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## Over To Us



The disciples who for weeks had hidden away for fear of the Jews suddenly started behaving in an astonishing way. They came out of hiding and started teaching in many languages. What had got into them? Quite simply, the Holy Spirit had got into them as Jesus had promised. Those previously terrified people were suddenly filled with courage, energy, inspiration, purpose and conviction.

What is truly exciting about the Pentecost story is that we too have been given that very same Spirit in our baptism. So if we have received the same Spirit as was breathed into those first disciples, why can't we rush round doing amazing things too? One answer might be that we haven't really tried yet. One answer might be that to date we haven't really been tested? Another answer perhaps is that we can't quite place our faith in it. How sad though if the Pentecost story is simply a story contained by the past. How sad if we don't believe the men and women of our own time whose inspirational lives and huge courage point to the work of the Holy Spirit ... men and women who far from being super human were born just the same as the rest of us.

The Holy Spirit is given to all of us, and with it comes the power to transform the world ... the first disciples knew it ... now it's our turn.

## Happy Birthday Church

The Feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? It's called that because Pentecost is when the apostles went out among the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth.

Pentecost, Greek for 50th day, is celebrated by Christians fifty days after Easter. Originally it was a Jewish feast that concluded the fifty days of Passover.

In Britain, Pentecost is also called Whitsun, because on this day new Christians used to be baptised. Often they wore white, so Pentecost was known as White Sunday. White Sunday was then shortened to Whitsun.

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Acts 2:1-11

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Gal 5:16-25

Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



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how the revolutionary fashions of the 1920s reflected a deeper change in the attitude of women to their role in society in the post war years. This event takes place

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# volunteer centre

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## Laois Volunteers are Superheroes

### **Laois Volunteer Centre launched in Portlaoise during National Volunteering Week**

Volunteers from a range of organisations in Laois gathered last week to help launch the new Laois Volunteer Centre. Award-winning volunteers were among those who gathered at Fitzmaurice Place in Portlaoise's Old Fort Quarter with Laois County Council Cathaoirleach Catherine Fitzgerald to help get the new service off the ground.



The launch of the independent service took place during National Volunteering Week, May 18-23. The Laois Volunteer Centre, fronted by Laois woman, Caitriona Ryan from Ballyfin, will help people who want to volunteer in their community to find suitable volunteer roles and will help local non-profit organisations to recruit volunteers. Ms Ryan was recently appointed as the new manager of Laois Volunteer Centre

and is looking forward to the Centre becoming a 'one-stop-shop' for volunteerism in Laois. Ms Ryan said that work to get the Centre, which has charitable status, fully operational has been delayed by Covid-19 restrictions but significant progress is now being made. She said a Laois Volunteer Centre office will open and additional staff are being recruited to place volunteers with local organisations. She added that the Centre will in time provide advice, training, and consultancy to local organisations on a range of issues relating to best practice in volunteer management and delivers a Garda Vetting service for local non-profits.

#### ***The aims of Laois Volunteer Centre are:***

1. To promote the value of volunteering and civic responsibility and to increase the range and quality of volunteering.
2. To increase access to volunteering by offering a support service to the public and volunteering involving organisations (VIOs).
3. To carry on these charitable purposes for the benefit of the inhabitants of Co. Laois and its environs.

***A volunteer application portal and database for Laois known as 'I-Vol' has now been established and therefore provides the following services to organisations;***

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The Laois centre is one of seven being set up this year, joining a network of 30 Volunteer Centres located across the country which fulfil a critical role in the community - promoting and enhancing volunteering and invigorating communities by building connections between volunteers and local organisations that involve volunteers across the county.

If you are a volunteer or are an organisation who would like to register with Laois Volunteer Centre, please either download the 'I-Vol' app on your phone or visit [www.volunteerlaois.ie](http://www.volunteerlaois.ie) or check out 'Volunteer Laois' on facebook and Instagram to sign up today.





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## The Power and Light

Do you know what day today is? Today is a very special day. This is Pentecost Sunday. It's the time when we remember that before Jesus returned to heaven, he promised that his Father would send a helper — the Holy Spirit — to live inside of those who follow him. He promised that the Holy Spirit would give them the power to do great and mighty things.



It happened just as Jesus said it would. On the day which is called Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. The Gospel tells us that there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where the disciples were gathered. Then, there were flames of fire that appeared and rested upon each of them. When these things happened, the disciples were filled with power and began to preach and teach about Jesus. They were able to do things that they had never done before because of the power of the Holy Spirit in them.

If you imagine having a torch at home and using it, this will help us understand just how important the Holy Spirit is. A torch is not very large, but it sure puts out a bright light, doesn't it? If the electricity goes off and it is dark, a torch help me find my way around the house. They provide an emergency lighting system.

What do you think gives a torch the power to light up a room? Of course, the torch has a battery inside that gives it power. Without that power inside, the torch just doesn't work. That reminds me of the way the Holy Spirit works in our life. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Our Scripture today tells us that on the day of Pentecost people were filled with the Holy Spirit so that they could do mighty things as the Spirit gave them the ability. It is the same power of the Holy Spirit that enables you and me to let our light shine in the world. Just as a torch must have batteries to give it power, the Holy Spirit is our source of power to live for Jesus.



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Dear Father, we thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to comfort, guide us, and live within us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





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## The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

**Acts 2:4**



<b>SPEAK</b>	<b>LANGUAGE</b>
<b>PENTECOST</b>	<b>HEAVEN</b>
<b>BLOWING</b>	<b>SOUND</b>
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>HOLY</b>
<b>SPIRIT</b>	<b>HEAR</b>
<b>FILLED</b>	<b>WIND</b>
<b>FIRE</b>	<b>TONGUES</b>

## I'm Praying for You



Today, many churches celebrate a special day called Pentecost. It was on the day of Pentecost that God sent his Holy Spirit to the church. The Bible tells us that the apostles were all gathered together in one place when suddenly there was a sound like a mighty, rushing wind. They saw what looked like tongues of fire that came to rest on each of them and all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.

God's Holy Spirit is somewhat like the wind. We can't see him, but we know that he is there because we can see the effects of his power in our lives. The Holy Spirit is very important to us. What are some of the ways that the Holy Spirit helps us?

- He comforts us when we are sad and alone. (John 15:26)
- He guides us in the way of truth. (John 16:13)
- He helps us when we don't know how to pray. (Romans 8:27)
- He lives inside us and gives us life. (Ezekiel 37:14)
- He shows us the good things God has for us. (1 Corinthians 2:9-11)

We are thankful for all of the ways that the wind helps us, but we are even more thankful for all of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us every day. You might say, "He is the wind in your socks!"





# TIME TO THINK!

## A Prayer for Students during this Pandemic

As we move through the month of May thousands of students prepare for exams. Young people have been particularly affected by this pandemic. Third level students have been engaged on line for over a year. Think of the social isolation and emotional consequences they have gone through. Online learning for secondary students has also been extremely challenging. Exam-time brings with it many mixed emotions and feelings. Soon Leaving Certificate and Third Level exams take place. Exams can be stressful occasions when young people can feel pressure and anxiety. The Leaving Certificate is an important milestone in the lives of our young people, the vast majority sits this state exam, which in many ways itself, is a rite of passage, into a more adult and responsible life. Perhaps a positive despite the pandemic is that the Department of Education has had to reflect on how best to assess students' academic performance. This is a time of great opportunity for the Class of 2021. There are many pathways that can bring us to our chosen college places. There are many noble careers where vocational training is another option. For all students, you cannot be defined by the number of points you will receive. Gifts and talents, character and personality will never be simply measured by a points system. These days candle shrines burn brightly in many of our churches, representing the prayers offered by parents and students at this time.

St Paul once said:

"With God on our side who can be against us?"

Essentially being open to the love of God in all our lives is surely a great gift. The life that this young generation now enter more fully is a vibrant one, full of energy and yet very challenging. I don't think it is easy to be a young person in the present culture we find ourselves in. All of these young students will now experience the competitive environment that is the point's race, finding the right college course and career path in a volatile global economy where so often only the fittest and leanest survive. The 'burden of youth' at times can be tragic, manifesting in addiction, anxiety and mental health issues. However, the enthusiasm, resilience and sense of hopeful optimism that is so real for young people, will carry them through the difficult weeks ahead.

I believe faith in the living God is a great source of strength and love for our young friends. Yes, there will always be difficulty and disappointment in life, but faith gives us a confidence and inner peace, that allows us all to live life to the full. God invites us to manifest our hopes and dreams into the realities of our day to day lives. Faith is grounded, in the knowledge that our God abundantly loves us for who we are, not for who we may like to present ourselves as. Faith allows us to hope even in the face of adversity and human struggle.

Essentially faith informs us that we are not alone. Our God resides in depth of our human experience, even in the stress of getting ready for the Leaving Certificate or Third Level exams. Over the coming weeks pray for young people that the good Lord will bless them with strength, happiness and peace. A prayer I always prayed as I faced exam time and never let me down was;

'Holy Spirit, send your power, help me to remember all that I have learnt, inspire me with the gift of Knowledge' Amen!



### PRAYER FOR PREPARATION TO STUDY

Lord, I know you are with me and love me.

Give me peace of mind as I prepare for this time of study. Help me to focus on my books and notes, keep me from all distractions so that I will make the best use of this time that is available to me.

Give me insight that I might understand what I am studying, and help me to remember it when the time comes.

Above all, I thank you for the ability to be able to study and for the many gifts and talents you have given me.

Help me always to use them in such a way that they honour you and do justice to myself. Amen

### PRAYER BEFORE AN EXAMINATION

Dear Lord, as I take this exam, I thank you that my value is not based on my performance, but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk through this time together.

Help me, not only with this test, but the many tests of life that are sure to come my way.

As I take this exam, bring back to my mind everything I studied and be gracious with what I have overlooked.

Help me to remain focussed and calm, confident in the facts and in my ability, and firm in the knowledge that no matter what happens today you are there with me. Amen

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,  
AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;  
IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM,  
AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATHS



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**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](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)

**In Loving Memory of  
MAUREEN CLOONEY**

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**WILLIAM (Bill) CLOONEY**

11<sup>th</sup> May 1980 - 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary



Anniversary Mass  
for both Maureen  
and Bill, will be  
celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**



**at 12:30pm** and will be streamed on the Parish  
webcam.

*Those special memories of you, will always bring  
a smile, if only we could have you back, for just  
a little while,*

*Then we could sit and talk again, just like we  
used to do.*

*The fact that you're no longer here, will always  
cause us pain, but you are forever in our hearts,  
until we meet again.*

*Lovingly remembered and dearly missed by their son  
William, daughters Carmel, Pauline and Valerie,  
daughter-in-law Mary, sons-in-law Richard, Dave  
and Noel, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and  
extended family.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Treasured Memories of  
PATRICK DWANE**

41 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 20<sup>th</sup> May.



*Quickly and quietly came the call,  
Without farewell you left us all,  
A sudden call from God on high,  
You had no chance to say goodbye,  
Without farewell you fell asleep,  
But memories of you we'll always keep.*

*Always remembered by your loving wife and family.*

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OUR DEAR SISTER  
JOAN BARRETT (Roche)**

Late of 24 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

Joan died on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and cremation took  
place on 14<sup>th</sup> May in Kent, England.



You are near even if we don't  
see you,  
You are with us even if you are  
far away,  
You are in our thoughts and in our  
lives always!

*Cherished and loved by her sister Olive, Der & family  
and brother Ger, Sheila & family.*

*Rest in Peace Joan*



**In Loving Memory of  
Our Son DARYL DARGAN**

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021.



Son;

We never expected it - the loss of our son so dear, oh what we wouldn't give to have one hour with him near.

Life did not prepare us to ever say "good-bye" to our own flesh and blood and we keep asking "why?".

But there are no answers, so we grieve with silent tears,

Looking back on moments of the past days, months and years. Those times are our treasures, that we keep inside our hearts, And we send our love up to you, wishing that we never had to part.

Loving you Forever, Mammy & Benny xxx

Brother;

My brother, you will never know how much we truly loved you so. Having you so very close is what we always miss the most. No words describe or could say, the sorrow we feel everyday.

Each day you are on our minds.

Brother you were one of a kind.

Love and miss you, Lee, Stuart and Jade xx

*Rest in Peace Daryl*

**Precious Memories of  
MY DEAR BROTHER JIM DOYLE**

133 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise, whose  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

And his Mother

**MARY (Mai) DOYLE**

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise, whose  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



Partings come and hearts  
are broken,  
Loved ones go with  
words unspoken,  
Deep in our hearts there  
is a memory kept,



For a brother and mother we will never forget.

*Always remembered and sadly missed by  
Your brother Joe & Kathleen.*

*May Jim and Mai Rest in Peace*

*Let His light shine.*



**In Loving Memory of  
MARY (Daisy) MULLINS**

*née McEvoy*

Walkinstown, Dublin and formerly Portlaoise.  
11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



As time goes by without you,  
And the days turn into years,  
They hold a thousand memories,  
And a million silent tears,  
To us you were so special, good, kind and true,  
You'll never be forgotten because we thought  
the world of you,

So rest in peace and thank you for all you have done,  
We pray that God has given you the crown you've truly  
earned.

*Sadly missed by your loving husband Bill, your sons Tom,  
John Bill and daughter Nancy, your son-in-law,  
daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Mary*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARY (Daisy) MULLINS**

*Dublin and Portlaoise.*

11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



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

*Sadly missed by her sisters Kitsie and  
Peggy and extended families, nieces  
and nephews.*

*Rest in Peace Mary*

**Elizabeth Dunican**

(née Maginnis) - 9<sup>th</sup> year away from us.

Sadly missed by her loving husband Christy, sons Paul and Chris, daughters Katherine and Juanita, all her grandchildren, daughter-in-law, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends.



*Liz*  
*We all love you*

*Nine years have passed since you left our side,  
Feelings of sorrow and sadness we hide,  
Nine years without you breaks us apart,  
We love and miss you, forever in our hearts.*

xxx

Forever missing you - Rest in Peace



**In Loving Memory of  
PAT BYRNES**

29 Beechfield, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021



**Husband:**

*Wonderful memories of one so dear,  
Treasured still with a love sincere,  
In our hearts he is living yet,  
We loved him too dearly to forget.*

*Sadly missed by your loving wife  
Margaret, never forgotten.*

**Dad & Grandad:**

*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 by your loving children; Mark, Anna, Joanne,  
Marguerite & Daniel and your 16 grandchildren.*

**Pat's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 11:15am.**

*May Pat Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARIE WHELAN**

33 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



*I often sit and think of you, and think  
of how you died,  
To think you could not say goodbye,  
before you closed your eyes.*

*Loved and sadly missed by your  
husband Peter.*

*Rest in Peace Marie*

**In Loving Memory of  
Our Wonderful Dad  
PATSY DEEVY**

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021.



*What we'd give if we could say,  
"Hello Dad" in the same old way,  
To hear his voice and see his smile,  
To sit with him and chat for a while.  
A true friend we could turn to,  
When times were good and bad,  
One of our greatest blessings,  
The man that we called Dad.*

*Sadly missed by his sons Pat and Brendan, daughter  
Hannah, daughters-in-law Sylvia & Maura,  
son-in-law Paddy, grandchildren Craig, Rebecca & Paddy.  
Also remembering his dearly departed wife Kathleen  
at this time.*

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

*May Patsy Rest in Peace*

*Also remembering at this time Patsy's brother*

**JAMES (Jimmy) DEEVY**  
17 O' Moore Place, whose 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
occurs 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021.

*May James Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
SEAN FARRELL**

Broomville, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church  
on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10am.*

*Missed in the morning of every day,  
Missed in the evening as light fades  
away,*

*Missed in a thousand and one little ways,  
Around every corner, a memory stays,  
No one knows the pain we bear, when we all meet  
and you're not there, we talk, we laugh, we play  
our part, but behind it all lies a broken heart.  
You gave us years of happiness, then sorrow  
came with tears, you left us lovely memories,  
we will treasure through the years.*

*Sadly missed by Betty, John, Billy, Catherine,  
Mark and all your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Sean*

**In Loving Memory of  
SEAN CONROY**

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.  
17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May.



*We miss you more than words  
will ever say.*

*Loved and remembered always  
by your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Sean*



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For the month of May, we will be reciting  
the Rosary, Monday to Saturday evenings  
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Ballyroan every Friday, 10am-4pm.





# BAKERS IN LAOIS NEEDED

**Help someone feel Special on their Birthday!**

## **Consider It Cakes!**

'Consider It Cakes' is looking to brighten up residents' days with a simple but generous gesture; baked goods. The Laois branch was just set up and are now looking for volunteers.

### **Background**

Since the project was set up last summer, over 500 cakes and other baked goods for various occasions have been delivered to people living in direct provision with over 300 people currently volunteering to bake and deliver cakes to centres across the country. As well as giving people a boost with a special delivery, organisers also hope it will let residents know there are people in the wider community who care for them - especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The reactions are priceless and since we started this initiative it has brought so much joy into our lives because we feel like we can really make a change.

### **How it works**

- 1) Anyone who is homeless, asylum-seeking or simply cannot afford a cake because of their current situation is eligible to request a cake (whatever the occasion) for a child, partner or friend. All flavours of cakes are available, and people can choose a theme/favourite toppings etc. which they otherwise might not be able to afford.
- 2) The order is then passed on to a volunteer - simply someone who likes to bake.
- 3) That volunteer then sets aside some of their free time to make and deliver the cake. Children also get a little wrapped present for their birthday, such as a stuffed animal or a book. We also like to celebrate events with special "treat days", for example, Christmas, World Mental Health Day, International Women's Day and so on.



## **LAOIS BRANCH**

You can visit 'Consider it Cakes' on Instagram, Facebook or the website for contact details or for further information.

To get involved with the Laois branch, you can also contact;  
**Jamie Deery directly on [jamie.deery@hotmail.com](mailto:jamie.deery@hotmail.com)**



## Portlaoise Parish



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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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