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25th April 2021

**Fourth Sunday
of Easter
Vocations Sunday**



Congratulations to the boys and girls who received First Penance during the week. We thank the teachers and schools for the preparation of the children and their cooperation in relation to celebrating the Sacrament.

**My Shepherd
is the
Lord**

Art work from Holy Family Junior School 2nd Class



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The Good Shepherd

Today's gospel is for anyone who has ever felt unloved or insignificant. Today's gospel is for anyone who feels his or her life doesn't count for much. At some time or another that probably means most of us.

In biblical days shepherding was a highly dangerous business. Herds might consist of thousands of sheep, and shepherds had to be highly skilled in tending for the sheep and protecting them from wolves and robbers. The shepherd's care and courage were legendary. A good shepherd would not think twice about his own life in protecting his sheep. This is the image that Jesus chose for himself in today's gospel. He is the good shepherd. His leadership is a mixture of tenderness, strength and self sacrifice. Jesus loves us so much that he would lay down his life. That's a powerful belief to take out into the world!

But what if we don't quite believe it? Surely there are too many of us to love and look after individually. People fall by the wayside all the time. We hear tragic stories of elderly people who die alone and are not discovered for days because no one cares enough to visit. We see down and outs sleeping in subways because their family and friends have given up on them. Can God really be looking out for each and every one of us? Surely there are too many of us to look after – to love individually. Not so! Jesus we're told would not let even one of his sheep stray without coming to the rescue. He knows each and every one of us by name. If we are one of his, then he will recognise us and take care of us. That's another powerful belief to wake up with. The next time you are feeling lost and forgotten, try looking for the Good Shepherd's love in your life. God's help is always there when we look to him.

St. Joseph the Worker Saturday 1st May

In response to the 'May Day' celebrations for workers, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St Joseph the Worker in 1955.

The Year of St. Joseph - this feast takes on special significance this year since Pope Francis proclaimed a year of St. Joseph on December 8th 2020. Join us for Mass 10am. Also on our website you can access a hymn to St. Joseph beautifully sung by Sarah Troy on the Feast of St. Joseph (19th March). This hymn was composed by Dana who asked us to sing it on that date. It will be sung again at Saturday's Mass.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Anthony Ikenna Frances Udeh
Ashewood Walk

William Michael Connors
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David Jesse Kuriakose Jithin,
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Who were baptised last weekend.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:8-12

Ps 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

1 Jn 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"For each one of us the Lord has a vocation, that place God wants us to live our lives, but we must seek it."

"The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch."

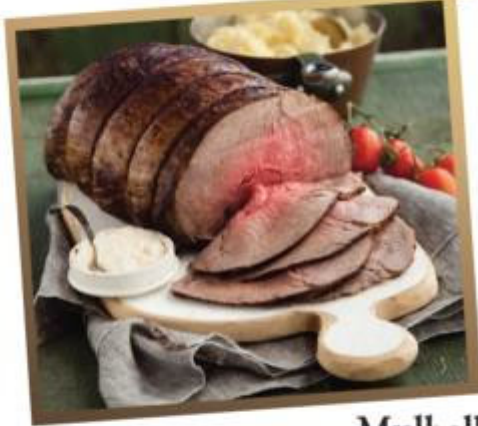
God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us.

*Taken from the Message of Pope Francis for the
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## Taking Care of the Sheep

Do you know what a shepherd is? Of course you do. A shepherd is one who takes care of sheep. A shepherd uses a shepherd's crook. The crook is very useful to the shepherd in taking care of the sheep. If the sheep tries to go in the wrong direction, the shepherd can reach out with the crook and gently pull it back onto the right path. The shepherd also uses the crook to help protect the sheep from a wolf or some other wild animal that

might try to harm them. You see, it is the shepherd's responsibility to care for and protect the sheep.

How many of you know who the priests of the parish are? We have 4 priests in Portlaoise parish. Fr. John Byrne, Fr. Ciprian Matei, Fr. David Vard and Fr. Theodore Tomasik.

In Abbeyleix, Raheen and Ballinakill we have Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. Sean Conlon and Msgr. Kevin O'Neill. The Parish priest of Portlaoise Parish is Fr. John Byrne and for Abbeyleix, Raheen and Ballinakill is Fr. Paddy Byrne. Did you know that the word we use for the one who leads our church means the same thing as the word that is used for someone who takes care of sheep? So if Fr. John and Fr. Paddy and the priests of the parish are the one who takes care of the sheep, what do you think that makes us? Right! We are the sheep! It is the priest's job to take care of us just as it is the job of a shepherd to care for the sheep.

The priests in our parish doesn't use a shepherd's crook. The Bible is the priest's crook. When we stray away and go off on the wrong path, the priests uses the teaching of God's Word to reach out and gently pull us back and get us going in the right direction. The priests in our parish also uses the Bible to protect us from our enemies. When Satan attacks us and tries to get us to do things that would harm us, the priests uses the Bible to teach us what God wants us to do.

Fr. John, Fr. Paddy and the priests of the parish have a good guide to follow in knowing how to take care of the sheep. That guide is Jesus. Listen to what Jesus said about himself, "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me -- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep."

The Bible also says, "The LORD is my shepherd," but God has also called the priests of our parish to help him in caring for his sheep. We are thankful for Jesus, "the Good Shepherd," and we are thankful for Fr. John and Fr. Paddy and the priests of the parish too!



Our Father, we serve a risen Saviour. He is alive! Help us to be witnesses of what he has done in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





# THE GOOD SHEPHERD



"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" John 10:11

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## The Good Shepherd



Jesus taught the crowd about shepherds. He said a shepherd loves and cares for his sheep. The sheep know the shepherd's voice and they follow him.

The shepherd knows each of the sheep by name. The sheep do not follow a stranger because they do not recognise the stranger's voice. Then

Jesus compared himself to a shepherd and his followers to sheep. Jesus said,

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I know my sheep and my sheep know me. I lay down my life for the sheep".





# TIME TO THINK!

## Blessed Carlo Acutis....Patron of the Internet

I am greatly inspired by the life of young Cathal Clooney Abbeyleix. His recent death has left an enormous void to his wonderful family. Cathal packed so much into just 15 years. His love, friendship, courage and deep faith will be treasured by so many who will always love this remarkable young man. In his illness Cathal found strength and comfort from his faith. Sincere prayers for the Clooney and Dooley families at this time.

I am also greatly taken by the life story of Carlo Acutis, a young, talented and deeply spiritual teenager whose life story is a real example of Christian Hope. Carlo was born in London May 3, 1991, to Italian parents who soon returned to Milan. He was a pious child, attending daily Mass, frequently praying the rosary, and making weekly confessions. Exceptionally gifted in working with computers, Carlo Acutis, developed a website which catalogued Eucharistic miracles. This website was the genesis of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, an international exhibition which highlights such occurrences. Acutis died of leukaemia in Monza, near Milan, Oct. 12, 2006.

Acutis stated that "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan. I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God." He also said that "our aim has to be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinite is our homeland. We have always been expected in Heaven," and he called the Eucharist "my highway to Heaven. Carlo Acutis died at the age of 15 of a galloping leukaemia, leaving in the memory of all those who knew him a great feeling of emptiness and great admiration for his brief but intense testimony of authentic Christian life. From the day he received his First Communion at the age of 7, he never missed an appointment with daily Holy Mass. He always tried, either before or after the Eucharistic celebration, to pause before the Tabernacle to adore the Lord, always truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady was his great confidant and he never failed to honour her by reciting the Holy Rosary every day. Carlo's modern and up-to-date ways combined perfectly with his profound Eucharistic life and Marian devotion, which helped to make him that very special boy who everyone admires and loves.

To quote Carlo's own words: "Our goal must be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinity is our homeland. We are always expected in Heaven". Another phrase of his was: "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies". To move towards this goal and not "die as photocopies" Carlo said that our compass must be the Word of God that we have to measure up to constantly. But to reach such a lofty goal very special measures are necessary: the Sacraments and prayer.

In particular, Carlo placed the Sacrament of the Eucharist at the centre of his life and he called it "my highway to Heaven".

Carlo was very gifted with everything related to the world of computers so that both his friends and adults with computer engineering degrees considered him a genius. Everyone was amazed at his ability to understand the secrets of computers that are normally only accessible to those who have specialised university degrees. Carlo's interests involved computer programming, film editing, website creation, editing and laying out small publications, to helping those most in need especially children and the elderly. This young believer of the Diocese of Milan was a mystery, who before he died was able to offer his suffering up for the Pope and the Church. "To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life". These few words Carlo Acutis, the boy who died of leukaemia, said outline the distinctive feature of his short life: living with Jesus, for Jesus, in Jesus. (...) "I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a

minute of it on anything unpleasing to God". And Carlo asks of us the same thing: he asks us to spread the Gospel through our lives, so that each of us can be a beacon to light the journey of others.

Carlo, like many adolescents of our time was busy at school, with his friends, and for his young age was an expert in computers. In the midst of all his commitments he encountered Jesus Christ.

Carlo Acutis became a witness to the Risen Christ, he entrusted himself to the Virgin Mary. Carlo lived a life of grace and shared his overwhelming experience of God with his peers. He received the Eucharist every day, he attended Holy Mass devoutly daily and would pause for hours in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. His experience and Christian maturity testify to the truth of Benedict XVI's words in the Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*: the sacrifice of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration strengthen, support, and develop love of Jesus and the availability to ecclesial service. Carlo also nourished a special devotion to Our Lady, to whom he faithfully recited the Rosary, and feeling her motherly love, he offered her acts of mortification.

This teenager sociologically similar to his school mates, was an authentic witness that the Gospel can be lived fully even by a teenager. In his short life, oriented to that encounter with Jesus, was like a light not only to shine on the path of those who knew him, but also of those who will come to know his story. I am sure that this first biography of Carlo Acutis, edited by Nicola Gori, with his well-known ability to involve the reader, will help today's adolescents, so problematic and so conditioned by the Mass Media, to reflect on the meaning of life and on the Gospel values to realise it fully. Looking at this teenager as their peers, who felt attracted by Christ's friendship, and for this very reason experienced a truer joy, our children will be put in touch with a life experience that has not taken anything away from the wealth of young teenage years, but has enhanced them even more. Carlo's witness to the Gospel is not only an incentive for today's adolescents, but it also helps parish priests and teachers to question themselves about the value of the formation they give to young people of our parish communities and how to make this formation effective and incisive.

### *Prayer to Blessed Carlo*

Oh Father, who has given us the ardent testimony, of the young Blessed Carlo Acutis,  
Who made the Eucharist the core of his life and the strength of his daily commitments,  
So that everybody may love You above all else,  
Let him soon be counted among the Saints in Your Church,  
Confirm my faith, nurture my hope, and strengthen my charity,  
in the image of young Carlo,  
May all young people be blessed with courage and hope. Amen



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To my Dearest Mum  
Missing you on your  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven

Even though the memories I have  
are beautiful and thinking back on  
them fills my heart with joy,

My eyes also well with tears, because we are so far  
apart, I miss you so very much, my dearest Mum.

They say memories are golden, well maybe that is  
true, but I never wanted memories,  
I only wanted you.

You are sadly missed along life's way,  
Quietly remembered everyday, no longer in our lives  
to share, but in our hearts you are always there.

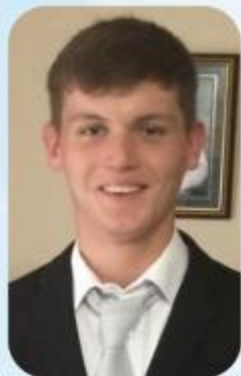
Have a happy 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven Mother  
You are forever in my thoughts Mum, all these years  
later. Your memory is eternal and I miss you  
so much. Love James xxx

*Rest in Peace my Dearest Elizabeth*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**ARON GING**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs  
30<sup>th</sup> April 2021.



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 all were meant to learn  
some things,  
But never meant to stay.  
Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know,

For some the journey's quicker, for some the  
journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
Together with the Lord.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

*Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.  
Loved and remembered by all your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Aron*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**ARON GING**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021



*Of roses grow in Heaven Lord,  
Please pick a bunch for us,  
Place them in Aron's arms,  
And tell him they are from us.  
Tell him we love and miss him,  
And when he turns to smile,  
Place a kiss upon his cheek,  
And hold him for awhile.  
Because remembering him is easy,  
We do it everyday,*

*But there's an ache within our hearts, that will never go away.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your  
loving dad, sisters Lisa and Emma, brother Ross  
and nephew Michael John-Joe xx*

*Rest in Peace Aron*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**TONY KAVANAGH**

Colt, Ballyroan, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



Your resting place we visit,  
We place some flowers with care,  
But no one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by  
his wife, family and friends.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's  
Church, Raheen, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 6pm, and in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 10am.

*May Tony Rest in Peace*

*let His light shine.*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**LENA CONNOLLY**

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

We thought of you with love today,  
but that is nothing new, we thought  
about you yesterday and days before  
that too.

We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
Now 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 and you are forever in our  
hearts.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your loving  
husband Paddy, sons, daughters and grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Lena*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**GERALDINE O'SHEA**  
*née Marum*

Glenbarrow, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday away from home occurs 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021



A little tribute,  
small and tender,  
Just to say, that we still  
remember.

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

*Rest in Peace Geraldine*

**In Loving Memory Of  
RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021.



*Mum in Heaven*

Although you sleep in Heaven now,  
You're not that far away,  
My heart is full of memories and you're with  
me everyday,  
You lived your life with meaning, and with a  
smile upon your face,  
A world that was full of happiness, is now an  
empty place.

People say that only time will heal a broken heart,  
But just like me and you, Mum, it has been torn apart,  
I know you are at peace now, and in a place where you are free,  
Meet me at the Pearly Gates, when Heaven calls for me.

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

*We Miss You Nan*

Our hearts still ache with sadness, and many tears still flow,  
What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know,  
We hold you close within our hearts, and there you will remain,  
To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.

*From your loving grandkids xxx*

*May Rita Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
CARMEL SMYTH**

11 Cois na Habhainn, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.**

*Our Mum*

Mum who lived and now is gone,  
Whose memory will go on and on,  
We wish we had the chance to say,  
How much we miss you everyday.

We know someday we'll meet again,  
So for now goodbye. God Bless. Amen.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by  
Your loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law,  
daughters-in-law, sisters, brothers, grandchildren,  
great-grandchildren and extended family xxx*

*Rest in Peace Carmel*

**In Loving Memory of  
WILLIAM (Billy) BERGIN**

73 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Gone are the days we used to share,  
But in our hearts 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.

**Sadly missed and fondly remembered by his  
wife Detta, son John and family.**

*Rest in Peace William*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
In Loving Memory of  
SHEILA READY**

Late of 26 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.  
Remembering you on your 61<sup>st</sup> Birthday;  
29<sup>th</sup> April 2021



If we could have a lifetime  
wish and one dream that  
could come true,  
We would pray to God with  
all our hearts just to see  
and speak to you,  
A thousand words won't  
bring you back, we know  
because we've tried,

And neither will a million tears, we know  
because we've cried,  
You've left behind our broken hearts and  
precious memories too, but we never wanted  
memories, we only wanted you.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your  
devoted husband Willie, your son William and  
daughter Marie and your granddaughters  
Teagan and Keiva. Love you always.*

*Rest in Peace Sheila*

**In Loving Memory of  
JAMES ROWE**

Mill Lane, Killone.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021



Those who die don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
So loved, so missed, so very dear.

**Sadly missed and always loved by his  
wife Anne, son Jim, grandchildren &  
great-grandchildren.**

*Rest in Peace James*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARGARET "RITA" SCULLY**

174 St. Brigids Place Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021.



No special day is needed for us to think of you, for you were very special and we thought the world of you.

It's been three years since you slipped away, that day seems just like yesterday, Today, we tell you softly, you are still so wonderful to think of and so hard to be without.

Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never,  
In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain,  
In God's own time, we will meet again.

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

*Sadly missed by your loving family; John, Patrick, Teresa,  
Peter, Jacinta, Roch, Margaret, Kathleen, sons-in-law,  
daughters-in-law and grandchildren.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.*

*Rest in Peace Margaret*

**In Loving Memory of  
TONY CARROLL**

Lambeth, London, formerly 47 O' Moore Place,  
Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurred  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2021

A daily thought, A silent tear,  
A constant wish that you were here.

**Sadly missed by all his family in  
London and Ireland.**

*Rest in Peace Tony*



**In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK O'CONNOR**

3 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

*Dad;*

*We miss your smile, your loving 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 missed everyday by Mary  
and all your loving family xx*

*May Patrick Rest in Peace*



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### Ways to contribute to our Parish

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Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church

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Or Transfer directly to our Account

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