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**Up**

**26th September 2021**

**Twenty Sixth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**



**An Historic Confirmation in O'Moore Park**

We were blessed with a beautiful day on Saturday 18th for wonderful celebration of Confirmation. We congratulate the 350 boys and girls who received the Sacrament and hope they and their families had a great day. May the Holy Spirit enrich their lives with his gifts. To all who helped make it a special and memorable occasion we are very grateful - Laois GAA, our music ministry on the day, Nuala and Sarah, our helpers from Scoil Christ Rí and CBS, Order of Malta, Stewards and of course the boys and girls and their families.



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## In It Together



We can't go through life without being part of a group, a club, or an organisation. Schools, the workplace, and organised religions are all like being part of a club.

Clubs have something in common. When we're in a club we enjoy a sense of belonging, friends, shared values and an agreed way of doing things. But being part of a group also has its dangers. We can tend to see our club as our territory, and woe betide anyone who treads on our patch. We see the newcomer as an outsider.... worse, a mistrusted outsider. A new teacher arrives in school with some radical new views. A new supervisor joins the workplace and changes the coffee breaks. In church, someone arrives from a different parish with their own ideas about how something should be done. We don't like it. Routine gives us a sense of security, and when that routine is changed, particularly by an outsider, we resist. If the outsider is successful at what they do, we resent it even more because we are left feeling threatened. Clubs can be good, but they are not good if we close ranks against someone else working to the same ends.

In today's gospel reading, the disciples complain to Jesus about an exorcist who is working as an outsider to their group. That the exorcist is working successfully is making them feel all the more threatened. Jesus' answer is very plain. "Whoever is not against us, is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same 'club', or whether their ways are quite the same as ours.

Jesus' lesson is very relevant to us today. Catholicism is not served by rejecting other religions. Accepting other Christian religions doesn't have to mean a watering down of our own beliefs. God is bigger than any 'club' and by following Jesus' example we are working 'for' each other and not 'against'.



## Saint Jerome

*30th September*

The Bible was originally written in three languages: Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. Prior to the Latin Vulgate there were Old Latin translations which were widely copied but carelessly and therefore affected the authenticity of the Bible. In 382 to keep the Western Bible free of corruption Pope Damasus I commissioned Jerome to revise and translate the Bible.

## Mass times for the coming week

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CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

**Sunday:** 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

**Sunday:** 10am



**Fáilte**

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Conor Martin Walsh, Mill Lane

**Baptised last weekend**

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 18:8, 10, 12-14

James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

## St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael.

*September 29th*

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an



'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.





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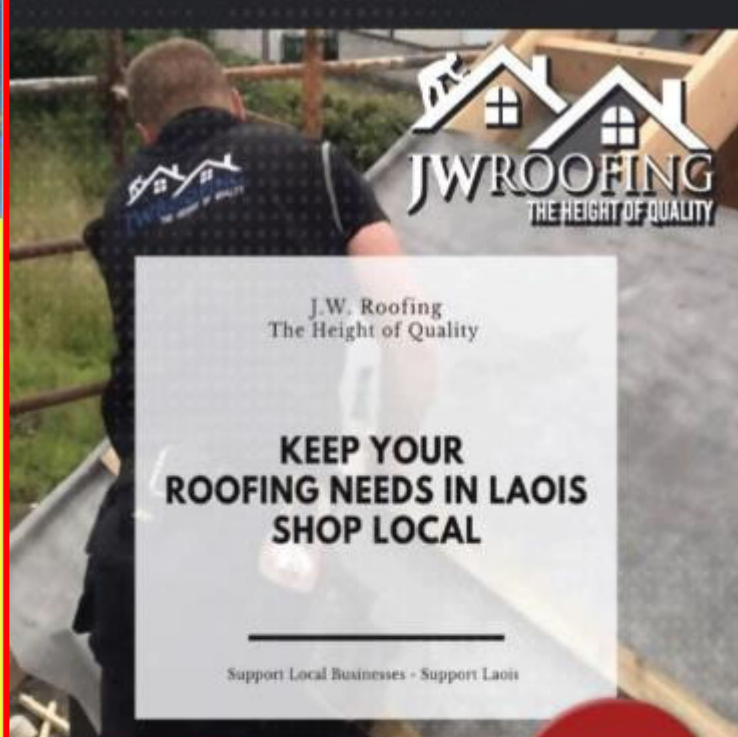
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**“Through our leadership, people and standards we will deliver client, community and advocacy supports to enable our clients participate fully in society, become more mobile and independent. We will generate 140 Guide Dogs, 160 Assistance Dogs, 35 Community Dogs and 25 further Service Dog Partnerships and recover income to pre-Covid levels.”**



### DEVELOPING OUR SERVICES

Meeting the needs of our Clients along with the care and welfare of our dogs is a priority at all stages during their lives. Our aim is to enable people who are vision impaired and families of children with autism to live enriched lives, become more mobile and independent. We will achieve this by:

- Building our Guide Dog Programme to train 140 Guide Dog Partnerships between 2021 and 2024.
- Training 160 Assistance Dog Partnerships between 2021 and 2024.
- Training 35 Community Dogs between 2021 and 2024.
- Training 25 further service Dog Partnerships between 2021 and 2024.
- Delivering accredited aftercare for working partnerships to ensure partnerships functioning maximised.
- To increase our level of Independent Living; Orientation and Mobility services to over 300 vision impaired Clients by the end of 2024.
- Deliver our services, from enquiry to training and aftercare effectively, in a timeframe that meets Client expectations.

**Community Hall Ballyroan:** The Committee thank everyone for their tremendous support through the Gofundme Account set up recently and the many contributions made directly to Committee members, where in excess of €4,000 was raised. It is encouraging to see such support in the community, and beyond, for the Hall and the funds raised will help secure the continued running of this valuable amenity, which has served the village for over 40 years. It is expected the Hall will re-open fully in October in line with Public Health measures and any enquiries or bookings can be made through Mary, 085-1585421.

**Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, Auto-Jumble;** Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> October from 8am, in the Community Hall, Ballyfin. Strictly vintage, veteran and artisanal related stalls & traders. Pre-registration and approval for stalls required. Proceeds in support of local charities. For queries or information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, please message, text or call Pat O'Connor at 087-7824481.

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### Remembering Twenty Years Ago: Laois Ladies All-Ireland Win

On the last Sunday of September, 2001 the wonderful Laois Ladies Snr. Football team lifted the Brendan Martin Cup in Croke Park and with it they lifted the hearts and spirits of Laois people everywhere by winning the All Ireland Ladies Senior Football Final on a score line of 2-14 to Mayo's 1-16. Top scorer for Laois on that famous day was Mary Kirwan (1-7) of Shanahoe. With the last kick of the game and three seconds remaining on the clock she scored the winning point from a free. The rest is history!! The following poem was written by the late Paddy Ashe of Killeaney and Shanahoe Lane in her honour.

#### The Lass From Shanahoe

I take my pen just once again  
This story to unfold,  
About this Ladies Football Star  
Who is worth her weight in gold.  
Her name is 'Mary Kirwan'  
How we love to watch her go,  
This great All Ireland Football Star  
The Lass from Shanahoe.

This brilliant Mary Kirwan  
Always full of fight,  
Her aim to raise the green flag  
If not, she gets the white.  
We love to see her solo  
With the ball from hand to toe,  
This great All Ireland Football Star  
The Lass from Shanahoe.

Her sister is called 'Martha'  
Who is a County player too,  
Jimmy, Anthony and Noreen  
Make up this county crew.  
With such a talented family  
They are always on the go,  
With the great All Ireland Football Star  
The Lass from Shanahoe.

On All Ireland Semi-Final Day  
In the match against Tyrone,  
With her speed, her skill, her style  
She made the game her own.  
The player of the match I say  
As said by friend and foe,  
That brilliant star from Laois,  
The Lass from Shanahoe.

All Ireland day in Dublin  
They came from near and far,  
By train, by bus, by plane  
And also motor car.  
The game has just started  
With all players on the go,  
Together with this brilliant star  
The Lass from Shanahoe.

Once again I lay down my pen,  
Because I like to have my say,  
And thanks to all the ladies,  
For this great All Ireland Day.  
And in the many, many years to come,  
The kids will want to know,  
About our own great Football Star,  
The Lass from Shanahoe.



# Confirmation 2021







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## A PINCH OF SALT

Have you ever decided to make a batch of cookies at home with your brother or sister? The first thing you need to do is to get out a cookbook. If you look through a lot of recipes you will notice that you will need at least a cup or two of sugar, and also a pinch of salt. It makes sense that cookies would have a lot of sugar because cookies are a sweet treat, but why

the pinch of salt? The reason is that salt makes sweet food taste sweeter by reducing bitterness. But it only takes a pinch because you don't want your cookies to be salty tasting, do you?

Well, you may remember that Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount said, "**You are the salt of the earth.**" In the Gospel today, Jesus talked about salt again. In today's memory verse, Jesus said, "**Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavour, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other.**"

You may be thinking, "I am just a child, how much good can I do in the world?" Remember, most recipes call for just a "pinch of salt." That isn't very much salt, but it changes the taste of an entire batch of cookies. If you don't have that little bit of salt, you will definitely notice that there is something missing in your cookies!

There is a lot of hatred and bitterness in our world today. If you and I will show the love of Jesus in all that we do, we can be the salt of the earth like Jesus called us to be. Just a pinch of salt can do much to reduce bitterness and bring peace to our world.



## My Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are only children, but we ask you to help to be that "pinch of salt" that will flavour our world with your love.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





# The Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary but in October we also remember all those who work as missionaries. While reciting Prayers, you think about certain stories in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These stories are called Mysteries: A Mystery is a story about God. Rosary beads are used to keep count of the Prayers and Mysteries. The word Rosary means garland of roses. The complete Rosary consists of five decades. There are four sets of mysteries and five stories in each set.



The Mysteries are:

- ◆ **The Joyful Mysteries** (Prayed Monday and Saturday)
- ◆ **The Sorrowful Mysteries** (Prayed Tuesday and Friday)
- ◆ **The Glorious Mysteries** (Prayed Wednesday & Sunday)
- ◆ **The Luminous or Light Mysteries** (Prayed Thursday)

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again?

This may help us understand Sunday's Gospel

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## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full  
of grace,

The Lord is  
with thee.

Blessed art  
thou among  
women



And blessed is the fruit of thy  
womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, mother of God,  
Pray for us sinners,

Now, and at the hour of our  
death. Amen.

## **A MORNING PRAYER**



Lord, in the morning I start each day,  
By taking a moment to bow and praise  
I start with thanks, and then give praise

For all your kind and loving ways.

Today if sunshine turns to rain,

If a dark cloud brings some pain,

I won't doubt or hide in fear

For you, my God, are always near.

I will travel where you lead;

I will help my friends in need.

Where you send me I will go;

With your help I'll learn and grow.

Hold my family in your hands,

As we follow your commands.

And I will keep you close in sight

Until I crawl in bed tonight.





# TIME TO THINK!

## WISDOM ON LIFE

George Carlin at age 102, offered the following wisdom that is deeply relevant for us all. If you don't read this to the very end, you have lost a day in your life, and when you have finished, reflect and put it into practice.

### *George Carlin's Views on Ageing*

Do you realise that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about ageing that you think in fractions. 'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. 'How old are you?' 'I'm going to be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're going to be 16! And then the greatest day of your life.....You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. You become 21....Yesssss! But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He turned; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone. But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday! You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; 'I Was JUST 92'. Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half! May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

### *HOW TO STAY YOUNG*

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning - learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever, never let the brain be idle.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, and hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.



"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms."

9. Don't take quilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

AND ALWAYS REMEMBER; Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

### **A Prayer for Acceptance**

Dear Gracious and loving God, as I take this time to be still, help me to let go of anxiousness and feel your peace. Your Word says that you are love and where there is love there can be no fear.

Help me to let go of fear and receive your perfect love. I come before you with heaviness because of being hurt by others. Help me to accept the effect that their actions have had in my life and to let go of this hurt. Holding onto past hurts - holding onto resentments and judgments weighs me down.

I release this hurt. I release this weight on my body and spirit. I ask your love to carry me. I let go of hurt, resentment and judgment. I forgive those who have hurt me. Because I practice awareness in all areas of my life, I am aware of self-criticism or poor choices. I accept my actions. I forgive myself and let go of poor choices or self-criticism.

To receive or accept love, I let go of building walls of self-protection. Help me to receive and accept love. Help me to freely give love. Help me not to strive for perfection but to make progress each day.

I accept the choices I make. I can trust myself. I make good choices. Each day, help me to step into the glorious person you created me to be. I accept and find comfort in knowing that I am completely loved with your divine, perfect love.

In the name of your Son whose example lights our way. Amen





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## Catherine bids farewell after more than 40 years of Music Ministry with the Portlaoise Girls Choir

As I have now retired, I would like to say a word of thanks to all those young girls who have been part of the Girls Choir over the last forty years. It has been a great pleasure to have worked with you all. I would especially like to thank those girls who remained with the Choir, and supported me during their college years, when they had busy lives themselves.

I wish you all good health and happiness into the future. I would also like to convey my thanks to the girls parents and to Msgr. John Byrne, his predecessors and the various curates who have served here over the years, for their help and support.

Thank you, Catherine Quigley



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## The New Marian Shrine Committee

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Maureen Brophy;	Member
Michael Fitzpatrick;	Honorary President

The Marian Shrine Committee would like to sincerely thank all previous committees, who helped keep this beautiful shrine in the best condition since 1953-54. The above committee has taken on the task of cleaning, painting, and restoring the shrine.

The committee would also like to thank Knights of Saint Columbanus for their inspiration and taking this on as a project. We would also like to thank Mr. Tony Flanagan for his help in the cleaning and the painting of the railings; Mr. Terry Swayne of Portlaoise Stone for the cleaning and restoration of the statue and providing the kneeling platform for the shrine; Declan Purcell for his expertise in electrical work; Dinnie Delaney for his welding expertise and Peter O' Neill of Crown Paints for supplying the paint.

This project comes with on an ongoing cost so anyone wishing to donate can do so by contacting any of the committee members.



Thank You  
The New Committee

## Franciscan Missionaries of Mary

*Sr. Nuala Glynn fmm*



Sr. Nuala Glynn  
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Portlaoise



*Peter Coss*

Clonad, Portlaoise

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*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  
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  
JAMES (Jimmy) HILLIARD***

*63 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary away from home; 22<sup>nd</sup> September.*



We didn't know that morning that God was  
going to call your name,  
You always had a smile to share, a laugh,  
a joke and time to care.  
Those are the memories we have of you  
and we will cherish those forever.

*Missed always, your brothers Tom, Noel, Martin, sister Esther, son Noel and partner Majella, granddaughters, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.*

*Rest in Peace Jimmy*

***In Loving Memory of  
GERARD BENNETT***

*8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm.



*Ger,  
It does not take a  
special date for us to  
think of you,  
For there hasn't been a  
day gone by, that we  
haven't thought of you.  
No matter how life  
changes,*

*No matter what we do, a special place within  
our hearts is always kept for you.*

*Forever in our hearts, Sadie & family.*

*May Gerard Rest in Peace*

***In Loving Memory of  
A Wonderful Son  
CATHAL LALOR***

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

*21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 5pm.



*Of all the special gifts in our lives,  
however great or small,  
To have you as our son, was the  
greatest gift of all.  
A special time, a special face,  
A special son we cannot replace,  
With an aching heart we whisper low,  
I miss you son and love you so.*

*Never forgotten always, your loving Dad, Mam,  
Brothers and Sister xxx*

*May Cathal Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
KEVIN MULHALL**



85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.  
Died 28<sup>th</sup> September 1985  
36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.

*Deep are the memories,  
Precious they stay,  
No passing of time can take them  
away.*

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

*Rest in Peace Kevin*

**Birthday Remembrance  
In Loving Memory of  
ANNIE O' BRIEN**



6 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
Birthday occurs 27<sup>th</sup> September.

As each day dawns we think of you,  
As each night falls we pray for you,  
And throughout our lives no matter where,  
In our hearts you will always be there.

*Wishing you a Heavenly birthday.*

*Loved and missed always by your husband  
Billy, daughters and sons, Elizabeth, Liam, Martina, Michael,  
Conor and immediate family.*

*Rest in Peace Mam xxx*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARGARET (Pearl) WALSH**



*née Dempsey*  
Ridge Rd. Portlaoise. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm.

*Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.*

*Sadly missed by her loving husband Jim  
and all her loving family.*

*May Margaret (Pearl) Rest in Peace*

**† In Loving Memory of †**



**Frances Conroy**

Late of 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise  
Who died 27th September, 1996 RIP.  
25th anniversary.



**William McCormack**

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise  
Who died 19th September, 1985 RIP.  
36th anniversary.



**John (Johnny) McCormack**

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise  
Who died 29th September, 2001 RIP.  
20th anniversary.

*Whose anniversaries occur at this time*

*Time may pass and fade away,  
But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

**†** Loved and always remembered **†**  
by all your family

**Gone no further than to God and God is very near**

**In Loving Memory of  
ANNE GRIFFEY**



32 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurred 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

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

*Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always,  
Forgetting you never.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family & friends.*

*May Anne Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
ETHNEA COSTELLO**



Guileen, Stradbally and Kilminchy, Portlaoise.

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

*One day a beam of light shone through a  
crevice that had opened wide,  
The rose bent gently towards its warmth,  
then passed beyond to the other side.*

*Loved and remembered by her  
family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Ethnea*

**In Loving Memory of  
SARAH DEMPSEY**



8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, at 6:30pm this  
Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> September.

*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.*

*Forever in our hearts Mam, from all your loving family.*

*May Sarah Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of**

*Our Dear Cousin*  
**TOMMY MOYLAN**

121 Hillview Drive,  
11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021



*Never more than a thought away,  
Loved and remembered everyday.  
Sadly missed by The Tuohy Family  
Rest in Peace Tommy*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**SUSAN LODGE (née Muldowney)**  
*On her 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary*



We her sons, Craven and Keelan and her brothers and sisters; John Robert, Sr. Marjorie and Sr. Mary, wish to express sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised and thought of us with condolence messages, Mass cards and

online messages.

A special word of thanks to Dr. Deirdre Honan and Dr. Simon Honan and all the other doctors and nurses of Portlaoise hospital for the care given to Mam.

To all the staff of Hughes Pharmacy and the carers that called into Mam and the staff of Kilminchy Lodge Nursing Home, we extend a warm and heartfelt thank you for all the care given to Mam in her final days.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. Byrne, Fr. David and Fr. Paddy and to Nuala Kelly for her beautiful singing in the Church.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode undertakers for the kind and professional manner in which they attended to Mam's funeral arrangements.

Thanks to Kathleen McEvoy for the Rosary service and a special and heartfelt thank you to Mam's friend, Agnes Rowney who was always a true and loyal friend and who has been a supportive shoulder for Craven and Keelan throughout the past year.

**Susan's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 10am.**

*May Heaven be her bed*

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