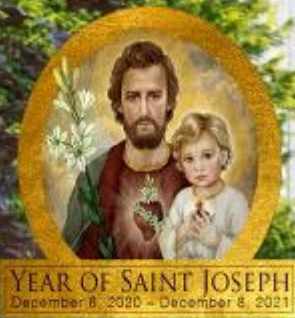


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8th August 2021

**Nineteenth Week
in Ordinary Time**



POLLINATOR HABITAT

Our Pollinator Habitat at the Parish Church has been doing very nicely. Thank you to Angela Dunne who oversees it.



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'The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven''

(John 6:41)



And in fairness it is hard to blame them. It was very peculiar language and some claim for Jesus to make for himself. Anyone making such a claim would easily be labelled crazy, a nut, certifiable.

C.S. Lewis, in his book "Mere Christianity," makes the following statement about Jesus: "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg - or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronising nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us."

Throughout the book Lewis argues for the truthfulness and importance of the Christian faith. He puts forth the idea that Jesus was either a liar, lunatic, legend, or Lord and Saviour. Lewis, of course, comes down firmly on the latter view - Jesus is indeed 'the Bread of Life'.

Mass times for the coming week

ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

Monday - Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 11am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigils 5pm & 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

1Kings 19:4-8

Psalm 33:2-6

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

HEATH CEMETERY MASS

Sunday, 15th August



**Feast of the Assumption
Procession, Rosary at 7pm
Mass at 7.30pm**

**St. Maximilian Kolbe
Saturday 14th August**

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"

John 15:13.

The best modern-day example of submission to this noble ideal is Maximilian Kolbe. In 1941, Maximilian Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and was eventually transferred to the prison at Auschwitz, where he carried on ministering to his fellow prisoners in secret. In order to discourage attempts to escape, the prison had a rule that for every escapee, ten other men would be put to death. In July of 1941, a man from Kolbe's bunker disappeared. Ten men were chosen to be starved to death. One of those chosen, Franciszek Gajowniczek, was especially upset because he had a wife and family, and he had hoped to return to them someday. Father Kolbe volunteered to take his place. His offer was accepted. Maximilian Kolbe is honoured as the patron Saint of drug addicts, political prisoners, families, journalists, prisoners, and the pro-life movement. Pope John Paul II called him "The patron saint of our difficult century."



**We welcome in our
Parish Fr. Octavian**

Fr. Octavian Enache, a priest from Romania, was ordained in 2019. After a short pastoral experience in Romania, he was sent by his Bishop to continue studies in Dogmatic Theology in Rome, at the Gregoriana University. He is from the same Diocese as Fr. Ciprian and will spend the next month here — in his own words "I am happy to be here in Ireland, in Portlaoise, for a brief pastoral experience, and I am looking forward to learning more about Irish culture, and to celebrate the Holy Mass together".



We welcome into our Parish Community



Lizette Chiwunma Nnaji, Forest Park
Tena Corkovic, The Hermitage
Molly Daisy Dunne, Carmody Way
Thomas Seamus Kevin Grattan, The Heath
Grace Angela Haslam, Lakeglen
Caoimhe Caroline Finn, Kyleclonhobert
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butter. Most of us probably eat bread in some form every day. What is your favourite kind of bread?

As far back as Bible times, bread was very important to life. You may remember the time when the Israelites were starving in the desert. Every morning God sent bread from heaven for the people to eat. I'm sure you also remember the time when Jesus fed a crowd of 5000 people with just five loaves of bread and two small fish. Do you remember when Jesus taught his disciples to pray? He taught them to say, "Give us this day our daily bread." Yes, bread is, and always has been, a very important part of life.

Bread tastes very good, and when we are hungry, eating bread is a good way to satisfy our hunger. But guess what? Tomorrow we will be hungry again! What if there was a bread that we could eat and not be hungry again? Wouldn't that be great?

Bread can provide vitamins and minerals to help us grow strong and healthy, but eating bread won't help us live forever. Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was bread which, if we ate it, we would live forever?

Well, there is! Let's call it heavenly bread. It is bread that came from heaven.

After Jesus fed the 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two small fish, many people followed him. The only problem was, they followed Jesus, not because of his teaching, they followed him because he fed them. Jesus said, "You come looking for me because you ate the loaves and had your fill." Then Jesus told them, "The bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever."

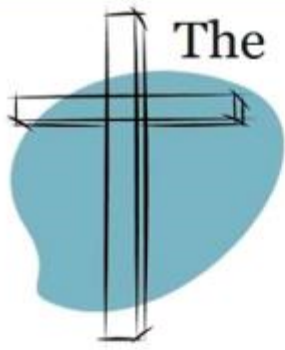
Jesus is the heavenly bread that satisfies our hunger. He is the heavenly bread that gives us eternal life. Eat the bread that came down from heaven. Eat and live.



My Prayer

Our Father, we thank you for sending Jesus, the living bread, that we might have eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





The Living Bread



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Taken from Today's Gospel

"Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world."



TIME TO THINK!

THE GIVER IS BIGGER THAN THE RECEIVER



I love this story from Katharine Hepburn's childhood; it is beautiful, in her own words....

"Once when I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus.

Finally, there was only one other family between us and the ticket counter. This family made a big impression on me.

There were eight children, all probably under the age of 12. The way they were dressed, you could tell they didn't have a lot of money, but their clothes were neat and clean.

The children were well-behaved, all of them standing in line, two-by-two behind their parents, holding hands. They were excitedly jabbering about the clowns, animals, and all the acts they would be seeing that night. By their excitement you could sense they had never been to the circus before. It would be a highlight of their lives.

The father and mother were at the head of the pack standing proud as could be. The mother was holding her husband's hand, looking up at him as if to say, "You're my knight in shining armour." He was smiling and enjoying seeing his family happy.

The ticket lady asked the man how many tickets he wanted? He proudly responded, "I'd like to buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets, so I can take my family to the circus." The ticket lady stated the price.

The man's wife let go of his hand, her head dropped, the man's lip began to quiver. Then he leaned a little closer and asked, "How much did you say?" The ticket lady again stated the price.

The man didn't have enough money. How was he supposed to turn and tell his eight kids that he didn't have enough money to take them to the circus?

Seeing what was going on, my dad reached into his pocket, pulled out a \$20 bill, and then dropped it on the ground. (We were not wealthy in any sense of the word!) My father bent down, picked up the \$20 bill, tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket."

The man understood what was going on. He wasn't begging for a handout but certainly appreciated the help in a desperate, heart-breaking, embarrassing situation.

He looked straight into my dad's eyes, took my dad's hand in both of his, squeezed tightly onto the \$20 bill, and with his lip quivering and a tear streaming down his cheek, he replied; "Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family."

My father and I went back to our car and drove



home. The \$20 that my dad gave away is what we were going to buy our own tickets with.

Although we didn't get to see the circus that night, we both felt a joy inside us that was far greater than seeing the circus could ever provide.

That day I learned the value of giving.

The Giver is bigger than the Receiver. If you want to be large, larger than life, learn to Give. Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, only with what you are expecting to give - which is everything.

The importance of giving, blessing others can never be over emphasized because there's always joy in giving. Learn to make someone happy by acts of giving."

~ Katharine Hepburn

St. Luke's Gospel, beautifully reminds us all.. "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full - pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." Generosity defines the heart of God. God's love is a gratuitous free gift for all of us. When we respond and say yes to this liberating love, in turn, we begin to share much more with kindness and compassion. May we grow in that rich grace of faith hope and love.

"History says, don't hope
On this side of the grave.
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave
Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme."

~ Seamus Heaney

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



Julie Dwane
née Matthews
Mountain View
Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise



Jimmy McGrath
Temperance Street
Abbeyleix



Bridget (Bridie)
Conroy
Clonad

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me: your rod
and your staff - they comfort me.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

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In Loving Memory of
BRIDGET (Bridie) O' BRIEN



15 New Road, Portlaoise.
Who died 4th April 2019.



Bridget donated her body to the Medical School
in Trinity College, Dublin.

**Mass will be celebrated for Bridie on Sunday
15th August at 12:30pm in the Parish Church,**
followed by cremation on Monday 16th August
at 10am in Glasnevin Crematorium.

Sadly missed by all her loving family.
Rest In Peace Bridie



In Loving Memory of
JOHN KENNEDY



21 Dun Masc and 29 Main St. Portlaoise.

Who passed away on 8th August 2020, aged 89 years.



Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others' needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories left behind.

*Sadly missed by his loving family
and friends.*

Rest In Peace John



In Loving Memory of
JOHN (SON) WALSH



Summerhill, Portlaoise.

Whose 17th Anniversary occurs 12th August 2021.



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

*Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts*

Sadly missed by his loving wife Rose & family.

May John Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
PAULINE HOOBAN



121 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurred 6th August 2021.



A special smile, a special face,
In our hearts a special place,
You are not just a memory or part
of the past, you are ours to
remember, as long as life lasts.
*Always loved and remembered by
your sister Mary and family.*

May Pauline Rest in Peace



Today we remember our Sister
MAUREEN HOLLAND



née Byrne

Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.
Anniversary occurs at this time.

Always in our thoughts and prayers.

*Loved and never forgotten by her
brothers and sister.*

Mass offered.

Rest in Peace Maureen



In Loving Memory of
JOHN DELANEY
ROBERT DELANEY
KATHLEEN DELANEY
Green View, Ridge Road, Portlaoise.



John's 66th Anniversary, Robert's 29th Anniversary & Kathleen's 21st Anniversary occur at this time.

John's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this Sunday 8th August at 12:30pm.

*Although you can't be here with me, we're truly not apart,
 Until the final breath I take, you'll be living in my heart.*

*Sadly missed by their loving family;
 Joe, Mary, Rena, Sheila, Madeline, John,
 extended family, relatives and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
KIERAN DELANEY

A Dear Son, Uncle and Daddy
Late of Green Mill Lane & St. Brigids Place, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurred 2nd August 2021



When I come to the end of my journey
 and I travel my last weary mile,
 Just forget, if you can, that I ever
 frowned and remember only my smile.
 Forget unkind words I have spoken,
 Remember some good I have done,
 Forget that I ever had a heartache,
 And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
 and sometimes fell by the way, remember I have fought some
 hard battles and won, ere the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going;

I would not have you sad for a day,

But in summer just gather some flowers and remember the
 place where I lay.

And come in the evening when the sun paints the sky in the
 west, stand for a few moments beside me and remember only
 my best.

*Always in our thoughts Kje; Mam, Angie, Kelsey, Tracy,
 Brendan, Sean, Laura and his son Adam, nieces and
 nephews and all his loving family.*

May Kieran Rest in Peace

Precious Memories of
Our Darling
MARTIN WALSH

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

29th Anniversary occurs 11th August. Died 11/8/1992.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church, on Wednesday 11th August at 11am.



*A whisper on an August evening,
 You heard a gentle call,
 You took the hand of God,
 And quietly left us all.
 It broke our hearts to lose you,
 But you did not go alone,
 For part of us went with you,
 The day God called you home.*

*We love and miss you deeply Martin, your ever loving
 Mammy, brothers Anthony, Joseph, sisters Mary, Tina,
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Also remembering his Dad Martin at this time.

Rest in Peace Martin

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Today would have been such
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 more day, if there was one
 more tomorrow.

But birthdays are a time for
 reflection, to look over years past, and we can't
 believe another year has gone by, the time just goes
 so fast.

But memories of more happier times, in our hearts
 will always stay, we'll treasure each and every one,
 until we meet again someday.

So we'll say goodbye for now Patricia and blow a kiss
 to Heaven above, to wish you the happiest of
 birthdays and send you all our love.

Loved and missed by all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Patricia

**In Loving Memory of
PHIL RYAN**

Pembroke Terrace, Abbeyleix. Died 5th April 2020.



A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on
Sunday August 15th at 3pm
in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary,
Abbeyleix in remembrance of Phil.
This Mass will be live streamed on
Abbeyleix Parish webcam.
Current Covid Restrictions apply.

*Sadly missed by all her loving family.
Rest in Peace Phil*

**In Loving Memory of
EUGENE O'CONNOR**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurred 4th August 2021.*



*To live in the hearts of those
we love is never to die.*

*Always loved and remembered by
James, Zoe, Odin, Zane and
Ange xxxxxx*

Rest in Peace Eugene

**In Loving Memory Of
JOHN DUFF**

*Died 13th August 1968
(53rd Anniversary)*



*And his Son
PATRICK
DUFF*

*Died 10th August 1983
(38th Anniversary)*

Kyle, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.



*Softly the leaves of memory fall, gently we gather and
treasure them all, for the ones we loved so dearly.*

John and Patrick's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Tuesday 10th August at 10am.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving family.

Rest in Peace John and Patrick

**In Loving Memory of
PADDY PHELAN**

Straboe, Portlaoise.

14th Anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 14th August at 6.30pm.

Fourteen years have passed since you left us,

A brother, a carer, a friend,
You were truly one in a million,
Great memories we keep to life's end.



Sadly missed by his loving family and friends.

Always Remembered, Rest In Peace Paddy

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
ALICE NEVIN**

*12 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.
3rd Birthday away from us.*

Birthday Remembrance Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church on Tuesday 10th August at 11am.

*We hold you close within our hearts and
there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.*

*So rest in peace our Angel,
And thanks for all you've done,*

We pray that God has given you, the crown you've truly won.



Happy Birthday in Heaven

*Sadly missed and always remembered, love from
Paddy, Kathleen and family and grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Alice



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**In Loving Memory Of
MARGARET (Peg) CASEY**

Beechfield, Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 16th August.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise,
Sunday 15th August at 11.15am.

*Even though you are not with us,
Your presence is still strong,
Because in your heart we'll always find,
The love for which we long.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Liam, Dermot,
Denise, Emma and Anna.*

May Margaret Rest in Peace

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**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN FARRELL**

Rath Gailine, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 12th August 2021.



*Loved with a love beyond telling,
Missed with a grief beyond all tears.*

*Sadly missed by her four children Caroline,
Alan, Derek and Lisa, their partners and her
grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
extended family and friends.*

We know that she is with Frank and Dean now looking after them
with lots of love.

Rest in Peace Kathleen

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Elizabeth Hilliard
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Cathryn Faulkner
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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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Clergy of the Parish



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PSALM 16:8

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Saturday Mass- 3.00pm

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8.30pm

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