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10th October 2021

**Twenty Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



Congratulations to the boys and girls from Scoil Bhríde, who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday. More photos on page...



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The Right Stuff

Have you ever backed away from an opportunity that could have changed your life? Have you ever turned down an invitation to take

part in something because you felt inadequate or afraid?

In today's gospel story a man kneels at Jesus' feet and asks "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The man is a good man, a man who has kept all the commandments from his youth. Jesus replies, "You lack one thing, go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor; then come and follow me." The rich man goes away sadly, because he has many possessions and cannot do what Jesus asks.

The rich man in the story represents all of us. In this country even the poorest of us is rich compared to those in third world countries. We are all more like the rich man in the story than we'd care to admit. Like the rich man we can't quite get our heads round what Jesus considers rich and what Jesus considers poor. Like the man in the story we have trouble leaving worldly concerns behind and placing complete trust in God. Like the rich man we have trouble stepping out of our comfort zones and taking risks. Like the rich man it is hard, almost impossible, to detach ourselves from material interests. In short, the story is uncomfortable for most of us because in it we hear Jesus asking us to do something that is frankly too difficult. Some of Jesus' disciples at the time obviously thought so too. "They were greatly astounded and said to one another 'Then who can be saved?' "

In this story we might feel that we are being set up for failure, but this is not the truth. Why would Jesus ask something that was impossible? In actual fact Jesus was inviting the man to be a disciple. He was giving the man a wonderful opportunity. Jesus had faith in the man. He has looked at the man and seen great possibilities. Jesus was giving the man the opportunity to take his faith to another level. How sad that the man's wealth proved too great a stumbling block. Today's gospel is an invitation for us all to take our faith up a gear, and to ask what stumbling blocks might be barring us from the opportunity of a lifetime.

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



We welcome into our Parish Community

Nathan Travis Adams, Gandon Close

Baptised last weekend

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11 Psalm 89:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30



St. Teresa of Avila

(1515-1582)

15th October

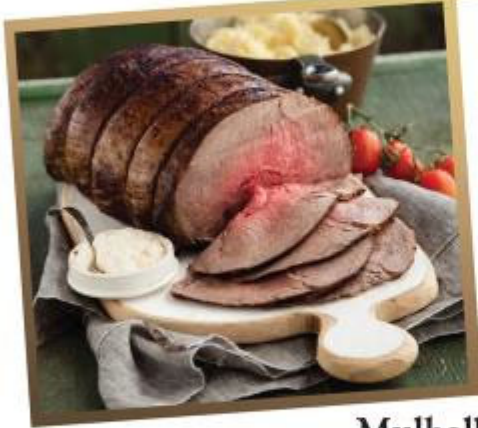
As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

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Traditional Irish Music Classes organised by Comhaltas will resume at St. Francis School in the coming week. Portlaoise Comhaltas branch has been in existence since 2009 but classes were suspended during the pandemic. Now that it is considered safe by implementing appropriate guidelines, the music classes for all ages are about to resume. All enquiries by e-mail at tolearnmusic@gmail.com or text 087-2345010.

Portlaoise Family Resource Centre, Harpur's Lane provide: Crafty ladies group, parent & toddler group, adult counselling, children's play therapy, youth groups, family support & parenting programmes, and seasonal activities. Tel. 057-8686151 or e-mail; info@portlaoisefrc.ie or find us on Facebook.

Portlaoise Active Retirement Group: Mon. 11th October, Short Mat Bowls in St. Mary's Sport Hall at 3pm. Bowls is very social and easy game to pick up and is suitable for all levels of fitness.

Wed. 13th October, our weekly club re-opens in the Parish Centre at 3pm.

Wed. 20th October, 3pm. Party time celebrating our return. Live music and good craic. It is a condition that anyone attending any of our activities must be fully vaccinated. All safety protocols must be followed.

Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, Auto-Jumble; Sun. 24th 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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Fr Paddy, assisted by Fr. Peter blessing pets and animals on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you to all who attended with their furry friends.

The Fatima Candle will be lit at 10am Mass in the Parish Church, Wednesday **13th October** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and for the intentions of all parishioners. Rosary will be prayed at the grotto at 8pm. All are welcome.

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Rachel Cooke and Michael Kent
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Celebrants; Fr. Barron, Mullinavat
Parish and Fr. David Vard



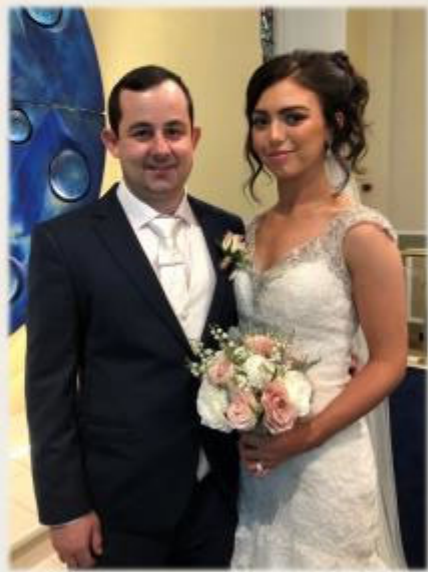
Edel O'Connell and Dean Carroll,
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Celebrant; Fr. Frank McEvoy



Pamela McInerney and James Ryan
who were married in the Parish Church,
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Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne



Ailish Galway and J.J. Carey,
who were married in St. John's Church,
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Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne



Melissa Ryan & Shane Marum
who were married in the Heath
Church, on Saturday 21st August.
Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne



Yvette Dwane and Kenneth Kelly,
who were married in the Parish Church,
on Friday 20th August.
Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne.



Karen Sanchez and Jakub Cywinski, who were married in
the Parish Church, on Saturday 24th July.
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*We wish all couples every good wish and
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The school will commence accepting applications for admission	18 th October 2021
Closing date for applications for admission	8 th November 2021
Notification of decision on application	29 th November 2021
Applicants must confirm acceptance of offer by:	13 th December 2021 (4 p.m)

Provisional Dates

Thursday 20th January 2022
Saturday 12th February 2022

Information Evening for Incoming First Years
Aptitude Tests for Incoming First Years

*** Please note these provisional dates are subject to change based on Government Guidelines and Covid-19 restrictions***

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One day a young man came running up to Jesus and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments, don't you? 'Don't kill, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't tell lies, don't cheat anyone, honour your father and your mother.'"

"I'm pretty good," he answered. "I've obeyed the commandments since I was just a little boy."

"That's good," Jesus said, "but not good enough, There is still one thing you must do. Go and sell everything you have and give the money to the poor."

When he heard those words, the young man was very sad, because he had many possessions. Most people would say that the young man was a good man, but being good wasn't good enough to get him into the Kingdom of God. As the young man walked away, Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "It is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed. "Then who can be saved?" they asked.

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but with God anything is possible."

How about me? Do you think I'm good enough to get into heaven? How about you? Are you good enough? Is anyone good enough? The answer to all of those questions is, "No!" Not one of us is good enough to get into heaven on our own.

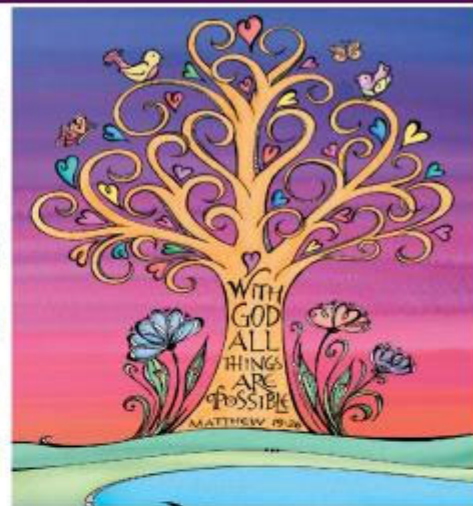
Then how can we be saved? How can we have eternal life? With God, anything is possible. The Gospel tells us that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son so that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. It isn't our goodness that will get us into heaven. It is our faith in Jesus. We are not good enough, but Jesus is!

My Prayer



Dear Father, help us to remember that it is not our goodness that will get us into heaven. It is our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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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)



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



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.





TIME TO THINK!

LEAVE THE PHONE AT HOME

"God brings forth His Son in thee, whether thou likest it or not, whether thou sleepest or wakest; God worketh His own will. That man is unaware of it is man's fault, for his taste is so spoilt by feeding on earthly things that he cannot relish God's love". The above quote was written by German philosopher and Dominican friar Meister Eckhart in the early 13th century. While the language seems outdated in the modern context, the sentiments I think can be seen today. Nowadays our culture today can be at times dominated by distraction. We live in a world of Instagram and Snapchat. The names of these social media apps suggest their somewhat demanding nature. While communication is a vital part of the human experience, consistent demands can move beyond communication to distraction if not managed. Distraction from what? From relishing God's love?

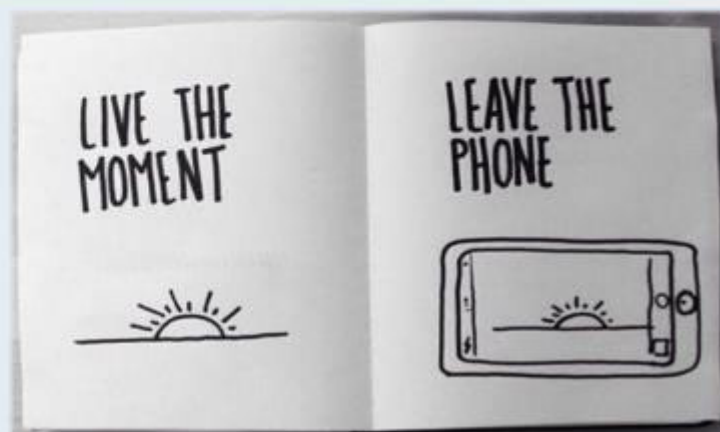
Our phones and these apps are part of the culture and great ways to connect people, but they can become a distraction. There is a temptation to be consistently distracted by something new, some new idea, some new picture, some new trend, new video, or the million other ways we can be distracted into our phone. Getting so used to the stimulation we get from scrolling can make a more slow-moving experience like silence and prayer almost unbearable because it doesn't happen quick enough, or we can't press a button to speed it up.

We live in a culture that has the potential to be dominated by social media, internet news, the offer of online sales every five minutes, and all of this is fed through the small little device in our hands. All of these communications create desires in us and then offer ways to fulfil that desire.

As the philosopher, Aristotle once noted, "It is the nature of desire to be satisfied, and most human beings live only for the gratification of it."

A question that I found myself sitting with lately is, how free am I from my phone? As I reflected on my phone use, I noticed how I would check the news, or the football transfer market, or look to see if there were any good deals in some of my favourite shops. I felt the temptation to buy more books even though I still have some I have not got round to reading. I then noticed videos like Tik Tok, how entertaining and creative some are, but they last maybe thirty seconds, so I scroll to the next video. Before I know it I am thinking that even spending time viewing a video of more than a few minutes feels long. The need for something new, something immediate, is growing. It is like an automatic response to pick up the phone, check for messages, or browse. Then I noticed how draining this can be after some time and that I generally felt tired after a period of browsing.

The question then evolved into what drives this, how much time am I spending fulfilling the desire or craving rather than freely relishing life? What am I missing? How at ease am I without checking my phone? These instant 'hits' from social media, and advertisements via my phone seem so all-encompassing and they continuously produce a desire that cannot fully be satisfied. If this is the case, then life can become an attempt to fulfil or gratify a never-ending desire. What and how is this changing me? This is how Meister Eckhart's quote came to life for me. I question, have we, in our technological advancement, made our senses so spoiled that our ability to relish God's love is diminishing with the never-ending distraction of our phone?



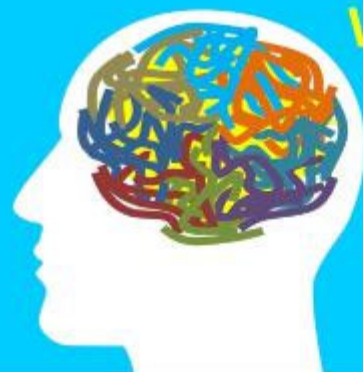
I have learned, from working with young people, that the notion of silence makes no sense to them. It's almost like they see it as not only counterproductive to advancing in happiness, but also as a waste of valuable time in that pursuit. It makes the experience of simply relishing God's love, in the way that it can emerge in silence and prayer, nearly impossible. Silence becomes something to be evaded because it not only emerges as something that seems unproductive but something that leaves a person at a level of discomfort because of a longing for distraction.

Psychologist and spiritual writer Gerald May wrote, "Saint Augustine once said that God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them. If our hands are full, they are full of the things to which we are addicted. And not only our hands but also our hearts, minds, and attention are clogged with addiction. Our addictions fill up the spaces within us, spaces where grace might flow." May uses the word 'addiction', which we tend to think of in the context of substance abuse. But he mainly characterises it as a loss of freedom. The word 'addiction' seems hard, so maybe another word to consider here is 'attachment'.

I use my own phone too much. Recently a parishioner observed me on the phone, whilst out for my walk and reminded me with kindness, to leave the phone at home!! I think the notion of our hands being too full to notice the grace given us has never been so apt. Phones and media are essential, they connect us, and we have been particularly grateful for them in our recent lockdowns. But my lockdown experience and use of my phone and media has caused me to ponder. I ask the question, is it possible that our attachment to our phones and their accompanying distractions has filled up our minds, hearts, and spaces where grace might otherwise flow? In our significant advancements in technology, have we become poor in our spirit?

In the midst of all this distraction, how can we properly hear spiritual or theological ideas which require time for attention, reflection, and consideration, before they blossom into something more profound? A challenge is to notice or become aware if your phone is becoming something you have to have rather than something you can take or leave. Are your hands too full to see the gifts God wants to give you? This question has challenged me, and in this struggle, I have found an invitation from God to go deeper, an invitation to move into silence and allow God to speak.

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Regular exercise can really give you a boost.

Talk about it

Problems feel smaller when they are shared with others.

Eat and sleep well

A balanced diet and a good sleep pattern will help the way you feel and think.

Drink less alcohol

Avoiding too much alcohol is important, especially if you're feeling down or worried.

Do something you enjoy

Setting aside quality time for yourself can really help, particularly if you are not feeling great.

Stay in touch

Trusted friends and family are important, especially at difficult times. You're not alone.

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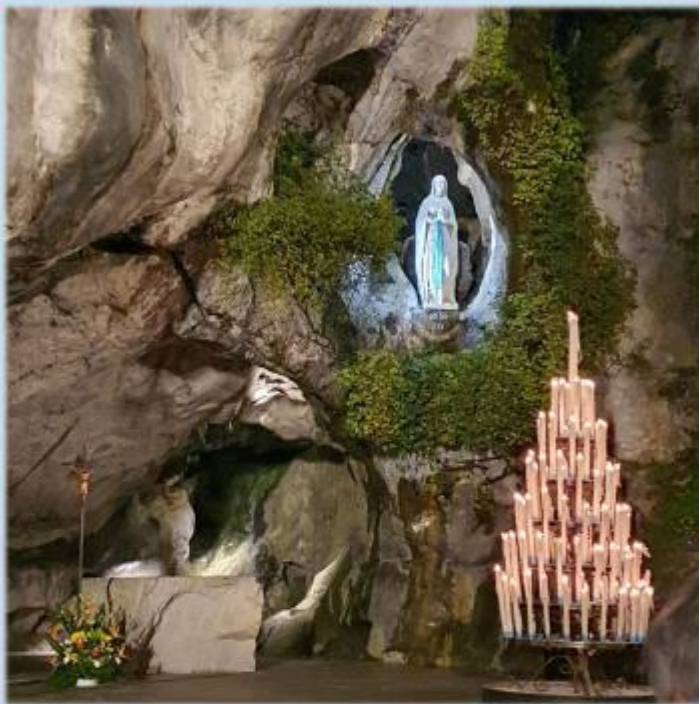
First Holy Communion last weekend - Scoil Bhride





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More photos on our website www.portlaoiseparish.ie



*Portlaoise Parish
Lourdes Committee
remembered all
Parishioners at a
recent visit to
Lourdes in 2021
at the Grotto.*

*A candle was lit
for all your
intentions.*



The Maternity Department at Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise, warmly welcomes you and your family to attend a

Service of Remembrance, Sunday 17th October at 7:30pm in Portlaoise Parish Church.

This annual service is held in memory of all babies who have died, and of all pregnancy losses, however recent, however long ago.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

October is dedicated to praying the Rosary. You can join us in the Parish Church to pray the rosary everyday before 10am Mass, 7pm and 9.30pm.

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Patrick (Pat) Dowling

Ballycarroll, Portlaoise and Athy



Dolores Grennan née Reilly

Woodgrove, Portlaoise and Dublin

Agnes Walsh née Coss

Barnashrone, Mountmellick

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

In Loving Memory of our Sister

ANNE CHAPMAN

née Byrne

Late of Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise and Fermanagh.

1st Anniversary occurs at this time.



A gentle heart stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to
us, He only takes the best.

*Sadly missed and never forgotten
by her sister Phyllis and brothers
John, Raymond and Oliver.*

*Also remembering her dearly
departed daughter
ANNA MARIE at this time.*

May They both find Eternal Rest and Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
GERARD (Gerry) BRENNAN**

Late of St. Brigid's Place & Glasgow, Scotland.

*1st Birthday away from home occurs
12th October '21.*



If we could visit Heaven, on
this our saddest day, maybe
for one moment our pain
would go away.
We'd put our arms around
you, hug you one more
time, tell you that we love
you Gerry and sit with you
awhile.

But for now we must be parted, life without you
is so hard, but you will never be forgotten and
you will live on in our hearts.

*Happy Birthday Gerry from Mam, Ang, Paul
and Marie and all your family.*

Love you always.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mam Mena, brother Paul, sisters Angela & Marie,
wish to sincerely thank all those who sympathised
with them on the recent death of Gerry.

We would like to thank family and friends who
called to the house, sent Mass cards, e-mails,
phone calls and all who sympathised in person.
Special thanks to all the cousins who were
wonderful in their support for us from beginning
to end.

Also thank you to Fr. David Vard for his prayers
which were much appreciated.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode
undertakers for their help and assistance.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually,
please accept this acknowledgement as a token of
our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude.

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

Rest in Peace Gerry

You are the

Light

Of the World



9th ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
FRANCES COOKE

12 Fielbrook & formerly of Rathevan, Portlaoise.
 Died 16th October 2012.



9th Anniversary Mass
 will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church this
 Saturday 9th October
 at 5pm.

It's been a lonely time without you,
 And nothing is the same,
 All we have are memories and your picture in a frame,
 We travel to your resting place,
 And flowers we place with care,
 But no-one knows the heartache,
 As we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Margaret,
 son-in-law Ger, grandsons Edward & Gearóid, Katie &
 Rachel & great-granddaughters Madison and Ailbhe.

May Frances Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
Elizabeth (LIL) DOYLE

Green Road, Portlaoise.
 3rd Anniversary occurred 4th October 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
 this Saturday 9th October at 6.30pm.

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

*Sadly missed by her loving husband
 William, sons and extended family.*

May Lil Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM BOHAN

34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 21st Anniversary occurs 9th October.



The years we spent together, we keep within our
 hearts, they hold precious memories that will
 never let us part, unspoken thoughts, no outward
 show, but deep inside we miss you so.
 Each one thought the world of you, for us you did
 your best, and now we pray the Lord will grant
 your soul eternal rest.

Always remembered, Billy, John, Michael, Maurice, Eugene, Dermot,
 Brian, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters-in-law and
 brothers-in-law.

May William Rest in Peace

9th ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
FRANCES COOKE

Rathevan, Portlaoise. Died 16th October 2012.



*A Loving Mother, Grandmother and
 Great-grandmother.*

*You gave us years of happiness,
 Then sorrow came with tears,
 You left us lovely memories,
 We will treasure through the years.*

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Bridie, son-in-law
 Stephen, grandchildren Deirdre, Karen and Eamonn and
 great-grandchildren Ciara, Oisín, Abbie, Hayley and Lily.*

May Frances Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL LACUMBER

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
 Died 15th October 2011. 10th Anniversary away from home.



10th Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church, on
 Friday 15th October at 10am.

*Our lips cannot speak how much
 we love you, our hearts cannot
 tell them what to say,
 Only God knows how much we miss you, every hour
 of every day.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ANN HOGAN

Mayfield, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.
 7th Anniversary occurs 12th October 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
 in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin this
 Sunday 10th October at 10am and in
 the Parish Church, Portlaoise this
 Sunday 10th October at 12.30pm.

*Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside us everyday,
 Each of us in our own way,
 Have special thoughts of you today.*

*Remembered by her husband Vinny, son Liam and
 daughters Clare, Denise and Alice & extended family.*

May Ann Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
A Cherished Father, Grandfather,
Great-Grandfather and Brother
JOSEPH PAISLEY

5th Anniversary occurs 20th October 2021



Our Father kept a garden,
A garden of the heart,
He planted all the good things, that
gave our lives their start,
He turned us to the sunshine, and
encouraged us to dream,
Fostering and nurturing the seeds of
self-esteem.
And when the winds and rain came,
he protected us enough, but not too
much because he knew, that we
would stand up tough.

His constant good example always taught us right from wrong,
Markers for our pathways that will last a lifetime long.
We are our fathers garden.

We will love and miss you always, from all your loving family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Sunday 17th October at 11:15am.

Also remembering at this time, Joseph's wife Kathleen, his
brother-in-law Bill Doyle, his nephew Gerard Brennan and all
deceased members of the Paisley and Doyle families.

Will those who think of them today,

A little prayer to Jesus say.

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOHN FAHY

55 Beladd, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 15th October 2021



Dad;

The pain that we are feeling never
seems to go away, we wish that we
could visit Heaven, if only for a day,
We know that you would hold us and
whisper in our ears;

*"Don't think of me as gone away,
Because I'm always near",*

We know you're in a better place, where you are at peace and
free, to be happy in eternal life and can still watch over us,
Although the door between our worlds is closed and we're
apart, until the time God opens it, you're always in our hearts.

Love you always

James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dor, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Sunday 17th October at 12:30pm.

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of
PADDY DOYLE

Formerly 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
Died 7/10/1978. 43rd Anniversary occurs 7th October '21.



Partings come and hearts are broken,
Loved ones go with words unspoken,
Deep in our hearts there is a memory kept,
For a father that we will never forget.
Sadly missed, never forgotten by his
son Joe and family.

May Paddy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of our Dad
PATRICK DOYLE

Formerly 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
Died 7/10/1978. 43rd Anniversary occurs 7th October '21.



Dad, those special memories of you will always
bring a smile,
If only we could have you back for just a while,
Then we could sit and talk again just like we
used to do, you always meant so very much to
us and always will,
The fact that you're no longer here will always
cause us pain, but you're forever in our hearts,
until we meet again.

Loved always, never forgotten Dad, by your loving daughters
Guggie, Ellen, Mary, son Joe and families xxx

Rest in Peace Dad

In Loving Memory of
PHYLLIS FITZPATRICK

14 Borris Road, Portlaoise. Died 14/10/2004.
17th Anniversary occurs 14th October 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 16th October at 10am.

It was a sudden parting,
Too hard to forget,
Those who loved you dearly are the
ones who can't forget,
We often sit and think of you and
think of how you died,

To think you could not say goodbye before you closed
your eyes.

Always remembered by your husband Mick, sons James,
Thomas and Damien, daughter Theresa, daughters-in-law,
son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Also remembering at this time

Her loving granddaughter
LEONA CUDDY
Meelick Road, Portlaoise.



May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of CHRISTY KEENAN

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 11th October 2021.



*Will those who think of Christy
today,*

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Sadly missed and always remembered
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Rest in Peace Christy

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Died 11th October 2019



2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 10th October at 12.30pm.

*Never more than a thought away,
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

Sadly missed by his Dad, Mam, sisters Aoife and Ciara,
brother Brian, fiancé Sarah, nephew Cillian, niece Aine,
extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Eoin

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