



## **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Day of Prayer for Temperance**



**Pope Francis declares Ash Wednesday  
a day of fasting and prayer for peace in Ukraine.**

The Pope called for people to fast for peace on March 2, Ash Wednesday, praying that  
"the Queen of Peace will preserve the world from the madness of war."



Worshippers light candles as they attend a prayer service at St. Michael's Cathedral of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine in Kyiv Feb. 20, 2022.

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## LENTEN STATIONS

### For the support of our Priests

Envelopes are available in Church porches for those who haven't got Development Boxes and wish to contribute to the Priests Collection. You can drop this envelope in one of the collection boxes provided in our Churches or returning to the Parish Centre during Lent.

This Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday - also known as Pancake Day - is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. It is celebrated throughout Ireland by the cooking and eating of pancakes - a last feast before the fasting and self-denial of Lent!



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## Three Things To Do For Lent

### *Fasting and Abstinence:-*

Keep your meals small and simple during Lent. This is not a slimming exercise. The thinking behind fasting and abstinence is that we strengthen our spiritual life by weakening physical pleasures. Fasting means reducing the amount of food that we would normally eat. Abstinence means not eating a particular food (meat). **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are to be observed as special days of Fasting and Abstinence.**

### *Almsgiving:-*

We are bombarded with requests for money from a huge number of charities. Identify a charity that means something to you .... find out what they do and make a contribution. If you can't afford to give money, give your time.

### *Prayer:-*

Our lives are so hectic that we often forget to set aside a few quiet moments in which to talk to God. During Lent, postpone breakfast television for a few moments and make a short prayer. In the evening encourage your children to say a night time prayer before bed. Pray for peace in Ukraine this Lent.

Mass times for the coming week

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**Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)**

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm.

**The Heath: 7pm**

**Ratheniska: 7pm**

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**Thursday & Friday**

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm.

**Friday (First Friday):**

7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm

**Saturday: 10am**

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent when we are invited for forty days to set aside more time for prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter. The Ashes, made in the sign of the cross on our foreheads on this day, are an outward sign of our inward sorrow for our sins and of our commitment to Jesus as Our Lord and Saviour.'



Blessed Ashes will be available in the Parish Church and Parish Centre from 11am on Wednesday.

**Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)**

**7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm.**

**The Heath: 7pm**

**Ratheniska: 7pm**

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

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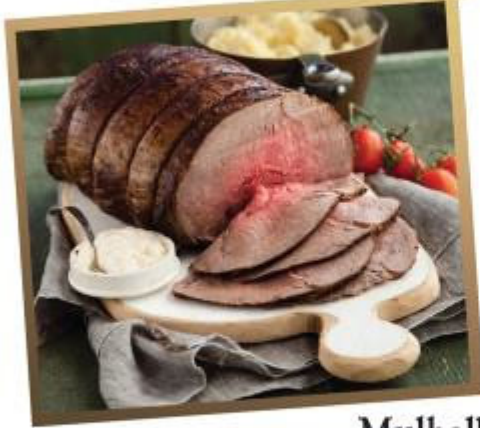
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Church Gate Collection  
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**Thank You:** Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to our recent Church gate collection and thank you to all who stopped in such inclement weather conditions. It was greatly appreciated.

**Portlaoise Active Age Group:** Great News - Our club is reopening fully on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Parish Centre at 3pm, with a fun full programme planned. We plan for a safe sustainable return as we have all missed so much of our glory years due to Covid. Members must be fully vaccinated including booster. New members always welcome.

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Do you like fruit? My favourite fruit is an apple. Do you like apples? Apples not only taste good, but they are good for you. Surely you have heard the saying, "An apple a day keeps the doctor away."

How about bananas? There are lots of ways to eat bananas. They are great on cereal at breakfast, aren't they? Have you ever eaten banana bread? Yum, yum! One of my favourite snacks is a banana smoothie. Oh,

did I mention that bananas have lots of vitamins?

What is one of the best ways to get a lot of vitamin C? The orange, of course!

Where do we get all of these delicious fruits? They come from fruit trees, don't they? Apples come from an apple tree. Oranges come from an orange tree. Bananas come from a banana tree.

Jesus had a lot to say about fruit. He told his followers that they were to bear fruit. Now I don't think he was talking about apples, oranges, and bananas. What do you think Jesus meant when told his followers to bear fruit for him? When Jesus says that good people produce good fruit, he doesn't mean the kind of fruit that we eat. He means that if we are following him, we will want to do the things that make God happy. We will do good things, we will help people, we will share what we have with others, and we will treat other people with respect.

Jesus said, "A tree is identified by its fruit. A good person produces good things from a good heart, but an evil person will produce bad things from an evil heart. What kind of fruit tree do you want to be? A good tree producing good fruit, or an evil tree producing evil fruit?"

### Our Prayer

Father, we want to be identified as a good tree, producing good fruit. Help us to do the things we know will be pleasing to you. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*Lent begins Next Wednesday 2nd March*

**Remember these are the three things we are asked to focus on for Lent.**

**Praying:** Spend a little more time with God.

**Sacrificing:** Giving up something that you really like.

**Almsgiving:** Giving to those who have very little or sharing what you have with someone who needs it.

**"Repent and believe in the good news of the Gospel"**





# The Season of Lent



## Facts about Lent:

- Lent is a time when Christian people get ready for Easter.
- Lent is a sacred time within the Church calendar. It is a time of fasting, prayer and almsgiving.
- Lent lasts for forty days reminding us of the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert doing penance and fasting. It begins on **Ash Wednesday (2nd March 2022)** and finishes before sunset on Holy Thursday. We don't count Sundays in the forty days because Sundays are days of celebration in the Church calendar.
- Purple vestments are worn by the priest during Lent.
- The Gloria and alleluia are not prayed at Mass during Lent.
- Lent comes for the word "lente" which means springtime.
- Many people promise to do something during Lent to help them to be more like Jesus. Sometimes they give up something they like, they fast from sweets, or television. Other people promise to do something like being kinder, going to Mass, saying prayers or to put money in the Trócaire box to remind them to help others who are not as lucky as they are.
- What we do during Lent helps us to get ready for Easter.



## Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is the First Day of Lent. On Ash Wednesday people are asked to fast. On Ash Wednesday the priest blesses the ashes and uses them to make the sign of the cross on our foreheads. The priest or minister says '*turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel*', or similar words. Wearing ashes is a sign that a person is going to make an extra special effort during Lent to use his/her gifts for the good of others.

I promise to \_\_\_\_\_

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as I make my journey through Lent to Easter.

## My Lenten Prayer



Lord Jesus,  
be with me as  
I try to keep  
my promise  
and help me to  
be more like  
you everyday.  
Amen.



# Time to Think!

## Make the most of Lent



Saint Basil, known as the Great, was a fourth-century bishop of the Eastern Church who was known for his care for the poor. He was also the writer of a monastic rule of life, which is still followed today by monks. He wrote a short piece on fasting, which can help us to a wider understanding of what it means; 'Do not limit the benefits of fasting merely to abstinence from food, because a true fast means refraining from evil. Lose every unjust bond, put away your resentment against your neighbour, and forgive him his offences. Do not let your fasting lead only to wrangling and strife. You do not eat meat, but you devour your brother; you abstain from wine, but not from insults. So all the labour of your fast is useless.' (*On Fasting*, 1.10)

Maybe we could extend that idea a bit further.  
*Why not do some of these?*

1. Fast from anger and hatred, give your family an extra dose of love each day.
2. Fast from judging others. Before making judgments, recall how we wish God to overlook our faults.
3. Fast from discouragement. Hold on to Jesus' promise that he has a mission for us in life. (Whatever you give up for Lent, don't let it be hope.)
4. Fast from complaining. When you find yourself about to complain, stop, recall some of the good things that happened to you in your life.
5. Fast from resentment and bitterness. Work on forgiving those who have hurt you.
6. Fast from spending too much money on yourself. Reduce your personal spending and spend instead on the poor, e.g. through Trócaire.

In Lent, don't just give up, take up. Take up prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Give up sin and take up repentance.

Lent is always an invitation to begin again. This is a time above to build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Lent can be a most profound and liberating personal journey.



Building a relationship that gifts our personal lives to hope and indulge in a most resilient confidence, a confidence that reminds us, no matter what happens we are not alone. The light of Christ is brighter than any clouds of despair or uncertainty. St. Paul reminds us, "With God on our side who can be against us". Make the most of this sacred season as an opportunity to grow in our humanity. The more we accept our wounded selves the more we grow in wholesomeness and peace of mind. When this happens our vision and perspective becomes positive and bright.

*I Will Turn (A daily prayer for Lent)*

Lord, I will turn,  
Turn my face towards you,  
I will lay before you the desert areas I hide,  
And turn to soak in your refreshing words of life.  
I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits,  
And turn to rest in the tranquil warmth of your love.  
I will draw back from the harsh pull of media,  
And turn to bathe in the gentle power of your Spirit.  
Lord, today I turn my face towards you,  
I will turn,  
To soak in your words of life,  
To rest in the warmth of your love,  
And to bathe in the power of your Spirit.  
Amen



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née Tobin  
Dysart, Stradbally



*Kathleen Lawlor*

24 Clonroosk  
Portlaoise



*Rosheen (Roxy)  
Phelan*

Rathmoyle Road,  
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*John Joe Maher*  
Clonad, Portlaoise and  
Ballyroan

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary and Birthday away from home;  
28<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

*Loved and missed dearly by;  
Your loving husband Pat, son Brendan, daughter  
Claire, son-in-law Barry, daughter-in-law Sandra,  
and granddaughters Isobel and Amelia.*

*Rest in Peace Concepta*

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*... Until We Meet Again*  
Those special memories of you  
will always bring a smile,  
If only I could have you back,  
For just a little while.  
Then we could sit and talk again  
just like we used to do –  
You always meant so very much  
And always will do too.  
The fact that you're no longer  
here, will always cause me pain,  
But you're forever in my heart,  
Until we meet again.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by;  
Maira, Vera, Liam and Tom, nieces, nephews,  
brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, grandnieces and  
grandnephews.*

*Rest in Peace Concepta*

## In Loving Memory of DUMITRU AIOANEI

Suceava, Romania

5<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022



**Jesus, I trust in You!**

We miss your presence every single day. Your gentleness and love. Your kind-hearted and cheerful nature. Your rhymes, crosswords and funny jokes. Your laughter. We miss the flowers you used to bring us on every special occasion. Your thoughtfulness. Your wisdom-filled advice and loving support throughout life. We miss you every day, but know that you're always near, busy to intercede for us from Heaven.  
Te iubim mult.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your wife Iosefina, daughters Cristina and Ingrid, granddaughter Irina and son-in-law Padraig.

**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.**

**May Dumitru Rest in Peace**

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ORLA CONROY-KELLY

25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.

7<sup>th</sup> Birthday in Heaven occurs 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Are there birthdays in Heaven?  
Does the angel blow his horn?  
Announcing to everybody, that this  
is the day you were born.  
Can the stars be your balloons and  
angel food your cake?  
Presents wrapped in moon beams,  
all the angels helped to make.  
Birthdays meant so much to you,  
They were always a big deal,  
Birthday presents, lots of friends  
and perhaps a special meal.

So we'll whisper a little prayer today, asking everyone up above, to sing you a happy birthday song and give you all our love.

*Happy birthday Doll, loved and missed more everyday.*

Lots of love from Mammy & Daddy, Sharon & Jim, Lorena & Shane, Brendan, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian, Geraldine & Rocky, adored nieces and nephews, your daughter Lydian and husband Sean, your treasured son Paddy and your granddaughter Orla-Mae.

*May Orla Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of JOSEPHINE LALOR

1 Borris Little, Portlaoise.

Died 28<sup>th</sup> February 2012; 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Ten years have passed now Josephine,  
since we had to part,  
Though time may heal the deepest  
wound, it doesn't mend a broken heart.

*Never Forgotten  
Your loving husband Martin.  
Rest in Peace Josephine*

## In Loving Memory of PADDY SAUNDERS

Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.



God saw the road was getting rough,  
The hill was hard to climb,  
He gently closed your weary eyes,  
and whispered; "peace be thine".

*Sadly missed always by all his  
loving family.  
Rest in Peace Paddy*

## In Loving Memory of **DOMINIC DUNNE**

9 Glendowns, Portlaoise. 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> February.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10am.**

No words can tell, no tears express,  
The love, the loss, the emptiness,  
You are not just a memory or part of the past,  
You are ours to remember as long as life lasts.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his  
loving wife Mary, family and friends.*

*May Dominic Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **ANNIE TARLETON**

Late of Rossleigh, Portlaoise, who died 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2001.  
R.I.P. Masses offered. 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



Time slips by and life goes on,  
But from our hearts you are  
never gone.

*Loved and remembered always, your nephews Jim and  
Eddie, and their Families.*

*May Annie Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of

**KAREN COONAN (née Dixon)**

Chantiers Gate, Portlaoise. Died 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



I thought of you today Karen but that is  
nothing new,  
I thought about you yesterday and days  
before that too.

I think of you in silence,  
I often speak your name,

All I have are memories now and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part,  
God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart Karen.

*Loved and remembered always, Joyce, Des, Katie and Ashling.*

*May Karen Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of

**KAREN COONAN (née Dixon)**

Chantiers Gate, Portlaoise. Died 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



It does not take a special day to  
bring you to our minds,  
A day without a thought of you, is  
very hard to find.

*Loved and remembered always by Eddie and Mary.*

*May Karen Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Fiddler) DELANEY**

8 Clonroosk, Portlaoise.

19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30pm**

We thought of you 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, all we have are memories and  
your picture in a frame.

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

*Lovingly remembered by Mam, Dad, sister MaryAnn, brothers  
Clement, Alan & Don, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.*

*May Patrick Rest in Peace*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of  
**DAN COOKE**

'Villa Igea', Mosse Lane, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.



Dan's family including Eileen and  
James would like to express their  
sincere gratitude to all who sympathised  
with them, sent Mass Cards, flowers  
and wreaths, phoned and uploaded  
messages online. We would like to  
thank all those who attended the funeral  
home and requiem Mass either in  
person or via the Parish Webcam.

A special thank you to Msgr. John Byrne for celebrating  
the requiem Mass and to Fr. Vard and all the Priests of  
the Parish for all their support to the family at such a  
difficult time. Thank you to Sarah Troy for providing  
such beautiful music at the Mass.

We would like to thank all the Carers who looked after  
Dan so well over the last few years especially Kevin,  
Liz and Jim. Thanks to the Cedar Clinic and Breslins,  
the Palliative Care team and the HSE for all their  
assistance and kindness.

Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode  
for the most professional and compassionate manner  
in which they carried out Dan's funeral arrangements  
and also to the gravediggers for preparing Dan's final  
resting place.

Heartfelt thanks to our family, dear friends and work  
colleagues for all their support and kindness during this  
time.

Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression  
of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude.  
Thanksgiving Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Dan's Months Mind will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
at 11:15am.

*May Dan's forever gentle soul Rest in Peace*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of  
**CARMEL O' GORMAN**  
Rathevan View, Portlaoise.



Pat and Carmel's family would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss. To everyone who called to see Carmel in her final days, brought food, shared fond memories, or just sat with Carmel. A special thanks to our dear friend Jean.

We express sincere gratitude to Fr. David who called to Carmel in her final hours, and for his beautiful Requiem Mass.

We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all those who sympathised with us, sent Mass cards, left messages of condolence on RIP.ie, and those who attended Carmel's Requiem Mass in person, or through the Parish Webcam.

We offer our thanks to Msgr. John Byrne, Fr. Petru, Fr. Ciprian and all the wonderful staff in Portlaoise Parish Centre for their support. Thank you to Nuala Kelly for her beautiful music which enriched the Mass.

The family would like to give thanks to Dr. Gerard White, Deirdre and all the staff at Laois Pharmacy, Phyllis and all the Palliative care team, and all the health nurses who made Carmel's last days very comfortable.

Our sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode, funeral directors for the compassionate and professional manner in which they carried out Carmel's funeral arrangements and to the grave diggers who prepared her final resting place with such care.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our friends, neighbours and colleagues who supported us all through this difficult time. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude.

Carmel's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 11:15am.

*Rest in Peace Carmel*

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## In Loving Memory of **JOHN COUGHLAN**

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7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm.

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

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

*May John Rest in Peace*

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of  
**ELIZABETH (Lil) BARTLEY**

91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Birthday away from home; 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022



Today always meant so much  
to us,

Now it only brings me tears,  
I wish that God could have  
spared you,

For just a few more years,  
I'm thinking of you today Mam,  
I know that's nothing new,  
You were my thoughts of  
yesterday and you will be in  
tomorrows too.

The memories I'll cherish forever,  
They always make me smile,  
I just wish I could hold you close again,  
If only for a while.

But until the day that we unite, we'll no longer be  
apart, but until that day remember Mam,  
You are always in my heart.

*Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by her  
daughter Monalisa, son-in-law Donal and  
grandchildren Darryl and Stefan.*

Today is filled with memories, with happiness  
and tears, of birthday celebrations we've shared  
throughout the years.

And though I'll always miss you, the endless joy  
you brought, warms my heart with gratitude and  
fills my every thought.

I feel that you are with me in everything I do,  
So I'll celebrate your birthday,  
But I'll spend it missing you.

*Loved and missed by her sons John, Oliver, Shay  
and Darren, daughters-in-law, grandchildren,  
great-grandchildren and the Conroy family.*

*Rest in Peace Elizabeth*

## In Loving Memory of JOSEPH MALONE

"Cumbria" Green Rd. Portlaoise.  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this  
Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 12:30pm.

Your life was love and labour,  
Your love for your family true,  
You did your best for all of us, we will  
always remember you.

*Always remembered by Mary, John and family.  
May Joseph Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of CHRISTY BANNON

72 Newpark, Portlaoise. Died 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004  
18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



Never more than a thought away,  
Deep in our hearts you will always  
stay,

Loved and remembered every day.

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

*Rest in Peace Christy*



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