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16th January 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our country was united in grief and horror this week at the brutal murder of a wonderful young teacher, Ashling Murphy.

Bishop of Meath, Tom Deenihan, said 'no individual should die like Ashling and no family should suffer like Ashling's. He said the horrific murder of the young teacher "has also asked questions of ourselves and of society... particularly in relation to our attitudes to women, our values and our morality".

May she rest in peace and may her grieving family be consoled



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Great Words



Everyone loves listening to a great orator. Everyone appreciates an orator's ability to captivate and inspire audiences with powerful and motivational

speeches. Great speeches create a sense of purpose and continuity. Successful orators recognise that great truths can be remembered best by one small quote. Keeping things short and succinct will make one's words more memorable than a great big rambling speech. Then of course it takes a big personality to put the weight of truth and integrity behind his or her words.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfilment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners respond to his claim? Today's reading doesn't give us the listeners' response so we have time to imagine what our own response would have been. Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' exciting new leadership? Can we hear the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later?

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 95:1-3, 7-10

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday

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Conversion of St. Paul

25th January

The great thing that we learn about God is



that forgiveness and conversion are possible for all of us. Paul is portrayed as the greatest enemy of the earliest followers of Christ, but rather than smite him, or demonise him, Jesus instead takes his gifts of zeal and persuasion, and puts them to work for the Gospel. God didn't give up on Paul, nor does God give up on us.

Saint Thomas Aquinas

January 28th

Against strong family opposition, St. Thomas became a



Dominican friar and in 1250, was ordained a priest. He was sent to teach at the Dominican school in Paris where he became increasingly famous for his teaching, preaching and writing. St. Thomas takes his place in history as one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time.



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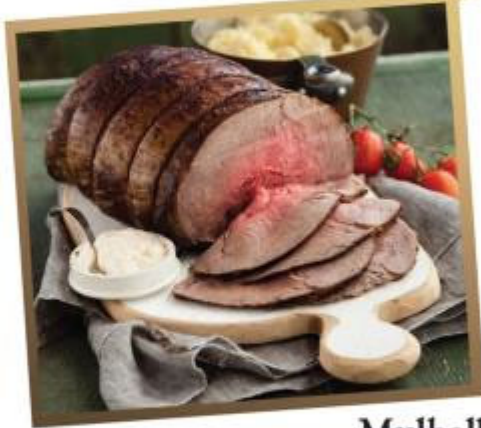
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This time is the perfect opportunity to put yourself first.

Facilitator: Caroline Murray

Location: Portlaoise Parish Centre

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Very Special Thanks to all those who donated items to the Fr. Peter McVerry Trust. Every small act of kindness can make a huge difference to others. It can act like a medicine to both the giver and receiver too. Have a very happy 2022 - Judy Preston Grace.

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Of course we still need your support to maintain our Parish and look to future development. Many of our parishioners have found other ways of supporting the Parish and the priests, we are very grateful - using the collection boxes at the entrances, direct payments by cash or cheque, regular payment via Standing Order or via the 'Donate facility' on our website, via Card payment at Parish Centre and also by using the envelope boxes. Thank you for whichever method you have chosen to support the Parish.

The boxes are available this weekend. They contain envelopes for regular weekly donations and also for the special collections - retired priests, Peters Pence, Missions, and the priests collections. Whatever method you choose we are grateful - there is an added advantage if we are able to record your contribution in enabling us to claim the 'tax back' from revenue. In the light of not holding collections during Mass we encourage those who have not traditionally used the 'boxes' to consider doing so.

We thank all who support our Parish



God's Promises Fulfilled

People make promises every day. Sometimes we give something to another person as a sign of our promise, sometimes we sign our name to seal our promise, other times we just give our word to another person that we will do something.



I'm sure you know what a wedding ring looks like? When a man and woman get married, they usually make promises to one another. They say something like, "I promise to love you

for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health as long as we both shall live." Then they exchange rings as a symbol of that promise.

You are too young to have a credit card, but one day you probably will. Most adults have a credit card which they use to buy things. When you buy something using your credit card, you have to sign a ticket. When you sign the ticket, you are promising that you will pay for the items you purchased using the credit card. Your signature is your promise.

People make promises every day. Do they always keep their promises? Unfortunately, some people don't. God makes promises too. The Bible is full of God's promises. Does God always keep his promises? Yes he does! One of my favourite verses in the Bible is one that says, "For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ. (2 Cor. 1:20) That is what our Gospel teaches us today.

Jesus was in the city of Nazareth on the Sabbath day so he did what he always did on the Sabbath. He went to the synagogue. He stood up and began to read the words of the prophet Isaiah from the Scripture. He read where it says, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord a favour has come."

When he had finished reading, he sat down. All eyes were on Jesus. Then he began to speak to them. "The Scripture that you have just heard read has been fulfilled this very day!" Jesus came to earth to fulfill the promises of God. All of God's promises are fulfilled in him.

Wouldn't it be great if you and I were as faithful in keeping our promises to God as he is in keeping his promises to us?

OUR PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, thank you for your faithfulness in keeping your promises. Help us to be faithful in keeping our promises to you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.





Catholic Schools Week 2022

Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full

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23 JANUARY – 30 JANUARY 2022



Monday—Living Life to the Full with God

Today is the first day of Catholic Schools Week. Today's theme is about living life to the full with God. Each of us is unique. We are born with our own talents and gifts. God wants us to discover and develop our talents and use them to make the world a better and kinder place. We are made to love and receive love, and today gives us a chance to celebrate this.

Tuesday—Living Life to the Full Together

Today we are asked to think about how we live life to the full together in our Catholic schools. We learn many things in school. We learn about things like maths, Gaeilge, science, music and art. We learn spellings and tables. But we also learn how to be a good friend and how to be helpful and kind. Jesus' Golden Rule is to treat others, as you would like to be treated. Today we learn to be the best we can be, being kind to ourselves, each other and the world around us.

Wednesday—(Grandparents Day) Celebrating Being Together Again

Today we are asked to think about our school as a community of love. We especially think of our Grandparents. They can be very important teachers who show us how to love, how to be caring and how to share. They can teach us about the past and about the importance of working hard and doing our best. They can teach us through love. In our Catholic school, we try to show that love each day in kind thoughts, kind words and kind actions. We thank God for our grandparents and celebrate their contribution to our lives.



Thursday—Living Life in Wonder and Awe

Today we are asked to think about living our lives in wonder and awe. The world around us is a precious place. Creation shows us beauty in nature and moments that take our breath away. We are encouraged to see God's presence in our lives and at world in the world around us. We are called to remember we are responsible for keeping our environment safe and beautiful place to live in. In our Catholic school, we use our gifts and talents to make the world a better place.



Friday—Living Life and Facing the Future

As Catholic Schools Week comes to a close, we are asked to think about how we live life to the full and face the future. The COVID-19 pandemic brought so many changes and challenges to our lives. As we reflect on this, we look forwards with hope to the future. While we have come through these dark days, through Jesus' death and resurrection we are reminded that even the darkest days give way to the dawn. Together, as a community that is kind and cares for each other, we look to the future with the hope and the joy of the resurrection.

ST. ALBAN'S ROYAL ENGLISH COLLEGE, VALLADOLID

Our Seminarian, Anthony, give us some history and details on where he is currently studying

From my brief but thoroughly enjoyable three months that I have thus far experienced in St. Alban's Royal English College, Valladolid, I have come to not only appreciate its rich and deeply intricate history, but ultimately come to admire the faith of its past students – many of whom have gone onto martyrdom and inevitably, Sainthood.

The college itself is over five hundred years old; established in 1589 by a Jesuit priest named Father Persons. Due to the onset and consequences of the Reformation in the 16th Century, and under the kingship of Henry VIII, the English Church severed its allegiance with the Church in Rome, thus eventually culminating, decades later, in a



nationwide persecution of the Catholic Church under the reign of Elizabeth I. Because of the severity of the sweeping oppression of the newly established English and reformed Church, under the head of the English monarch, the further training of Catholic priests was simply impossible. This widespread crack down on Catholic priests and the subsequent persecution of anyone caught practicing the Catholic faith deemed it necessary to look further a field for the training of priests. Thus, a number of Pontifical Colleges were set up across mainland Europe in an attempt to train and accommodate English seminarians who would return to their homeland in a daring and bold perseverance to spread the Gospel; and tend to the faithful who remained in exile in their own country.

The founder of the English College, Fr. Persons sought to establish the college in order to foster the *“gathering together of such Englishmen as we're there and providing for them the weather and time and other opportunities as did serve them to continue their intended journey to England.”* Eventually attracting numerous students who were forced out of England and ordered never to return under the pain of death for high treason, many bravely sought to return as ordained priests. Many did, but most of them who returned to England between the 15th and 16th Century were finally caught, imprisoned and sentenced to death by being hung drawn and quartered.

The college rightly boasts of its numerous martyrs and saints, including and certainly not limited to the likes of St. Thomas Garnet, St. Ambrose Barlow, Blessed Thomas Benstead; to name but a few. To this day, should you be fortunate to visit the college,



Martyr's Corridor

there is a corridor called 'Martyrs Corridor,' which proudly displays portraits of all the young men who bravely gave their lives in the spread of the Gospel of Christ. I have had the privilege of participating in our Martyr's Day Celebration in which we carry, in procession, into the college chapel, many relics of the martyrs and saints (including chalices, bone fragments, etc.)

My experience and time spent, thus far, as a seminarian in Valladolid, has certainly given me the appreciation and profound sense of gratitude and awe in knowing that I am studying in the same building, praying in the same oratory and walking the same corridors as my predecessors who knowingly returned home to face almost certain death because of their Catholic faith. Such a realisation has helped me deepen my own faith and has engendered within me a sense of responsibility that we face today in 21st Century in proclaiming Jesus Christ alive in an increasingly hostile and secularised modern Ireland.

Saints and Martyrs of St. Alban's Royal English College, pray for us.

We continue to pray for Anthony as he continues his studies as we continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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Time to Think!



Remembering Ashling

The recent tragic death of Ashling Murphy, has left a deep sense of vulnerability and pain, in the heart and soul of our nation. Ashling's, horrific murder has brought with it a renewed consciousness, of how so many women constantly feel afraid, regarding their fundamental human right, to be able to feel safe. Ashling was just going for a run, after no doubt a busy day, doing what she loved, teaching children.

Teachers were described by Taoiseach Michael Martin, as the backbone of our society. As an educator, Ashling was in her infancy of what promised to be a wonderful career, grounded in the valuable vocation of cultivating the gifts and talents of young people. She was 23 years of age and despite her young life, the Country seemed to get to know her personality by the powerful testimony of her family, her boyfriend, and her school principal. Bright, articulate, confident and deeply gifted, a talented musician, camogie player described as a "Bright Light" for all who knew and loved her.

In all our lives our teachers are held close to our memory, I think especially of Ashling's First Class children, where she taught in Durrow, Co. Offaly. At their tender young age, trying to make sense of her absence makes us all deeply upset.

Too many women have or continue to be exposed to horrendous verbal, physical, emotional and sexual abuse, not to mention violence. Many women don't feel safe inside their own homes. Domestic violence has been an ugly reality felt by too many especially during lockdown. As a male and indeed part of a culture where patriarchy continues to be frequently felt, I sense a fundamental need to end misogyny and a culture that has imposed such fear into the lives of women.

Ashling's tragic death can well be a cathartic moment for how we engage and defend the integrity of every woman in Irish society. We all have a responsibility to engage in this national conversation and to have the courage to disassociate and name aloud when we encounter inappropriate comments, gestures, or behaviour that intimidates and belittles women.

It is no longer acceptable that the majority of women feel vulnerable when they are simply out for a walk. President Higgins in his reaction to Ashling's tragic death suggested that now is a



time to reflect on how we can eliminate violence against women from our society.

"May I suggest to all our people to reflect on all of our actions and attitudes - and indeed those we may have been leaving unchallenged amongst those whom we know - and do all we can to ensure that the society we live in is one where all of our citizens are free to live their lives, participate fully, in an atmosphere that is unencumbered by risks for their safety,"

As we welcome the beginnings of a new spring, I'm sure we all take inspiration from the green shoots of emerging daffodils. Daffodils are indeed a sacred spring flower. While like Ashling their lives are short, its blossom is so very bright. Daffodils are the bloom of hope.

The poet, Robert Herrick, laments because of how short a life the daffodil blooms.

Fair Daffodils, we weep to see
You haste away so soon;
As yet the early-rising sun
Has not attain'd his noon.
Stay, stay,
Until the hasting day has run,
But to the even-song;
And, having pray'd together, we
Will go with you along.
We have short time to stay, as you,
We have as short a spring;
As quick a growth to meet decay,
As you, or anything.
We die as your hours do, and dry away,
Like to the summer's rain;
Or as the pearls of morning's dew,
Ne'er to be found again.

Ashling you have inspired in your short life an entire nation.

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



Frank White
Newpark, Portlaoise



Celine Dully née O' Neill
Glenside, Portlaoise



Angela Kavanagh
Marian Avenue,
Portlaoise



Patrick Guy
Portlaoise and Dublin



Martin (Murt) Kirwan
Shanahoe



James Dawson
Ballinakill



Frances Sheehan née Cole
Green Road, Abbeyleix

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices



In Loving Memory of
*A Cherished Husband,
Father and Grandfather*



WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY
28 Lakeglen, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 24th January 2022



The midnight stars are shining on a grave not far away, where we left our loving daddy, grandad, and husband four years ago today.

Let this be a loving reminder that someone is missing today, someone our hearts still hold onto as we travel along life's way.

Someone who made our lives so special for all those who gather here, someone who won't be forgotten but cherished from year to year.

And now as we pause to remember let us all fondly recall, how dearly each of us loved you and how you loved us all.

A life well lived is a legacy of joy, pride and pleasure, a living lasting memory that our great full hearts will treasure.

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Monday 24th January at 10am.**



**Never more than a thought away,
Thinking of you today and always.**

**Your wife Anne, sons and daughters,
son-in-law, daughters-in-law and all your
grandchildren xxx**

Rest in Peace William

**In Loving Memory of
NEVIN BREEN**

Formerly Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise and Galway
4th Anniversary occurred 19th January 2022



*Will those who think of Nevin today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Nevin, we miss you more than words could say.
Sadly missed by his brothers and sisters
and families*

May Nevin Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
VERA BREEN**

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 27th January 2022



10th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Thursday
27th January at 10am.

*Missing you is a heartache that will
never go away, you are always in our
thoughts and live forever in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family, children, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren and her many friends.*

May Vera Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
COLETTE CROSSAN**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
18th Anniversary occurs 29th January 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 29th January at 6:30pm.

*Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts
Sadly missed and always remembered by
Padraig, Michael and family,
Kieran and family.*

**In Loving Memory of
EOIN DOOLEY**

Brittas Mountmellick. 8th Anniversary occurs 31st January 2022.



We thought of you today, but that is
nothing new, we thought of you
yesterday and will tomorrow too,
We think of you in silence and make no
outward show, for what it meant to lose
you, only those who love you know,
Remembering you is easy,

We do it every day,
It's the heartache of losing you, that never goes away.

*Treasured memories of a loving son, brother and father, missing you
always, love Mam, Dad, Diarmaid, Grainne, Sarah, Eileen,
daughter Molly and your extended family.*

Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in St. Joseph's
Church, Mountmellick, Saturday 29th January at 7:30pm and
Sunday 30th at 11am, and in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
Portlaoise at 10am on Sunday 30th January.

May Eoin Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARTIN WALSH**

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurred 21st January 2022

Martin's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 22nd January at 6:30pm.



A whisper on a January
evening,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus
and gently left us all.

*Deeply loved and sadly missed by your ever
loving wife Margaret, sons Anthony and Joseph,
daughters Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia and
Colette, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.*

Also remembering Martin Jnr. at this time.

Rest in Peace Martin

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
JULIA MARGARET "BELL" DOHENY**

23 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise, whose birthday occurs 24th January.



*Mother: A mother like ours is more than a memory,
She is a living presence. Our mother is always with us.
She's the whisper of the leaves as we walk down the
road; she's the smell of bleach in our freshly
laundered socks; she's the cold hand on our brow
when we're not well.*

*Our mother lives inside our laughter and she is
crystallised in every tear drop.*

*She's the place we came from - our first home, and
she's the map we follow with every step we take.*

*She's our first love and our first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can
separate us....not time, not space - not even death.*

Always remembered and never forgotten.

*From her daughters, sons, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.*

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Julia Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

ELIZABETH (Lill) FARRELL

*Green Mill Lane, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 27th January 2022*

Lill's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Thursday 27th and Saturday 29th January at 10am.



We are 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 we miss you and to send you
all our love.

*We love and miss you, from your loving husband
William, children Gemma, William and Eoin,
son-in-law Kevin, daughters-in-law Lisa & Jessica
and grandchildren Dylan, Zak, Liadh, Grace,
Sophia and Alex, xxx*

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

In Loving Memory of

KATHLEEN BRENNAN

Rathleague, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs Wednesday 26th January 2022



*Think of her as living in the hearts of
those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost, and she
was loved so very much.
Sadly missed and always remembered by
her loving children, grandchildren, family
and friends.*

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

PATRICK CULBERT

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 23rd January at 11.15am.

*It's not what we write or even what we
say, it's what we feel inside as we think
of you today.*

*Lovingly remembered by your sons and
daughters xx*

Rest in Peace Patrick

In Loving Memory of

PATRICK (Paddy) CONNELL

*Late of 57 Marian Place, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurred 21st January 2022*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Saturday 22nd January at 6:30pm.

*The rolling stream of life goes on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the voice, the smile, the love,
Of a Dad who once sat there,
Loved and missed beyond compare.*

*Missed and loved everyday by your sons Richard, Pat and
Kieran, daughters Geraldine, Philomena, Bernadette,
Nora and Teresa, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Thinking of our dear Mam, Mary at this time.

Rest in Peace Paddy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

MARY JANE MAHONY

Late of Boley Abbeyleix. Died 21st January 2021.



The family of the late Mary Jane
wish to acknowledge the many
expressions of sympathy received
on their sad loss. Thank you to those
who sent Mass and sympathy cards,
floral tributes, telephoned and
uploaded messages of condolences
online.

Our thanks to those who lined the
route from Abbeyleix Church to Shanahoe graveyard.
Sincere thanks to Fr. Paddy Byrne P.P. for his support and
for the beautiful Requiem Mass and also to the Sacristan.
Thanks to Eamon Kelly Funeral Directors for his kindness
and the professional manner in which he carried out
Mary-Jane's funeral arrangements and to the gravediggers
for preparing her final resting place with such care.
Our thanks to John O' Donnell and staff; to Abbeyleix
Hospital staff for their care and compassion and to the home
carers who called to Mary-Jane during her years of illness.
Our thanks also to De. Kemple, his secretary Mary and the
community nurses of Abbeyleix Health Centre.

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

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your
intentions.

**Mary-Jane's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
the Church of the Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, this
Sunday 23rd January at 11am.**

Rest in Peace Mary Jane

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
MARY ROCHE

Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise. Died 9th January 2022.



The family of the Late Mary Roche would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with them, sent Mass and sympathy cards, uploaded messages of condolences on RIP and attended Mary's Requiem Mass either in person or via the parish webcam.

Our sincere gratitude to Msgr. John, Fr. David, Fr. Petru who attended Mary in the house and a special thank you to Fr. Ciprian for the support to the family and beautiful Requiem Mass. Thank you to John Howe for the beautiful music and songs.

We would like to thank Portlaoise and Mullingar Hospital, for their excellent care to Mam, all nurses, health care staff and carers who attended Mary both in hospital and at home. Special thanks to Hughes Pharmacy, Dr. White Snr., and Dr. White Jnr.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Matthew Keegan and David Goode Funeral Directors for their help, support and professionalism and to the gravediggers for preparing Mary's final resting place with such care.

Heartfelt thanks to all our friends, neighbours and work colleagues who supported and continue to support us during this difficult time.

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

Mary's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 29th January at 5pm.

Rest in Peace Mary



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We invite you to take a box for your weekly contribution to the Parish Development Fund. The boxes also contain envelopes for the other collections during the year.

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

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Living Life to the Full with God



TUESDAY

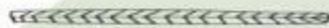
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Living Life and Facing the Future