we have a great sense of our own mortality and vulnerability during this month. The Celtic festival of Samhain was a time to remember all who had gone before. Death is difficult and painful. It strips us of the familiar and often leaves us naked and vulnerable with our bereavement and painful losses, which we all have experienced when a loved one dies. The death of a loved one often leaves many unanswered questions as we attempt to carry on without a husband, wife, sibling or friend.

Perhaps the two most powerful lines in the entire Gospel describe the human emotion felt by Jesus when his friend Lazarus died: "Jesus wept." Jesus knew the pain and hurt that comes when a loved one dies. And for God to fully embrace the human condition, he also had to embrace death itself through his son.



The humiliating and brutal manner of Christ's death united God with all types of suffering and persecution. The final words that came from our dying God was a prayer of welcome and wonderful invitation: "Today, you will be with me in paradise." We know from our experience that the leaves will blossom again, that spring will come. Christ's death was the ultimate demonstration of love by his father. As he was awoken to new life and resurrection, so, too, are all of us who believe in him. As we remember our loved ones who have died and pray for them, we do so with great hope in our hearts.

St. Paul tells us that "our true home is in Heaven". May all our loved ones enjoy the eternal promise of life and peace in the happiness and joy of God's presence. Jesus tells us: "I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you, too, shall be." And despite the pain that comes when a loved one dies, in faith we are encouraged to hope in the reality that God's love is even brighter than death itself. Pádraig Pearse once told a beautiful story to demonstrate our Christian hope regarding death. In the month of September, the little boy asked his mother where do all the swallows go to? She replied: "To the land where it is always summer." We all have "Loved and Lost"; May all we remember enjoy the light of an eternal flame.

Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road,
And the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?

Miss me a little, but not for long,
And not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that once we shared,
Miss me, but let me go.

For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all part of the master plan,
A step on the road to home.

When you are lonely and sick at heart,
Go to the friends we know,
Laugh at all the things we used to do,
Miss me, but let me go.



All You Need Is Love!

I don't know for sure, but I think that there have probably been more songs written about love than about anything else in the world. Here is a list of some of my favourites: "Love Makes the World Go Round," "Love and Marriage," and "When I Fall in Love." Oh, I almost forgot one the best love songs ever written. I am sure all of you know this song! It goes like this:



**Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**



What a wonderful song about Jesus' love for us. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches another very important lesson about love.

People were always amazed at the teachings of Jesus. One day a crowd was gathered around Jesus when a man who was an expert in religious law tried to trap him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?" Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, Jesus was saying that if we could keep these two commandments, we would not have any trouble keeping the others.

You know, that reminds me of another love song, "All You Need Is Love." Let's pray and ask God to help us to love as we ought.



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

In November We remember

November 1st

On November the 1st we celebrate the feast of **All Saints** when we remember all those ordinary people who lived their lives in an extraordinary way.

November 2nd

On this day we remember, give thanks and pray for all who have died. Many people like to visit the cemetery or light a candle in their local Church to remember their loved ones.

Eternal rest

*Grant to them O Lord
and let perpetual
light shine
upon them.
May they
rest in Peace.
Amen.*



Halloween Jokes

Why don't angry witches ride their brooms?

They're afraid of flying off the handle

Who won the skeleton beauty contest?

No body

What do witches put on their hair? **Scare spray**

Where do mummies go for a swim?

To the dead sea

When does a skeleton laugh?

When something tickles his funny bone!



The Gospel

We hear the word of God in the Gospel. Whenever we hear the word of God we pray, **"May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart."**

We make the sign of the cross on our forehead, our lips and our heart before we listen to the Gospel at Mass.



"... I WILL MEDITATE ON YOUR LAW AND THINK OF YOUR WAY..." PS. 119:15



Glory

to you



LEAVE YOUR WORD OF TRUTH IN MY MOUTH..." PS. 119:43



"... I WILL PRAISE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART..." PS. 86:12

O Lord

The **Eucharist** is another name for the Mass. It means **"thank you"**. We come to Mass to Praise and thank God.



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;



Kevin Fogarty

Marian Avenue,
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 HE REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to his family.

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In Loving Memory of
ANN CHAPMAN *née Byrne*

*Formerly Mountrath Road, Portlaoise, who died recently in
Fermanagh.*



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

*Sadly missed by her brothers John, Ray,
Oliver, sister Phyllis, her loving family
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May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Irish Blessing



**In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert**

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

**2nd Anniversary away from home occurs
29th October 2020.**



They say there is a reason

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time or reason,
will change the way we feel.

For no one knows the
heartache that lies beyond
our smiles,
No one knows how many
times we have broken down
and cried.

We want to tell you something, so there won't be
any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to be
without.

We cannot bring the old days back, when we were
all together,
The family chain is broken now, but memories live
forever.

*Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom,
daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula and
grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin & Willow.*

Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Mam

**Also remembering Angela's Mother
ELIZABETH CULBERT**

**Dr. Murphys Place, Portlaoise, whose
8th Anniversary also occurs at this time.**



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 your son-in-law Tom, granddaughters
Stephanie, Tracey and Paula and great-grandchildren
Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and Willow.*

Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Granny

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**For a very Special Sister
ESTHER DUNNE née Brennan**

**51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
1st Birthday away from us occurs 24th October.**



For many years we shared our lives,
One roof we had lived under,
Sometimes we laughed,
Sometimes we cried,
Through winter, storms and thunder.
The younger years they faded fast,
We'd gone our separate ways,
But through all time our friendship
lasts, our bond in life remained.
As summer brings the happy times,
The autumn winds will whisper,
A closer friend we'd never find,
Than the one we call our Sister.

*Loved and missed so much each and everyday by
your loving brothers, sisters, son Patrick,
sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.*

Rest in Peace Esther

**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTY FINNEGAN**

**126 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs 28th October 2020**



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 1st November at 10am.

*Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories which will last forever.*

*Sadly missed by his wife Mary, daughters
Margaret and Anne, grandson Eoin and
all his loving family.*

Also remembering you on your 92nd birthday on 1st November.

May Christy Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY**

**Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 29th October 2020.**



Just like the sweetest rose,
Your petals fell too soon,
But Angela, your memory will never
cease to bloom.

From your forever friend Geraldine x

Rest in Peace Angela

*You are the
Light
of the World*



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of PETER McDONAGH

Clonrooske View, Portlaoise - 41 years old, whose
birthday occurs Friday 23rd October.



You never said I'm leaving,
You never said goodbye,
You were gone before I knew it and
only God knew why.
A million times I cried, if love alone
could have saved you, you never
would have died.

If I could just have one lifetime wish,
one dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart for yesterday and you.

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by your loving
wife Mary, three daughters Tiffany, Suellen and Michaela,
your sons Peter, Joseph and Mikey-boy and your
granddaughter Arabella.

Rest in Peace Peter

In Loving Memory of SHEILA AND RICHARD (Sonny) BROWN

2 Dublin Road Portlaoise
Richard's 28th anniversary occurred 12th September 2020
Sheila's 11th anniversary occurs 27th October 2020



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

Sadly missed by all their loving family extended
family and friends and the Wright family.

May Sheila and Richard Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of BIANCA RUMEU - Zimbabwe

7th Anniversary occurs at this time. Died 19th October 2013.



I hide my tears when I say your name,
but the pain in my heart is still the same.
Though I smile and seem carefree,
There is no one who misses you more
than me.

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

May your Dear Soul

Rest In Eternal Peace Bianca.

Sadly missed by your mum Patricia Murambinda, uncle
Kennedy Murambinda, sister Sandra and brother Terence
Murambinda, cousins, nieces and nephews.

In Loving Memory of KEVIN GRAHAM

Ballydavis North, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 18th October 2020

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 24th 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.

Always remembered & sadly missed by all his loving family.

May Kevin Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of Aaron Kelly-Gorman

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurred
21st October 2020.



Today is filled with memories, with
happiness and tears,
Of birthday celebrations son, we shared
throughout the years.

And though I'll always miss you,
The endless joy you brought,
Warms my heart with gratitude,
And fills my every thought.

Wherever you are resting, I hope that you can see, how
precious and treasured, your memory is to me.
I feel that you are with me, in everything I do, so I'll
celebrate your birthday Aaron, but I'll spend it missing you.

Gone but not forgotten, forever in our hearts, from your
loving father Michael, Brandon Kelly-Gorman and
Chloe Byrne, extended family, relatives and friends.

Rest in Peace Aaron

In Loving Memory of MARY (Maley) CONNELL

57 Marian Place, Portlaoise. 16th anniversary occurs 25th Oct.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Sunday 25th October at 10am



May you always walk in sunshine and
God's love around you flow,
For the love and happiness you gave us,
no one will ever know.
Forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed and loved by your loving family,
sons Dick, Pat and Kieran, daughters Geraldine,
Phil, Bernie, Nora and Teresa, daughter-in-law,
sons-in-law, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

Also thinking of our dad, at this time.

May Mary Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
SALLY FENNELLY

10 Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix.
2nd Anniversary occurs 26th October.



I am that little robin that sits upon a tree,
I sing to you each morning but you don't
know it's me,

I am that little robin in your garden every day,
I will never leave you, I will never fly away.

*Missed and remembered with fondness by your loving
family.*

Rest in Peace Sally

In Loving Memory of
HELEN (Ena) FENNELLY

Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix.
18th Anniversary occurs 25th October 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
the Church of the Most Holy Rosary,
Abbeyleix, this Sunday.

*Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

*Sadly missed by her sons, daughters, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Helen

In Loving Memory of
ANNIE (Nan) McDONALD
Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.



And

TOM & MARGARET (Peg) McEVOY
3 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.



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

*Also remembering deceased members of the McEvoy
and McDonald families.*

May they Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ROCH (Rocky) SCULLY

Late of 174 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
16th Anniversary occurred 23rd October 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish church, this Sunday
25th October at 10am.

Daddy:

*You'll never be forgotten,
That simply cannot be,
Because something will remind us,
We never know just when it might be,
Something someone says, and it all comes back again,
The time we spent together, the happiness, the fun,
Once again we feel the pain of life without you Daddy.*

Loving you always, forgetting you never.

*From John, Patrick, Peter, Roch, Teresa, Jacinta,
Margaret and Kathleen, sons & daughters-in-law and
grandchildren.*

May Rocky Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
TERESA CONROY

Ballydavis, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Teresa's Months Mind Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, this Sunday 25th October at 10am.



Your smile was made of sunshine,
Your heart was made of gold,

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 by her son Brendan, daughter Mary,
daughter in-law Anne, son in-law Joe and grandchildren
David, Benny, Chloe and Mark .

Rest in Peace Teresa



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In Loving Memory of
BRIAN LARKIN Jnr.

Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary away from home; 29th October



You're in our hearts, you're in our soul,
now apart no hands to hold,
We won't forget the love you gave,
We still can feel it to this day,
We stand without you by our sides, but
know you're watching from way up
high, we will meet again for sure,
because our love will last and endure.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Thursday 29th October at 10am.

*Sadly missed everyday by your loving wife Fiona,
sons Ethan, Damon, Oisín and grandson Odhrán x*

Rest In Peace Brian

In Loving Memory of
MARY CARROLL

76 St. Brigid's Place Portlaoise.

44th Anniversary occurs at this time.



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 and always remembered by
your loving brother Oliver and
The Carroll family.*

May Mary Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PADDY BEERE

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 27th October 2020.



1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 25th 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 loving wife Madge, sons and daughters
and extended family.*

May Paddy Rest in Peace

*If we have died with him,
then we shall live with him*

2 Timothy 2:11

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

RICHARD ANDERSON

37 Upper Beladd, Portlaoise.

2nd Birthday away from home occurred 19th October 2020.

Missing you on your Birthday



You were very kind and thoughtful,
with a warm and loving heart,
And when other people needed help,
you always played your part,
You're thought of every single day,
whatever time of year,
But somehow more than ever, now
your special day is here.

No presents can be given and that's really very hard,
But there's a world of love inside this special little card,
Each memory is shining bright and treasured dearly too,
But memories cannot take the place of someone dear,
like you.

*Loved and eternally missed by his loving wife Cecilia
and family.*

Rest in Peace Richard

Christmas Remembrances

Over the course of the next six weeks,
we would like to use this quieter period to
finalise the 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

*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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22nd October 2020



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Promoter: Paul Dooley

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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 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

November, Month of the Faithful Departed

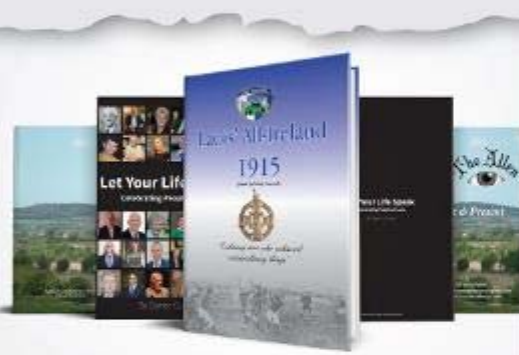
IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

That time of year again - when we remember all those who
have gone before us. Ours is not an empty remembering
but is filled with hope. Hope in him who said '**I am the
resurrection and the Life**'. If you wish to enrol your
loved ones in our November list of the dead to be
remembered at Masses during the month, envelopes are
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