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**19th September 2021**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



**YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021



The Shrine Committee: Jimmy Shields, Michael Fitzpatrick, Maureen Brophy, Eugene Lacey, Catherine Fitzgerald and John O'Neill. See article on Shrine on page 13.

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## Success, Power and Wealth

If you took a survey out onto the street asking, "Which people would we regard as the most successful?" celebrities like Bill Gates or Simon Cowell might figure highly on the list. Favourite pop idols, film stars, sports people and royalty might be up there too. It seems that we measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. Even in our own not so famous circles, we strive for status and job promotion. With promotion comes extra responsibility and with that extra responsibility, increased power to our elbow.

The disciples may well have been feeling bemused in today's gospel story. Jesus tells them that man will hand him over to his death. The disciples were probably wondering why Jesus should succumb to this kind of ignominy. After all, wasn't he the Son of God? Couldn't he exercise some power? Who knows, perhaps it was this idea that prompted their conversation on the way to Capernaum. We are told that the disciples were discussing amongst each other, which of them was the greatest. They must have known deep down, that Jesus would not approve of this discussion, because when Jesus asks them what they were talking about, they fall silent with shame.

Jesus places a small child in their midst to teach them a lesson. He is asking them, and us, to accept the child's world as our own. We are asked to accept a world of vulnerability and absence of status. We are asked to take stock. Who do we look up to in our society? Do we look down on those who appear to lack ambition or position? Today we remember that Jesus' way is not of pomp and circumstance, but of servitude and humility. We have to learn that success is not about what we have, but about who we are.



The following prayer to St. Peregrine (patron for those who live with cancer).

### Prayer to Saint Peregrine

O great St. Peregrine, you have been called "The Mighty," "The Wonder Worker," because of the numerous miracles which you have obtained from God for those who have had recourse to you. For so many years you bore in your own flesh this cancerous disease that destroys the very fibre of our being, and who had recourse to the source of all grace when the power of man could do no more. You were favoured with the vision of Jesus coming down from His Cross to heal your affliction. Ask of God and Our Lady, the cure of the sick whom we entrust to you. Aided in this way by your powerful intercession, we shall sing to God, now and for all eternity, a song of gratitude for His great goodness and mercy. Amen.

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**Baptised last weekend**

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 Ps. 53:3-6, 8,

James 3:16-4:3. Mark 9:30-37



## Saint Matthew

**21<sup>st</sup> September**

One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw, seated in his customs bureau, Levi the publican, whose business it was to collect the taxes from the people for their Roman masters. Jesus said to him: **"Follow me,"** Leaving all behind, Matthew arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace. The humble Matthew, as he was thereafter called, tells us himself in his Gospel that he was Levi, one of those publicans abhorred by the Jews as enemies of their country, outcasts and notorious sinners, who enriched themselves by extortion and fraud. Other than this, we know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles.



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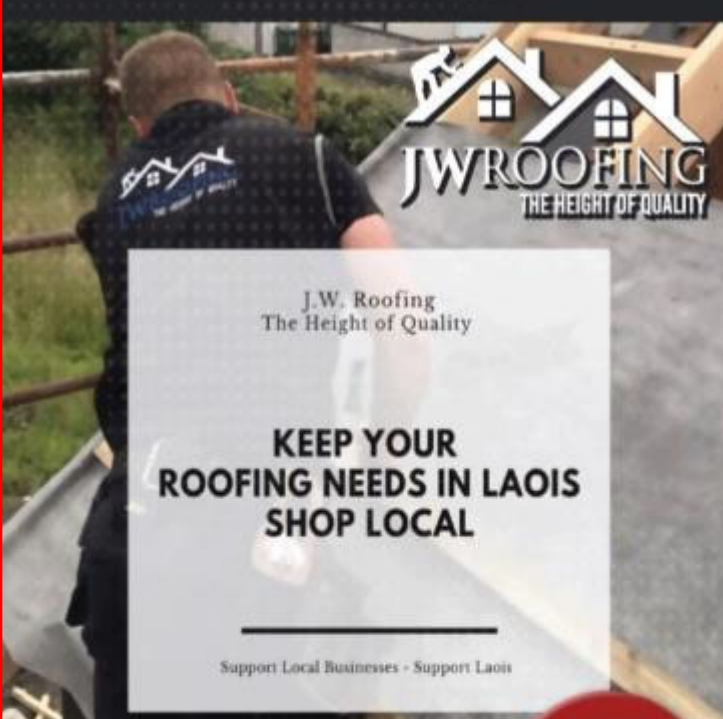
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It would be pretty silly to argue about which of these keys is the most important, wouldn't it? How about people? Have you ever heard people arguing among themselves about which of them is the greatest? I have! You might be surprised to know that even Jesus' disciples had such an argument. One day the disciples were walking along the road with Jesus and they began arguing among themselves. Jesus overheard them, and when they got to the place where they were going, he asked, "What were you arguing about on the road?" The disciples suddenly got very quiet. They were embarrassed because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.

Jesus sat down and called his disciples to him. "If anyone wants to be first," he said, "he must be the very last, and be the servant of everyone else."

Now that wasn't exactly what the disciples wanted to hear. They were hoping to hear Jesus say that they were going to have a position of great importance in his kingdom. Instead, Jesus called a little child over to him and took him in his arms. "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children also welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, also welcomes the one who sent me."

If I were to ask you, "Who is the greatest person who ever lived?" What would your answer be? Would you name a famous singer? A movie star? A world leader? I think we would all agree that Jesus Christ was the greatest person who ever lived. Why? Because, although he was God, he gave up all of his divine privileges and became a servant.

There are a lot of keys on my own key ring. One key you won't find on this key ring is the key to greatness. The key to greatness is to have a servant's heart. A heart like Jesus.

## PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, give us a heart like Jesus.**

**In his name we pray.**

**Amen.**







# The Key to Greatness

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



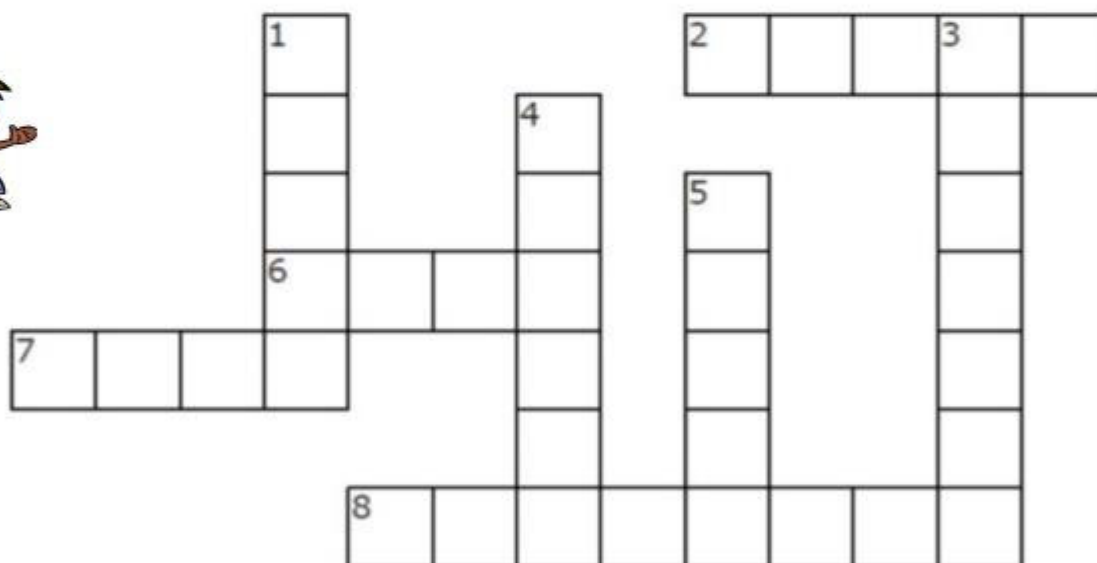
They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you \_\_\_\_\_ about on the road?" But they kept \_\_\_\_\_ because on the way they had argued about who was the \_\_\_\_\_.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be \_\_\_\_\_, he must be the very \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of all."

He took a little \_\_\_\_\_ and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ one of these little \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

welcomes      first      child      greatest      servant  
last children      quiet      name      arguing

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## ACROSS

2. A building where people live, especially a family
6. The one coming after all others
7. A public way of the travel of vehicles, people and animals
8. A person or thing of the highest

## DOWN

1. A very young person
3. Someone who is employed to perform services for others.
4. Small in size
5. The one coming before all

ROAD      GREATEST      SERVANT      FIRST  
LAST      CHILD      HOUSE      LITTLE

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# TIME TO THINK!

## HARVEST THANKSGIVING..... A TIME FOR JUSTICE

Perhaps this harvest time is an opportunity for us all, to acknowledge the fruits that we all have in the depth of our being. Fruits that take a lot of time to grow and mature into the beautiful personality and unique qualities that are particular to all our stories. The gift of grandparents who embody the story of every harvest, parents who respond so generously to the needs of their children. Parenting I'm sure in many ways could be likened to tending the needs of the vineyard, it is constant, demanding, most challenging and in many ways totally dependent on the unconditional generosity and reservoir of love, that provides for the needs of family life. I am often truly inspired by the time and indeed sacrifices that so many wonderful parents, so often make for their children in order to allow them to grow and realise the best possible harvest for their family. No fruit or talent can realise its potential without effort and work.

So much of what we are giving thanks for is the product of an industrial system designed to treat everything as a commodity and us as the consumer. The purpose of the "market" is to make a profit by processing everything. The Earth and all its produce is raw materials to feed into a factory that churns out processed "stuff" that is supposed to be designed for us. And the advertising is there to convince us that it is good, wholesome and that we must buy it. The machines that process it are operated by a few folk who are there to make sure it is functioning eg. £60,000 machines that identify if the vegetables are the right colour or shape. Or we employ people on low wages to do monotonous, soul destroying tasks such as removing blemished misshapen fruit. Or the sweat shops where our cheap clothes are produced that we wear a few times and then throw away.

And we convince ourselves that this is the right thing to do because we need to be able to feed, clothe and house our growing population. Money rather than community has become our primary source of security and we have moved from a place where belonging matters to a place where belongings matter. Are these the things that we have come to say thank you to God for?

At the start of the pandemic, the international community had agreed to distribute available vaccines fairly worldwide. After more than a year of lockdowns and millions of infections and deaths, little remains of this promise. While rich countries have secured the majority of available vaccine doses, many poor countries still have none, including many countries in Africa. The COVAX vaccine alliance has started to supply these countries with vaccines, but this is progressing too slowly, therefore, a decision should now be made about temporary suspension of the patents for coronavirus vaccines. This would make it possible to quickly expand global vaccine production at additional locations worldwide.

When I read the Gospels and the Old Testament prophets I find a Jesus and a God who stand for something so different. To Jesus people mattered. Their quality of life was more important than the quantity of wealth. He spoke of a God, a Father who knows how to give good gifts to His children.



He spoke out against the systems that were only interested in power, in creating wealth and profit, that turned God's beautiful creation into raw materials for its businesses, that trampled over everyone.

Jesus and the prophets told a different story, of a world where love, justice and mercy were available in huge measure. Where no one would be in need, where people live in peace with each other and with nature. Where, as we heard last week, God is our lover. Where the rich and the powerful are challenged and changed. A story of revolution and transformation.

We tell a different story every Sunday when we come together as a community. Our liturgy tells the story of how we have failed to live in peace with each other and nature but our Creator God is providing a way to healing, restoration, re-union.

I feel that we are so disconnected from nature and from what we consume. We aren't separate from nature, we are part of nature. But we behave more like a cancerous growth, out of control and destroying all the rest of life, and ourselves as well. It is time we listened to the prophets and not the profit!

As I've said before, I believe passionately that there is more than enough for everyone in the world if only we were to re-write the story and we were to live more simply and share more equally. If we were to act justly, to love mercy and to walk more humbly with our God. Then we would really recognise the beautiful abundance that God has given us and really be able to give Him the thanks and praise that has given us all a rich bounty.





## THE SHRINE AT MARKET SQUARE

**Built to mark**

**The Marian Year 1954**

**A Rosary to mark its  
repair and redecoration**

**Next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 8pm**

It stands on the site of the former Town Hall (1885 - 1945). The Town hall designed by the English-born architect, John Hampden Shaw, was a magnificent building which housed the Town Clerk's office and various other municipal offices, a Concert Hall and a Billiards Room..... Its dancing days well over, and in a state of disrepair, the Town Hall burned down in March, 1945. The following September, the Town Commissioners appointed a committee to find a site for a new hall which would "be a credit to the town". One of the suggested sites was Lyster Lane, but this, of course, never happened and, in September 1949, the *Leinster Express* reported that 'the Town Commission at long last agreed that the unsightly ruins of the Town Hall, the greatest eyesore in Portlaoise was to be demolished'.

And so it was in October of that year to honour the forthcoming Marian Year of 1954, the Men's Confraternity planned to erect the Shrine of Mary Immaculate, Mother of God. The County Engineer objected on the grounds that a statue would 'reduce the vision of drivers approaching the town from the Mountrath and Abbeyleix Roads', but religious sentiment prevailed. Most of the £500 cost was raised by selling raffle tickets and, amid what the *Leinster Express* described as 'scenes of piety and fervour never before experienced in the town', the Shrine was blessed and dedicated in December 1953. To mark the occasion, the town was 'gaily decorated with bunting and flags, while miniature shrines, tastefully illuminated, and adorned practically every house'. T. C Kelly's loudspeakers relayed the unveiling ceremony throughout the town. The statue itself is made of Carrara marble and the railings are the work of local man, Din Tynan whose forge once stood at the corner of Grattan Street and Tea Lane. Employees of the long-gone Irish Worsted Mills sponsored the decorations and lights for the ceremony. Over the years, as well as a place of private devotion, the Shrine has been the venue of an atmospheric Midnight Rosary on New Year's Eve, and remains a popular landmark. Referring to the moving statues phenomenon which shook the country in 1985, a surviving member of the original Shrine Committee proudly proclaimed that "ours never stirred".

(an excerpt from an article on 'the Market Square' which appears on the website [www.portlaoisepictures.com](http://www.portlaoisepictures.com))



### Catherine Quigley - Thank You!

Our thanks and appreciation to Catherine Quigley (née Whelan) who after 40 years service to Music Ministry in St. Peter and Paul's Church has retired. Catherine's 10am Mass girls choir enriched our prayer and worship for 4 decades. In that time 100's of girls, pupils of Sacred Heart and Scoil Mhuire primary schools passed through her hands as Choir Mistress and Organist. We are very grateful for her service as are many of the girls who were members of that choir down through the years. We wish Catherine good health and happiness in her retirement.



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



*Peter Carroll*

Ridge Road, Portlaoise

*Breda Maher* née Fennelly

Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix

*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.*

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to the death notice at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)

## **In Loving Memory of TERESA MOFFITT**

*Raheen, Abbeyleix.*

**8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
St. Fintan's Church, Raheen, on  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.**

*The world changes from year to year,  
Our lives from day to day, but the love  
and memory of you, shall never pass away.*

Loved and missed by all her family.

*Rest in Peace Teresa*

## **In Loving Memory of MARTIN CAHILL**

*Kylevalley, Stradbally, Co. Laois. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church,  
Ratheniska, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.



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

Love and miss you, Mary, Julieka, Jamie,  
Elizabeth, Martina, Joleene, sons-in-law,  
daughter-in-law and grandchildren xxxxx

*May Martin Rest in Peace*

## **In Loving Memory of SEAN O' REILLY**

*Borris Road, Portlaoise.*

**13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.



There are some we meet in passing,  
and forget as soon as they go,  
There are some we remember with  
pleasure and feel honoured and  
privileged to know,  
You were that kind of person who left  
beautiful memories behind,  
And there are many days which bring  
fond memories of you to mind.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Nancy, sons Aidan and  
Noel and all his family, extended family & friends.*

*Rest in Peace Sean*

## **In Loving Memory of PETER CULLEN**

*6 Oaklawn, Portlaoise. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.*

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise,  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11.15am.**

*Your hand we cannot touch, still we have so  
many memories of the one we loved so much,  
Your memory is our keepsake, with which  
we'll never part, God has you in His keeping,  
we have you in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.*

*May Peter Rest in Peace*

## **In Loving Memory of JAMES (Jimmy) HILLIARD**

*63 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.*

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 10am.

*Treasured thoughts of one so dear,  
Often bring a silent tear,  
Thoughts of scenes long past,  
Years roll on but memories last.*

*Missed, loved and remembered by his daughter Elizabeth,  
son-in-law Diarmuid, grandchildren Jennifer, Nicole, Bernard,  
Rebecca and partners and his great-grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Jimmy*

*You are the*

*Light*

*Of the World*



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*In Loving Memory of*  
**TERESA CONROY (née Sawyer)**

*Ballydavis, Portlaoise.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021*



Teresa's daughter Mary, son Brendan, son-in-law Joe, daughter-in-law Anne and grandchildren wish to express their sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude to all who supported and sympathised with us. A special thank you to all those who sent messages, Mass cards, posted condolences online, who attended her funeral Mass via webcam, stood in the church yard and lined the funeral route.

A special thanks to Dr. Anna Guillane and the staff at Annebrook Medical Centre for their care and attention to Teresa over the years. To Dr Flemming and Geraldine Kelly who took great care of Teresa and who were always very helpful and reassuring with her medical appointments. To the Doctors and nurses of the Warfarin Clinic for their kindness to Teresa on her weekly visits. Thanks to Deirdre and her staff at Laois Pharmacy who were always so kind and helpful.

A sincere thanks to Teresa's home help team, carers and meals on wheels who called to see Teresa daily.

To Bernie a personal thank you for your care and understanding at all times.

Thanks to Fr. David Vard who visited Teresa in hospital and for his assistance in organising the final celebration of Teresa's funeral Mass and to Msgr. John Byrne, Fr. Ciprian and Fr. Theodore who also presided, to Sarah Troy for her beautiful and uplifting music.

To Matthew Keegan and the staff at Keagan's Funeral Home many thanks for their assistance and guidance with the arrangements at such a difficult time.

A genuine thank you to the Friends of the Hospital who through their hard work and dedication to fund raising have established a lovely family room on the Surgical Ward allowing family to spend quality time with their loved ones.

A warm and loving thank you to all Teresa's neighbours, friends and extended family who called to see Teresa over the years at her home in Ballydavis, for all the chats and laughs, cups of tea, for those who prayed with her, to Michael for bringing Teresa to Mass every Sunday morning. Thank you all for your kind gestures and good deeds.

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

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

**Teresa's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 11.15am.**

*Those we laughed with, leaned on, learned from and Love the most, leave the best memories.*

**Sadly missed and forever in our thoughts and prayers, from your loving family.**

*Rest in Peace Teresa*

## In Loving Memory of

*Our Dad*

**JOHN (BARNEY) BRENNAN**  
*(36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)*

*Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.*

*Died 18<sup>th</sup> September 1985.*



*Dad, sometimes it's hard to believe that you have actually gone,*

*Yet you've let us with an inner strength to build our lives upon,*

*You've also left good memories, which within our hearts we hold, that no one can ever take away,*

*For we treasure them like gold.*

*And our Brother*

**OLIVER PATRICK BRENNAN**

*Died 25<sup>th</sup> September 1963.*

*You were a chosen child sent down from God above, chosen to fill our homes with laughter and with love,*

*You were a chosen child that gave us so much pleasure, Chosen above the rest, a precious, priceless treasure.*



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in**

**Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 10am and 5pm.**

*Sadly missed by all their loving family and extended family.*

*May Barney & Oliver Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of

**BERNARD FITZPATRICK**

*Killone, Stradbally, Co. Laois*

*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.*



Bernard's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, The Heath, **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 9.30am.**

*Although you can't be here with us,*

*We're truly not apart,*

*Until the final breath we take,*

*You'll be living in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed and remembered by his loving family and friends.*

*May Bernard Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of

**CHRISTINE FARRELL**

*39 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.*

*14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Parish Church, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 12:30pm.

*You left behind some aching hearts that loved you most sincere, we never shall and never will forget you, Mother dear.*

*Loved and sadly missed by her sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, sister Eileen, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*May Christine Rest in Peace*



## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

For my dearest Mum

**In Loving Memory of**

**ELIZABETH (Mary) McEVOY** *née Ryan*  
64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.  
22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 1941 - 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home.



*Missing you on your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Mother*

You were very kind and thoughtful,  
with a warm and loving heart,  
And when other people needed help  
you always played your part,  
You're thought of every single day  
whatever time of year, but somehow more than ever  
now your special day is here,

No presents can be given and that's really very hard,  
But there's a world of love inside this special little  
card, each memory is shining bright and treasured  
dearly too, but memories can't take the place of  
someone dear like you.

*Happy Birthday to you Mum. Today is your 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday with the Angels in the great skies above.*

Today would have been such a special day but now it  
brings sadness and sorrow, if we could share just one  
more day, if there was one more tomorrow.

But birthdays are a time for reflection, to look over a  
year that has passed, and I can't believe another  
year's gone by, the time it goes so fast.

But memories of more happier times in my heart will  
stay, I'll treasure each and everyone until we meet  
again some day.

So I'll say goodbye for now and blow a kiss to Heaven  
above, to wish you a happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Mum and  
send you all my love.



*Happy 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in Heaven Mum*

I read the cards for Mother and the verses bring a  
tear, for the loving words are written to those who are  
still here. You always loved the cards I sent, you saved  
them through the years, you said they made you feel  
so loved, your eyes glistening with tears.

This year when I bring flowers, in my mind your words  
I'll hear, "they're beautiful, you shouldn't have, but I  
love them, thank you dear". They say you're in a  
better place, I hope and pray it's true, but today is  
your birthday and I am still missing you,  
I will never let today become just another day because  
it will always be your special day.

God bless you Mother, have a great day  
and a happy birthday in Heaven.  
Love you always, your son James xxx



*May Elizabeth Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of

**RICHIE  
GRAHAM**

Ridge Rd, Portlaoise.  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

And his wife

**PHYLLIS  
GRAHAM**

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
occurs 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

*Time unfolds another year,  
Memories keep you very near,  
No need for words except to say,  
You are loved and missed each passing day.  
Sadly missed and always remembered by Cora, John,  
Ciara, Darragh, Seamus and all their loving family.  
May Richie & Phyllis Rest in Peace*

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of our Daddy**

**KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR**

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.  
50<sup>th</sup> birthday occurs 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021.  
8<sup>th</sup> birthday away from home.



Wishing you were here today, for  
just a little while, so we could say  
Happy Birthday Daddy and see  
your loving smile.

The only gifts today will be  
memories you left behind, of  
laughter, joy and happiness that  
echo in our minds.

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

And hope you're doing fine in Heaven up above.  
You were very kind and thoughtful, with a loving heart,  
When other people needed help,  
You always played your part.  
You're thought of every single day, whatever time of year,  
But somehow more than ever, now your special day is  
here.

No presents can be given and that's really very sad,  
But nothing will stop us saying "Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday" Dad.  
Each memory is shining bright and treasured dearly too,  
Memories will never take the place of someone as  
wonderful as you,  
May our friends and family in Heaven, hold you close and  
sing you a birthday song, we will be sending a million  
hugs and kisses, today and all year long.

*Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Daddy  
Forever in our thoughts  
Lots of love Becky and Dylan*



## In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN DOYLE**

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
Months Mind occurs at this time.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 12:30pm.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Cait*

## In Loving Memory of **ANNE E CONROY**

3 Rockdale, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

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

*Greatly missed by Noel, your loving brothers, sisters and all your extended family.*

*May Anne Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Pad) DOYLE**

58 St. Brigid's Place.  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021.



If we were asked one question, why we thought the world of you?  
We could give a million answers and they all would be true,  
The heartache and the sadness may not always show, people say it lessens but little do they know,  
Meet us in our dreams and talk to us once more and ease this everlasting pain that makes our hearts so sore,  
The road without you is so long, a tear for every mile, but we know one day when we reach the end, you will be waiting for us with a smile.

*Loved and missed always by your wife Edith and family xx*

*Rest in Peace Patrick*

## In Loving Memory of **ALAN (Tom) RYAN**

Limetree Avenue and formerly of Beladd, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 19<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 11:15am.



We are sending a dove to Heaven, with a parcel on its wings,  
Be careful when you open it, It's full of beautiful things.  
Inside are a million kisses, Wrapped up in a million hugs;  
To say how much we miss you, And to send you all our love.

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

*Loved with a love beyond telling  
Missed with a grief beyond tears*

*By his loving wife Kate, son Tommy, daughter Lucy, parents Angela and Tommy, brother Mark, sisters Sharon, Linda and Tracey, family and friends.*

*May Alan Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Pad) DOYLE**

58 St. Brigid's Place. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2021.

*And his Sister  
**ANN WHELAN***

85 St. Brigid's Place. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred recently.



*Gone are the days we used to share, but in our hearts you are always there,  
The gates of memory will never close, we miss you more than anyone knows,  
With tender love and deep*



*regret, we who love you, will never forget.*

*Sadly missed, never forgotten by your brother Joe.*

*Also remembering our mother Mai Doyle and our brothers Jack, Mickey, Jim and nephew Paul Doyle whose anniversaries occurred recently. Also Pad's sister-in-law Kathleen, recently deceased.*

*May Patrick & Ann Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **DENIS (Dinny) BRENNAN**

Borris Little, Portlaoise.  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm.

*Memories are precious,  
They don't fade away,  
I think of you always, especially today.  
Always remembered by your loving wife*

*Mary and family*

*May Denis Rest in Peace*



## In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN LYNCH

Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise.



27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs  
18<sup>th</sup> September

*Thinking of you today  
and always.*

From all your loving family.

*Rest in Peace Mam*

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