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15th November 2020

**Thirty - Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

In keeping with this month of the Holy Souls and given the strange time we live in, Monsignor John blesses the graves in St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery. A video of prayers and blessing is now available on our website www.portlaoiseparish.ie and on our Facebook Page.

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Rising to the Challenge

It is hard to feel sorry for the third servant in today's gospel. The first two servants are praised for making the most of the 'talents' (money) given to them by their master. In return, they are promised even greater things. The third man, paralysed by uncertainty, buries his small amount of money in the ground instead of doing something with it. His actions are based in fear—he has heard the master is tough and he does not want to take any risks. At least he is able to return what he has been given, he reasons.

But he is shocked to learn that instead of praise, or even a neutral reaction to match his own neutral actions, he is reprimanded as 'wicked and lazy' and cast out. This parable has been described as a story of 'tragic miscalculation'. The servant didn't do anything awful — which is why we tend to have some sympathy for him — but he didn't do his best either. The real tragedy is not that he didn't make any more money; it is that he failed to appreciate the opportunity he had been given and to make the most of it.

We are all dealt different cards in life, and undoubtedly some are much tougher than others. We are like the servants in the parable who are given different amounts of money to look after. The point is not the amount of 'talents' given to each. It is not the circumstances of our lives or our natural gifts that are important, but how we use them. Jesus was cautioning against playing it safe. Instead of turning inwards or living in fear, we are called to meet challenges head on and discover what wonderful things might happen.

**'Talent is like electricity.
We don't understand electricity.
We use it.'**

Presentation of Mary

**Saturday
21st November**



This feast is one of those that honours Mary, mother of Jesus and dates from early times in

the Church. It is widely accepted that Mary would not have been Presented in the Temple, a ritual reserved for the first born male in a Jewish family. The historical accuracy of the story of Mary's Presentation is not really important. What is fact and is important for us is that from earliest times these Feast days associated with Mary recognises her special place in the Church. Mary brought Jesus Christ into the World, she is not only honoured for that but continues to bring us to her son.

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Remembering the late Fr. John Carter (1915-1995)

As Raheen Parish celebrates its Bicentenary in 2020 this piece reflects on the late Fr. John Carter who served as Parish Priest in this parish from 1969 to 1991. This year also marks the 25th anniversary of his death in July 1995.

Fr. Carter arrived as Parish Priest in Raheen Parish in 1969 in succession to Fr. William Mahon who transferred at that time to Stradbally. Fr. Carter had served as curate in Portlaoise Parish from 1951 to 1969 and as curate in Kilcock from 1940 to 1951. He was born at Tinnakilly in the parish of Emo in April 1915 but his family links to Raheen Parish were strong as his father and other family members were natives of Kylegrove.

My earliest memories of Fr. Carter date back to the early 1970s and his frequent visits to Shanahoe School. First Friday Mass at 11am for schoolchildren preceded by confessions was a regular event on the school calendar throughout the school year. After Mass the celebrant priest called to the school and visited each classroom. Fr. Carter, when he visited, always liked to make the children laugh with a joke or a funny remark. The more serious school visits were reserved for occasions in the lead up to Confirmation when the children receiving the sacrament from fifth and sixth class were subjected to an oral catechism test. Each child was asked one question by Fr. Carter following which all were deemed suitable candidates to receive the sacrament of Confirmation!!

From 1975 to 1977 I was an altar server in Shanahoe Church. I have great memories of that time and of Fr. Carter who always arrived at the last minute and in a hurry!! Christmas sticks out in my mind when Fr. Carter arrived with a huge cash-and-carry sized box of Scots Clan and divided them out between the altar servers to reward us for our altar serving duties throughout the year. For us ten or eleven year olds, this was a heavenly feast. Fr. Carter enjoyed watching our eyes light up as he lit up and shared his packet of cigarettes with Mrs. Carroll, the sacristan. Those were the days long before the smoking ban and I recall that smoke-filled sacristy many times after Mass when both of them relaxed and chatted about the events of the week. One of Fr. Carter's strong traditions took place on the third Sunday of every month when Benediction was held immediately after Mass. Nobody dared leave the church in those days until after the final blessing and on those Sundays when Benediction was held you stayed put until it was over. During Fr. Carter's reign as Parish Priest there was always a curate in the parish. Whichever priest celebrated Mass in Raheen at 8am on Sundays also celebrated the 11am Mass there while the other priest came to Shanahoe for the 9.30am Mass. Between them they alternated the Masses like this every Sunday. At that time, funeral ceremonies involved an evening removal to the Church followed the next day with a Requiem Mass and burial. Fr. Carter's tradition for the removal ceremony involved the removal prayers and a decade of the Rosary followed by Mass. This was a tradition that continued throughout his whole reign as Parish Priest. Another tradition that passed into distant memory with the end of Fr. Carter's reign was what was known as "the 40 hours." This happened once a year after Sunday Mass when the Blessed Sacrament was exposed on the altar for the whole day until late evening. Every townland in the parish was assigned a one-hour slot and parishioners from that townland were required to come to the church at the appointed hour to pray for the hour-long duration. The day concluded with a holy hour celebration and Benediction in the evening. The 'stations' Masses coming up to Easter and Christmas was another tradition that Fr. Carter kept alive when parishioners were called up by name after an evening Mass for their townland to pay their Easter or Christmas dues to the Parish Priest (and sometimes the curate) who was seated at a table in front of the sanctuary. Fr. Carter was certainly a 'traditional' priest who did things as they had always been done for generations before him.

He was fortunate that when he came to Raheen Parish the church at Shanahoe was newly-built and it did not require any significant maintenance work during his reign. Raheen church, however, which was built in 1857 presented significant challenges. Fr. Carter led two separate phases of building development there beginning in 1979 when the ceilings were lowered, the porch and sacristy were restored, new toilets were built and a car park was added to the side of the church. This first phase was undertaken by local contractor P.J. Grant. Fr. Carter followed up this development with a second phase in 1985 involving a complete interior renovation. This phase involved new floors, new radiators, new confession rooms, tiling, carpeting and the treatment of the walls of the church for dampness. Martin Breen, Shanahoe was the contractor for this second phase. It was during these phases of development at Raheen church that the parish envelopes were first introduced to the parish in 1982 to raise funds for parish development.

The parishioners of Raheen, Shanahoe, Clonad and surrounding areas have their own memories of Fr. Carter. A new generation has grown up since his passing and many of that generation may never have heard of him. But for those of us who grew up in or lived through Fr. Carter's era as our Parish Priest, few if any could possibly have an unkind word to say about him. Many remember him for his love of outdoor pursuits such as fishing, shooting and gardening. But he is fondly remembered in particular for his dedication to the sick and his visits to them whether at home or in hospital. And at a time of bereavement, Fr. Carter brought great comfort to many families across the parish in their time of need and sorrow.

After his retirement as Parish Priest, Fr. Carter continued to serve in Raheen as Pastor Emeritus under Fr. Tom O'Malley (RIP) and then under Fr. Tommy Dillon. His health failed a few months before his death in the summer of 1985 but despite his condition, he continued to carry out his priestly duties to within a few weeks of his passing which occurred at Portlaoise Hospital on Monday 17 July. Fr. Carter is buried in the grounds of Raheen Church – a fitting burial place for a dedicated priest who invested so much work and energy into that church's preservation and development. As the Mass booklet for his funeral concluded:

"Day is done, the light of God shines. Work is over, Rest with God has come. Journey's ended, a home in God is found."



TIME TO THINK!

THE GIVER IS BIGGER THAN THE RECEIVER

I love this story from Katharine Hepburn's childhood; its beautiful, in her own words....

"Once when I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus. Finally, there was only one other family between us and the ticket counter. This family made a big impression on me.

There were eight children, all probably under the age of 12. The way they were dressed, you could tell they didn't have a lot of money, but their clothes were neat and clean. The children were well-behaved, all of them standing in line, two-by-two behind their parents, holding hands. They were excitedly jabbering about the clowns, animals, and all the acts they would be seeing that night. By their excitement you could sense they had never been to the circus before. It would be a highlight of their lives.

The father and mother were at the head of the pack standing proud as could be. The mother was holding her husband's hand, looking up at him as if to say, "You're my knight in shining armour." He was smiling and enjoying seeing his family happy.

The ticket lady asked the man how many tickets he wanted? He proudly responded, "I'd like to buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets, so I can take my family to the circus." The ticket lady stated the price.

The man's wife let go of his hand, her head dropped, the man's lip began to quiver. Then he leaned a little closer and asked, "How much did you say?" The ticket lady again stated the price. The man didn't have enough money. How was he supposed to turn and tell his eight kids that he didn't have enough money to take them to the circus?

Seeing what was going on, my dad reached into his pocket, pulled out a \$20 bill, and then dropped it on the ground. (We were not wealthy in any sense of the word!) My father bent down, picked up the \$20 bill, tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket."

The man understood what was going on. He wasn't begging for a handout but certainly appreciated the help in a desperate, heart-breaking and embarrassing situation. He looked straight into my dad's eyes, took my dad's hand in both of his, squeezed tightly onto the \$20 bill, and with his lip quivering and a tear streaming down his cheek, he replied; "Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family."



My father and I went back to our car and drove home. The \$20 that my dad gave away is what we were going to buy our own tickets with. Although we didn't get to see the circus that night, we both felt a joy inside us that was far greater than seeing the circus could ever provide.

That day I learnt the value to Give.

The Giver is bigger than the Receiver. If you want to be large, larger than life, learn to Give. Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get - only with what you are expecting to give - which is everything.

The importance of giving, blessing others can never be over emphasised because there's always joy in giving. Learn to make someone happy by acts of giving."

~ Katharine Hepburn

St. Lukes Gospel, beautifully reminds us all.. "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full - pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Generosity defines the heart of God. God's love is a gratuitous free gift for all of us. When we respond and say yes to this liberating love, in turn, we begin to share much more with kindness and compassion. May we grow in that rich grace of faith hope and love.

"History says, don't hope
On this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme."
- Seamus Heaney



Don't Bury Your Talents



This morning, the gospel is a familiar story that Jesus told. It is called the Parable of the Talents. In the Parable of the Talents, a very wealthy man was going to go on a trip. He called his three servants together and told them that he would be gone for a long time and that he was leaving them in charge of all of his wealth. He divided up his wealth and gave it to the three servants.

To the first servant, he gave five talents. Now, that might not sound like much to you, but in Jesus' day, that was a lot of money. To the second servant, he gave two talents. Not as much as the first servant received, but still a large sum of money. To the third servant, he gave one talent. Even one talent was worth quite a lot!

The first servant took the five talents his master had given him and put it to work and earned five more talents. The second also invested his two talents wisely and earned two more talents. The third servant took his one talent and buried it in the ground for safe keeping.

When the master returned, he was very pleased when the first two servants told him that they had doubled his money. "Well done," he said. "Because you had been faithful with what I have given you, I will give you much more."

"How about you?" he asked the third servant. "What did you do with the money that I left with you?"

The third servant said to the master, "I knew that you were a hard man and I was afraid, so I went out and hid your treasure in the ground so that it would be safe. See, here it is."

The master was angry. "You are a wicked and lazy servant. You could have at least put my money in the bank where it would earn more." He then took the one talent from the lazy servant and gave it to the one who had ten talents.

In this Parable of the Talents, God is the Master and you and I are his servants. The talents that the master gave to his servants in this story was a form of money. But God has given us talents too, hasn't he? God created each of us with special gifts and he expects us to use those gifts for the purpose for which he gave them to us.



Sometimes you and I may look at the talents that God has given to others and think that God hasn't given us very much talent. We might even be tempted to hide our talent. But when we use our God-given talent to be all that God intended for us to be.

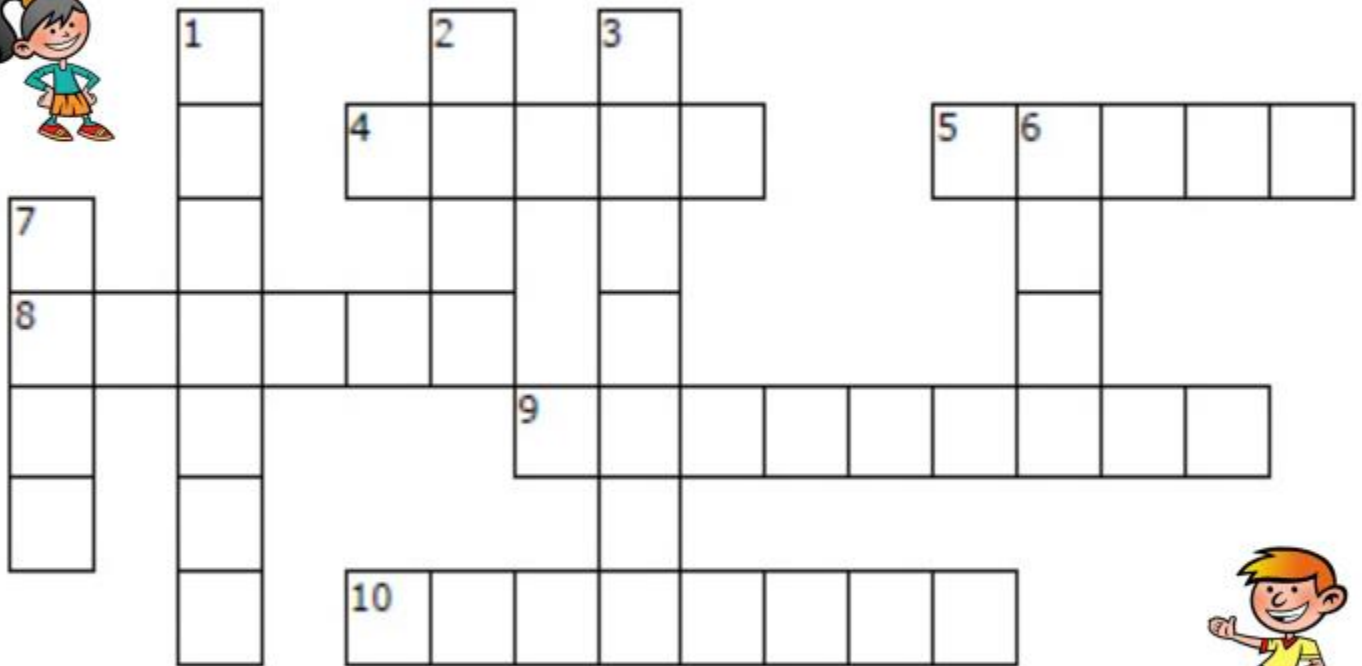
Everyone has great talents - Use them!

Dear Father, help us to use the talents that you have given us to be what you intended for us to be. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.



ACROSS

4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things.
5. To divide or use something with others.
8. To be filled with fear
9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
10. To be trusted or loyal

DOWN

1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
2. The opposite of bad
3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
7. Not willing to work

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Universal Children's Day Friday 20th November



Universal Children's Day was established by the United Nations in 1954 to encourage understanding between children and promote children's welfare around the world. Countries around the world celebrate the day in different ways - in some countries children receive presents, in others they take part in events and activities or are allowed a holiday from school. Think about supporting a children's charity on this day, or teaching your own children about supporting children in less well off countries.



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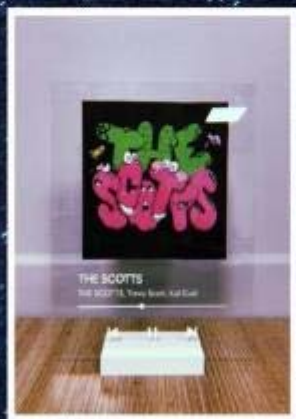
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Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.

Always remembered by Bridie and Chris.

May Annie Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
MARTIN RAFTER

06/09/1942—25/10/2020



On behalf of the family we would like to thank all the medical personnel who looked after Daddy for the last five years; Dr. Fleming and his team, Dr. Sharma and his team and not forgetting the cardiac nurses, especially Geraldine Kelly.

Thank you to the Palliative Care team, the ambulance staff and the carers who looked after Daddy so well during his illness, especially Bernie McGloshin.

We would like to say a special word of thanks to the nursing staff at Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise, together with the attendants who helped to make our life so much easier during the Covid-19 restrictions, they all know who they are!

We would also like to thank all the doctors and staff at the Maryborough Practice Portlaoise for all their kindness throughout this time. A special word of thanks to Jim and all the staff at Hughes Pharmacy Portlaoise.

We will be forever grateful to Joey and Bernie Brennan, for all the care and attention they gave to Daddy during his illness, their kindness will never be forgotten!

A special thank you to Fr. Tom O'Connor, who always brightened Daddy's day during his visits, and to Msgr. John Byrne, thank you so much for Daddy's beautiful funeral Mass. Furthermore a big thank you to Aishling Rohan for the accompanying beautiful music.

We would like to thank Coco Lawless for his kindness and also thank you to Bosco's catering.

A huge thank you to the gravediggers who prepared Daddy's final resting place.

We would like to thank Portlaoise Gardaí Motorbike Division, for the escort they gave to Daddy en-route to the church. He would have been delighted and felt so important and proud.

Finally to Daddy's large circle of friends and relations, who never faltered in their support during Daddy's illness. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

Martin's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 22nd November at 10am and can be viewed via WebCam.

Rest in Peace Martin

In Loving Memory of
ANNE SWEENEY

Late of 26 Cootie St. Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs 16th November 2020.



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

*Sadly missed by her daughter Teresa
and son-in-law Paddy.*

Lord have mercy on her soul.

May Anne Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
JACK DEMPSEY

70 Main Street, Portlaoise.

*Remembering Jack, my partner, on his
68th birthday which occurs 20th November.*



Jack, the world changes
from year to year,
Our lives from day to day,
But the love and memory of
you, shall never pass away.
May the winds of Heaven
blow softly and whisper in
your ear,

How much I love and miss you and wish that
you were here.

*Loved and missed by your soulmate and
partner Una xxx*

May Jack Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOHN KING

Morette, Emo (formerly The Downs, Portlaoise)

Months Mind Mass will be celebrated this
Sunday 15th November in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Portlaoise at 10am and in
St. Michael's Parish Church, Portarlington
at 12:15pm.



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

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by your loving
family Alice, Alison, Joe, Sarah, Joe Jnr, Sophie and Jake.

Rest in Peace John

**In Loving Memory of
MARY NOLAN**

23rd Anniversary - Died 14/11/1997



*"She has gone no further from
us than to God and
God is very near"*

Sadly missed by her husband
Michael and family.

May Mary Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN O' REILLY**

23rd Anniversary - Died 12/11/1997



*A sudden call from God on High,
We had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell, you fell asleep,
But memories of you we will always keep.*

Sadly missed by your loving husband
James, son James, daughters Catriona, Anita and Louise,
daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Our Mother**

KATIE GING

And her daughters

KATHLEEN O' REILLY & MARY NOLAN

Also remembering

MARGARET GING

On her 1st birthday away from home.



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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by their
loving families.*

May they Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Paddy) REDDIN**

4 Dr. Murphy Place. 8th Anniversary occurs 14th November.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 15th November at 10am.

*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 Patrick Rest in Peace

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
LOUGHLIN "Lockey" DELANEY**

New Park, Portlaoise.



The family of the late
Loughlin Delaney, would
like to express their
sincere thanks to all who
sympathised, sent Mass
cards and messages of
support, on the loss of
Loughlin, last November.

We would also like to
thank Msgr. John Byrne
and Fr. David Vard for the lovely ceremony
and Sarah Troy for her beautiful singing
during the Mass.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode,
undertakers, for their professionalism and
sensitivity in organising the funeral.

Thanks to the staff of St. Vincent's Private
hospital and Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's
Cross, for their tender and compassionate
care.

Also to the staff of the Cedar Clinic, Portlaoise
who looked after Loughlin during his illness.

As it would be impossible to thank
everyone individually, please accept this
acknowledgement, as a token of our sincere
appreciation and gratitude.

Rest in Peace Loughlin

*You are the
Light
of the World*



In Loving Memory of
BERNADETTE SCULLY

3 New Road, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 15th November 2020



2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 15th November at 10am.

We miss you from your fireside chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you mother and always will.

Loved and missed by your daughters Mary and Bernadette,
grandsons Senan and Cillian son-in-law John,
extended family and friends.

Also remembering her loving husband Timmy at this time.

May Bernadette Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
FINTAN (Fint) TROY

Ballyhyland, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 15th November 2020.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 15th November at 10am.



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

Sadly missed by all his loving family.
May Fint Rest in Peace

God will bring with him
those who have died in Jesus

1 Thess 5:1-6

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

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



In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE TYNAN

5th Anniversary

We miss you more than words could ever say.



In Loving Memory of
JOHN (Seannie) FLYNN

Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 6th Anniversary occurs at this time.



6th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 15th November at 10am.

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

Sadly missed and remembered by Ann, Jimmy, Mark, Lorraine and all his loving family.

May John Rest in Peace

PLEASE NOTE

Anniversary Masses included on memorial notices must be booked in at reception and written on your notice prior to submitting it to the office.

We thank you for your co-operation.



Ozanam House, Dublin Road, Portlaoise, Co Laois

St Vincent de Paul Portlaoise would like to thank our parishioners for your extreme generosity during 2020. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and vital in helping us succeed. We as an organisation depend upon your donations.

Due to COVID-19, we are unable to raise funds in our usual way. Our St. Vincent de Paul Shop, would normally raise much needed funds for our society but it has been closed for months due to level 5 restrictions, all other annual fundraisers have been prohibited which include; church gate collections, bag packs and flag days. With these restrictions in place we have suffered huge financial loss.

While we have made some great strides, we still have a lot to accomplish, we have found it incredibly difficult to ask people and businesses for donations this year but we now need your support.

Your donations are put to very good use in the local community and because of you, we are able to provide food, heat and electricity to people who live on small, fixed incomes. 100% of your donation goes towards local people and families. We also assist families with education costs where possible. Sandwiches are provided daily to some of our community schools.

Some people in our community need support both with financial and volunteer services, with your help we will be able to respond immediately, while also supporting people's efforts to lift themselves out of poverty. We believe that all lives are equal and that no one should live in poverty, this is why we are on the ground with our volunteers empowering people to tackle their own hardship and fight poverty, with over 117 years of experience, and Conferences all over our County, we are positioned to reach out to the needy in our community.

Over the Christmas period we normally support more than 250 families locally. At the moment we are trying our best to do all we can to raise much needed funds in other ways, we ourselves are operating a click and collect facility to try and raise as much funds as possible while our shop cannot open. You can log onto our Facebook page @SVPVincentPortlaoise where you can view and reserve items for sale.

Here are some ways you can donate to St. Vincent de Paul:

You can donate online using our IBAN number: IE73AIBK93327917987070

You can tap a donation on the credit card machine in our shop.

You can use the St. Vincent de Paul donation box in St. Peter & Paul's Church.

You can donate by mail to St. Vincent de Paul, Ozanam House, No. 1 Dublin Road, Portlaoise.

We would like to say a very sincere "THANK YOU" from our Portlaoise Conference for your continued support and dedication, without your assistance our work would be impossible. Your donation will be vital in helping us succeed, and will make an incredible difference to the people's lives you are changing for the better.

Our helpline number is 087 765 5793, for anyone that feels they may need assistance. You can speak to us in total confidence.

Please note: Our helpline and Conference services are operated by Volunteers. You can avail of this service by calling the helpline number, it is not possible to access our services through the St. Vincent de Paul shop.

Portlaoise Parish



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12th November 2020

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Congratulations to Mia, Connie & Craig Dunne

Promoter: Martley's Shop

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Anne, Oisin, Siomha & Niamh
Brendan Dunne
Declan Kelly
Nicola Ryan
Agnes Gleeson
Mary Phelan



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Next Week's Jackpot €12,000

Support for the Parish

Thank you to all who 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



GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden
and He found an empty place.
He then looked down upon this
earth, and saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you and
lifted you to rest.

God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain.

He knew that you would never get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb, so he closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered "Peace be thine"

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part
of us went with you, The day God called you home.

Priests of the Parish



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Porches.

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