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20th June 2021

Twelfth Week
in Ordinary Time



Henry Fitzpatrick treating the Heath Church with Microsure. (See back page.)

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Transcending Life's Storms



Fear of what others might think of us; Fear of getting things wrong; Fear of our children getting things wrong; Fear of poverty; Fear of the bills in the letter box; Fear of opposition; Fear of illness; Fear of loneliness or alienation; Fear of running out of time; Most of us fear something, and our fears all have something in common. We fear most, the things that seem beyond our control.

In today's gospel the disciples are out in their fishing boat when a storm whips up the waves. Water crashes into the little fishing boat threatening to sink it. Jesus sleeps on a cushion in the stern, and to the disciples he seems not to care. Can we identify with the frightened disciples? When our lives are out of control that's when most of us pray our hardest, and when our prayers are answered we either thank God, or perhaps if we're honest, we imagine that the problem wasn't as bad as we thought in the first place. Only when God seems indifferent to our prayers is our faith called into real question. If God has the power to quell life's storms why does he seem to remain indifferent? The trouble with God is that he doesn't rush round fixing the lottery for us or texting us with our dream job. Would we really expect God to behave like this? Yet it's at times when God seems to do nothing that we need our faith most. It's at times like this that our faith is hardest to find.

It's a very useful exercise to look back at life and take a second look at the seemingly insurmountable problems that we have navigated in the past. We might imagine that we have conquered our own problems single handed. In retrospect, it is clear that God has steered us safely through the storms often in totally unexpected and surprising ways. The great comfort is that if God has helped us before, he will help us again and again. We will always have fear, it's part of our human condition, but as

Christians we have a way of transcending it. We are asked to remember Jesus' words "Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?" We are asked to remember that even the wind and the sea obey him. If we have faith that Jesus is the master of our lives and that God has ultimate control, then we need feel no fear.

Mass times for the coming week

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Saturday: 10am

Sunday

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8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

TWELFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Job 38:1,8-11

Ps 106:23-26, 28-31

2Cor5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

Nativity of John the Baptist - 24th June

A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. Like John, each of us is born for a purpose. The ministry of John the Baptist Continues in each of us.



Thomas More and John Fisher Matters of Conscience 22nd June

On this day we remember those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.

Close friends, Thomas More and John Fisher, refused to render allegiance to King Henry VIII as the Head of the Church. As a result they were tried and convicted of treason and executed. Thomas More told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation."



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TIME TO THINK!

ACCEPTING DIFFERENCE



The movie *The Elephant Man* tells the true story of John Merrick. Merrick was born in the slums of England in 1862, and almost from birth experienced massive rejection due to his grotesque appearance. Merrick suffered abnormalities that resulted in a large and severely misshapen head, loose, rough skin, and twisted arms and legs.

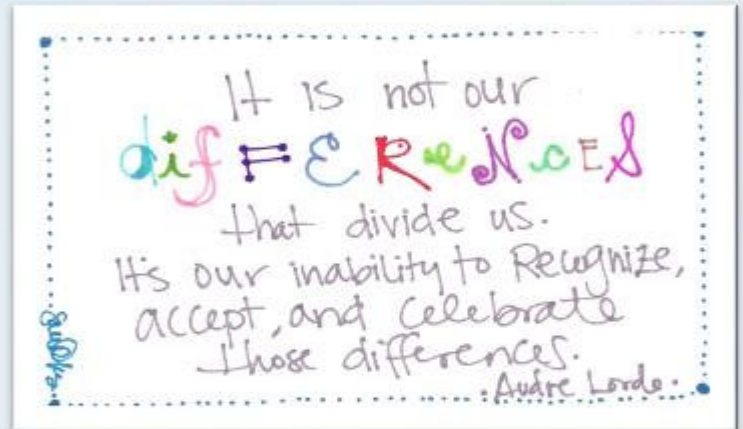
His mother loved him dearly, but died when he was ten. His new step-mother didn't take to him, and at twelve, he was expected to work to contribute to the family finances. After two years working in a cigar shop he was dismissed because his deformities meant he could not keep up the required pace. His father found him a job, of all things, as a door-to-door salesman. This only accentuated Merrick's self-loathing. When people opened their doors and saw him people would literally scream and slam the door in his face. Those who knew who he was refused to answer their doors.

After this "failure" Merrick's father began beating him. Merrick wound up on the street and was rescued by a kindly uncle, the only person who would help him out. Not wishing to further burden his uncle, Merrick left to live in a squalid workhouse for drunks, cripples and the mentally ill. His life there was so miserable that he offered himself to a carnival owner as a sideshow act.

Merrick was a hit. People would pay money to line up and observe him like some animal in a zoo. But the carnival finally provided him with security and a place he belonged. It was while the sideshow was in London that Merrick met Dr. Frederick Treves. Disgusted by Merrick's treatment Treves wanted to help. He gave Merrick his card, but lost track of him. The police started clamping down on the sideshows, so Merrick was sent to Belgium to work in a sideshow there. But when Belgian police also clamped down Merrick was forced to make his way back to England. As he limped down Liverpool Street station, foul smelling and misshapen, a crowd gathered simply to watch him.

The police took him aside to sort things out, but Merrick's speech was so slurred by his deformities that they couldn't understand him. It was at this point Merrick showed them Dr Treves' card. The police sent someone to get him, and Treves rushed back. He took Merrick back to London hospital and began a newspaper appeal for funds to help Merrick. The response was very warm, and soon sufficient that Merrick was able to have his own house on the hospital grounds with permission to live there permanently.

Treves' care marked a real turning point for Merrick. At first Merrick would act like a frightened child and hide when anyone came into his room, but over time he began to engage some in conversation. Dr Treves discovered that Merrick was in fact highly intelligent and sought to nurture his growth. Yet Merrick's greatest hurdle was still to fall. All his life Merrick had known only fear and rejection from women. They had literally run from him.



So Dr Treves asked an attractive widow he knew if she could come into Merrick's room, smile at him and shake his hand. When she did Merrick broke down into a ball of tears, later telling Treves that she was the first woman in his life apart from his mother to have showed him kindness.

That was a breakthrough moment for Merrick. In the coming years more and more people, women included, would meet him and show him kindness. He began meeting Countesses and Duchesses. He even had many visits and letters from the Princess of Wales, forming a friendship with her. Throughout this time Dr Treves reports Merrick changed dramatically. He began to develop some self-confidence, to spend time traveling in the country, to discuss poetry with another new friend, Sir Walter Steel.

Merrick died in April 1890. His deformities had never allowed him to sleep lying down as most people do. He had to sleep in a sitting position, his head resting on his knees. He apparently tried one night to sleep lying down, to be more "normal", and sadly dislocated his neck and died.

Merrick's story shows us the power of love and acceptance. Rejected all his life, treated as a "thing", it was the loving welcome of others that liberated him to become all he could be. His life was made tragic not by his deformities but by the response people made to them. We all respond best to love and encouragement. We may not be marked by the physical crosses that Merrick lived with, but may well disguise our inner wounds and fragile vulnerability. Empathy and kindness bring friendship and love, important values in a wounded world.

O God, my Strength, show me how to be a person who accepts others for the way they are without demanding complete change. Show me that stereotyping someone is wrong and provide me with opportunities to overcome this problem in my thinking. Allow me to see others with Your eyes, for I know we are to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Encourage me to accept new personalities and friendships. Show me how being different can be better, and how it can allow me to have a welcoming heart.



Who's in Your Boat?

Jesus and his disciples had been travelling all around the countryside and Jesus had been teaching and performing many miracles. When evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross over to the other side of the lake." So they climbed into



a boat and set sail to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus was very tired, so he was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a pillow. Suddenly, a fierce storm came up. High waves came up and the boat began to fill with water. The disciples were afraid and went and woke Jesus. "Teacher," they shouted, "don't you care that we are going to drown?"

When Jesus woke up, he spoke to the winds and the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly, the wind stopped blowing and the sea became calm. He turned to the disciples and said, "Why are you afraid? Do you not have faith?"

The disciples were absolutely terrified. "Who is this man?" they asked each other. "Even the wind and waves obey him!"



As we sail through life, things are going to happen. We will face many storms in our life. Perhaps we may face a serious illness or a family problem. We might make a wrong decision or fall in with the wrong crowd at school. When you face these problems on the sea of life, who do you want to have in the boat with you? I know who I want! I want Jesus. He can calm every storm. If you take Jesus with you day by day, he will be there with you in the storm.



Our Father, we know that each day we will face difficult situations. We are thankful that as we sail through life, you are always there to calm the storms. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PEACE! BE STILL!

Unscramble each word, then use the marked letters to reveal the secret word.

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!"

Mark 4:39



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HERE ARE SOME CLUES IN CASE YOU NEED HELP!

1. Jesus and his disciples got in a _____
2. The disciples were afraid that they were going to _____
3. Jesus spoke to the wind and the _____ JESUS CALMS A
4. After Jesus spoke, the sea became _____

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ANSWER: There was a fierce _____ on the sea.

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers!



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STRONG
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Joke of the day!!



Teacher (on phone): You say Michael has a cold and can't come to school today? To whom am I speaking?

Voice: This is my father!

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



Bernadette Callaghan

née Dunne
Borris Great, Portlaoise



Deirdre Kelly

St. Brigid's Place,
Portlaoise



Martin Dowling

Dublin Road, Portlaoise and
Ballyroan



Nora O'Sullivan

née Ryan
Clonking, Abbeyleix

Ian Amaral (Lawlor) Carlow/Portlaoise

William (Billy) Carter - Abbeyleix

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

**In Loving Memory of
NOREEN COSS**

26 Grattan Street, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurred 17th June 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday, 19th June at 5pm.

*It's so sad that you had to go,
Your leaving caused so much pain,
You were so special to us all,
Earth's loss is Heaven's gain.*

*Fondly remembered by your loving family, much loved
grandchildren, brothers and sisters, extended family,
and friends.*

May Your Gentle Soul In Heaven Rest in Peace Noreen

We apologise for a misprint in Noreen's memorial notice last week and deeply regret the upset caused to the family.

**In Loving Memory of
My Precious Daughter**

SAMANTHA MOORE

2 Triogue Manor, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 21st June.



You'll never be forgotten,
That simply cannot be,
As long as I am living,
I carry you with me.

Safely tucked within my heart,
Your light will always shine,

A glowing ember shining bright, until the end
of time.

So rest my angel, be at peace and let your soul
fly free,

One day I'll fly beside you for all eternity.

*Sadly missed, truly loved, your broken-hearted
Mam xx*

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I'm thinking back today on happy
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your support and I knew that I
could count on you. The older I get,
the more I realise how lucky I've
been to have had you

*From Marie, Hayley, Shaunagh,
Kelsey, Faydagh and Brannagh
xxxxxx*

*In Loving Memory of
A Cherished Husband,
Father and Grandfather*

WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY
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4th Father's Day away from home; 20-6-2021



In Heaven's greenest pastures,
Where the brightest flowers grow,
Lives a very special person,
Whom it was a privilege to know.

In this garden of bright colours,
Your guardian angel sings,
May you be resting peacefully,
Beneath the shelter of his wings.

You are missed so very much,
And are thought about each day,
And the memories of all we shared,
Are a pleasure to replay.

Your memory is so precious,
Your presence missed so much,
You will always be remembered,
And loved by all of us.



Happy Father's Day

Very sadly missed and never more than a
thought away, your wife Anne, sons and
daughters, son-in-law, daughters-in-law
and all your grandchildren xxx

Rest in Peace William

*In Loving Memory of
NUALA McNAMARA
née Deevy*

Ross, Ballyfin, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs Friday 25th June 2021



One year ago to this day, we had to do
the hardest thing in the whole world,
Say "goodbye" for the last time,
To a wife, mother and grandmother
who had a huge heart,
So many memories are our keepsake,
For which we hold them close in our
hearts.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's
Church, Ballyfin on Friday 25th June at 7:30pm and can
also be viewed on the Ballyfin parish webcam.

Loved and always remembered by Dan and family,
Mary, Liam and Una, Marguerite and John, John,
Pauline and Eddie and her loving grandchildren xxxx

Rest in Peace Nuala

FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Pat) MILLS*

148 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Heavenly Father's Day Daddy
We love and miss you so much
and we always will.

Jean, Cathy, Marie, Patrick and
Teresa xxxxx

Rest in Peace Patrick

*In Loving Memory of
MARGARET RYAN*

33 Newpark, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 18th June.

7th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 20th June at 12.30pm.



Just a prayer from the family who
loved you,
Just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world
of you.

Sadly missed by all her loving family.

May Margaret Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
ETHNA DUNNE née Clooney

Clonad, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

Passed away peacefully 15th December 2020



Ethna's daughters, Mary, Nora and Deirdre, sons, Sean, Anthony and Eoghan, sons and daughters in law, grandchildren and great grandchildren and the extended family, wish to thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them on the recent loss of Ethna.

We would like to thank everyone for adhering to public health guidelines at the time of Ethna's funeral and we understand that many of you were unable to offer condolences in the usual manner.

We wish to thank all those people who telephoned us, sent Mass cards, messages and letters of sympathy, floral tributes and left their condolence messages on R.I.P. Many thanks to our neighbours, friends and relatives who lined the route for Ethna's removal to the church and graveyard.

We wish to thank Bernie and staff of Ballard Lodge Nursing Home for the excellent care Ethna received and for their kindness and compassion during a difficult time.

We thank Dr. Anna Gullane and staff of Annebrook Medical Centre, Deirdre and staff of Laois Pharmacy and the staff of Portlaoise, Tullamore and Abbeyleix Hospitals for their excellent care and kindness. We appreciate the excellent care given by Natasha, Nadine and Denise.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Fr. Paddy Byrne who celebrated the funeral Mass and for live streaming the Mass which allowed family, friends and neighbours to be present with us virtually. We wish to thank the sacristans, soloist, John Hosey and the gravediggers for their professionalism.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode, Undertakers for the kind and professional manner in which they attended to the funeral.

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

Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Rest in Peace Ethna

1st Anniversary & Father's Day Remembrance

SEAN BUCKLEY

Portlaoise Road, Abbeyleix.

1st Anniversary occurs 23rd June 2021



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

*Loved and remembered by all
your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Sean



In Loving Memory of **ANTHONY DUNNE**

Clonad, Portlaoise.

18th Anniversary occurs 26th June 2021



All your love remains with us, for love itself lives on, Cherished memories never fade, even though you are gone,

Those we love can never be more than a thought apart,

For as long as there is a memory, they live on in our hearts.

Always loved and remembered by your family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen, on Saturday 26th June at 7pm.

His loving wife Ethna who died on 15/12/2020 will also be remembered at this Mass.

May Anthony & Ethna Rest in Peace

Fathers Day Remembrance

In Loving Memory of our Daddy

KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

8th Father's Day away from home - 20th June 2021.



The pain that we are feeling never seems to go away,

We wish we could visit Heaven, if only for a day,
We know that you would hold us and whisper in our ears; "Don't think of me as gone away, because I am always here".

We know you're in a better place where you are at peace and free,

To be happy in eternal life and still watch over us,
Although the door between our worlds is closed and we're apart, until the time God opens it, you're always in our hearts.

We love and miss you Daddy and though you've passed away, you'll never be forgotten for we think of you everyday.

Happy Father's Day Daddy

Forever in our thoughts.

Lots of love Becky and Dylan xx

In Loving Memory of
Our Dearest Mam & Grandmother
JANE McEVOY

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise. (17th Anniversary)
 Also our Dad, whose Anniversary occurred in 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 love you Mam and Dad, never forgotten by all
 your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

let His light shine.



In Loving Memory of
MARY (Maisie) DOLLARD

11th Anniversary occurs 20th June.



Mam;
 We miss your sense of
 humour, the gleam within
 your eyes,
 And everything you use to do
 that made our lives
 worthwhile.

There never comes a moment
 that we don't think of you,

Or a day that passes that your face is not in view.
 And when we're feeling lonely and tears come to
 our eyes, we think of you at peace and we know
 we should not cry.

We can't believe its been so long since we saw
 your smiling face, you were so very special Mam,
 no one can take your place.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
 Saturday 19th June at 6:30pm.

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by your
 loving family.*

Rest in Peace Mary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
TOM MAJOR
 Rathevan, Portlaoise.



On the occasion of his first
 anniversary, the family of the late
 Tom Major, Rathevan, Portlaoise
 wish to acknowledge the huge
 outpouring of support, love and
 kindness shown to us at the time
 of Tom's passing and throughout
 his illness. We would like to
 express our sincere gratitude and
 appreciation to everyone who
 reached out to us with cards,

letters, phone calls, kind words, and shared
 memories, both during Tom's illness and since his
 passing.

We were very touched to see so many friends and
 neighbours who stood outside their homes, on the
 roadside, outside the church and at the graveyard
 to say a final goodbye to Tom.

We wish to acknowledge the Heath Ladies and Adult
 GAA clubs, the Heath National School and Scoil
 Christ Ri for their very dignified guards of honour.

We greatly appreciated the wonderful care provided
 to Tom by the Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise
 and particularly the Accident and Emergency
 Department, ICU and the surgical ward. We are also
 very grateful for the support of Phyllis Howlin and
 the Laois Palliative Care Team, Dr. Gerald White
 and staff, all the staff at Midoc Portlaoise, Kilminchy
 Pharmacy and the HSE Stores Mountmellick. You all
 made it possible for Tom to remain in his own home
 which meant a lot to him and to us.

Thank you to the Priests of Portlaoise Parish and
 Fr. Paddy Byrne, Abbeyleix. We would like to offer a
 special word of thanks to Monsignor John Byrne for
 his kindness to Tom during his illness and for
 presiding over the funeral Mass. Thanks to Nuala
 Kelly and Vivien Graham for their beautiful music.
 We extend our heartfelt thanks to John, Patricia and
 John Edward of Moloney Undertakers for their
 guidance and support in helping us to organise the
 funeral.

Thanks finally to our dear friends and neighbours
 who were with us over the journey of Tom's illness
 and throughout the funeral and made sure that we
 were never hungry. To all those who helped in so
 many ways thank you for the comfort you have
 brought to us.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone
 individually, we trust this acknowledgement will be
 accepted by all with our sincere appreciation. We
 will be forever grateful for your support. Mass will
 be offered for all your intentions.

Tom's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
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 June at 12:30pm.

Rest in Peace Tom

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Portlaoise Parish



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17th June 2021



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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

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Priests of the Parish



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