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**Thirteenth Week
in Ordinary Time**



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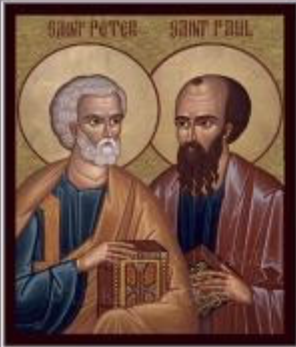
Congratulations to all who have graduated. Pictured is the graduation ceremony for Ms. Duff's class during the week in Holy Family Snr. School.

See back page for our plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation later in the year.

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Saints Peter and Paul Tuesday 29th June

Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, making many mistakes along the way. Paul, on the other hand, came to the faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that. We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail and to get things wrong, yet we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always be on fire for the Lord, and proclaim Him to everyone and in every situation, no matter how difficult it can sometimes be to do so.

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Sunday

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CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

THIRTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Cor 8:7,9, 13-15

Mk 5:21-43

St. Oliver Plunkett

1st July

Oliver Plunkett, from an Irish nobility whose family supported King Charles I. Ordained in Rome in 1654 he became a professor of theology from 1654 until appointed Archbishop of Armagh in 1669. He ministered in Armagh, through forced to work in a covert way during the suppression of priests. He was arrested and tried at Dundalk in 1679 for conspiring against the state. It was seen that Oliver would never be convicted in Ireland, and he was moved to Newgate prison, London. He was found guilty of high treason 'for promoting the Catholic faith', and was condemned to a gruesome death. He was hanged, drawn and quartered on 1 July 1681 at Tyburn, in London. He was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn, and the first of the Irish martyrs to be beatified in 1920. He was canonised by Pope Paul VI on 12 October 1975. He is buried at Downside Abbey, England; his head is venerated in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda.



*Do not be afraid:
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Mark 5:36

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There is one of the five senses that I have not mentioned. Do you know what it is? It is the sense of touch.

The sense of touch is very important, isn't it? We can often tell what an object is by its size, shape, and texture -- all of which can be learned by using our sense of touch. This morning I want to tell you about a woman who experienced the power of Jesus -- just by touching him.

One day Jesus was walking through a large crowd of people. The people were crowding around so that he could hardly move. There was a woman in the crowd who had a very bad sore that had been bleeding for twelve years. She had been to many doctors, but none had been able to help her. She had heard about Jesus and she believed that he could heal her, but there were so many who were people crowded around him that it seemed hopeless.

The woman thought to herself, "If I could just get close enough to touch his robe, I would be healed." So she pushed through the crowd and reached out and touched Jesus' clothes. Her bleeding stopped immediately and her suffering was ended.

The Gospel tells us that as soon as the woman touched him, Jesus felt the power go out of him. He turned to the woman and said, "Your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be free from your suffering."

Won't you reach out to Jesus today? If you will, you too can feel his power in your life today.



My Prayer

Dear Jesus, we long to reach out and touch you and to feel your power in our life. Amen.



There's Power in a Touch

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.



And a _____ was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many _____ and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew _____. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his _____, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be _____." Immediately her _____ stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her _____. At once Jesus realised that _____ had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who _____ me?'" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your _____ has healed you.

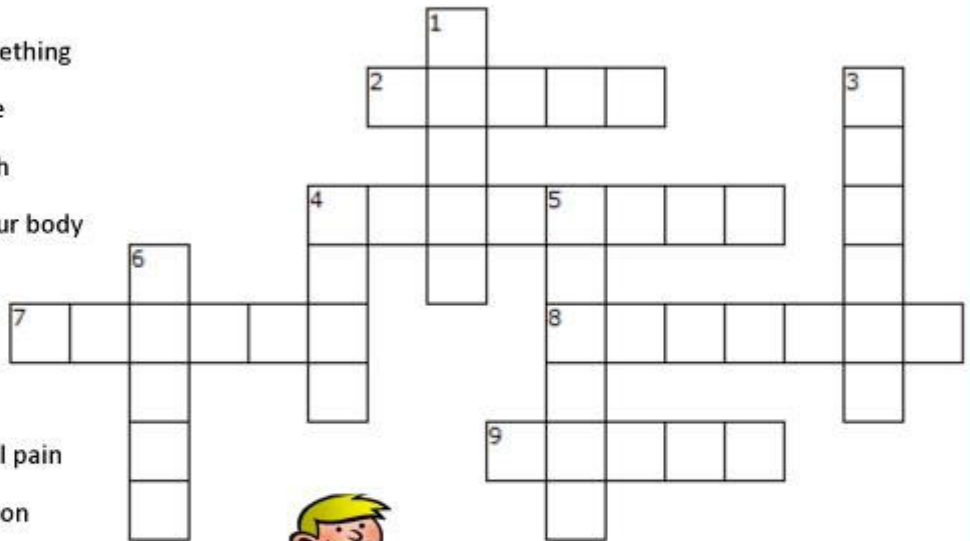
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ACROSS

- 2. To put the fingers lightly on something
- 4. Losing blood from a cut or a sore
- 7. To be cured or restored to health
- 8. The things you wear to cover your body
- 9. A human adult female

Down

- 1. Physical strength or force
- 3. To experience physical or mental pain
- 4. The main, physical part of a person
- 5. A person who treats people who are sick or injured
- 6. To believe in something you cannot see



FAITH BLEEDING SUFFER BODY WOMAN
DOCTOR HEALED CLOTHES TORCH POWER



TIME TO THINK!

LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL

Even though it's summer, this has the feel of spring about it. We seem to be like calves released from our winter hibernation, stampeding around the place, throwing our heels in the air, excited and delighted that we can feel the grass growing under our feet.

What's even better is that we're promised even more if the official pathway laid out before us is not blown out of the water by our own carelessness or irresponsibility.

Thankfully, three things have conspired to create this visit to the anticipated land of milk and honey.

One is a new appreciation of the ordinary. What's particularly moving is how much the opportunity to enjoy what we took for granted has delivered such palpable delight, consuming a pint in a pub with friends is discussed with such solemn respect that you'd imagine someone had discovered a new Seamus Heaney poem. The satisfaction of meeting family members after a long lockdown sets in perspective all the easy chat about the limitations of home. Having a cup of coffee with friends is one of the new wonders of our new world. Not to speak of the discovery of grandparents' joy in seeing and hugging their grandchildren. Everything that we were denied that was ordinary we've discovered is now wonderful - thanks to the lockdown.

A second is that, even though no one wants to admit it, we've more money in our pockets than we ever imagined. With most shops closed, most avenues of pleasure cut off at the pass, foreign holidays effectively either outlawed or deemed socially irresponsible and a host of other expenses spared, we find ourselves with a small fortune of disposable, accumulated funds to dispense at will.

Mr Varadkar, contends that we have six billion euros tucked away and that it's our patriotic duty to get out there immediately and to spend it. Apparently, the reasoning is that if we spend our money, the generated business and taxes will pay the multiple billions we've already spent on PUP and the effects of COVID -19. If we do, Mr Varadkar says, the economy 'will take off like a rocket'. We will, no doubt, take him at his word.

A third is that our ticket to this Shangri-la - the vaccine, is available to everyone, free of charge.



All that has to be done is (i) to dispense it - and in fairness this is happening at breakneck speed - and (ii) to take it.

It beggars belief that a whole shaft of nonsensical reasons for not taking the vaccine is being peddled by a cohort of unconvincing and unimpressive self-appointed experts who inflict their crass wisdom on a mostly disbelieving public.

Attending vaccination centres is a marvel of human science. Yes, our God inspires the intellects that has achieved the vaccine in record time. I have no doubt, that the wisdom and inspiration behind this achievement, was as a result of the heartfelt prayers, of millions for an end to this dreadful pandemic.

But though it seems like spring, the truth is that we're trying to come to terms with the greatest miracle of all time. Summer is here. God is good and all manner of things will be well. Enjoy.

God, you have warmed our corner of your marvellous creation with your love and grace.

I thank you for the invigorating days of summer. The longer days of sunlight remind me that the Bible records your first creative command for the cosmos as, "Let there be light!" and that Jesus is the Light shining into fragile human hearts.

Light gives life, and summer teems with life. Thank you for all the wonders of life you have created and have given to us to enjoy.



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*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil: for you are with me; your rod
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MAY HE REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to his family.

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In Loving Memory of
IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL
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Annette and the Lawlor family of 25 Oakleaf Place, would like to sincerely thank everyone for the love and support shown to us, following our sad loss of our son and brother Ian.

We would like to thank our friends, family and neighbours, who were so good and supported us throughout the week and continue to do so, the community spirit was well and truly alive. Thanks to all those who sent Mass, sympathy cards and floral tributes and to all those who posted messages of condolence on RIP.ie

We would also like to thank Ian's friends, colleagues and patients from SignaCare, Killerig and his friends and neighbours from Carlow.

Sincere thanks to Paul and Tim of Rankin Funeral Directors, for their compassion and the professional manner in which they carried out Ian's funeral arrangements and also to the gravediggers who prepared Ian's final resting place with such care and respect.

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The family of the late Laura Kilkenny wish to thank everyone who sympathised on the recent death of their beloved mother Laura.

We would like to thank those who were unable to attend the funeral Mass due to Public Health Restrictions but viewed the Mass via the Webcam service and to those friends and family members

who sent floral tributes and left condolence messages on RIP. We would also like to thank those who sent Mass cards or who sympathised in person.

Many thanks to Portlaoise Pantomime Group for their guard of honour at the Church and to all those who lined the route from the Church to the graveyard.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Dr. Sinead Burke and the staff of the Cedar Clinic, Jim and the staff of Hughes Pharmacy and the Palliative care team who took such good care of Laura in her final days.

Sincere thanks to Fr. David who celebrated her funeral Mass, the sacristans, soloist John Hosey and the grave diggers 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.

Laura's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 4th July at 10am.

Rest in Peace Laura

In Loving Memory of

Eenie Redmond

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1st Anniversary occurs 26th June 2021.



She would not care for sorrow,
She never cared for fuss,
Only to be remembered,
By a prayer from all of us.

*Loved and greatly missed by her
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Nothing dies that is remembered.

Rest in Peace Eenie

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No special time is needed
for us to think of you,
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To have, to love, and
keep forever,
Time slips by, life goes
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*Loved and sadly missed by your wife Elizabeth,
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Portlaoise Parish



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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:

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Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can be viewed on our website and our Church Porches.

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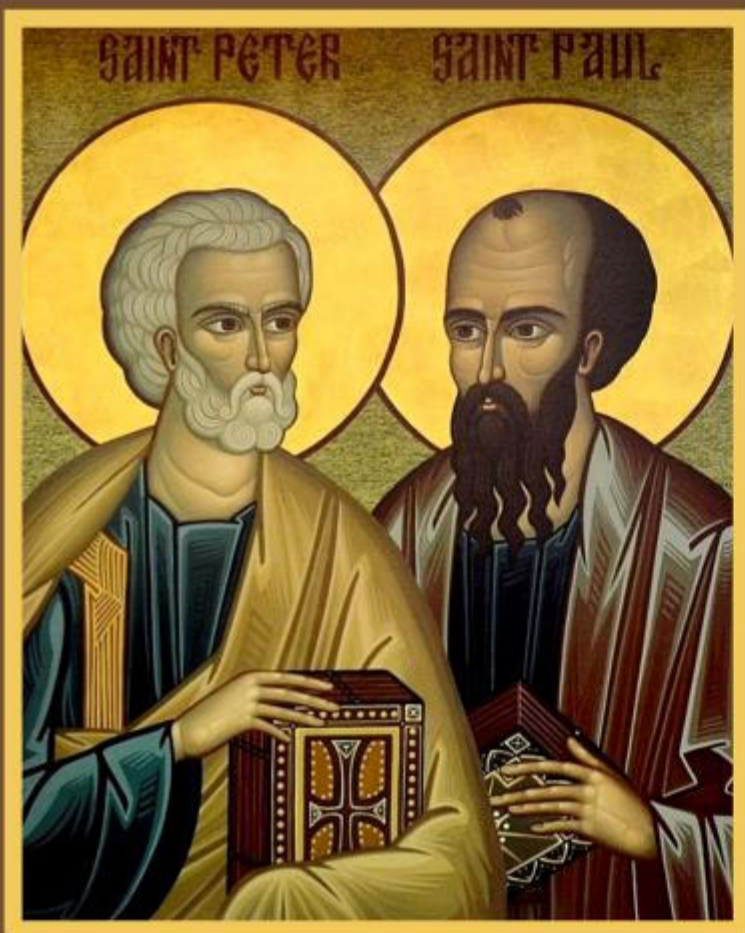
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On Tuesday (29th) we celebrate
the feast of our patrons

Sts. Peter and Paul

Prayer to our Patrons

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,
that we may be sustained
by the intercession of the blessed
Apostles Peter and Paul,
that, as through them you gave your Church
the foundations of her heavenly office,
so through them you may help her
to eternal salvation.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

DATE FOR CONFIRMATION 2021

11am, Saturday 28th August*

O'Moore Park



**Come,
Holy Spirit**

There are 340 girls and boys enrolled in our Confirmation programme for 2021. The vast majority are 6th class pupils currently completing their Primary School education. They have been disappointed as we have been unable to celebrate the Sacrament so far this year. We have made arrangements for a grand scale celebration of the Sacrament in O'Moore Park as they transition to Secondary schools. Bishop Denis will lead our celebration accompanied by the priests of the Parish and others assisting.

We are very grateful to Laois GAA who have been so cooperative in kindly making their magnificent facility available for the occasion. It promises to be a great celebration and please God nothing will prevent it going ahead as planned.

*(our arrangement has to be provisional and will depend on the Covid-19 situation at the time)