

**Fourth Sunday
of Lent**

*Happy
Mother's Day*

**WE STAND WITH
UKRAINE**



On Tuesday a number of recent arrivals in Portlaoise from Ukraine met in the Parish Centre for a 'cuppa' and a meet and greet session. The Parish Centre will host similar meetings every Tuesday 12 noon for the next few months. It will enable local services to make themselves known to our Ukrainian friends and provides an opportunity for them to get to know and support each other.

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Laetare Sunday

Most Catholics today are used to the Mass being conducted in English, and they hardly ever think about the fact that Latin remains the official language of the Catholic Church. But

occasionally, Latin reasserts itself, as it does in the case of Laetare Sunday. Laetare Sunday is simply the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. Laetare is the Latin for "Rejoice". It's the Sunday in Lent on which the austerity is briefly lessened. Laetare Sunday is also known as Rose Sunday or Refreshment Sunday and also Mother's Day.



Mothering Sunday is celebrated today, Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably the return to the 'mother' church became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home... a day off to visit their mother and family, usually taking gifts of cake or flowers.

Nowadays it's a day to show our mothers that we appreciate and love them.

Happy Mothering Sunday.

Mass times for the coming week

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Sunday

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CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

After 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.

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Parish Community**

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Ríán Harry Preston, Ashewood Walk

Sienna Marie Lawless, Rossvale

Hallie Rose Lawlor-Kane, Hillview Drive

Willow Grace McPherson, Heather Lane

Tiana Rose Nevin, Oakpark

Who were baptised last weekend.



Fourth Week of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm: 33:2-7

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Communion Calls

The priests of the parish will attend their communion rounds on Friday (First Friday).

LENTEN STATIONS

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Down Syndrome Centre Midlands would like to thank all those who supported their 'Coffee & Cake' morning in the Parish Centre to help celebrate 'World Down Syndrome Day'.

The morning was a huge success and great fun. Thank you all ♥ ♥ ♥



Raheen Parish Pastoral Council: The term of office of the current Raheen Parish Pastoral Council comes to an end this month and the Council's final meeting was held on Thursday 3rd March in the Parish Centre, Raheen. The final meeting reflected on some of the main pastoral events that took place since the current Pastoral Council was established in March 2017. Since then, beginning with three formal training sessions, the Pastoral Council met on a further nineteen occasions. Key events that the Pastoral Council took part in included the week-long celebration of the golden jubilee of Shanahoe Church in June 2017; the silver jubilee of the ordination of Fr. Brian Kavanagh in July 2017; the parish mission in November 2017; the ruby jubilee of the ordination of Fr. Michael Kelly in June 2018; the World Meeting of Families in August 2018; Fr. Michael Kelly's retirement celebration in July 2019; bicentenary celebrations in January 2020 to mark the formation of Raheen Parish in 1820; and visits by Bishop Nulty to Raheen Parish in July 2017, March 2018 and June 2019. Covid-19 directly impacted significantly on the pastoral life of the parish with public Masses suspended from March to June 2020, October to November 2020 and from late December 2020 until May 2021. Several planned events that were due to take place during 2020 to mark the bicentenary of the parish were cancelled. Tributes were paid at the final meeting to all involved in the work of the parish at all levels and in the various parish ministries. The first meeting of the incoming Parish Pastoral Council will be held on **Tuesday 29th March** at which the new officers will be elected.

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Portlaoise Active Retirement: The re-opening of our Wednesday Afternoon club at 3pm in the Parish Centre has been a huge success. So many of us are so happy to re-acquaint with old friends are make new ones.

Wed. 30th March: AGM - We hope to see you all there and new members very welcome.

Our holiday to Clonakilty on 25th April is filling up fast. There are a few seats still available. For further info. contact Secretary, Trudy Nealon 086-03136182.

Matthew 25 Verse 40 "I was in prison and you came to visit me." Inmates are easy to forget. Locked away they seem to disappear from society. The Guild of St. Philip is a voluntary organisation that visits inmates in prison twice per month. Do you have time to spare? Would you like to offer a hand of friendship? If so please contact Catherine on 086-0462405 for more information.



Join with us to pray the Rosary via the Parish webcam daily at 9:30am, 7pm, 9:30pm.

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Time to Think!

Strangest Dream

Tanks in the city streets of Ukraine. Blocks of flats on fire. Wrecked and burnt-out trucks, twisted metal and shattered windows. Small groups of cold and frightened civilians shelter in basements from the insistent barrage. Welcome to the stark face of the mechanics of European war in the late winter of 2022.

In recent weeks we have seen in News bulletins the sheer horror of modern warfare as a powerful state unleashes its fearful modern weaponry on its neighbour with careless abandonment. These days of conflict over-lap the beginning of the period of Lent in the Latin church, a time where we rightly reflect on our Christian direction, seeking direction on the path we are currently taking, ever-anxious to draw closer to the Lord our God.

The example of generosity shown by the people of neighbouring countries on the Western border of the Ukraine leaves us asking – would we have done the same? Our Christian faith tells us that we should be generous in sharing what we have with those who are in need. Faced with the reality of over a million refugees, and with that number rising by the hour, others have risen to the challenge with open hands and open homes, welcoming strangers in need into their communities, giving shelter, food and warm clothing to ease their discomfort after a perilous journey. Ireland will not be found wanting as we welcome not strangers but brothers and sisters.

Our journey through Lent may not be perilous but it ought to be challenging, bringing us face to face with who we are, face to face with the Lord whose name we carry. This Lent the choice is obvious how to help a nation under ruthless attack by its neighbour, a nuclear super-power. There have been countless arguments and discussions as to what we might do and the risks involved. So, this Lent we will, in fact, be treading a dangerous path, a Lenten journey that is different. Remember, Jesus met his death at the hands of an army of occupation, albeit delivered in consequence of the decision of the Sanhedrin.

An army that occupies a conquered country is never welcome, always the subject of contempt and sniper attack, missing the home-comfort of their Motherland and family. That is the tragedy of this present conflict for there appears to be no obvious endgame, just the endless, pitiless stream of refugees seeking solace in a foreign land. Their former homes destroyed, the splendour of their European cities shattered and broken, monuments to the stupidity of conflict.

We can all ask questions as to how this might have been prevented.



But that is like a football crowd offering an opinion to the defence when the ball is bulging the back of the net. No, now we must face up to the inherently difficult task of containment and cessation of fighting. Where does all this put the Christian facing such onslaught? It is easy to hold pacifist opinions from a comfortable armchair, much harder to face up to the reality of the hour when your family life is at risk from bullet or bomb.

Maybe there is a thread here for us to explore on this year's Lenten journey towards the feast of Passover. To quote a few words from the poet of the First World War, Wilfred Owen – *"My subject is war and the pity of war. The poetry is in the pity."* There is pity in the needless loss of life and the grotesque injuries to fellow human beings. There is waste when fine buildings are reduced to piles of rubble with the drift of smoke from burning wood hanging in the air.

Time and again after wars we make pledges not to fight again as described in Ed McCurdy's song 'Strangest Dream':

*Last night I had the strangest dream
I ever dreamed before
I dreamed the world had all agreed
To put an end to war
I dreamed I saw a mighty room,
The room was filled with men
And the paper they were signing said they'd never
fight again
And when the papers all were signed
And a million copies made
They all joined hands and bowed their heads
And grateful prayers were prayed.*

Eloquent words, hopeful dreams, yet still people in disagreement suffer the enormity and pain of war.



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Three Wishes

I am sure that most of you have read a book, seen a movie, or at least heard the story about "Aladdin and His Wonderful Lamp." In one version of the story, Aladdin worked in a shop that exchanged new lamps for old ones. Aladdin's job was to polish the lamps and make them look like new. One day, as he was polishing a lamp, a genie came out of the lamp and promised to grant Aladdin anything he wished for. With the help of the Genie, Aladdin gained great wealth and won the love of a beautiful princess.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have your every wish come true? You might think so, but the truth is, sometimes the things we wish for are not good for us. That is what a young man discovered in today's Gospel.

The Gospel today is about a young man who had three wishes:

- 1. He wished for a lot of money.**
- 2. He wished to travel and see the world.**
- 3. He wished he could be his own boss.**

The young man got his wishes, but they were not granted to him by a genie. The young man went to his father and asked him to give him the inheritance that would be his when his father died. Even though the father was sad that his son wanted to leave, he gave him his share of the family fortune and the young man left home and travelled all around the world. He visited all of the places he had always wanted to visit and did whatever he wanted to do. He was happy that no one was telling him what to do. Since the young man had a lot of money, if he saw something he wanted, he bought it, and since he had a lot of money, he also had many friends.

This sounds like very happy story, doesn't it? Well, that isn't the end of the story. After a while, the young man ran out of money. When he ran out of money, his friends ran out on him. He was so desperate that he went to work for a man who sent him to feed his pigs. The young man was so hungry that he would gladly have eaten the food he was feeding to the pigs. As he looked at the filthy pig pen, he thought about the mess he had made of his life. He thought about his father and the home he had left behind.

"Even a servant in my father's house lives better than this," the young man said to himself. "I will return to my father and tell him that I am sorry for the way I have behaved and ask him to give me a job as one of his servants."

Do you think the father was willing to take him back? Yes, but not as a servant. He welcomed him back home as a son. He called his servants together and told them, "Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was lost, but now is found."

Well, the story had a happy ending after all, didn't it? This story that Jesus told is really a story about you and me and the way we sometimes behave.

Sometimes you and I make bad choices just like the young man in our story. We sometimes wish for things that are not good for us. We sometimes don't want to listen to God and obey what the Gospel tells us we should do. When we act that way, we really make a mess of our life. Well, I have good news for you! Just like the father in our story, God, our Heavenly Father, is always willing to take us back if we will admit that we were wrong and return to Him.

My Prayer

Dear Father, we sometimes make bad choices. Thank you for being a loving Father who will always take us back when we come home to you. Amen.



HAPPY

Mother's DAY



And Grandma's Too

While we honour all our mothers
With words of love and praise.
While we tell about their goodness
And their kind and loving ways.
We should also think of Grandma,
She's a mother too, you see.....
For she mothered my dear mother
As my mother mothers me.

Author Unknown

The Parable of the Lost Son

Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. Luke 15:23-24

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___1. **A male parent**
A. kiss B. found C. father D. sons
- ___2. **the number that is equal to one plus one**
A. two B. feast C. sons D. father
- ___3. **Your male children**
A. two B. kiss C. sons D. pig
- ___4. **A large amount of money and other valuable possessions.**
A. wealth B. lost C. kiss D. two
- ___5. **Farm animals with pink, brown, or black skin, short legs and a flat nose.**
A. pig B. sons C. wealth D. father
- ___6. **To touch or press your lips against another person as a greeting or to express love.**
A. feast B. father C. two D. kiss
- ___7. **A large special meal to celebrate something or honour someone**
A. kiss B. feast C. father D. sons
- ___8. **To not be able to be found (I _____ my dog.)**
A. two B. found C. sons D. lost
- ___9. **When something which was lost has been relocated. (I _____ my dog.)**
A. lost B. found C. father D. feast



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Next Friday is the anniversary of
the day that we lost you,
And for a time it felt as though
our lives had ended too,
But your loss has taught us many
things and now we face each day,
With hope and happy memories,
to help us on our way.

And though we are full of sadness that you're no longer
here, your influence still guides us,
And we still feel you very near.

Oh daddy if we could turn back time and once more hear
your voice, we'd tell you out of all the daddys you'd still
be our only choice.

You'll never be forgotten, that simply is a must,
As long as we are living, we will carry you with us.
Safely tucked within our hearts, your 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,
We know that you will walk with us,
Along each path we tread.

So, rest now Daddy, be at peace, and let your soul fly
free, one day we will join your glorious flight,
For all eternity.

Always just a thought away.

Loved and missed everyday.

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May Kenneth Rest in Peace

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TOM WALL

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Your life was one of kindly deeds,
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Rest in Peace Tom

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To a Loving Mum
On Mother's Day

Although our worlds are different
 now or is that just how it seems?
 For I see you when I close my eyes,
 because you're always in my dreams,
 I know you're up in Heaven now and
 looking down on me, and when I

look up at the stars, I know that's where you'll be.

Even though I miss you, you're not too far away,
 Because my heart is full of memories and I treasure
 them everyday.

Our time on earth was special, but it's only the very
 start, so please keep watching over me, while we're not
 so far apart.

Someday the time will come, when I no longer feel this
 pain, that is the day when Heaven calls and we will
 meet again.

Loving Memories of you Mum
On Mother's Day

You were such a special Mum, in whom I always could
 confide, always wise and caring, always on my side.

We shared so much happiness in times of yesterday,

And to say how much I miss you,

I could never find a way.

When I think of all the memories that will never fade
 away, I'm so thankful to have had a mum who brought
 joy to every day.

Mum in Heaven on Mother's Day

Today is always a special time for remembering you
 with love, I talk to you so much more, knowing that
 you're listening from above.

Thinking of you today Mum on
Mother's Day

I wish that one day I'll see you again, whole, safe and
 sound, that you'll take my hand securely in yours and
 for Heaven we'll be bound.

Happy Mother's Day in Heaven Mum

Dear Mother, you are special in every single way,
 I send you loving wishes on this Mother's day.

Loving and missing you Mum.

Thinking of you always.

Love James xxx



Rest in Peace Elizabeth

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM MARUM

171 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
 1st Birthday away from home - 31st March.



Our lives go on without you,
 But nothing is the same,
 We have to hide our heartache,
 When someone speaks
 your name.

The special years will not
 return,
 When we were all together,
 But with the love within our
 hearts,
 You walk with us forever.

*Loved and remembered by his wife Phyllis,
 daughters Susan, Samantha, Sawnya, Sabrina,
 son William, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
 grandchildren and extended family.*

Rest in Peace William

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
ANNIE O' BRIEN
 6 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

Mammy

The day you left and gained your wings,
 My heart just broke in two,
 I wish you could have stayed with me,
 But Heaven needed you.
 I know I cannot bring you back,
 Although I wish it everyday,
 But a piece of me went with you,
 The day you went away.



Special thoughts of you today, love Conor, Lisa and Conor.

Rest in Peace Annie

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of our Mam
BRIGID (Cissy) MILLS
 4th Mother's Day away from home.



*To the world you were our Mother,
 But to us you meant the World.*

You are missed so much today Mammy.

Happy Mother's Day

*With love, Gean, Cathy, Marie,
 Patrick and Teresa xxxxx*

Rest in Peace Mam

In Loving Memory of JERRY LODGE

'Curradubh', Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 3rd April 2022



*No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.*

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

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal

In Loving Memory of THOMAS BROPHY

Late of Market Sq. Portlaoise.
55th Anniversary occurs 25th March. Died 25/3/1967.



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

*Always remembered by his son John,
daughter Phyllis and all their
families.*

May Thomas Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
ALICE McEVOY
Dysart, Portlaoise.



The family of the late Alice McEvoy, Dysart, would like to express their sincere thanks to everyone who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss.

Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne, Fr. David Vard and the staff of the Parish Centre for all their assistance. Our thanks also to the staff of Kilminchy Lodge Nursing home for the wonderful care shown to Alice and to Dr. Jerry White and staff. Many thanks to Rankins funeral directors for the professional and compassionate manner in which they carried out Alice's funeral arrangements. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude.

Alice's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday
26th March at 6:30pm.

Rest in Peace Alice

In Loving Memory of My Wonderful Son

CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN

8th Anniversary away from home - 26th March



Of all the special gifts in life, however
great or small,
To have you as my son Craig, was the
greatest gift of all.

A special time, a special face,
A special son I cannot replace,
With an aching heart I whisper low,
I miss you Craig xxx and love you so.

*Sadly missed and loved always, your broken hearted Mother,
Mudas, brothers Brandon, Noah, Junaid and sister Aisha.*

May Craig Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of MARIA McDONALD

10 Beladd, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurred 25th March 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.

*Sadly missed by her husband Oliver, sons Lee & Cody,
daughters Sharon, Margaret, Sierra & Jan, grandchildren
& sons-in-law, sister Angela & her good friend Kathleen.*

Rest in Peace Maria

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Precious memories of a dear Son and Brother MARTIN WALSH Jnr.

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
48th Birthday Remembrance occurs 26th March



Our lives go on without you Martin
but nothing is the same,
The special years will not return when
we were all together.

*Thinking of you today and always, your
ever loving Mother Margaret,
brothers Anthony and Joseph, sisters Mary,
Tina, Attracta, Patricia and Colette,
brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nephews,
nieces and extended family.*

Also remembering Martin's Dad at this time.

May They both Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

**ANDREW (Andy) &
KATHLEEN (Cáit) LAMBE**

Ballydavis, Portlaoise, whose 22nd and 12th Anniversaries occur at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, Sunday 3rd April at 9.30am.



*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.

Loved and remembered by all your loving family and friends.

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JOHN DEVOY

Borris Great, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 28th March.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 27th March at 6:30pm.

*Greatly missed and
fondly remembered by
family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Dad

Mother's Day Remembrance

MOLLY MAHER

11 Davin Park, Mountmellick.



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.

Happy Heavenly Mother's Day

*Sadly missed and remembered by all
your loving family x*

Rest in Peace Molly

Mother's Day Remembrance

PATRICIA LaCUMBER

1 Parnell Crescent, Portlaoise.



Also remembering Patricia's
Birthday which occurred 10th March.

*I thought of all the happiness a
day could hold in store,
I wished it all for you because no
one deserves it more.*

*Happy Heavenly Mother's Day
You are simply the best!*

Sadly missed and remembered by all your loving family x

Rest in Peace Patricia

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

GER DUNNE

Braccas, Ballacolla and 6 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
5th birthday away from home occurs 30th March 2022.



Wonderful memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts he is living yet,
We loved him too dearly to forget.

Happy Birthday Ger

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
your sister Geraldine and family.*

Rest in Peace Ger

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

GER DUNNE

Braccas, Ballacolla and 6 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
5th birthday away from home occurs 30th March 2022.



Birthday wishes sent to Heaven from
your family below,
We miss and love you dearly and we
want you to know;
Your birthday is not forgotten and your
memory lives on,
We celebrate the life you had, even
though you're gone,
We will always love and miss you and
will often shed a tear,
Especially on your special day, year after year.

Happy Birthday Ger

*We love and miss you always, from Kathleen and all
your family.*

Rest in Peace Ger

In Loving Memory of

JOSEPH AND MARTIN HOGAN

Powerscourt, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.
Formerly Cloonagh, Ballyfin.



Joseph's 2nd Anniversary
occurs 31st March.

Martin's 9th Anniversary
occurred 2nd March.



*To the world you were but one,
But to us who knew and loved you, you were the world.*

Loved and remembered by all their loving family.

Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PATRICIA GING

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary away from home - 31st March 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 26th March at 6:30pm.



You left us without warning
Not even a goodbye, and five
years on, we still can't seem to
stop asking the question
"why?".

We didn't see this coming, it
hit us by surprise, and when
you left for Heaven, a small
part of us died.

Your smile could brighten anyone's day,
No matter what they were going through,
And everyday for the rest of our lives, we will be
Missing You

♥ Thinking of you in Heaven today and always ♥

*Loved and missed by all her loving family,
extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Patricia

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of PATRICIA GING

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

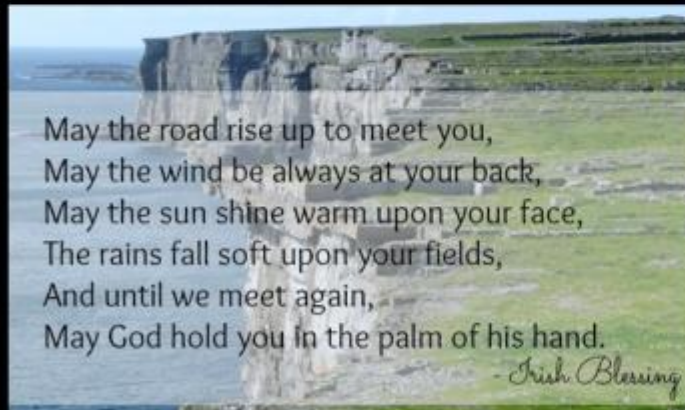
Happy Mother's Day in Heaven Ma



*Mammy you left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
Although we cannot see you,
You're always at our side.*

♥ Missing you today and always ♥

*Loved and remembered dearly by your
daughter Lisa. Rest in Peace Ma xx*



May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

- Irish Blessing

ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE SEAN FENLON

19 Liogard, Portlaoise.

16th Anniversary occurs 29th March 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 27th March at 11:15am.

A day without a thought of you is very hard
to find, I'm always thinking of you and you
are always on my mind,
All the things we did together,
I'll remember them forever.

*Always remembered by his loving wife Bridie, daughters Mary
and Theresa, grandchildren, extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Sean

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of WILLIAM READY

O'Moore Place, Portlaoise, formerly Luggacurran.
1st Birthday away from home occurred 23rd March.



Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away,
And those who have loved you
dearly are thinking of you today.

*Loved and missed dearly by your son
William, daughter Marie and
granddaughters Teagan and Keiva x*

Rest in Peace William

In Loving Memory of CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs 26th March 2022.



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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
your loving father Michael, brother
Brandon and sister Chloe, baby Grace,
extended family and friends.*

May Craig Rest in Peace



*Mem, even though you're not
with me... you're right here
in my heart*

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
A Loving Mother and Grandmother
JANE McEVOY
22 Rossvale, Portlaoise.*



*Our lips cannot speak how
much we love you,
Our hearts cannot tell them
what to say,
Only God knows how much
we miss you,
Every hour of every day.*

*Sadly missed by your loving family.
Rest in Peace Jane*

Anniversary and Mother's Day Remembrance

ELIZABETH (Liz) FLYNN
Anniversary occurs 25th March 2022



*No length of time can take away,
My thoughts of you today.*

Happy Heavenly Mother's Day

*Sadly missed and loved by Michael, her
sons, daughters and extended family x*

Rest in Peace Elizabeth



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Veronica Kirwan
J B
John & Maura Buggy
The Rohan Family
Shirley Hearn
Dolores Mulhare
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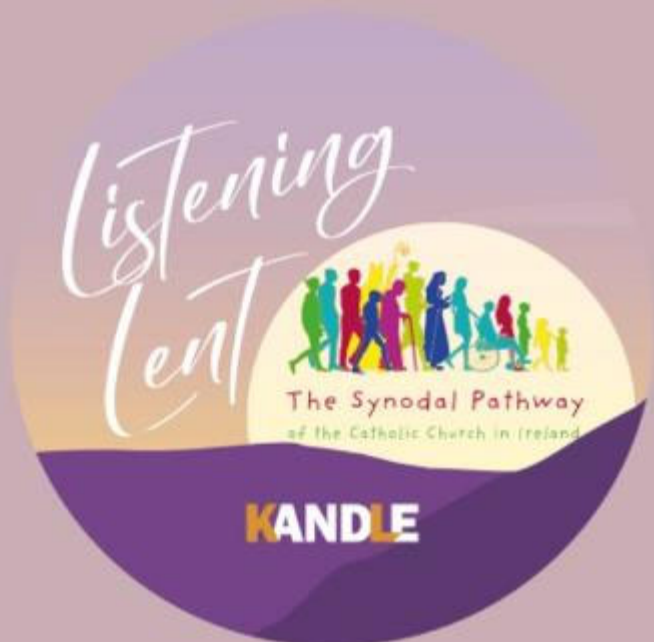
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