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3rd October 2021

**Twenty Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



Over 200 boys and girls have received their First Holy Communion in ceremonies celebrated over this and last weekend. That means we are 'half way there' with First Holy Communion Masses continuing over the next couple of weeks. We congratulate all our First Communicants. More photos on page 8 & 9 and our website.



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Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October 2021 **Evangelisation**

We are reminded this month that proclaiming the Gospel is the main task of the Church. On World Mission Sunday (24th October 2021) we are asked to renew our commitment to evangelisation.

Evangelisation has become an increasingly complex activity in our modern world and unsurprisingly many of us feel deterred. For those of us feeling not up to the task, St. Peter speaks directly to us in his first letter. "Now who is going to harm you if you are enthusiastic for what is good? But even if you should suffer because of righteousness, blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified with fear of them, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear". This month we are asked to join in Pope Francis prayer "... We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel."

Mass times for the coming week

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

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

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8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am



We welcome into our Parish Community

Conor William Maher, Kildeale
Saoirse Anna Bowe, Rosdarragh Glen
Oliver Rozsa, The Hermitage
Lily Jo O'Gorman, Ardan Glas
Lucas Ethan Baldwin, Kildeale
Daria Kalisz, Peppers Court
Baptised last weekend

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127
Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

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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Month of the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was



instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful.

Rosary is recited before the 10am Mass each weekday morning and every evening at 7pm in the Parish Church.

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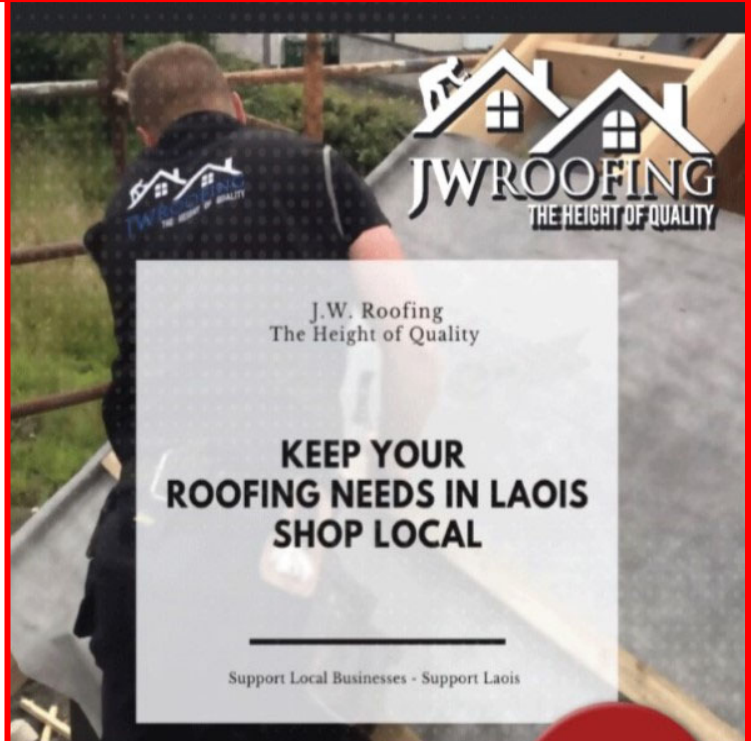
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Portlaoise Active Retirement Group: At long last Portlaoise Active Retirement is emerging from its long cocoon due to Covid. **Mon. 4th October**, a long awaited and much anticipated 5 day holiday to Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. Depart the Parish Centre at 10.30am. **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.

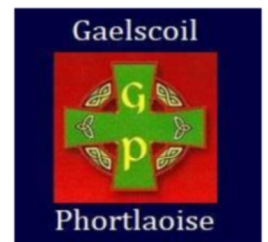
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THEY ARE PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT

We often place a welcome mat outside the front door to our house. What is the real purpose of a welcome mat? I think that sometimes it means, "Please wipe your feet before you come into my house," but the word welcome really means to greet someone in a warm and friendly way. When someone comes to our house, do we really make them feel welcome? What if it is someone whose skin is a different colour from our own? What if it is someone who doesn't dress as nicely as we do? Sometimes I wonder if people feel welcome when they come to our church. Does the homeless person feel welcome in our church? Do people from different races feel welcome in our church? Here is a question you might want to answer. Are children made to feel welcome in our church? What if they don't know how they are expected to act in the worship during Mass? What if they whisper and pass notes to their friends? What if they wiggle and squirm and disturb other people? This is nothing new. Even in the day in which Jesus lived some people were not made to feel welcome. Even Jesus' own disciples sometimes didn't understand that everyone was welcome in the Kingdom of God. One day Jesus was teaching and people were bringing little children to have Jesus touch them. The disciples criticised the parents and told them to quit bringing their children to Jesus. When Jesus heard what his disciples were saying, he was very upset. **"Let the children come to me and don't stop them!"** Jesus said. **"The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. Anyone who doesn't come like a little child will never enter."** Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them.



Wow! Jesus sure knew how to make a child feel welcome, didn't he? Can you imagine how those children must have felt when Jesus took them up in his arms and blessed them? Shouldn't you and I make everyone feel welcome like Jesus did?

My Prayer



Dear Father, we want to learn the lesson that Jesus taught us. Help us to make everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, feel welcome in our homes, in our church, in our schools, and in our circle of friends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Let the Children Come

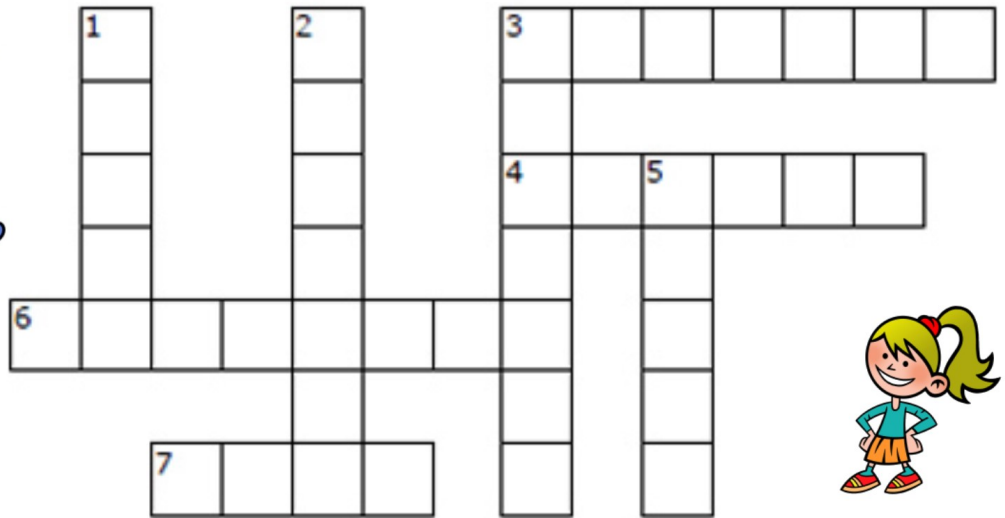
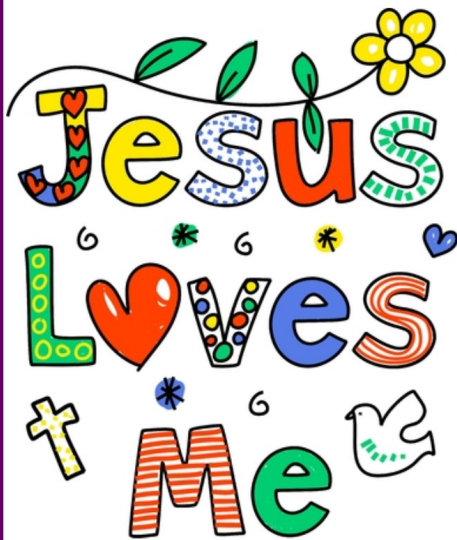
He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belong to such as these. Mark 10:14

Write the words in the blanks in A B C order.

1. _____
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TRUTH	CHILDREN	TOUCH	KINGDOM
ARMS	BELONGS	LITTLE	BLESSED



ACROSS

3. **Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone**
4. **Small in size**
6. **Sons and daughters, young people**
7. **The parts of the body which connects the hands to the shoulders**

DOWN

1. **A statement accepted as fact**
2. **A country or territory ruled by a king or queen.**
3. **To be a member of a group, such as a club or organisation.**
5. **To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers**



LITTLE	TOUCH	KINGDOM	BLESSED
CHILDREN	TRUTH	BELONGS	ARMS

TIME TO THINK!

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS



This week we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis. St. Francis is among the most beloved and most familiar of all the saints of western Christianity. He remains as popular today as he was in his lifetime. His love of animals and of God's creation have made him an icon of the environmental movement. His joy, playfulness, and child-like faith offer an alternative to a Christianity that often seems to take itself too seriously.

Francis was born in a time of rapid social change. Italian towns were growing and the monetary economy was emerging, then as now, the church was finding it difficult to respond quickly to these changes. Francis grew up like many boys in urban settings. His father was a cloth merchant but Francis participated in a number of military campaigns and enjoyed the sorts of things that young men typically do. In his early twenties, he began to take a deeper interest in spiritual matters, and had a number of religious experiences that culminated in a vision of Christ, in which Christ told him to "repair my church."

Key to Francis' devotion to Christ was his desire to imitate him. A common phrase used of him was "naked to follow the naked Christ." When he finally organized his followers into an order (that was ultimately recognized by the church), he took as his model Jesus' words when sending out his disciples two by two. So as Jesus said in Matthew, they were dressed in tunic and sandals with a rope for a belt. They had no money or possessions. Imitation of Christ ultimately became identification with Christ. Near the end of his life, after he had given up control of the religious order he had founded and retreated into a life of solitude, he is believed to have received the stigmata—he bore on his hands and feet the wounds Jesus Christ received on the cross. It is the first recorded example of that phenomenon in the history of Christianity. His reception of the stigmata is evidence of his total identification with his Lord. It is also an example of another trend to which Francis gave impetus. Although the suffering of Christ was already an important focus of Christian piety by the time Francis came on the scene, his devotion to it helped make it wildly popular in the later Middle Ages.

Upon his election in March 2013, Pope Francis said: "Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

Since then, the Pope's Franciscan "accent" has become increasingly evident. His manner of living is both faithful to the teachings of Jesus and illuminated by the spirit of the "poor little man" from Assisi. The title of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment *Laudato si* is taken from the first line of St. Francis' Cantic of the Creatures which is one of the best insights into the saint's vision for life. It is crucial to grasping how St. Francis understood the message of the gospel — and may offer a glimpse into Pope Francis' own vision for the world.



After his election as pope, it was revealed that Pope Francis had been the runner-up in the previous conclave in 2005 that elected Pope Benedict. But in 2013 it was generally thought that Jorge Bergoglio was too old to be considered again, and he must of thought so himself, because he bought a round-trip ticket from Buenos Aires to Rome for the election.

Yet, as the conclave proceeded, Bergoglio had to think again what being pope could mean, and what name he would choose if he were elected. By becoming Pope Francis, he managed to express in that name much of what he hoped to accomplish during his papacy. St. Francis of Assisi was synonymous with themes Pope Francis quickly made his own: He was devoted to the poor, he preached God's mercy, he sought to reform the church and he was passionate about caring for Creation. I pray, as we enter a new Season of late autumn, we all will be inspired to live simply and be nourished by the rich gift, which is life itself.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;

Where there is hatred,

Let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

And all for thy mercy's sake.

O divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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Masterplan Consultation

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<https://consult.laois.ie/en/consultation/lands-stradbally-road-masterplan-proposals>

Please submit your comments by 5pm on 25th October 2021 with all correspondence marked "Stradbally Road Masterplan".

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Laois declares 'We're Breastfeeding Friendly'



Laois Local Community and Development Committee (LCDC), supported by Healthy Ireland and Laois County Council, launched 'We're Breastfeeding Friendly Laois' - a campaign that aims to help improve the health and wellbeing of breastfeeding mothers, babies and their families by encouraging businesses, organisations and community groups to become 'Breastfeeding Friendly'.

In seeking to meet those aims, the campaign will:

- Support business, community and public service settings to welcome breastfeeding mothers and families.
- Support breastfeeding mothers and families to be active in the community.
- Support parents during the key life transition of becoming a parent.
- Support a strong culture of connectedness, between agencies, communities and mother, family, baby, and community.

By signing up to 'We're Breastfeeding Friendly Laois', private, community and statutory organisations across Laois, can show they welcome and support breastfeeding by some easy and zero-cost actions. Any business, hospitality, community group or organisation that has premises open to the general public is eligible to join.

Launching the initiative Minister Frank Feighan T.D. said that he welcomed 'this important initiative and the many supports that are provided throughout County Laois to promote breastfeeding, and enhance the health and wellbeing of our children. We are working to promote, support and protect breastfeeding in Ireland. It is important that our environments support breastfeeding also.'

Fr David Vard, C.C., Portlaoise Parish said "We are delighted to say that we are, as a Parish, Breastfeeding friendly and welcoming of all people".

The intention would be that mothers breastfeeding in the premises, should not be asked to move to another area or stop breastfeeding. The public are made aware which premises are taking part, through the display of a 'We're Breastfeeding Friendly Laois' window sticker and/or poster, that will be provided by Laois County Council. It is not a requirement for premises to be adapted in any particular way.

Businesses, community groups or organisations can choose to sign up individually or across a number of premises.

To Sign up for "***We're Breastfeeding Friendly Laois***" initiative, please go to www.laois.ie and click on the link for the "***Sign up***" form.

For more information on breastfeeding and breastfeeding supports available, see www.breastfeeding.ie, www.mychild.ie, www.lalecheleagueireland.com, www.cuidiu.ie



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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
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***In Loving Memory of
KEVIN CULLETON***

*Brittas Lodge, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 10th October 2021*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
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Rest in Peace Kevin

***In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL KEENAN***

*4 New Row, Green Road, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 2nd October 2021.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
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Saturday 2nd October at 10am.

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

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

Rest in Peace Michael

***In Loving Memory of
PATRICK RYAN***

*12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurred 28th September 2021*



*I am that little robin that sits upon the tree,
I sing to you each morning but you don't
know it is me,*

*I am that little robin in your garden
everyday,*

I will never leave you, I will never fly away.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

***In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DEEVY***

*24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
Whose 9th Anniversary occurs 6th October 2021.*



*It's an everlasting sadness, that
you're no longer here,
But every year on this day, we like
to think you're near.*

*Your love for us was constant,
Your devotion had no end,
You filled our lives with sunshine,
as a Mother and a friend.*

*So may you know forever, that to us you were the best,
And may you find a gentle peace in sweet eternal rest.*

In our hearts you will live forever.

Because we thought the world of you.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, Wednesday 6th October at 10am.

*Sadly missed by her sons Pat and Brendan, daughter
Hannah, daughters-in-law Sylvia and Maura,
son-in-law Paddy and grandchildren Craig, Rebecca
and Paddy.*

Also remembering her dearly departed husband Patsy at this time.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARTIN GORMAN**

58th Anniversary, 3rd October, 2021



*A silent grief that's in our hearts,
No human eye can trace,
For many a broken heart is hid,
Beneath a smiling face.*

Sadly missed by your loving family
and extended family.

May Martin Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOE LAFFAN**

*Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
22nd Anniversary occurs Monday 4th October 2021*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this Sunday 3rd October at 11.15am

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

Sadly missed by his loving wife Kitty
and family.

May Joe Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA (Trish) PHELAN**

*Straboe, Portlaoise and Vancouver B.C.
7th Anniversary occurs 2nd October 2021.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 2nd October at 6:30pm.

You were loved so much in life,
And now that you are gone,
I'll look for you in life's best things,
And in them, you'll live on.

Fondly remembered by her brothers and sisters.

May Trish Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Billy) Kelly**

59 Newpark. 10th Anniversary occurs 8th October 2021



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

*Your gentle face and patient smile
with sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each and
died beloved by all.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

May Billy Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KAY WALSH**

*Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurred 30th September.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Saturday 2nd October at 6:30pm.

Those special memories of you will always
bring a smile, if only I could have you back
for just a little while,
Then we could sit and talk again just like we
used to do, you always meant so very much
and always will do too,

The fact that you're no longer here will
always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart until
we meet again.

*Sadly missed by your daughter Catriona, sons John & Tony,
daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren, brothers & sisters.*

Also remembering Kay's late husband Anthony R.I.P.

Rest in Peace Kay

**In Loving Memory Of
BERNADETTE KELLY**

*Parkside Apartments and formerly Capoley.
3rd Anniversary occurs 5th October 2021*



*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, that He only takes the best.*

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

Sadly missed by her loving daughters Joan and Thelma,
son-in-law, grandchildren and all her loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Bernadette

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Joe) FITZPATRICK**

*The Hermitage, Borris Rd. Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary away from home - 2nd October 2021
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Saturday 2nd October at 6.30pm.*



*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives
Until we meet again xxx*

Sadly missed so much by his wife Mary,
sons Mark and William, daughter
Julie, grandsons Colin and Craig,
granddaughters Emma and Amy and
daughters-in-law Elaine and Mary.

May Joe Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PADDY BYRNE**

113 St. Brigids Place, Portlaoise.
31st Anniversary occurred 30th September 2021.



Your memory is our keepsake with
which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.

Always loved and remembered by your
loving wife Mary, sons Ken, Trevor, Gordon,
Evan, daughters Lilly, Angela and all the extended family xxxx.

Rest in Peace Paddy

**In Loving Memory of
HELEN & PHILIP ROWNEY**

53 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
Died 20th September 1991 and 19th October 2012. R.I.P.
30th and 9th Anniversaries occur at this time.



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

Always remembered by all
your loving family.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Saturday 9th October at 6:30pm.

May Helen and Philip Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
LIAM (Bill) HORAN**

23 Grattan St., Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 8th October 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Saturday 9th October at 6:30pm.

Daddy

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

*Always loved and sadly missed by Hannah, Andy, Cian,
Pat, Fiona, Jason and Rachel.*

May Liam Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET GING née Houlihan**

Borris Road, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurred 30th September 2021

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Sunday 3rd October at 10am.



Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture we tenderly hold
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept
To love, to cherish, never to forget.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
her husband Tommy, sons Damien and
Dermot, granddaughter Leah and all her
loving family and many friends.

Rest in Peace Margaret

**In Loving Memory of
DAMIEN CONNOLLY**

Springfield, Ballyfin, Co. Laois.
10th Anniversary occurs 4th October 2021



If I could have a wish come true,
A dream that's come to pass,
I'd ask to spend a day with you,
And pray that it would last.
I'd run to you and hold you close,
We'd laugh and smile again,
I'd listen so intently, as you told me
how you've been.

When time was up I'd hold you close,
not wanting to let go,

You'd smile and tell me, "see you soon", and somehow I
would know, that while it's very hard to wait,

One day the time will come.

I'll join you there forevermore, when I too am called
home.

My wish may go ungranted, but it will always be true,
I'd trade many tomorrows, for one yesterday with you.

Miss you so much, your wife Jacinta xx

Rest in Peace Damien

**In Loving Memory of
EAMONN CONROY**

2 Ashton Manor, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 8th October 2021.



May the winds of love blow gently,
And whisper for you to hear,
That we still love and miss you,
Each day of every year.
Memories are keepsakes,
Cherished all life through,
Ours are very special,
Because they are of you.

Forever in our hearts dear Eamonn. Marie & Martin xx

Rest in Peace Eamonn

I am the Way,
the Truth & the Life
John 14:6



*Remembering a very special Angel
on her 11th birthday in Heaven*

KAYLEIGH MEGAN CONROY
5 Borris Little, Portlaoise

Long before you were born, you owned a dear place in our hearts, our precious tiny angel, we loved you from the start.

With eyes that sparkled oh so bright and your tiny glowing smile, you brought such joy and happiness to us, though only here a short while.

So twinkle now our little star, so swiftly here and gone, from now until eternity your memory will live on.

An angel in the book of life, wrote down your date of birth, and whispered as she closed the book "too beautiful for this earth".

Always in our thoughts

Forever in our hearts

Loved missed and remembered by all her loving family xxx

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In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL GAYNOR**

Whose 47th Anniversary occurs 4th October 2021.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Monday 4th October at 11am

*You are with us dad when the morning
breaks and as the day departs,
For God has left a special gift of footprints
in our hearts.*

Lovingly remembered Dad today and forever, by all your loving family xxx

May Michael Rest in Heavenly Peace



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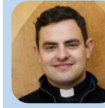
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'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.'

Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support. *Thank you* to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish during this time of Lockdown. The generosity of so many means we **continue to** be well supported and can pay our way at this time.

Ways to contribute to our Parish

- Envelope boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
- Direct payment by cheque or cash
- Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church
- Donation facility on our website
- Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
- Or Transfer directly to our Account

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