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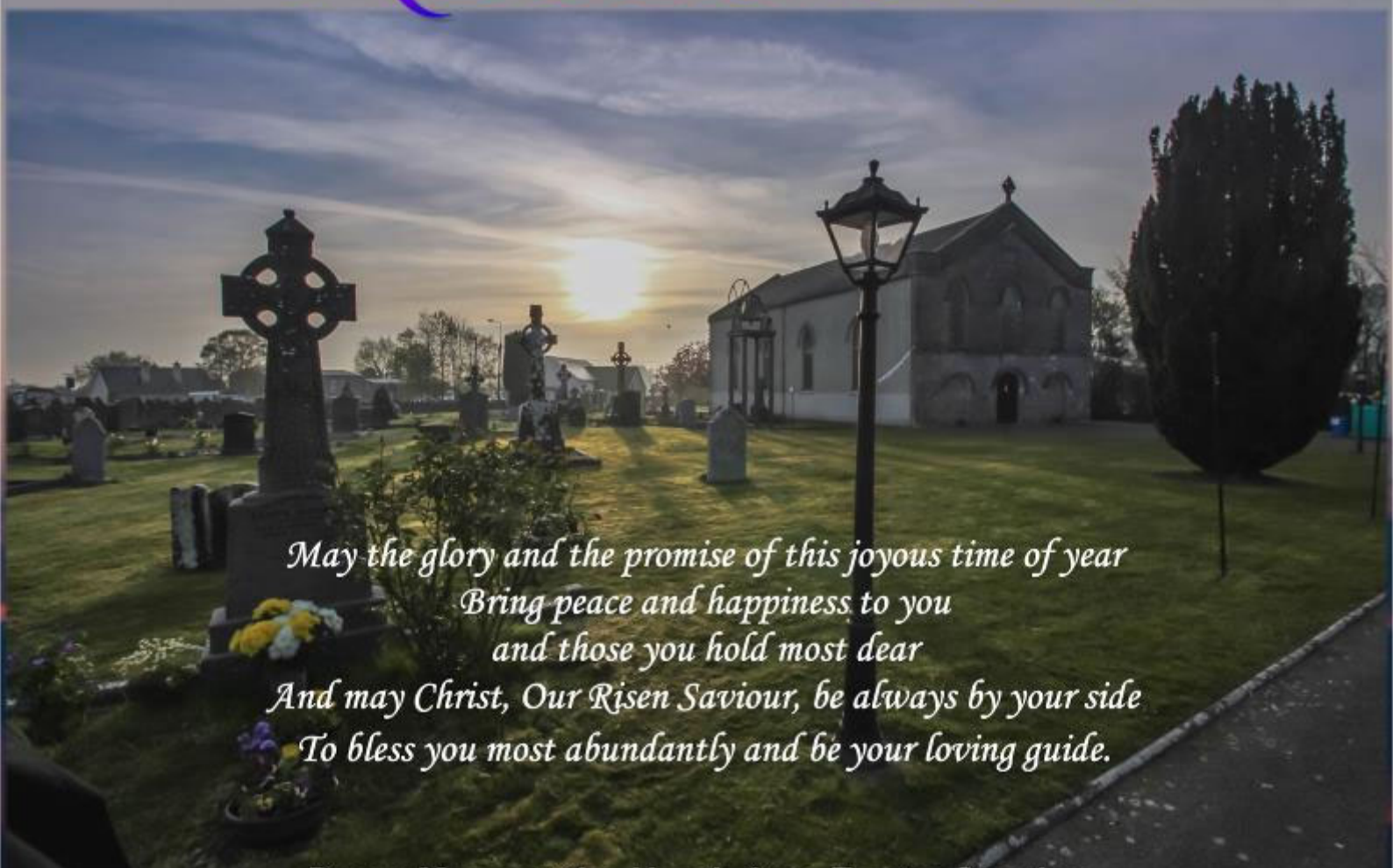
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*'It was early on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb,
while it was still dark, and saw the stone had been rolled back'*

John 20:1

ALLELUIA!



*May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year
Bring peace and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear
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To bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.*

Dawn Mass at the Heath 6am Easter Sunday

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Do you ever wonder how different things would have been if we had reached the tomb a little earlier? What if we had reached the tomb in time to witness the detail of what happened next? Would witnessing what happened next have changed the way we live? We are told that the empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the

resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ. So given that the resurrection is essential to our faith, is it a little disappointing that this bit of the Bible does not give us more detail? Are we left feeling as confused as the original disciples?

We are not at of course required to solve the unwritten details of something that happened over two thousand years ago. In our human search for certainty all we can do at his point is put the resurrection into the context of the rest of Jesus' life and teachings. We have to trust that everything Jesus has told us is true, and that the resurrection is not just an invention to give a tragic story a happy ending, but the realisation of the promises Jesus made all along. Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as truth. Scientists teach us that something has to be proven repeatedly before we can call it a truth, but as Christians, we know that truth abounds all around us whether anyone has proved it or not. Truth does not wait to be proven.

We are not of course, asked to leave our brains at the church door, but we are asked to approach Easter with a broad mind and an open heart, and not to see 'truth' as something we can only find with a textbook and a microscope.

Mass times for the coming week

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Easter Monday to Easter Friday: 10am

Easter Saturday: 10am

7.30am Mass will resume on Monday 25th April

CONFESSIONS

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

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The Priests of the parish thank you for your support and take this opportunity to wish you all the joys and blessings of this great Feast.

Many thanks to all who contributed recent appeals in our Churches

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EASTER SUNDAY

HE IS RISEN

An
Easter
Message
2022
from
Bishop Denis



Everyone remarks these days on how good it is to be able to gather together. These past two years of restricted and curtailed ceremonies, in this most sacred week of the year, was very challenging. While we continue to emerge out of that more restricted period we are learning, now, what we must do to live alongside this pandemic. The mantra from health authorities has moved, positively, from 'regulation' to our taking on 'personal responsibility'.

Earlier this week, our Chrism Mass offered us the opportunity to gather in large numbers for the first time in three years. And we have continued to gather in those numbers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and into the great Easter Vigil and Easter Day. Isn't it great to gather, wonderful to see each other in a faith context again?

Today on Easter Sunday we gather at an empty tomb in the realisation that Jesus has risen: "*Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he has risen*" (Lk.24:5), the two men tell the women as they gather at first light at the empty tomb. He is alive, then and now, and His life brings joy and hope to our Church.

During Lent we gathered in different groups, in different fora, as we took part in the Listening Lent on the Universal Synod journey which Pope Francis has invited us. In those gatherings you spoke honestly about your joys, your pains, your hopes for the Church, your Church, our Church. These gatherings remind us of the importance of our listening to one another; as the women listened to the angels, and the disciples listened to the women.

It is also very important to listen to the Risen Lord. Holy Week has offered us very tangible ways to experience our faith: the washing of the feet - our invitation to service, the veneration of the Cross - our invitation to reverence, the Easter Vigil fire - our invitation to be that light for one another.

Christ is our Light. His light comes from an empty tomb. A light that penetrates the darkness of war and the prevalence of evil in our world. A light that reminds us, we have nothing to fear. A light, in a world that is broken that offers hope. A light that illuminates a message we need now to hear.

As we gather, wherever we gather, may we put before the Risen Lord our joys and hopes, our griefs and anguishes in the knowledge that in Him all things are redeemed, all hope restored, and all life is made new.

Blessings for Easter
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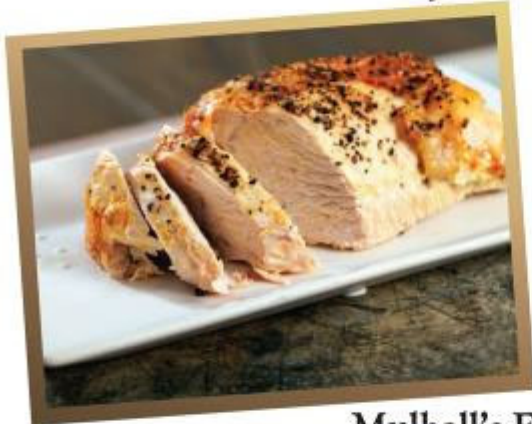
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Peter and John started out for the tomb. They were both running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed -- for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Mary stayed behind and stood outside the tomb weeping. As she knelt down and looked inside, she saw two angels dressed in white. They asked her why she was crying. She told them that someone had taken her master and she didn't know where they had taken him. Then, Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her. It was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize Him. She thought he was the gardener. Then Jesus called her by name and, when she heard his voice, she recognised Him. After she saw that it was Jesus, she went to the disciples and said to them, "I've just seen Jesus! He is alive!"

Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in a grave or on a cross. He isn't there! He is risen and is seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. If you want to see Jesus, look in His Word, He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did to Mary!



PRAYER



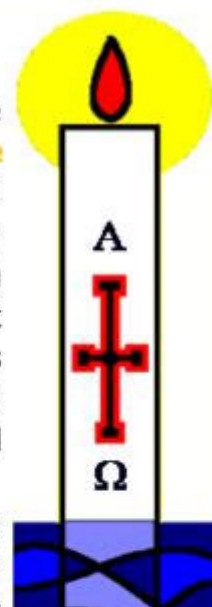
Father, we thank you that Jesus, our Saviour, is not in a grave. He is alive! We serve a risen Saviour! Hallelujah! In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Easter Vigil Mass

On Holy Saturday night we gather to celebrate that Jesus is risen from the dead. We light our Paschal or Easter Fire as a reminder that Jesus is **the light in the darkness**. From that fire a new Paschal or Easter Candle is lit, placed in a special candlestick and put where we can all see it, usually near the altar or ambo. The Paschal Candle will be lit at every Mass during the Easter Season. It is also lit during Baptisms and Funerals throughout the year. The Paschal Candle is different from other candles because it has special markings or symbols on it that remind us of how much Jesus loved us. Look at the coloured picture and see if you can make your own Paschal Candle.

First draw a **large red cross** on the candle. Now draw a Letter **A** at the top of the Cross and the **upside down horseshoe** at the bottom of the Cross. In Greek, the letter A is called **Alpha** and the upside down horseshoe is the final letter of the Greek alphabet. It is called **Omega**. This is to remind us that Jesus is the beginning and the end of everything.

The current year is placed in the four corners of the Cross, so now put the figures **2 0 2 2** in the corners. Go in a clockwise direction starting with **2** in the top left hand corner. Finally five pieces of incense are placed in the points and centre of the Cross representing the five wounds that Jesus got when he was crucified.



Easter Sunday

Before daybreak Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb and found the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She hurried to tell Jesus' friends Peter and John, who raced to the tomb. Peter went in and Jesus was not there. He had risen from the dead!

On Easter Sunday

We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.



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**Happy
Easter**





Time to Think!

Easter - A Time to Hope

Easter is a time of hope and new life, an opportunity to begin again in a new way. The Angel said to the wounded followers of Jesus "Why look among the living for the dead".

Easter reminds us in a very powerful way that we belong to a place that is so much bigger than whatever situation we may find ourselves in, that place is about gentleness, hope, love and compassion. That sacred place is told through the eyes of faith. Faith is a necessary and wonderful gift. Faith will carry us up any mountain, no matter how overwhelming the climb may be. Faith brings with it a sense of perspective and a deep confidence, that no matter what "All will be well". Easter is about new possibilities and opportunities.

Easter is rich in gifts and blessings. There is no recession in the Lord's love. Where the shadows of conflict, war, sickness and uncertainty prevail, the Easter message, contains a dawn that promises brighter days ahead.

Reading a newspaper these days can be very draining. Namely war in Ukraine and the Refugee crisis; Climate Change; Cost of Living increase, and COVID. It is a dismal litany, and we can't afford to ignore the very serious threat and challenge posed by all of them. It's hard to be cheerful when so many people in our One World are suffering so much. But the story doesn't end there, as I was reminded recently by a poem, simply called 'Easter', it is by the Jesuit priest and poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. One verse in particular captured my imagination. It reads;

*"Beauty now for ashes wear,
Perfumes for the garb of woe,
Chaplets for dishevelled hair,
Dances for sad footsteps slow.
Open wide your hearts that they
Let in joy this Easter Day."*

He is making the point that there is light shining in the darkness. That light shines from the Risen Christ, and (as St. John put it) the darkness has not and cannot ever overcome it. From the sheer evil of the Crucifixion came the eternal Hope of Resurrection. From the chaos of night – there dawned a new day. So, my prayer this Easter is for a foretaste of that Resurrection: in the world; in our nation; and in the lives of everyone we know and love as we turn our eyes upon Jesus: because He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Easter Sunday changed everything. On Sunday, Jesus cheated death, so that Friday's apparent failure was now properly seen as a triumph. Jesus, now alive, became a beacon of hope for sinful people everywhere – death was no longer the inevitable sentence they had to bear. His fleeing followers, having seen him risen with their own eyes, stopped running and instead set out to change the world – not deluded at all, but enthralled by a future with Jesus as their Lord.

I pray this Easter will be a bright and uplifting time for us all.

Easter is a lasting season where we can indulge in the light and hope of Christ's resurrection every moment of our lives.



Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 23,500 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

Divine Mercy Sunday



When: Sunday 24th April 2022

Where: St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise

Devotions: Starting at 2.50pm followed by Holy Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Denis Nulty

To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. Any plenary indulgence granted by the Church, on the other hand, involves the fulfilment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special indulgenced work (in this case: participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself).

'HEART' AWARDS AT PORTLAOISE HOSPITAL

H.E.A.R.T.— Honesty: Empathy: Accountability: Respect: Teamwork

As a community here in Portlaoise and in Laois in general we greatly value our Hospital and have strenuously resisted any efforts to downgrade it. We have an even increased appreciation of the Hospital over the past two years of pandemic. We know of the heroic work of the Nurses, Doctors and all the staff of the Hospital in helping the community through this difficult period. They indeed have been at the frontline putting themselves at risk while taking care of the sick. The kindness experienced by patients and their families at Portlaoise Hospital is a recurring theme of people who have first hand experience of the Hospital. We congratulate and thank all at Portlaoise Hospital for their outstanding efforts and service. Everyone involved deserves an Award but it is indeed fitting that the first special H.E.A.R.T. Awards were made to nurses at the Hospital recently. All of those who received awards were nominated by their peers in recognition of their outstanding care, compassion and commitment to nursing and midwifery at the Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise.

AWARD WINNERS

Sr. Mareena,
Nurse of the Year.

Emma Mullins,
Midwife Leader of the Year.

Ann Marie O'Shea,
Developing Practice Nurse
of the Year.

Dolores Tynan,
Special Recognition Award.



Sr. Mareena Nurse of the Year 2021

Congratulations to Sr. Mareena who was awarded the overall accolade of 'Nurse of the Year'. Sr. Mareena is a member of the Ursuline Sisters of Mary Immaculate. The Sisters came to Portlaoise at the invitation of the Parish in 2017 and reside at 17 Parnell Crescent. Sr. Mareena began nursing in Portlaoise Hospital in 2019.



Prayer for the Protection of Nurses

Lord, please help the nurses and doctors working on the frontline of the global health crisis. I ask that You provide the peace only You can offer to these brave women and men. Please guide them and sustain them. In the difficult moments, please show Your face and shower them with the love that only You can provide. I pray for their protection amid this chaos. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.



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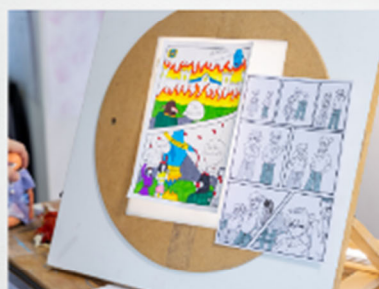
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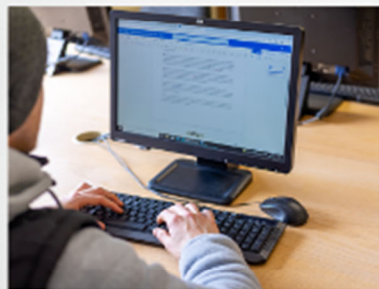
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THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



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St. Fintan's Hospital



Tomy Gannon

Glasnevin and formerly
Portlaoise



Gerard (Ger) Scully

Ballyroan



Breda Whelan

née Dalton
Ralish, Abbeyleix



Gerry Kelly

Sweetview,
Abbeyleix

Michael McGrath Rathmoyle, 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
ELIZABETH MARY
McEVOY***



***64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary in Heaven and away from home.***



Hugs from Heaven

When you feel a gentle breeze, caress you
when you sigh, it's a hug sent from Heaven,
from a loved one way up high.
If a soft and tender raindrop lands upon your
nose, they've added a small kiss, as fragile as
a rose.

If a song you hear fills you with a feeling of
sweet love, it's a hug sent from Heaven,
from someone special up above.

If you awaken in the morning, to a bluebirds chirping song,
It's music sent from Heaven to cheer you all day long.

If tiny little snowflakes, land upon your face,
It's a hug sent from Heaven, trimmed with angel lace.
So keep the joy in your heart, if you're lonely my dear friend,
Hugs that are sent from Heaven, a broken heart will mend.

To my Mother in Heaven

Our lives go on without you mum, but nothing is the same,
I have to hide my heartache, when someone speaks your name,
Sad are the hearts that love you, silent are the tears that fall,
Living here without you, is the hardest part of all.

You did so many things for me, your heart was kind and true,
And when I needed someone, I could always count on you,
The special years will not return, when we are all together,
But with the love in my heart, you will walk with me forever.

Memories of you Mum

It's been the hardest thing to lose you mum,

You meant so much to me,
But you are in my heart mum,
And that's where you'll always be,
I know that heaven called you,
But I wish you could have stayed,
At least the memories I have of you,

They will never fade,
I did not want to lose you, but you did not go alone,
Because a part of me went with you, when Heaven called you home,
So just remember one thing, we are not apart,
You're with me in my memories, and in my broken heart.



One Wish Mum

I wish I had some time with you, to walk among the stars,
To hold your hand and see your face, and ask you how are you,
I'd tell you how things are going here, and say how I miss you so,
And then there would be that moment when I wouldn't want to
let you go.

But I know that I would have to, as I'd give you a kiss
and then, I'd wish that Heaven allowed visitors,
So I could come back and see you again.

I pray that God rewards you with the best thing that
only you deserve.

May God keep you happy and safe up there Mother.
Love James xxx



Elizabeth's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Monday 25th April at 7:30am and 10am.

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

In Loving Memory of **ANNIE O' BRIEN**

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 17th April 2022.



Mammy

If only I could have the chance to
see your face once more,
Or to hear your voice one final
time, just like it was before.
The day that Heaven calls for me
will be a relief from all this pain.
I'll run to you with open arms,
And we will meet again.

*Miss you so much Mammy.
All our love, Conor and Lisa.*

Granny

When I get to Heaven the first thing I am going to do
is find you ...
The second thing I will do is never let you go again.

*I miss you so much.
Love you forever, Conor.*

Rest in Peace Annie

In Loving Memory of **MARY BURNS**

Block Rd. Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurred 13th April 2022



*There are some who bring a light so
great to the world, that even after
they have gone, the light remains.*

*Sadly missed by her
daughters Margaret, Mary & Brigid,
sons-in-law Pat, Seamus & Joe,
grandchildren Megan, James,
Shane, Lauren, Sarah, Mark, Joanne and husband
Patrick, Michelle and husband Conor, and
great-grandchildren Patrick-James and Jane-Mai.*

Rest in Peace Mum.

In Loving Memory of **MARY (Mollie) KEOGH**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise,
whose 24th Anniversary
occurs at this time.



*ALSO HER SON
PAT KEOGH
whose 28th Anniversary
occurs 21st April 2022*



*Deep are the memories, precious they stay
No passing of time away, can take them away.
Loved and remembered everyday by all your
loving family.*

May Mary & Pat Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **TONY CARROLL**

Lambeth, London, formerly 47 O' Moore Place,
Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurred
15th April 2022



*A daily thought, A silent tear,
A constant wish that you were here.
Sadly missed by all his family in
London and Ireland.*

Rest in Peace Tony

27th ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of Our Father & Grandad

MICHAEL KERRY

Late of 48 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Easter Sunday, 17th April at 10am.**

*We hold you close within our hearts and
there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Dad

In Loving Memory Of **MICHAEL COLLINS**

Subur, Newpark, Portlaoise

A Dear Husband, Father and Grandfather.

5th Anniversary occurs 25th April 2022



**Michael's Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this
Sunday 17th April at 12.30pm.**

*Lonely is our home without you,
Life is not the same,
The world would be like Heaven,
If we could have you back again.*

*Loved and sadly missed by your wife Sally, son
Alan, daughter Ruth and family.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANNIE O' BRIEN**

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 17th April 2022.



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 17th April at 11:15am.**

God saw you getting tired,
And a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you,
And whispered "Come to me".

With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away,
Although we love you dearly,
We could not make you stay.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by her loving
husband Billy, daughters and sons; Elizabeth, Liam,
Martina and Michael.*

Rest in Peace Annie

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL (Mick) GRIFFIN**

19 Marian Place, Portlaoise.
31st Anniversary occurs 17th April 2022



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

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church this
Sunday 17th April at 11:15am.**

*Sadly missed and always loved, Mary & Tommy, Ger & Olive,
Geraldine & Tommy, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and
great-great-granddaughters.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Paddy) CASEY**

Ballymaddock, Stradbally. Died 26th April 2017.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in the Church of the Assumption,
the Heath, at 9:30am, on
Sunday 24th April.

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.

*Always remembered by his wife Christina, sons Joe
and Colm, daughters Claire and Annmarie and his
loving grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

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A Prayer on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy and happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Light a candle and pause for a few moments to become aware of God's presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you pray:

Lord of all life,
You are our hope and our joy, our source of true happiness.
We have journeyed to Easter and in the most difficult of trials
we have renewed our baptism
and proclaimed your resurrection.
We embrace with gladness the new life to which you call each one of us.
Bless us, our families and all the world,
with your constant presence and protection.
May we give you thanks every day
and share the good news of our faith with all we meet.
And may the light of our Easter faith
guide our footsteps in your ways of love, peace and truth.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen
In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

**If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross.
Place your candle safely somewhere prominent in your home
as a reminder of the Light of Christ amongst us.**

Portlaoise Parish



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