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**24th October 2021**

# World Mission Sunday 2021

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**Bereavement Mass - Parish Church  
Monday 1st November At 7.30pm**



Those who died in our Parish during the year and their families will be remembered at the 7.30pm Mass on 1st November, the Feast of All Saints. A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory. If we have a photo of the deceased it will accompany their name on the screen in the Parish Church.

Also there are parishioners who have lost loved ones, parent or siblings, and also natives of our Parish, whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere. If you would like them to be remembered by name at our bereavement Mass please give the details to the Parish Centre by calling in or email

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(A photograph may also be displayed if you wish to provide one).



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of the Parish Church.**



**We welcome into our Parish Community**  
Ifeanyichukwu Ijere, Mell Street  
Charlie Paul Finn, Ashewood Walk, Summerhill Lane  
James Joseph Donohoe, Berryridge Avenue  
Jakub Dominik Lechowski, Triogue Manor  
**Who was baptised last weekend**

**Mass times for the coming week**

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**Sunday:** 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

**Sunday:** 10am

**Monday 1st November (All Saints)**

Mass times will be 8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm

& 7.30pm (Annual Bereavement Mass)

Heath at 9.30am & Ratheniska at 10am

**From November 2nd**

Weekday Mass times will be

Monday—Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 10am

**First Friday Mass**

Parish Church 7.30pm

Mass in the Heath & Ratheniska at 7pm.

**Ratheniska Bereavement Mass**

Will take place on Friday 5th November in Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska. Those buried in Ratheniska since Nov. 2019 will be especially remembered.

**October Collection for the Priests of the Parish.**

Envelopes for the October Collection for the priests of the parish are in the Development Boxes or in the Church porches.

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**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 31:7-9 Ps 125

Hebrews 5:1-6 Mark 10:46-52

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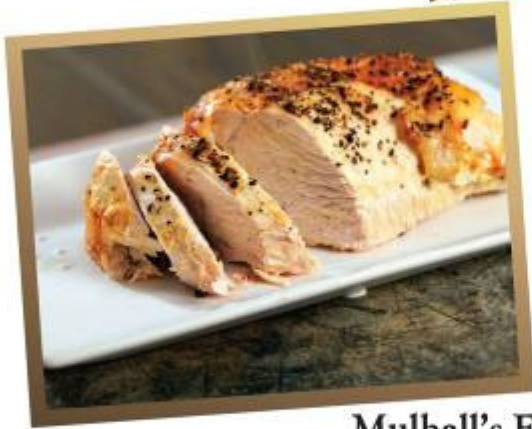


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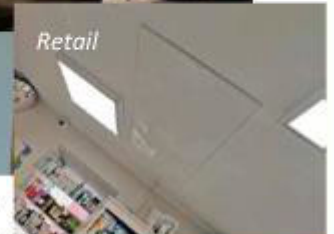
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# Good Luck

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"Last Singer Standing", this Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> on RTE One at 8.30pm. The show runs for 8 weeks with one contestant going through each week to the grand final in December.

Will it be Anna this week? Tune in to find out!



**Fr. Peter McVerry Christmas Collection:** During the month of November 2021, I am organising a collection of the following for the Fr. Peter McVerry Trust; Toiletries (male and female), Personal care items, soap, shampoo, deodorants, wipes, new socks or tights for adults. Please leave any of the above items into Portlaoise Parish Centre for collection and clearly mark on the package "Fr Peter McVerry Trust". Many thanks in advance, small acts of kindness, never go un-noticed. If you feel you would like to write a Christmas Card for a homeless person please do so and I will forward them on also, just a card with a message of love and hope. Thank you - Judy Preston.

**St. Joseph's Accordion Band:** To mark the easing of Covid restrictions, St. Joseph's Accordion Band will parade through Portlaoise town on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon. After a long absence it is hoped the band can bring some music, joy and cheer to the town and public support would be greatly appreciated to mark the occasion.

**An Spioraid Naomh Praise & Worship Meeting:** Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10:45am in Portlaoise Parish Centre. Format; Holy Rosary, praise and worship (live music), Talk and final Hymns and Prayers. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. For further info. contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

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# POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

Congratulations to all in our parish who were rewarded with their John Paul II Award last week.





## I Want to See Jesus

Can you imagine what it must be like to be blind and never see the beauty of things such as beautiful flowers? The gift of sight is one of the most precious of all of God's gifts.

There is a story in the Gospel of a man named Bartimaeus. He had never seen the beauty of a bouquet of flowers, because Bartimaeus was blind. One day as he sat begging beside the road, he heard the sound of a large crowd of people coming his way. He asked someone what was happening and they told him that Jesus was passing by. Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and about how he had healed many who were blind. He began to call out to Jesus. Others in the crowd tried to get Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he would not be silent.

Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus calling out to him and he stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Teacher, I want to see!" said Bartimaeus.

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." The Bible tells us that immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight.

That is a wonderful story, isn't it? Unfortunately, stories about the blind don't always end that way. There are many blind people who want to see, and yet they are never healed. Fanny Crosby was one of those people. Fanny was born on 24th March 1820 and when she was only six weeks old, she was left blind by an illness. Even though she was blind for the rest of her life, Fanny was never bitter or complaining. Instead she made the most of her life by using the other gifts that God had given her. She had a wonderful gift for writing poetry and during her lifetime, she wrote over 8000 poems. Some of her poems were set to music.

One day a well-meaning minister said to Fanny, "I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when He showered so many other gifts upon you."

"Oh no!" Fanny replied. "If I could have only one request, it would be to be born blind."

"Why?" asked the surprised minister. "Because," answered Fanny, "when I get to heaven, the first face that these blind eyes will ever see is the face of Jesus, my Saviour."



Some, like Bartimaeus, receive the gift of sight. Some, like Fanny Crosby, are blind their entire life. One thing is certain, when we get to heaven, we will all see Jesus.

### My Prayer

*Dear Father, we thank you for the gift of sight, but more than that, we thank you that one day we will see you in heaven.*

*In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*



# Today is World Mission Sunday

Today we remember those who work as missionaries. We also welcome those that have moved from other countries and from other parts of our own country. There is a special mission rosary which has different coloured beads than the Traditional rosary. The coloured beads symbolise the missionary efforts of the Church in each of the five continents.



The beads of each decade are as follows:

- Green for Africa
- Red for the Americas
- White for Europe
- Blue for Oceania
- Yellow for Asia



When the ten other disciples heard what \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said,

“You know that the \_\_\_\_\_ in this world lord it over their people, and

officials flaunt their \_\_\_\_\_ over those under them. But among

you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a \_\_\_\_\_ among you

must be your \_\_\_\_\_, and whoever wants to be \_\_\_\_\_

among you must be the \_\_\_\_\_ of everyone else. For even the Son

of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his

\_\_\_\_\_ as a ransom for \_\_\_\_\_.”

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James



# TIME TO THINK!

*All will be well.....*

"Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed.

Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot.

He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes he turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl.

He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. 'Daughter, what do you see?'

'Potatoes, eggs, and coffee,' she hastily replied.

'Look closer,' he said, 'and touch the potatoes.' She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

'Father, what does this mean?' she asked.

He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity - the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently.

The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak.

The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard.

However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new.

'Which are you,' he asked his daughter. 'When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond?'

Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean?'



Living out the virtue of Christian hope when confronted with adversity that we cannot control or overcome, allows us to dig deep to unearth a level of confident patience and perseverance that will sustain us.

It can also give us the courage to resist, challenge and triumph over adversity and so circumstances that seem hopeless to some people will seem less so to those living in accordance with this virtue. This is because as Christians, death no longer needs to be considered as the moment of our annihilation and similarly, in moments of crisis and adversity we can come to know that we are held by a love that is stronger even than death itself.

Very much in line with the famous adage of mystic Julian of Norwich - "All will be well" - Christians have the ability to remain joyful in all circumstances, however difficult, because of their knowledge that God gently guides history and cares in an intimate way about us.

Our opportunity, is to deepen trust, that our lives are safe in God's hands, that God has a plan for us all, calling us out of darkness into his wonderful light.





Appeal of Pope Francis; Sunday 17th October 2021



**In the name of God**, I ask the great pharmaceutical laboratories to release the patents. Make a gesture of humanity and allow every country, every people, every human being, to have access to the vaccines. There are countries where only three or four per cent of the inhabitants have been vaccinated.

**In the name of God**, I ask financial groups and international credit institutions to allow poor countries to assure 'the basic needs of their people' and to cancel debts so often contracted against the interests of those same peoples.

**In the name of God**, I ask the great extractive industries - mining, oil, forestry, real estate, agribusiness—to stop destroying forests, wetlands and mountains, to stop polluting rivers and seas, to stop poisoning food and people.

**In the name of God**, I ask the great food corporations to stop imposing monopolistic systems of production and distribution that inflate process and end up withholding bread from the hungry.

**In the name of God**, I ask arms manufacturers and dealers to completely stop their activity, because it foments violence and war, it contributes to those geopolitical games which cost millions of lives displaced and millions dead.

**In the name of God**, I ask the technology giants to stop exploiting human weakness, people's vulnerability, for the sake of profits without caring about the spread of hate speech, grooming, fake news, conspiracy theories and political manipulation.

**In the name of God**, I ask telecommunications giants to ease access to educational material and connectivity for teachers via the internet so that poor children can be educated even under quarantine.

**In the name of God**, I ask the media to stop the logic of post-truth, disinformation, defamation, slander and the unhealthy attraction of dirt and scandal, and to contribute to human fraternity and empathy with those who are most deeply damaged.

**In the name of God**, I call on powerful countries to stop aggression, blockades and unilateral sanctions against any country anywhere on earth. No to neo-colonialism. Conflicts must be resolved in multilateral fora such as the United Nations. We have already seen how unilateral interventions, invasions and occupations end up; even if they are justified by noble motives and fine words.

This system, with its relentless logic of profit, is escaping all human control. It is time to slow the locomotive down, an out-of-control locomotive hurtling towards the abyss. **There is still time.**

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*Billy Dargan*

Harpurs Lane  
Portlaoise



*Bernie Casey*

née Maher  
Rossvale, Portlaoise and  
Kildare



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Roselawn, Portlaoise



*Paula O'Sullivan*

Abbeyleix



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**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

*Our sympathy to their families.*

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the death notice at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)

*In Loving Memory of*  
*My Dear Husband*  
**MARTIN RAFTER**

34 The Hermitage, Borris Road, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021



Martin, your smile was  
made of sunshine,  
Your heart was made  
of gold,  
Thanks for the special  
years and memories  
that I now dearly hold,  
No matter how I spend  
my days,  
No matter what I do,  
No morning dawns or  
evening falls, without a  
thought of you.

**Your loving wife Betty xxx**

Dad, what I would give if I could say,  
"Hello Dad" in the same old way,  
To hear your voice, to see your smile,  
To sit and chat with you a while,  
So you, who have your father,  
Cherish him with care,  
For you'll never know the heartache,  
Until you see his empty chair.

**Loved always, Martina, John and Craig  
xxx**

Along the road of suffering,  
You found a little lane,  
That took you up to Heaven and ended all  
your pain,

You may be out of sight,  
We may be worlds apart,  
But you are always in our prayers,  
And forever in our hearts.

**From Jimmy, Claire, Aaron, Rachel and  
Jonathan xxxxx**

Martin, we miss your smile, your joking ways,  
And miss the things you used to say,  
And when old times we do recall,  
It is then we miss you most of all.

**Never forgotten, Vanda and  
grandchildren Stefan and Amy xxx**

*Rest in Peace Martin*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*In Loving Memory of  
NORA DUNNE  
Clonad, Portlaoise.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021*



On this, the occasion of the first anniversary of Nora's passing, her family wish to express their gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss. To everyone who sent Mass cards, online messages and stood outside the Church and cemetery on her final journey.

A special thanks to the excellent nursing and care staff of Kilminchy Nursing Home and Portlaoise hospital, who looked after Nora with kind and professional care.

Many thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode of Keegan Funeral Directors for their support and the professional manner in which they carried out Nora's funeral arrangements. Our sincere thanks to the gravediggers in Clonad cemetery for their immaculate work preparing Nora's final resting place.

We would also like to thank most sincerely Fr. Paddy Byrne of Raheen Parish for a beautiful funeral Mass, a fitting tribute to Nora.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Nora's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Shanahoe Church on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 12 midday.**

*May Nora Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of BIANCA RUMEU - Zimbabwe

*8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time. Died 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013.*



*I hide my tears when I say your name,  
but the pain in my heart is still the same.  
Though I smile and seem carefree,  
There is no one who misses you more  
than me.*

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

*May your Dear Soul  
Rest In Eternal Peace Bianca.*

*Sadly missed by your mum Patricia Murambinda, uncle Kennedy Murambinda, sister Sandra and brother Terence Murambinda, cousins, nieces and nephews.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*In Loving Memory of  
WILLIAM READY*

*O'Moore Place, Portlaoise, formerly Luggacurran.*



The family of the late William Ready, who passed away on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021, would like to thank most sincerely the many relatives, friends & neighbours, who supported and sympathised with us on the very sad loss of our father Willie.

A special word of thanks to Fr. David and Rankin's funeral directors for all the help and support we received.

Thank you to all who participated in the funeral Mass, sent Mass and sympathy cards and offered condolences online.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

**William's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 5pm.**

*Sadly missed by William and Marie xx  
Rest in Peace William*

## In Loving Memory of ROCH (Rocky) SCULLY

*Late of 174 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

*1<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm.

*Daddy:*

*You'll never be forgotten,  
That simply cannot be,*

*Because something will remind us,  
We never know just when it might be,  
Something someone says, and it all comes back again,  
The time we spent together, the happiness, the fun,  
Once again we feel the pain of life without you Daddy.*

*Loving you always, forgetting you never.*

*From John, Patrick, Peter, Roch, Teresa, Jacinta,  
Margaret and Kathleen, sons & daughters-in-law and  
grandchildren.*

*May Rocky Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert**

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.



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

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom,  
daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula,  
grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and  
Willow and great-granddaughter Grace.  
Always in our hearts.

*Rest in Peace Mam*

**In Loving Memory of**

*Our Mother*

**ELIZABETH CULBERT**

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> October.



Also remembering her Daughter and  
our Sister

**ANGELA CLEARY née Culbert**

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> October.

*May the winds of love blow softly, for only you to hear,  
We still love and miss you, as it dawns another year.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 6:30pm.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family.

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
ANGELA CLEARY**

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021.



Just like the sweetest rose,  
Your petals fell too soon,  
But Angela, your memory will  
never cease to bloom.

*From your forever friend Geraldine x  
Rest in Peace Angela*

November – Month of Remembering

THEY HAVE GONE NO FURTHER FROM US  
THAN TO GOD, AND GOD IS VERY NEAR

**In Loving Memory of  
MARY (Maley) CONNELL**

57 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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



*May you always walk in sunshine and  
God's love around you flow,  
For the love and happiness you gave us,  
no one will ever know,  
Forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed and loved by your loving family,  
sons Dick, Pat and Kieran, daughters  
Geraldine, Phil, Bernie, Nora and Teresa,  
daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

*Also thinking of our Dad at this time.*

*Rest in Peace Mary*

**21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
Aaron Kelly-Gorman**

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise, whose 21<sup>st</sup> birthday  
occurred 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.



*Today is filled with memories, with  
happiness and tears,  
Of birthday celebrations son, we shared  
throughout the years.*

*And though I'll always miss you,  
The endless joy you brought,  
Warms my heart with gratitude,  
And fills my every thought.*

*Wherever you are resting,*

*I hope that you can see, how precious and treasured,  
your memory is to me.*

*I feel that you are with me, in everything I do, so I'll  
celebrate your birthday Aaron, but I'll spend it missing you.*

Gone but not forgotten, forever in our hearts, from your  
loving father Michael, Brandon Kelly-Gorman and  
Chloe Byrne, extended family, relatives and friends.

*Rest in Peace Aaron*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARY BERNADETTE O' BRIEN**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurred 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021



*There is no night without a dawning,  
No winter without a spring,  
And beyond death's dark horizon,  
Our hearts will once more sing.  
For those who leave us for a while,  
have only gone away,  
Out of a restless, careworn world,  
Into a brighter day.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family.

*Rest in Peace Bernadette*

You are the

**Light**

Of the World

**In Loving Memory of  
KEVIN GRAHAM**

*Ballydavis North, Portlaoise.*

*7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.

*Just a prayer from the family who loved you,  
Just a memory fond and true,  
In our hearts you will live forever,  
Because we thought the world of you.*

*Always remembered & sadly missed by all his loving family.*

*May Kevin Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
ELLEN BYRNE**

*Forest Park, Portlaoise and Dublin.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 12:30pm.

*We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your resting place we visit,  
And put flowers there with care,*

*But no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your family  
and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Ellen*

**In Loving Memory of  
MICHAEL WHELAN**

*Colt, Ballyroan.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021*



Mass will be celebrated in Raheen Church  
at 7pm on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

*The world changes from year to year,  
Our lives from day to day,  
But the love and memory,  
Shall never pass away.*

*Sadly missed by his wife Patricia, son William, family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Michael*

**In Loving Memory of  
WILLIAM MARUM**

*171 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

*Months Mind occurs 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021*



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.

*Our lives go on without you,  
But nothing is the same,  
We have to hide our heartache,  
When someone speaks your  
name.*

*Sad are the hearts that love you,  
Silent are the tears that fall,*

*Living without you is the hardest part of all.*

*You did so many things for us, your heart was kind  
and true, and when we needed someone, we could  
always count on you.*

*The special years will not return, when we were all  
together, but with the love within our hearts,  
you walk with us forever.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his wife Phyllis,  
daughters Susan, Samantha, Sawnya, Sabrina,  
son William, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren  
and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace William*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**Remembering A Special  
Son and Brother  
JOSEPH O' SHEA**

*Missing you on your 1<sup>st</sup> birthday away from home.*



*As we visit your resting  
place, upon this special day,  
Once more we feel the  
sadness that will never go  
away,*

*For ever since you've gone,  
life has never been the  
same, yet it comforts us to*

*know that one day we'll meet again.*

*Until that day arrives we will relive every memory  
of the happy times we shared together*

*- us and you,*

*For we miss you so very much and words never  
could convey the extent of the joy that you  
brought to every day life.*

*Love and missing you always, Mam, Caroline & Boys.*

*Rest in Peace Joseph*

**JESUS,  
REMEMBER ME WHEN YOU  
COME INTO YOUR KINGDOM**

LUKE 23:42

*In Loving Memory of*  
**PADDY BEERE**

*Ballydavis, Portlaoise.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am.

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

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Madge, sons and daughters and extended family.*

*May Paddy Rest in Peace*

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## Portlaoise Parish



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