

Christmas



A very joyful Carol Service last Sunday evening. Delighted to have our 'new' childrens choir. They were joined by some former members who paid a lovely tribute to Catherine Quigley, Choir director for 40yrs. Thanks Catherine and thanks Sarah, the new director. More photos on page 54 and our website.



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Feast of the Holy Innocents 28th December

The feast of the Holy Innocents recalls the boys aged under two whom Herod killed in order to try and remove Jesus from the scene. This is very much a feast



of our time. On this day we also remember those innocent and defenceless children who still suffer today. The 4000 Irish children without a place to call home this Christmas, children who suffer neglect, and abuse. We remember children who suffer from hunger, poverty and poor health. We remember children who are forced to fight or to work long hours for little or no money in hazardous conditions. On this day we remember that every child has a right to love, security, and basic needs.



Mary, The Holy Mother of God

1st January

The first day of the year is the day the Church sets aside for honouring Mary. Mary represents true discipleship. Mary exhibits a life of hearing, seeing, and telling of God's marvellous deeds. Mary inspires us to consider deeply the



significance of events in our own lives. Do we journey through life oblivious to the world around us, or do we resolve to make some kind of impact? Maybe instead of making new year resolutions to lose weight or make more money, we should resolve this year to be more like Mary.

Mass times for the coming week
St. Peter & Paul's Church (OR OTHERWISE STATED)

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

Portlaoise Parish Church 4pm, 5.30pm, 7pm Our Midnight Mass 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Parish Church 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm The Heath 9.30am Ratheniska 10am

Polish Mass 5pm

SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER

(THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH)
Parish Church 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am and
12.30pm

The Heath 9.30am Ratheniska 10am

MONDAY 27th TO SATURDAY 1st JANUARY (including NEW YEAR'S DAY)

Parish Church 10am

SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY (SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS)

Parish Church 5pm, 6.30pm (Vigils) 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm The Heath 9.30am Ratheniska 10am

MONDAY 3rd to WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY

Parish Church 10am

THURSDAY 6th JANUARY (THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

7.30pm (Vigil Wednesday) 8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm The Heath: 9.30am Ratheniska: 10am

FRIDAY 7th JANUARY (FIRST FRIDAY)

Parish Church 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY 8th JANUARY

Parish Church 10am



I think we need Christmas more than ever this year, to dispel the darkness - not only of these dark winter days but the darkness brought about in living in the shadow of the World pandemic. This has been a long and challenging year for all of us, but every Christmas is a new beginning for our lives, and for the whole world. When we see the Child in the manger, we know how much God loves us. This Child is born for you and for me and for every person. To think that our God loves us so much that He comes into the world just as we do, as a tiny baby in His mother's arms. God created you out of love. This is why you were born: because God loves you. He wants you to know His love. He wants you to share

His love with everyone around you. He wants to spread His love in everything you do in your life. That love helps us to look forward with renewed hope - 2022 will be better.

In spite of the pandemic and being locked down for nearly half the year we have been encouraged and sustained by great support from our parishioners and the involvement of so many in our Churches. To all who minister in our Parish, at St. Peter & Paul's, Holy Cross and the Church of the Assumption we are very grateful. In time of strict lockdown we knew we had so many parishioners joining us via our parish radio and webcam. We were also very conscious of a large 'virtual congregation' from all over the World, many of whom join us via Shalom World TV who transmit our 10am Mass each day. We have up to 10,000 people joining us daily for Mass and have communication from people all over the world who have made St. Peter & Paul's, Portlaoise their Parish Church during this pandemic.

We are also very grateful to our Parish staff who all through this pandemic have helped keep our Parish alive. The Centre remained open during lockdown, providing essential contact for parishioners and assisting greatly in the organising of funerals, weddings, baptisms etc. Keeping the Link Up in production and our Parish Lotto going added greatly to the Parish being able to maintain vibrancy and contact through the difficult days of lockdown. We know we are not out of the woods yet in terms of this pandemic but we also know that we can get through it with the same spirit of support and cooperation that we have enjoyed in 2021.

On behalf of the Parish Team and all at the Parish Centre, I wish you a Christmas where you will know in your heart the peace and joy that our Saviour brings. Please do take care, of yourselves, your loved ones and all with whom you come into contact.

Christmas 2021





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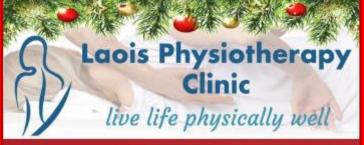
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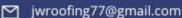
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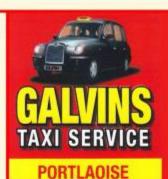
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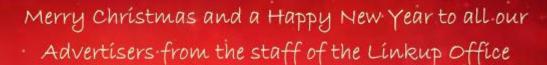
Wishing all my Customers, friends and family a very Happy Christmas and A Peaceful New Year

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The Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee will resume the saving scheme on 6th January at the revised time of 3-4pm in the Parish Centre.



The Linkup Office will re-open at 11am on Tuesday 4th January 2022

Adverts and memorials for our first publication of 2022 (9th January) may be e-mailed to linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie

Deadline; 12 noon Wednesday 5th January.

The Priests of the Parish and the staff of the Parish Centre would like to wish all our Parishioners A very Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year

Parish Lotto Arrangements for Christmas

Our Parish Lotto draw will continue as usual Thursday 30th December at 5pm in the Parish Centre and may be viewed on facebook.

Tickets may be dropped into the Parish Centre between 2pm and 4:30pm or in Brown's shop on the Dublin road.

Parish Centre Reopens
Tuesday 4th January at 9am

TIME TO THINK!

CHRISTMAS - A TIME TO HOPE

This has been a tough year. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect all our lives. The scriptures tell us that after their visit to the new-born Saviour in Bethlehem, the wise men 'went home by a different way'. The pandemic has also forced many of us to change our ways, to do things differently, nobody has been unaffected.

There have been times during the pandemic when public health requirements restricted our public worship; we were even forced to close church doors at times. However, even in those times, parishes tried to remain open in spirit to everyone. It's thanks to the creative gifts and commitment of so many people that we remain connected to one another as a family of faith.

With all that's changing, we need to focus on important values that we would never want to lose. Our Christian faith calls us to be a welcoming people and to reach out to the vulnerable. This faith challenges us to be fair and just in our sharing of the world's resources. The frailty of our planet also cries out for shared action to hand on our "common home" to future generations. Each time of crisis provides an opportunity which must be seized. These pandemic times bring us to the heart of the Gospel message: what we agree to do as a community is more authentic and lasting than our individual concerns. This is a time for unity and for shared concern for one another.

We need a radical new way of relating and living that brings harmony and sustainability to all of life. We humans are part of the interconnected cosmic web of creation and we need to live a new paradigm of communion with all that is.

Long ago, Francis of Assisi grasped this fundamental reality. He intuitively understood the importance of living not as a self-centred individual but as part of the larger whole. He championed the art of living in deep harmony and communion. Inspired by his namesake, Pope Francis says the awareness of God



incarnate in the world that can "motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world" and an "ecological conversion". We must learn that 'less is more'. We must learn to envision a new economy that shifts away from consumption and exploitation to one that celebrates radical interdependence and reciprocity within diverse webs of life. Only by taking less from the earth can we move to an alternative model of living in radical harmony and deep connection with the planet.

The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is. If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world. Let us follow the footsteps of Jesus as we listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

At Christmas, we pray that through Christ, we will all be united in shared goals:

To look out for and care for one another more;

To reach out to those who have less;

To support those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic;

And to be eternally grateful for the many blessings we have - today and always.

May the Lord of Light shine on you and on your loved ones this Christmas and in the New Year.

I pray, throughout this Christmas season, you will be filled with peace, joy and hope.





fr. Padely Byrne. (. (.

The road to Bethlehem was a rocky one for Mary and Joseph. The news of her pregnancy came as a surprise to both of them. Then Herod intervenes and causes them to leave home and go to Bethlehem to fill up a census form. Her labour pains came before she arrived at her accommodation and her baby was born in a stable, only to be quickly surrounded by shepherds and angels. You could be forgiven for wondering why God did not plan the birth of his Son better. And of course the fact is that God did what he did to make the point that Jesus is just like us. So often all our plans for a calm, stress free life, with support all around us from family and friends and not a shadow of difficulty, never materialise. Illness crosses our path, Covid-19 enters our world, job insecurity raises its ugly head and restrictions mean that we cannot plan for the holiday we hoped for or the wedding reception we dreamed of or, most importantly the consolation of an Irish funeral.

The pregnancy, Herod and the journey brought Mary and Joseph, together with Jesus, into the world of uncertainty that we experience and live in. But on the other hand, angels brought them comfort, shepherds brought them joy, the Magi brought him recognition and the final angel brought protection, as they left by night for Egypt. And God is saying to us this Christmas, through all the uncertainty of our lives and, in particular of this pandemic, you'll get through it and come out at the other end. Jesus is the reason for this season and the bottom line of his message through the ages is; 'I have conquered sin and death to reach the Resurrection and eternal life; so will you. Hope is my message'. What more could we want from Christmas 2021?

In these days before Christmas, I want to offer my sympathy to all who have lost family members or friends in the past year, and who couldn't mark their passing as they would have wanted to. I take this opportunity to say a word of thanks to all the parish volunteers especially those who have given so generously of their time to keep us safe and allow us to worship. You all are lovely people and it is a privilege to be part of the communities I serve. Thank you for your great generosity you give to the life of Your parish. I wish you and your families every blessing for Christmas and the coming year. A happy and blessed Christmas to everyone.

Placing Jesus in the Crib on Christmas Eve Night

There is a lovely tradition of placing the figure of the baby Jesus in the crib on Christmas Eve, before children go to bed. Often the youngest member of the household gets this honour! If you are joining in a Christmas Mass via technology, before Mass begins, light a candle and place the figure of Jesus beside it. All present can process to the crib scene in the home at the end of Mass.

Prayer at the Crib

The youngest member of the family holds the infant figure during this prayer.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Loving God, As we look upon our family crib we thank you for all who are part of the Christmas story and part of our story, too. As we look upon these animals, we thank you for the gift of creation and the beauty of the world you have created. We thank you for the shepherds and we remember that it was they who were looked down on by society who were the first to hear the good news of Christmas. We thank you for Mary and for Joseph, who trusted in you and did what you asked. And finally, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, your Son, who was born like us, lived like us, struggled like us, and who has shown us how to be fully human. As we place this figure of Jesus in our crib may it be a sign of Your presence in our lives.

The figure can be placed in the crib at this point.

Emmanuel, God with us, come to each of us and stay with us. Protect us and guide us as a family, free us from any worry and let your love grow in our hearts so that we may be Emmanuel, God with us, to one another over these Christmas days and beyond. Amen.

You may wish to conclude by singing or listening to a recording of 'Away in a Manger' or another favourite Christmas carol.





What's In A Name?

What's in a name? Has anyone ever asked you what your name means? Do you know what your name means? When your mum and dad found out they were going to have a baby, they spent a lot of time choosing a name. They may have looked through a book that gives the meaning of names. I looked up a few names to see what they meant.

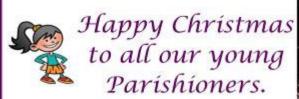
John is a very popular name for boys and Joan or Joanna for girls. Their name means "God's gracious

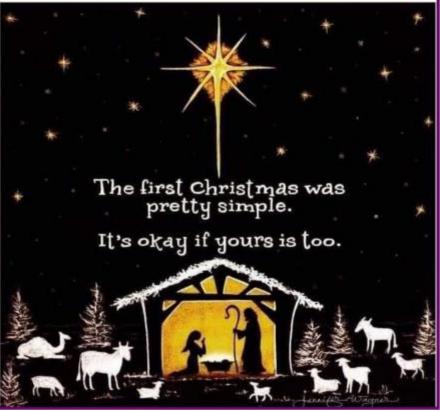
gift." Have you ever known anyone named Daniel or Danielle? Their name means "God is my judge." We all know quite a few boys named Michael and girls named Michael. That is a great name that means "one who is like God." One of the angels in the Bible was named Michael.

When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't have to go to the library and get a book to choose his name. In fact, they didn't choose his name at all. God sent an angel to tell Mary and Joseph,

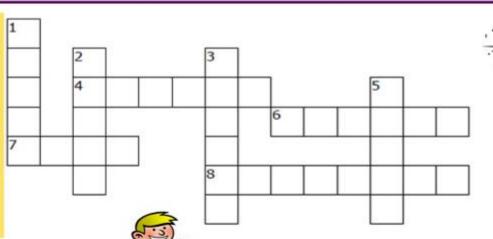
"You will have a son, and you will call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin."

You see, the name Jesus means
"the Lord saves." God loved us
so much that he sent his only Son
to die on the cross to save us from
our sin. The Bible tells us that there
is no other name that can save us.
What's in a name? If the name is
Jesus, there is salvation!





"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."





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- 3. A young unmarried woman
- 5. The Son of God

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JOSEPH AFRAID

Solvery Christmas

PRAYER BEFORE THE CRIB

I open the stable door;
I kneel before the infant;
I worship with the shepherds;
I adore the Christ child.
I give my love
with Mary and Joseph;
I wonder at the 'Word made flesh'.
I am aware of the love of God;
I sing glory with the angels;
I offer my gifts with the wise men.
I receive the living Lord;
I hold Him in my hands;
I go on my way rejoicing,
glorifying and praising God.









Pat Drennan The Green, Kilminchy



Des Browne **Mountrath Road**



Olivia (Greene) O' Reilly **Oakleaf Place**

"Man will live for evermore because of Christmas Day"



In Loving Memory of FR. THOMAS BROWNE



Parish Priest Portlaoise 1941 to 1976

Who died 5th January 1982

May he rest in Reace



For a loving, kind, funny, Mother, Father, Nannie, Granddad and Sister THOMAS & ANNIE GREENE

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 13th and 6th Christmas away from Home



Thinking of You at Christmas

I would give the world if I could say Merry Christmas Mammy and Daddy, To hear your voice, to see your smile, would be my dearest wish this Christmas time. Thinking of you this Christmas and how things just aren't the same,

There's this dull and nagging heartache, when someone speaks your name,

Sadly, we can't buy gifts for you, just silent tears that fall, For this time of year without you, is the hardest time of all.

Happy Christmas Mammy and Daddy

You're sadly missed and loved everyday, Mammy and Daddy, from your daughter Mary, grandson Keelin, sister Ellie and the Greene family.

> Rest in Reace Mammy and Daddy





Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of DOLORES GRENNAN

Woodgrove, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.



Missed so much, now and always.

With love from Aisling, John, Liam, Jason, Clodagh, Tommy and Jay xxx

Rest in Reace





Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurred 19th December 2021
2nd Christmas away from home.



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A bouquet of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears,
Wishing God could have spared you,
If just for a few more years.
It does not take a special day,
For me to think of you,
Each Mass I hear, each prayer i say,
Is offered up for you.

We cannot bring the old days back, when we were all together,
The family chain is broken now, but memories live forever.
It was a sudden parting, too bitter to forget,
Only those who loved you, are the ones who will never forget.
May he rest in peace, dear Jesus, in Thy heavenly home above,
With the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in His own eternal love.
A silent grief that's in our hearts, no human eye can trace,
For many a broken heart is hid, beneath a smiling face.

Love always, your wife Chris.

We thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new, We thought about you yesterday, and days before that too, We think of you in silence, we often speak your name, Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame, Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part, God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.

Love, Louise Jamie and Aaron.

No special time is needed for us to think of you, to us you were someone special and we thought the world of you, Your memory is our greatest treasure,

To have, to love, to keep forever, time slips by and life goes on, But in our hearts you are never gone.

Love always, Sinead and Jack.

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.

Precious memories, love always John, Michael, Mary and families.

If I could go to Heaven on this my saddest day, maybe for one moment my pain would go away,
I'd put my arms around you and hug you one more time, tell

you that I love you daddy 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 will live in my heart
forever, a broken heart is a heart that's been loved.

Love you always and forever, Karen.

Rest in Reace Martin

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In Loving Memory of MICHAEL LEECH



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Ridge Rd. Portlaoise and formerly Kellystown, Wolfhill. 4th Anniversary occurs 26th December 2021



Til the shadows lengthen, And the evening comes, And the busy world is hushed, And the fever of life is over and our work is done.

Then in His mercy,

May He give us a safe lodging and holy rest and peace at the last.

With much love, Anne, Elizabeth, Colette, Geraldine, Michelle and families.

Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, on Sunday 26th December at 10am and in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on Saturday 1st January at 6:30pm.

May Michael Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of





JUDY CONROY

née Dowling 5 Borris Little, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas in Heaven

And her Granddaughter KAYLEIGH MEGAN CONROY 10th Christmas in Heaven



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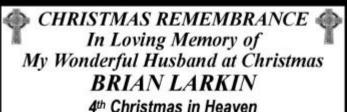
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I am that little robin that sits upon a tree,
I sing to you each morning but you don't
know that it's me,
I am that little robin in your garden
everyday,
I will never leave you,
I will never fly away.

Deeply missed, loved and forever remembered by their loving family and friends xxx

Forever in our Acearts

Also remembering all deceased members of the Dowling and Delaney families.





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This time of year was always such a special time for me, I loved to share its warmth with you beside the Christmas tree.

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But without my lovely husband I feel lost and all alone, And everything seems pointless, now that I'm on my own.

But each time I see your picture, you seem to smile and say,

Don't cry for me, I promise, that we'll meet again someday.

So until that perfect moment, we'll be just a thought

And at Christmas time, as always, you'll be here inside my heart.

Sadly missed by your loving wife, Fiona x

Loving Memories of a Special Dad at Christmas. 4th Christmas in Heaven

Remembering the happiness and the feeling of good cheer, when we celebrated Christmas, in the days that you were here.

For at special times like this one, almost everything we do, seems to bring back precious memories, of those moments spent with you.

But your smile lives on forever and your voice we often hear,

And on Christmas day this year, we will shed a silent tear.

And we'll think of all those good times, and the special bond we had,

For we never will forget you, our devoted, dearest Daddy.

Happy Christmas, Daddy in Heaven Loved and missed always by Ethan, Damon, Oisin and grandson Odhrain.

Rest in Reace Strian

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of BRIAN LARKIN Snr.

2nd Christmas in Heaven Grandad



When all the decorations are placed upon the tree, that's when Christmas memories come flooding back to us.

The countless celebrations you lovely prepared and all the happy Christmases that we all have shared.

We miss you every moment Grandad since you went away and how we wish that you were here, to welcome Christmas day.

Happy Heavenly Christmas Grandad We love and miss you everyday.

From your daughter-in-law Fiona, grandsons Ethan, Damon and Oisín and great-grandson Odhrán.

Rest in Reace Brian



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of our Mother



RITA DUFF And her Brother

DAN CONROY Glenfield, Portlaoise





Remembering you this Christmas Always loved and never forgotten.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving family. May Rita and Dan Rest in Reace



6th ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of our Mother



RITA DUFF

Kyleclonhobert, Ridge Rd. Portlaoise Died 6th January 2016



6th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 10am.

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 all her loving family and friends.

May Rita Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of A Dear Husband, Father and Grandfather WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY 28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from home.



If there really is a Heaven,
Then we know that's where you are,
But we wonder can you see us,
Are you watching from afar.
Do you know it's Christmas,
Can you see the candle light,
Or the way the footpaths sparkle,
On a cold and frosty night.
At special times like this one,
Does the love we send get through,
And we wonder do you miss us,
Just as much as we miss you.
But the most important question that we can't stop asking is, why such a lovely caring person ever had to say goodbye.

Always remembered and forever in our hearts.

Happy Christmas



Forever in our thoughts, from your wife Anne, sons and daughters, son-in-law, daughters-in-law and all your grandchildren xxx

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In Loving Memory of ANTHONY (Tony) DUNNE



Glendowns, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 6th January 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 2nd January at 10am.



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 his loving wife Mary, daughters Tracy and Regina, sons, Tony, Greg and Damien, grandchildren Danielle,

Cheyenne, Saffron, sister Josephine and extended family.

Rest in Reace Cony



Christmas Remembrance











MICHAEL KERRY

ROSE KERRY

AGNES GLEESON

JOHN-PAUL MITCHELL



JOE KERRY

If I could have a life time wish a dream
that would come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart for
yesterday and you,
A thousand words can't bring you back,
I know because I've tried,
And neither will a million tears,
I know because I've cried,

You left behind my broken heart & happy memories too, But I never wanted memories I only wanted you.

Loved and missed always by their loving families & friends.

May They Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MICHAEL MITCHELL



Edenderry, Co. Offaly 2nd Anniversary occurs 27th December 2021 Also his nephew JOHN-PAUL



Whose Anniversary occurs at this time.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his brother
Ignatius Mitchell and family.

MITCHELL

May They Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance < In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN (Kay) & PATSY DEEVY



24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. Someone is Missing at Christmas In Memory of a Special Mam and Dad with love



Thinking of you both today, but then, that is nothing new, For both of you were thought of yesterday, and will be tomorrow too.

at Christmas

Because you're missed so very much, Far more than words can say, And sadly, no presents, cards, or hugs on this Christmas day.

Just silent tears and special kisses, blown to Heaven above, To you both for a lifetime of devoted, selfless love.

And a whispered Christmas promise, that on each day yet to come,

> You both will always be remembered, For you both meant the world to us.

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

May Kathleen & Ratsy Rest In Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ANTHONY & KAY WALSH

Late of 1 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise. Anthony died 15/7/2015 - 6th Christmas away from home Kay died 30/9/2020 - 2nd Christmas away from home





When everyone is busy at this festive time of year, Thoughts so often turn to you, wishing you were here, We shared so much together, that memories abound, And you're remembered fondly, when Christmas comes

May you know you're thought about, wherever you may roam, and may the stars shine brightly, To light your Heavenly home.

Always remembered by your loving daughter Catriona, sons John and Tony, daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren Luke, Nicole, Cayden, Anna, Eoin and Maeve.

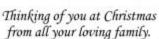
May They Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of PATRICK and CHRISTOPHER DWANE

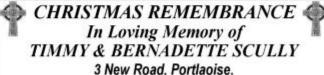
Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear. And tell you how much we love you both and miss you more each year.



May You Both Rest in Reace





It's sad that you're not with us, at this lovely time of year, But we have precious memories of when you both were here.

You made each Christmas special, the way it's meant to be, And filled it with your love, kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad, We know that we were blessed, And pray that Christmas Angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Loved and remembered always by your daughters Mary and Bernadette, grandsons Senan and Cillian son-in-law John, family and friends.

May Timmy and Bernadette Rest In Reace



Debbycotte, Mountmellick and 16 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 24th Anniversary occurs 3rd January 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 2nd January at 10am.

Thinking of you as time goes by, Our memories will never die, Deep in our hearts your life we keep, Not gone from us, just gone to sleep.

Loved always, your loving Mother, daughters, grandson Cormac, granddaughters Aodha, Polly & Wendy, brother, sister and families.

May Margaret Rest in Reace













Formerly 44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

5th Christmas away from Home

And her Son

ARON GING

2nd Christmas away from Home





This Christmas you're in a different place, and though we seem apart, we're closer than we ever were, you're both here in our hearts.

You are with us as we greet each day and while the sun shines bright, you're here to share the sunsets too and we feel your presence each night.

We feel you close when times are good, sharing a laugh or two, and if a tear should start to fall, that's when we are thinking of you.

Because those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.

And when that day arrives, that we are no longer apart, we will smile and hold you close to us, safely forever in our hearts.

Thinking of you in Heaven today and always

Loved and missed by all their loving family.

Rest in Peace Patricia & Fron



In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN DUNNE

St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise 10th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 9th January at 10am.

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

May Kathleen Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE IN Loving Memory of CHRISTOPHER & ELIZABETH GING

8 New Road, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're not with us at this special time of year, but we have precious memories of when you both were here.



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You made Christmas special, the way it's meant to be, filled with love and kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad, we know we were truly blessed, and pray that Christmas angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Loved and always remembered by their sons, daughters and all their loving family.

Rest in Reace Christopher & Blizabeth



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of LIAM CONROY AND HIS GRANDSON SHANE FINAN ELIZABETH HACKETT

10 New Row, Green Road, Portlaoise. Also remembering Shane's birthday which occurs 2nd January 2022







We miss your smiles, your joking ways, We miss the things, you use to say, And when old times, we do recall, it's then we miss you most of all.

From Nana Mary & Brian, Shirley, John & Conor, Jake & Steven and Louise.

May They Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of

RICHARD & ELIZABETH O' BRIEN

1 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



Wonderful memories woven in gold, This is a picture I tenderly hold, Deep in my heart a memory is kept, To love, to cherish, never to forget.

Always loved and remembered by Jonnie, Maura and family.

May Richard & Blizabeth Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of THOMAS & KATHLEEN WHELAN

Bellgrove, Ballybrittas and Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



Nothing can ever take away, The love a heart holds dear, Fond memories linger every day, Rememberance keeps you both near.



Always loved and remembered by Maureen, Jonnie and family. May Thomas & Kathleen Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of SEAN & NOEL WHELAN

Ballybrittas and formerly Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



Always a smile instead of a frown, Always a hand when one is down, Always true, thoughtful and kind, Wonderful memories you both left behind.



Always loved and remembered by Maureen, Jonnie and family. May Obean & Hoel Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of EDWARD & FRANCES COOKE

Fielbrook & formerly Rathevan, Portlaoise.



Sweet are their memories, dear are their names, Close to our hearts they will always remain.

Missing you both at this time, from your loving daughter Margaret, son-in-law Gerard, grandsons Edward and Gearóid, Katie and Rachel and great-granddaughters Madison, Ailbhe and Autumn.

May Edward and Frances Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of EDWARD & FRANCES COOKE

Rathevan, Portlaoise.



Deep in our hearts you will forever stay, Both loved, cherished and remembered everyday.

Missing you both at Christmas time, your loving daughter Bridie, son-in-law Stephen, grandchildren Deirdre, Karen and Eamonn and great-grandchildren Ciara, Oisín, Abbie, Hayley and Lily.

Rest in Reace & dward and Frances



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In Loving Memory of TOMMY CLEAR

17 Liogard, Portlaoise 23rd Anniversary occurs 1st January 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 1st January at 6.30pm.

St is not what we write or even what we say, St is what we feel inside as we think of you today. From his loving wife Mary, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

May Commy Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of Dad & Mam MICHAEL and JULIA TIMMONS

53 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



Will those who think of Dad and Mam today, A little prayer to

Jesus say.

Love always, Margaret, Brendan and family.



Rest in Reace Mam and Dad

Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of GERALDINE LEWIS née Buggy

The Heath, Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas away from home.



You gave us years of happiness, then sorrow came with tears, You left us lovely memories that we will treasure through the years.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your Daddy, Mammy, Sean, Valery, Edel and families xxxx

Rest in Reace Geraldine



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of GERALDINE LEWIS

The Heath, Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas away from home.



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Missing you always, especially this Christmas, our third Christmas without you. Geraldine, we shared some laughs, we shared some tears, but best of all Geraldine we shared great years, No more tomorrows for us to share, but yesterdays memories will always be there.

Loved and missed dearly by your loving husband Derek, children Serena, Rachel, Darragh and grandson Killian.

May Geraldine Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of TOM WALL

Beladd, Portlaoise. 6th Christmas away from Home.



Rest in peace dear loved one, and thanks for all you've done, A special place is in our hearts, that you have truly won.

Loved and remembered by your loving wife Lify and all your family and friends.

May Tom Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of *GERALDINE LEWIS*

The Heath, Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas away from home.



Heavy are our hearts today Memory brings you back once more To the time you were with us To the happy days of yore.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her parents-in-law, Teddy and Trisha, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and extended family.

May Geraldine Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of My Wonderful Mother and Father MARGARET (Peggy) McDONNELL née Tobin Ballylinan and formerly of Summerhill, Portlaoise AND THOMAS (Tom) McDONNELL

Margaret's 8th Anniversary occurs 4th January 2022 Thomas' 7th Anniversary occurs 2nd February 2022

Ballylinan .



May the Lord bless you and take you into His keeping, May He show you His countenance and take pity on you,

May He turn his eyes towards you and give you His peace.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Margaret & Joe. May Margaret and Thomas Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance For A Loving Father and Son Paddy and Patrick Doyle Lakeglen, Portlaoise.



Deep within our hearts, Wrapped in the purest gold, Are happy Christmas memories, Spent with you at home.

Loved and missed by his wife Nan & Family. May Raddy and Ratrick Rest in Reace











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In Loving Remembrance of

Our Parents

JOHN AND OLIVE BRENNAN

51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise Our Brother OLIVER BRENNAN And Our Sister ESTHER DUNNE née Brennan

As another Christmas approaches without them.







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Santa

Do you know where Heaven is? Do your reindeers know the way? For we have a special gift, we need delivered Christmas day.

For Christmas is a time for sharing, with those we hold so dear, so take this gift with all our love, for our Angels no longer here.

It's wrapped with all our memories, from the past that were so sweet, the bows and ribbons are all the dreams, we had no time to complete.

It's such a very special gift, please Santa don't delay, We would like it to be in Heaven, In time for Christmas day.

Loved and remembered everyday and missed so much, especially at Christmas, your loving sons and daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and extended family.

May They Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE Of a Very Special Friend TERESA KHANDKER

London and formerly Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas with the Angels



Loved and missed so much especially at Christmas time.

You are missed at Christmas and each and every day, For you were someone special, who meant more than words can sav.

Lots of love, your pal Frances and Tom.

Rest in Reace Teresa

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of



LENA CONNOLLY

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas away from home.

> Always in our thoughts Forever in our hearts.

> > Happy Christmas

Always loved and remembered by her loving husband Paddy, sons, daughters and grandchildren.



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of





TOM & NORA MEAGHER Lawrence Grove. Howth Road, Dublin 3

PADDY & NORA PHELAN Cullenagh Portlaoise

Remembered by Eamonn and Mag, Pat, Angela and Gerry, Patrick and Mark xx

May They Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of Our Dear Sister



ESTHER DUNNE née Brennan

Portarlington and formerly 51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 26th December 2021



Our dearest darling Sister, How can we find the words to say? To tell you how much we miss you, throughout every single day. We miss our little chats, the way you would listen to us moan. And how you would always cheer us up,

Whenever you would phone.

Living life without you is so very hard to bear, And we'd give all we have to wake and to see you sitting there.

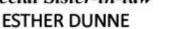
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 26th December at 10am.

Loved and missed so much Esther, your loving brothers and sisters, brother-in-law, sisters-in-law and your son Patrick.

Rest In Reace Esther



Christmas Remembrance for a Special Sister-in-law



St. Michael's Park, Portarlington. 2nd Christmas away from Home.



I said a prayer for you to thank the Lord above, for blessing me with your kindness, and your tender-hearted love. I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years, for the closeness we've enjoyed in times of laughter and of tears.

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me, and I bless the Lord for giving me, the best sister-in-law there could be!

Missing you always, your brother Michael and sister-in-law Ann x

Rest On Reace Esther



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BIRTHDAY and CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Of Our Dear Mother *HANNAH TUOHY*

10 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 7th Birthday and 7th Christmas away from home. Also our brother Patrick (Pa), whose 3rd Anniversary occurs 24th December.



Our lips cannot speak how we loved you, our hearts cannot tell what to say, but only God knows how we miss you, in our home that is lonely today.

Also thinking of our wonderful Grandmother Hannah Moylan who was deeply loved by us all.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered, by all the Tuohy Family xxx

May Ra, Mam and Gran Rest in Reace



Family Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of

The Collins Family Mountmellick

Mam and Dad, Pam Tuohy

Bernie Geraghty and her husband James (Goxie) Carmel and Mick McGuinness

Granddaughters Fiádh and Eve Graham John (Barney), Olive and Oliver Brennan, 51 Dr Murphy's Place Joseph (Jo Jo) Lawlor - Ash Trees Stradbally Sean and Ann Hanrahan - Ballinakill



Missing you all at Christmas time and thinking of you always. Love from Michael, Ann and Family.

May They Rest In Reace



BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Of My Wonderful Daughter SAMANTHA MOORE

Triogue Manor, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurred 19th December, on her 6th Christmas away from home.



I miss you so my heart is sore, As time goes by I miss you more, Your gentle smile, your loving face, No one can fill your vacant place.

So dearly loved and so greatly missed, your heartbroken Mam, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins x

Rest in Reace Samantha



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Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of PATRICK KEVIN SCULLY

5 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise 40th Anniversary occurs Saturday 25th December '21



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 26th December at 12.30pm.

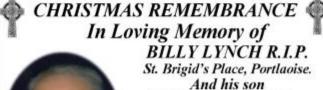
We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain,

To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again xxx

Sadly missed and never forgotten by all your loving family.

Also remembering his loving wife Johanna at this time.

Rest in Reace Ratrick



BILLY LYNCH R.I.P. St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. And his son WILLIE LYNCH Jnr. Died October 2021 1st Christmas away from home Bill

As I sit alone in our home of happy Christmas past,

No more to have you in your chair, It is so lonely there, But God called you for a rest, We know that God just takes the best. Loved always and missing you this Christmas From your loving wife Betty and family xxx

May They Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance For A Loving Partner and Brother FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE



Fergus, Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Always remembered by his loving partner Esther, brothers, sister, relatives and friends. Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Fergus Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance For our Loving Parents THOMAS & JULIA DOHENY





Ye cared for us when we were small, Watched over us as we grew tall, Ye shared our joys and dried our tears, Thank you for those precious years.

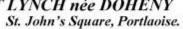
With love from their daughters, sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Thomas and Julia Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance For a Loving Sister, Mother & Gran MARGARET LYNCH née DOHENY





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

Sadly missed and always remembered by her loving children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, relatives and friends.

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Margaret Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of *SEAN BUCKLEY*

Portlaoise Road, Abbeyleix.



We miss you in so many ways, We miss the things you use to say, And when old times we do recall, It's then, we miss you most of all.

Loved and remembered by all your loving family.

Rest in Reace Obean



In Loving Memory of FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE

6th Anniversary occurs 4th January 2022



Our memories build a special bridge when loved ones have to part, to help us feel we are with them still and soothe a grieving heart.

Our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind, They build a special bridge of love and bring us peace of mind.

Rest in peace Fergus. Dear Jesus, thy Heavenly home above with Sacred Heart of Jesus in his own eternal love.

Sadly missed by your loving partner Esther, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends.

May Fergus Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ALICE PARNELL

"Avondale", Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.



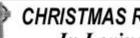
As time unfolds this third year, We know and feel you are very near, Silent thoughts of our time together, Hold memories that will last forever. ቀ

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Loved and remembered by her husband Kieran, son Michael, daughter Lisa, daughter-in-law Ann, son-in-law Peter, grandchildren Aoife, Rachel, Adam, Laura and Conor, relatives and friends.

May Alice Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMBEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of WILLIAM KERRY 22nd Christmas away from Home

ROSANNA KERRY 4th Christmas away from Home

61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise.



We cannot send a Christmas Card, Your hands we cannot touch, But God will take our greeting to the ones we love so much.



Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren & extended family xx May William and Rosanna Rest in Reace





ANNIE O' BRIEN

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home



I don't need an angel on top of my tree, I have one in Heaven watching over me, So merry Christmas to Heaven above, Missing you always and sending you love.

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Sadly missed by your loving husband Billy, daughters and sons, Elizabeth, Liam, Martina, Michael, Conor and extended family.

Rest in Reace Annie

8th Christmas away from Home.

We're thinking of you once again Daddy and the memories we hold so dear, But it always seems to hurt more at this time of year, Christmas here without you is like winter without the snow, And everything seems darker since the day you had to go.

Heaven gained an angel, but it left us feeling blue, Especially at Christmas time our hearts still weep for you, But we'll remember all the good times and keep the memories burning bright, until the day God calls for us and we can re-unite.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of our Daddy

KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR

44 O' Moore Place, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.

So, as we place the presents beneath the Christmas tree with no fuss, we'll wrap one up with all our love and you'll know that one is from us.

Happy Christmas Daddy

Always in our thoughts. From Becky and Dylan XX



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ANNIE O' BRIEN

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home



Mammy

Christmas thoughts of a loved one so dear, Sadly missed at this time of year.

Loved and remembered by Conor, Lisa and Conor.

Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of **MARY SEALE**

Late of Clonkeen and Forest Park, Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from Home



Christmas was very special, and it filled our hearts with love.

But it doesn't feel the same now, as you watch me from above,

The lights on the tree don't shine so bright, and my tears they melt the snow, Because its hard to get through Christmas, since the day you had to go,

I know you will be watching and things will be ok, Because I still feel you beside me, Every single day.

> Sadly missed by your loving son, Declan O' Brien.

Rest in Reace Mam



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from home.



To a loving Wife, cherished Mother and adored Nanny

Thinking of you this Christmas and how things just aren't the same, There's this dull and nagging heartache, when someone speaks your name,

Sadly, we can't buy gifts for you, just silent tears that fall, for this time of year without you, is the hardest time of all.

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 Reace Mam

Christmas Birthday Remembrance In Loving Memory of My Husband STEPHEN DWANE

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise. 8th Christmas and Birthday away from Home



Although you can't be here with me, we're truly not apart,
Until the final breath I take, you'll be living in my heart.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Philomena Dwane xx

May Stephen Rest in Reace

Christmas Birthday Remembrance In Loving Memory of Our Father STEPHEN DWANE

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise. 8th Christmas and Birthday away from Home



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.

To a loving father; sadly missed by your sons, daughters and extended family. Forever in our Hearts. xx

May Stephen Rest in Reace

Christmas Birthday Remembrance In Loving Memory of Our Grandad STEPHEN DWANE

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise. 8th Christmas and Birthday away from Home



It's lonely here without you, We miss you more each day, For life is not the same to us, Since you were called away.

To Grandad

Missing you every day.

Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday from your grandchildren and great-grandchildren xx

May Stephen Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ORLA CONROY-KELLY

25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise. 6th Christmas away from Home



Everyday without you since
you had to go, is like a summer
without sunshine and
Christmas without snow.
We wish that we could talk
to you,

There's so much we would say, Life has changed so very much, since you went away.

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We miss the bond between us and we miss your kind support, you're in our minds and in our hearts and every Christmas thought.

We'll always feel you close to us ,and though you're far from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.

Happy Christmas Orla

You are always on our minds.

Loved and missed so very much.

From your heart broken parents, brother Brendan, sisters and partners, Sharon & Jim, Lorena & Shane, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian, Geraldine & Rocky & your nieces and nephews. Also lovingly remembered by your adored children Lydian and partner Sean, son Paddy, and your granddaughter Orla Mae.

Also remembering Orla's Grandparents MICHAEL & EILEEN GRIFFIN 19 Marian Place, Portlaoise.





Remembering you both at Christmas and always

Also remembering Eileen who would be celebrating her 103rd birthday on New Years Eve.

From all your loving family.

Rest in Reace Orla, Michael and Wileen xx

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of my Wonderful Mother ELIZABETH (Mary) McEVOY née Ryan

64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.

Missing you this Christmas Mother on your

7th Christmas away from home



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A Christmas Message for my Mother in Heaven

It's not just because it's Christmas that you're very much in mind, For days without a thought of you, are so very hard to find. But the lights, the decorations and the happy atmosphere only make it

so much harder to accept that you're not here.

And if tears, heartache and love could make special dreams come true, I'd be celebrating Christmas dear

Mum once again with you.

Christmas Memories of you Mum

When snowflakes dance on winter winds and coloured lights shine Christ cheer. When children's laughter fills the air and family gathers from far and near.

I try to celebrate with them and not let my hurting show, but the empty spaces within my heart at this season seem to grow.

Till often times it fills the days and many night times too, with aching thoughts and memories of Christmases

I spent with you.

So for now I'll wipe away the tears and join with loved ones dear, to celebrate this Christmas time, for I know that in my heart you're here.

Missing you always Mother especially at Christmas

With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near, what a lovely Christmas we'd have, if only you were here. We'd spend so many happy hours the way we did before, Christmas with our loved ones and I couldn't miss you more. When I awake on Christmas day I'll look to Heaven above, and I'll remember every smile, and think of you with love.

Thinking of you this Christmas Mother and how things just aren't the same. There's this dull and nagging heartache when someone speaks your name.

Sadly we can't buy gifts for you, just silent tears that fall, for this time of year without you is the hardest time of all. In the still quiet of a cold Christmas night I feel your spirit warming my heart. I'll always feel you close to me Mum and though you're far from sight, I'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.

Happy Christmas in Heaven Mother

Missing you always and thinking of you everyday, forever thought of and loved so dearly. Love James xxx

May you Elizabeth, my dearest Mother Rest in Peace.



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of John and Kathleen Dunne

St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise. 4th and 9th Christmas away from home.



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

Loved and remembered by; Veronica, Dan, Dermot, Graham, Clodagh and Aoife. May John & Kathleen Rest In Reace



Christmas Remembrance To our Parents DAVID AND JANE McEVOY

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise.

Also Birthday Remembrance of our Dad David



They are our bridge over troubled waters,
The wind beneath our wings,
And now our loving parents are a candle in the wind,
The flowers we place upon your grave will wither and decay,
But the love we buried with you both will never fade away.

Loved and never forgotten, your loving family xx May Savid and Jane Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of TOMMY McCARTHY

6 Well Road, Portlaoise. 6th Christmas in Heaven.



A whisper on a November morn,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all,
Your memories are so precious,
Your presence missed so much,
You will always be remembered and missed by
all of us.

From your many many friends.

Rest in Reace Commy



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MARTIN & DAVID RAFTER

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My much loved husband, Martin.

Today recalls a memory of a loved one gone to rest, And those who think of him today are those who loved him the best. The flowers I lay upon his grave may wither and decay, But the love for him who lies beneath will never fade away.

From your loving wife Betty xx

Also remembering my beloved son, David, at Christmas time.

Your smile was made of sunshine, your heart was made of gold, Thanks for the special years and memories that we now hold. No morning dawns or evening falls without a thought of you.

Fondest memories of you David, always your loving Mam xx

MARTIN & DAVID 2nd and 3rd Christmas away from us.

Now that you are no longer here I hope you'll always know, your memory is with us everywhere we go, Christmas has descended now and happily I find, that thoughts of all the fun we shared are always on my mind.

I wish you peace at Christmas time wherever you may be, and thank you for the memories, They mean the world to me.

Happy Heavenly Christmas Dave and Martin

Loved and missed everyday, Vanda, Stefan and Amy xx

Also remembering my Mother, Esther Szwaglis around this Christmas time. xx

REMEMBERING DADDY & DAVID

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain, To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again. So Rest in Peace dear loved ones and thanks for all you've done We pray that God has given you both the crown you truly won.

Happy Christmas to Daddy and David With love, Jimmy, Claire, Aaron, Rachel & Jonathan xx



MISSING YOU ALWAYS ESPECIALLY AT CHRISTMAS TIME MY MUCH LOVED DAD, MARTIN RAFTER AND MY DARLING BROTHER DAVID RAFTER

With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near, what a lovely time we'd have if only you were here, We'd spend so many happy hours the way we did before,

Christmas is for loved ones and I couldn't miss you more.

When I wake on Christmas day I'll look to Heaven above,

And I'll remember every smile and think of you with love.

Loved & missed forever and a day. John, Martina & Craig xxx

May They Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance for Loving Memory of MARGARET LAWLESS née Lawlor

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Thinking of you on this, your 3rd Christmas from us.



A picture of you I carry in my heart,
I close my eyes to see it, when the world gets dark,
A memory of you I carry in my soul,
I wrap it close around me, when the nights get cold.
If you ask how I am,
I'd say just fine,
But the truth is, if you could read my mind,
Not a day goes by, that I don't think of you.

All our love, your husband Sonny, sons Thomas & Louise, Alan & David, Terry & Siobhan and your grandchildren Tamara, Thomas, Jack, Rhea and Luke.

Rest in Reace Margaret



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE IN Loving Memory of IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL

Bennekerry and Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise. Ist Christmas away from Home



Ian, we know you soar with angels now, and that your heart has wings,
We know you are watching over us, whatever this world brings.

We know you were a gift from God, and that you are safe now in Heaven above,

We know that we will see you again, and once more feel your love.

We know you live in Heaven now and without you, we must go on,

And we know that our hearts will ache for you

until our time on earth is done.

Deeply loved and missed by his mother Annette, brothers Owen, Paul and Wayne, sister Gemma, niece Sara, nephew Sameer, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, his husband Antonio, extended family, relatives and friends.

Rest in Reace San



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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of AGNES & PETER LALOR

Missing you always - Especially at Christmas



With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near, what a lovely time we'd have,

If only you were here. We'd spend so many hours the way we did before,

Christmas is for loved ones and we couldn't miss you more.

Missing you both at Christmas and always.

Also thinking of their daughters
RITA LALOR & MARGARET LAWLESS
And their Great-Grandchild

SHANE BROPHY
On his 3rd Christmas away from home.
And their Grandson

IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL
On his 1st Christmas away from home.



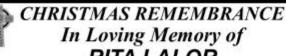






Sadly missed, loved and remembered by their daughters, sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews and grand-nephews.

May They Rest in Reace



RITA LALOR
57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise. 5th Christmas away from home.



Thinking of you today, Mum, but then that is nothing new, for you were thought of yesterday, and will be tomorrow too.

Because you're missed so very much, far more than words can say, And sadly Mum, no presents, cards or hugs on Christmas Day.

Just silent tears and a special kiss, blown to Heaven above, to thank you for a lifetime of devoted, selfless love, and a whispered Christmas promise that on each day yet to come, you will always be remembered, for you meant the world to us Mum.

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

Rest in Reace Rita



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of PATRICIA O' BRIEN

Late of 98 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

2nd Christmas away from home.

and

CHRISTY O' BRIEN

Late of 79 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

1st Christmas away from home.





I hold you close within my heart, and there you shall remain, to walk with me through my life, until we meet again.

So rest in peace dear loved ones and thanks for all you have done,

We pray that God has given you both the crowns you truly won.

Forever in my heart, love your son Damien.

Rest in Reace Mam and Dad



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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of TOM TIERNEY

Tierman, Ballydavis, Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 4th January 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on Sunday 2nd January 2022 at 11:15am.



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.

Loved and remembered by your wife Paula, sons Séamus and Ruaidhrí.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of MARTIN WALSH

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Dear Lord, take care of Martin as he takes his rest, He was my husband and one of the best.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Margaret, sons Anthony and Joseph, daughters

Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia and Colette, grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Also remembering MARTIN WALSH Jnr.



I held you in my arms the day you were born, You were a joy all your short life and now, "I carry you in my heart".

Sadly missed by your loving Mam, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.

May They Rest in Reace



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Birthday & Christmas Remembrance LINDA HENRY



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Portlaoise and Limerick. Died 5th April 2020. Linda's birthday occurred 11th December. 2nd Birthday and 2nd Christmas away from Home.



Dear Friend, 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 to.

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

From your best friends Katie & Simon Rest in Reace Linda



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Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of



Joseph and Kathleen Paisley

William (Bill) Doyle





We thought of you today, but that is nothing new, We thought about you yesterday and the day before that too.

We will think of you tomorrow, as we will our whole lives through,

For the day we fail to think of you, Is the day God calls us too. You were always there for everyone,

No task too great or small, But most of all, you gave us love, The greatest gift of all.



Remembering you with all our love, on this Christmas day and always.

Lots of love from all your loving family. May Joseph, Kathleen & Bill Rest in Reace



🌑 CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE 🏈 of our dear Cousin Cherished and loving memories of GERARD (Gerry) BRENNAN Late of St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home



I am that little robin that sits upon a tree, I sing to you each morning but you don't know that it's me, I am that little robin in your garden everyday, I will never leave you, I will never fly away.

Will those who think of Gerry today, A little prayer to Jesus say. Forever in our thoughts and never forgotten. from all your loving cousins xx

Rest in Reace Gerry



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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of GERRY BRENNAN

Late of 41 St. Brigid's Place and Scotland. 1st Christmas away from Home



We cannot bring the old days back when we were all together, but secret tears and loving thoughts will be with us forever.

Words are few, feelings deep, memories of you are ours to keep.

Loved and missed so much Gerry. With love Mam Mena, sisters Ang and Marie and brother Paul and your loving family in Scotland.

Rest in Reace Gerry



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of *WILLIAM MARUM*



171 St. Brigid's Place Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home



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.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Phyllis

If we could have one Christmas wish, one dream that would come true, we would pray to God, with all our hearts just to see and speak to you.

A thousand words won't bring you back, we know because we have tried, and neither will a million tears, we know because we've cried.

You left behind our broken hearts and precious memories too, but we never wanted memories Dad, We only wanted you.

Sadly missed by his children, Susan, Samatha, Sawnya, William and Sabrina, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandkids.

May William Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of WILLIAM & KATHLEEN MARUM and our Brother BILLY 63 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.





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If you're wondering where to find us, I'll tell you where we'll be, We're in that in between bit, that space where sky meets sea, In the whispers of the trees and the edges of your dreams, Close enough to always touch but slightly out of reach. We're in the moon and in the stars but never really far, And always, always, we're there inside your heart.

> Loved and remembered by all their loving family. May They Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of JOSEPHINE WATSON

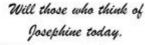
Main St. Portarlington and Dublin Rd. Portlaoise. 7th Christmas in Heaven



As every moment passes by, Now that Christmas time is here, We will be thinking of the joys we shared, at this special time of year.

We remember the happiness and the feeling of good cheer, When we celebrated Christmas in the days that you were here.

Instead of a card we send our love, Instead of a gift, a prayer, We will always love and miss you and wish that you were here.



A little prayer to Jesus say.

With love on this Christmas day and always, from all your loving family.

May Josephine Rest in Reace









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Do you think there's a Christmas in Heaven? Because I have loving sons and my father up

I can no longer give them special gifts, but I want them to know, I still care and miss them so deeply. So I'll send them my love forever, and send prayers that they're doing just fine, and my thoughts will always be with them, with a promise they will always be mine.

Sending love and hugs this Christmas, to my beautiful precious hearts, Daddy, Craig, Aaron, my darling loved ones who are resting in Heaven above.

Love you all forever, Mammy, Mudasar, Brandon, Aisha, Noah and Junaid xxx May They Rest in Reace



🚳 CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE 🚳 In Loving Memory of RAYMOND (Ray) BYRNE

113 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 16th Anniversary occurs 26th December, 2021



If we had all the world to give, we'd give it, yes and more, to hear your voice and see your smile and greet you at the door.

Loved and missed always Mam, Lilly, Angela, Ken, Trevor, Gordon, Evan, Megan, Laurna, Gavin and families.

May Raymond Rest in Reace



Formerly Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise and Newbridge, Kildare.



In our hearts your memory lingers, Sweetly tender, fond and true, There is not a day dear John, That we do not think of you.

Sadly missed and always remembered by Mam, brothers, sisters and extended family.

Rest in Reace John



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of a Dear Cousin BETTY JAMES



You are missed at Christmas and each and every day, For you were someone special, who meant more than words can say.

Sadly missed by your loving cousins Laraine and Darina X

Rest in Reace Betty



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Christmas Remembrance



Gertrude John Eamon ROCHE

Ballycarroll, Portlaoise, Laois

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

Loved and missed always by daughter Anne, son-in-law James and grandchildren.

May They Rest in Reace



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of CHRISSIE GRAHAM

Ridge Road. Portlaoise. 25-12-13.



We never need a special day to bring you to our minds, for days without a thought of you Mam are very hard to find.
We cannot send a birthday card,
Your hand we cannot touch,
But God will take our greetings, to you Mam,
who we love so much.

Happy Birthday. Loved always by your husband Jim, son and daughters and grandchildren.



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of JOHN ROCHE

Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from home.



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.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Mary, sons, daughters, grandchildren, sons-in-laws, daughters-in-law, great-grandchildren and extended family.

May John Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of

MARGARET LALOR (nee D'arcy)
and THOMAS LALOR

Late of Birchgrove Portlaoise Remembering a wonderful Mum and Dad at Christmas and always.



Mum and Dad, these heartfelt words to say how much I love and miss you both at Christmas and always.

At this special festive time,

I wish you were both still here with me,
My heart is full of memories of us celebrating happily.
You were such kind and caring parents, and as time
passes by, I miss your warmth and friendship,
I feel your love all through my life.
Christmas without you is not the same. I miss the

Christmas without you is not the same, I miss the magical times we had, but I know that I've been truly blessed to have had such a precious Mum and Dad.

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Laraine and son-in-law John x

To a loving Nanny and Grandad

Thanks for being everything that grandparents should be, and thank you for the memories that mean so much to me. You're missed so very deeply, each day throughout the year, especially at Christmas, when you both brought so much cheer.

Sadly missed by your loving granddaughter Darina x

Rest in Reace Mum and Dad



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Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of DECLAN DOOCEY

Formerly of Castletown, Colt and Abbeyleix 2nd Christmas away from home



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

Sadly missed by Helen, Mark, Paul, Conor, Doireann, Éadaoin & Grandchildren Ella, Mia, Noah and Ceol x

Rest in Reace Declan

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of NOREEN ROCHE

Crooked Wood Cross, Boley, Abbeyleix and formerly Portlaoise. Died 28th December 2020 after a long illness bravely borne.

1st Anniversary occurs 28th December 2021



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

A special thanks to the excellent nursing and care staff of St. Brigid's Hospital Shaen, where Noreen spent time during respite. Thanks to the nursing staff of Portlaoise Hospital, most especially Dr. Cushen and his excellent Palliative Care team of nurses who attended Noreen at home during her final days before her passing. Thanks to the carers of the Irish Nursing Home and Comfort Keepers who provided a part-time service to Noreen over 10 years.

Many thanks to Eamon Kelly Funeral Services Abbeyleix for his support and the professional manner in which he carried out Noreen's funeral arrangements. Our sincere thanks to the grave diggers at St. Patrick's Cemetery Abbeyleix for their immaculate work in preparing Noreen's final resting place. We would also like to thank Fr. Paddy Byrne for a beautiful funeral Mass, a fitting tribute to Noreen. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Noreen's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix at 5pm on Saturday, January 9th 2022.

Rest in Reace Noreen

Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of

MICHAEL FARRELL Lakeglen, Portlaoise.



6th Christmas Away from Home
There is a very special place beyond the
skies above,

Somewhere very peaceful that is full of light and love,

That special place is Heaven where you're free to laugh and roam, it was your time to go there so the Angels took you home, And though you're in our thoughts each single day throughout the year,

At this special time of Christmas, we all wish you could be here.

Love always, Patricia and Patrick and also your brothers,

Love always, Patricia and Patrick and also your brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews xxxx

May Michael Rest in Reace



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Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of ALICE AND TOM McEVOY 80 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Wonderful memories
of ones so dear,
Treasured still with a
love sincere,
In our hearts they
are living yet,



We loved them too dearly to forget.

Also thinking of other departed loved ones at this time.

From all their loving family.

May Alice and Tom Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of SEAN & KEVIN KEOGH

Parkview, Portlaoise.



When ties of love are broken, and loved ones have to part, It leaves a wound that never heals, an ever aching heart.



From your loving wife Brid and family.

Remembering Kevin on his 11th anniversary which occurs at this time.

May Bean & Kevin Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN DOYLE

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.



When you lose someone you love, You gain an angel you know.

Sadly missed by Anne, Mick, Karen, Rachel and Eoin.

Rest in Reace Kathleen



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of THE DOYLE FAMILY

Formerly of 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

Mam and Dad, sister Ann Whelan, brothers Jack and Pad, Mickey and Jim and nephew Paul Doyle.

Also remember our brother-in-law Billy Whelan, at this time.



Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, To love, to cherish and never forget.

Loved and remembered everyday. From your brother Joe.

May They Rest in Reace



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Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of *THE DOYLE FAMILY*



Our Parents Paddy and Mai Doyle Late of 37 Dr. Murphy's Place Our brothers Pad, Jack, Jim and Mickey. Our sister Ann Whelan. Our nephew Paul Doyle.

Our sister-in-law Kathleen Doyle.

Our mind still talks to you, our hearts still look for you, But our soul knows you are at peace. We miss you every single day.

Loved and never forgotten, your daughter and sisters Ellen, Guggie, Mary and families xx

May They Rest in Reace





IN LOVING MEMORY OF JIMMY MORRIN R.I.P.

45 St. John's Sq., Portlaoise, formerly New Road. 17th Anniversary occurs 24th December 2021 Also remember our dear mother Annie who died on 26th March 1962 aged 38 years.



His dreams were seldom spoken, His words were very few, And most of the time, his worries went unspoken too, True friend we could turn to, when times were good or bad, One of our greatest blessings, the man that we call Dad.

Never more than a thought away, Loved and remembered everyday. Mass offered

Sadly missed by Anne and sons-in-law and granddaughters Karen and Rachel.

May Jimmy Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of

JIMMY MORRIN R.I.P.

45 St. John's Sq., Portlaoise, formerly New Road. 17th Anniversary occurs 24th December 2021. Also remember our dear mother Annie who died on 26th March 1962 aged 38 years.



Dad, as long as our hearts keep beating, As long as our eyes shed tears, We will always love and miss you, No matter how many years. Never more than a thought away, Loved and remembered everyday.

Mass offered

Sadly missed by Joe, Anne and Mick and granddaughters Karen and Rachel.

Rest in Reace Simmy



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN DOYLE

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.



I miss you from your fireside chair, Your loving smile and gentle air, Your vacant place no one can fill, I miss you Kathleen and always will, She was a wife so very rare, Content in her home and always there,

On earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests, God bless you Kathleen, you were one of the best.

From your loving husband Joe.

Rest in Reace Kathleen



In Loving Memory of *ELISH DOOLEY*

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise. 21st Anniversary occurs 1st January 2022.



Missed in the morning of everyday, Missed in the evening as light fades away, missed in a thousand and one little ways,

Around every corner, a memory stays.

Stadly missed and lovingly remembered by all her loving family.

Rest in Reace Wlish



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Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

JOSEPH, ELISH & FINTAN DOOLEY 7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.



Sweet are their memories, dear are their names, Close to our hearts, they will always remain.

Loved and remembered by all their loving family.

May They Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of THE O'SHEA FAMILIES

207 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.







Oliver

O'Shea



Frankie O' Shea



Edward O' Shea

Iulia

O' Shea









Geraldine Keegan Kelly-O'Shea





Gerard Kelly



Kelly

Lisa O' Shea









Elizabeth (Betty) O' Brien

Tommy (Eugene) Conroy



Michael (Gilpin) Conroy

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Joseph O' Shea



Kelly

Deirdre Kelly



Angrea

Also remember Sinead McCreevy

Sadly missed along life's way, quietly remembered every day, No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you are always there.

From Lucy, Mag, Ann, Paul, Michael and Jacinta xx May They Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of PETER CARROLL

1st Christmas away from home.



Deep in our hearts your memory is kept, To love and to cherish and never forget.

Loved and missed dearly by his loving wife Clare, children Martina, Jacyntia, Vivian, Dolores, Brendan, Damien, Garbhan and Adrian, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Reter

Christmas Remembrance *WILLIAM CONROY*

O' Moore Place. Anniversary occurred 1st December. *NANCY CONROY*

> O' Moore Place and 1 Maisonettes. Anniversary occurs 14th January. *ESTHER CONROY*

Harpurs Lane. Anniversary occurs 7th March.



Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered everyday.

Missed by all your loving family & relatives.

Rest in Reace







Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of GERARD DUNNE

Braccas, Ballacolla, Co. Laois 5th Christmas away from home



Many the thoughts I give to you,
As the long hours go by,
Thinking of the things we used to
do and say, just you and I.
Sometimes they make me smile,
Sometimes they make me cry,
But are precious to me alone,
Memories of You and I.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Kathleen and all his family xxx

May Gerard Rest in Reace



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Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUNNE FAMILY

Late of 6 Borris Little



Seamus Dunne, Charlotte Dunne, Charlotte Gogarty, Ger Dunne And John Dunne

Beautiful memories are treasured forever Of happy days when we were together

Remembering you all at Christmas time From Geraldine, Tony and family. May They Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE THOMAS & FRANCES CARROLL

Thomas - 11th Christmas Away from Home Frances - 4th Christmas Away from Home 72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise



You'll never be forgotten, we pledge to you both today, A hallowed place within our hearts, is where you both will stay.

Sadly missed by your loving family

May Thomas and Frances Rest in Reace



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of PATRICK NEALON

The Hermitage, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance occurs 4th January 2022



The Nealon family wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with us at Pat's very sad passing, in what was a very difficult time - the height of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Special thanks to Pat's good friends in Active Retirement, our neighbours, friends and

colleagues and our good friend Breda who supported us all and kept us all going over very difficult days.

Thanks to Msgr. John Byrne and his team for their spiritual support and to Pat's brother-in-law Fr. John Roche who was unable to travel to be with the family but prepared the beautiful requiem Mass, celebrated so meaningfully by Msgr. John Byrne. Our thanks also to Ashling for her beautiful singing.

Thanks to Dr. Simon Honan and Hughes Pharmacy for their care during his long illness and to the staff of Portlaoise General Hospital, especially the palliative care team.

Many thanks to Keegan Funeral Directors for their professional service and to the grave diggers for preparing Pat's final resting place. Heartfelt thanks to Portlaoise Active Retirement and Portlaoise GAA for forming guards of honour. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Patrick's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 1st January 2022 at 6.30pm.

Rest in Reace Ratrick

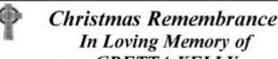


Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
JIM FITZPATRICK
Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise.





Jimmy, Suaimhneas Dé ár d'anam dílis, le grá ó do chlann go léir





GRETTA KELLY AND JOE BYRNE

Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.



Thinking of you both always, especially at Christmas time from Mammy, Daddy and all the family.

May Gretta and Joe Rest in Reace



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Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of CAMILLUS RYAN

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 2nd Christmas away from Home



Sadly missed by his son James, daughters Aileen, Denise and Melissa, daughter and sons in law, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Rest in Reace Camillus



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of

Patrick (Bumper) Whelan 16 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



And his daughter Caroline Moore née Whelan

11th & 12th Christmas away from home.

The sadness never goes away, the silent tears still flow. You're thought of and so sadly missed, more than you'll ever

But now you're with the angels, safe and sound in Heaven above, we hold onto the memories and treasure them with love, Yet special times like Christmas often make us wonder why, God took you from this world, it was too soon to say goodbye, But memories are precious, they will last a lifetime through, We know God has chosen you to be his angel too.

Happy Christmas to a wonderful Dad and Sister

From your loving wife Kathleen, Patrick, Chris, Mag, Jackie, Mary, Samantha, Paul, Niall and Gavin xxxxxxx

May Ratrick and Paroline Rest in Reace



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Christmas Remembrance JIMMY & MAY PRESTON

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Missing you Mam and Dad at Christmas It's sad that you are not with us at this lovely time of year, but we have precious memories of when you both were here.



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You made Christmas special, the way its meant to be, filled with love and kindness and generosity. You were the dearest Mam and Dad,

We know that we were blessed, and pray that Christmas angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

Loved and missed dearly by all your loving family. May Jimmy and May Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of MARY JO McDONNELL née Maher

Late of Shanahoe, Abbeyleix. 2nd Anniversary occurs 30th December 2021.



To your resting place we visit, Place flowers there with care. But no one knows our heartache, when we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed by her husband Walter, son Colm, sister Phyllis and all her loving family.

Rest in Reace Mary Jo



Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of THE O' SHEA FAMILY

34 St. John's Square, Portlaoise Remembering Mam, Dad, Nanthan, Jimmy, Susan & Billy



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It's Christmas time and ever since the day that ye were taken, The lonely memories you've left have never been forsaken

They'll always stay as vivid, just as though ye still were here And especially are cherished at this special time of year

There's never a day goes by without joyful thoughts of ye For no one could bring happiness in the way ye used to.



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From John, Joe and family.

May They Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

For a much loved and cherished Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother



Ballycarroll, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home

Those we love never go away, They walk beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Forever in our Hearts, Paddy, Patricia, Jennifer, Seamus, Carol, Padraig, Mary and families.

Rest in Reace Mary



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of NED (Edward) & MADGE McEVOY



Capoley, Portlaoise. 24th & 4th Christmas away from home.

You never lose the ones you love, They walk beside us everyday, Unseen unheard but always near, A Father and Mother we loved so dear.

Forever in our hearts, loved and missed by all your loving

May Ned & Madge Rest in Reace



🕨 Christmas Remembrance 🍕 In Loving Memory of LIAM, BARRY & KATHLEEN KAVANAGH







Liam's 31st Anniversary; 30th December 1990 Barry's 39th Anniversary; 29th December 1982 Kathleen's 3rd Christmas in Heaven

Mass will be offered on Wednesday 29th December at 7pm in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen.

> Will those who think of them today, A little prayer to Jesus say.

May They Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of A loving Mother and Father *WILLIAM & SHEILA READY*

Late of 26 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



Thinking of you this Christmas and how things just aren't the same, There's this dull and nagging heartache, when someone speaks your name. Sadly we can't buy gifts for you, just silent tears that fall, for this time of year without you, is the hardest time of all.

From your son William, daughter Marie and your granddaughters.

Rest in Reace



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of TOMMY, MOLLY, PAT & BREDA KEOGH Ridge Road, Portlaoise.





Now you're in a better place, Your souls are laid to rest, Safe with all the angels, for they only take the best, And though you're in our thoughts, each single day throughout the year, At special times like Christmas, We all wish you could be here.

Happy Christmas

Always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of our dear Mammy & Nanny PATRICIA O' BRIEN

Late of Cherrygrove, Portlaoise. 2nd Christmas away from home.

And our dear Daddy and Grandad CHRISTY O' BRIEN

Late of Cherrygrove, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.





To your resting place we visit, place flowers there with care, but no one knows the heartache when we turn and leave you there.

Missed beyond words your daughters Yvonne and Sandra, grandchildren Gordon, Evan, Teagan and Grace, also John and Sonny xxx

Rest in Reace Mam and Dad



Christmas Remembrance **OLIVER & ELIZABETH** BARTLEY

91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise Oliver's 7th Christmas away from home. Elizabeth's 1st Christmas away from home.





We look back in fondness every day at the joyful times we had, no one could wish for such a perfect pair as our special Mam and Dad.

We are grateful for what you taught us and we're grateful for all your love, and we know that you will watch over us from Heaven up above.

Although you're missed so dearly and so many tears we've cried, it is so sweet and fitting that you sleep softly side by side. You shared your love, you shared your life, many precious times together, now you will spend eternity hand in hand forever.

Sadly missed and forever remembered by her daughter Monalisa, her sons John, Oliver, Shay and Darren, son-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family.

Rest in Reace Mam and Dad



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of A Cherished Father, Brother and Mother PATRICK, BRIGID AND *WILLIAM MILLS* 148 St. Brigid's Place.







If tears, heartache and longing could make special dreams come true, we'd be celebrating this Christmas, Once more again with the three of you.

Loved and sadly missed so much by Gean, Cathy, Marie, Patrick, Teresa, your 12 grandchildren and all your loving family.

Sleep in Reavenly Reace xxx



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of *MARY & KEVIN FOGARTY*

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Remembering you on your 2nd Christmas in Heaven



Loving and kind in all your ways, upright and just to the end of your days, Sincere and true, in heart and mind, beautiful memories you left behind.



Sadly missed and remembered by their loving family and friends and neighbours.

May They Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of JAMES (Muddy) & PHYLLIS CARROLL St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're not with us at this lovely time of year, but we have many precious memories of when you both were here. You made each Christmas special, the way it's meant to be,

And filled it with your love, kindness and generosity. You were the dearest Mam and Dad, we know that we were blessed, and pray that Christmas Angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

Happy Christmas to a wonderful Mam and Dad

From your loving daughters Betty, Cora, Jackie and Tina, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Mam and Dad



In Loving Memory of MARY McEVOY (Houlihan)

"St. Martin's" Ridge Road, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home.



I think of things you used to say and all that you would do, at some point every single day my thoughts will turn to you. To lose you was a bitter blow, the pain cut me to the core, I cried until my tears ran out and then I cried some more. It wouldn't be your wish for me, that I'd be ever sad, so I try to remind myself of happy times we had.

I know I can't be with you now and you can't be with me, But safe inside my heart you'll stay and there you'll always be.

My sister, my best friend. Tina x

Also remembering

The Houlihan Family

(formerly of St. John's Square, Portlaoise.)

You will never be forgotten, that simply cannot be,
As long as I am living I'll carry you with me,
Safely tucked within my heart a light will always shine,
A glowing ember never stilled throughout the end of
time.

No matter what the future brings or what may lie ahead, I know that you will walk with me along the path I tread, So rest in peace my family and let your souls fly free, When it's my time I'll join you there for all eternity.

Always loved and remembered, Tina x

Rest in Reace



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of my dear Husband RICHARD ANDERSON



The photographs I cherish,
That surround me everyday,
Help to keep you close to me,
although you are far away.
Now Christmas time is dawning,
And although you're in my heart,
It's just the hardest time of all, for
us to be apart.

But memories will bring me strength, And love will see me through,

My tears will all be fleeting and I'll smile again for you.

Loved and missed always, your loving wife Cecilia and family x

Rest in Reace Richard



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of WILLIE LYNCH 1st Christmas away from home



Christmas without You

Although it's sad to reminisce on Christmases we knew, This year I shall celebrate in memory of you,

I will put aside my sorrow with every unshed tear and concentrate on all the love we shared when you were here.

Our time together taught me what Christmas time is for,

And that's what I'll remember until we meet once more.

Sadly missed by his wife Kathleen, children Tara, Katie, Nicole, Shannon, Dylan, Aaron, Shane, grandchildren and special friends Perry and Louise.

Rest in Reace Willie



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of LIZ AND PASCHAL FARRELL

2nd and 45th Christmas away from home. Missing you both always, especially at Christmas time.





With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near,
What a lovely time we'd have, If you both were here,
We'd spend so many happy hours the way we did before,
Christmas is for loved ones, and we couldn't miss you
both more.

When we wake on Christmas day, we'll look to Heaven above, and we'll remember every smile and think of you both with love.

Lots of love always from Frank, Michael, David, Kenneth, Regina and family.

May They Rest in Reace



Thornberry, Abbeyleix
On your 2nd Christmas away from Home



You always had a smile to share,
A laugh, a joke and time to care,
A wonderful nature,
Warm and true,
Those are the memories we have
of you,
Your name is often spoken,
We talk about you still,
You haven't been forgotten,

And by us you never will.

Remembered by your loving Mother x

As you visit my grave, sit weep and cry,
Know that I'm beside you, patting dry your eyes,
As you remember your memories with me,
and all the laughter we shared,
Know that I am watching you, looking on with care,
As you remember the tough times and the struggles
that I faced,

Know that I'm protected now forever in God's Grace, And on Christmas day raise a glass to me, remember me with fondness, I'm the sparkle in all you see.

Remembered by your loving sister Amanda and family x

> Will those who think of Eoin today, A little prayer to Jesus say.

Happy Christmas, Rest in Reace Coin



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Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of MARTIN STOKES

1st Christmas away from Home



If we could have one Christmas wish, One dream that would come true, We would pray to God with all our hearts, just to see and speak with you,

A thousand words won't bring you back, we know because we have tried, and neither will a million tears, We know because we have cried.

You've left behind our broken hearts and precious memories too, but we never wanted memories Daddy, We only wanted you.

Loved and missed by your daughters Sinead, Siobhan, Lisa, Lorraine and Aishling.

Rest in Reace Taddy



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Father and Son RAY AND DEAN BERGIN 3rd and 4th Christmas away from home.





If we could visit Heaven on Christmas Day,
Maybe for a moment, the pain would go away,
We'd put our arms around you and whisper words so
true, that living life without you is the hardest thing
to do.

No matter how we'd spend our day, no matter what we do, no morning dawns or evening falls when we don't think of you.

Missing Ray and Dean at Christmas

From your wife and mother, Mossie, Martina, Lisa, Sandra, Keith, Lexie, Jake, Hannah, Raymond and Dion xxxxx

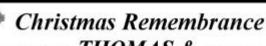
Also remembering Dean on his 4th birthday away from home; 6th January.

A thousand words won't bring you back, we know because we've tried, and neither will a thousand tears, we know because we've cried.

Wishing you a Heavenly Birthday Dean

From your mother Mossie, sisters Lisa, Martina and Sandra, nieces and nephews xxxxx

Rest In Reace Ray and Dean





THOMAS & GERARD LAWLESS

Every day in some small way, memories of you come our way.



Though absent, you are always near, Still loved and missed & always dear.

Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.

Also remember baby Marris

May Thomas and Gerard Rest in Reace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of MARGARET (Peg) CAHILL Chatsworth, Clough



The family of the late Peg Cahill (née Larkin) would like to thank all those who sympathised with them on the death of their Mother on July 16th 2021.

Our thanks to the Doctors and Nurses and all the Carers who were so kind to Peg in her closing weeks and days, to our kind neighbours

who supported us when our Mother passed away. To Fr. Corcoran for his daily visits and for his moving funeral Mass along with his fellow Priests and to all those who lined the route to St. Patrick's Church.

Our appreciation to Cody's funeral undertakers for their professional and caring manner in looking after Peg at our house and in the Church.

To the Clogh Parish choir for the beautiful singing, to all our kind neighbours who lined the route on Peg's final journey to St. Patrick's Church and later came to pay their final respects. To P.J. Cahill for his rendition of Peg's favourite "The Skies O'er Ballyroan". A Mothers love is a blessing and we will miss her.

Rest in Reace Margaret

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
FINT GORMAN - 1st Christmas
CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN
8th Christmas
AARON KELLY-GORMAN
3rd Christmas







I don't need an angel on top of my tree, I have three in Heaven watching over me, So Merry Christmas to Heaven above, Missing you always and sending you love.

Missed always Fint from your wife Ann and family.

Loved and missed always boys from Daddy, Brandon, Chloe, Grace, family and friends.

May They Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of our Parents
JANE AND PADDY SHIELS
And our Sister BRIGID (Sissy) MILLS
Late of Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.





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We never need a special day to bring you to our minds, for days without a thought of you are very hard to find.

We cannot send a Christmas card, but God will take our greetings to the ones we love so much.

Loved and forever remembered by your sons and daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

May They Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
WINIFRED & JAMES McCORMACK
Timahoe and Clonboyne, Portlaoise.
10th and 32nd Christmas away from home.



Missing you Mam and Dad at Christmas You never lose the ones you love, They walk beside us every day,



Unseen, unheard but always near.

A Father and Mother we loved so dear.

It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you the day God called you
home.

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, you're always by our side.

Sadly missed and always remembered by Margaret, Richard, Pauline, Robert, Gavin, Alex, Margaret, Dave, Ryan, Pat and Trish xx

May They Rest In Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of *MAURA O'CALLAGHAN*

Newpark, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home



Will those who think of Maura today. A little prayer to Jesus say.

Loved and missed greatly by Barry, Treacy, Sheila and all her loving family and friends.

Rest in Reace Maura



8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 1st January 1997.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 1st January at 6:30pm.

A loving husband and father so true, No one on this earth we'll find like you, For us you always did your best, God grant your soul eternal rest.

Also remembering our mother Sadie at this time. From all your loving family.

May James Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE For our loving Wife and Mother ANNIE HOLOHAN

53 Thornberry, Abbeyleix. Died 3rd November '21. 1st Christmas away from Home



Will those who think of Annie today. A little prayer to Jesus say.

Loved and missed always by her loving husband George, children and grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Annie

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of BERNADETTE (Bernie) MITCHELL

17 Riverview, Towerhill, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home



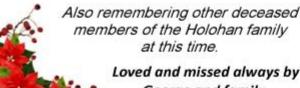
Treasured thoughts of one so dear, Often bring a silent tear, Thoughts of scenes long past, Years roll on but memories last.

Sadly missed by her loving family, nieces, nephews, neighbours and friends.

Rest in Reace Bernie

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of JOE AND MARY HOLOHAN

Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix, whose Anniversaries occur at this time.



Loved and missed always by George and family.

Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE GALVIN Burnwood, Clonad.



We who love you, sadly miss you, As it dawns another year, In our lonely hours of thinking, Thoughts of you are ever near.

From Sean, Michael, Noel and Mary. Remembering our parents at Christmas time.

May They Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of

PHIL McCANN née Holohan Balladine, Abbeyleix 1st Christmas away from Home

Will those who think of Phil today.

A little prayer to Jesus say.

Loved and missed always by the Holohan and McCann families (Niamh Holohan). Rest in Reace Rhil



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE



28 Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home



We don't need an angel on top of our tree this year. We already have one in Heaven looking down on us.

Happy Christmas Ma

Sadly missed by your loving husband Joseph, sons, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Rest in Reace Christine





Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise.

1st Christmas away from Home



Gone but never forgotten Two Gentlemen

Sadly missed and always remembered by Noel, Bridie and Catherine.

Rest in Reace

In Loving Memory of MARY McEVOY (née Houlihan) "St. Martin's" Ridge Road, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home.



To my Wife

I am sending a dove to Heaven,
with a parcel on its wings,
Be careful when you open it,
It's full of beautiful things.
Inside are a million kisses,
wrapped up in a million hugs,
To say how much I miss you,
and send you all my love.

I hold you close within my heart, And there you will remain, To walk with me throughout my life, Until we meet again.

From your loving husband Joe and family.

Rest in Reace Mary



In Loving Memory of P.J. WALSH

Borris Road, Portlaoise. Months Mind occurs at this time.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 2nd January at 11:15am.

Always remembered by all your loving family.

Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance MARGARET HOULIHAN

14 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from home



Snowflake to Heaven at Christmas.

I am sending this snowflake with a hug and a kiss, to my wife in Heaven, who I love and miss.

We are sharing this snowflake in loving memory of our beautiful Mother, who we love and miss at Christmas time.

We miss you and think of you everyday, We will never forget you.

Gone but never forgotten

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving husband James, sons, daughters, grandchildren and extended family.

Rest in Reace Margaret



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of NOEL WALSH

Roselawn, Portlaoise. Died 20th October 2021.



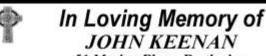
The family of the late Noel Walsh wish to express our gratitude to all who sympathised with us in our recent loss.

Special thanks to everyone who travelled to be in attendance at the funeral, sent Mass and sympathy

cards, floral tributes and online messages. Grateful thanks to Rev. Fr. D. Smith, Church of the Assumption, Taghmon, Mullingar. Many thanks to Gilsenan's Funeral Directors Mullingar.

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

Noel, Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam



51 Marian Place, Portlaoise. Whose 32nd Anniversary occurs 3rd January 2022.



Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, cherished memories never fade, because one loved is gone.

Those we love can never be more than a thought epart for as long as there is a

thought apart, for as long as there is a memory, they live on in our hearts.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his wife Lily, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rest in Reace John

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Christmas Remembrance Of our beautiful daughter MARIA GREENE

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Happy Christmas

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We'll always feel you are close to us and though you are far from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.

Also remember
Our Loving Mother
JOSEPHINE (Josie)
GREENE

Kilimy, Emo. 6th Christmas in Heaven



Happy Christmas

Love from your sons, daughters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

HENRY RANKIN

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The Christmas story has a powerful hold on the imagination.

In the midwinter a child is born among us, a child that will save mankind.

One of the most popular places in Italy is the town of Assisi because of its association with *il poverello*, namely St. Francis of Assisi.

One Christmas in 1223, Francis went to Grecco in the valley of Riati. Francis asked that a shed be set up on the hillside, which depicted Mary and Joseph and the Child, surrounded by the shepherds and one or two animals, and he invited the people of Grecco to come and celebrate Christmas with him. They came together and walked with their lamps and stood in front of the first Crib.

St. Francis spoke to them and preached of the mystery of God's coming to us in Jesus.

The people were set alight by the simplicity and the power of his words, because those people were poor and humble and perhaps above all, wanted to experience and receive into their own hearts, the Word of God, Jesus, to bring hope and forgiveness and consolation to their lives.

They were fascinated not only by the words of St. Francis but by entering into the spirit of the first Christmas and contemplating the crib.

From such humble and simple beginnings, I wonder how many cribs are there today in the homes and Churches of the World?

Carol Service last week in the Parish Church



Photos courtesy of Terry Conroy and Agnieszka Kaczmarek

More photos on our website www.portlaoiseparish.ie



Christmas is the one time we will all go to church and celebrate something that happened a long time ago..... but that something that 'happened a very long time ago' is with us every day.

We go to Church to celebrate the wonderful Christmas message that God loves us so much that he sent his Son to be with us, to support us, to endure with us, to share life's struggles and to guide us. Our challenge is to move forward through life's joys and sorrows confident in God's love. Our challenge is to make it to next Christmas better and stronger than we are today.



Christmas Collection for the support of the Priests.

The Christmas Collection for the Clergy will be held at all Masses on Christmas Day.

Envelopes are in the Development Boxes or you can pick up an Envelope in Church porches.

Thank you for your continued support.

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
Portlaoise Parish Account:

IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

Portlaoise Parish Clergy Fund Account:

IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201 (The BIC for both accounts is AIBKIE2D) THANK YOU

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	Saturday	25.12.21	Christmas Day	Closed all day
	Sunday	26.12.21	St. Stephen's Day	Closed all day
	Monday	27.12.21		Closed all day
	Tuesday	28.12.21		Closed all day
	Wednesday	29.12.21	Business as usual	Open 9am - 6pm (Elec 9.30am-6pm)
	Thursday	30.12.21	Business as usual	Open 9am - 6pm (Elec 9.30am-6pm)
	Friday	31.12.21	New Year's Eve	Open 9am - 4pm (Elec 9.30am-4pm)
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