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The Most Holy Trinity



'Forgive Lord in the name of humanity'

Pope Francis words when visiting Holocaust memorial 2014

Pope Francis kissed the tattoo of an Auschwitz survivor during an emotional meeting at the Vatican this week. Lidia Maksymowicz, a Polish citizen who was deported to Auschwitz from her native Belarus before the age of three, showed the pope the number tattooed on her arm by the Nazis, and Francis leaned over and kissed it.

Maksymowicz, 81, says she did not exchange words with the pope. "We understood each other with a glance," she said.



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Pass It On

We read an inspirational book or see a great film. We visit a new restaurant or discover a new fitness regime. We are eager to share our findings with friends and family. We land a new job, or embark on a new course. Our children start new schools and pass exams. Immediately we are texting our loved ones. In every walk of life we are keen to share our experiences until it comes to religion. There's something politically incorrect about sharing our religious experiences. Perhaps we are afraid of being labelled 'Bible Bashers'. Far better to live and let live we decide. In any case, who's to say it's us that have got things right and everyone else that is misguided. Could it be that the idea of evangelisation is out of fashion? After all, at one time people were prepared to die for their faith. Nowadays Christians face no greater commitment than how best to juggle Mass with Sunday morning football. A lot has changed. Should religion be a very private and personal affair? Who wants to go around notching up conversions like a politician on the run up to an election? We live in a world where information is at everyone's finger tips; surely it's up to the individual to acquaint themselves with Jesus. Finally, the biggest stumbling block of all. How do we go about evangelising if we ourselves have doubts?

The fact remains that Jesus has left us with a great commission. "To go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." It is equally clear that the commission didn't start and finish with those early disciples. It has to be the job of us all.

Perhaps Jesus knew from the outset what our objections would be. We are reminded that even amongst the first disciples there were those who suffered doubts. Perhaps they struggled with what to believe. Perhaps they doubted in themselves and their ability to carry out the great commission. But whatever our doubts, and however much times have changed, two things remain constant. God's love and God's presence. "Remember," Jesus tells us, "I am with you always to the end of the age."

We can take on the great commission at any time.... the sooner the better. The biggest piece of advice we are given today is to "Go!" We are not invited to sit round theorising. There is no need to ponder or agonise. We are invited to get on with the job. We don't need to be hugely clever or to have any special gifts. It doesn't matter that we might harbour doubts. It doesn't matter about our views on political correctness. All we need to do is pass on Jesus' special brand of selfless love and keep passing it on until it has reached all nations in the name the Father who made us, the Son who taught us and the Holy Spirit that enables us.

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Deut 4:32-34. 39-40

Ps 32:4-6,9 18-20, 22

Romans 8:14-17

Matthew 28: 16-20



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Who were baptised last weekend

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TIME TO THINK!

WHAT IS PEACE OF MIND?

Peace of mind, is a feeling of being safe or protected, it is the absence of worry. It's achieving a calm state of mind regardless of your situation and circumstances. The most important step to achieving peace is to acknowledge the fact that you have control over your mind, including your thoughts and how you respond to others. If you refuse to take responsibility for your reactions to others then you will never live in peace. However, when you accept that you are in control of how you respond to people and situations you can begin to make progress in this area instead of living controlled by things that are happening around you.

Here are 7 tips to help you stay focused in order to experience peace of mind.

1. Nourish your Spirituality

Every person has spirituality. Whatever moves or expresses your spirit or inner energy is part of your spirituality. In some senses your spirituality is expressed in every aspect of your personal and public life. It is part of who you are, woven into and expressed through every thought, feeling, and action. There are many definitions of spirituality. Any of them can be helpful in understanding this important yet mysterious part of life.

Ultimately, none of them captures the whole reality, but what becomes clear is that spirituality has these core elements.

A nourished spirituality allows you to push out the worrying and nagging thoughts that creep into your mind. It helps you to take control of anxiety and stress. This allows you to experience peace even if things in life aren't perfect, and the physical benefits are numerous.

2. Limit your use of Social Media

There are things that are good about social media, but there are also lots of studies that show the ways that it can be harmful to the mental health of its users. The use of social media tends to cause us to compare the good, the bad, and the ugly of our lives with the highlight reel that friends and family are sharing. The messy parts of your life are never going to compare with the highlights that other people are sharing. Therefore, if you are struggling with peace and constantly find yourself comparing yourself to others on social media it can be best to stay off the platforms. Social media is also a distraction. It feeds our FOMO (fear of missing out) craving. With access to social media on our phones, it's easy to be tempted into stopping what you are trying to work on or think about in order to "check" what's going on with friends and family.

3. Let go of the Past

Getting hung up on the things that have happened in the past make it difficult to stay focused on the present and the future. Focusing our attention on things that we cannot change makes it difficult to maintain peace of mind. If there is something from the past that you can correct, then do it. Otherwise, it's time to forgive others, forgive yourself, and move on.

4. Don't be easily offended

It is much easier to maintain peace of mind when you let things roll off your back. If you take offense at every little thing that other people do and say, you will remain in a constant state of frustration. Your thoughts will feel out of control and you will quickly lose your peace. However, if you focus on believing the best in others you are shifting your thoughts which will make finding peace much easier.

5. Choose your battles carefully

If you make it your personal mission to correct everyone who is doing something you don't agree with you are going to live in a constant state of strife. And it will be near impossible to keep your mind focused on what you want to focus on. Just like parents are taught to choose their battles with their children, you want to do the same thing with the people and situations you face daily. For example, you might not agree with a conversation that is happening between your co-worker and your boss, but if you are not part of the conversation it's best to stay out of it. If you choose to involve yourself you could be putting yourself in a position of choosing sides, putting your job at risk, and adding stress that you don't want in your life.



6. Make time to Journal

Journaling is a great way to release those thoughts that are bogging down your mind. You can write out your stresses and worries and then once they are out of your head, release them altogether. Some people like to rip up or burn the paper as a symbolic way of showing that they are letting go of those thoughts. Journaling also helps you to process through situations and see things in a different light. Take the time to write about your day, learn from it, and move on from it.

7. Incorporate times of Silence and Solitude into your Schedule

Constantly being in the hustle and bustle of life is a sure-fire way to lose peace of mind and focus. This doesn't mean that you should avoid people at all costs, however, taking time to get away from everyone else and be in total silence can help you to reconnect with yourself. If you find that you have lost all peace, you might need to take a solitude retreat. You could get away for a weekend alone or simply an afternoon. Find a quiet place to retreat to. Allow yourself to think about the thoughts that have been rolling around in your head. Then, decide how to deal with those thoughts. Allow yourself to recharge during this time. Sometimes it can be difficult to realise what we are thinking and how those thoughts are impacting us. If you are struggling to obtain peace of mind you could benefit from a conversation with a local therapist. They know the right questions to ask to help you get to the root of your struggle. Then, they can provide you with actionable steps to help you find and live in peace.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity

To accept the things I cannot change;

Courage to change the things I can;

And wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world

As it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make things right

If I surrender to His Will;

So that I may be reasonably happy in this life

And supremely happy with Him

Forever and ever in the next.

Amen.



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.



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



SPEAK	LANGUAGE
PENTECOST	HEAVEN
BLOWING	SOUND
OTHER	HOLY
SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND
FIRE	TONGUES

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!"

Congratulations to Liam and Ailish, married in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyroan, on 22nd May.
Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne.



TIMES PAST

Fifty-five years ago this week work began on the demolition of the old chapel of Shanahoe - St. Fintan's - built 150 years previously in 1816. This photograph by the late Terry Redmond of Portlaoise is published with the kind permission of Tom Lawlor of Abbeyleix. It is the occasion of the wedding in Shanahoe chapel of his sister Mary Lawlor of Shanahoe (deceased 2015) to Ferdinand Feldbrugge from the Netherlands in Sept. 1959. The couple lived all of their married life in the Netherlands. The new church at Shanahoe, St. Brigid's, was blessed and opened on 25th June, 1967 and the building contractor was Charlie Breen.



**We welcome new life
into our Parish**





'GROUND BREAKING' NEWS!

Work on the new Ballinakill Amenity Park will shortly begin.

Thanks to Fr. Conlon and Fr. Byrne for 'doing the honours' and breaking ground and to Canon Harvey who sent his apologies. Thanks also to the members of the Parish Council, our local councillors and officials of Laois Co. Council and Laois Leader for their attendance. Without their support we would not have achieved one of our key objectives since our formation - the provision of a playground for our community. Well done to all involved.

Ballinakill Community Development Association

CLONKEEN CHURCH AND GRAVEYARD

Calling on the people from Abbeyleix and the Ballinakill area, or indeed any other interested people to come together as a community and try and save a Medieval Church and graveyard from deteriorating further and possibly collapsing altogether.

Clonkeen Church and graveyard in the parish of Abbeyleix is possibly one of the only graveyards in the Country that does not have a committee in place to look after its best interests. This Church is steeped in history, founded in the year 600AD and re-founded again in the 1400s. Search for Abbeyleix Clonkeen on You-Tube for its history recently posted. We have an Archaeological report on the proposed conservation project, Catherine Casey Heritage Officer from Laois County Council visited the site on the 18/05/2021. Her observations of the Church are in line with the Archaeologist in that it's critically important that work needs



to commence A.S.A.P. before a storm or a heavy fall of snow would undoubtedly collapse the walls of the Church. Both gable ends of the Church are top heavy with ivy growing along side them threatening their stability. The people in the parish of Abbeyleix, and the Ballinakill area cannot allow this to happen. The past needs to be preserved for the future.

You can PM myself, Noel Burke on Facebook or JG Carroll Abbeyleix for further information.

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



Rita Keenan
née Nolan
Clonminam, Portlaoise



Zahid Chaudhry
Castle Drive, Kilminchy



Phil Davy
née Clooney
The Fairways, Abbeyleix



Christy O'Shea
Church St. Ballinakill

Simon Malachy McEvoy B.D.S.
Abbeyleix

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
MARY McEVOY

"St. Martin's", Ridge Road, Portlaoise.



We would like to thank you all for the many expressions of sympathy, phone calls, Mass cards and the many gestures of kindness shown to us, following the sad loss of my wife Mary in these difficult times.

A special word of thanks to Dr. White and his team, who cared for Mary for many years; to Dr. Fleming and Dr. Cushen and all the doctors, nurses and staff in Portlaoise hospital; to Mary Kelly, Dr. Crotty, Louise and all the Oncology staff in Tullamore hospital. You gave Mary exceptional care for almost three years and we will be forever grateful. Our thanks to Sonya Brennan and our palliative care team, you did everything you could to ease Mary's pain and to Bluebird Nursing; Danielle you gave us Esther and Grainne who brightened Mary's day. She called them her "twins". We had day and night nurses every day for weeks, without you all we could not have given Mary the excellent care she received at home in her last few weeks. Sincere thanks to Rankin funeral directors for their professionalism and kindness to us at this sad time.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our family, friends and neighbours who visited our home and lined the Ridge Rd. on Mary's final journey to Newland's Cross Crematorium.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. Byrne for your Mass and prayers and to all in the Parish Centre.

Mary was laid to rest in our family grave on 28th April. This would have been her 75th birthday. Mary is now reunited with our daughter Cecilia.

From your loving husband Joe and family.

Mass will be offered at 11am, Tuesday 1st June in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church.

Rest in Peace Mary



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10th Anniversary

In Loving Memory of Our Dear Mother
ROSANNA GING

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 10th Anniversary occurred 26th May.
Also remembering our Father Patrick whose anniversary
occurred 6-1-21



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

*Always loved and remembered by their sons,
daughters, son-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*Also remembering our brother John
at this time.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Paddy) CARROLL

25 Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise
39th Anniversary occurred 28th May 2021.



A Dad's love is special,
A gift beyond compare,
You only know the meaning,
When he is no longer there.
A special time, a special face,
A special Dad we cannot replace,
With an aching heart we whisper low,
We miss you Dad, and love you so.

*Love Micky, Tommy, Ann, P.J., Eileen and John, sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of My Precious Son
WESLEY O' BRIEN

Esker Hills, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary away from home occurred 27th May 2021



A picture of you I carry in my heart,
I close my eyes to see it, when
the world gets dark,
A memory of you I carry in my soul,
I wrap it close around me, when
the nights get cold.

If you ask how I am, I'd say "just fine",
But the truth is, if you could read my mind,
Not a day goes by that I don't think of you.

*Loved and missed always, Mammy, Daddy, brother
Lorcan, son John and extended family xxxxx*

Rest in Peace Wesley

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
CHRISTOPHER O' BRIEN
Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.



The family of the late Christopher O' Brien of Cherrygrove, Portlaoise wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our very sad loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our many relatives, Daddy's wide circle of friends and neighbours who attended the rosary, service and burial and to all who provided emotional and practical support to us at this very sad and difficult time.

To Daddy's wide circle of family and friends who telephoned, sent floral tributes, sympathy cards and messages of condolences, we are forever and truly grateful to you all.

A special word of thanks to all in the long line of people who looked after our Daddy, Grandad and Brother so well. To Tallaght Hospital, Tullamore Hospital and the Dialysis unit, especially Daddy's renal team and the palliative care nurse, Paula. Also the Wellstone Dialysis Unit in Portlaoise, especially his friend Cathy. Thank you all for your care, kindness and support shown to Daddy at all times.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne who celebrated the funeral Mass; to Sarah Troy for the beautiful music; to Matthew and David of Keegan's funeral directors for their sensitivity and professional handling of Daddy's arrangements and to the grave diggers who prepared Daddy's final resting place with such care. To all those who helped in any way over this extremely sad and difficult time, your contributions are much appreciated and will never be forgotten.

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

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

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by Yvonne, Sandra, Gordon, Evan, Teagan, Grace, John and Sonny, all Daddy's brothers and sisters and extended family.

Rest in Peace Daddy

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL FARRELL

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 1st June 2021.
Also remembering him on his birthday.



It is not what we write, or even
what we say,
It is what we feel inside as we think
of you today,
May the wind of love blow softly,
and whisper in your ear,
And tell you how much we love
you and miss you more each year.

*Love always, Patricia and Patrick, also your
brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews xxxxx*

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOHN FITZPATRICK

Ballinlough, Ballyroan.
2nd Anniversary - Died 30th May 2019



We think of you in silence and make no
outward show, for what it meant to
lose you, only we as your family,
will ever know.

Remembering you is easy,
We do it everyday, it's the heartache of
losing you, that will never go away.

*Always loved and sadly missed by your wife Alice,
daughter Una and son-in-law Mark,*

Rest in Peace John

**In Loving Memory of
CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN**

On your 7th birthday away from home



Wishing you were here today,
for even just a while,
So we could say happy birthday
Craig xx and see your smiling
face.

The only gifts today will be, your
sweet memories left behind,
of laughter, joy and happiness,
They echo on in our minds.

We'll gaze upon pictures,
We'll think of you with love,

And hope you are doing fine, in Heaven up above.
May angels hold you closely and sing you a happy song,
And we'll be sending wishes today and all year long son.

Happy birthday in Heaven Craig
Love and miss you always

*Sadly missed and loved always, Mammy, Mudasar, your
brothers Brandon, Noah and Junaid and sister Aisha
and extended family.*

May Craig Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
SEAN McCORMACK**

*Late of 16 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise whose
16th Anniversary occurred 27th May 2021.*



May the winds of love blow softly
and whisper in your ear,
And tell you how much we love
you,

And miss you more each year.

*Lovingly remembered everyday.
Sadly missed by his loving wife, Phil
& family, also his great-grandchildren;
Cormac, Aodha, Polly, Wendy and Aoibheann.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 30th May 10am.

May Sean Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
COLEY CONNELL**

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise whose 17th Anniversary occur at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 30th May at 12:30pm.

*You still live on in the hearts and minds of
the loving family you left behind.*

*Always remembered and sadly missed by your
loving husband Liam, son Philip, daughter
Orlaith, son-in-law John and grandchildren
Holly and Saran.*



May Coley Rest in Peace

**Birthday Remembrance
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PATRICK (Bumper) WHELAN**

*16 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
12th Birthday away from home.*

May the winds of
Heaven blow softly and
whisper in your ear,
How much we love and
miss you and wish that
you were here,
A beautiful memory
dearer than gold,
Of a father whose worth can never be told.



Happy birthday up in Heaven Dad

*From all your loving family here below;
your wife Kathleen, son Patrick and daughters
Chris, mag and Jackie.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
TERRY CONNELL &
JOHN (Rinty) CONNELL**

Whose 34th and 28th Anniversaries occur at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 30th May at 12:30pm.

*Dearer still as the years depart,
They live forever in our hearts.*

*Always remembered and sadly missed by Liz, Liam, Norven, John,
Mary, Domo & Freda.*



May Terry & John Rest in Peace

I am with you
always

Matthew 28:20

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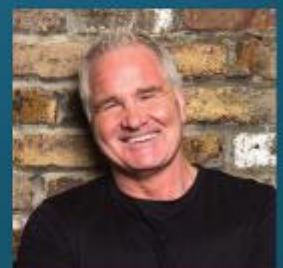
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LORD

As I prepare for my exams
help me to study well.
Help me to stay calm and
not become over anxious.
Let Your Spirit guide me and
help me to remember what
is truly important in life.
Help me during the exams to
remember what I have
studied and to present my
answers to the best of my
ability.
Lord, stay close to me and
help me in my studies.
Amen.

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