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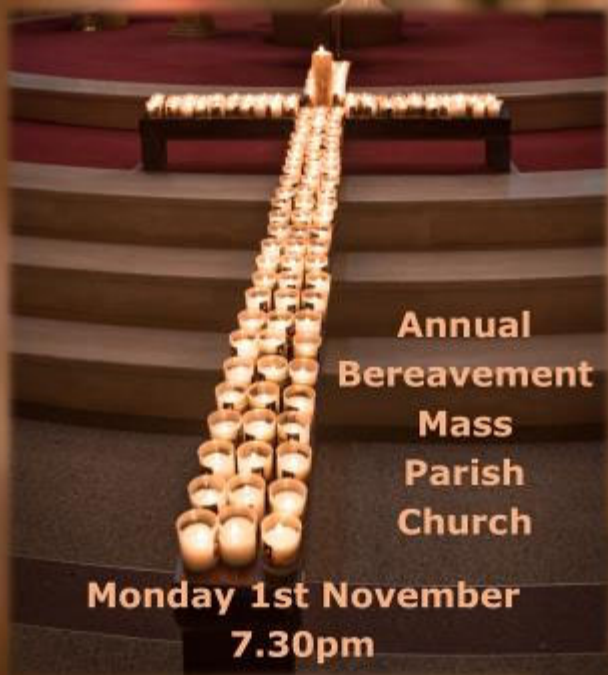


YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

'IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER'

*For all my
family who
have gone before
me!*

*Five Shards
in his*



**Annual
Bereavement
Mass
Parish
Church**

**Monday 1st November
7.30pm**

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**All Souls
2nd November
Commemoration of All
the Faithful Departed**

"Everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day." This is the comforting proclamation of the gospel; that God wills that we all be saved. We remember this proclamation particularly on the Feast of All Souls. On this day we remember all those who have died. We remember their kind deeds, the things they did for us and for other people; we remember how we loved them and how they loved us, and we pray we will be united with them again on the last day. We also pray for those who have died that we never knew. We pray for those who have died for our freedom, and we pray for all those who have died alone with no one to remember or pray for them.

**November, Month of the Faithful Departed
IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER**

That time of year again - when we remember all those who have gone before us. Ours is not an empty remembering but is filled with hope. Hope in him who said '**I am the resurrection and the Life**'. If you wish to enrol your loved ones in our November list of the dead to be remembered at Masses during the month, envelopes are available in the Church Porches or at the Parish centre.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on: Tuesday at 7.30am; Wednesday at 7.30pm & Thursday at 7.30pm.



**You are also invited to
place the names
of your loved ones
on our memorial tree
in the Sanctuary
of the Parish Church**

Mass times for the coming week

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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

First Friday Mass

Parish Church 7.30pm
Mass in the Heath 7pm
Ratheniska at 7pm (Bereavement Mass).
Saturday: 10am

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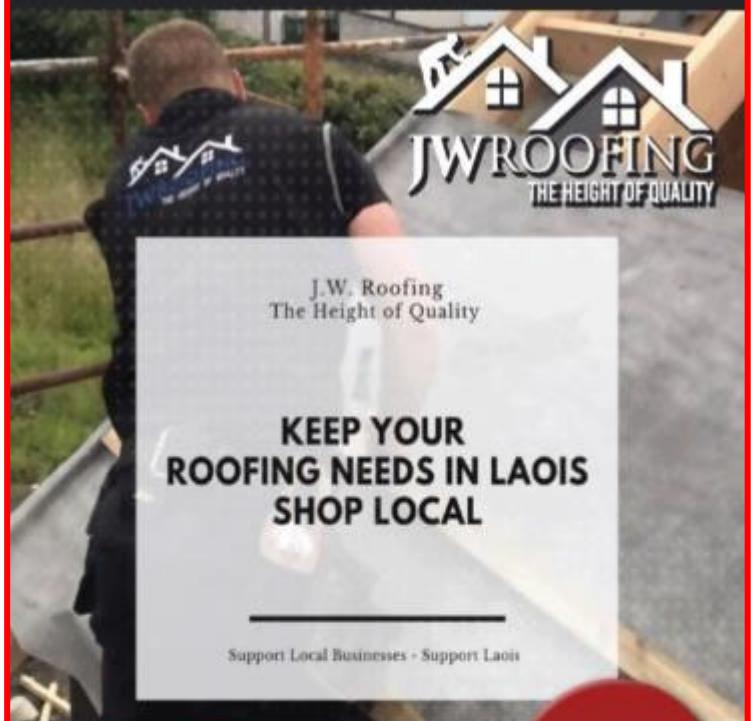
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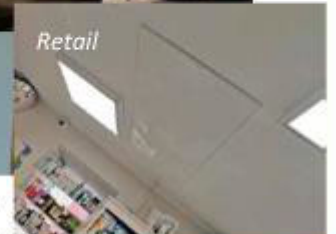
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Anyone can fall victim to these scams, however Gardaí are asking the public to make vulnerable persons aware of them. The worldwide nature of these scams which are designed to steal money from unsuspecting parties means that they are particularly difficult to investigate.

How to avoid becoming a victim:

- Be suspicious of text messages received out of the blue that claim to come from a reputable organisation, such as a bank or credit/debit card issuer.
- Be cautious of text messages that prompt you to call a phone number or visit a website to resolve an issue or verify your details urgently.
- Do not respond to text messages that request personal information, such as your bank account details, without first independently verifying that they are from a genuine source.
- Never reply to text messages that request your PIN, online banking password, or any other password.
- Be wary about calling any phone number, or clicking on any link, that is embedded within a text message.

Examples of recent fraudulent messages that have been received are purporting to be from Revenue, Amazon, various couriers/delivery companies, financial institutions, Covid-19 related among others.

Gardaí would ask that we all look out for more vulnerable persons with regards to these scams.

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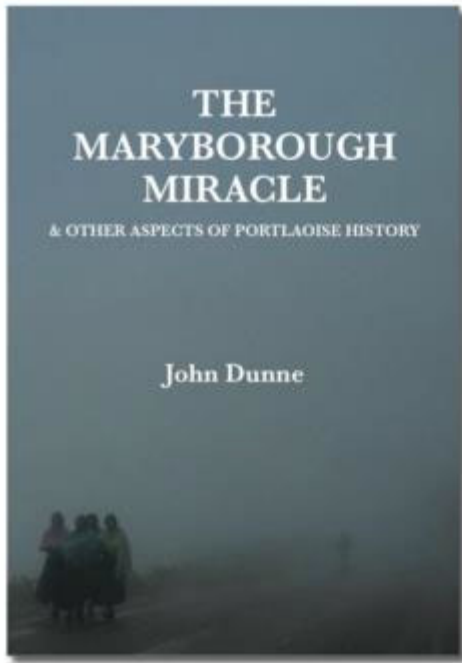
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10th Nov. Singalong with Caroline.

17th Nov. Guest Speaker.

24th Nov. Fun Activity Day.

Date for your diary; 15th Dec.

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I imagine that most of you have a list of rules like this in your classroom at school. If we walked through every classroom in your school, we would probably see a list of rules hanging on the wall. Even though there might be some slight differences, most of them would say pretty much the same thing. They would say things like:

- Listen Carefully
- Follow Directions
- Obey the Teacher
- Work Quietly
- No Bullying
- Be Kind to others



If you were to ask me which classroom rule is most important, I know what I would say. I would say that the most important rule is to respect and obey your teacher and the second is very much like it - be kind and show respect for your fellow students. If we would just follow those two rules, there really wouldn't be a need for any more.

The religious leaders of Jesus' day liked to sit around and discuss the law. They especially liked to ask Jesus questions about the law hoping to trick him into saying something that would cause people to turn against him. One day they were questioning Jesus and he answered them with one good answer right after another. One of the teachers of religious law was standing there listening to the debate. He realised that Jesus had answered well, so he asked, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

Most of you know the ten commandments, don't you? How would you answer that question?

This is how Jesus answered. He said, "The most important commandment is this:

'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

**Father, help us to
love you with all our
heart, soul, and
strength - and to
love one another as
we love ourselves.
In Jesus' name we
pray.
Amen.**



The second is equally important:

'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment is greater than these." After hearing Jesus' answer, no one else dared to ask him any more questions! What a wise answer.

If we could just keep those two commandments, we wouldn't have any trouble keeping the rest of them, would we? Let's go to the Father and ask him to help us.

IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER



Do you know where our Remembrance Tree is located in the Parish Church?

WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In November we remember all those who have died. If you have anyone belonging to you who has died, a grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or even a good friend. You can put the name of that person on the Remembrance Tree in the Parish Church.

Prayer for All Souls Day

Merciful Father,
hear our prayer and console us.
As we renew our faith in Your
Son,
whom You raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope
that all our departed brothers
and sisters will share in His
resurrection,
who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Monday 1st November ALL SAINTS

All Saints' Day celebrates all the Christian saints. Saints are holy people who are believed to be very close to God. We believe that saints have special powers

to help people. People celebrate the saints by lighting candles and going to church. This day is a holy day.



Tuesday 2nd November ALL SOULS

All Souls' Day is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. It's a day of prayer and remembrance and on All Souls' Day, people celebrate the lives and souls of those who have died. Why don't you go to the Church and light a candle today!

All the Saints of Ireland

**Saturday November 6th is the
Feast Day of all the Saints of Ireland.**

**This poem gives us an insight into the Saints we meet in
our daily lives.**

I know a lot of Saints, I do!
So let me mention just a few:
I know someone who runs a team
And teaches kids to play and dream,
Who stands in cold and wind and rain
on days they play and nights they train;
Someone who's there when we are sad,
The best and gentlest friend we've had,
Someone who says, 'Just do your best'
When I am sacred to take the test;
A friend who takes the time to show
how things are done when I don't know,
A teacher who just always knows where
that comma always goes;
And others who are kind and good,
who try to act as Jesus would,
Who shows God's love in all they do.
I know a lot of Saints, don't you?

Christy Kenneally





TIME TO THINK!

NOVEMBER - A TIME TO REMEMBER

Halloween did not come from Hollywood but rather its origins are strongly connected to ancient Celtic roots. In Celtic Ireland, about two millennia ago, Samhain was the point between the lighter (summer) and darker halves (winter) of the year. At Samhain, the gap between this and the other world was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. People's ancestors were honoured and invited home, while harmful spirits were warded off. People wore costumes and masks to disguise themselves as spirits to avoid harm. Bonfires and food played a large part in the festivities. The bones of slaughtered livestock were cast into a communal blaze, household fires were extinguished and started again from the bonfire. Food was prepared for the living and the dead and was ritually shared with the less well-off.

Christianity incorporated honouring of the dead into the Christian calendar with All Saints (All Hallows) on 1st November, followed by All Souls on the following day. The wearing of costumes and masks to ward off harmful spirits has survived as Halloween customs. The Irish emigrated to America in great numbers during the 19th century, especially around the time of famine in Ireland during the 1840s. The Irish carried their Halloween traditions to America, where it is now one of the major holidays of the year. November is the time of the year when we remember the souls of loved ones who have gone before us. November is a difficult time of year. The beginning of winter brings long nights and cooler days. This can be a time of loneliness and anxiety, especially for those who live alone. In our Celtic tradition, we have a great sense of our own mortality and vulnerability during this month. The Celtic festival of Samhain was a time to remember all who had gone before. Death is difficult and painful. It strips us of the familiar and often leaves us naked and vulnerable with our bereavement and painful losses, which we all have experienced when a loved one dies. The death of a loved one often leaves many unanswered questions as we attempt to carry on without a husband or wife, sibling or friend.

Edith Stein, a Jewess who converted to Catholicism and who subsequently became a Carmelite nun ended her life with thousands more in the deathly camp of Auschwitz. It was in this deathly place where innocent people were horrendously oppressed by their captors who did everything to break their human spirits before death met darkness. She, in the gift of both her faith and her experience and above all out of the abundance and richness of God's great love shares with us:

'And when night comes, and retrospect shows that everything is patchwork and much which one had planted is left undone, when so many things rouse shame and regret, then take all as it is, lay it in God's hands and offer it up to Him. In this way we will be able to rest in Him, actually to rest and to begin the new day like a new life'.

Perhaps the two most powerful lines in the entire Gospel describe the human emotion felt by Jesus when his friend Lazarus died: "Jesus wept." Jesus knew the pain and hurt that comes when a loved one dies. And for God to fully embrace the human condition, he also had to embrace death itself through his son. The humiliating and brutal manner of Christ's death united God with all types of suffering and persecution.



The final words that came from our dying God was a prayer of welcome and wonderful invitation: "Today, you will be with me in paradise." We know from our experience that the leaves will blossom again, that spring will come. Christ's death was the ultimate demonstration of love by his father. As he was awoken to new life and resurrection, so, too, are all of us who believe in him. As we remember our loved ones who have died and pray for them, we do so with great hope in our hearts.

St. Paul tells us that "our true home is in Heaven". May all our loved ones enjoy the eternal promise of life and peace in the happiness and joy of God's presence. Jesus tells us: "I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you too, shall be." And despite the pain that comes when a loved one dies, in faith we are encouraged to hope in the reality that God's love is even brighter than death itself. Pádraig Pearse once told a beautiful story to demonstrate our Christian hope regarding death. In the month of September, the little boy asked his mother where do all the swallows go to? She replied: "To the land where it is always summer." We all have "loved and lost"; May all we remember enjoy the light of an eternal flame.

Saint Brigid`s Prayer....Brendan Kennelly

I'd like to give a lake of beer to God, I'd love the Heavenly Host to be tipling there for all eternity. I'd love the men of Heaven to live with me, To dance and sing, if they wanted, I'd put at their disposal, vats of suffering. White cups of love I'd give them, with a heart and a half; sweet pitchers of mercy I'd offer to every man. I'd make Heaven a cheerful spot, because the happy heart is true, I'd make the men contented for their own sake, I'd like Jesus to love me too. I'd like the people of Heaven to gather from all the parishes around, I'd give a special welcome to the women, The three Mary's of great renown. I'd sit with the men, the women and God, there by the lake of beer, We'd be drinking good health forever, And every drop would be a prayer.

All Saints of Ireland

6th November



We give you thanks, O God, for all the saints who
 ever worshiped you
 Whether in brush arbors or cathedrals,
 Weathered wooden churches or crumbling cement
 meeting houses
 Where your name was lifted and adored.
 We give you thanks, O God, for hands lifted in
 praise:
 (Manicured hands and hands stained with grease or
 soil,
 Strong hands and those gnarled with age
 Holy hands
 Used as wave offerings across the land.
 We thank you, God, for hardworking saints:
 Whether hard-hatted or steel-booted,
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 Blue-collared or three-piece-suited
 They left their mark on the earth for you, for us,
 for our children to come.
 Thank you, God, for the tremendous sacrifices
 made by those who have gone before us.
 Bless the memories of your saints, God.
 (May we learn how to walk wisely from their
 examples of faith, dedication, worship, and love.



All the Saints of Ireland
 Pray for Us

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



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*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
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In November, We Remember

In Remembrance

No person is ever truly alone.
Those who live no more, whom we loved,
echo still within our thoughts, our words, our hearts.
And what they did and who they were
becomes part of what we are forever.



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

**37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary away from home occurs
29th October 2021.**



They say there is a reason

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time or reason, will
change the way we feel.
For no one knows the heartache
that lies beyond our smiles,
No one knows how many times
we've broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something, so there won't be
any doubt, you're so wonderful to think of, but so
hard to be without.

We cannot bring the old days back, when we were
all together, the family chain is broken now, but
memories live forever.

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

Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Mam

**Also remembering Angela's Mother
ELIZABETH CULBERT**

**Dr. Murphys Place, Portlaoise, whose
9th Anniversary also occurs at this time.**

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 your
son-in-law Tom, granddaughters
Stephanie, Tracey and Paula and
great-grandchildren Craig, Ben,
Ryan, Roisin and Willow and
great-great-granddaughter Grace.*

Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Granny

In Loving Memory of
TOM DUFF

Ballyknockan.

19th Anniversary occurs 2nd November 2021



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

Sadly missed by his loving wife,
and all his family & friends.

Rest in Peace Tom

In Loving Memory of
ADAM KENNEDY

Kylebrook, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 8th November 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
the Church of the Assumption,
the Heath, on
Sunday 7th November at 9:30am.

*A loving nature, a heart of gold,
The very best this world could hold,
Never selfish, always kind, these are the
memories you left behind,*

*A silent thought, a quiet prayer, for a special person,
In God's care.*

Sadly missed, cherished always, your loving family x

Rest in Peace Adam

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DOYLE née Morrin
45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.



The family of Kathleen Doyle would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with them on the sad loss of Kathleen.

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.

To all of her friends who visited Kathleen when she was unwell, you really helped brighten her days with your presence, kind words and support. We would like to give sincere thanks to Dolores, Kathleen's dear friend, who was so kind to Kathleen for years before, and during her illness and to Marian, her neighbour who was so kind and supportive to Kathleen for many years. Thanks also to Caroline, her friend and taxi driver, whose support and gentleness to Kathleen, and the family will always be remembered.

Our heartfelt thanks to all the carers, palliative care nurses and team and the Irish Cancer Society, who looked after Kathleen in her final days and hours. We are eternally grateful for the level of care Kathleen 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 Kathleen for many years.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the staff of the Parish Centre and Fr. David Vard for all their kindness, support and guidance in the difficult days following Kathleen's death. Our deepest gratitude to Fr. Vard for celebrating Kathleen's funeral Mass and for his comforting eulogy. Many thanks also to Sarah Troy who enriched the funeral Mass with her beautiful music.

Sincere thanks to Rankin's Funeral Directors for their sensitive and professional handling of Kathleen's funeral arrangements and to the grave diggers for preparing Kathleen'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.

*Cáit, you will always be loved and missed dearly.
Always in our Thoughts. Forever in our Hearts.*

Rest in Peace Cáit

In Loving Memory of
BRIAN LARKIN Jnr.

Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary away from home; 29th October



You're in our hearts, you're in our soul,
now apart no hands to hold,
We won't forget the love you gave,
We still can feel it to this day,
We stand without you by our sides, but
know you're watching from way up
high, we will meet again for sure,
because our love will last and endure.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Saturday 30th October at 6.30pm.

*Sadly missed everyday by your loving wife Fiona,
sons Ethan, Damon, Oisín and grandson Odhrán x*

Rest In Peace Brian

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Bill) O'REILLY

Marian House, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 5th November 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 7th November at 12.30pm.

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

Thinking of you today and always.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Maura and family.

May Bill Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
NOEL BRENNAN**

Grenville, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 1st November 2021

10th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 30th October at 6.30pm.



It's sometimes hard to know
why somethings happen as they
do,

For so much joy and happiness
was centred around you.

You are always in our thoughts,
Your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot touch
your hand, we know you are by our side.

Forever in our hearts, you will never be forgotten.

Love Alice and Shauna

May Noel Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KEVIN BOWE**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 5th November 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 30th Oct. at 6:30pm.

*Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to
share, but in our hearts
you're always there.*

*Sadly missed by your wife Marie, children
Suzanne, Kevin, Robert, Sandra, Paul and Kenneth,
grandchildren, sisters Betty & Patty and brother
Frank and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Kevin

**In Loving Memory of
MAUREEN O'CONNOR**

3 St. Brigid's Place.

5th Anniversary occurs 1st November 2021



5th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Monday 1st November at 10am.

*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 and always remembered by your loving
family and friends.*

May Maureen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARY CARROLL**

76 St. Brigid's Place Portlaoise.

45th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.

*Sadly missed and always remembered
by your loving brother Oliver and
the Carroll family.*

Rest in Peace Mary

**In Loving Memory of
CECELIA MULHALL**

85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

18th Anniversary occurs 1st November 2021.



*Mam, our hearts are full of memories,
With pride we speak your name,
Though life goes on without you,
It will never be the same.*

*Those special days will not return,
when we were all together,
But with the love and memories in
our hearts,*

You will walk with us forever.

Loved and remembered by all her loving family.

May Cecelia Rest in Peace

*Jesus,
remember me
when you come
into your kingdom*

Luke 22:42

**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTY FINNEGAN**

126 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurred 28th October 2021



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Joseph's Church, Ballinagar, this
Sunday 31st October at 10.30am.

*Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories which will last forever.*

*Sadly missed by his wife Mary, daughters
Margaret and Anne, grandson Eoin and
all his loving family.*

Also remembering you on your 93rd birthday on 1st November.

May Christy Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
FRANK McAULEY**

Sarsfield St., Mountmellick.
10th Anniversary occurs 30th October 2021



*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

*Though we said goodbye for now,
It is only until we meet again someday.*

*Fondly remembered by his loving family; wife Carol,
sons and daughters, Emily, Conor, Mikey, Mag and
grandchildren Keely, Jack, Odhrán and Sadhbh.*

Rest In Peace Frank

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**In Loving Memory of
PETER COSS**
Clonad, Portlaoise.



The wife and family of the late
Peter Coss would like to express
their sincere thanks to all who
sympathised with them on
Peter's passing, his friends, past
colleagues and great neighbours.
Thank you to those who sent Mass
cards, messages of support on line
and personally and to Clonad
G.A.A. for their guard of honour.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Paddy Byrne,
Msgr. John Byrne, Fr. Joe Brophy and Mary Delaney,
Sacristan.

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gravediggers and a special thanks to David Goode
for his kindness and professionalism throughout.

A special note of thanks to Damien Bowe for the
beautiful music at Peter's Mass and Doogue's
Raheen for the excellent catering afterwards.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, as
an expression of our deep and sincere appreciation,
a donation has been made to Crumlin Hospital.

**Peter's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Shanahoe Church on Sunday 7th November at
12 noon.**

Rest in Peace Peter

**In Loving Memory of
THOMAS (Tommy) McCARTHY**

New Road, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 2nd November 2021



5th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Tuesday 2nd November at 10am

*God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you, and whispered;
"Come to me".*

*With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away,
And although we loved you dearly, we could not make you
stay.*

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

Sadly missed by the Egan family and all his friends.

May Tommy Rest in Peace



November – Month of Remembering

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



27th ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of SARAH CLARKE



Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise, whose anniversary occurred recently.



*Will those who think of Mam today;
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Always remembered by her loving son
Bill, daughter Chrissie, grandchildren
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May Sarah Rest in Peace

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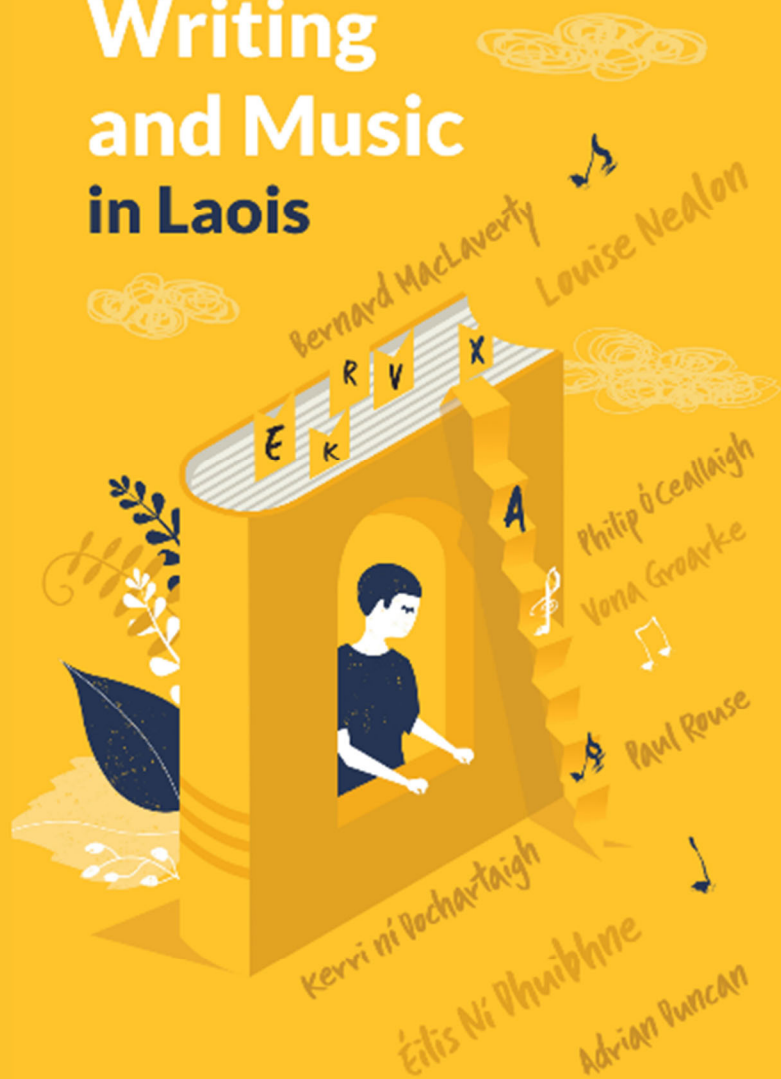
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