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13th February 2022

Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



*Happy
Valentine's
Day
On Monday*

The first evening of our Triduum in association with the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
which we celebrated on Friday 11th.



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The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality

"Woe to those who are rich."
 "Woe to those with plenty to eat." "Woe to those who laugh." "Woe to those who are honoured." Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?



Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

"Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep." Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our "I'm all right Jack" mentality and do something about the "woes" in other people's lives.



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CONFESSIONS

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VALENTINE'S DAY

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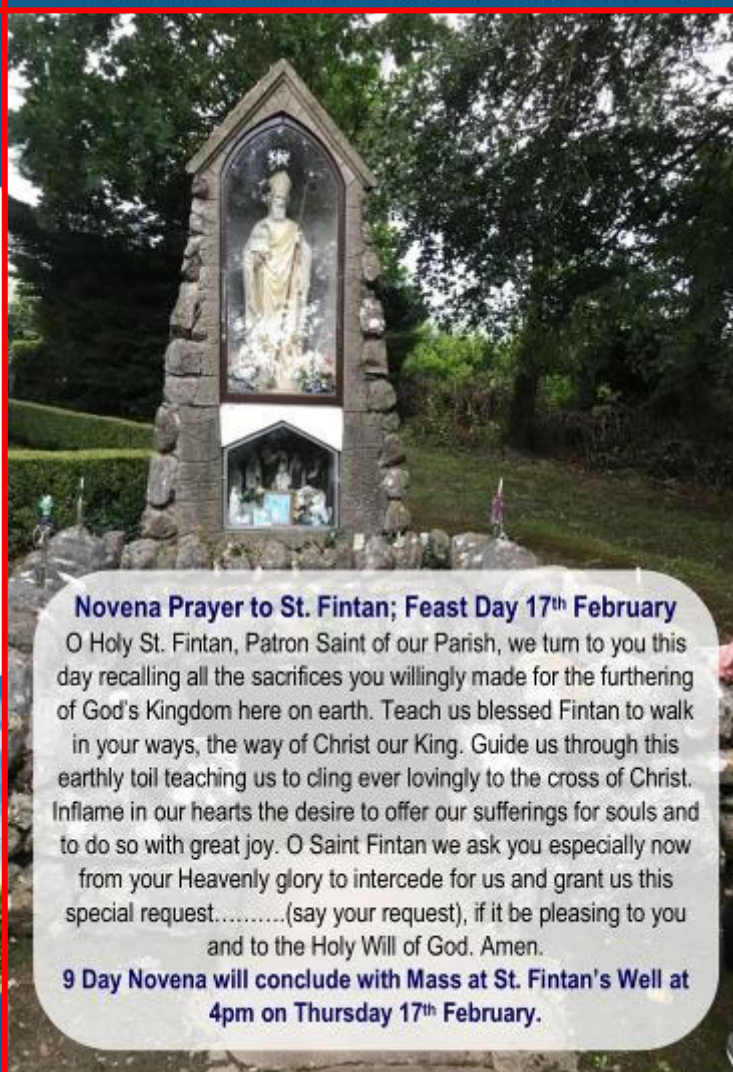


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Novena Prayer to St. Fintan; Feast Day 17th February

O Holy St. Fintan, Patron Saint of our Parish, we turn to you this day recalling all the sacrifices you willingly made for the furthering of God's Kingdom here on earth. Teach us blessed Fintan to walk in your ways, the way of Christ our King. Guide us through this earthly toil teaching us to cling ever lovingly to the cross of Christ. Inflame in our hearts the desire to offer our sufferings for souls and to do so with great joy. O Saint Fintan we ask you especially now from your Heavenly glory to intercede for us and grant us this special request.....(say your request), if it be pleasing to you and to the Holy Will of God. Amen.

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Happiness is.....

Have you ever heard of a man named Charles M. Schultz? He wrote a comic books called Peanuts which has been out since 1950. Wow! That is before any of you were even born! The main characters in the comic are Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder and a dog named Snoopy.



Charles Schultz has also written a lot of books. One of my favourite books by Schultz is "Happiness Is A Warm Blanket." The book is mostly about a little boy named Linus who carries his cuddly blue blanket with him wherever he goes. Linus carries that blanket to make him feel secure. According to Schultz, "Everyone has things that make them feel secure." You know what? When we feel secure, we are also happy!



Jesus had something to say about being happy. In the Gospel today is one of those times. Jesus is surrounded by a huge crowd of people. Have you ever noticed that wherever Jesus went, he drew large crowds of people? Why do you suppose that was? Maybe it was because many of them were sick, crippled, or injured and wanted Jesus to heal them. Perhaps some of them had a troubled mind and they had heard that Jesus was able to cast out demons and evil spirits just by just speaking a word. In other words, many people came to Jesus because they had heard what he could do for them, and that is exactly what happens in today's Gospel. The Bible says that people crowded around Jesus and tried to touch him because power was coming from him and healed them all. Do you think that made the people happy? It sure did! Jesus then turned to his disciples and said:



**"God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.
God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied.
God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you
and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.
When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy!
For a great reward awaits you in heaven.**

And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way."

Notice that Jesus didn't say, "Happy are they who have a lot of money" or "Happy are they who have plenty to eat and dine in fancy restaurants." He didn't even say, "Happiness is a warm blanket." What he did say was, "When you follow me, happiness will come. Leap for joy! A great reward awaits you in heaven."



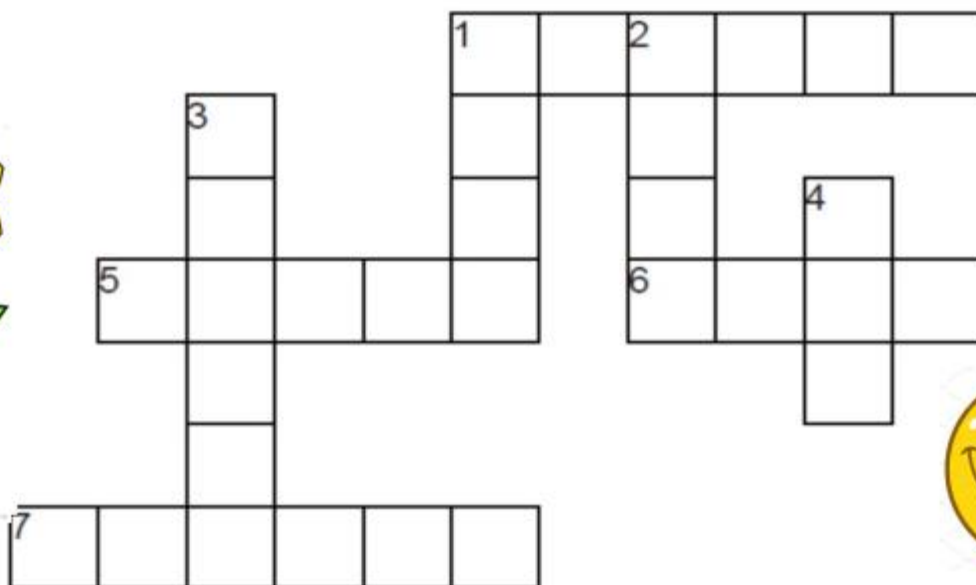
Our Prayer

Dear Father, help us to remember that we can never find happiness by seeking the things this world has to offer. True happiness can only be ours by following Jesus. Amen.

Happiness is....

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God”.

The words in this puzzle are taken from Luke 6:20-23



HORIZONTAL

1. Something given or received in return for good behaviour.
5. The sound which expresses happiness or delight
6. Having very little money or few Possessions
7. To have a desire or need for food

VERTICAL

1. Having a great amount of money
2. To shed tears happiness or delight
3. The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved
4. A feeling of great happiness

JOY

HUNGRY

RICH

POOR

HEAVEN

REWARD

LAUGH

WEEP

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Friday 4th & Saturday 5th
March

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Sunday 3rd April

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Saturday 2nd April





Time to Think!

*** Slowing Down ***

Most of us live rushed lives, dashing from one thing to another. One consequence is that we live on the surface of life, skimming over it. We may pass through it without ever knowing ourselves, or acquiring the disposition to think matters through, and, as a result, living, so to speak, on second-hand ideas and experiences.

The quality of human relations is the measure of the value of a society. How do people relate to each other? How do they treat each other? These are basic questions for any society. What is more basic is how we relate to ourselves, how we treat ourselves. Jesus said, 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself', that last part 'as you love yourself' is the bit we don't take much notice of. A healthy self-love is something we don't understand very well. It's not selfish, just as a healthy self-respect is not arrogance. It's related to something else - self-knowledge.

Do we know ourselves? How can we love ourselves if we don't first know ourselves? And all our noise and haste doesn't help us to do that, far from it, indeed. It is a huge challenge in our present culture simply to sit alone in silence for ten minutes. We spend much of our life and energy running away from ourselves, and we are strangers to ourselves. It doesn't have to be like that. If we give time to ourselves, enter into our own heart, in whatever way we find best, we can begin a venture into the interior that is more exciting and challenging than any round-the-world trip. You sometimes hear of people travelling abroad in order "to find themselves". They are more likely to find themselves in the silence of their heart than in any amount of travel or activity. This is a challenge, and a necessity, for all human beings, whether they see themselves as religious or not. We share a common world, and it is endangered. One humanity in one home.

Jesus said, 'Come apart into a desert place and rest for a while'. The desert is without props, masks, or hiding place; no electricity there, and mobile phones are out of range. The desert symbolises a bare nakedness where we are face-to-face with the self. It seems like running from reality, when in fact it is running from the unreality of superficial living in order to face the reality of our inner self.



There is nothing more real than our inner self, and it is always with us. Maybe it's time for us to make the acquaintance of that stranger in our life – our self, and then move on from there. For those in a hurry: God comes to us broken: Jesus was broken on the cross, and comes to us in the Eucharist as bread that is broken. God wants us to come to him when we are broken: by sin, failure or emptiness. Then we can meet. 'By his wounds we are healed....'.

Slow me down, Lord!

Ease the pounding of my heart, by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my harried pace with a vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amidst the confusions of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tensions of my nerves with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations, of slowing down,

To look at a flower; to chat with an old friend or make a new one; to pat a stray dog; to watch a spider build a web; to smile at a child or to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day that the race is not always to the swift; that there is more to life than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward into the branches of the towering oak and know that it grew great and strong because it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values. That I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

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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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**In Loving Memory of
FRANK WHITE**

Newpark, Portlaoise. Died 16th January 2022.



The family of the late Frank White 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 condolence online.

Our sincere gratitude to Msgr. John Byrne, Fr. Paul O'Boyle and the Portlaoise Parish priests for the lovely Requiem Mass and to Patricia Finnegan and Edward Newell for the beautiful music. A special thanks to Msgr. John for the lovely and moving visit to Frank the night before he passed away.

Thank you to the members of the Portlaoise Singers and the staff of Scoil Bhride who provided a guard of honour for Frank on his final journey. 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 Frank's final resting place with such care.

We would like to thank the Midland Regional Hospital in Portlaoise for their excellent care of Frank in his final days and all the doctors, nurses, and administration staff who were so supportive and comforting. We are also very grateful for the outstanding support that enabled Frank to live independently at home, support from his Carers, Public Health Nurses, Dr. Booth, Hughes Pharmacy and especially Mary, Tomas and Tina.

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

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

Frank's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, this Sunday, 13th February at 10am.

Rest in Peace Frank

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN BRACKEN**

née Dunne

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs at this time.



8th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 12th February at 6.30pm

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

Loved always by Larry, Frances & family.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **SEAN KEOGH**

Late of 6 Park View, Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary. Died 14/2/2011.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 12th February at 6.30pm.

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

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

May Sean Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **BILL (William) WHELAN**

Corrigeen, Stradbally. 7th Anniversary occurs 15th February '22.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the
Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on
Sunday 20th February at 9:30am.

*When we look upon your picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.*

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Rita, daughter Ann, sons
Seamus & Ray, in-laws, grandchildren & great grandchildren.*

May Bill Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MADGE McEVoy**

Capoley, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs Sunday 13th February 2022.

Much loved and cherished Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 13th February at 12:30pm.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by;
Sarahann, Ailish, Mary, Joe, Breda and their families.*

May Madge Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **THOMAS ROBINSON**

Beladd, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 15th February 2022.



*May the God of love and mercy,
Care for our loved one that is gone,
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.*

Always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Tom

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of **PETER FARRELLY**

Sue Ryder Centre, Portlaoise. Died 10th January 2022.



The wife and relatives of the late Peter
Farrelly, would like to express their
sincere thanks to all who sympathised
with them, sent Mass and sympathy
cards and messages of condolences
on RIP.ie

Our sincere appreciation to those who
travelled to attend Peter's Requiem
Mass and to those who attended the
Rosary.

Heartfelt thanks to Msgr. John and Fr. Nick for the
beautiful Mass and to Sarah Troy for the lovely music
and hymns.

We would like to thank the doctors and nurses in the
surgical ward, Portlaoise hospital, for the excellent care
given to Peter in his final days.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode, Funeral
Directors, for the professional and compassionate
manner in which they carried out Peter's funeral
arrangements and to the gravediggers for preparing his
final resting place with such care.

As it is 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.

Rest in Peace Peter

In Loving Memory of **MARY CONROY**

18 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise. 10th Anniversary.

For a Wonderful Mum



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

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

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on **Saturday 12th February at 5pm.**

Love you always Mam, from your loving daughters

Marie, Phil and Josephine.

Rest in Peace Mary

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

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of a Cherished Sister

BERNIE COYNE

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Birthday occurs 11th February 2022



*Thinking of you today Bernie,
As we do everyday.*

*Happy Birthday and lots of love from
your sister Kitty, brother-in-law Donie
and your three sisters Mary, Peggy and
Trish and brothers-in-law xxx*

Rest in Peace Bernie

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of our Wonderful Mother

BERNADETTE COYNE

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Birthday occurs 11th February 2022



*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 hold you close within our hearts and
there you will remain,*

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

Thinking of you, today and always.

Happy Birthday

*Sadly missed and loved by all her
loving family.*

May Bernie's gentle soul Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of FINT GORMAN

84 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

1st Birthday in Heaven occurred 5th February.



*Today is your birthday in
Heaven above,
My blessing I send on the
wings of a dove,
Not just for today, but for
everyday, I think of you
always with all my love.*

Happy Birthday

*Always loved, forever missed by your wife Ann,
sons, daughters, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren and Catherine and Joe.*

Rest in Peace Fint

In Loving Memory of

LARRY McDONALD

45 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 13th February 2022.

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church this Sunday 13th February at 11:15am.*

*Gone are the days we used to share,
But in our hearts you are always there,
The gates of memory will never close,
We miss you more than anyone knows,
With tender love and deep regret,
We who love you will never forget.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife
Margaret, sons Maurice, Paul, Gregory,
grandchildren and great-grandchild.*

Rest in Peace Larry



In Loving Memory of

EILEEN PHELAN

New Road, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 17th February 2022.

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on
Sunday 20th February at 12:30pm.*

*In God's care you rest above,
In our hearts you rest in love,
Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

*In Heaven you rest,
No worries or pain,*

God bless you...until we meet again.

Sadly missed by your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Eileen



In Loving Memory of

BRIAN LARKIN Snr.

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise

*2nd Anniversary away from home occurred
7th February 2022*

*No morning dawns, no night
returns, but that we think of you,
Those left behind are very good,
but none replaces you,
Many a silent tear is shed, when
we are all alone,
The one we love so very much,
The one we call our own.*

*From your loving wife Catherine, sons Michael,
Alan and Brian Jr. (RIP), daughter Denise,
daughters-in-law Samantha and Fiona, son-in-law
Thomas, grandchildren, great-grandchild and
extended family.*

Rest in Peace Brian



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

SHEILA WHELAN née Harnan
Doirefea, Ballydavis, Portlaoise, Co. Laois and
Monasterevin, Co. Kildare.



As we lovingly remember Sheila on the first anniversary of her death, the Whelan and Harnan family wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who sympathised with us on the sad loss of our dear Sheila.

The family particularly appreciated the beautiful and personal nature of the Mass as celebrated by her brother Fr. Nick Harnan. Our deepest gratitude to Msgr. Byrne, Portlaoise and Fr. Merrigan, Monasterevin, for concelebrating Mass with Fr. Nick. Many thanks to Sarah Troy for her beautiful singing during the Mass.

Sincere thanks to Rankin's Funeral Directors, especially Paul Hyland for his kindness, patience and sensitivity in dealing with Sheila's funeral arrangements. A sincere thanks to PJ Gleeson for looking after the grave in very difficult weather conditions.

Many thanks to the doctors and nurses of Tullamore and Naas hospital who cared for Sheila during her final weeks and heartfelt thanks to Dr. Anna Gullane for her care, attention and kindness to Sheila over the years. We thank Jim Murphy and all the staff at Hughes Pharmacy.

Many thanks to all those who sent letters of condolences, Mass cards and sympathy cards, to everyone who phoned and sent text messages and to those who lined the route from the house to the Church in Portlaoise and from the Church to the cemetery in the Heath. Even though the weather was very poor it was great consolation to the family to see so many people come out to pay tribute to Sheila.

We say a special thank you to our special neighbours in Ballydavis who gave us great support and who continue to do so. To Sheila's friends in Portlaoise College, many thanks and a special thank you to Sheila's friends and colleagues in Cuisle Fayre who have done extraordinary things in Sheila's memory.

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.

Sheila's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, Sunday, 20th February at 2pm.

Rest in Peace Sheila



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