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5th September 2021

**Twenty Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



Ratheniska NS



FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

School is back but for the two classes pictured it was First Day. A very anxious and emotional day - and that's just the Mammies and Daddies! We wish all who are 'back' and especially all our Junior Infants a blessed year ahead. Please God they will be safe and well.

There is a blessing prayer on the back page that you might like to use.

Heath NS



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A Sign of Our Times

A 'bag lady' gets on the bus ranting and swaying. We spread ourselves out on the seat hoping against hope that she chooses to sit somewhere



else. An old man stumbles in the high street and doesn't get up again. We suspect he's had too much to drink and hurry on. Perhaps someone else better qualified will lend a helping hand. We respond with fear and discrimination. It's a good job that although many of us choose to close our eyes and ears, there are equally as many people who want to help. We only have to look at the number of aid agencies, charity campaigns and caring individuals to see signs of Jesus in our midst.

This is the significance of today's gospel story. What at first seems to be a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man turns out to be much more. The story points to the miracle as a sign that Jesus was the Messiah the Jews had been expecting. It was prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. The curing of the deaf man was exactly the sort of miracle the Jews would have been expecting of the awaited Messiah. What seems like a straightforward account of a miracle takes us a step further. The deaf man happened to be a Gentile. In biblical times, orthodox Jews would have considered a Gentile unclean. By choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to God's salvation.

Today we ask God to help us see and hear the needs of others. There has never been a better time to show the world that Jesus is at the heart of our teaching. The migrant crisis that is on our news on a daily basis, shows some countries acting with empathy and others with inflammatory language and high barbed fences. We are reacting with the fear and discrimination that Jesus fought against. We cannot turn a deaf ear or a blind eye; we have to act like Christians in the way we speak, in the way we give, in the way we campaign and in our prayers.

Thought for today!

Have no fear of perfection - you'll never reach it.

Mass times for the coming week

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

Saturday: 10am

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CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am



We welcome into our Parish Community

Bill Connors, Fielbrook Lawns

Micheal Aaran Collins, Stradbrook

Hunter Michael Flaherty-White, Mell Street

Grace Hannah Mahon, Aghnaharna Drive

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Ada Gedmintaite, Gandon Close

Dominykas Jonusas, Clonroosk Abbey

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Baptised last weekend

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7 Psalm: 145:7-10 James: 1:2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37

Nativity of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8th September

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with

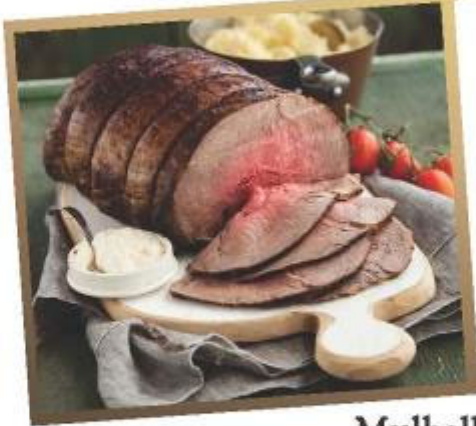


September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier). Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth....the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.



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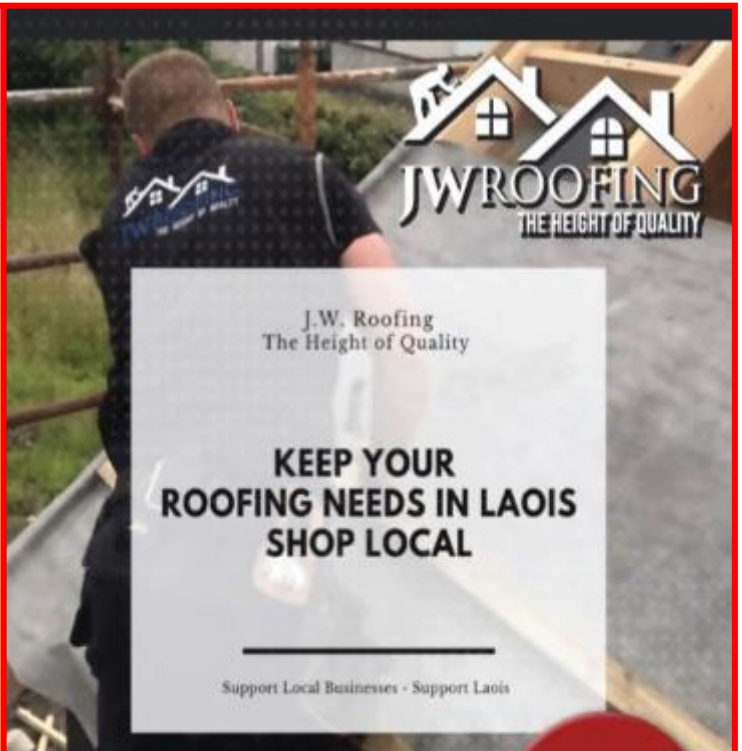
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Parenting during the COVID-19 pandemic is a unique challenge for all parents, caregivers and families. Children and parents are anxious, and families are under pressure like never before. Being a parent to a child/teenager who is experiencing anxiety can be tough.

Anxious children / teenagers can seek constant reassurance have outbursts of anger / frustration and can feel sick when worried. Parenting has a crucial role to play in mitigating the potential long-term negative impacts of COVID-19 on children, particularly in relation to mental health.

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Pictured above: Jacov, John Egan and Fr. Gary Holmes.

Fr. Gary celebrated Mass in Medugorje on 25th August for protection of our Priests and the intentions of our Community.

Sr. Muriel's Centre for the handicapped is up and running in Medugorje.

MEDUGORJE 2021

During last week's pilgrimage to Medugorje, Fr. Gary Holmes and John Egan met Jacov, the youngest visionary. On behalf the Portlaoise group a donation of €2360 was made to Jacov to help support him in his commitment to continuing Sr. Muriel's great work.



Sr. Muriel's grave behind St. James' Church in Medugorje



Tickets for Sunday Masses in St. Peter and Paul's no longer necessary.

Now, as the pandemic subsides, and public gathering restrictions and safety protocols are eased, our ticket requirement for Sunday Mass is no longer necessary. The 50% capacity allowed for indoor gatherings brings to 800 the number allowed in our Parish Church. We know we can accommodate that number safely with your cooperation. It will still be necessary to wear masks while attending and to observe social distancing. We will have the assistance of our stewards to whom we are very grateful.

Our Mass schedule

We will maintain the present Mass schedule for Saturday/Sunday and for weekdays. As follows: Parish Church; (Sat. vigil) 5pm and 6.30pm, Sunday 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm. Masses as usual in the Heath and Ratheniska 9.30am and 10am respectively.

Weekdays; Parish Church: 7.30am, 10am and 11am. Funerals will be celebrated at 12noon.

We will maintain this schedule until mid-October when it will be reviewed in the light of further easing of restrictions.



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JESUS HEALS A DEAF MAN



Can you imagine what it would be like to be deaf? Just imagine all of the things you would miss. You wouldn't be able to hear the voices of your mother, your father, your brothers and sisters, your friends, the barking of a dog or the meowing of a kitten. You might be able to feel the vibrations, but you wouldn't be able to hear the sound of music.

Many people who are deaf or hearing impaired are able to communicate with others through the use of sign language, but it is not perfect because everyone you meet does not know sign language. The deaf can enjoy going to the movies if they have subtitles or watch television if it has captions, but those are not perfect. If a person is not totally deaf, hearing aids can help, but they aren't perfect either. I guess the best solution for a deaf person would be a total cure for deafness. That is what Jesus did for a deaf man in our Gospel today.

One day, Jesus was in an area of the Sea of Galilee called the Decapolis. (That means Ten Towns.) A man who was deaf and could hardly talk was brought to Jesus by some of his friends. They begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man and heal him.

Jesus led the man away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit on his own fingers and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be Opened!" What do you think happened? Immediately, the man could hear perfectly, and he could speak plainly!

The people who had brought the man to Jesus were totally amazed. They said, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak." Then Jesus did something unusual, he told the people not to tell anyone what they had seen him do. Do you think they followed Jesus' instructions? No! They told everyone about this man who did everything well.

These friends cared for the man so much that they wanted him to see Jesus. We, too, can help our friends to know Jesus.



My Prayer



Father, we are thankful for all that you have done for us. Help us to tell our friends about Jesus, the one who does everything well.

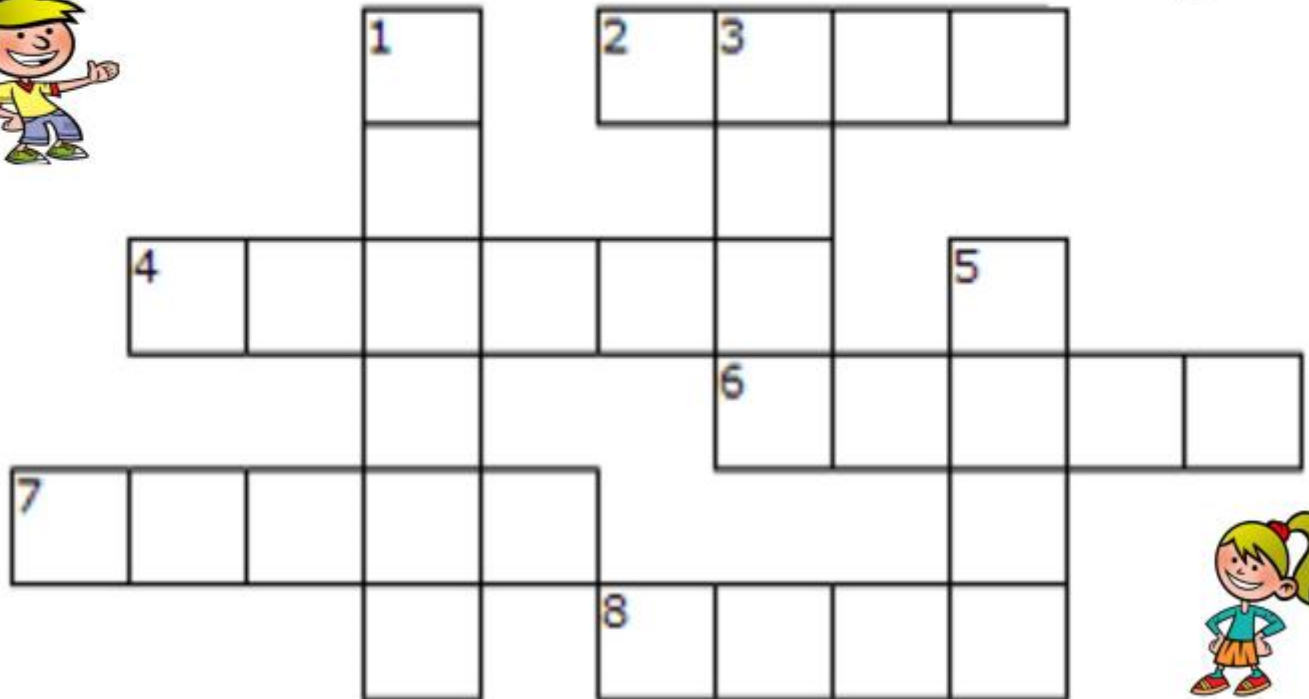
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

He does all things well!

"Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."

Based on Mark 7:31-37



ACROSS

2. Unable to hear
4. One of the long, thin parts of the hand that bend and hold things
6. To use the voice to say words or converse with someone
7. The Son of God
8. To make healthy again

DOWN

1. The fleshy part inside the mouth used in tasting and in speech.
3. The two organs in the head by which people or animals hear sounds.
5. To say or to give information to someone; to report

HEAL	DEAF	SPEAK	TELL
JESUS	FINGER	TONGUE	EARS



This is the sign for
"I love you"

Why don't you tell your
Mom that you love her
today!



TIME TO THINK!

THE CENTENARY OF THE LEGION OF MARY



One hundred years ago, on the 7th of September 1921, at a meeting in Myra House, Francis Street in Dublin, Frank Duff founded the Legion of Mary. Frank Duff guided the worldwide extension of the Legion with heroic dedication and the Legion is now one of the largest lay-catholic organisations in the world. It is in every continent in over 170 countries and has over 3 million active members. The Legion looks to Our Blessed mother Mary and seeks to serve her in this world of ours which is much in need of our Blessed Mothers help and guidance. Each week in parishes all over the world, small groups of likeminded people come together to pray and to do apostolic work for Our Lady. The prayer includes the Rosary and also the Magnificat, that great prayer spoken by Our Lady when she was pregnant with baby Jesus and had gone to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

One of the works of the Legion of Mary is to visit people in their own homes to encourage people to have devotion to Our Lady, to pray the Rosary and to go to Mass and confession. Another important work of the Legion is to visit people who live in nursing homes and also people who are lonely or isolated in their own homes. Many people will recall the Legion visiting their home and distributing the Miraculous Medal. Now, in Covid times, is a good time to take out that Miraculous medal that challenges us to look at life again and accept the protection and encouragement offered by the Mother of God. Each day pray the prayer that is on the medal – "O Mary conceived without sin prayer for us who have recourse to thee".

The spirit of the Legion of Mary is that of Mary herself. Legionaries are called to serve under the guidance of and in total dependence on Mother Mary. In all whom they serve they are to see the person of Jesus Christ himself. "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (MT 25:40). The legion is open to all practising Catholics and is a beautiful way to thank Jesus and his mother for all they have done for us. As one legionary put it – "The Legion has changed my life. It has helped me to live my faith and to put God first in my life. It has helped me to enjoy life, it has given me purpose in life."

Ordinary Irish people have always honoured Mary. It is in our genes, our DNA. Look at Ireland today, we need Gods help. Many of our own families have drifted from the Church and from the Sacraments.

In former times St Patrick brought the faith to Ireland but now it is our turn. Pope Francis has spoken many times on the role of each person in evangelisation. Each one of us can make a difference. We have an opportunity in the Legion of Mary to share our faith through the work of the Legion. The Legion reaches out to individuals on a one to one bases and aims to spread the Gospel by example.



The Legion encourages people to open the door to Jesus and our Lady does the rest. Mother Mary continues to bring Christ to people just like she brought Christ into this world at Bethlehem.

The Cause for Beatification has been introduced for three legionaries: The Servant of God, Frank Duff (1889-1980), Founder of the Legion, who attended the Second Vatican Council as a Lay Observer; Venerable Edel Quinn (1907-1944), Legion Envoy to East Africa; and the Servant of God, Alfie Lambe (1932-1959), Legion Envoy to South America.

Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God

Frank Duff

God our Father,

You inspired your servant Frank Duff with a profound insight into the mystery of your Church, the Body of Christ, and of the place of Mary the Mother of Jesus in this mystery. In his immense desire to share this insight with others and in filial dependence on Mary he formed her Legion to be a sign of her maternal love for the world and a means of enlisting all her children in the Church's evangelizing work. We thank you Father for the graces conferred on him and for the benefits accruing to the Church from his courageous and shining faith. With confidence we beg you that through his intercession you grant the petition we lay before you. We ask too that if it be in accordance with your will, the holiness of his life may be acknowledged by the Church for the glory of your Name, through Christ Our Lord, Amen.



Confirmation

Fill in the 10 blanks in the statements below using the following words and numbers: **9, fruits, live, 7, recognise, gifts, Christian, virtues, visible, root.**

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are particular _____ given to us by the Holy Spirit that help us to _____ like God wants us to. We are given _____ gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The fruit of a tree is the part of the tree that is normally _____ to all. We can _____ which tree is which because of their fruit. When the _____ of the Holy Spirit take _____ in our hearts, the _____ of the Spirit become visible in our lives. There are _____ fruits and people can tell we are _____ when these fruits are visible in our lives.

What gift of the Holy Spirit do you think you are good at putting into action?

How would others notice this?

What fruit of the Holy Spirit do you think you are good at putting into action?

How would others notice this?



1. Get each member of the family (where possible) to do the following:

- Write down the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit that you can clearly see in each member of the family.
- Show your answers to each other and see if anybody wrote the same things.
- Share with each other the ways in which you see these particular fruits or gifts in each other.

2. To confirm, means to strengthen or to make sure. Get each member of the family to write down one or two fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit that they would like to strengthen in their lives.

- Share with each other the fruits or gifts that you wrote down and the reasons why you would like to strengthen these fruits and gifts.
- See if you can suggest ways in which you can help each other strengthen these fruits or gifts.

3. If you want to do something fun together, mime a fruit or gift of the Holy Spirit and see if the others can guess what you have mimed.

4. God is Family - Just like team spirit can help a team achieve more than they expected, the Holy Spirit helps us as individuals, families and communities to achieve more than we might achieve on our own. Think of how you would like the Holy Spirit to help you to grow as a family. Pray for this together as you pray... Our Father...

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;



Conor Dalton

Coill Bheag, Dysart, Stradbally

*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 HE REST IN PEACE

Our sympathy to Conor's family

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YOUR LIGHT WILL
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ISAIAH 58:8



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*Mam, it's been the hardest thing to lose
you, you meant so much to us,
But you are in our hearts Mam, and that's
where you'll always be,
We know that Heaven called you, but we
wish you could have stayed,
At least the memories we have of you,
They will never fade away,
We did not want to lose you,*

*But you did not go alone, because part of us went with you,
when Heaven called you home,
So just remember one thing, we are not apart,
You're with us in our memories, and in our broken hearts.*

*Love you always Mam, James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dor,
sons-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren &
great-grandchildren xxx*

JAMES McEVOY

32 Upper Beladd, Stradbally Rd.
Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary occurs
6th September 2021



*James, We close our eyes and see your
face, smiling at us from a beautiful place,
You tell us you are never far away and
that we will meet you again someday,*

*We ask if you could stay a while, we miss your laugh,
We miss your smile, then you whisper sweetly in our ears,
I never leave, I am always here.*

*Love you always, Mammy, Daddy, Keith, Eve, your
adorable niece Aoife, aunts, uncles and cousins xx*

**Anniversary Mass for Dolores and James will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 12th September at 12:30pm.**

May Dolores & James Rest in Peace

*In Loving Memory of
ALICE ROGERS*

9 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurs 5th September 2021



*Though your smiles are gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
We shall never lose the sweet memories of
you, we loved so much.*

*Also remembering at this time;
Her husband Michael and son Tony.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family.

May Alice Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
RITA LALOR

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
Birthday occurred 2nd September 2021.



Sister, For all of us you gave your best, now the time has come for you to rest, So rest in peace, you've earned your sleep, your love in our hearts we'll eternally keep.

Missed, loved and remembered by her brothers, sisters and extended family.

Rest in Peace Rita

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL (Gilpin) CONROY

Died 7/9/2020 aged 72

1st Anniversary occurs at this time.

EUGENE (Tommy) CONROY

Died 9/6/2017 aged 45 - Birthday occurs at this time.

BABY CHRISTOPHER CONROY

Died in Infancy



Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, at 10am on Tuesday 7th September.



Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all their loving family.

May They Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
RITA LALOR

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
Birthday occurred 2nd September 2021.



Happy Birthday in Heaven

Is there a party up in Heaven to celebrate today? Did angels frost a cake for you? Or sing to start your day?

We're celebrating down here, as they must be above, I truly hope your special day is filled with peace and love.

This day was always special, as we gathered 'round you here, we'd sing and laugh and celebrate your day with so much cheer.

I miss those special moments, that we shared throughout the years, it's hard to find that on this day, my eyes now fill with tears.

I'm trying hard to smile for you, but ohhh...that empty chair, I turn around and find myself still shocked that you're not there. Please know I'm thinking of you, as I go throughout each day, This day is very special, because it's your birthday.

Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters, extended family and friends.

For Your Birthday in Heaven

*Still loved, still missed and very dear
Your birthday's here, but you aren't,
We would send a gift but we know we can't,
So we'll make a wish upon a star,
To carry our love to where you are.*

Happy birthday Nanny, hugs and kisses and lots of love from all your grandchildren xxx

You are the

Light

Of the World

In Loving Memory of
ANGELA LARKIN

176 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 5th September 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 5th September at 12:30pm.

The Golden Gates stood open, God saw you needed rest, His garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.

Sadly missed Mam by your daughter Michelle & son P.J.

Rest in Peace Angela

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
RAY BERGIN

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

3rd Birthday away from home occurs 8th 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 are always there.*

Wishing you a Heavenly birthday Ray

Loved and missed always by your wife Mossie, daughters Martina, Lisa, Sandra and grandchildren x

Rest in Peace Ray

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
JUDY CONROY (née Dowling)
5 Borris Little, Portlaoise, Co. Laois



The family of Judy Conroy would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with them on the sad loss of Judy, A special word of thanks to all those who called to the house, attended the rosary, sent mass cards and floral tributes, uploaded messages of condolence on rip.ie and attended the funeral mass either in person or virtually. Your kindness, love and support during this difficult time has been a great source of comfort and strength.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the doctors, nursing staff and ambulance staff of Midlands Regional Hospital who looked after Judy in her final hours. We are eternally grateful for the exceptional level of care Judy received and for the kindness, compassion and dignity afforded to her in her final hours. Thank you also to the staff of the Cedar Clinic and Hughes Pharmacy who looked after Judy for many years.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the staff of the Parish Centre and all the Priests of the Parish especially Msgr. John Byrne and Fr. David Vard for all their kindness, support and guidance in the difficult days following Judy's death. Our deepest gratitude to Msgr. John for celebrating Judy's funeral mass and for his comforting eulogy. It was a beautiful and fitting celebration of Judy's life. Many thanks also to Nuala Kelly and Vivienne Graham who enriched the funeral mass with their beautiful music. Thank you also to Fr. Paddy Byrne for all his kindness and support and for attending Judy's funeral mass.

Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode for their sensitive and professional handling of Judy's funeral arrangements and thanks also to the grave diggers for preparing Judy's final resting place with great care and attention.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*Judy, you have gone no further from us than to God
and God is very near.*

Always in our Thoughts, Forever in our Hearts.

Know that I am with you always;
yes, to the end of time

Matthew 28: 20

In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN (Brigid) DEEVY**

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Whose 5th Anniversary occurs 12th September 2021



God knew that she was suffering,
That the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed her weary eyelids,
And whispered, Peace be thine.
Away in the beautiful hills of God,
By the valley of rest so fair,
Some day, we know not when,
We will meet our loved one there.

*Will those who think of Mam today,
A prayer to our Blessed Mother say.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 12th September at 11.15am.

Sadly missed and always remembered by her daughter Marie, son-in-law Seamus, grandchildren Blaine, Evan, Aoife, Clodagh and partners and great-grandchildren Ellie-Mae, Heidi-Marie, Leah, Molly and Bobby, extended family and friends.

May Brigid Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **TOMMY BREEN**

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

23rd Anniversary occurs 7th September 2021 and will be remembered at 10am Mass on Tuesday 7th September.



*Will those who think of
Tommy today,*

*A little prayer to Jesus say.
Sadly missed & remembered by
his sons, daughters & families.*

*Also we remember his daughter, Barbara Lawlor
who passed away recently.*

Always in our Thoughts, Forever in our Hearts.

May Tommy and Barbara Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of A Treasured Uncle **WILLIAM (Bill) DOYLE**

13 New Road, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 9th September 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 12th September at 11:15am.

*The hands of time keep turning
as another year has passed away
but in our hearts and memories
you are with us every day.*

*No special day is needed for us
to think of you, you are always
in our thoughts, no matter what we do.*

*Loved and remembered today, yesterday and in all
our tomorrows, from all his loving family.*

May Bill Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
LIAM HENNESSY**

Ballymaddock, Stradbally. 9th Anniversary away from home.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath this Sunday 5th September at 9.30am.

*Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one, the links shall join again.*

Sadly missed by his loving wife, family and friends.

May Liam Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL CONROY**

1st Anniversary occurs on 7th September 2021.



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

*Sadly missed by his sisters
Marie, Phil & Josephine.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH DOWLING**

Dublin Rd. Portlaoise. 22nd Anniversary occurs 7th September.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church on Sat.4th September at 10am.



*Somewhere beyond the sunset where loved ones never die, she rests in a beautiful garden beneath God's golden sky,
So fly to her little robin and whisper to her that we love her.*

We also remember her husband Martin, who passed away recently.

With Love Martina, Mary, Anna, Claire & families.

May Elizabeth & Martin Rest in Peace

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



come, let us walk
IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD
ISAIAH 2:5

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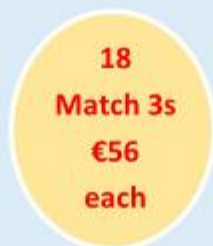
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Prayer of blessing

for the New School Year

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy. Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers.

Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh. May we show love to one another and to all. May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again.

Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness. Help us to learn and to work together. Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak and when it is better not to speak. We thank you for our friends.

Help us to be good friends this year. Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.

Bless our school and keep us safe. Be with us as we travel each day. Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us. Bless all those who care for us in school and at home. Help us show our care for them and to say sorry when we need to.

May St. Brigid protect us and help us to live as well as we can giving thanks and glory to God as they did. Amen.

