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Third Sunday of Lent



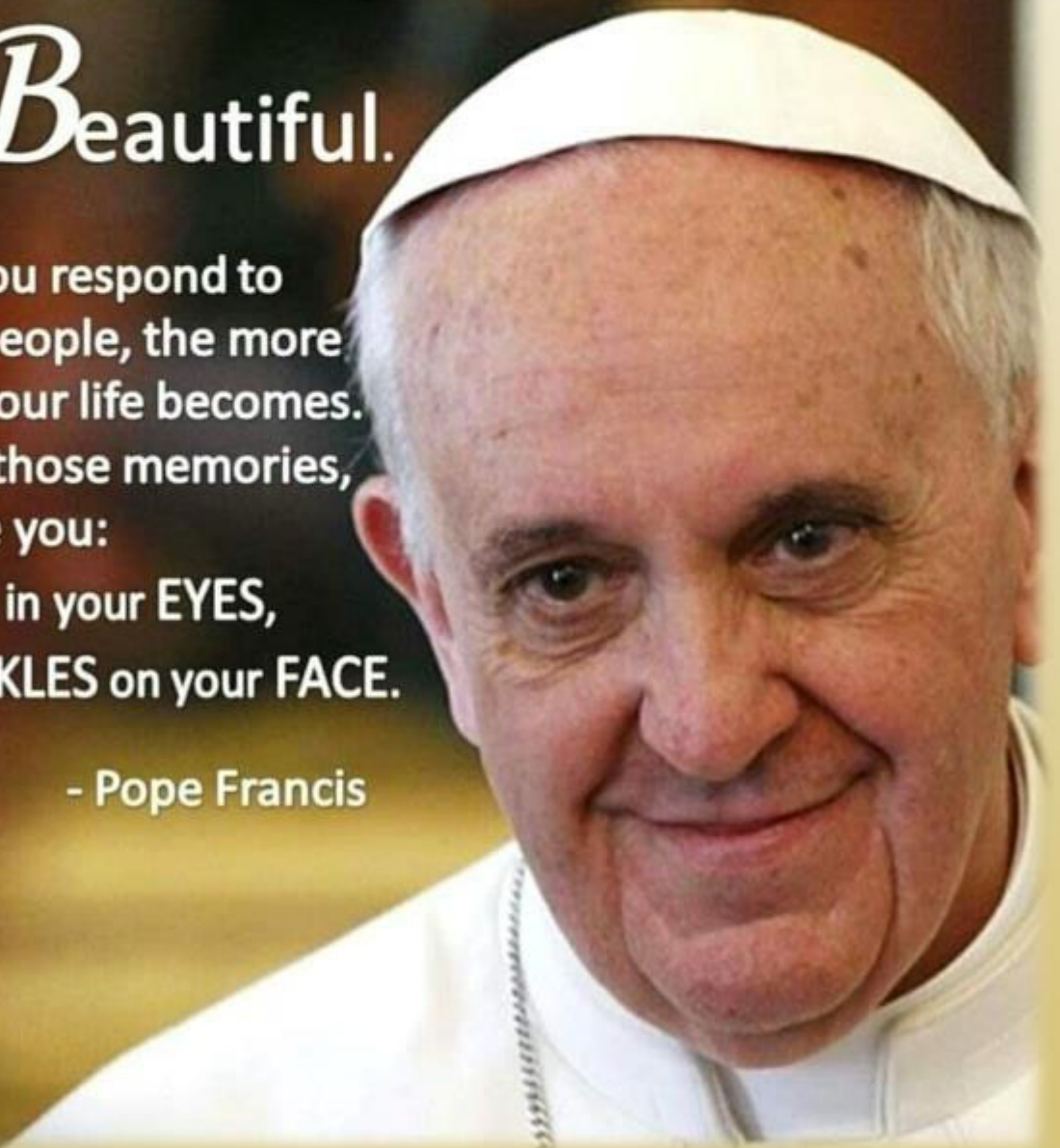
*In his message for Lent 2021,  
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## Hitting Hypocrisy Where It Hurts

Imagine the scene. Jesus makes a whip and drives the money changers

from the temple. Everywhere sheep and cattle are careering out of control. Doves are flapping up to the rafters.... coins and feathers everywhere and the money changers in an uproar. Jesus makes things clear. "Stop making my Father's house a market place!"

Do we feel an element of discomfort. How many parishes use the back of church to raise funds? How often do we stand at the back of church selling raffle tickets? How many years have we invited donations for votive candles, or sold newspapers, books, rosary beads, cards and statues? If Jesus walked in today, would he tip over our collecting boxes and reprimand us?

Perhaps before we answer this question we need to understand the context of today's reading. In Jesus' day it was expected that visitors to the temple should present a sacrifice, and for that purpose, the temple officials made it easy to purchase cattle and turtle doves. The second practical consideration was that because the Roman coinage was considered idolatrous by the Jews, the temple permitted money changers to exchange roman coins for tokens. The original system was not a bad idea, but it became corrupt. It was all too easy for the price of doves to become extortionate, and the exchange rate for tokens to come down on the side of the money changers. Soon it was the case that something that had originally been intended to oil the practicalities of worship in itself cheated would-be worshippers, especially those with little money. Jesus had a passion for exposing hypocrisy, and this was hypocrisy at its worst.

Jesus probably would not have a problem with us using the back of church for selling newspapers or raising funds. At the end of the day it isn't buildings of worship in themselves that are of the greater importance, but what lies in our hearts and in our intentions. Our bodies are the real temples. Jesus challenged impurity at its roots, and the root of all impurity is wherever we have a thought or an idea that lacks integrity or smacks of hypocrisy.

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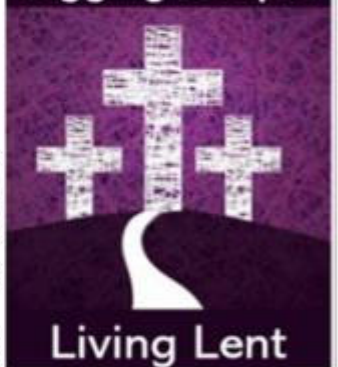
Who were baptised last weekend

## Third 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
- + Think of one habit you can create to help keep Sunday holy in your home
- + Make sure you have your Trócaire box for the home and find out about the Trócaire campaign to help people living in conflict in South Sudan
- + Go for a walk and contemplate the beauty of God's creation
- + Do a Friday Penance
- + Find ways to conserve and reduce your use of water in the home. See [www.water.ie/conserve](http://www.water.ie/conserve) for easy tips that go a long way.

## Digging Deeper



## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

EX20:1-17 (shorter form 20:1-3,7-8,12-17)

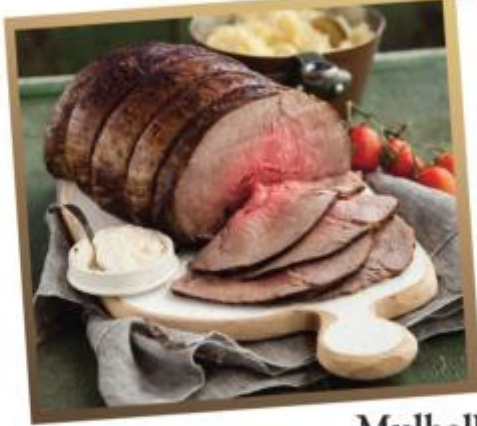
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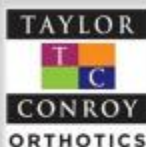


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**Seachtain na Gaeilge 1-17 Márta 2021**



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Leideanna

### Trasna

2. An té nach bhfuil láidir ní folair dó a bheith \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Giorraíonn \_\_\_\_\_ bóthar.
6. Mol an \_\_\_\_\_ agus molann tú an mháthair.
7. Molann an \_\_\_\_\_ an fear.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ chruinníonn cloch reatha caonach.

### Síos

1. Is minic a bhris \_\_\_\_\_ duine a shorn.
2. Níl aon leigheas ar an n\_\_\_\_\_ ach pósadh.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ a dhéanann maistreacht.
5. Níl aon tinteán mar do thinteán \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Ní hé lá na báistí lá na b\_\_\_\_\_.

Síos; 1. beál | 2. grá | 3. Cleachtadh | 5. féin | 6. páistí  
Trasna; 2. glé | 4. beirt | 6. páiste | 7. obair | 8. Ní

*Fragraí*



## Cleaning House

Spring is such a wonderful time of the year. The temperature begins to warm and the world begins to take on a fresh new look. The trees start to put on leaves, the grass begins to turn green, and the flowers start to bloom. Everything is beautiful! There are other things that tell us that spring is here too. Another sign that spring is here is that many people have started their spring cleaning.

For us to do Spring cleaning we would use a mop, a pail, sponges, floor cleaner, window cleaner, paper towels, and dust cloths. These are great to clean house. Do your parents do any spring cleaning around your house? Spring is a good time to give your house a good going over and clean everything up and get rid of a lot of junk that you don't need.



This morning I want to tell you about a time when Jesus did some spring cleaning. It was time for the annual Passover celebration, so Jesus travelled to Jerusalem. When he arrived in Jerusalem, Jesus went to the temple. He couldn't believe his eyes. There in the temple area he saw people who were selling cattle, sheep, and doves for the people to use as sacrifices in the temple. There were tables set up for money changers so that people could change their money to pay their temple taxes. It looked more like a carnival than a house of worship.

Jesus did not like what he saw. He was so angry that he made a whip from some rope and he drove the cattle and sheep and those who were selling them from the temple. He went to the tables of the money changers and turned them over, scattering coins all over the temple floor. To the ones who were selling the doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market." Yes, I would say that Jesus did some spring cleaning in the temple that day!

As we think about Jesus cleansing the temple, we should also think about some other cleaning that needs to be done. We are in a season called Lent. At first, the word Lent meant 'the season of spring'. But it has now become much more than that. It is a time to look inside ourselves and see if there is anything in us that needs to be changed. Are there some areas of your life where Jesus needs to do some 'spring cleaning'? I know there are in mine!



### My Prayer

Dear Father, during this time when we think of 'spring cleaning', we ask you to forgive us when we do wrong and to make us clean.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



# CLEANING HOUSE

So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables.

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

Answers can be found in John 2: 13-16



- \_\_\_1. The Son of God  
**A. Jerusalem**    **B. Passover**    **C. Dove**    **D. Jesus**
- \_\_\_2. A place where people gather to buy and sell things  
**A. temple**    **B. house**    **C. market**    **D. court**
- \_\_\_3. A small, wild pigeon  
**A. cattle**    **B. sheep**    **C. dove**    **D. chicken**
- \_\_\_4. A piece of furniture with a smooth, flat surface and four legs  
**A. table**    **B. chair**    **C. whip**    **D. bed**
- \_\_\_5. Coins or bills used to pay for something  
**A. money**    **B. cattle**    **C. sheep**    **D. dove**
- \_\_\_6. A building dedicated to the worship of God  
**A. temple**    **B. market**    **C. table**    **D. courts**
- \_\_\_7. An animal raised for its wool  
**A. dove**    **B. cattle**    **C. whip**    **D. sheep**
- \_\_\_8. A strip of leather or cord fastened to a handle  
**A. Table**    **B. whip**    **C. money**    **D. dove**
- \_\_\_9. A Jewish holiday celebrating being freed from slavery in Egypt  
**A. Christmas**    **B. Easter**    **C. Passover**    **D. Thanksgiving**
- \_\_\_10. A building where a family lives  
**A. market**    **B. house**    **C. temple**    **D. tent**



# TIME TO THINK!

## WE NEED EACH OTHER



Carole King's fabulous song *Tapestry* begins with these words: My life has been a tapestry of rich and royal hue, an everlasting vision of the ever-changing view, a wondrous woven magic in bits of blue and gold, a tapestry to feel and see, impossible to hold.'

Those few words speak of the tapestry of our lives in a simple yet direct manner. There are high points and deep troughs, colourful days and drab occasions, tears and laughter – all come together to shape who we are, painting the picture of our brief lives.

How might we determine the consequence of our last twelve months of lockdown crisis, with all the pain brought about by viral infection?

If we have learnt anything it could be summed up in one word - interdependence. Day after day we have been faced with our dependence on others, medics in our health service caring for the sick, essential workers in our supermarkets, home delivery drivers bringing goods to our front door, teachers supporting home tuition and many more. Even in lockdown we are not self-sufficient, we need the help and support of others as we live through a radically changing pattern of life.

### Meditation on a rice bowl

Thich Nhat Hanh

*After supper one night, Thay held an empty rice bowl and said,*

*Think of all the threads that are passing through this bowl.*

*Think of the people who made it.*

*Think of those who taught them their craft.*

*Think of the people who played a part in learning to make a bowl that could last through many meals.*

*Think of the people who dug the clay.*

*Think of the fire that making this dish required.*

*Think of the wood cutters.*

*Think of the people who made the meals and of those who taught them their skills.*

*Think of all the meals that have been served in it.*

*Think of the farmers who grew the food we eat from this bowl.*

*Think of all the light that has brightened this bowl.*

*Think of the water that has washed this bowl, water that has fallen as rain and disappeared into rivers.*

*Think of the oceans and the water risen into the air as clouds and then fallen again as rain.*

*In such thinking you are only beginning to see this bowl.*

*The whole universe is present in this bowl.*



This is a story developed round the simple rice bowl, a common enough pot in Vietnamese culture, handled day after day without a second thought. Yet each line explores the back story that made this simple bowl available for everyday use. Those directly responsible for forming the shaped clay that gives substance to the bowl, the skill of the potter, the craft of an artist acquired over many years. But he didn't work alone. Others dug the clay from the earth, gathered the wood for the fire that baked the simple small shape in the kiln, giving it permanence in order that it might fulfil its intended use.

Yet, when finished it remained empty until the culinary skills of the kitchen cooks prepared food to fill it for others to eat. The raw ingredients, gathered from the skill of farmers, transformed by their experienced hands in to a meal to feed strangers.

The text concludes with reference to the water cycle that all life on earth depends on. It tells of the evaporated moisture from the oceans falling as rain to earth for our nourishment and use. Truly as he concludes '*The whole universe is present in this bowl*'. In a few words he shows us simply and without fuss how we depend on each other in our daily lives.

Maybe that is the greatest lesson from the pandemic that has swept our world causing so much havoc and confusion. Our response has been to realise how much we depend on others in our time of need.

## **A SPORTING ANECDOTE FROM SHANAHOE**

I am struck by how significant the quote by Chicago Bear's player Singletary is this year, looking back on 2020. "Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play." Back in March 2020, Shanahoe Ladies Gaelic football club struggled to visualise how the girls and women of our club would even train let alone play county championship. Who would have anticipated in March, the year that would unfold for our humble club, a testament to the commitment, dedication and hard work of all involved.

The curtain went up on the grand finale the week of September 23<sup>rd</sup> with the Laois ladies Intermediate football championship final. Having come through as underdogs against Ballyroan in the semi-final on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September our intermediates lined out against Park Ratheniska in the final. Reduced spectator numbers due to Covid restrictions, did not dampen the atmosphere. A tightly contested game from the start, Shanahoe were down 3 points in the closing stages of the second half. Clawing back to 1-8 apiece in the dying moments Shanahoe dug deep, worked from the back, with determination and passion resulting in the winning point in injury time. A truly thrilling result for a "tight knit group who look out for one another on and off the field."

This statement is borne out by all the research conducted into the effects of girls and women's involvement in sport. "Women football players build life-long friendships". In 2017 the L.G.F.A. with Lidl conducted the first Irish national study on girls in sport. The results indicate that girls who play sport demonstrate greater mental well-being, greater ability to cope with pressures of life, feel more inspired, less overwhelmed and less depressed. In one word sport builds resilience!

Never have we heard that word used more than during these Covid times and arguably we never needed it more!

Getting back to that memorable week of September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Having the Intermediate county title in the bag the focus moved to our under 14 squad. Week after week they turned up to the pitch full of the joys, undaunted by Covid, chatting and slugging. They worked hard and the good news came there would be a county championship to play. Between lockdowns we progressed from round to round and arrived at a semi-final on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, playing Portlaoise in their home ground Rathleague. It was a gruelling match trading point for point but the girls through sheer grit held on and finished 2 points ahead.

So 4 days after the Intermediate final the red and black lined out again in a second county final in Annanough pitch playing St. Josephs. Our girls quietly went about their business working hard for each other; it ended all square at the full time whistle. Extra time, half time saw Shanahoe behind by 3 points so all to do in the final 10 minutes. The momentum turned and following a well worked goal Shanahoe with huge heart, grit and determination pushed on to win by 9 points. Tears of joy flowed freely it had been a real team effort from 1 to 19 another corner stone cementing the bonds of loyal friendship. Olympic gymnasts Mary Lou Ritton put it well when she said "A trophy carries dust. Memories last forever".

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*International  
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## **International Women's Day**

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**Let's celebrate all the wonderful women in our lives, not just on this unique day, but everyday!!**



# 8 March 2021

## **The theme for this year is Choose to Challenge**

A challenged world is an alert world and from challenge comes change.

**So let's all Choose to Challenge.**

How will you help forge a gender equal world?

- Celebrate women's achievement.
- Raise awareness against bias.
- Take action for equality.

**CHOOSE TO  
CHALLENGE**

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



*Gerard O'Brien*

Dublin Road  
Kilminchy

*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 HE REST IN PEACE**  
*Our sympathy to his family.*

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to  
the death notice at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)



**In Loving Memory of**  
**NANCY (Johanna) HORAN**

*Late of 23 Grattan Street, Portlaoise.  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021*



**Mammy**

I thought of you with love  
today but that is nothing new,  
I thought about you yesterday  
and days before that too,  
I think of you in silence,  
I often speak your name,  
All I have are memories and  
your picture in a frame,

Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never  
part,

God has you in His keeping I have you in my heart.

*Missing you Always,*

*Hannah, Andy, Cian, Pat, Fiona, Jason & Rachel*

*Also remembering Sheila Horan, late of 9 Grattan  
Street whose anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> March.*

*Anniversary Mass for Nancy and Sheila will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
Church this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.*

*May Nancy and Sheila Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**WILLIAM (Billy) O' SULLIVAN**

*Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021*



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

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

*Sadly missed by all his loving family.*

*May William Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**JACK DEMPSEY**

*Main Street, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 12<sup>th</sup> March '21.*



Gone are the days we use to share,  
But in my heart you are always there,  
The gates of memory will never close,  
I miss you more than anyone knows,  
With tender love and deep regret,  
I who love you will never forget.

*Sadly missed by your loving  
partner Una xx*

*May Jack Rest in Peace  
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam*



**In Loving Memory of**

**BRIGID O'BRIEN, Ridge Road, Portlaoise**  
*Died 10<sup>th</sup> March 1968. (53<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)*



Softly the leaves of memory fall,  
Gently we gather and treasure  
them all,  
Unseen, unheard, you are always  
near,  
So missed, so loved, so very dear.

*Sadly missed and always remembered  
by your loving family.*

*May Brigid Rest in Peace*



**PLEASE NOTE**

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included on memorial  
notices must be  
booked at reception prior to submitting your  
notice. Tel. 057-8621142 to book the Mass.



## In Loving Memory of LAR DOOLEY

29 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 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.*

*Sadly missed and fondly remembered by  
his family, neighbours and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Lar*

## In Loving Memory of JOHN COUGHLAN

Curragha, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church  
on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

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

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

*May John Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of MICHAEL LALOR

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every  
day, no longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you're  
always there.

*Sadly missed by his wife Peg and family.*

*May Michael Rest in Peace*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of SEAN CLANCY

Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021.



On the first anniversary of  
Sean's passing, his wife  
Kathleen and family Caroline,  
Martin, Mariea, Colin, and  
Patricia, and extended family  
would like to thank everyone  
who offered great support and  
comfort at Sean's death.  
Whether in the form of Mass  
and sympathy cards or simply  
a phone call or message it was much appreciated.

Heartfelt gratitude to the staff of the Cedar Clinic  
Portlaoise for their care and empathy, the public  
health nurse for her professionalism and good  
humour, and especially Anne Marie O'Shea  
respiratory nurse, and the palliative care team.

We would also like to acknowledge all Sean's  
friends from Portlaoise and District Gun Club, the  
Angling Club and also Portlaoise Active Retirement  
Group with which he had a long and happy  
association and the staff past and present of the  
General Hospital Portlaoise with whom he worked  
for 40 years.

Thanks also to Rankins undertaker's for managing  
the arrangements so capably and also the Priests  
of the Parish, especially Fr. Tom O' Connor for the  
lovely words during the funeral Mass.

As it is difficult to remember all who were so  
supportive at the time and continue to do  
so, thank you so much, please accept this  
acknowledgement as a token of our sincere  
appreciation and deepest gratitude to you all.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter  
& Paul's Parish Church, on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March  
at 10am.

*Home is the hunter home from the hills,  
The fisherman home from the lake.*

*Rest in Peace Sean*

## In Loving Memory of THOMAS DOHENY

St. John's Sq., Portlaoise. 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> March.



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.

*Sadly missed by your sons, sons-in-law, daughters, daughters-in-law,  
grandchildren, great grandchildren and all your family and friends.*

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

*May Thomas Rest in Peace*

# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION



## In Loving Memory of

**DAN DUNNE**

*St. Judes, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.*



8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Maureen and family.*

*May Dan Rest in Peace*

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## Portlaoise Parish



## Results for

4th March 2021



**No €20,000 Jackpot Winner**

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Cathal Clooney  
Helena Marum  
Zachary Touhy  
Tina & Adrian Brennan  
Mary Duggan  
Dean Lynch  
Ann O'Sullivan  
George Fitzpatrick  
Kathleen McGuinness  
Mary & Joe McEvoy  
Tony Flanagan  
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Breda Conroy  
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### Ways to contribute to our Parish

Envelope boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre

Direct payment by cheque or cash

Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church

Donation facility on our website

Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre

Or Transfer directly to our Account

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# LENT



## WAYS TO ENGAGE IN OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

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33 days of prayer to St. Joseph will take place everyday after the morning Rosary. Even if you have missed the beginning of this devotion, you may join at any time.

The book 'Consecration to St. Joseph' containing the reflections and prayers is available at the Parish Centre Shop

### **Triduum to St. Joseph**

19th - 21st of March

Three days to celebrate and to pray through the intercession of St. Joseph

### **Confessions**

Every Friday, from 6pm to 7pm a priest will be available for Confession in the Prayer Room, in the Parish Church

### **Stations of the Cross**

Throughout Lent on Friday at 7.30pm we will pray together the Stations of the Cross



Due to current restrictions all ceremonies will be celebrated virtually  
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