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9th May 2021

**Sixth Sunday
of Easter**



**WELCOME BACK
TO WORSHIP**



Masses

Monday – Friday

7.30am, 10am and
11am

Saturday

10am

Sunday

Saturday 5pm &
6.30pm (Vigil Masses)

Sunday

8.30am, 10am,
11.15am & 12.30pm.



Sunday 9.30am



Sunday 10am

- Our ticketing system is being reintroduced for weekend Masses in the **Parish Church only**. Please see the back page for more information.
- We ask everyone to please wear a face covering in the church and to use the hand sanitisers provided.
- Please follow the advice of the stewards and use the correct entrances and exits.

During this time of pandemic there is **no obligation** on anyone to attend Mass. We especially ask vulnerable parishioners to please stay in touch by Parish Radio or Webcam rather than attending in person.

You may feel more comfortable attending a weekday Mass.

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St. Matthias

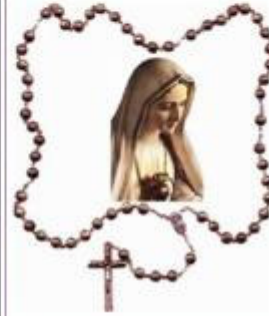
14th May

According to Acts 1:15-26, during the days after the Ascension, Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers (about 120 of Jesus' followers). Now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, it was necessary, Peter said, to fulfil the scriptural recommendation that another should take his office. "Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection"



(Acts 1:21-22).

They nominated two men: Joseph Barsabbas & Matthias. They prayed and drew lots. The choice fell upon Matthias, who was added to the Eleven.



Rosary for May

The Rosary is being streamed live from the Church every evening at 7pm for the Month of May and also from the Grotto every evening at 8pm, and can be viewed on the Parish website.

Trócaire

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Our Lady of Fatima 13th May

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children near the town of Fatima, Portugal between May 13th and October 13th 1917. Appearing to the children, the Blessed Virgin told them that she had been sent by God with a message for every man, woman and child living in our century. Coming at a time when civilisation was torn asunder by war and violence, She promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. We are invited to pray the rosary regularly for peace. Join our Rosary every evening at 7pm.

Visit our website: www.portlaoiseparish.ie

*The Lord is good to all;
compassionate to all his creatures.*



Psalms 145:9



We welcome into our Parish Community

Hannah Mae Buckley, Bridge Street

Leo Patrick Clear, Killenny

Evelyn Alice Knowles, Park Lower

Izabela Maria Dudkowski, Bellingham.

Dylan John Doyle Morrin, Buttercup Avenue

Maria Leigh Lawless Negrut, Emmet Street

Benjamin Brian Lewis, Bellingham.

Who were baptised last weekend.

MAY THE MONTH OF MARY - A Month to pray the Rosary

The Joyful Mysteries



The Annunciation



The Visitation



The Birth of Our Lord



The Presentation in the Temple



The finding in the Temple

The Mysteries of Light



The Baptism
in the Jordan



The Wedding feast of Cana



The Proclamation of
the Kingdom



The Transfiguration



The Institution
of the Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries



The Agony in the Garden



The Scouring
at the Pillar



The Crowning
with thorns



The carrying of the Cross



The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries



The Resurrection



The Ascension



The Descent of
the Holy Spirit



The Assumption



The Coronation

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As part of the Decade of Centenaries Programme Laois County Library presents a talk by Paul Rouse on sport in time of war, with particular focus on the events around the Laois All-Ireland Hurling victory in 1915.

Paul Rouse is a professor at the School of History UCD. He has lectured and written extensively on the history of sport in Ireland.

He is Co-Director of the **GAA Oral History Project** and **Century Ireland**, the main online portal for the Irish decade of commemorations, 1912-23.

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AS I HAVE LOVED YOU

When you think about things that make you happy and things that make you sad, it is pretty simple. When something good happens, you are happy and when something bad happens, you are sad. Do you think Jesus wants you to be happy? Listen to what Jesus said in our Gospel for today, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love..... I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you....."



Heavenly Father, we know that you love your Son and that your Son loves us. Help us to remain in his love so that we will be filled with joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

This is my command..

John 15:12

What did Jesus command us to do?

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TIME TO THINK!

Prayer - A Sacred Conversation

"Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow. "Pope John XXIII". Mindfulness, meditation are not far away from the sacred conversation we all may talk to our God. A personal relationship, with God is indeed a sacred gift that brings rich blessings.

I love the following reflection on prayer...

Prayer Reflection

"Spiritual poverty clings to nothing and nothing clings to it."

Lord, forgive us that we are so busy when we come into your presence.

We have to tell you all our needs in case you might forget some of them.

We make many resolutions in case you don't think well of us.

We are anxious to get some teaching from you that will keep us faithful to your will.

We thank you for the times when you invited us just to be quiet and remain in your love, your permanent unconditional love, the kind you had from your Father.

"Prayer is not meant to change the world. It is meant to change us so that we will then change the world."

Lord, we have made the commandments into cold, objective obligations, and many of them, at that.

We thank you that they are gestures of love;

- The tender embrace between husband and wife before leaving for work.

- The words of wisdom that a great leader speaks to his intimate followers on his deathbed.

- The wave of friends at the airport.

They are all gestures that we treasure because they tell us that we are loved, and set us free



to give ourselves to others.

Lord, when we look at our lives we discover a history of love. We were loved when we were small, as Jesus was loved by Joseph and Mary. And that love freed us;

It was a starting point from which we could trust others and give ourselves to them. And now our children, those whom we have loved in our turn, have grown up and become loving people too.

Lord, that history of love is your presence in the world.

"Be as uninteresting as a glass of cold, clear uninteresting water."

Lord, we thank you for our friends.

We remember when we knew them first.

We admired them so much that we just wanted to please them, not really to understand them - just like servants.

Then gradually we became friends, as we learnt to trust each other, to let ourselves be known so that we could share what was most intimate to us, the kind of things only you taught us, and there was no such thing as "this is my business".

The interesting thing is that we have come close to you too.



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



Aine Purcell
née O' Connell
Ballyfin



*James (Reuben)
Geoghegan*
Kilminchy

Maura Goode née McGrath
Abbeyleix Road

Paddy Fitzpatrick
Ballymullen, Abbeyleix

Patrick (Pat) McEvoy
Ballinakill

*Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
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*In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL CULLEN*

Kilteale, Stradbally, Co. Laois.
1st Anniversary occurred 5th May 2021



On the first Anniversary of Michael Cullen, Breda, Debbie, David and the extended Cullen family, would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on the loss of our beloved Michael.

Thanks to all who offered their condolences by sending Mass

cards and sympathy cards, messages on RIP.ie, floral tributes and donations to Laois Hospice. Sincere thanks and gratitude to all who supported Michael in his illness, especially our family, extended family and friends. A special thanks to our wonderful neighbours and friends who dropped food and refreshments to the house and lined the roads from Michael's home to Kilteale graveyard, it meant alot to the family.

Many thanks to Dr. Sinead Burke in the Cedar Clinic, Jim and staff in Hughes Pharmacy, the staff of the Regional Hospital Portlaoise and St. James Hospital Dublin, Sonia Brennan and the Palliative Care Team, Evelyn Walsh his Public Health Nurse and Carers.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne for celebrating Michael's funeral Mass and also for his weekly visits to Michael which was a great comfort to him. To Aisling Walsh for her beautiful singing in the church. Many thanks to Matthew Keegan Undertakers for their professionalism, kindness and support in carrying out the funeral arrangements with such dignity and respect.

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

Missed so dearly

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 lie broken hearts. 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 Breda, Debbie and David,
grandchildren Anna, Cillian, Dylan and Adam,
his mother Kay, extended family and friends.**

May Michael Rest in Peace

Treasured Memories of
Our dear mother Olive Brennan
 51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
 25th Anniversary occurred Friday 7th May 2021



Anniversary Mass celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
 on Friday 7th May at 10am and on
 Sunday 9th May at 10am.

A Mother's Love
 A Mother's love is something that no
 one can explain,
 It is made of deep devotion and of
 sacrifice and pain,

*It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,
 For nothing can destroy it or take that love away,
 It is patient and forgiving, when all others are forsaken,
 And it never fails or falters, even though the heart is
 breaking,
 It believes beyond believing, when the world around
 condemns, and it glows with all the beauty of the rarest
 brightest gems,
 It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanations and it
 still remains a secret, like the mysteries of creation,
 A many splendid miracle man cannot understand,
 And another wondrous evidence of God's tender
 guiding hand.*

*Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus,
 In whom we trust and pray,
 Grant the soul of our dear loved one,
 Eternal rest today.*

*Remembered always by all your loving sons, daughters,
 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May Olive Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JULIE LaCUMBER (née Carroll)
 Triogue Court, New Road, Portlaoise.
 3rd Anniversary occurs 12th May 2021



Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church, on
Wednesday 12th May at 10am.

*Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside us everyday,
 Unseen, unheard but always near,
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Sadly missed by her loving sons,
 daughters, grandchildren,
 great-grandchildren, extended
 family and friends.

Rest in Peace Julie



In Loving Memory of
KEVIN O'ROURKE

Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.
 4th Anniversary occurs 15th May 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church on
Saturday 15th May at 10am.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife
 Jane and family.*

Rest in Peace Kevin

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 In Loving Memory of
CHRISTINE MAHER

28 Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.



The Maher family would like
 to thank all those who
 sympathised with us on our
 sad loss. To all those who
 sent Mass and sympathy
 cards, floral tributes and
 messages of condolences,
 especially the neighbours and
 residents of Oakleaf Place,

who helped us through our sad time and
 provided food and refreshments.

Our thanks to all those who attended the
 rosary, funeral Mass and burial, and to all
 those who could not attend the funeral and
 joined with us virtually through the Parish
 webcam, we sincerely appreciate it.

We would like to express our deepest
 gratitude to the ambulance service, A&E staff
 and the doctors, nurses and staff of Portlaoise
 Hospital.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne and the
 Priests of the Parish, to the Parish Centre
 staff and to Sarah Troy for the beautiful
 music during the Mass.

Our thanks to Tim and Paul of Rankin's
 funeral directors, for their compassion and
 professionalism in carrying out Christine's
 funeral arrangements.

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

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

Christine's Months Mind Mass will be
 celebrated on Sunday, 9th May at 10am in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise
 and can be viewed via the Parish Webcam.

Rest in Peace Christine

**In Loving Memory of
CLEMENT KEHOE**

Late of Main Street, Stradbally, Co. Laois
6th Anniversary occurs 10th May 2021



Loving Memories of you
Clement
We will never forget
Sadly missed along life's way
With silent thought and
deep regret
We think of you every day
No longer in our lives to
share, but in our hearts
you are always there.

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

Loved and remembered by your wife Evelyn, sons
Paul, Niall, Mark, Clem, daughters Nessa, Nicola,
grandchildren & extended family and friends.

May Clement Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANNE HARDING and her
daughter PATTY**

46 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
14th and 12th Anniversaries occur respectively.

There is a path of beautiful memories from here to Heaven
above, that keeps us very close to you and it's called the
path of love,

Your shadows walk beside us ever since the day you died,
Oh angels take this message to our mam and sister up above,
Tell them we miss them and give them all our love.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Wednesday 5th May at 10am.

Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving family.

May Anne & Patty Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARY (Moira) DOWLING**

Borris Rd., Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 11th May 2021.



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.

Sadly missed and always remembered by
her sons and daughter and their families.

Rest in Peace Mary

**Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS née Buggy**

The Heath, Portlaoise.
50th Birthday occurs 13th May 2021.



Today is your birthday in Heaven
above, my blessings I send on the
wings of a dove,
Not just for today, but every day
here of, I think of you always with
all my love.

Always loved, forever missed;
Your loving husband Derek, children Serena,
Rachel, and Darragh and grandchild Killian.

Wishing you were here today for just awhile, so we
could say happy birthday and see your loving smile,
But we will gaze upon your picture and think of you
with all our love, and hope you are celebrating in
Heaven above.

Never forgotten by your loving family;
Daddy, Mammy, Sean, Valerie, Edel and families.

May Geraldine Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
DANNY BRENNAN**

41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
17th Anniversary occurs 14th May 2021



Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.

Loved and remembered always by
your loving wife and family.

Rest in Peace Danny

Peace be with you

John 20:21

In Loving Memory of
RAY BERGIN

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurred 7th May 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 9th May at 10am.

*Death leaves a heartache no one can
heal, love leaves a memory no one
can steal.*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his wife
Mossie, Martina, Lisa, Sandra and grandchildren xxx
Also remembering his son Dean at this time. R.I.P.

Rest in Peace Ray

The Ursulines of Mary

Immaculate

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Raheen, Co. Laois



We are praying for you!



Send us your Prayer Requests:

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ONE €10,000 Jackpot Winner

'Sister Act' Promoter Thelma Brown

WINNERS

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Match 3s

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Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can
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PARISH SHOP

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Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support. *Thank you* to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish during this time of Lockdown. The generosity of so many means we continue to be well supported and can pay our way at this time.

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

Portlaoise Parish Account:

IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

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IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

(The BIC for both accounts is AIBKIE2D)

THANK YOU

RETURNING SAFELY TO PUBLIC WORSHIP - OUR TICKETING SYSTEM (SUNDAY MASSES ONLY)

From next weekend, 15/16 May, attendance at Sunday Masses in the Parish Church will require a ticket. Tickets will be available from Wednesday 12th, via our website, www.portlaoiseparish.ie. If needs be, please ask a family member/friend to assist you with getting your ticket. You can contact the parish office Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm on 057 86 21142; we can guide you through the process but please only as a last resort! Tickets for future Sunday Masses will be made available on the Wednesday prior to the weekend. You **do not** need a ticket for weekday Masses or Masses in the Heath or Ratheniska. Thank you.

