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25th December 2020

Christmas 2020

During this Christmas Season  
May you be blessed

With the Spirit of the season  
Which is peace

The gladness of the season  
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Which is love

*For unto us a Child is born  
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# Jesus EMMANUEL god with us

**From 26th St. Stephen's Day  
We return to Mass behind closed doors  
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FROM OUR PARISH CHURCH  
MASS EACH DAY 10AM  
While current restrictions last.**

We invite you to join in worship via our Webcam  
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## **We welcome into our Parish Community**

Luke Thomas Doheny, Newpark  
Zoe Marie Lanigan, Kilmurray  
Oscar Michael Kenny, Berryridge Avenue  
James Martin Meaney, Dun Masc  
Aishling Mary Holland-Phelan, New Road  
Ellen Madeline Gorman, Kilteale  
who was baptised last weekend



## **Christmas Collection for the support of the Priests.**

The Christmas Collection for the Clergy will be held at  
all Masses on Christmas Day.

Envelopes are in the Development Boxes or you can  
pick up an Envelope in Church porches.

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## **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 to previous years.

### **Some ways to contribute to our Parish**

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.

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There's a sameness about Christmas. We listen to the same nativity story, look in at the same crib, sing the same carols, dig out the same decorations and enjoy the same festivities. But there's one thing that's different every year. US! WE are different. Each year we are a little older and a little more experienced. Our challenge is to make it to next Christmas better and stronger than we were before. Christmas isn't what it used to be, and that can only be a good thing.

The first day of the year is the day the Church sets aside for honouring Mary. Mary represents true discipleship. Mary exhibits a life of hearing, seeing, and



telling of God's marvellous deeds. Mary inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events in our own lives. Do we journey through life oblivious to the world around us, or do we resolve to make some kind of impact? Maybe instead of making new year resolutions to lose weight or make more money, we should resolve this year to be more like Mary.

### **This Week 20th December**

**Contributions/donations €6,309.00**

**Our thanks and appreciation to all who  
subscribe to the Parish.**





What a difficult year and what a difficult Christmas this will be, with the new restrictions announced this week. We are being pushed back into the confines of our homes, into our inner selves, without the other aspects of life which are so important: the ability to mix with others, to meet with extended family, to socialise and to entertain. But let's be clear: Christmas is not cancelled. We will celebrate it differently, but maybe the circumstances of this year will help bring the true meaning more to the fore. Christmas this year will largely be celebrated in our homes and in our hearts.

Especially in our thoughts are families who have been bereaved and those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. We keep in mind those for whom Christmas time may bring feelings of sadness - people coping with bereavement, families that cannot be together, those in care homes who can only have limited visits from their loved ones.

Apart from the pandemic we had other losses during 2020 - our two great senior priests, Fr. Tom and Fr. Eddie, having ministered well above and beyond the call of duty, both retired to Kiltegan. We miss them and send the gratitude and best wishes of the Parish to them.

We welcomed Fr. Theo Tomasik a member of the Society of Divine Word (SVD). He looks forward to a time of ministering here in Portlaoise without the restrictions of Covid which have dominated his first months. He is very welcome.

What should have been one of the highlights of the year, the reopening of the Church of the Assumption, the Heath after extensive work and renovation, had to be celebrated in a quiet and restricted manner. Nevertheless it has been greatly appreciated, beautiful, comfortable and protected to survive another century.

In spite of the pandemic we have enjoyed great support from our parishioners as usual this year. My thanks to all those who support the parish and those who are active in ministry, readers, Eucharistic ministers and new ministries of cleaners and stewards. While our choirs are at rest we have enjoyed wonderful music from a very talented and generous group who enriched our Liturgies during this pandemic. To help us experience something of the peace and joy of this time I recommend whole heartedly our 'Virtual Carol Service' available on our website as a wonderful way to bring the story and spirit of Christmas into your home. Play it, pray it, and sing along! One feature of this year has been the addition of a 'virtual congregation' joining us via parish radio, webcam, facebooklive and ShalomWorld. We are very conscious and grateful for the presence in that way, of not only many parishioners but 'new parishioners' from all over the World who have made St. Peter & Paul's, Portlaoise, their parish Church during this pandemic.

On behalf of the Parish Team and all at the Parish Centre, I wish you a Christmas where you will know in your heart the peace and joy that our Saviour brings. Please do take care, of yourselves, your loved ones and all with whom you come into contact.

*John Byrne, P.P.*  
**Christmas 2020**



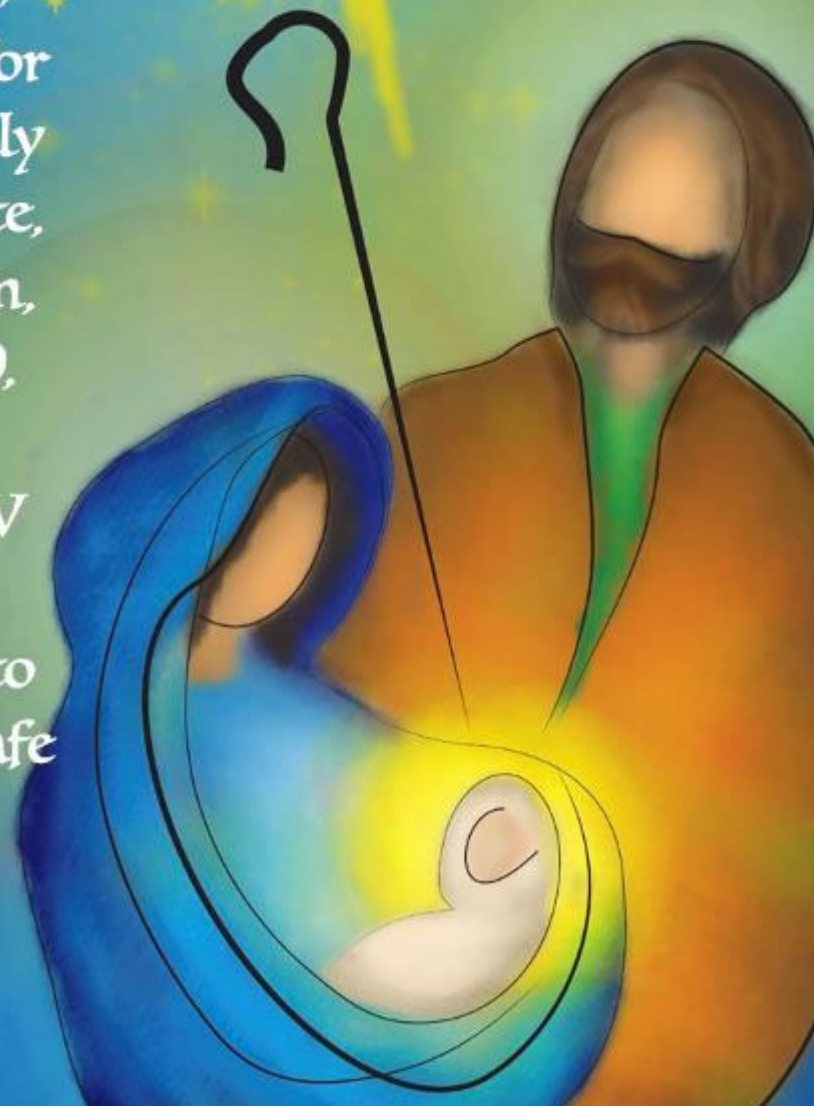
Wishing all our parishioners, far and wide, peace and joy this Christmas season and health, happiness and God's blessings for the New Year

The Parish Centre will re-open on Monday 4th January at 9am.

During this new period of restrictions from the 26th December you can join us for Mass everyday at 10am only through our Parish Website, [portlaoiseparish.ie/webcam](http://portlaoiseparish.ie/webcam), our Parish Radio 106.5FM, our Facebook page or through Shalom World TV

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*Please feel free to contact me about any issue you may have.*

## End of Year Rosary at The Grotto

**New Years Eve, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm**



Our End of Year Rosary will take place at 8pm on New Year's Eve. Prayers will now be held in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church to allow for social distancing. The Rosary will also be broadcast live via the Parish Radio. Have a Blessed Candle lit and displayed at the Grotto for the sick and deceased; for the protection of our healthcare workers, friends and family; for your intentions; or in thanksgiving.

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Tues. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Open 11am to 4pm
Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open 11am to 4pm
Thurs. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Open 11am to 4pm
Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Closed
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Open as usual and ready for the year ahead.

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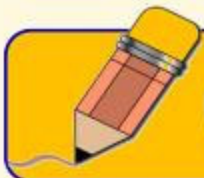
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**Vocations:** Please join with St. Joseph's Young Priests Society for a Holy hour, every Friday at 3pm, as we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life. All are welcome.

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

**Rosary is prayed at the Grotto** on the first Friday of every month, 8pm and on all Feast days to Our Lady.

## ABBEYLEIX/RAHEEN NOTES

### Adoration:

**Ballinakil** every Friday, 3pm-6pm.

**Shanahoe** every Friday, 1:45-3pm, with Rosary at 2:30pm, followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. Adoration on Sundays 2.55-4pm.

**Knock Church** every Saturday from 7pm to 8pm.

**Ballyroan** every Friday, 10am-4pm.

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



*We welcome baby Teegan and baby Anna into Abbeyleix Parish.*



## Raheen Parish Christmas Draw Winners:

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3. Ava Hosey, Roskelton
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7. Jer Delaney, Derryroe
8. Bernadette Murphy, Roskelton
9. Aidan Delaney, Burnwood
10. Geraldine Whelan, Clonad
11. Keira Dowling, Clonad
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16. Ben Murray, Colt
17. Matthew Goode, Clonad
18. Bride Conroy, Clonad
19. Carmel Delaney, Rodkelton
20. Patricia Whelan, Colt
21. Michael Dooley, Coolnacarte



### Promoters Prizes:

1. Ciara Morgan
2. Mary Phelan
3. Fr. Michael Kelly
4. Emer Bergin
5. Pat Sinnott

Fr. Paddy and Raheen Parish Pastoral Council greatly appreciate the support of all who contributed in any way to this very successful Christmas Draw. €3,730 was raised and we wish all parishioners a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and blessed New Year.



## A Christmas Legend

Three trees shivered in the cold moonshine, a date palm, an olive and a dark green pine. They whispered together, saw a light in the sky, paused, troubles forgotten, heard a new baby cry. They stood in the yard near the child's manger bed, 'what can we give him?' the gentle pine said. The olive gave oil to soothe his small feet, the palm promised dates, all sticky and sweet. 'But what about me?' the poor pine tree cried. 'I can't think of a thing, I've tried and I've tried'. Hearing her cries, all the stars tumbled down, to light up her branches, like a bright golden crown. Then the pine tree stood tall so the baby could see, on that first Christmas day, His first Christmas tree.



**Portlaoise Pioneers** would like to wish all their members and their families a very happy, safe Christmas and good health and happiness in the new year.

**Laos Guide Dogs** would like to wish all our friends and supporters a Happy Christmas and New Year. Our 2021 Calendars are on sale in the Parish shop and Pet Mania, thank you for all your support throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated.



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**Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021**



**R** Rest. Give yourself permission to rest and recharge your batteries over the Christmas break.

**O** Observe how you are feeling. Respond to what your body and mind need. Stressed? Breathe. Tired? Rest.

**B** Be kind to yourself. Being kind to yourself is not selfish. It starts with you. Then you can spread that kindness.

**I** Invest time in yourself. This might be deliberately scheduling time to look after yourself. And then sticking to it.

**N** Nurture yourself. Make a practice of looking after yourself. Try to keep it going over Christmas and into 2021.

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# TIME TO THINK!

## LIGHT BRIGHTER THAN ANY DARKNESS

2020 has been a tough year. For months on end we have been listening out for the figures: how many new cases today? How many in ICU? How many deaths? Every one of those figures stands for lives frustrated, threatened, perhaps changed definitively.

As we approach Christmas we pray for those who have died in the past year and our hearts go out to the bereaved. One of the ancient philosophers wrote: 'be kind with everyone you meet today; you do not know what battles they are fighting'. So many of us are dealing with heightened levels of anxiety stemming from loneliness or other hardships made worse by the effects of lockdown. There are those among us whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. Family gatherings will be different this Christmas and many people will be missing loved ones from the celebration. This year is especially hard for those who can't come home for Christmas.

Even as we acknowledge all of this sadness we Christians remember that the heart of Christmas is Emmanuel, God with us. God is with us. Before he was born in her body, the Christ was born in Mary's heart. He can be, he will be and he is born again in the heart of every Christian even in the midst of sadness and sorrow. That is the heart of Christmas. No matter what, our God is with us and that is the source of our joy.

For generations, Irish families have put a light in the window to invite Jesus, Mary and Joseph into their homes for Christmas. I invite everybody to bring Christ into their home with family prayer. Light a candle near your crib and gather round it for a moment of prayer. Somebody could read the Gospel from Luke chapter 2 and sing a carol or you could simply say the Hail Mary together asking God's blessing on everyone in the house and for those who feel isolated, vulnerable or particularly impacted by the pandemic.

Gathering around the dinner table this Christmas I encourage you to remember all the people who have ensured that throughout this pandemic, we have had access to food; the farmers, food producers, delivery drivers and the staff who have worked in all of our local shops and stores.

When God first appeared in human form it was as part of a family who were out of home, at least temporarily. They were on the brink of being driven from their homeland by political persecution and forced to seek refuge in a foreign country. In the Christmas story we meet a Jesus, Mary and Joseph who were homeless, refugees and asylum seekers. It was not by accident that God identified with the marginalised. At the end of all our lives he will remind



us of this when he will say to us: 'in so far as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters you did it to me.'

One of the blessings of the Covid times has been that we've seen so many people step forward and give of their time and energy to help the community, neighbours and strangers alike. And now with Christmas coming so many people are thinking of others more than themselves; people are planning to cook dinners for their neighbours and are seeking ways to be with people who are alone. St Vincent de Paul and other community groups are working very hard to reach out to people in need. Trócaire, as well as many other agencies supported by you, are reaching out to help people in regions still ravaged by war and famine. In this past year their fundraising campaigns have been frustrated by the Covid pandemic. It is important that we remember them, if we can, at Christmas.

This Christmas take time to notice the acts of generosity and kindness in your community. There are a multitude of people engaged in this generosity – they are the messengers of hope and like the host of heavenly angels on the first Christmas night they proclaim that Christ is among us. When the Word became flesh two thousand years ago, it was God's outrageous effort to be born among us and in our hearts. Jesus longs to be a light in the heart of each one of us. He knows about our darkness and wants to shine in our lives. My prayer is that we will let him into our hearts in a new way this Christmas. When we do he will shine in our own darkness and be a light for the world around us.

It is with a sense of great hope that we welcome the vaccines that over the coming months will bring an end to these dark days of pandemic. In a real way, with patience and prudence, may we stay safe and keep each other healthy and well. We also welcome the new light, that slowly will manifest to much brighter days ahead. May we all be blessed with great hope and health throughout 2021.



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## What's In A Name?

What's in a name? Has anyone ever asked you what your name means? Do you know what your name means? When your mum and dad found out they were going to have a baby, they spent a lot of time choosing a name. They may have looked through a book that gives the meaning of names. I looked up a few names to see what they meant. John is a very popular name for boys and Joan or Joanna for girls. Their name means "God's gracious gift." Have you ever known anyone named Daniel or Danielle? Their name means "God is my judge." We all know quite a few boys

named Michael and girls named Michelle. That is a great name that means "one who is like God." One of the angels in the Bible was named Michael.

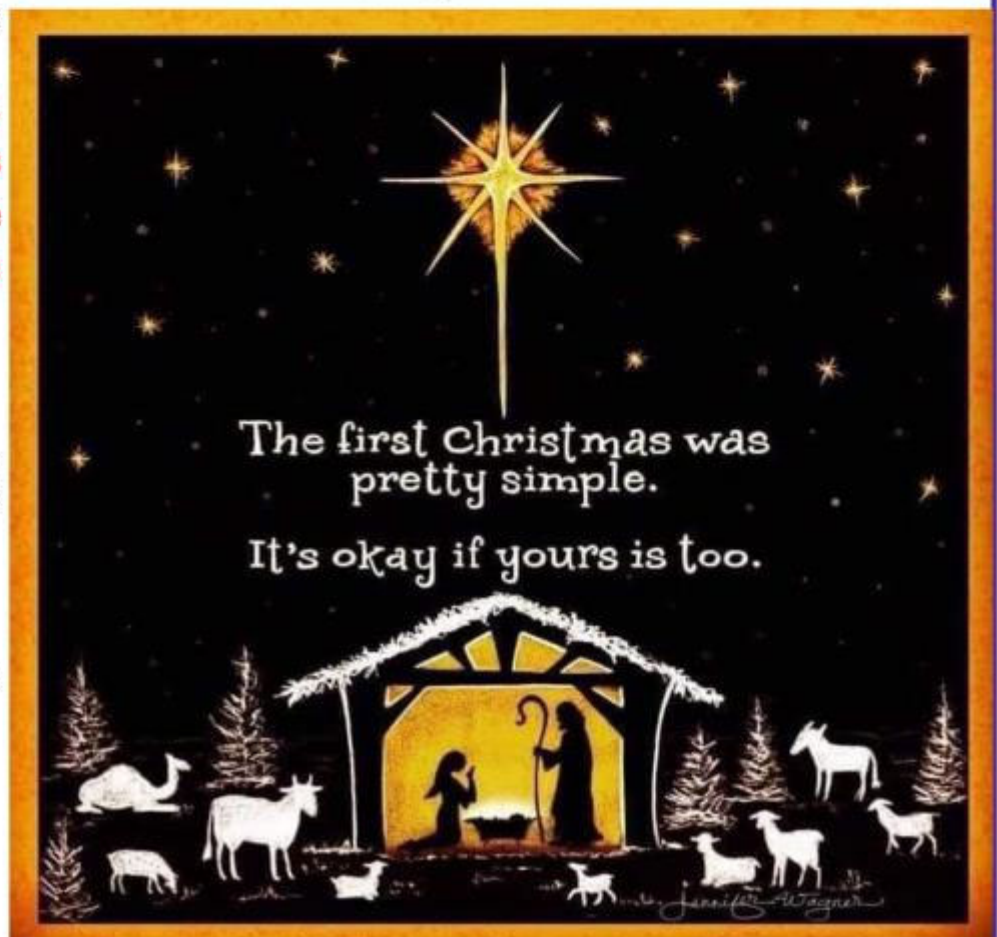
When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't have to go to the library and get a book to choose his name. In fact, they didn't choose his name at all. God sent an angel to tell Mary and Joseph,

**"You will have a son,  
and you will call his  
name Jesus, because  
he will save his people  
from their sin."**

You see, the name Jesus means **"the Lord saves."** God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sin. The Bible tells us that there is no other name that can save us. What's in a name? If the name is Jesus, there is salvation!

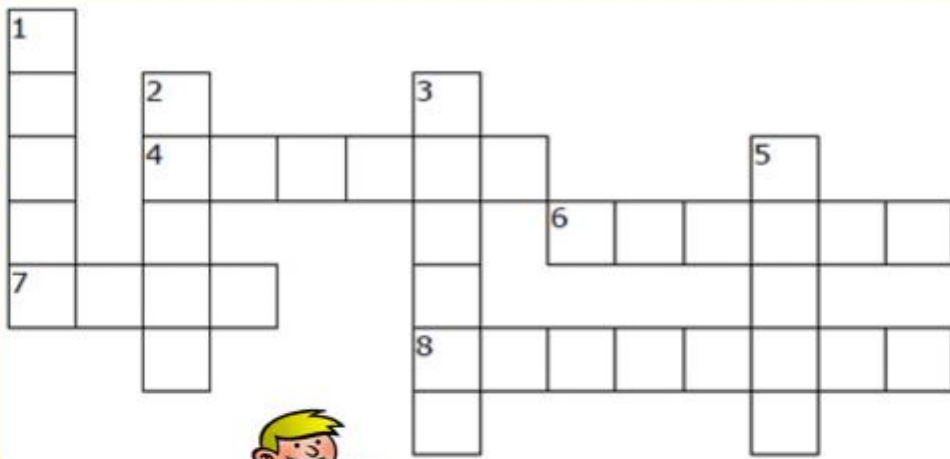


*Happy  
Christmas*





“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”



**ACROSS**

- 4. To be filled with fear
- 6. The earthly father of Jesus
- 7. The mother of Jesus
- 8. A name that means "God is with us"

**DOWN**

- 1. Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
- 2. To become husband and wife
- 3. A young unmarried woman
- 5. The Son of God

**JESUS  
IMMANUEL**

**MARRY  
VIRGIN**

**MARY  
JOSEPH**

**DREAM  
AFRAID**

*Merry Christmas*

**PRAYER  
BEFORE THE CRIB**

I open the stable door;  
 I kneel before the infant;  
 I worship with the shepherds;  
 I adore the Christ child.  
 I give my love  
 with Mary and Joseph;  
 I wonder at the 'Word made flesh'.  
 I am aware of the love of God;  
 I sing glory with the angels;  
 I offer my gifts with the wise men.  
 I receive the living Lord;  
 I hold Him in my hands;  
 I go on my way rejoicing,  
 glorifying and praising God.





OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE INTERRED DURING THE WEEK;



*Dermot McGann*  
Stradbally Rd.  
Portlaoise



*Martin (Bunny)  
Carroll*  
Marian Avenue  
Portlaoise

*Teresa (Winifred) Doyle*  
Portlaoise and Artane, Dublin

*"Man will live for evermore because  
of Christmas Day"*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**FR. THOMAS BROWNE**



Parish Priest  
Portlaoise  
1941 to 1976

Who died  
5<sup>th</sup> January 1982

*May he rest in Peace*

*CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
**MARY & KEVIN FOGARTY**

*Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.*

*Remembering you on your 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas in Heaven*



Loving and kind in all your  
ways, upright and just to  
the end of your days,  
Sincere and true, in heart  
and mind, beautiful  
memories you left behind.



*Sadly missed and remembered by their loving family  
and friends and neighbours.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

*Christmas Remembrance*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
**LIAM, BARRY & KATHLEEN  
KAVANAGH**



Liam's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; 30<sup>th</sup> December 1990  
Barry's 38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; 29<sup>th</sup> December 1982  
Kathleen's 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas in Heaven

Mass will be offered on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December at  
7pm in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen.

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

*May They Rest in Peace*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
RAY BERGIN**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home.*



Missing you at Christmas time

The sorrow never disappears,  
The silent tears still flow,  
The pain is never far away,  
because we loved you so.  
But you are always in our hearts  
and think of you each day,  
And warm and special memories  
so often come our way.

That's why we're thinking of you at this special time of year, for Christmas is for sharing with the ones we hold so dear.

Love of our lives, we miss you, for it hurts to be apart,  
But time alone can only heal, our ever aching hearts.

Missing you at Christmas time,  
love you're wife Mossie, Martina,  
Lisa, Sandra and grandkids.



*Rest In Peace Ray*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**For a caring, funny, loving, Mother, Father,  
Nannie, Granddad and Sister  
THOMAS & ANNIE GREENE**

*74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

*12<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home*



*Missing you Always*

*Especially at Christmastime*

Looking back to Christmas past, and happy times gone by, remembering your laughter and as always, asking why?  
For Christmas brings us peace and joy, but it brings sadness too, and just like many others will, I'll spend it without you.

I miss you more at Christmas, than any other time of year,  
My greatest Christmas gift by far, would be just to have you here.

I'll always feel you close to me, and though you're far from sight,

I'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.

*Happy Christmas Mummy and Daddy*

*You're sadly missed and loved everyday,  
Mummy and Daddy, from your daughter  
Mary, Grandson Keelin, sister Ellie and the Greene family.*

*May Mummy & Daddy Rest in Peace*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**DEAN BERGIN**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from home.*

*Remembering our Angel in Heaven at Christmas time.*



The sadness never goes away,  
The silent tears still flow,  
You're thought of and so sadly missed,  
more than you'll ever know.

But now you're with the angels,  
safe and sound in Heaven above,  
We hold on to the memories and treasure them with love.

Yet special times like Christmas often make us wonder why,  
God took you from this world,  
It was too soon to say goodbye.

But our memories are precious and will last a lifetime through,  
we know that God has chosen you, to be an angel too.

Missing you at Christmas Dean

Love your mother Mossie, Martina, Lisa,  
Sandra, nieces and nephews xxxx



*May Dean Rest In Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of  
GRETTA KELLY  
AND JOE BYRNE**



*Deep in our hearts you  
will always stay,  
Loved and remembered  
every day.*



*Thinking of you both always, especially at Christmas time from Mummy, Daddy and all the family.*

*May Gretta and Joe Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of  
JOSEPH (Joe) BYRNE**

*24 Liogard, Portlaoise. 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.*



*I miss you now, my heart is sore,  
As time goes by I miss you more,  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can ever fill your vacant place.  
Always remembered by his loving wife  
Olive xx*

*May Joseph Rest in Peace*



**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**

*Joseph and Kathleen Paisley      William (Bill) Doyle*



We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,  
We thought about you yesterday and the day before  
that too,

We will think of you tomorrow, as we will our whole lives  
through,

For the day we fail to think of you,

Is the day God calls us too.

You were always there for everyone,

No task too great or small,

But most of all, you gave us love,

The greatest gift of all.



*Remembering you with all our love, on this Christmas day  
and always.*

*Lots of love from all your loving family.*

*May Joseph, Kathleen & Bill Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**John and Kathleen Dunne**

*St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.*



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

*Loved and remembered by;*

*Veronica, Dan, Dermot, Clodagh and Aoife.*

*May John & Kathleen Rest In Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**My Wonderful Mother and Father**

**MARGARET (Peggy) McDONNELL** *née Tobin*  
*Ballylinan and formerly of Summerhill, Portlaoise*  
**AND THOMAS (Tom) McDONNELL**  
*Ballylinan .*

*Margaret's 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021*  
*Thomas' 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021*



*May the Lord bless you and  
take you into His keeping,  
May He show you His  
countenance and take pity  
on you,*

*May He turn his eyes towards  
you and give you His peace.*



*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Margaret & Joe.*

*May Margaret and Thomas Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of our Mother**

**RITA DUFF**  
*And her Brother*  
**DAN CONROY**  
*Glenfield, Portlaoise*



*Remembering you this Christmas  
Always loved and never forgotten.*

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

*May Rita and Dan Rest in Peace*

**5<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**In Loving Memory of our Mother**  
**RITA DUFF**

*Kyleclonhobert, Ridge Rd. Portlaoise*  
**Died 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016**



*5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 10am.*

*You gave us years of happiness,*

*Then sorrow came with tears,*

*You left us lovely memories,*

*We will treasure through the years.*

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

*May Rita Rest in Peace*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of  
My Wonderful Husband at Christmas  
**BRIAN LARKIN**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas in Heaven*



This time of year was always such a special time for me, I loved to share its warmth with you beside the Christmas tree. But without my lovely husband I feel lost and all alone, And everything seems pointless, now that I'm on my own.

But each time I see your picture, you seem to smile and say,  
Don't cry for me, I promise, that we'll meet again someday.

So until that perfect moment, we'll be just a thought apart,  
And at Christmas time, as always, you'll be here inside my heart.

*Sadly missed by your loving wife, Fiona x*

*Loving Memories of a Special Dad  
at Christmas.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas in Heaven*

Remembering the happiness and the feeling of good cheer, when we celebrated Christmas, in the days that you were here.

For at special times like this one, almost everything we do, seems to bring back precious memories, of those moments spent with you.

But your smile lives on forever and your voice we often hear,  
And on Christmas day this year, we will shed a silent tear.

And we'll think of all those good times, and the special bond we had,  
For we never will forget you, our devoted, dearest Daddy.

Happy Christmas, Daddy in Heaven  
*Loved and missed always by Ethan, Damon,  
Oisin and grandson Odhrain.*

*May Brian Rest In Peace*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of  
**BRIAN LARKIN Snr.**  
1<sup>st</sup> Christmas in Heaven Grandad*



When all the decorations are placed upon the tree, that's when Christmas memories come flooding back to us.

The countless celebrations you lovely prepared and all the happy Christmases that we all have shared.

We miss you every moment Grandad since you went away and how we wish that you were here, to welcome Christmas day.

*Happy Heavenly Christmas Grandad  
We love and miss you everyday.*

*From your daughter-in-law Fiona, grandsons Ethan, Damon and Oisin and great-grandson Odhrán.*

*Rest in Peace Brian*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of  
**WILLIAM KERRY** 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Away from Home  
**ROSANNA KERRY** 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Away from Home  
61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise.*



We cannot send a Christmas Card,  
Your hands we cannot touch,  
But God will take our greeting to the ones we love so much.



*Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, grandchildren,  
great grandchildren & extended family xx  
May William and Rosanna Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

*To our Parents  
**DAVID AND JANE McEVOY***

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise.

Also Birthday Remembrance of our Dad David



*They are our bridge over troubled waters,  
The wind beneath our wings,  
And now our loving parents are a candle in the wind,  
The flowers we place upon your grave will wither and decay,  
But the love we buried with you both will never fade away.*

*Loved and never forgotten, your loving family xx  
May David and Jane Rest in Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of a Special Friend

### SHEILA SHIPPERLY

née Casey

8 Triogue Place, Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from Home.



You can shed tears that she is gone, or you can smile because she has lived, you can close

your eyes and pray that she will come back, or you can open your eyes and see the memories that she has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or you can be full of the love that you shared.

You can remember her and only that she is gone, or

you can cherish her memory and let it live on.

You can cry and be sad or you can do what she would want; smile, love and carry on.

*Sheila, a friend to so many,  
you will never be forgotten xxx*



Loved, sadly missed and remembered by Mary and family and Sheila's many friends and neighbours.

*Rest in Peace Sheila*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of our Daddy  
**KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR**

44 O' Moore Place, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home.



Sometimes we can't believe Daddy, that you have actually gone, yet you have left us with an inner strength to build our lives upon. You've always left great memories which within our hearts we hold, That no one can ever take away, for we treasure them like gold. You always made this time of year

the best time to remember,

The joy you gave to everyone was special in December, But you've left so many memories that will always spring to mind, and bring enormous comfort to us, the ones you've left behind.

At Christmas time we look above to see that shining star, Which brings an understanding of exactly where you are, We'll put aside our sorrow with every unshed tear, And concentrate on all the joy we shared when you were here. Our time together taught us what Christmas time is for, And that's what we'll remember until we meet once more, Your presence lingers all around, a whisper on the breeze, And knowing that your love remains will help our pain to ease.

*Happy Christmas Daddy*

You are never more than a thought away, we love and miss you everyday. From Becky and Dylan xx

## Christmas Remembrance



**MICHAEL  
KERRY**



**ROSE  
KERRY**



**AGNES  
GLEESON**



**JOHN-PAUL  
MITCHELL**



**JOE  
KERRY**

*If I could have a life time wish a dream  
that would come true,  
I'd pray to God with all my heart for  
yesterday and you,  
A thousand words can't bring you back,  
I know because I've tried,  
And neither will a million tears,  
I know because I've cried,*

*You left behind my broken heart & happy memories too,  
But I never wanted memories I only wanted you.*

*Loved and missed always by their loving families & friends.*

*May they rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

**PATRICK and CHRISTOPHER DWANE**

Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



*May the winds of love blow softly  
and whisper in your ear.*

*And tell you how much we love you  
both and miss you more each year.*

*Thinking of you at Christmas  
from all your loving family.*



*May You Both Rest in Peace*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of  
**MICHAEL MITCHELL**

Edenderry, Co. Offaly

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs

27<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Also his nephew

**JOHN-PAUL  
MITCHELL**



*Whose Anniversary occurs at this time.  
Sadly missed and always remembered by his brother  
Ignatius Mitchell and family.*

*May They Rest in Peace*



## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of  
A Cherished Husband, Father and Grandfather  
**WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY**  
28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from home.*



Thinking of you at Christmas and how  
nothing is quite the same,  
Because there's only heartache, when  
someone speaks your name.  
And sadly, no nice gifts for you, just silent  
tears that fall, for Christmas time without  
you, is the hardest time of all.  
Because the pain of losing you, just seems  
to linger still, and since you left there's been  
a space, that no one else can fill.  
For looking back over the years, the best  
times that we had, were down to just one  
special man, and that was you.  
A perfect Husband, wonderful Father and a  
very special Grandad.

Always remembered and forever in our  
hearts.

Happy  
Christmas



From your wife Anne, sons and daughters,  
son-in-law, daughters-in-law and all your  
grandchildren xxx

## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of  
**LIAM CONROY AND HIS  
GRANDSON SHANE FINAN  
ELIZABETH HACKETT**  
10 New Row, Green Road, Portlaoise.  
Also remembering Shane's birthday which occurs  
2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021.*



We miss your smiles, your joking ways,  
We miss the things, you use to say,  
And when old times, we do recall, it's then  
we miss you most of all.

*From Nana Mary & Brian, Shirley, John & Conor,  
Jake & Steven.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Family Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of

The Collins Family Mountmellick  
Mam and Dad, Pam Tuohy  
Bernie Geraghty and her husband James (Goxie)  
Carmel and Mick McGuinness  
Granddaughters Fiadh and Eve Graham  
John (Barney), Olive and Oliver Brennan, 51 Dr Murphy's Place  
Joseph (Jo Jo) Lawlor - Ash Trees Stradbally  
Sean and Ann Hanrahan - Ballinakill



*Missing you all at Christmas time and  
thinking of you always.*

*Love from Michael, Ann and Family.*

*May They Rest In Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **TOMMY CLEAR**

*17 Liogard, Portlaoise  
22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 6pm.*

*It is not what we write or even what we say,  
It is what we feel inside as we think of you today*

*From his loving wife Mary, sons, daughters,  
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and  
grandchildren.*



*May Tommy Rest in Peace*



## 19<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

### In Loving Memory of **JOHN ROCHE Jnr.**

Formerly Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise and Newbridge, Kildare.



In our hearts your memory lingers,  
Sweetly tender, fond and true,  
There is not a day dear John,  
That we do not think of you.  
Sadly missed and always remembered  
by Mam, brothers, sisters and  
extended family.

*Rest in Peace John*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

### In Loving Memory of **JOHN ROCHE**

Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise. 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from home.



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.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife  
Mary, sons, daughters, grandchildren, sons-in-laws,  
daughters-in-law, great-grandchildren and extended family.

*May John Rest in Peace*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

### In Loving Memory of **BILLY LYNCH R.I.P.**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
Bill



As I sit alone in our home of happy  
Christmas past,  
No more to have you in your chair,  
It is so lonely there,  
But God called you for a rest, we know that  
God just takes the best.

Loved always and missing you this Christmas  
From your loving wife Betty and family xxx

*May Billy Rest in Peace*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

### In Loving Memory of **ALICE PARNELL**

"Avondale", Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.



As time unfolds this second year,  
We know and feel you are very near,  
Silent thoughts of our time together,  
Hold memories that will last forever.

Loved and remembered by her husband Kieran,  
son Michael, daughter Lisa, daughter-in-law Ann,  
son-in-law Peter, grandchildren Aoife, Rachel, Adam,  
Laura and Conor, relatives and friends.

*May Alice Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

### In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN (Kay) & PATSY DEEVY**

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.



*Someone is Missing  
at Christmas*

*In Memory of a special  
Mam & Dad with love at  
Christmas*



Thinking of you both today, but then, that is nothing new,  
For both of you were thought of yesterday, and will be  
tomorrow too.

Because you're missed so very much,  
Far more than words can say,  
And sadly, no presents, cards, or hugs on this Christmas day.

Just silent tears and special kisses, blown to Heaven above,  
To you both for a lifetime of devoted, selfless love.

And a whispered Christmas promise, that on each day yet  
to come,

You both will always be remembered,  
For you both meant the world to us.

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

*May Kathleen & Patsy Rest In Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

### In Loving Memory of **TOM WALL**

Beladd, Portlaoise. 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home.



Rest in peace dear loved one, and thanks for all you've done,  
A special place is in our hearts, that you have truly won.

Loved and remembered by your loving wife Lily and all  
your family and friends.

*May Tom Rest in Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

OLIVE & JOHN (Barney) BRENNAN,  
their son OLIVER BRENNAN and their  
daughter ESTHER DUNNE née Brennan



We're thinking back to Christmas times, when we were very small, and how they were the happiest, most exciting times of all.

When the sound of Christmas carols, drifted softly through the air, when our world was filled with magic, and life didn't have a care.

And then we think of later years, those cheerful hugs and kisses, exchanging gifts and greeting cards, and making special wishes.

But it's funny how those memories, can now break our hearts in two, for dear family they remind us, just how much we're missing you.

*Cherished and missed, especially at Christmas, with love from your sons and daughters, brothers and sisters and brothers and sisters-in-law.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance on the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of

ESTHER DUNNE née Brennan

Portarlinton and formerly 51 Dr. Murphy Place,  
Portlaoise, who died 26<sup>th</sup> December 2019



When I come to the end of my journey  
and I travel my last weary mile,  
Just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned  
and remember only my smile.

Forget unkind words I may have spoken,  
Remember the good I have done,  
Forget that I ever had heartache, and  
remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered, and sometimes  
fell by the way, remember I've fought some hard battles,  
and won at the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going, I would not have you sad  
for a day, but in summer just gather some flowers, and  
remember the place where I lay.

And come in the cool of the evening, when the sun paints  
the sky in the west, stand for a few moments beside me  
and remember only my best.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

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

*Rest In Peace Esther*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of My Friend TERESA KHANDKER

London and formerly Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas with the Angels



Side by side Pal or miles apart,  
You are forever close to my heart.

*Thought of and missed everyday,  
especially at Christmas.*

*Love from your friend Frances  
and Tom.*

*Rest in Peace Teresa*

## Christmas Remembrance for a Special Sister-in-law

ESTHER DUNNE

St. Michael's Park, Portarlinton.  
1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from Home.



I said a prayer for you to thank the Lord  
above, for blessing me with your  
kindness, and your tender-hearted love.  
I thanked God for the caring you've  
shown me through the years, for the  
closeness we've enjoyed in times of  
laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for  
me, and I bless the Lord for giving me, the best  
sister-in-law there could be!

*Missing you always, your brother Michael and  
sister-in-law Ann x*

*Rest In Peace Esther*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of TERESA KHANDKER

née McCormack



Thinking of you with so much  
love this Christmas, Mummy.  
We were blessed with your love  
for so many years.

You are always in our hearts,  
your loving family in London  
and Cambridge who miss you  
very much.

*Rest in Peace Mummy*





**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**  
In Loving Memory of  
A loving Wife, Mother and Grandmother  
**SHEILA READY**

Late of 26 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home.



Missing you at Christmas

Everyday without you, since you had to go,  
Is like Summer without sunshine and  
Winter without snow,

I wish that I could talk to you,  
There's so much I would say,  
Life has changed so very much,  
since you went away.

I miss the bond between us and I miss your  
kind support,

You're in my mind and in my heart and  
every Christmas thought.

I'll always feel you close to me and though  
you're far from sight,  
I'll search for you among the stars that shine  
on Christmas night.

From your loving husband Willie, son William  
and his partner Stephanie, your daughter  
Marie and her partner Eugene and your  
granddaughters Teagan and Keiva.

Forever thought of and loved dearly.

*Rest in Peace Sheila*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

In Loving Memory of a very Special Mum  
**ELIZABETH (Mary) McEVOY**  
née Ryan

64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.  
Missing you everyday on your  
6<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home



**Christmas Without You**

Christmas brings us Peace and Joy, but it brings us  
sadness too, and just like many others will, I'll spend it  
without you. I miss you more at Christmas, than any  
other time of year, my greatest Christmas gift by far,  
would be just to have you here.

But I know you're within a world of light, where you  
softly lie asleep, and within my heart will always stay,  
Christmas memories that I'll keep.

**Christmas Memories of an Angel in Heaven**

We've asked an Angel in Heaven, in a special Christmas  
prayer, to protect you as you're sleeping and to tend  
you with great care. For we felt such pain and  
heartache, when you left us far behind and throughout  
the celebrations, you'll be very much in mind.

And although our tears are falling, peace and solace  
will be found, when we find a pure white feather, that  
has drifted to the ground. Because then we'll know for  
certain, by this sign from up above, that an angel's  
wings surround you with their everlasting love.

**Missing you at Christmas Mother**

Mother, when all the decorations are arranged upon  
the tree, that's when Christmas memories, come  
flooding back to me. The countless celebrations you  
lovingly prepared, and all the happy Christmases  
you and I have shared. I miss you every moment, Mum,  
since you went away, and how I wish that you were  
here, to welcome Christmas day.

**Missing you Mother, this Christmas**

*Thinking of you all the time  
Never forgotten, always remembered*

**Merry Christmas in Heaven Mother**

*And God bless you Mum, love James xxx  
May you my dearest Mother, Rest in Peace*



**BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBRANCE**

*Of My Wonderful Daughter  
SAMANTHA MOORE*

*Triogue Manor, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurred  
19<sup>th</sup> December, on her 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.*



I miss you so my heart is sore,  
As time goes by I miss you more,  
Your gentle smile, your loving face,  
No one can fill your vacant place.

*So dearly loved and so greatly  
missed, your heartbroken Mam,  
Aunts, Uncles and Cousins x*

*Rest in Peace Samantha*

**BIRTHDAY and CHRISTMAS  
REMEMBRANCE**

*Of Our Dear Mother  
HANNAH TUOHY*

*10 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Birthday and 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.  
Also our brother Patrick (Pa), whose 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary  
occurs 24<sup>th</sup> December.*



Our lips cannot speak how we loved  
you, our hearts cannot tell what to  
say, but only God knows how we miss  
you, in our home that is lonely today.

*Also thinking of our wonderful  
Grandmother Hannah Moylan who  
was deeply loved by us all.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered, by all the Tuohy Family xxx  
May Pa, Mam and Gran Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance  
OLIVER BARTLEY**

*91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise  
6<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.*



God saw you getting tired and  
a cure was not to be,  
So He put His arms around you  
and whispered come to me.  
With tearful eyes we watched  
you, and saw you pass away,  
And although we loved you dearly  
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only  
takes the best.

*From your loving wife Elizabeth, sons and daughter,  
daughters and son-in-law and grandchildren.*

*May Oliver Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

*For A Loving Father and Son  
Paddy and Patrick Doyle  
Lakeglen, Portlaoise.*



*Deep within our hearts,  
Wrapped in the purest gold,  
Are happy Christmas memories,  
Spent with you at home.*

*Loved and missed by his wife Nan & Family.  
May Paddy and Patrick Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance  
In Loving Memory of  
CON & EILEEN McLOUGHLIN  
68 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.**



Gone are the days we use to  
share, but in our hearts both  
of you are always there.  
The gates of memory will  
never close, we miss you  
more than anyone knows.



With tender love and deep regret, we who love you will  
never forget.

*With love from all your loving family.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

*In Loving Memory of  
WILLIAM & KATHLEEN MARUM  
63 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.*



It's sad that you're not with us at this  
lovely time of year,  
But we have precious memories of  
when you both were here.

You made each Christmas special,  
the way it's meant to be,

And filled it with your love, kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad,  
We know that we were blessed, and pray that Christmas  
Angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

*Loved and remembered by all your loving family.*

*Mam and Dad Rest in Peace*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of*



**LENA CONNOLLY**

*Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home.*

*Always in our thoughts  
Forever in our hearts.*

**Happy Christmas**

*Always loved and remembered by her loving husband Paddy,  
sons, daughters and grandchildren.*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of*

**CHRISTOPHER  
& ELIZABETH GING**

*8 New Road, Portlaoise.*



*It's sad that you're  
not with us at this  
special time of year,  
but we have precious  
memories of when you  
both were here.*



*You made Christmas special, the way it's meant to be,  
filled with love and kindness and generosity.*

*You were the dearest Mam and Dad, we know we were  
truly blessed, and pray that Christmas angels, bring  
you sweet eternal rest.*

*Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.*

*Loved and always remembered by their sons,  
daughters and all their loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Christopher & Elizabeth*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**PATRICIA GING**

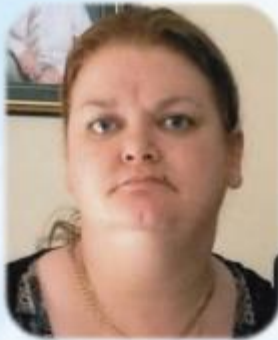
*Formerly 44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home*

*And her Son*

**ARON GING**

*1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from Home*



*This Christmas you're in a different place, and  
though we seem apart, we're closer than we ever  
were, you're both here in our hearts.*

*You are with us as we greet each day and while the  
sun shines bright, you're here to share the sunsets  
too and we feel your presence each night.*

*We feel you close when times are good, sharing a  
laugh or two, and if a tear should start to fall, that's  
when we are thinking of you.*

*Because those we love don't go away, they walk  
beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always  
near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.*

*And when that day arrives, that we are no longer  
apart, we will smile and hold you close to us, safely  
forever in our hearts.*

♥ *Thinking of you in Heaven today and always* ♥

*Loved and missed by all their loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Patricia & Aron*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**THOMAS &  
GERARD  
LAWLESS**

*Every day in some small  
way, memories of you  
come our way.*



*Though absent, you are always near,  
Still loved and missed & always dear.*

*Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.*

*Also remember baby Harris*

*May Thomas and Gerard Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**TOMMY MCCARTHY**

*6 Well Road, Portlaoise. 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Heaven.*

*A whisper on a November morn,*

*You heard a gentle call,*

*You took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all,*

*Your memories are so precious,*

*Your presence missed so much,*

*You will always be remembered and missed by all of us.*



*From your many many friends.*

*May Tommy Rest in Peace*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of  
A Cherished Father, Brother and Mother  
**PATRICK, BRIGID AND  
WILLIAM MILLS**  
148 St. Brigid's Place.*



Were the summer days more warmer,  
And was the sky much more blue,  
Like Christmas time seemed so much brighter,  
When we shared it all together with the three of you.

Missed so much at this time.  
Loved by all your loving family.

*Rest in Peace Patrick, Brigid & William*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of  
**JANE AND PATRICK SHIELS &  
BRIGID (Cissy) MILLS**  
Late of Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.*



It's sad that you're not with us at this lovely time of year but we have precious memories of when you were all here.

You made Christmas special the way it's meant to be, filled with love, kindness and generosity.

You were so very dear to us, we know that we were blessed and pray that Christmas angels bring you sweet eternal rest.

Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by all their loving family and friends.

*May They Rest in Peace*

*For thou wilt light my candle:  
the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.*

*Psalms 18:28*

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
JIMMY MORRIN R.I.P.**

45 St. John's Sq., Portlaoise, formerly New Road.  
16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Also remember our dear mother Annie who died on  
26<sup>th</sup> March 1962 aged 38 years.



His dreams were seldom spoken,  
His words were very few,  
And most of the time, his worries went  
unspoken too,  
True friend we could turn to, when times  
were good or bad,  
One of our greatest blessings, the man  
that we call Dad.

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

**Mass offered**

*Sadly missed by Kathleen and Anne and sons-in-law and  
granddaughters Karen and Rachel.*

*May Jimmy Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

*In Loving Memory of  
**THE DOYLE FAMILY***

*Formerly of 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.*

Mam and Dad, sister Ann Whelan, brothers Jack and Pad,  
Mickey and Jim and nephew Paul Doyle.  
Also remember our brother-in-law Billy Whelan, at this time.

*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,  
To love, to cherish and never forget.*

*Loved and remembered everyday.  
From your brother Joe and wife Kathleen*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of  
**TOM TIERNEY***

Tierman, Ballydavis, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church,  
Portlaoise on Sunday  
3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021 at 10am.

*Tom, deep in our hearts your  
memory is kept,  
To love, to cherish and  
never forget.*

*Loved and remembered by your wife Paula,  
sons Séamus and Ruaidhrí.*

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis*



**In Loving Memory of  
ELISH DOOLEY**

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.



*Somewhere beyond the sunset,  
Where loved ones never die,  
You sleep in a beautiful garden,  
Beneath a golden sky.  
Though Heaven and earth divide us,  
We're never far apart,  
For you are always in our thoughts,  
And forever in our hearts.*

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

*May Elish Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of  
JOSEPH, ELISH & FINTAN DOOLEY**  
7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.



*Sweet are their memories, dear are their names,  
Close to our hearts, they will always remain.*

*Loved and remembered by all their loving family.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of  
JIM FITZPATRICK**  
Abbeileix Rd., Portlaoise.



*Jimmy, Suaimhneas Dé ár  
d'anam dílis, le grá ó do  
chlan go léir*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of  
EDWARD & FRANCES COOKE**  
Fielbrook & formerly Rathevan, Portlaoise.



*Sweet are their memories, dear are their names,  
Close to our hearts they will always remain.*

*Missing you both at this time, from your loving daughter  
Margaret, son-in-law Gerard, grandsons Edward and Gearóid,  
Katie and Rachel and great-granddaughters Madison & Ailbhe.*

*May Edward and Frances Rest in Peace*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
ANTHONY & KAY WALSH**

Late of 1 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise.  
Anthony died 15/7/2015 - 5<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home  
Kay died 30/9/2020 - 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home



When everyone is busy at this festive time of year,  
Thoughts so often turn to you, wishing you were here.  
We shared so much together, that memories abound,  
And you're remembered fondly, when Christmas  
comes around.

May you know you're thought about, wherever you may  
roam, and may the stars shine brightly,  
To light your Heavenly home.

*Missed and remembered daily by your sons John and  
Tony, daughter Catriona, Luke and grandchildren.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of  
EDWARD & FRANCES COOKE**  
Rathevan, Portlaoise.



*Deep in our hearts you will forever stay,  
Both loved, cherished and remembered everyday.*

*Missing you both at Christmas time, your loving daughter  
Bridie, son-in-law Stephen, grandchildren Deirdre, Karen  
and Eamonn and great-grandchildren Ciara, Oisín, Abbie,  
Hayley and Lily.*

*Rest in Peace Edward and Frances*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
ORLA CONROY-KELLY**

25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home



Everyday without you since  
you had to go, is like a summer  
without sunshine and  
Christmas without snow.  
We wish that we could talk  
to you,  
There's so much we would say,  
Life has changed so very much,  
since you went away.

We miss the bond between us and we miss your kind  
support, you're in our minds and in our hearts and every  
Christmas thought.

We'll always feel you close to us, and though you're far  
from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that  
shine on Christmas night.

*Happy Christmas Orla*

*You are always on our minds.*

*Loved and missed so very much.*

From your heart broken parents, brother Brendan, sisters and  
partners, Sharon & Jim, Lorena & Shane, Lynda & Damien,  
Olivia & Brian, Geraldine & Rocky & your nieces and nephews.  
Also lovingly remembered by your adored children Lydian and  
partner Sean, son Paddy, and your granddaughter Orla Mae.

*Also remembering Orla's Grandparents*

**MICHAEL & EILEEN GRIFFIN**

19 Marian Place, Portlaoise.



*Remembering you both at Christmas  
and always*

Also remembering Eileen who would be celebrating her  
102<sup>nd</sup> birthday on New Years Eve.

From all your loving family.

*Rest in Peace Orla, Michael and Eileen xxx*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
NED (Edward) & MADGE**

**McEVOY**

Capoley, Portlaoise.  
23<sup>rd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away  
from home.



*You never lose the ones you love,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen unheard but always near,  
A Father and Mother we loved so dear.*

*Forever in our hearts, loved and missed by all your loving  
family.*

*May Ned & Madge Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of**

**RICHARD & ELIZABETH O' BRIEN**

1 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



Wonderful memories woven in gold,  
This is a picture I tenderly hold,  
Deep in my heart a memory is kept,  
To love, to cherish, never to forget.

*Always loved and remembered by  
Jonnie, Maura and family.*

*May Richard & Elizabeth Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of**

**THOMAS & KATHLEEN WHELAN**

Bellgrove, Ballybrittas and Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



Nothing can ever take away,  
The love a heart holds dear,  
Fond memories linger every day,  
Remembrance keeps you  
both near.

*Always loved and remembered by Maureen, Jonnie and family.*

*May Thomas & Kathleen Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of**

**SEAN & NOEL WHELAN**

Ballybrittas and formerly Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



Always a smile instead of a frown,  
Always a hand when one is down,  
Always true, thoughtful and kind,  
Wonderful memories you both left  
behind.

*Always loved and remembered by Maureen, Jonnie and family.*

*May Sean & Noel Rest in Peace*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.



*Thinking of you today, Mum, but  
then that is nothing new,  
For you were thought of yesterday,  
and will be tomorrow too.  
Because you're missed so very  
much, far more than words can say,  
And sadly Mum, no presents, cards  
or hugs on Christmas Day.*

*Just silent tears and a special kiss, blown to Heaven  
above, to thank you for a lifetime of devoted, selfless  
love, and a whispered Christmas promise, that on  
each day yet to come, you will always be  
remembered, for you meant the world to us Mum.*

*Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith,  
Ciara, grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,  
brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and extended family  
and friends.*

*May Rita Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance  
MARY & ALO M'EOVOY**

Late of St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
Alo's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> December 2020



Alo's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Mass will  
be celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church on  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December at  
10am.

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
but you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
the day God called you home.  
You left us peaceful memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.  
Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one,  
The chain will link again.*



*Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
AGNES & PETER LALOR**

Missing you always - Especially at Christmas



*With all the celebrations  
and Christmas drawing  
near, what a lovely time  
we'd have,  
If only you were here.  
We'd spend so many hours  
the way we did before,*

*Christmas is for loved ones and we couldn't miss you  
more.*

*Missing you both at Christmas and always.*

*Also thinking of their daughters  
RITA LALOR & MARGARET LAWLESS*

*And their Great-Grandchild*

**SHANE BROPHY**

*On his 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home.*



*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by their daughters,  
sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren,  
great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews and  
grand-nephews.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance  
JIMMY & MAY PRESTON**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Missing you Mam and  
Dad at Christmas



*It's sad that you are not  
with us at this lovely  
time of year, but we  
have precious memories  
of when you both were  
here.*



You made Christmas special, the way its meant to be, filled  
with love and kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad,  
We know that we were blessed, and pray that Christmas  
angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

*Loved and missed dearly by all your loving family.*

*May Jimmy and May Rest in Peace*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

*Of My Partner*

**JIM DOYLE**

**133 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.**

*Missing you this Christmas and always*



While strolling through a lovely garden, as day was drawing to a close,  
My eyes behind a tragic story,  
*I saw teardrops on a rose.*

Standing on those rose bushes were two Robin red breasts,  
As soon as I laid my eyes on them, tears welled up from my chest.  
It should have been tears of gladness, but deep inside the sorrow shows,  
A trusting heart had just been broken,  
*I saw teardrops on a rose.*

I knew they were my loved ones, who were sent from Heaven's gate,  
To let me know they're still around, since to the promise land they went.  
They were singing a sweet song with a twinkle in their eyes,  
Then they flew on to a small roof and flapped their wings to say goodbye.  
A sobbing tear that follows parting, holds all the pain that sorrow knows,  
A false goodbye, a life is shattered,  
*There lies a story on a rose.*

My tears will dry, the rose will wither, when spring and winter comes and goes,  
I loved, I lost, my story ended with just *teardrops on a rose.*  
But I know they will be back again, when I am feeling down,  
They will be singing their sweet song again to me, as if to say,  
don't be sad, we are always around.

*Remembering you Jim at Christmas and always*

*Never forgotten*

**Happy Christmas**

From Bridget and extended families xxx



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**  
*In Loving Memory of*  
**TIMMY & BERNADETTE SCULLY**  
 3 New Road, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're not with us, at this lovely time of year,  
 But we have precious memories of when you both were  
 here.

You made each Christmas special, the way it's meant to be,  
 And filled it with your love, kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad,  
 We know that we were blessed,  
 And pray that Christmas Angels, bring you sweet  
 eternal rest.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

*Loved and remembered always by your daughters  
 Mary and Bernadette, grandsons Senan and Cillian  
 son-in-law John, family and friends.*

*May Timmy and Bernadette Rest In Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**KATHLEEN DUNNE**

*St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise*  
 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Anniversary Mass will be  
 celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
 Parish Church on  
**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 10am.**

*Sadly missed by all her loving family  
 and friends.*

*May Kathleen Rest in Peace*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**  
**THE BUGGY FAMILY**

*George*



29<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary

*Pat*



9<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary

*Mary*



22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Anniversary

*George*



8<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary

Life is but a stopping place,  
 A pause in what's to be,  
 A resting place along the road,  
 To sweet eternity,  
 We all have different journeys,  
 Different paths along the way,  
 We are all meant to learn new things,  
 But never meant to stay.

*Love Phil x*

*May they Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**

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

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from home.



*To a loving Wife, cherished  
 Mother and adored Nanny*

Thinking of you this  
 Christmas and how things  
 just aren't the same,  
 There's this dull and nagging  
 heartache, when someone  
 speaks your name,

Sadly, we can't buy gifts for you, just silent tears  
 that fall, for this time of year without you, is the  
 hardest time of all.

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom,  
 daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula,  
 grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and  
 Willow. Always in our hearts.

*Rest in Peace Mam*

**Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of**  
**PADDY & ROSIE CONROY**  
 Market Square, Portlaoise.



*Loved and missed by Geraldine & family.*

*May Paddy & Rosie Rest in Peace*



**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**GERALDINE LEWIS**

*The Heath, Portlaoise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home.*



*Missing you always, especially  
this Christmas, our second  
Christmas without you.*

Geraldine, we shared some laughs,  
we shared some tears, but best of  
all Geraldine we shared great years,  
No more tomorrows for us to share,  
but yesterdays memories will  
always be there.

*Loved and missed dearly by your loving husband Derek,  
children Serena, Rachel, Darragh and grandson Killian.*

*May Geraldine Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**GERALDINE LEWIS**

*The Heath, Portlaoise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home.*



Heavy are our hearts today  
Memory brings you back once more  
To the time you were with us  
To the happy days of yore.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered  
by her parents-in-law, Teddy and  
Trisha, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law  
and extended family.

*May Geraldine Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**JOSEPH & BRIDGET**  
**CLEAR**

*Whose Anniversaries occur at this time.*



*Will those who think of them today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say,  
Always remembered by your  
loving family.*

*May Joseph and Bridget Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**GERALDINE LEWIS née Buggy**

*The Heath, Portlaoise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home.*



*You gave us years of happiness,  
then sorrow came with tears,  
You left us lovely memories that we  
will treasure through the years.*

Sadly missed and always remembered  
by your Daddy, Mammy, Sean, Valery,  
Edel and families xxxxx

*Rest in Peace Geraldine*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of**  
**CRAIG AND AARON**  
**GORMAN-KELLY**

*105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home.*



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.

*From your loving father Michael, brother Brandon  
and sister Chloe, extended family and friends.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ANTHONY (Tony) DUNNE**

*Glendowns, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 10am.*



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 his loving wife Mary, daughters  
Tracy and Regina, sons, Tony, Greg and  
Damien, grandchildren Danielle,  
Cheyenne, Saffron, sister Josephine and extended family.

*Rest in Peace Tony*



**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**  
*In Loving Memory of*  
**MARTIN & DAVID RAFTER**



*My much loved husband, Martin.*

This time of year was always such a special time for me,  
I loved to share its warmth with you beside the Christmas tree,  
But without my lovely husband, I feel lost and all alone.  
And everything seems pointless, now that I am all on my own.  
But each time I see your picture, you seem to smile and say,  
Don't cry for me, I promise that we will meet again someday.  
So until that perfect moment, we will just be a thought apart,  
And at Christmas time, as always, you will be here inside my heart!

*Loved & remembered everyday, your heartbroken wife, Betty xx*

*Also remembering my beloved son, David, at Christmas time.*

Something will remind me, I never know just when. It might be something someone says, and it all comes back again. The times we spent together, the happiness, the fun, once again I feel the pain, of life without my son. It's said that time's a healer, I'm not sure this is true.

There's not a day that goes by, David, that I don't cry for you!

*Fondest memories. Hope you and Daddy are together in Heavenly peace this Christmas. Love Mam xx*

**MARTIN & DAVID**  
*1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from us.*

Christmas brings us peace and joy, but it brings sorrow too, and just like many others will, I'll spend it missing you.  
So this year, as I gaze into the dark and wintry sky, Christmas stars will twinkle, and I'll know the reason why.

*Missing you more everyday!!! Love always, Vanda, Stefan and Amy xx*

Also remembering my Mam, Esther Szwaglis, at Christmas. Never Forgotten xx

**REMEMBERING DADDY & DAVID**

*Christmas Without You*

Although it's sad to reminisce on Christmases we knew,  
This year we shall celebrate in memory of both of you.  
We shall put aside our sorrow, with every unshed tear,  
And concentrate on all the love we shared when you were here.  
Our time together taught us what Christmas time is for,  
And that's what we'll remember until we meet once more.



*Remembering you both at Christmas. With love, James, Claire, Aaron, Rachel & Jonathan xx*

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE OF MY MUCH LOVED DAD, MARTIN RAFTER  
AND MY DARLING BROTHER, DAVID RAFTER**

Love says little, but means so much. Love is a feeling, a look, a touch.  
Love is a gift, and I give it to you, from a loving heart, that's broken in two!

*Loved and missed, forever and a day. Love always, John, Martina and Craig xx*

*May They Rest in Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

For our Loving Parents

**THOMAS & JULIA DOHENY**

23 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.

*You cared for us when we were small,  
Watched over us as we grew tall,  
You shared our joys and dried our tears,  
Thank you for those precious years.*

With love from their sons, daughters,  
grandchildren, great-grandchildren,  
extended family and friends.

*Also remembering other deceased  
relatives and friends at this time.*



*May Thomas and Julia Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of

**JAMES DEMPSEY**

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January at 6pm.

A loving husband and father so true,  
No one on this earth we'll find like you,  
For us you always did your best,  
God grant your soul eternal rest.

Also remembering our mother Sadie at this time.

*From all your loving family.*



*May James Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

For A Loving Partner and Brother

**FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE**

*Fergus, Your life was a blessing,*

*Your memory a treasure,*

*You are loved beyond words and missed  
beyond measure.*

Always remembered by his loving partner Esther,  
brothers, sister, relatives and friends.

*Also remembering other deceased relatives  
and friends at this time.*



*May Fergus Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

**MARGARET HOULIHAN**

14 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise

3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from home

Missing You at Christmas.

Every day without you since  
you had to go,

Is like Summer without sunshine  
and Winter without snow,

I wish that I could talk to you,

There's so much I would say,

Life has changed so very much,  
since you went away.

I miss the bond between us and  
I miss your kind support,

You're in my mind and in my heart and every Christmas  
thought.

I'll always feel you close to me and though you're far  
from sight,

I'll search for you among the stars that shine on  
Christmas night.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving  
husband James, sons, daughters and grandchildren and  
extended family.*

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

For a Loving Wife, Mother & Gran

**MARGARET LYNCH née DOHENY**

St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

*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 always remembered  
by her loving husband, children and  
grandchildren.

*Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.*

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*



## In Loving Memory of

**STEPHEN CONROY**

34 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm.

Memories of you we will keep and treasure,  
In our hearts they will live forever.

*Sadly missed today and always by his  
loving wife Pauline, sons, daughters, sons-in-law,  
daughters-in-law, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.*

*May Stephen Rest in Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

**MARGARET LYNCH née DOHENY**

St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

*Along the road to yesterday,*

*That leads us straight to you,*

*Are memories of the happy days,*

*Together we once knew.*

*And always every evening,*

*We seem to have a way,*

*Of wandering back to meet you,*

*On the road to yesterday.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by her loving sisters,  
brothers and daughter Mary and the boys.

*Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.*

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*





## Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARGARET LAWLESS** *née Lawlor*  
*Lakeglen, Portlaoise.*

*Thinking of you on this, your 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas from us.*



A picture of you I carry in  
my heart,  
I close my eyes to see it, when  
the world gets dark,  
A memory of you I carry in  
my soul,  
I wrap it close around me,  
when the nights get cold.  
If you ask how I am,  
I'd say just fine,  
But the truth is, if you could  
read my mind,  
Not a day goes by, that I don't  
think of you.

*All our love, your husband Sonny, sons Thomas  
& Louise, Alan & David, Terry & Siobhan and  
your grandchildren Tamara, Thomas, Jack,  
Rhea and Luke.*

*Rest in Peace Margaret*

## Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of**  
**EWIN STONE**

*Thornberry, Abbeyleix*

*On your 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from Home*



We remember you with fondness  
and love Eoin, the tree is up and the  
lights will be lit but your infectious  
smile will forever be missed.  
Christmas will be difficult without  
your beautiful soul, your family will  
miss you more than you know.  
So happy Christmas to you, keep  
shining above, guiding us all,  
protecting us with love.

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

*Happy Christmas, Rest in Peace Eoin*

## Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of**  
**CAMILLUS RYAN**

*O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from Home*



Sadly missed by his son James,  
daughters Aileen, Denise and Melissa,  
daughter and sons in law, grandchildren,  
brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews,  
extended family and Michelle.

*Rest in Peace Camillus*

## Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of**  
**PJ O' BRIEN**

*83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

*5<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.*



Missing you Dad at Christmas  
*Christmas is a time of joy, but now  
without you Dad, memories surround  
us, and it's easy to be sad.*  
*But knowing you'll be watching with  
a father's gentle pride,  
We'll celebrate the happiness, those  
memories provide.*

*Your love is here to guide us,  
In everything we do,  
And we give thanks at  
Christmas time, in memory of you.*

**RIP Grandad xxx**

*Truly missed by your beloved wife Teresa,  
daughters, sons, grandchildren and  
your large circle of friends.*

*Rest in Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MICHAEL FARRELL** *Lakeglen, Portlaoise.*

*5<sup>th</sup> Christmas Away from Home*



There is a very special place beyond the  
skies above,  
Somewhere very peaceful that is full of  
light and love,  
That special place is Heaven where you're  
free to laugh and roam, it was your time  
to go there so the Angels took you home,  
And though you're in our thoughts each  
single day throughout the year,

At this special time of Christmas, we all wish you could be here.  
Now you're in a better place your soul is laid to rest.

*Love always, Patricia and Patrick and also your brothers,  
sisters, nieces and nephews xxxxx*

*May Michael Rest in Peace*



**Christmas Birthday Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of Our Father**  
**STEPHEN DWANE**

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Christmas and Birthday away from Home



*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.*

*To a loving father, sadly missed by your sons, daughters  
and extended family. Forever in our Hearts. xx*

*May Stephen Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Birthday Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of My Husband**  
**STEPHEN DWANE**

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Christmas and Birthday away from Home



*Although you can't be here  
with me, we're truly not  
apart,  
Until the final breath I  
take, you'll be living in my  
heart.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife  
Philomena Dwane xx*

*May Stephen Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Birthday Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of Our Grandad**  
**STEPHEN DWANE**

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Christmas and Birthday away from Home



*It's lonely here without you,  
We miss you more each day,  
For life is not the same to us,  
Since you were called away.*

*To Grandad*

*Missing you every day.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday from your  
grandchildren and great-grandchildren xx*

*May Stephen Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**

**Patrick (Bumper) Whelan**  
16 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



**And his daughter**  
**Caroline Moore née Whelan**

10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.

*The sadness never goes away, the silent tears still flow,  
You're thought of and so sadly missed, more than you'll ever  
know,*

*But now you're with the angels, safe and sound in Heaven  
above, we hold onto the memories and treasure them with love,  
Yet special times like Christmas often make us wonder why,  
God took you from this world, it was too soon to say goodbye,  
But memories are precious, they will last a lifetime through,  
We know God has chosen you to be his angel too.*

Happy Christmas to a wonderful Dad and Sister  
From your loving wife Kathleen, Patrick, Chris, Mag, Jackie,  
Mary, Samantha, Paul, Niall and Gavin xxxxxxxx

*May Patrick and Caroline Rest in Peace*

*Holy Night*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**

**WINIFRED & JAMES McCORMACK**  
Timahoe and Clonboyne, Portlaoise.  
9<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home



Missing you at  
Christmas

We speak your name  
with love and pride,  
We smile with tears  
we cannot hide,  
We thank you for the  
years we shared,



The love you gave, the way you cared,  
Your memory is our keepsake, from which we'll  
never part,  
God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

*Forever in our hearts and dearly missed by  
Margaret, Richard, Pauline, Robert, Gavin, Alex,  
Margaret, Dave, Ryan, Pat and Trish x*

*May They Rest In Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of  
DECLAN DOOCEY  
Formerly of Castletown, Colt and Abbeyleix  
1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home*



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 by  
Helen, Mark, Paul, Conor,  
Doireann, Éadaoin & Grandchildren  
Ella, Mia, Noah and Ceol x*

*Rest in Peace Declan*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of  
THOMAS, CRAIG AND  
AARON KELLY*



Do you think there's a Christmas in Heaven?  
Because I have loving sons and my father up  
there,

I can no longer give them special gifts, but I want  
them to know, I still care and miss them so deeply.  
So I'll send them my love forever, and send  
prayers that they're doing just fine, and my  
thoughts will always be with them, with a promise  
they will always be mine.

Sending love and hugs this Christmas, to my  
beautiful precious hearts, Daddy, Craig, Aaron,  
my darling loved ones who are resting in  
Heaven above.

*Love you all forever, Mammy, Mudasar, Brandon,  
Aisha, Noah and Junaid xxx*

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK KEVIN SCULLY  
5 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise  
39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020*



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

We hold you close within our  
hearts and there you shall  
remain,

To walk with us throughout our  
lives, until we meet again xxx

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by all your  
loving family.*

*Also remembering his loving wife Johanna at this time.*

*Rest in Peace Patrick*

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of  
RAYMOND (Ray) BYRNE*

*15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2020*



Ray; It's hard to believe you are  
no longer here, we think of you,  
we feel you near.

In some small way, everyday,  
memories of you come our way.

*Loved and remembered by  
Mam and all the family.*

*May Raymond Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of  
EOIN FINGLETON  
Sallins and formerly of Ballytegan, Portlaoise.  
Died 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019.  
Eoin's 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from us.*



We think of you every single day.

*Loved and remembered and sadly  
missed by Mam, Dad, Aoife, Ciara,  
Brian, Sarah and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace Eoin*





## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of  
**THE O' SHEA FAMILIES**  
207 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Edward  
O' Shea



Julia  
O' Shea



Edward  
(Sonny)  
O' Shea



Oliver  
O' Shea



Frankie  
O' Shea



Geraldine  
Keegan



Angela  
Kelly-O'Shea



Gerard  
Kelly



John  
Kelly



Lisa  
O' Shea



Tommy (Eugene) Conroy



Jamie-Lee Moore



Wayne  
Kelly



Elizabeth  
(Betty)  
O' Brien

Also remember Sinead McCreevy

*Sadly missed along life's way,  
quietly remembered every day,*

*No longer in our lives to share, but in our  
hearts you are always there.*



Michael  
(Gilpin)  
Conroy

*From Lucy, Mag, Ann, Paul and Michael  
and Jacinta xx*

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of  
**MARTIN WALSH**  
118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Dear Lord, take care of  
Martin as he takes his rest,  
He was my husband and  
one of the best.

*Sadly missed by his loving  
wife Margaret, sons Anthony  
and Joseph, daughters  
Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia and Colette,  
grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.*

Also remembering  
**MARTIN WALSH Jnr.**



I held you in my arms the  
day you were born,  
You were a joy all your short  
life and now,  
"I carry you in my heart".

*Sadly missed by your loving  
Mam, brothers, sisters,  
nieces and nephews.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of MICHAEL LEECH

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise and formerly Kellystown, Wolfhill.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> December 2020



*If we had all the world to give,  
We'd give it yes, and more.  
To hear his voice, to see his smile  
And greet him at the door.  
But all we can do dear Dad,  
Is go and tend your grave.*

*And leave behind tokens of love, to the best Dad that God made.*  
With much love, Anne, Elizabeth, Colette, Geraldine,  
Michelle and families.

Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, on Christmas Eve at 9pm.  
The Mass will be live streamed on the Ballyadams  
Parish Facebook page.

*May Michael Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of  
**ALICE AND TOM McEVOY**  
80 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Wonderful memories  
of ones so dear,  
Treasured still with a  
love sincere,  
In our hearts they  
are living yet,



We loved them too dearly to forget.

Also thinking of their loved ones past at this time.

*From all their loving family.*

*May Alice and Tom Rest in Peace*



**Christmas Remembrance**  
**THE HOULIHAN FAMILY**

*Late of 43 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.*



Dad, Mam, Mick, John, Eugene, Billy, Francis, Bridget, Helen, Pauline, nephews Fran and Wayne, brother-in-law Paddy Mills, Granny Ellen Neilus, baby McEvoy, baby Ging and Margaret Ging, on her 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home.

This is for a very special family, as loved as anyone could ever be. For ye were everything in our lives, and ye meant the world to us. Life can be so unkind, when hearts are torn in two, nothing could ever compare to the pain of losing you. An angel whispered in Francis' ear, believe in me and have no fear, Come with me and take my hand, I will take you to a better land. A place of peace, A place of light, Don't be afraid, just hold on tight, Loved ones will join you, don't despair, You have many in Heaven waiting there. Your body died, Your spirit is free, That is why you get to fly with me. A gentleman with a golden heart, who kept his family and friends close and were never far apart, Sharing love and kindness with everyone near, we will cherish the memories that are now so dear.

*Happy Christmas to you all,  
Always loved & remembered by your sons  
and daughters, brothers and sisters.*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**Of our beautiful daughter**  
**MARIA GREENE**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 7/2/09-15/3/14  
7<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Heaven*



*Happy Christmas*

*Love from Daddy, Mommy,  
brother Stephen, sister Natalie,  
new baby brother Denis,  
grandparents, uncles, aunts  
and cousins.*

*We'll always feel you are close to us and though you are  
far from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that  
shine on Christmas night.*

**Also remember**  
**Our Loving Mother**  
**JOSEPHINE (Josie)**  
**GREENE**

*Kilimy, Emo.  
5<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Heaven*

*Happy Christmas*

*Love from your sons, daughters, son-in-law,  
daughter-in-law and grandchildren.*



**In Sad and Loving Memory of**  
**Our Dear Dad**  
**PADDY HOULIHAN**

*43 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise. Died 25<sup>th</sup> December 1986.  
34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



*Far away on the loveliest hill, away from  
sorrow and care, someday we will find you,  
watching and waiting there,  
We will know your voice in the midst of the  
crowd, and your lovely smile of old,  
Our hands will meet on God's own street and  
never more enfold.*

*Sadly missed by your loving sons and daughters.*

*May Paddy Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**KATHLEEN HUBER MCEVOY**

*Switzerland & formerly Grange Upper*



*Little we knew that morning that God would  
call your name. It broke our hearts to lose  
you but you did not go alone, for part of us  
went with you the day God called you home.*

*Sadly missed by your brother Joe, Mary,  
Tricia, Greg, Mary & families*

*May Kathleen Rest in Peace*



**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of our**  
**Mammy and Nanny**  
**PATRICIA O' BRIEN** *née Rice*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home*



Her journey has just begun,  
 Don't think of her as gone  
 away,  
 Her journey has just begun,  
 Life holds many faces,  
 The earth is only one,  
 Just think of her as resting  
 from the sorrows and the  
 tears,

In a place of warmth and comfort, where there are no  
 days and years,

Think how she must be wishing, that we could know  
 today, how nothing but our sadness can really pass  
 away,

And think of her as living in the hearts of those she  
 touched, for nothing loved is ever lost, and she  
 was loved so much.

*Sadly missed and always remembered your daughters*  
*Sandra and Yvonne, grandchildren Gordon, Evan,*  
*Teagan and Grace Patricia.*  
*Also Christy, John and Sonny xxx*

*Rest in Peace Patricia*

*Jesus is the reason for the Season*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**THE DOYLE FAMILY**



Our Parents Patrick and  
 Mai Doyle, our brothers Mickey,  
 Jack and Jim, our sister Ann  
 Whelan and nephew Paul Doyle.  
 Late of 37 Dr. Murphy's Place and  
 85 and 58 St. Brigid's Place.

*Happy Heavenly Christmas*

*Time may hide a sadness, like a smile can hide a tear,*  
*But memories will last forever, of our family we loved so*  
*dear.*

*Not just a memory or part of the past, but ours to*  
*remember as long as life lasts.*

*Sadly missed by Ellen, Mary, Guggie and families.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Anniversary & Christmas**  
**Remembrance**

**JOE & MARY HOLOHAN**  
*Rathmoyle*  
**EDWARD, MOLLY & TIM O' GORMAN**  
*Redhill*

Joe and Mary Holohan, whose anniversary occurs at this  
 time, also other Holohan family members who have  
 passed away.

*and*

Edward, Molly and Tim O' Gorman, who we also remember  
 at this time.

*A beautiful nature, warm and true,*  
*These are the memories we have of all of you.*

Lots of love, George, Ann and family (Holohan) and Phil.

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**

**MARY JO McDONNELL** *née Maher*  
*Late of Shanahoe, Abbeyleix*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> December 2020.*



To your resting place we visit,  
 Place flowers there with care,  
 But no one knows our heartache,  
 when we turn and leave you there.

*Sadly missed by her husband*  
*Walter, son Colm, sister Phyllis*  
*and all her loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Mary Jo*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE**  
 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021



Our memories build a special  
 bridge when loved ones have to  
 part, to help us feel we are with  
 them still and soothe a grieving  
 heart.

Our memories span the years we  
 shared, preserving ties that bind,  
 They build a special bridge of  
 love and bring us peace of mind.

Rest in peace Fergus. Dear Jesus, thy Heavenly home above with  
 Sacred Heart of Jesus in his own eternal love.

*Sadly missed by your loving partner Esther, brothers*  
*and sisters, relatives and friends.*

*May Fergus Rest in Peace*



## **CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

of a Special Son and Father

**JAMIE-LEE MOORE & FRANCIS MOORE**



With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near,  
What a lovely time we'd have if only ye were here,  
We'd spend so many happy hours, the way we did  
before,

Christmas is for loved ones and I couldn't miss ye more,  
When I wake on Christmas Day, I'll look to Heaven above,  
And I'll remember every smile and think of ye with love,  
It warms my heart to know ye are together for all eternity.



*Love and Miss ye always Jamie Lee and Daddy*

*Christmas Remembrance of a Precious Brother*

**On your 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home Jamie Lee**

Thinking of you and missing you more than words could ever say,  
For life seemed to change forever on the day you went away,  
And this season has lost it's sparkle now that you're no longer here,  
Gone is all the warmth and laughter and those feelings of good cheer.  
But each night there in the distance, shines a brilliant Christmas star,  
which is Heaven's way of showing just exactly where you are,  
And on Christmas Day as always and on each day yet to come,  
You'll be loved, missed and remembered for you meant the world to us  
dear brother.

*Love and miss you always, Tanya, Tirna, Jake, Taylor and  
your niece Kyra-mae xxx*

*Christmas Remembrance of a Nephew and Dad*

Looking back to Christmas past and happy times gone by,  
Remembering both with laughter and always asking "Why"?  
For there are just so many things that no one can explain,  
Why both of you were taken but the rest of us remain,

And why a special time like this should be a time to grieve, to wish you both were still here  
and wonder why ye had to leave,

Because you're missed at Christmas and on each and every day,  
For ye both were someone special, who meant more than words can say

*Love and miss ye Always, Sharon, James and family xxx*

*May Jamie and Francis Rest in Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of*  
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUNNE FAMILY**  
*Late of 6 Borris Little*



Seamus Dunne, Charlotte Dunne,  
Charlotte Gogarty, Ger Dunne  
And John Dunne

*Beautiful memories are treasured forever  
Of happy days when we were together*

*Remembering you all at Christmas time  
From Geraldine, Tony and family.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

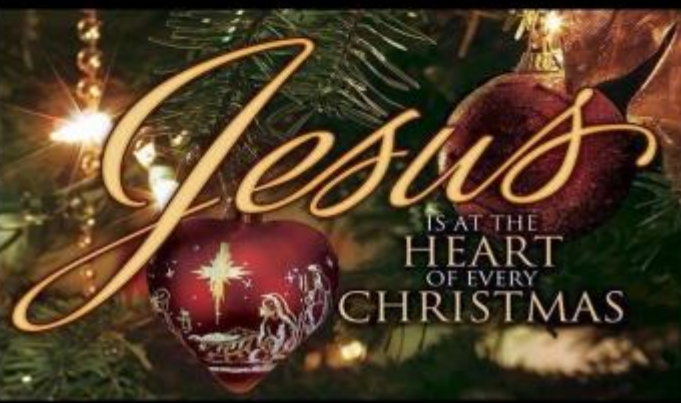
*In Loving Memory of*  
**GERARD DUNNE**  
**Braccas, Ballacolla, Co. Laois**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home**



Many the thoughts I give to you,  
As the long hours go by,  
Thinking of the things we used to  
do and say, just you and I.  
Sometimes they make me smile,  
Sometimes they make me cry,  
But are precious to me alone,  
Memories of You and I.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving  
wife Kathleen and all his family xxx*

*May Gerard Rest in Peace*



## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of*  
**SEAN & KEVIN KEOGH**

*Parkview, Portlaoise.*



When ties of love  
are broken,  
And loved ones  
have to part,  
It leaves a wound that



never heals, an ever aching heart.

*From your loving wife Brid and family.*

*May Sean & Kevin Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of*  
**JOSEPHINE WATSON**

*Main St. Portarlinton and Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.*  
*6<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home*



*As every moment passes by,  
Now that Christmas time is here,  
We will be thinking of the joys we  
shared, at this special time of year.*

*We remember the happiness and the  
feeling of good cheer,  
When we celebrated Christmas in the  
days that you were here.*

*Instead of a card we send our love,  
Instead of a gift, a prayer,  
We will always love and miss you  
and wish that you were here.*



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



*With love on this Christmas day and always, from all your  
loving family.*

*May Josephine Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of*  
**ALICE AND TOM McEVOY**  
**80 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.**



Wonderful memories  
of ones so dear,  
Treasured still with a  
love sincere,  
In our hearts they  
are living yet,



We loved them too dearly to forget.

Also thinking of their loved ones past at this time.

*From all their loving family.*

*May Alice and Tom Rest in Peace*



## *Christmas Remembrance*



**Gertrude  
John  
Eamon  
ROCHE**

*Ballycarroll, Portlaoise, Laois*



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

*Loved and missed always by daughter Anne, son-in-law  
James and grandchildren.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

## **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
CHRISSIE GRAHAM**

*Ridge Road. Portlaoise. 25-12-13.*



We never need a special day to bring you to  
our minds, for days without a thought of you  
Mam are very hard to find.

We cannot send a birthday card,  
Your hand we cannot touch,

But God will take our greetings, to you Mam,  
who we love so much.

*Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Loved always by your husband Jim,  
son and daughters and grandchildren.*

## **Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of  
PATRICIA O' BRIEN née Rice**

*Late of 98 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home.*



I hold you close to my  
heart, and there you shall  
remain,  
To walk with me through  
my life, until we meet  
again.

So rest in peace dear  
loved one, and thanks for  
all you have done,  
We pray that God has  
given you the crown, you  
truly won.

*Forever in my heart, love your son Damien.  
Irish you certainly did it your way.*

*Rest in Peace Mam*

## **CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
PHILOMENA HIGGINS**

*5 Newpark, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home*



### *Philomena's Poem*

*January* brings the snow, makes  
our feet and fingers glow.  
*February* brings the rain, thaws  
the frozen lakes again.  
*March* brings breezes sharp and  
chill, shakes the dancing daffodil.  
*April* brings the primrose sweet,  
scatters daisies at our feet.  
*May* brings flocks of pretty lambs,  
sporting round their fleecy dams.  
*June* brings tulips, lilies, roses, fills  
the children's hands with posies.  
*Hot July* brings thunder showers,  
apricots and gillyflowers.

*August* brings the sheaves of corn, then the harvest home is borne.  
Warm *September* brings the fruit, then sportsmen begin to shoot.  
Brown *October* brings the pheasant, then to gather nuts is pleasant.  
Dull *November* brings the blast, hark the leaves are whirling fast.  
Cold *December* brings the sleet, blazing fire and Christmas treat.

*Loved and remembered by her husband Christy, sons David  
and Matthew, grandchildren Jamie, Holly and Katelyn,  
daughter-in-law Shauna, extended family, relatives and  
friends especially the Lenehan family from Tralee and her  
colleagues in St. Vincent de Paul and friends in the Slieve  
Bloom Walking Club.*

*Rest in Peace Philomena*

## **Christmas Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of  
TERESA CONROY**

*Ballydavis, Portlaoise.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home.*



*Although we cannot hear her  
voice or see her smile no more,  
Our Mother walks beside us  
still, just as she did before,  
A silent thought,  
A quiet prayer,  
For our special Mother safe in  
God's care.*

*Also remembering Teresa's husband Sean  
at this Christmas time.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

*Love on this Christmas Day and always, from  
your son Brendan, daughter Mary,  
daughter-in-law Anne, son-in-law Joe, and  
grandchildren; David, Benny, Mark and Chloe.*



## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of  
**SIMON WALSH***

*Late of Fairgreen, Portlaoise.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2020.*



We think of you with love today,  
But that is nothing new,  
We thought about you yesterday, and all the days before that too,  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
All we have are memories,  
And your picture in a frame.

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

*Lots of love always,  
Shauna, Miya and Callum xxx  
Rest in Peace Simon*



## Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of  
**THE O' SHEA FAMILY**  
34 St. John's Square, Portlaoise  
Remembering Mam, Dad,  
Nanthan, Jimmy, Susan & Billy*



It's Christmas time and ever since the day that ye were taken,  
The lonely memories you've left have never been forsaken

They'll always stay as vivid, just as though ye still were here  
And especially are cherished at this special time of year

There's never a day goes by without joyful thoughts of ye  
For no one could bring happiness in the way ye used to.



*Happy Christmas*

From John, Joe and family.

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

*Of our Angels in Heaven  
**MARY & ALICE NEVIN***

*12 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.*



*We know that you both are watching over us, like you always did. We love and miss you both dearly, especially at this time of year.*

*Always loved and remembered by  
Paddy, Kathleen, family and grandchildren.  
May They Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **JOHN KEENAN**

*51 Marian Place, Portlaoise.*

*Whose 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.*



*Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, cherished memories never fade, because one loved is gone.*

*Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is a memory, They live on in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his wife Lily, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*May John Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of Dad & Mam **MICHAEL and JULIA TIMMONS**

*53 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.*



Will those who think of  
Dad and Mam today,  
A little prayer to  
Jesus say.

Love always, Margaret,  
Brendan and family.



*Rest in Peace Mam and Dad*

## In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Paudge) LARKIN**

*176 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

*8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021*



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

*From your loving daughter Michelle,  
and son P.J.*

*Rest in Peace Dad*



## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of  
**SEAN BUCKLEY**  
Portlaoise Road, Abbeyleix.



We miss you in so many ways,  
We miss the things you use to say,  
And when old times we do recall,  
It's then, we miss you most of all.

Loved and remembered by all your  
loving family.

*Rest in Peace Sean*

## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of



**TOM & NORA MEAGHER**  
Lawrence Grove,  
Howth Road, Dublin 3



**PADDY & NORA PHELAN**  
Cullenagh  
Portlaoise

Remembered by Eamonn and Mag, Pat, Angela and Gerry,  
Patrick and Mark xx

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of  
**ELIZABETH & PASCHAL FARRELL**

Elizabeth's 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home.  
Late of 56 St. Brigid's Place and  
"Chestnut Drive", Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise.

*Missing you both at Christmas*



Everyday without you  
both, since you both had  
to go, is like Summer  
without sunshine and  
winter without snow.  
We wish that we could  
talk to you, there's so  
much we would say,



Life has changed so very much, since you both  
went away.

We miss the bond between us and we miss your  
kind support, you're both in our minds and in our  
hearts, and every Christmas thought.

We'll always feel you close to us, and though you're  
both far from sight, we'll search for you both among  
the stars, that shine on Christmas night.

Loved and missed dearly by your loving family; Frank,  
Michael, David, Kenneth, Regina and extended family.

*May They Rest in Peace*

## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of  
**MARGARET LALOR (nee D'arcy)**  
and **THOMAS LALOR**  
Late of Birchgrove Portlaoise  
Remembering a wonderful Mum and Dad at  
Christmas and always.



Mum and Dad, these  
heartfelt words to say  
how much I love and miss  
you both at Christmas  
and always.



At this special festive time,  
I wish you were both still here with me,  
My heart is full of memories of us celebrating happily.  
You were such kind and caring parents, and as time  
passes by, I miss your warmth and friendship,  
I feel your love all through my life.

Christmas without you is not the same, I miss the  
magical times we had, but I know that I've been truly  
blessed to have had such a precious Mum and Dad.

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Laraine  
and son-in-law John x

*To a loving Nanny and Grandad*

Thanks for being everything that grandparents should be,  
and thank you for the memories that mean so much to me.  
You're missed so very deeply, each day throughout the  
year, especially at Christmas, when you both brought  
so much cheer.

Sadly missed by your loving granddaughter Darina x

*Rest in Peace Mum and Dad*

## Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of a Dear Cousin  
**BETTY JAMES**



You are missed at Christmas and  
each and every day,  
For you were someone special, who  
meant more than words can say.

Sadly missed by your loving cousins  
Laraine and Darina X

*Rest in Peace Betty*



**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**DANNY MARUM**  
 Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from home.



*Always so good, unselfish and kind,  
 Few on this earth, his equal we'll find,  
 Honourable and upright in all his ways,  
 Loyal and true to the end of his days.  
 Danny, you will never be forgotten,  
 your vacant chair will always be there.*

Sadly missed and fondly remembered by  
 your good friends Maura and Jonnie x

*Rest in Peace Danny*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARGARET BUTLER**

Debbycotte, Mountmellick and 16 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 11.15am.

*Thinking of you as time goes by,  
 Our memories will never die,  
 Deep in our hearts your life we keep,  
 Not gone from us, just gone to sleep.*

Loved always, your loving Mother, daughters,  
 grandson Cormac, granddaughters Aodha,  
 Polly & Wendy, brother, sister and families.

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*

**Christmas Remembrance**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**PATRICK HALLINAN**

17 Dunmasc, Portlaoise. Died 13<sup>th</sup> May 2020.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home.



*Everyday in some small way,  
 Memories of you come our way,  
 Though absent, you are always near,  
 Still missed, loved and always dear.*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered  
 by all his loving family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Patrick*



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*In Loving Memory  
 of a very Special Angel, Kayleigh  
 Missing You At Christmas*

*There's a little place within my heart  
 That is with me every day,  
 A place where all my memories  
 Are softly tucked away.*

*It is the perfect place  
 In my grief for me to go,  
 For words could not explain  
 How very much I miss you so.*

*And now that once again  
 Christmastime has  
 come around,  
 It's where the sweetest memories  
 And thoughts of you are found.*



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## The First Crib

The Christmas story has a powerful hold on the imagination.

In the midwinter a child is born among us, a child that will save mankind.

One of the most popular places in Italy is the town of Assisi because of its association with *il poverello*, namely St. Francis of Assisi.

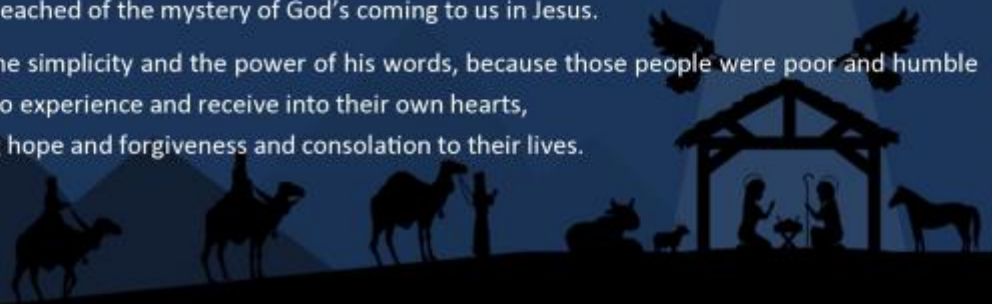
One Christmas in 1223, Francis went to Grecco in the valley of Rieti. Francis asked that a shed be set up on the hillside, which depicted Mary and Joseph and the Child, surrounded by the shepherds and one or two animals, and he invited the people of Grecco to come and celebrate Christmas with him. They came together and walked with their lamps and stood in front of the first Crib.

St. Francis spoke to them and preached of the mystery of God's coming to us in Jesus.

The people were set alight by the simplicity and the power of his words, because those people were poor and humble and perhaps above all, wanted to experience and receive into their own hearts, the Word of God, Jesus, to bring hope and forgiveness and consolation to their lives.

They were fascinated not only by the words of St. Francis but by entering into the spirit of the first Christmas and contemplating the crib.

From such humble and simple beginnings, I wonder how many cribs are there today in the homes and Churches of the World?







'It is a joy to have friends coming to visit you from afar' so wrote Confucius expressing a truth that is still celebrated by millions of people around the world. Nowadays the connection can be made via the internet link or video - call. But the tradition of needing to connect and come together face to face and celebrate relationship is a deep longing within us. Christmas celebrated God meeting us face to face in a Bethlehem Child: 'I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today, a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:10)

The Christmas story is about our search for find our way home. The home that was lost and which was searched for in the wilderness of exile as the bible tells us. Today we find that home—not in a stable in Bethlehem, not in a carpenter's workshop in Nazareth, not in a temple in Jerusalem, not among the boats on the Sea of Galilee and not in an upper room with locked doors. The home we longed for, the place of encounter with God is to be found within each one of us.

The house of God is not built of stones — but is built of us — all of us. We are the Body of Christ. He is the One who calls us home and makes his home in us. Home is not ultimately a place, not Portlaoise, London, America or China. The old saying is in fact true: 'home is where the heart is.' Our home is where Christ is and where we meet Christ in one another.

This Christmas let us bring into the home of our hearts families who have known unbearable tragedy and loss. Let us entrust all who have known tragic loss especially due to Covid-19 to the One who could count love before the cost and who in keyless rooms, can open doors. The One who is the reason we gather in Church at Christmas. The One from whom we learn to love, to emulate, to imitate, to follow and 'in whom we live and move and have our being' (Acts 17:28)

### **Feast of the Holy Innocents 28th December**

The feast of the Holy Innocents recalls the boys aged under two whom Herod killed in order to try and remove Jesus from the scene. This is very much a feast of our time. On this day we also remember those innocent and defenceless children who still suffer today. The 4000 Irish children without a place to call home this Christmas, children who suffer neglect, and abuse. We remember children who suffer from hunger, poverty and poor health. We remember children who are forced to fight or to work long hours for little or no money in hazardous conditions. On this day we remember that every child has a right to love, security, and basic needs.



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