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 4th October 2020

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



To the boys and girls from Scoil Bhríde and the Gaelscoil who received their First Holy Communion last weekend.

Over 300 girls and boys have now celebrated First Communion so far in our Parish this year - all the more joyful because of the disappointment in May.

This weekend concludes our celebrations with St. Francis, Kolbe and Educate Together. We hope they will have a lovely day.

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Cornerstone

What happens when we forget that our lives are a gift from God? What happens when we forget that human-kind is God's creation? What happens when we forget that the planet we live on belongs to God?

Today's parable describes a land owner who leaves tenants in charge of his vineyard. But



at harvest time the tenants refuse to pay their rent, failing to recognise the landowner's authority and killing the servants and even the son who are sent for the rent. The tenants appear to have forgotten that the vineyard belongs to the landowner. The tenants had come to believe that they could make up their own rules. They had forgotten that they were accountable. They had certainly forgotten that they had been given responsibilities and entrusted with stewardship.

God is still master of the 'vineyard', and we are the new tenants to whom the welfare of the vineyard has been passed on. The parable was originally targeted at the Pharisees, but for us too, the parable demands some degree of self-examination. We might think of ourselves as good people, but like the first tenants, do we constantly fight shy of accountability? Over the years we each develop our own individual code of conduct. Perhaps we begin to feel that as long as we are living by some kind of moral code we no longer need to be accountable. We begin to imagine that 'being accountable', is just for those who go round getting things wrong. Living by self-made standards is all well and good, but if we do this are we in danger of forgetting about the very high standards that God has set for us.

What happens when we forget that Christ is our cornerstone? When we make up our own rules with little thought for Jesus' teachings, the chances are we will fall a long way short of what God expects. Today's invitation is to raise the bar, step up to the mark, and recognise Christ as our cornerstone.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday - Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 11am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigils) 4.30pm, 6pm & 7.30pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am,

11.15am & 12.30pm

The Heath: 9.30am, Ratheniska: 10am



We welcome into our Parish Community

Louis John Killeen, Grange Upper

Hannah O'Hara, Esker Hills

Ollie Seán Duignan, Fairgreen

Jordan Patrick Colsh, The Great Heath

who were baptised last weekend

October, Month of the Rosary

"Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a pious practice banished to the past, like prayers of other times thought of with nostalgia.

Instead, the Rosary is experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said."

Pope Benedict XVI in an address at the Basilica of St. Mary Major



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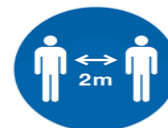
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First Holy Communion in our Parish last weekend - Gaelscoil and Scoil Bhríde







Parable of the Tenants

The Gospel today is about one of Jesus' parables. It is a story about a man who owned some land. He planted some grapes on the land and then rented it to some other farmers who were to work in the vineyard and take care of it for him. Part of the agreement he had with these farmers was that they would give him a share of the crops.



When it came time to harvest the grapes, the landowner sent his servants to collect his share of the harvest. The farmers who had leased the land beat the servants and even killed one of them. They refused to give the landowner what was owed to him. A second time the landowner sent servants, more than the first time, but again the farmers treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his own son, thinking, "Surely they will respect my son." But when they saw the son coming, they said, "This is the landowner's son, let's kill him and take his inheritance." Jesus asked the men listening to his story, "What do you think the landowner will do to those men?"

"He will destroy those wicked men, and rent his land to someone else, who will give him his share of the fruit at harvest time" answered his listeners.

In this story that Jesus told, the landowner represents God. God first sent men such as Noah, Moses, David, the prophet Isaiah, and others to tell people of his love for them and to call them to turn away from their wicked ways, but many would not listen. Finally, he sent His own Son, Jesus. You know what they did to him, don't you? That's right, they crucified him. God gave them a chance. He even gave them a second chance—and a third. But when they rejected His Son, that was their last chance. He is our last chance too—our only chance to have eternal life in heaven with him.

PRAYER

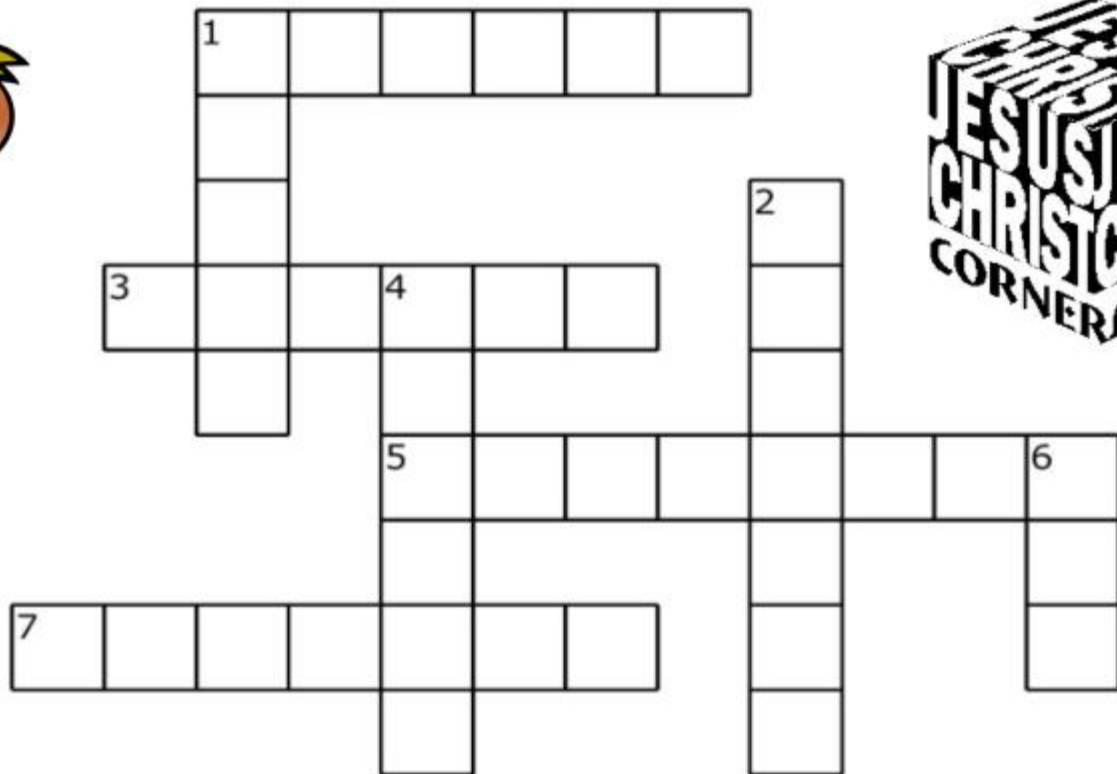


Dear Father, we thank you for sending us Jesus, your only Son. Help us to remember that he is our only chance to receive eternal life.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son', he said. Matthew 21:37



ACROSS

1. A person who works with plants and flowers
3. To put to death
5. People employed to perform services for another person
7. The time or season for gathering crops

DOWN

1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
2. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson
4. To hear or pay attention to something.
6. A parent's male child

PARABLE
SERVANTS

LISTEN
SON

KILLED
FRUIT

HARVEST
FARMER

The Lord's Prayer

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



Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
Holy Mary,
mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death.
Amen.



TIME TO THINK!

St. Francis - An Iconic Saint

Upon his election in March 2013, Pope Francis said: *'Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation.'*

Since then, the Pope's Franciscan "accent" has become increasingly evident. His manner of living is both faithful to the teachings of Jesus and illuminated by the spirit of the "poor little man" from Assisi. The title of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment *Laudato si* is taken from the first line of St. Francis' *Canticle of the Creatures* which is one of the best insights into the saint's vision for life. It is crucial to grasping how St. Francis understood the message of the gospel and may offer a glimpse into Pope Francis' own vision for the world.

After his election as pope, it was revealed that Pope Francis had been the runner-up in the previous conclave in 2005 that elected Pope Benedict. But in 2013 it was generally thought that Jorge Bergoglio was too old to be considered again, and he must of thought so himself, because he bought a round-trip ticket from Buenos Aires to Rome for the election.

Yet, as the conclave proceeded, Bergoglio had to think again what being pope could mean, and what name he would choose if he were elected. By becoming Pope Francis, he managed to express in that name much of what he hoped to accomplish during his papacy. St. Francis of Assisi was synonymous with themes Pope Francis quickly made his own: He was devoted to the poor, he preached God's mercy, he sought to reform the church and he was passionate about caring for Creation.

The annual feast of St. Francis invites us to reflect on the life of the saint and to ask if his namesake has succeeded in advancing his vision for the Church. Within hours of his election, Pope Francis quoted Pope John XXIII's wish to bring the global church closer to the poor and to its original mission expressed by Jesus when he began his ministry in Nazareth quoting the prophet Isaiah, saying he was "anointed to bring good news to the poor."

Pope Francis has worked steadily to address the needs of the poor by challenging income inequality, the exploitation of workers, by pleading for migrants displaced by war, changing weather, industrial pollution, dumping and the indiscriminate and unequal consumption of natural resources. He proclaimed a Year of Mercy to promote God's unconditional love and to focus on reconciliation within the church as the face of God's mercy to sinners.

Jesus told St. Francis to "repair my church," and Pope Francis has been tireless in seeking to reform governance and internal structures, financial accountability and by addressing the scandal of child

sexual abuse that has so damaged the church's credibility and its ability to evangelise.

Perhaps Pope Francis' most urgent task has been pleading with nations and world leaders to protect the planet, "our common home," as the one goal and challenge that will determine all other changes needed to avert disaster now and for future generations.

St. Francis modelled simplicity and evangelical poverty as the antidote to a medieval church losing its identity because of wealth and corruption. His community of friars grew rapidly as young people found a way to live purposely and free of material greed and preoccupation with status and power. St. Francis imitated the poor Jesus and his passionate love for the poor.

Pope Francis has not shied away from sounding the alarm and probing the consciences of our age about what history will say of those who knew what was coming but did nothing.

St. Francis, who died at age 44, exhausted by his efforts to repair God's church and protect the planet and God's poor, now speaks again to us on his feast and through his beloved and courageous brother, Pope Francis.



Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to
be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are
born to Eternal Life. Amen



ABBEYLEIX/RAHEEN NOTES

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Adoration;

Ballinakill every Friday, 3pm-6pm.

Shanahoe every Thursday 10-11am and Sunday 2.55-4pm. Divine Mercy recited on the hour and Holy Rosary on the 1/2 hour.

Knock Church every Saturday from 7pm to 8pm.

Ballyroan every Friday, 10am-4pm.

Rosary will be recited every Friday for the month of October at 7.30pm at the Grotto beside Sue Ryder House beginning this Friday 2nd October (First Friday).

Divine Mercy and Holy Rosary is recited daily in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, on the Parish webcam at 3pm.

Raheen Parish Bicentenary (1820 -2020) Miscellany: The demolition of the old church at Shanahoe, St. Fintan's, began on 31st May, 1966.

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FAREWELL TO FR. MICHAEL KELLY



Raheen Parish Pastoral Council, on behalf of all the parishioners of Raheen Parish, extend their very best wishes to Fr. Michael Kelly who left our Parish during the week.

Fr. Michael came to Raheen parish in July 2016 on his appointment as Parish Priest and he continued in that role until his retirement in July 2019. Since then he continued his priestly ministry in Raheen parish and he also assisted in both Abbeyleix and Ballinakill parishes from time to time.

In Raheen parish Fr. Michael has left a huge legacy of work well done such as the painting of Shanahoe church, inside and outside, the electrification of the Shanahoe church bell, the double-glazing of the church windows in Shanahoe with the aid of a generous grant that he single-handedly secured from the Albert Gubay Foundation amounting to almost €25,000, and the clearing of a loan of approximately €70,000 for the roof restoration project in Raheen church - achieved in large part by Fr. Michael's pursuit of tax refunds from the Revenue Commissioners which generated substantial income for the parish, as well as from the donations of generous parishioners.

While serving as Parish Priest Fr. Michael established a new Parish Pastoral Council and a separate Finance Committee soon after his arrival. Under his leadership, new teams of Eucharistic Ministers were formed in Raheen and Shanahoe churches, new Baptism Teams were put in place, rotas were organised for readers groups and a Liturgy Committee was set up. Through all of this work, Fr. Michael's skills as an able administrator shone through. More importantly, Fr. Michael played a key and active pastoral role in the parish not only in terms of celebrating Sunday Masses, officiating at baptisms, weddings and funerals but also in his pastoral care for the housebound, the sick, the dying and the bereaved.

Many parishioners have been touched by Fr. Michael's compassion in their time of great need over the past four years and they will miss him for the pastoral support and care he has given to them. We thank Fr. Michael very sincerely for the enormous contribution he has made to our parish over the past four years and for the energy and dedication with which he applied himself to his ministry here. He will be greatly missed. As he now begins the next chapter of his life in his native Co. Tipperary we wish him good luck, good health and God's blessings on him for many years of happiness and fulfilment.



*We welcome baby
Kayleigh into
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*Congratulations to
Gina and David
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PORTLAOISE NOTES

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Adoration; every Sunday in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, from 2:45pm to 4pm.

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'Hope in Him, hold firm
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Psalm 27

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National Fire Safety Week 2020

5th – 12th October

This year the main theme is:

“Smoke Alarms Save Lives” or “Sábhálaínn aláraim deataigh beathaí”.

- Did you know, Between 2014 and 2019, 173 people died from fire in Ireland
- In this time of Covid-19, as we spend more time at home, we all need to be fully aware of the steps we can take to protect ourselves and our homes from fire
- Laois County Council Fire and Rescue Service is working together with Local Link Laois Offaly, Laois Public Participation Network and Laois County Council Community and Enterprise section to provide communities with all the information needed to help reduce the number of fire related fatalities and injuries, but we need your help!
- We are encouraging everyone to visit www.laois.ie and download free fire safety in the home booklets and leaflets (see direct link information below)
- We are asking every household to view the safety information and follow the recommendations included within
- We are asking everyone to test your smoke alarms regularly, and encourage vulnerable neighbours, friends and relatives to do the same
- Furthermore, 100 homes throughout the County, will be provided with free smoke alarms. To be in with a chance to enter our FREE draw and/or receive a free fire safety in the home booklet email lo@locallink.ie or call **057 8692168**
- Free downloadable fire safety in the home booklets with fire safety checklist at <https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Fire-Safety-in-the-Home-Booklet-English-1.pdf>
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*Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest.*

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Formerly 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
Died 7/10/1978. 42nd Anniversary occurs 7th October '20.



*Partings come and hearts are broken,
Loved ones go with words unspoken,
Deep in our hearts there is a memory kept,
For a father that we will never forget.
Sadly missed, never forgotten by his
son Joe & Kathleen.*

May Paddy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PATRICK DOYLE

Formerly 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
Died 7/10/1978. 42nd Anniversary occurs 7th October '20.



*Dad, we cried when you passed away,
We still cry today,
Although we loved you dearly,
We couldn't 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.
Loved, never forgotten Dad, always remembered by your
daughters Ellen, Guggie, Mary and families.*

Rest in Peace Dad

In Loving Memory of
MARTIN GORMAN

57th Anniversary, 3rd October, 2020



*Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.*

Sadly missed by your loving family
and extended family.

May Martin Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
KEVIN CULLETON

Brittas Lodge, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 10th October 2020



*Our world changed the day you died,
Your sudden parting left such a void,
But as time goes by, day by day,
Meeting each milestone along the way,
We realise you are forever here,*

In our thoughts, in our hearts and in each silent tear.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Saturday 10th October at 6pm.

Loved and missed by Gemma, daughters Ailbhe and Eve,
sons Kevin and John, granddaughter Aoife, Gearoid and Keith,
sisters Mary, Ber and Monica, brothers Oliver and Mike,
sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, extended family and friends.

May Kevin Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOE LAFFAN

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
21st Anniversary occurs Sunday 4th October 2020



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

*Will those who think of Joe today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Sadly missed by his loving wife Kitty
and family.*

May Joe Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL GAYNOR

Whose 46th Anniversary occurs 4th October 2020.



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

*You are with us dad when the morning
breaks and as the day departs,
For God has left a special gift of footprints
in our hearts.*

Lovingly remembered Dad today and forever, by all your loving family xxx
May Michael Rest in Heavenly Peace

In Loving Memory of

Frances Conroy

Late of 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
Who died 27th September, 1996 RIP.
24th anniversary.



William McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
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35th anniversary.



John (Johnny) McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 29th September, 2001 RIP.
19th anniversary.



Whose anniversaries occur at this time

*Time may pass and fade away,
But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

Loved and always remembered
by all your family

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DEEVY**

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Whose 8th Anniversary occurs 6th October 2020.



*It's an everlasting sadness, that
you're no longer here,
But every year on this day, we like
to think you're near.*

*Your love for us was constant,
Your devotion had no end,
You filled our lives with sunshine,
as a Mother and a friend.*

*So may you know forever, that to us you were the best,
And may you find a gentle peace in sweet eternal rest.*

*In our hearts you will live forever.
Because we thought the world of you.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 4th October at 12:30pm.

Sadly missed by her sons Pat and Brendan, daughter Hannah, daughters-in-law Sylvia and Maura, son-in-law Paddy and grandchildren Craig, Rebecca and Paddy.

Also remembering her dearly departed husband Patsy at this time.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Elizabeth (LIL) DOYLE**

Green Road, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 4th October 2020



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

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

*Sadly missed by her loving husband
William, sons and extended family.*

May Lil Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL (Gilpin) CONROY**

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise and formerly St. John's Square.



Michael's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 3rd October at 10am.

You left behind some aching hearts that loved you most sincere, we never shall and never will, forget you. Thinking of you today and always.

Sadly missed by his wife Margaret, sons Michael, Eddie, Andrew, Paul, Jimmy and daughter Theresa, sisters Maria, Phil and Jo, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Thanking all the medical personnel, doctors, nurses, assistants, family and friends, who were part of Michael's care and treatment.

Our sincere thanks to all those who helped and supported us throughout the funeral. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope that you will accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all who helped in any way. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

Rest in Peace Michael

**In Loving Memory of
LIAM (Bill) HORAN**

23 Grattan St., Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs 8th October.



Daddy

*We lost a father with a heart of gold,
How much we miss him can never be told,
He shared our troubles and helped us along,
If we follow in his footsteps we will never
go wrong.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 10th October at 6pm.

Always loved and sadly missed by Hannah, Andy, Cian, Pat, Fiona, Jason and Rachel.

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Matthew 20:16



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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

Pope Francis Intention for October



Earlier this year Pope Francis named the first woman to a managerial position in the Vatican's most important office, the Secretariat of State. This shows Pope Francis's recognition that the Catholic

Church needs to better recognise the role of women. Yet for many women, the seeds of change feel a long time overdue. For many women (though obviously not all), strong roles within the church don't seem in step with the twenty first century. This month we are all invited to pray "....that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church."

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