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**up**  
8th November 2020

**Thirty - Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



**IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER**

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## The Price of Oil

We can nag our children endlessly about homework, buy them every book and piece of equipment they might conceivably need and pack their school bags every night, but at the end



of the day we can't go to school and do the work for them. At exam time we can borrow essays and pick each other's brains, but at the end of the day no one can sit the exam for us. A job interview looms and we run round seeking help and advice, but the final preparations have to be ours and ours alone. It seems there are certain things for which we alone must take responsibility.

In today's gospel, five wise bridesmaids and five foolish bridesmaids take their lamps and await the arrival of the groom. The groom is delayed, and by the time he arrives, the foolish bridesmaids have run out of oil and are forced to ask the wise bridesmaids for a loan. "No," reply the wise bridesmaids, "there will not be enough for you and for us." It might seem as though the wise bridesmaids were being a little less than generous, but this isn't a lesson in sharing. The lesson teaches us that there are some kinds of oil we just can't borrow.

The foolish bridesmaids stand for all those who waste their lives forever accepting mediocrity. The foolish bridesmaids stand for all those who save their good intentions up for 'tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow'. The foolish bridesmaids stand for those who imagine that good deeds are the responsibility of others. The foolish bridesmaids stand for all of us who think there is plenty of time left to fill up on our spiritual reserves.

What would it cost to fill up our spiritual reserves right now? Perhaps not as much as we might think! No one is suggesting that we all rush off and become Trappist Monks, but at the same time, how much less mediocre our lives would become if we got into the very good habit of living each and every day as though it was our last.

*'Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour',  
Jesus said to his disciples.*

## PRAYER AT TIME OF BEREAVEMENT

Lord, you are close to the broken-hearted.

Be with me now in my grief and loneliness

Give me courage to face my loss  
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Be with me as I struggle with many  
different and painful feelings.

Ease the hurt in my heart.

Encircle me in your love.

Help me to believe that one day I will  
no longer have this deep sorrow.

May I find comfort in sharing my grief with those  
who understand the strong bonds of love.

Stay with me, Lord, support me.

Help me to know that your power is at work  
within me as I deal with my grief. Amen.

Sr. Sheila McAuliffe RSCJ

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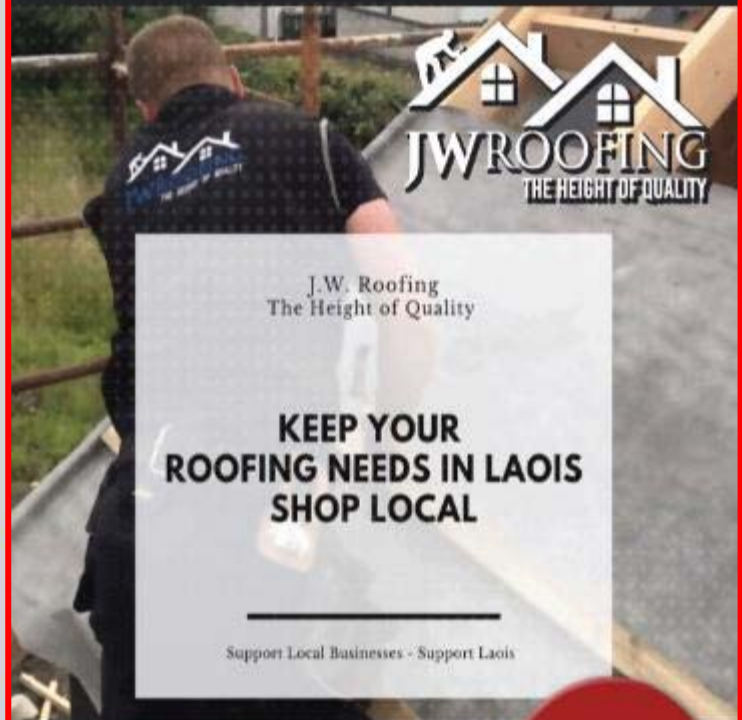
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It is our policy in Portlaoise Parish to work in partnership with all State agencies charged with the welfare of children and young people.

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- ◆ Local Garda Station: [057 862 1105](tel:0578621105)
- ◆ Portlaoise Parish Contacts: Fr. David Vard / Declan Kelly [057 8621142](tel:0578621142)

Our diocesan safeguarding 'policy and procedures' document includes a set of forms for activities, recruitment/staff and reporting. All available for download on:

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# TIME TO THINK!

## WHEN WINTER COMES, CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?

November is a time to remember and pray for family members, colleagues, neighbours and friends who have died since this time last year. Those who have gone before us, those who were so much present with us, so central to our lives, have left us with a deep sense of loss. We look for peace, for healing of heartache, and for hope. I live behind a graveyard, and witness how daily, so many loved ones visit their family grave. Finding peace and connection with loved ones who have passed is a deeply spiritual search.

This year is particularly difficult for those who have been bereaved since March. Those profound feelings of loss have been heightened by not being able to be present at a time of death and by the absence of the familiar family and community supports.

The lockdown and restrictions have impacted on how we say goodbye to our loved ones. Some sadly died without familiar faces around them, some left this life with the caring presence of hospital and nursing home staff and we are grateful to them.

Familiar faces, consoling words and reminiscence are all important in our grieving process. Many have not had the traditional practices that help us; wakes, gatherings at home, reception of remains at the church and a funeral Mass with an unrestricted attendance. These experiences have added to the sense of loss.

We have been without the normal free flowing schedule of Masses and sacraments for over seven months now. Our priests and parishioners have made great efforts to keep our churches open and safe and welcoming, for this we are very thankful. Although we have moved online, and on television, for Mass, it is not the same. In his message for World Mission Day 2020, Pope Francis writes;

*'Being forced to observe social distancing and to stay at home invites us to rediscover that we need social relationships as well as our communal relationship with God.'*

We long so much to be back in church, with the support of a gathering, and meaningful participation of being present with others, an expression of who we are and what we believe in.

Our remembrance this November takes place at a time of continuing uncertainty, isolation and economic hardship. We take reassurance from the good practices learned in all areas of life about how to keep ourselves and others safe. Every day we should reassure our young people of our love and support and help them to nurture their God-given gifts.



*If Winter comes,  
can Spring be far behind?*

- Percy Bysshe Shelley

We take reassurance from the determination of our political leaders to bring us through this pandemic as safely and as socially and economically resilient as possible. We take reassurance from our belief in a caring God who encourages us to make wise decisions for the common good and to look out for each other. Jesus' call to 'love your neighbour as yourself' has taken on a new meaning in the current context of caring and of keeping safe.

We have the reassurance of the Lord that all will be well and that He will strengthen our ability to lift ourselves and others with resolve and hope during this terrible time, resolve to do our very best to ensure maximum safety. Hope based in Jesus' promise to be with us always 'until the end of time' (*Matt 28:20*). In his extraordinary Urbi et Orbi address of March 2020, Pope Francis said;

*'In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side'*

The risen Lord is with us.

During the month of November parishes will continue with their remembrance practices in so far as the restrictions allow, November lists, remembrance trees, candles and other local traditions. Many find connecting via parish web-cams comforting at this time. November, is not an easy time with darker days and colder weather, not to mention living in the midst of a pandemic. However hold onto hope. Hope in the light of Christ which is always brighter than any winter darkness. Hope in our shared experience, when winter comes, can spring be far behind?





## Be prepared

Once there was a big wedding. The wedding was so big that there were 10 bridesmaids. The bridesmaids all helped the bride get ready for the wedding. Weddings back then started at night. Everyone knew that sometimes during the night the groom would come to the bride's house and call out for her. The bridesmaids would hold up their oil lamps so that the bride and groom could see each other. The groom would be so happy to see his beautiful bride!



Everyone would keep holding up their lamps so that everyone could walk down the streets all the way to the groom's house. Then there would be dancing and eating and lots of fun celebration of the wedding.

In Jesus' parable he told what happened when the 10 bridesmaids helped the bride get ready for the wedding. Five of the bridesmaids were wise. They knew that sometimes the groom would wait a long time before he came to get the bride. So the wise bridesmaids brought extra oil for their lamps. They wanted to be ready even if the groom came very late in the night.

The five other bridesmaids were foolish. They did not think about bringing extra oil.

After the bridesmaids got the bride ready they waited and waited for the groom to come. They kept their lamps lit so they would be ready when he came. As time went by the bride and all of the bridesmaids got sleepy and fell asleep.

Then someone shouted "Here's the bridegroom, come outside and meet him!"

The bride and all of the bridesmaids woke up. They fixed their lamps to make them nice and bright. The five foolish girls noticed that their lamps had run out of oil and had burned out. They asked the wise girls for oil but there was not enough for them to have some too.

The foolish girls had to go and try to find more oil for the lamps. They did not get to go out with the bride to meet the bridegroom. They did not get to walk down the streets to the wedding feast with all of their friends. They were too busy trying to find oil.

When the wise bridesmaids and everyone else arrived at the groom's house they went inside and began the celebrations. The groom shut the door and locked it so no strangers could get inside. When the foolish bridesmaids came to the door they were not allowed in. The groom didn't even know who they were!

This parable explains how it will be when Jesus comes again. We do not know the day or the time when Jesus will come back. We should always love God and obey him so we will be ready whenever he comes. We want to be ready to go with Jesus to heaven. Are you ready?

Dear Jesus, we know one day we'll get to meet you face to face.

Help us get ready for that wonderful day. In Jesus' name, Amen.







# TEN BRIDESMAIDS

## MATTHEW 25:1-13



Are the statements below TRUE or FALSE?

All 10 bridesmaids were prepared to meet the bridegroom.

TRUE

FALSE

The bridesmaids fell asleep waiting for the bridegroom.

Five bridesmaids went to find more oil for their lamps.

Five bridesmaids shared their extra oil with the bridesmaids who ran out.

The bridegroom let in the unprepared bridesmaids.



'Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour', Jesus said to his disciples.



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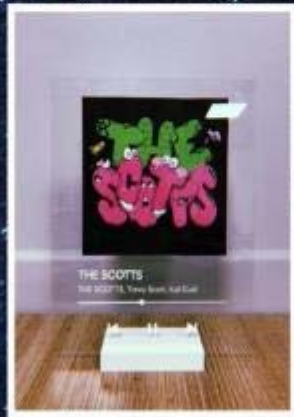
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✠ *In Loving Memory of* ✠  
**FR. GREGORY BROPHY**



16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Occurs Monday  
9<sup>th</sup> November.

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forever and ever;  
He will be our guide even  
to the end"*

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**JOHN CAMPION**

*Ballycarnan, Portlaoise.*

*6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Died 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, at 10am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

*Rest in Peace John*

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

*New Park, Portlaoise.*

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



1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 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.*

Sorely missed by his loving family; his son Derry, daughters Frances and Emily and their mother Mary, siblings Joe and John, Madeleine, Sheila, Rena and Mary, by his large extended family and his many friends. Loved by his grandchildren Eve and Jonah and son-in-law John.

*Rest in Peace Lockey*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**CARMEL KEALEY**

*Sheffield, Portlaoise.*

*5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020*



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

*It was a sudden parting,  
Too bitter to forget,  
Those who love you dearly are the ones who cannot forget,*

*The blow was hard, the shock severe, to part with one we loved so dear.*

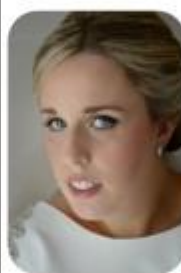
Sadly missed by your loving husband Frankie, children Pauline, Carmel, Francis and Breda, grandchildren, extended family and friends.

*May Carmel Rest in Peace*

**Acknowledgement and  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

**NICOLA DOLLARD (née Kelly)**

**Died 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2019**



On the first anniversary of her passing, Nicola's husband Damien and her family would like to most sincerely thank all who sympathised with us on our sad loss. There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, gestures of kindness, love and support extended to our family by friends, relatives, neighbours and colleagues who called to the house,

attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial. For those who travelled long distances, brought food, sent messages and Mass cards and have continued to support us over the last year.

We wish to thank Fr. Hennessy who celebrated the funeral Mass and a very special word of thanks to Nicola's father-in-law Billy, sister-in-law Erin and cousin Katie for the beautiful singing. You really made a sad day special and many people mentioned how beautiful the Mass was.

Our deepest appreciation to Dr. Anna Gullane for the wonderful care and kindness shown to Nicola and all our family. Also, to the doctors, nurses and staff of The Beacon Hospital where Nicola was so well cared for.

Our thanks to Kieran O'Sullivan, funeral director for his sensitive and professional handling of everything for us, to Nicola's colleagues in St. Vincent's University Hospital, to the staff and chaplain of Portlaoise Prison, to An Garda Síochána for the escort and to those who helped in any way at a time when it was much needed and deeply appreciated. A special mention to Nicola's friends and colleagues in Laois Civil Defence; who were not only of great comfort and support to Nicola during her illness but an emotional and practical support to us during the funeral. We especially want to acknowledge the guard of honour that provided Nicola with such a meaningful send off.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by her husband Damien and son Andrew, parents Gerard and Carmel, sister Michelle, brother John, brother-in-law Alan, nieces Chloe, Rebecca, Sophie and Grace, parents-in-law Billy and Marcella, sister-in-law Erin and her extended family.

*Rest in Peace Nicola*

**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.*



**In Loving Memory of  
BREDA WALSH**

*(née Keogh)*

*Late of Chelmsford, Essex and Ridge Road,  
Portlaoise.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020.*



Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the  
same,  
But as God calls us one by  
one,  
The chain will link again.

*Forever loved  
Never forgotten and always  
missed.*

*Matty, Jason, Helena, Emma  
and Shane and all the  
grandkids and extended  
family.*

*May Breda Rest in Peace*

**Cherished Memories of  
Our Beloved Sister**

**BREDA WALSH (née Keogh)**

*Late of Chelmsford Essex and Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020*



A bouquet of beautiful memories sprayed  
with a million tears,

Wishing God would have spared you,  
If just for a few more years.

Quietly today your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.

*Always loved and sadly missed by your  
sisters, brothers and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace Breda*

**In Loving Memory of  
VIOLET & PETER  
McNULTY**

*Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.  
5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversaries occur at this time.*



Deep in our hearts you  
will always stay,

Loved and  
remembered everyday.

*Their spirits live on.*



*Missed by all their family and friends.*

*May Violet & Peter Rest in Peace*

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
Of my Grandson  
SHANE FINAN**

*10 New Row, Green Rd. Portlaoise and also  
Canices Terrace, Borris in Ossory*



Shane's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
will be celebrated in Sts. Peter  
& Paul's Parish Church, this  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 10am**

We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories  
and your picture in a frame.

Your resting place we visit and put flowers there  
with care,

But no-one knows the heartache as we turn and  
leave you there.

*Sadly missed by your Nana Mary and Brian,  
Jake, Steven, Shirley, John & Conor.*

*May Shane Rest in Peace*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
In Loving Memory of  
RICHARD ARTHUR HARVEY**

*Tullyroe, Abbeyleix.*



The family of the late Arthur Harvey  
Snr. would like to express their sincere  
thanks to all who sympathised, sent  
Mass cards and messages of support  
on the loss of Arthur.

We would like to say a very special  
thank you to all the staff of Portlaoise  
Hospital for their kindness and care of  
Arthur, and also to his carers; Amy  
and Geoffery.

Thanks to Eamon Kelly, Funeral Directors for his sensitive  
and professional handling of Dad's Funeral.

Thanks also to Canon Patrick Harvey and the Reverend  
Alex Purser for their kindness and support.

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 Arthur*



*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 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

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

*May Tom Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**ANN PAISLEY**

*41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*  
*27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.*



*Silent thoughts of times together, hold memories that will last forever.*

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

*May Ann Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**GERARD (Gerry) GORMAN**

*11 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*  
*6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2020*



*Hold him O' Jesus in Thine arms and let him henceforth be, A messenger of love between our human hearts and thee.*

*Sadly missed by your loving family and extended family.*

*May Gerard Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**GER YOUNG**

*31 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*  
*12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home occur at this time.*



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

*Although death has seperated us physically, Faith and love have bound us eternally, Though we cannot see you, we know you are here with us in our every thought as we think about you each day,*

*Though we cannot touch you, we feel the warmth of your smile as we turn the page to a new chapter in our lives.*

Always remembered by Anne, Dawn, Derek, Gemma and partners and grandchildren.

*May Ger Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**SEAN HOLOHAN**

*Formerly 40 Oakleaf Place & Newtown Stradbally*

12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.



*If tears could build a stairway, And heartaches could make a lane*

*We would walk to Heaven and bring you home again.*

Sadly missed by your wife Chris, children, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, sisters and grandchildren and great grandchild Scarlet Rose.

*May Sean Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**EILEEN RYAN**

*12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.*  
*9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.**

*Though your smile is gone forever, And your hand we cannot touch, We have so many beautiful memories of the Mam we loved so much.*

*Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part, God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.*

*Always loved and forever missed Mam by your loving family x*

*May Eileen Rest in Peace*



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**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARY TAAFFE**

5 Droimnin, Stradbally and late of Ballymanus.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurred 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020.



*Thinking of you today  
and always.*

*From Kathryn and family.  
Rest in Peace Mary*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ADAM KENNEDY**

Kylebrook, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
**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.*

*Sadly missed, cherished always, your loving family x  
Rest in Peace Adam*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**GRETTA KELLY**

Kellbyrne House, Rathevan, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020



*Today's the anniversary of the day that I lost  
you, and for a time, it felt as though my life  
had ended too.*

*But loss has taught me many things, and now  
I face each day, with hope and happy  
memories, to help me on my way.*

*And though I'm full of sadness that you're  
no longer here, your influence still guides me,  
and I still feel you near.*

*What we shared will never die, it lives within my heart, bringing  
strength and comfort, while we are apart.*

Loved and remembered always; Christy, Adrian & Rebecca.

*May Gretta Rest in Peace*

**In November  
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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.*





## Portlaoise Parish



Results for  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2020



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Annemarie O'Neill  
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Kathleen Dunne  
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Aideen McEvoy  
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## 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](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

## Month of the Faithful Departed.

During the month of November we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. We aim to remember how they helped and loved us whilst they were with us and we commit to keeping their memory alive by adopting the qualities we most admired in them. We also pray for those who have died that have fought for our way of life and our religious freedom, and we pray for those who have died alone who have no one to remember them.



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). Masses for Dead List this week on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10am.



# Annual Bereavement Mass



*Eternal rest grant unto them  
O Lord and may everlasting light shine  
upon them, may they rest in peace.  
Amen*