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## Second Chances

After the Resurrection, we might have expected the disciples to rush off in a frenzy of enthusiasm spreading the good news, but no, today we find them back on the lake fishing. When you stop for a minute to imagine what it might have been like to be in Peter's shoes perhaps it isn't all that surprising. Peter had given up everything for Jesus and promised his all. But despite all his promises, Peter had ended up denying Jesus three times. Almost certainly he would have been suffering from feelings of crippling guilt and insurmountable failure. Is it really any wonder that fishing suddenly seemed a more attractive option than evangelising?

But for Jesus, giving up is not an option. Jesus appears at dawn by the lakeside where he asks Peter. "Do you love me?" Three times Jesus asks the same question ... the same number of times that Peter had previously denied him. It's as though Jesus is giving Peter the chance to put right a wrong. This is part of Peter's healing process. This is Peter's big chance to put his hopes and dreams back on track. Then Jesus, who has known all along what is in Peter's heart, gives him a gentle reminder of his commission to shepherd his Church.

There's a heartening message for us too in this story. How many times do we see in the Bible people getting not just second chances but third and fourth chances? We can get things wrong and we can let ourselves down ... but God who knows what is in our hearts, reminds us that he is there to take away the burden of our guilt and of our failures and set before us new horizons and second chances. We are not expected to be perfect; we are only expected to be human.

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Mass times for the coming week

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**Pope Francis's Prayer  
Intention for  
May 2022**

Young people don't grow into discerning adults by accident. As parents, teachers and leaders, we need to teach our youngsters how to discern. We need enable young people to understand how they can be manipulated by social media and TV. We need to teach our children that an ambition to make a difference for good in the world, will lead to happiness. This month, Pope Francis asks us to join in his prayer intention for May. **"We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service."**



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**May 4<sup>th</sup>**; Singalong with Caroline

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**; Visit to Mountmellick MDA and Museum

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**May 18<sup>th</sup>**; Dancing & story telling with Maureen Culleton

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In Irish, you would say, "Mo grá thú!"

In German, you would say, "Ich liebe dich!" Can you say that?

In Polish, you would say, "Kocham Cie!"

In Spanish, you would say, "iTe amo!" That is pretty easy --

In sign language, you would say, "I love you" like this.

I know that you can all say, "I love you!" in sign language!



You know, it is pretty easy to say, "I love you," but it is sometimes a lot harder to show it by our actions. That is what our Bible story is about today.

After Jesus was raised from the dead, he appeared to his disciples several times. On the third time that Jesus appeared to his disciples, he was with them on the shore by the Sea of Galilee.

He turned to Peter and said, "Peter, do you love me?"

Peter answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Then, Jesus said to Peter, "Feed my lambs."

Jesus asked Peter again, "Do you love me?"

Again, Peter answered, "Yes Lord, I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep."

A third time Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?"

Now Peter was very sad that Jesus asked him this question again, but he answered Jesus again, "Lord, you know all things, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

Why did Jesus ask Peter the same question three times? I think he wanted Peter to understand -- and he wanted you and me to understand -- that it isn't enough just to say, "I love you." We must show our love for Jesus by showing our love for one another and caring for one another.



**Do you love Jesus?**

**Then feed and take care of his sheep!**

**Now, that is love that can be understood in any language.**

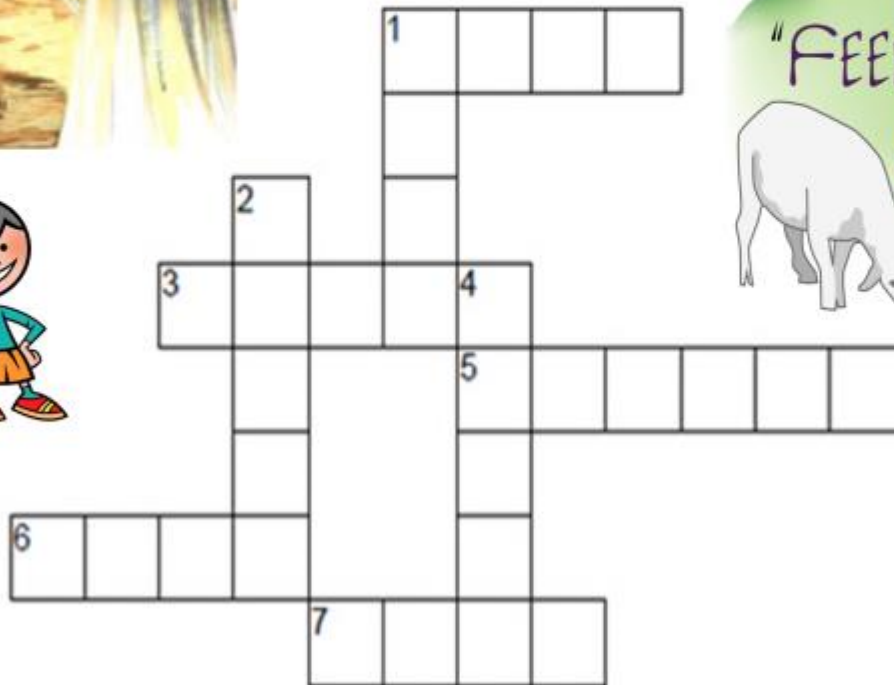
**Dear Jesus, help us to show our love for you by loving and caring for one another. Amen.**







The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said "Feed my sheep".



#### ACROSS

1. A young sheep
3. Woolly animals similar to goats
5. Taking food into the body through the mouth
6. To give food to be eaten
7. The Almighty, Creator, God, the One we worship

#### DOWN

1. A deep, tender, feeling of affection toward another person
2. The person or thing following the first and second
4. A fisherman who was one of Jesus' disciples

**LAMB  
EATING**

**LORD  
SHEEP**

**FEED  
THIRD**

**PETER  
LOVE**

### Taken from Today's Gospel.

Jesus called out 'Have you caught anything friends?' And when they answered 'No', he said 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter,

'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish.







# Time to Think!

## Unprecedented Times

Security is an important reality we all desire, even though most of us spend most of our lives doing just that. We long for certainty, wanting to nail down a secure future. Putting together the jig-saw pieces of worldly wisdom that we believe make a secure and settled life. Establishing a firm structure that has certainty knitted into its seams. But then we discover, in part or in full, that there's no such thing as certainty - at least not in the way we usually understand it as something solid and unchanging. Because everything changes. Things fall apart because the centre doesn't always hold. The only real certainty is that there's no certainty.

The reality of life's uncertainty often comes into focus as we find ourselves waiting in a hospital corridor for news of a loved one, or a relationship that seemed as solid as a proverbial rock suddenly seems unaccountably fragile. Or we take a bend in the road and something has changed forever. The truth is that nothing in life is secure and we all eventually learn that difficult truth. The Celtic Tiger of recent memory brought us down a cul-de-sac we couldn't wait to explore. Suddenly, it seemed everything was possible. But the bubble burst and we had to recalibrate our opinions and our lives. The feel-good factor where everything was positive suddenly turned into a feel-bad factor where almost everything was negative and our reservoirs of hope were in danger of disappearing down the tube. But, we reminded ourselves that, while we can live without faith and love, we can't survive without hope and we clung to hope as gradually and almost imperceptively, sadder but wiser, we faced the reality of not presuming or expecting certainty. While we suspected that we were tempted by the fantasy of certainty, we had learned that holding on to hope was the road to better days.

Once the storms in the wake of the Celtic Tiger had subsided, a certain normality ensued even though other storms with strange names like Ophelia began gathering, threatening our calm and forcing us to look at a new urgent reality called 'climate change'. Another challenge on the horizon we could have done without. Little did we know what else faced us. Soon Boris Johnson, flipped a coin and decided that the best road to a political career was to fuel the United Kingdom's resentment at its descent in the world by blaming the EU. And Brexit was born.

Just when we thought that we were in sight of land again, COVID-19 arrived by way of Wuhan in China to create a pandemic that is still causing havoc to life, to health, to our economy and to the casual normalities

that, in our wildest dreams, we never thought any disaster could possibly compromise. Yet, despite it all, just some weeks ago, we thought we had sighted land again. After two years of restrictions, over 6,000 deaths, persistent health issues, relentless directions about social distancing, wearing masks, cocooning and all the rest of it, suddenly the authorities presented us with a clean bill of health - with the easing of all significant restrictions. We were home and dry. Or so we thought.

But two years on a small, dull, autocratic man from Russia decided that he wanted to claim his place in history by invading his neighbour Ukraine, attempting to destroy whatever life and limb came in his way. Millions of Ukrainians became refugees; 100,000 of them are heading for Ireland; and the fall-out for the Irish economy in terms of catering for them and the implications of the invasion, have not been, as yet, enumerated.

We are, after a litany of unanticipated reversals and challenges, now in a strange place. It is as if we don't know quite where we are or even what's happening or what we might expect next. What next we wonder? The Brexit fiasco, climate change, the Covid pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine. What else could possibly happen? We have been to Gethsemane and back and even though we have the experience of dealing with a mountain of fear and dread and their many children, in terms of hope we seem to be almost running on empty. While, despite it all, strangely our economy (we're told) is buoyant and the huge borrowings of recent years are sustainable in the long term, steady diminishments in terms of confidence, resilience and mental health have taken their toll.

Moving from a need for certainty to an acceptance of uncertainty is part of the road we may now need to travel. In these troubled times, when we begin to ponder who we are and what it all means we are in a place where faith and love are an advantage but where hope is essential. We have been to Calvary and back, a place which in memory and in ritual we revisited in Holy Week, the great feast of hope. We remember the Simons and the Veronicas who helped Jesus along the road. We have relived the light of Easter raising the siege that darkness has brought to our doors.

At this time Easter joy may be our only real hope of certainty.  
*Christ has died! Christ is risen!*  
*Christ will come again!*



# hope

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In Loving Memory of

**MAURA GOODE**

Conlaun, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Died 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021



On this the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of our beloved Mother, Ann Marie, Declan, Gerry, Margaret, Veronica, Caroline, Geraldine, James, Padraig, David and Helen together with our extended family, wish to express our deep gratitude for the support and expressions of sympathy extended to us on our very sad loss.

To everyone who called to the house, phoned, attended the rosary, sent Mass cards, floral tributes and posted lovely messages of condolences and tributes online.

To those who attended the removal and the funeral Mass either in person or on line and those who walked with us to mam's final resting place we are deeply grateful.

A special word of thanks to Msgr. John Byrne PP for visiting Mam and for officiating at her evening removal and to Sr. Julie and the Ursuline Sisters for their prayers and rosary at the house.

To Fr. David Vard, who visited Mam at home with Holy Communion and for celebrating her Requiem Mass, giving us the opportunity to bid Mam a loving and dignified farewell which honoured her life and her dedication to her family and her faith. To Fr. Paddy Byrne and Fr. Tom O'Reilly also for concelebrating the Mass.

A sincere thanks to staff past and present of St. Fintan's Hospital and to Clonad GAA Club for the guards of honour and to the many neighbours and friends who lined the road from her home to the Church and graveyard. Thanks also to An Garda Síochána for their assistance.

To Aoife, Mam's grand-daughter for her beautiful singing accompanied by Sarah Troy at the Requiem Mass.

To our dear friend, Matthew Keegan for his professional and compassionate care of Mam on her final journey and to Brendan and Adrian who prepared her final resting place.

Thanks also to Dr Simon Honan and the staff at Maryborough Family Practice and to Lloyds Pharmacy for all your assistance and kindness both to Mam and to the family.

We are eternally grateful to all the wonderful people who assisted us to care for Mam in her own home. We thank you for your excellent level of care, kindness, compassion and dignity, especially her good friend Marie.

We would also like to express our thanks to Fr. Ger Breen, Fr. Liam Morgan and Fr. Joe O'Neill who came in person to Mam's home, your prayers brought us great comfort.

It is not possible to thank everyone individually so please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation to you all. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Maura's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm .

Rest in Peace Mam and love to Dad also xxx xxx xxx xx.

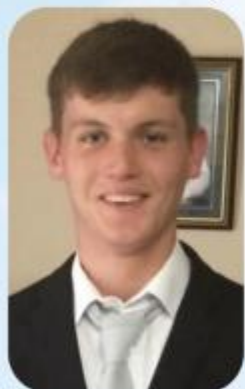




## In Loving Memory of **ARON GING**



2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary away from home; 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
to sweet eternity.  
We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some  
things, but never meant to stay.  
Our destination is a place, far  
greater than we know,  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.



And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll claim a great reward,  
And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm.



*Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.  
Loved and remembered by all your loving family.*



*Rest in Peace Aron*



## In Loving Memory of **ARON GING**



2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022



Our hearts still ache with sadness and  
many tears still flow, what it meant to  
lose you, no one will ever know.  
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 remembered by Dad, sisters  
Lisa and Emma, brother Ross and nephew Michael J.J.

*Rest in Peace Aron*



## In Loving Memory of **MARGARET BREEN**



Fountainside, Abbeylax.  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in the Church of the  
Most Holy Rosary, Abbeylax on  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.**

Sadly missed and never forgotten by your  
loving family.

*Rest in Peace Margaret*



## In Loving Memory of **MARGARET "RITA" SCULLY**



174 St. Brigids Place Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



No special day is needed for us to think  
of you, for you were very special and we  
thought the world of you.

It's been four years since you slipped  
away, that day seems just like yesterday,  
Today, we tell you softly, you are still so  
wonderful to think of and so hard to be  
without.

Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never,  
In Heaven you rest, no worries, no pain,  
In God's own time, we will meet again.

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

*Sadly missed by your loving family; John, Patrick, Teresa,  
Peter, Jacinta, Roch, Margaret, Kathleen, sons-in-law,  
daughters-in-law and grandchildren.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 5pm.

*Rest in Peace Margaret*



## ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



*Of our daughter  
**AGNES MILLIS GLEESON**  
24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Birthday away  
from home.*

*Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.*



*Deep in the heart  
lies a picture,  
Of a loved one laid to  
rest,  
In Memories frame we  
keep it,*



*Because she was one of the best.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 10am

*Also remember our brother Joe Kerry  
Late of 148 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home.*

*Love and miss you always, from all your  
loving family.*

*May Agnes and Joe Rest in Peace*



## In Loving Memory of **TONY KAVANAGH**

Colt, Ballyroan, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



Your resting place we visit,  
We place some flowers with care,  
But no one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by  
his wife, family and friends.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

*Rest in Peace Tony*

## In Loving Memory of **DAVID McEVOY**

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise. 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May.



*It broke our hearts to lose you Dad,  
but you did not go alone,  
Resting now with Mam in  
God's eternal home,  
Those special years will not return  
when we were altogether,  
But memories within our hearts  
will stay with us forever,  
Only God knows how much we  
miss you, every hour of every day.*

*Miss and love you always, from all your loving family.*

*May David Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **ANNE HARDING and her daughter PATTY**

46 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
15<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries occur respectively.

*There is a path of beautiful memories from here to Heaven above,  
That keeps us very close to you and it's called the path of love,  
Your shadows walk beside us ever since the day you died,  
Oh angels take this message to our mam and sister up above,  
Tell them we miss them and give them all our love.*

Anniversary Mass was celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving family.*

*May Anne & Patty Rest in Peace*

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

### In Loving Memory of **ANNA O' BRIEN**

Birthday occurred 27<sup>th</sup> April



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

*Love forever, your husband Paddy.*

*My mother is a never ending song in my  
heart, of comfort happiness and being.*

*I may sometimes forget the words but I will always remember  
the tune.*

*Happy birthday Ma, love Rosie, Eugene, Maggie and kids.*

*Rest in Peace Anna*

## In Loving Memory of **CHRISTOPHER O' BRIEN**

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurred 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



*No bond like a brothers*

*Your life was a blessing,*

*Your memory a treasure,*

*You are loved beyond words and missed  
beyond measure.*

*Love always, your brother Paddy.*

*Uncle; I will miss you forever like the stars miss the sun  
in the morning skies.*

*Always in my heart Christy, until I see you again.*

*Rosie and Eugene.*

*Rest in Peace Christy*

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

### In Loving Memory of **SHEILA READY**

Late of 26 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.  
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*Thinking of you on your  
Birthday Dear Mum*

*You always had a smile to  
share, love to give and  
time to care.*

*A wonderful nature warm and  
true, these are the memories  
we have of you.*

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

*Rest in Peace Sheila*



## In Loving Memory of JOHN DOLLARD

32 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



*Life is a beautiful memory,  
Death is a silent grief,  
You sleep now in God's beautiful  
garden, in sunshine and  
perfect peace.*

*We miss you oh so very much,  
But trust that God knew best,  
He let us have you for many years,  
And then gently let you rest.*

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by your loving family.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on  
**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm.**

*Rest in Peace John*

## In Loving Memory of WILLIAM BERGIN

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm.**

*Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.*

*May William Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of JOHN EGAN

Caragh House, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 12.30pm.

*It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But you did not go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*

*Rest in peace Dear loved one, thanks for all you've done,  
We pray that God has given you the crown you truly deserve.*

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