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21st March 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent



The Annunciation of the Lord.

Thursday 25th March

'Giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace'.



**The first joyful mystery of the Rosary
The Annunciation
From Our Lady's Shrine in the Parish Church**

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A Greater Purpose

Living through the pandemic has felt like 'life on hold' for many of us. For many of us, living through the pandemic has prompted us to rethink how we should be spending our lives. How best should we spend the time we have left?

In a life or death situation, human nature would always

prompt us to hold on to life no matter what the consequences, but in today's gospel a grain of wheat is used to teach us a valuable lesson. The selfless grain of wheat falls and dies to enable a fresh harvest. What point is there in choosing life, if that life boils down to nothing more than self preservation? On the other hand, what great value death, if that sacrifice gives others life. Many of us fail to understand why Jesus perceived the necessity of going to Jerusalem where he knew he would die. Wouldn't it have made more sense for him to bypass Jerusalem and carry on teaching into his dotage? Jesus however, isn't about to compromise his purpose.

Jesus determines to give his life so others can find true life. This is what Christianity is all about. Jesus teaches us that we must 'die to self' before we can be of any use to God. Letting one's own ambition die to be replaced by God's plans for us? 'Dying to self'? Could we be blamed for not feeling enthused? How many of us really see the wisdom in ditching our own exciting life plans to go around being holy? Perhaps we need to think again about how exciting our ambitions really are. Perhaps sacrificing our own agenda and recognising God's plan in our lives could be the best and most exciting thing that ever happened to us. Perhaps sacrificing something of ourselves for a greater purpose could put us in touch with who we really are.

As Christians, living through the pandemic has taught many of us to look for a greater purpose whatever age we might have reached.

'I tell you solemnly; unless a wheat of grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' Sunday's Gospel



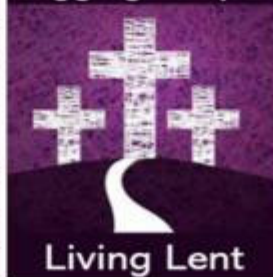
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Lily Anna Baldwin
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Who were baptised last weekend

Digging Deeper



Fifth Sunday of Lent: Some Suggestions for the Week

+ Persevere in your chosen resolutions for Lent and remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God

+ Pray for adults across the world preparing for baptism at Easter

+ Plant new life in a container or garden bed! Pollinator friendly herbs include chives, lavender, rosemary, oregano and thyme

+ Remember to 'Share with the hungry' and set aside some of your weekly shop for a food bank or donate the cost

+ Be a happy presence in your home

+ Give up television for an evening

+ Take some quiet time to reflect on your life, to see where change may be needed and to ask for God's forgiveness.

Chrim Mass

You are invited to join Bishop Denis virtually for this year's Chrim Mass on the evening of Monday, March 29th.

More details to follow next week.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Ps50:3-4, 12-15

Hebrew 5:7-9

John 12:20-30



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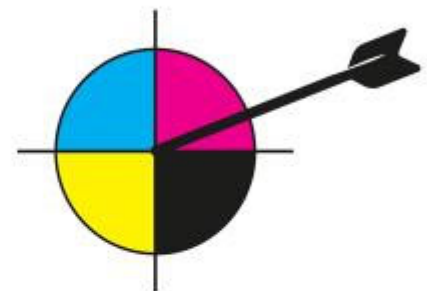
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TIME TO THINK!

FORGIVENESS AND HEALING

A woman, pushing on in years, boasted to her pastor that she did not have an enemy in the world. He was very impressed. What a wonderful thing to be able to say after all those years! And then she added:- 'I have outlived them all'. I suppose if we live long enough we will also be able to make the same statement.

We have all been hurt in some way or other in the journey of life; made fun of in school by a teacher, not invited to the wedding, didn't get the job I thought I should have got, or at a more serious level, betrayed by someone you trusted, abused physically or emotionally and so on.

Sheila Cassidy, who was herself tortured in South America, had this to say:- 'I would never say to someone 'you must forgive'. I would not dare. Who am I to tell a woman whose father abused her or a mother whose daughter has been raped that she must forgive? I can only say: 'However much we have been wronged, however justified our hatred, if we cherish it, it will poison us. We must pray for the power to forgive, for it is in forgiving that we are healed'. Nelson Mandela continually reminded his fellow prisoners in South Africa that unless they let go of their hurts they would remain in the grip of their abusers.

By failing to forgive, we hurt ourselves more than anyone else. Surely this is what Jesus had in mind when he told how the merciless servant was cast into prison when he refused to forgive his fellow servant. I don't think he was suggesting that God would cancel his mercy. He is simply saying that an unforgiving spirit creates a prison of its own. It builds up walls of bitterness and resentment and there is no escape until we come to forgive.

Forgiving and letting go is not easy, especially when the wound is very deep. This is why I call forgiveness the 'F' word, because it's not to be used lightly. Forgiveness is a choice and often involves a three stage process: (1) I will never forgive that person (2) I can't forgive (forgiveness seen as a good thing, but the hurt is too great) (3) I want to forgive and let go with God's help.

Also we must learn to forgive ourselves. Imagine you are responsible for something very serious. You are driving a car with drink. There is an accident and a young person is killed. That life cannot be brought back. For more and more people there is a something in the background, some skeleton in the closet - a broken marriage, a broken relationship, a serious mistake. And for many of us we do not believe that there is another chance much less a seven times seventy chances. This is not the teaching of Jesus. God does not just give us another chance, but every time we close a door he opens another one for us.

The Lord challenges us not to make serious damaging mistakes, but he also tells us that our mistakes are not forever-they are not even for a life time, and that time and grace wash clean, that nothing is irrevocable. Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Pope Francis has said "gossiping is a worse plague" than the coronavirus, claiming it can be used to divide the Roman Catholic Church. Speaking during his weekly address from a window above St Peter's Square, Francis

urged people to "never gossip". Francis continued: "The devil is the great gossip. He is always saying bad things about others because he is the liar who tries to split the Church."

In the unscripted comments, the 83-year-old added: "If something goes wrong, offer silence and prayer for the brother or sister who make a mistake, but never gossip." It is not the first time Francis has brought up the subject of gossiping. In 2016, he urged priests and nuns to avoid spreading stories within their community to prevent the "terrorism of gossip".

The heart of the Gospel is one of healing and forgiveness. May we all go in the grace to be able to let go, so we can begin again.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
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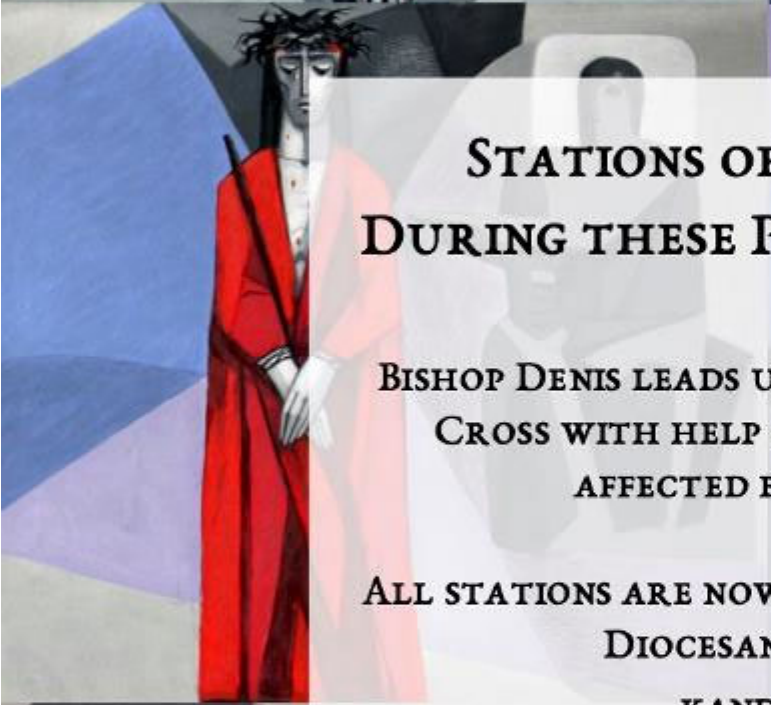
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



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They call it a "worry stone." Whenever they are troubled about something, they just reach into their pocket and rub the worry stone. They believe that rubbing the smooth surface of the stone gives them a peaceful feeling and helps them to quit worrying about their troubles.

If we really want to know what we should do when we face trouble in our life, we should look at what Jesus did.

Just a few days before he was to be crucified, Jesus said, "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" Jesus knew that he was going to die on the cross. He could have asked God to save him. Instead, he only asked that his Father's name would be glorified.

Why do troubles come into our life? I believe that troubles come for the very reason that Jesus said - so that God's name will be glorified. I have known people who followed the example of Jesus when they faced trouble in their life. I have even known people who faced death with such courage and faith that God's name was glorified. Wouldn't it be pleasing to God if all of us faced trouble in such a way that His name is glorified?

Dear Father, we all face trouble in our daily life. Instead of asking you to take them away, let us ask that you help us to face those troubles in such a way that your name will be glorified.

In Jesus' name we pray.

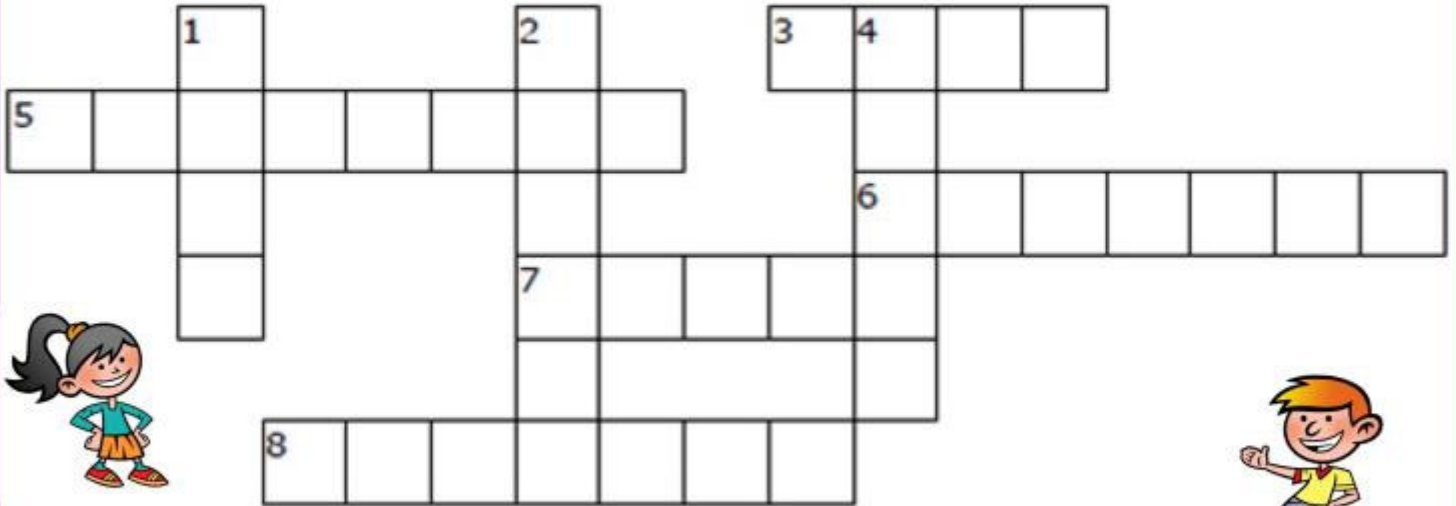
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"My Soul is Troubled"

"Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name!" John 12:28-28.



ACROSS

- 3. To rescue from danger
- 5. To have problems or difficulties
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- 8. A booming noise that follows lightning.

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**In Loving Memory of
PETER McDONAGH**

Clonrooske View, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 23rd March 2021



You never said I'm leaving,
You never said goodbye,
You were gone before I knew it and
only God knew why.

*A million times I cried, if love alone
could have saved you, you never
would have died.*

*If I could just have one lifetime wish,
one dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart for yesterday and you.*

*Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by your
loving wife Mary, three daughters Tiffany, Suellen and
Michaela, your sons Peter, Joseph and Mikey-boy and
your granddaughter Arabella.*

Rest in Peace Peter

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
The Most Wonderful and Loving Dad
BRIAN LARKIN*

56 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.

3rd Birthday in Heaven - 21st March 2021



They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal,
But neither time nor reason, will change the way we feel.

For no one knows the heartache, that lies behind our smiles,
No one knows how many times,

We've broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something Dad, so there won't be any doubt,
You're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to live without.

Happy Birthday Daddy

Forever in our hearts, your loving boys;
Ethan, Damon, Oisin and grandson Odhran.

*To My Wonderful Husband on your
3rd Birthday in Heaven*

I am sending a Dove to Heaven with a parcel on it's 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 shall remain,

To walk with me throughout my life,
Until we meet again.

Happy Birthday Brian

Your loving wife Fiona.

Rest In Peace Brian

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
BRIAN LARKIN Snr.*

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise

2nd Birthday in Heaven occurs 15th March '21

Granddad



As each day dawns and starts anew, as each day ends we think of you,

And in between no matter where, deep in our hearts you're always there.

We do not need a special day to bring you back to mind,
For days without a thought of you are very hard to find.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Granddad

*Loved and missed everyday by your
daughter-in-law Fiona, grandsons Ethan, Damon
and Oisín and great-grandson Odhrán.*

Rest in Peace Brian

In Loving Memory of

My Wonderful Son

CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN

7th Anniversary away from home - 26th March



Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small,

To have you as my son Craig, was the greatest gift of all.

A special time, a special face,

A special son I cannot replace,

With an aching heart I whisper low,

I miss you Craig xxx and love you so.

*Sadly missed and loved always, your broken hearted Mother,
Mudas, brothers Brandon, Noah, Junaid and sister Aisha.*

May Craig Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

CHRISSIE GRAHAM

Ridge Road. Portlaoise.

15th Anniversary occurs 20th March 2021



No special day is needed,
for us to think of you,

For you were someone special,
and we thought the world of you.

*Loved and remembered always by
your husband Jim, son and
daughters and grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Chrissie

In Loving Memory of **TOM WALL**

23 Beladd, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 24th March 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Wednesday 24th March at 10am.

*Lonely is the home without you,
Life for us, is not the same.*

Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.

Rest in Peace Tom

In Loving Memory of

Our Dear Mother

HANNAH TUOHY

10 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 23rd March.

*Also Our Dear Brother PA whose 3rd
birthday away from us occurred 17th March.*



Our family
chain is
broken and
nothing is the
same, but as
God calls us
one by one,



the chain will link again.

We didn't always tell you, but we always
hoped you knew, how much we truly loved,
and thought the world of you.

You are both so missed by all your family.

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MARY FINGLETON**

Park, Stradbally.

2nd Anniversary occurred 19th March 2021.



Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.

*Always remembered by all her loving
family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Mary

In Loving Memory of **PATRICIA NORTON**

7th Anniversary occurred 19th March 2021



*Gone are the days we used to share,
But in our hearts you're always there,
Loved with a love beyond all telling,
Missed with a grief beyond all tears.*

*Patricia's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 21st March at 10am.*

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

May Patricia Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

PETER LALOR

32 The Green, Kilminchy, Portlaoise
who passed away peacefully on 23rd February



Peter's beloved wife Jean,
brothers Ger and Daithí, sisters
Marie and Olive, brothers-in-law
and sisters-in-law, father-in-law,
nieces and nephews and
extended family would like to
express our sincere gratitude to all
those who sympathised with us on
our recent sad loss of Peter.

Thank you to all those who sent Mass cards,
messages, phone calls and letters of sympathy.

Many thanks to Professor Watson and John
Houlihan, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, nurses of
the Dialysis Unit, St. Vincent's Dublin, Annebrook
Medical Centre and staff of McElwee's Pharmacy.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne. Thank you
also to Sarah for the beautiful singing. Special
thanks to Henry Rankin's Undertakers for the
professional manner in which they carried out the
funeral. Thank you also to the gravediggers.

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

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

Peter's Month Mind Mass will be celebrated on
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Rest in Peace Peter



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 In Loving Memory of
BERNARD (Ber) DEVANEY
 Newpark, Portlaoise.



On the first anniversary of his death, we, the family of the late Bernard Devaney, would like to thank most sincerely everybody who sympathised with us on the sad loss of Bernard. Our deepest gratitude to Msgr. John Byrne for celebrating Bernard's funeral Mass and for his comforting eulogy.

Many thanks to Sarah Troy who enriched the funeral Mass with her beautiful singing. We wish to thank Matthew Keegan for the professional and sensitive manner in which he dealt with the funeral arrangements. Many thanks also to the gravediggers.

We will be eternally grateful to the wonderful doctors, nurses and staff at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise who cared for Bernard during his final week. We also want to thank Dr. David Booth and all the doctors and staff at the Cedar Clinic who looked after Bernard. We thank all the staff at Breslin's Pharmacy.

Many thanks to everybody who sent letters, Mass cards, sympathy cards and floral tributes and to everyone who phoned, sent text messages and wrote on the condolence page.

We thank his former colleagues from Patrician College Ballyfin and the many past pupils who got in touch with us. A special word of thanks to East Midlands Parkinsons Association and especially Maureen and the Thursday morning group in Abbeyleix who brought so much joy to Bernard in the last few years.

We thank all those who stood to pay tribute to Bernard in Newpark, on the roadside and at the church and graveyard. We thank our wonderful friends and neighbours who gave us so much support and continue to support us with so many gestures of kindness.

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

Bernard's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 28th March at 10am in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise and can be viewed via the Parish Webcam.

Rest in Peace Ber

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"I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not be lost. I also promise victory over its enemies here on earth, but especially at the hour of death, I myself will defend your soul as My own glory."

Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday begins on Good Friday.

As restrictions for this year greatly limit our interactions, it is enough to say the Chaplet and the Rosary for end of the current Pandemic, for those who have died with COVID-19, for victims and for front line workers and all their intentions, for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Christ's plan for the world. This is enough to attain the indulgences associated with Divine Mercy Sunday this year, as many won't be able to make a good confession or receive Holy Communion. It is very much encouraged to attend the virtual ceremony.

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Donation facility on our website

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Or Transfer directly to our Account

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Good Friday | 2nd

10am Morning Prayer

3pm Celebration of the
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7pm Stations of the Cross

8pm Prayer Around the Cross

Holy Thursday | 1st

10am Morning Prayer

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Holy Saturday | 3rd

10am Morning Prayer

9pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday | 4th

10am Mass



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