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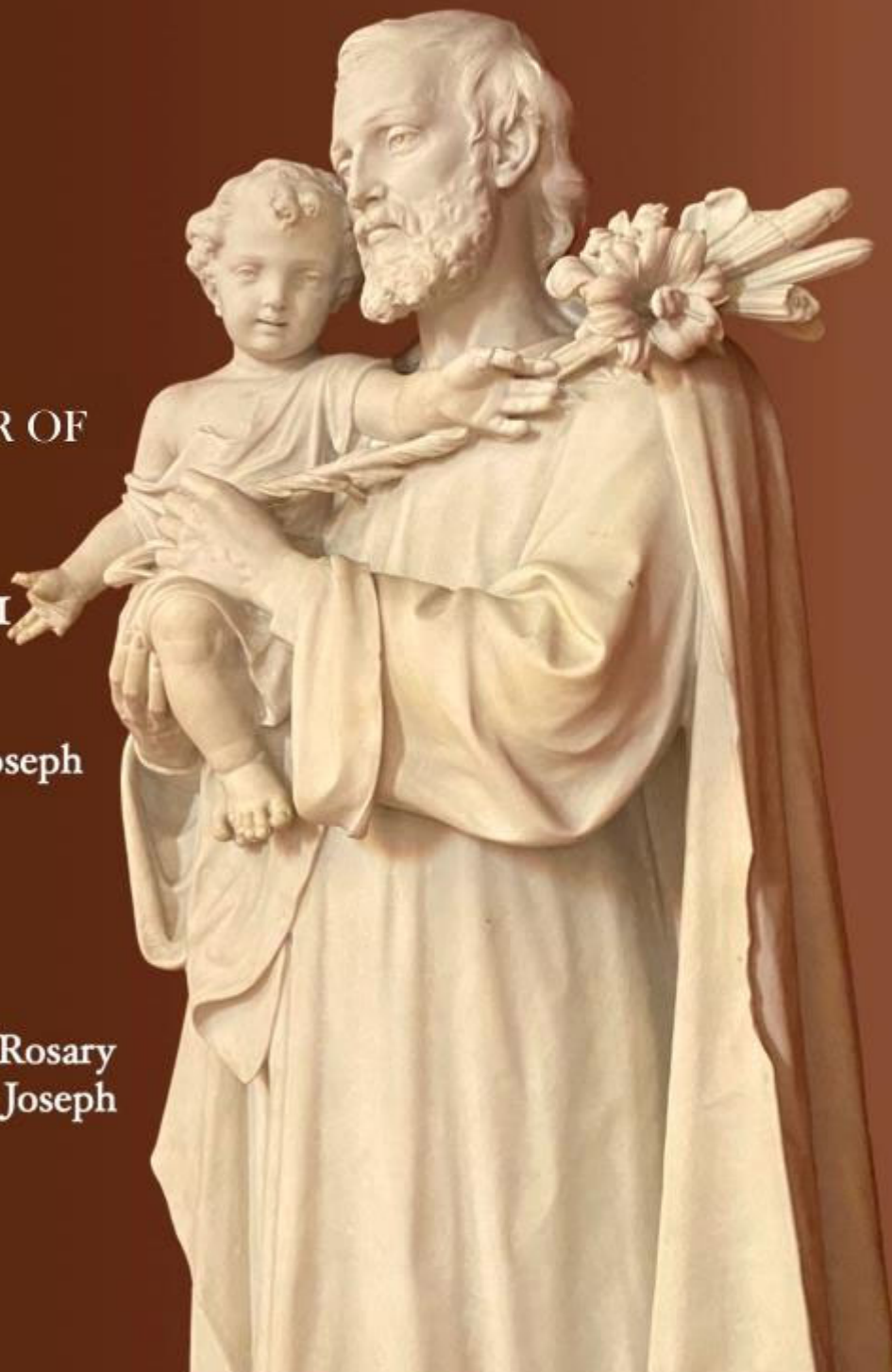
Evening Prayer of St. Joseph
with Benediction

SATURDAY 7.30PM

Holy Hour

SUNDAY 7.30PM

Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary
through the Eyes of St. Joseph



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So the World Might Be Saved

Jesus lived by one abiding rule. He knew that his integrity was the one thing that could not be taken away. His life could be taken, but his integrity could not. Today we are asked to live

our lives by that same rule. We must know who we are; and we must adhere to who we are with every ounce of integrity we possess.

We all admire people who have the courage of their convictions. We admire their confidence, and we admire their openness. If we have ever had something to hide we know how difficult it is to feel good about ourselves. There must have been times in all our lives where we have been tempted to deceive, keep something a secret, or simply lay low and hope that problems will blow over. Keeping our integrity intact is not always easy, especially when we have used our own flawed agendas to go by.

Today's gospel makes reference to an Old Testament Story. Just as Moses used a bronze serpent to remind the Israelites of their sinfulness and steer them towards better choices, so we are asked to look upon Jesus as our guiding light. We are asked to see Jesus' light in every corner of our lives and make good choices on a daily basis. It might sound easy to make good choices, but so often we disguise our choices, to hide our real motivation, we might not even be aware that we are doing it. The most important clue to making good decisions is to ask whether we would have any qualms about pinning our choices up on a noticeboard under a spotlight. With our choices on public show, how confidently would we face a challenge? Would our integrity remain intact?

God sent his Son so the world might be saved. We are saved when we continue to make those right choices, remembering that we are not condemned for our bad choices if we can recognise them and move on.

Saint Patrick

St. Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in Roman colony of Britain. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. The voice of the Irish was calling him to come and walk among them once more. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland as a bishop 457-61, or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately greatly successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings survive: the Letter to Coroticus, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold them as slaves, and his Confession written near the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life. He died 491, though again other dates have been suggested, 480 or as early as 461.



Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

19th March

It is disappointing considering the importance of Saint Joseph's role, that the gospels do not tell us more about him. All we really know of his character is that he was a 'holy and righteous man who generously cooperated with God's grace.' Early Christians must have been more interested in imitating Joseph's virtues than recording biographical details. So today, as the early Christians did, we honour Joseph for trusting in God's plan even though he had limited understanding of its reasons or consequences. We offer petitions to him as patron saint of fathers, guardians, workers and of the dying.

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2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23. Ps 136 Eph 2:4-10 Jn3:14-21



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Measuring God's Love

One of my favourite Bible verses begins, "For God so loved the world." I was thinking about that verse and wondering - just how great is God's love and how could we measure it?

Sometimes we use a measuring cup to measure things. If I were making some cookies, I would use a measuring cup to make sure that I put in exactly the right amount of flour, sugar, and milk. I wonder if we might use a measuring cup to measure God's love? The Bible says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want....my cup runneth over." (Psalm 23:1,5) Well, if our cup runs over with God's love, I don't guess we could use a measuring cup to measure it.

If we were building something, we might use a tape measure to measure the length, width, and height of different things. I wonder if we might use a tape measure to measure God's love? The Bible tells us that God's love is higher than the heavens. (Psalm 108:4) If God's love is higher than the heavens, I don't think we could use a tape measure to measure it, could we?

We use a watch to measure time. There will probably be some people here this morning who will use their watch to measure how long the priest's homily lasts! I wonder if we could use a watch to measure how long God's love will last. The Bible tells us that God's love is from everlasting to everlasting. (Psalm 103:17) Wow! If God's love is from everlasting to everlasting, I don't guess we could measure it with a watch.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." How do you measure a love like that? We can't measure it -- we don't need to -- but we do need to experience it.

My prayer for you today is, "That you may understand how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love really is. May you experience it, though it is so great you will never fully understand it." (Ephesians 3:18-19)



My Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your love — a love so great that you gave your one and only Son so that we could have eternal life. Amen.

ST. PATRICK



As a teenager, Patrick was captured by Irish raiders and forced into slavery for six years. During this time he learned the language and customs of the Irish people. He also grew close to God. After the six years, he escaped and made his way back to his family. Then he decided that the people of Ireland needed him. So, he began to learn the Bible and train for mission work. Once he was ready, he returned to Ireland and preached to the people for 40 years before he died. As he converted the Irish, he made disciples out of them. Many of his followers went on to become renowned religious leaders as well.

Saint Patrick left behind a great example for us to follow. He could have hated the people who stole him from his family, but he knew that they needed God's love. He

loved his enemies and wanted them to know God like he did. In addition to converting many, he spent time training them to lead others. We need to learn from his example of not only converting the lost but training them in God's Word after they convert. Patrick's love, forgiveness, service, and leadership provides us with an excellent example to emulate.



*Do you know
what this is?*



My Prayer

Dear Jesus

We thank you for Mothers everywhere

For all who care for us day by day,

Let us not forget that you were a child

And your mother was Mary.

We say thank you for Mums across the world

And in our country too,

Although we may not say it,

We think you are the best.

So let us give grateful thanks

And let our voices be heard

For all the Mums and Grans

On this very special day.

Amen



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TIME TO THINK!

ST. PATRICK. ...AN ICON OF HOPE

Will we ever forget last St. Patrick's day. Lockdown had just begun, we faced a very uncertain future. Most of us felt frightened and anxious. Living in a pandemic, over the past year has been very difficult. Many have suffered and too many lives, have been lost. Whilst we still live with restrictions, there is hope, light at the end of this long tunnel. We know that with the great gift of science and vaccines very soon we will be in a much brighter place. Let's be patient and look forward to brighter days.

On St. Patrick's Day we celebrate our Irishness and our faith. For so long in our history they have been intertwined, perhaps at times identified. As a result we may have been tempted to take our faith for granted. Admittedly we did not have to fight for it or die for it as our ancestors did. They were challenged by their faith and responded generously to that challenge.

Today, Irish people all over the world and we here at home rejoice in the new opportunities which are available in our country - for education, employment and a good quality of life. Indeed many of our exiles will tell you that they regret the fact that these opportunities were not available to them before they emigrated. In the past the challenge to our faith came from outside of ourselves - from Penal Laws and from oppressive regimes. Today the challenge is not so obvious and it comes from within ourselves. Faith is not something that has myths of compartmentalisation; rather it impinges on all areas of human living. Today there is probably no area of life in which faith is not being challenged and in which it does not have a significant contribution to make.

As individuals and families, whether in our work, socialising, education or whatever, our faith impinges or we can refuse to allow it to do so. At times we misinterpret and misunderstand the nature of faith. Great faith is not a faith that walks in the light and knows no darkness. Real faith perseveres in spite of God's seeming silence.

When one considers the obstacles with which Patrick contended - taken captive from his own people and his home, slavery on Slieve Mish, eventual escape and yet prepared to return as a missionary and preach Christ's gospel to those who had held him captive. The wholeheartedness and single mindedness of Patrick are clear pointers to his faith. He is a man of flesh and blood whose whole life was fed on faith in God's love. Faith must have been a struggle for him, as it is for you and me. In the experience of slavery it must have been tempting for him to abandon faith and yield to despair. Yet he recognised his real helplessness and turned to God as a helper and a true friend.

Slavery in the 21st century takes on a more sinister and subtle form. Work, pleasure, comfort, the celebrity status. Almost unnoticed God can be excluded and pushed out to the margins of life in a busy competitive world. With so many voices clamouring for our attention we have to make an effort to keep the lines of communication open with God in prayer and in our participation at Mass and the sacraments.

In a confused and complex culture we need a compass to provide us with a sense of direction. Enabling us to cope with and respond to the various challenges which meet us every day. I am convinced that faith, properly understood and genuinely lived can provide us with such a compass. Faith can enable us to see beneath and beyond the situations in which we find ourselves. Just as in Patrick's life, faith made it possible for God to enter, so in our lives faith makes it



possible for God to become involved in our busy world and our hectic activity. As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy celebration and pray that the faith that Patrick brought to our shores will sustain all of us in challenging times.

If St. Patrick were looking at the 6.1 news this evening, he would undoubtedly be surprised to find that his name was associated with the greening of the Great Wall of China and of the Pyramids in Egypt. The marketing people have been very clever in turning our national feast day into an opportunity to promote tourism and to seek opportunities for overseas trade. Fair play to them. If these things help to rebuild our economy and to ensure that all our people can live with dignity and enjoy the fruits of citizenship, then there is nothing wrong with that.

But we who believe in Jesus need to be doing a bit of marketing ourselves. In our second reading today, St. Paul reminds us that the time will come when many people will not want to hear the message of the Gospel. The image of the weeds and the wheat growing together, which we heard in the Gospel, is a reminder that faith and unbelief exist side by side in our society. It is not the responsibility of politicians, economists or entrepreneurs as such to promote faith. It is our task as Christians, together with Christians of other religious traditions throughout Ireland, to ensure that the primary focus of St. Patrick's Day remains the reception of the Gospel and that the values of the Gospel permeate our civil society

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. (The term breastplate refers to a piece of armour worn in battle.)

Christ with me
Christ before me
Christ behind me
Christ in me
Christ beneath me
Christ above me
Christ on my right
Christ on my left
Christ when I lie down
Christ when I sit down
Christ when I arise
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.



Prayer to St Joseph, Husband of Mary

*Blessed Joseph,
in life you protected and cherished Mary
as your wife.*

*You loved the child Jesus as your Son,
and kept Him safe from danger.*

*Watch over us this day,
as you watched over your family.*

*Guard and protect us
from the dangers that face us,
shield us from the anxiety of our hearts.*

*Through your example
may we find the courage, love and faith
to walk through these days,
trusting in God and caring for one another,
as you cared for your family.*

St Joseph, pray for us. Amen.

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née Butler
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Piltown, Co. Kilkenny



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The Cottage
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*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod
and your staff - they comfort me.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of our Mam

BRIGID (Cissy) MILLS

148 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
3rd Mother's Day away from home.



*To the world you were our Mother,
But to us you meant the World.*

You are missed so much today Mammy.

Happy Mother's Day

*With love, Gean, Cathy, Marie,
Patrick and Teresa xxxxxx*

Rest in Peace Mam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

ANGELA (Jill) KEENAN

4 New Row, Green Road, Portlaoise and late
of Rathmore, Stradbally.

1st Anniversary occurs Sunday, 14th March 2021.



On the first anniversary of Jill's passing, Paul, David, Anna, Mairead, Stephen, Ciaran, Nicola, Justin and her extended family would like to thank all those who offered their condolences on the passing of their most beloved mother and grandmother.

Thank you to all those who sent floral tributes, Mass cards, sympathy cards and messages of condolences and to our relatives, neighbours and friends whose support was very much appreciated. Heartfelt thanks to the Priests of the Parish especially Monsignor John Byrne for celebrating Jill's funeral Mass. Thanks to Nuala Kelly for her beautiful music ministry.

A special thanks to Caroline Ryan for her care and kindness to Mam during her final six months. Thanks also to the staff of the Cedar Clinic and to the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff at Portlaoise hospital.

Sincere thanks to Rankin's undertakers for their professionalism, kindness and support in carrying out Mam's funeral arrangements with such dignity and respect and to the gravediggers for preparing Mam's final resting place with such care.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to you all. The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Jill's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 14th March at 10am.

Rest in Peace Mam

In Loving Memory of

PEG NOLAN

26 Borris Rd. Portlaoise.

20th Anniversary occurs 13th March 2021



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

Sadly missed by all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Peg

Mother's Day Remembrance
For The Loving Memory Of
ELIZABETH MARY McEVOY

64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.
6th Mother's Day away from home

My Mum....My Friend, on Mother's Day



It's an everlasting sadness that
you're no longer here,
But every year on Mother's day,
I like to think you are near.
Your love for me was constant,
Your devotion had no end,
You filled my life with sunshine,
As a Mother and a friend.

So may you know forever, that to me you were the
best, and may you find a gentle peace,
In sweet eternal rest.

Happy Mother's Day

To my beloved Mother, my guardian angel,
Thank you for keeping watch over me from above,
Your love, your touch, your sacrifices, are etched
deeply in my memory,

In a special place upon my heart,
You're never gone, your sweet presence stays,
You live in my heart always,
We'll meet in Heaven someday,

We'll embrace and never be apart again, until eternity.

Mother
Missing you this Mother's Day in Heaven

A mother's love is special, a gift beyond compare,
You only know the meaning when she is no longer
there,

A special time, a special face,
A special Mum I can't replace,
With an aching heart I whisper low,
I miss you Mother and love you so.

Mother's Day

Sharing a candle to remember you
Mum, in Heaven this Mother's Day.

You will always be loved,
You will be missed,

You will live forever in my heart.

Mum your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond
measure.

Have a happy Mother's Day in Heaven Mum
Sending all my love to Heaven, on Mother's Day
I miss you Mum, always, love James xxx

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

In Loving Memory of
JAMES MOFFITT

Raheen, Abbeyleix.

7th Anniversary occurred 11th March 2021



From sunrise to sunset
Every moment would have been
more wonderful, if you were with
us today.

Your memories will never be
forgotten.

Sadly missed by all his family.

Rest in Peace Jimmy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
EILEEN PHELAN

'Sancta Maria' New Road, Portlaoise.



The Phelan family would like to
thank most sincerely all those
who supported us in the very sad
loss of our beloved, much loved
mother, grandmother who passed
to her eternal reward on 17th
February, 2021.

Thanks to all who offered their
condolences by sending Mass and

Sympathy cards, text messages, messaged on
RIP.ie and phone calls. Thanks also to all who
lined the route to Portlaoise Church and for those
who attended at the graveyard.

Special thanks to Mona Culleton for her kind and
gentle care of our Mother.

Thanks to the Cedar Clinic, Chemco Pharmacy and
Carers from Connected Health. To members of the
family who cared for her, in her words, God will
bless you.

Sincere thanks to the Priests of the Parish
especially Monsignor John Byrne for celebrating
Eileen's funeral Mass. Also thanks to Fr. Paddy
Byrne, Fr. Tom O'Connor, Fr. Eddie Lawlor, Fr.
Theodore Tomasik and Fr. Joe O'Neill for their
spiritual care to our Mother. Sincerest thanks to
Ellie Foran for her kindness as a neighbour and
Eucharistic Minister to our Mother.

Our thanks to the staff at Henry Rankin funeral
directors for their compassionate and professional
manner in helping in all aspects of the funeral.

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

The Holy Sacrament of the Mass will be offered for
your intentions.

Eileen's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on
Wednesday March 17th at 10am in Sts. Peter's &
Paul's Parish Church and can be viewed via the
Parish Webcam.

*"Those we love we never lose for always they will be
loved, remembered, treasured, always in our memory"*

Rest in Peace Eileen

In Loving Memory of
ORLA CONROY-KELLY

25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 16th March 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Tuesday 16th March at 10am.**

Without your kind and gentle smile and sweet familiar face,
A treasured life is missing,
And the world's a sadder place.

You lived your life so graciously,
You always did your best,
And now you're with the angels and it's time for you to rest.

As peace surrounds you everywhere in Heavenly skies above, here on earth you're deeply missed and thought about with love.

We see the stars at night time, shining bright and clear, and as we say goodnight, God bless, we know that you will hear.

Happy Mother's Day Orla

Loved and missed so much Orla

From your heartbroken children; Lydian, Paddy, son-in-law Sean, granddaughter Orla-Mae, Mammy & Daddy & Brendan, Sharon & Jim, Lorena & Shane, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian, Geraldine & Rocky and your adored nieces and nephews who miss you so much.

May Orla Rest in Peace

Thinking of John on his
2nd Anniversary
JOHN GING

Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurred 11th March 2021.



John was a husband and father so very rare,
Content in his home and always there,
On earth he toiled,
In Heaven he rests,
God bless you John,
You were one of the best.

Anniversary Mass offered
Loved beyond words and cherished forever
Your heartbroken wife and family x
Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Brother
JOHN GING

2nd Anniversary occurred 11th March 2021.



A face that is always on our minds
A smile we have seen a million times
Two eyes that would light up a sky at night
One last battle you could not fight.

Loved and remembered by his loving brothers, sisters, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of
EAMON SMYTH

Late of 11 Cois na Habhainn, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary away from home occurs 11th March 2021.



A whisper from Heaven
Time cannot heal the heartache or stop a silent tear,
It will never take away our memories of a dad we love so dear,
Dad we'll hold you in our hearts, until we hold you in Heaven.

Loved and missed always by your loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Eamon Rest in Peace



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In Loving Memory of
MOLLY MAHER
 11 Davin Park, Mountmellick.



A picture of you we carry in our hearts
 We close our eyes to see it, when the
 world gets dark
 A memory of you we carry in our soul
 We wrap it close around us, when the
 nights get cold
 If you ask how we are, we'd say just fine
 But the truth is, if you could read our
 minds, not a day goes by that we don't
 think of you Molly.

Happy Heavenly Mother's Day!
 We love you Nanny
 We love you Mummy

*Loved and missed dearly by all her loving family, grand kids
 and great-grandchildren x*

Rest in Peace Molly

Birthday and Mother's Day
Remembrance
PATRICIA LaCUMBER
 1 Parnell Crescent, Portlaoise.



Happy Heavenly Birthday which
 occurred 10th March.

*Where ever we go, whatever we do
 Memories keep us near to you.*

*Also wishing you a
 Happy Heavenly Mother's Day
 From all your loving family x*

Rest in Peace Patricia

In Loving Memory of
MARIA GREENE

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
 7th Anniversary occurs 15th March 2021



Maria's 7th Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
 Monday 15th March at 10am.

*Sometimes when I first awake,
 I think that you're still here,
 And for a fleeting moment,
 The clouds all disappear.*

*For you brought endless sunshine, until you went away,
 And now I miss you desperately, each minute of the day.
 You would not like to see me sad, so what I try to do,
 Is live a bright and happy life, in memory of you.
 For though I'll always miss you, and it's dreadful being apart,
 I haven't really lost you, you are still here in my heart.*

*Forever in our hearts, from Daddy, Mommy, brother
 Stephen, sister Natalie, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins
 and friends xxx*

Maria, Away with the Angels

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL McEVOY

1 Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.
 1st Anniversary occurs 21st March 2021



The family of the late Michael
 McEvoy would like to thank all
 who offered their condolences by
 sending Mass cards and writing
 kind messages on RIP.ie
 We would like to thank the staff
 of Oakdale Nursing home and
 Midlands Regional Hospital,
 Portlaoise.

Our thanks to Msgr. Byrne and the Priests of the
 Parish. Thank you to Matthew Keegan and David
 Goode, undertakers, for their kindness and
 professionalism.

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

Michael's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 21st
 March at 10am and can be viewed via webcam.

Rest in Peace Michael

In Loving Memory of
JOHN (Jack) DEMPSEY

70 Main St. Portlaoise. Died 12th March 2017.



4th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
 Sunday 14th March at 10am.

Never more than a thought away,
 Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
 Loved and remembered everyday.

Sadly missed by all his loving family;
 Ann Marie, Gérard, Mary, nieces and nephews.

May John Rest in Peace

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**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Bumper)
WHELAN**

16 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary away from home.



Dad

I am sending a dove from Heaven
with a parcel on its wings;
Be careful when you open it,
It's full of beautiful things.
Inside are a million kisses,
Wrapped up in a million hugs;
To say how much I miss you,
And to send you all my love.

I hold you close within my heart, and there you will
remain; to walk with me throughout my life,
Until I see you again.

*Love and miss you Dad, sadly missed by all
your loving family.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

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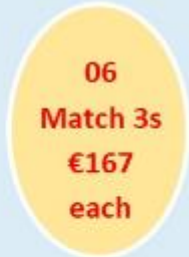
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