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**24th April 2022**

## Second Sunday of Easter



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Our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies were wonderful this year. It was great to have congregations back in our Churches. To our music ministry, our Ministers of World and Eucharist, our stewards and cleaners, our Parish Staff, our Sacristans and all who helped make Easter 2022 a rich and memorable experience—Thank You!

## Divine Mercy Sunday



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## Looking for Truth

Today's gospel reading has a disturbing element for those of us who harbour doubts over what Jesus asks us to believe. Disturbingly Jesus tells us, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Because we are used to beatitudes having a flip side we somehow imagine the unspoken words to be "... And woe to those who ask for forensic evidence!" We imagine that it is sacrilegious to express doubt or search for proof and so we keep our doubts to ourselves. Thomas however had no such inhibition.

When the disciples told Thomas that the crucified Jesus had risen from the dead and appeared amongst them in the upper room, Thomas declared that unless he could see the mark of the nails and put his hand into Jesus' side he could not believe. Thomas was a loving and courageous disciple of Jesus. Thomas wasn't someone who would have thrown his faith away or turned his back on Jesus, but nor was he a man who would say he believed something that he didn't or that he understood something that was beyond him. Importantly, Jesus does not scold Thomas for asking for proof; on the contrary, Jesus is quick to give physical confirmation of his resurrection. Perhaps the message here is that if we want to believe, God will show us a way.

Thomas teaches us not to be afraid to express doubt. For Thomas, doubt was not the same as disbelieving. Thomas's doubts proved stepping-stones to faith. Pretending that we believe things we don't, or claiming to understand things that elude us is a shaky foundation for faith. Doubt is not the same thing as disbelief, and faith only eludes us when we give up looking for the truth.

*The priests of the parish would like to thank all who contributed to the Clergy Collection this Easter.*

## Mass times for the coming week

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**Monday - Friday:** 7.30am & 10am

**Saturday:** 10am

**Sunday**

Vigils 5pm & 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

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.

*Jesus,  
I Trust in You.*



## Divine Mercy Sunday

What does God's mercy actually mean? Perhaps there's a banana skin that follows you through your life! A sin or a weakness that trips you up time and time again. Perhaps it's something in your life that you've given up trying to change. Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day we are reminded that there is no sin so great that God cannot forgive. We may have put our own weaknesses to the back of our minds, but today is an invitation to put all our troubles before God.

This afternoon (Sunday) we welcome Bishop Denis Nulty to celebrate our Divine Mercy Mass in Parish Church at 3pm. All are welcome.

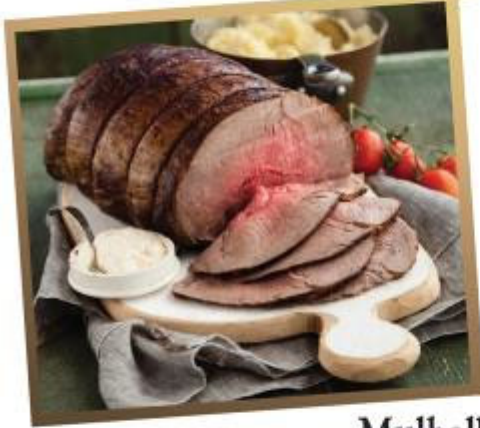
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*Photo L/R;*  
Fr. Theo,  
Fr. Petru,  
Msgr. John,  
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It isn't unusual to hear someone say, "I'll have to see it to believe it," is it? That is what our Gospel is about today.

On the evening of the first Sunday after Jesus was crucified, his disciples were together in a locked room. They were afraid that those who had crucified Jesus would also want to put them to death. Suddenly, Jesus appeared there in the locked room with the disciples. It was hard for the disciples to believe, but they saw him and Jesus showed them the wounds in his hands and his side, so they knew it was him.

One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them. When they told Thomas that they had seen Jesus, he did not believe them. He had seen Jesus crucified and buried, how could he be alive? Thomas said, "Unless I see the wound in his side and put my finger in the holes where the nails were in his hands, I will not believe it!"

A week later, the disciples were in the locked room again and this time Thomas was with them. Again, Jesus came and stood among the disciples. Jesus, said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas fell on his knees and answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

You and I have never seen Jesus with our own eyes. The question is, will we be a doubter, or will we be one of those who Jesus said were blessed because they believe, even though they have not seen?



**Dear Father, help us to believe in our heart those truths we find in your Holy Word, even though we have not seen them with our eyes. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**



# Jesus Appears to His Disciples

**Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.**



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for the fear of the Jews, \_\_\_\_\_ came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Now \_\_\_\_\_, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see \_\_\_\_\_ marks in his hands and put my where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not \_\_\_\_\_ it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.

Stop \_\_\_\_\_ and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<b>Believe</b>	<b>finger</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>nail</b>	<b>side</b>	<b>doubting</b>
	<b>hands</b>	<b>locked</b>	<b>seen</b>	<b>Thomas</b>	

On the Sunday that Jesus rose from the grave, he appeared to a group of his disciples. One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not with them. When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus and that he was alive, Thomas said, "I won't believe it until I see it with my own eyes. I want to see the nail-prints in his hands and put my hand in the place where the spear was thrust into his side."



A week later, Jesus appeared to his disciples again. This time Thomas was there. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Then Thomas believed!

A lot of people today won't believe that Jesus really rose from the grave because they haven't seen him with their own two eyes. They want "proof of identity" before they will believe. Jesus said, "Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed." How about you? Do you have to have "proof of identity" before you will believe in Jesus, or will you accept him by faith?







# Time to Think!

## A Message of Hope

As we move closer to the Month of May, it brings a sense of hope and fresh opportunity. A recent walk in Emo Court, reminded me how beautiful creation truly is this time of year. May is a sacred month, every year, when we can truly give thanks for the gift of life and energy.

We learn the secrets of life as we go - learning from our successes and our failures. Those who have gone before us leave breadcrumbs and signs for us to follow.

George Carlin was a brilliant comedian and wordsmith. He was fully present as he observed the human condition. His commentary on life is both honest and deeply reflective. A spirituality that brings light and pragmatism to where experience has become stale and cynical. The flowing is part of an observation of contemporary culture that remains very appropriate for us all to reflect upon.

*A Message by George Carlin:*

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living, but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things. We've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We've learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer, to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom. A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight, or to just hit delete...

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent.

Remember, to say, "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones, but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

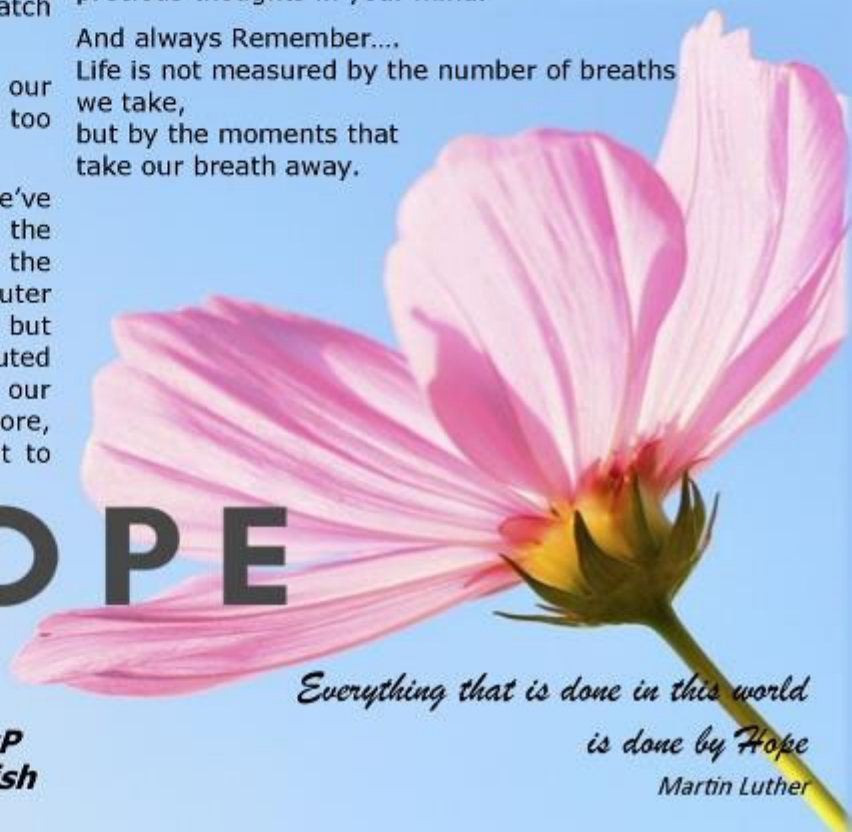
And always Remember....

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,  
but by the moments that  
take our breath away.

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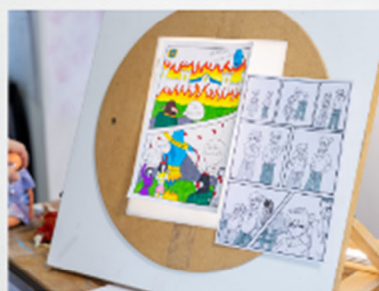
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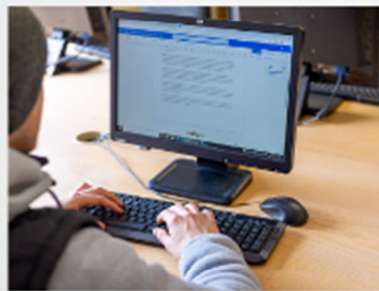
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## Easter 2022 in our Parish









**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



*Paddy McCarthy*

Maryborough Centre  
St. Fintan's Hospital



*Angela Fingleton*

née Keenan  
"Munny", Stradbally



*Maura Farrell*

née Bowe  
Marian Avenue, Portlaoise



*Susan Fitzpatrick*

née Graham  
Abbey Crescent, Abbeyleix

*Ann McDonald* - Ballyroan Rd., 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](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)



**In Loving Memory of  
ELIZABETH MARY  
McEVOY**



64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven and away from home  
occurs Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



*In Loving Memory of you Mum*

It is true we all must pass away, when our time  
here on earth is done,  
And sadly those left behind will mourn,  
They still must find the strength to carry on.  
Life is not the same without you,  
You were so special and wonderful,  
With love always, I remember you,  
With fond memories, I think of you.

You are too precious to be forgotten and too priceless to ever be  
replaced, you were unique and one in a million,  
You're dearly missed in many ways.

Deep within my heart there's a special place where nothing at all has  
changed, it's filled with precious memories of you that could never  
fade away.

I cherish them dearly and always will, for you're unforgettable to me.

*Missing you Dearly on your 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven Mum*

I wander to your graveside and place your flowers with care,  
No one knows the heartache as I turn and leave you there,  
It seems you left me yesterday, the wounds are still so sore,  
For every minute of every day, I miss you more and more,  
I know that you don't want for me, to grieve for you no more,  
So this I pledge today;

A hallowed place within my heart is where you'll always stay.

*An Eternal Memory*

*Life is not the same without you*

The sun still rises in the east and darkness falls at night,  
But nothing now seems quite the same,  
Each day is not as bright.

The birds still sing, the flowers grow, the breeze still  
whispers too, but it will never ever be the same world  
without you.

It's so sad that you had to go, your leaving caused such pain,  
But you were so very special and earth's loss is Heavens gain.



*I made it Home*

I just wanted to let you know that I made it home,  
The journey wasn't an easy one but it didn't take too long,  
Everything is so pretty here, so white, so fresh, and so new,  
I wish that you could close your eyes, so you could see it too.

Please try not to be too sad for me, try to understand,  
God is taking care of me, I'm in the shelter of His hands,  
Here there is no sadness and no sorrow and no pain,  
Here there is no crying and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful, when all the angels sing,  
I really have to go for now, I've just got to try my wings.

*Today is your day*

*On your 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven Mum*

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure,  
You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure.

Forever in my Heart Mum  
Always loved, forever missed, Never forgotten  
Love James xxx



*May you Rest in Peace My Dear Elizabeth*





**In Loving Memory of  
A Dear Mother and Grandmother  
OLIVE DWANE**

No. 2 Maisonette, Well Rd., New Rd. Portlaoise.  
21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us  
every day,  
Unseen, unheard, but  
always near,  
Still loved, still missed  
and very dear.*

*We miss you now,  
Our hearts are sore,  
As time goes by we miss you more,  
Your loving smile, your gentle face,  
No one can ever fill your vacant place.*

*Loved and never forgotten  
by her daughters, sons,  
granddaughter Sharon,  
grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren xxx*



*May She Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory Of  
RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



*Our Mom*

*Our Mom gave us the world,  
Put it right at our feet,  
And with her at our side,  
There is nothing we cannot beat.  
Our Mom was a woman who taught us never  
to lose sight, though times may seem helpless,  
She taught us how to fight.  
She has shown us how through times of  
much sorrow, to look to the future,  
And new days of tomorrow.*

*Even though times may be hard, and all we feel is pain,  
Remember, this too shall pass, even the clouds and the rain.*

*So it is with heavy hearts and tears in our eyes,  
That we lay her down to rest and say our last goodbyes.*

*Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara,  
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters and extended  
family and friends xxx*

*Grandmother*

*God looked around His garden and found an empty space,  
Then He looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face,  
He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.*

*From your loving grandkids xxx*

*May Rita Rest in Peace*

**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
In Loving Memory Of  
DAVE WALSH**

68 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2011.



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am.**

*Words are few, feelings are deep,  
Memories of you we will always keep.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife  
and family.*

*Also remembering his Mother, Patricia Walsh,  
Dublin whose anniversary occurs at this time.*

*May Dave Rest in Peace*

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

Late of 79 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary away from home; 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022



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

*So rest in peace dear  
loved one and thanks for  
all you have done,  
We pray that God has  
given you, the crown you  
truly won.*

*Forever in our hearts, love your son Damien,  
sister Carmel and brother Alan.*

*Rest in Peace Christy*

**In Loving Memory of  
JAMES (Jim) ROWE**

Mill Lane, Killone.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022



*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered  
by your loving wife Anne, son Jim,  
grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace*



## ***In Loving Memory of***

*A Cherished Mother, Grandmother,  
Great-Grandmother and Sister-in-Law*  
**KATHLEEN PAISLEY**

*Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.*

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



Mornings and evenings we can  
still recall, time shared together,  
the greatest times of all.

For in her eyes we were  
everything, as a family we are  
remembering.

We still hold her near us though  
we are apart, we still keep her  
memory deep within our hearts.

For in our eyes she was everything,

And we all have the same wish,

To remember and cherish the moments we shared  
with our Mother, our Friend.

We will love you forever and miss you always.

*From all her loving family, extended family  
and many friends.*

*May Kathleen Rest in Peace*

Also remembering at this time;

Kathleen's late husband Joe, on his birthday on  
1<sup>st</sup> May, her brother Bill Doyle and all deceased  
members of the Doyle and Paisley families.

Will those who think of them today,

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Our Lady Queen of Peace Pray for Us*

## ***BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE***

*In Loving Memory of a dear Sister*

**MARY McEVOY (Houlihan)**

*"St. Martin's" Ridge Road, Portlaoise.*



*There is a garden in my heart where  
happy memories grow, of those who  
mean the most to me as seasons  
come and go.*

*Among the fairest flowers that there  
could ever be, is the memory of my  
sister and how much you meant  
to me.*

*I will always love and miss you, I will often shed a  
tear, especially on your birthday each and every  
year.*

*Thanks for the wonderful friendship sis. Tina. X*

*Rest in Peace Mary*

## ***In Loving Memory of***

**LENA CONNOLLY**

*Stradbally Road, Portlaoise*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11:15am.**

We thought of you with love 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,

Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part,

God has you in His keeping and you are forever in our  
hearts.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your loving  
husband Paddy, sons, daughters and grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Lena*

## ***In Loving Memory of***

*A Dear Daddy and Grandad*

**CHRISTY O' BRIEN**

*Late of Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 27<sup>th</sup> April '22**



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.**

*Daddy, 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 pass  
away, although we loved 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.*

*Always remembered, always loved and always missed by your  
girls Yvonne and Sandra, grandchildren Gordon, Evan,  
Teagan and Grace, also John and Sonny xxxx*

*Rest in Peace Dad*

## ***In Loving Memory of***

**PATRICK O' CONNOR**

*3 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

**21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022**



*Dad;*

*We miss your smile, your loving ways,  
We miss the things you use to say,  
And when old times we do recall,  
It's then we miss you most of all.*

*Loved and missed everyday by all  
your loving family*

*May Patrick Rest in Peace*



## Birthday Remembrance THOMAS DOHENY

St. John's Sq., Portlaoise. 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022.



We cannot send a birthday card,  
Your hand we cannot touch,  
But God will take our greetings,  
To the one we miss and love so much.

*Sadly missed by your sons, daughters,  
grandchildren, great-grandchildren and  
all relatives and friends.*

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends  
at this time.

*May Thomas Rest in Peace*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of ANN FITZPATRICK

Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise. Died 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



The family of the late Ann Fitzpatrick greatly appreciate the support and expression of sympathy to them on their sad loss.

Our sincere thanks to those who sent Mass and sympathy cards, messages of condolence, and to those who attended Mum's funeral Mass either in person or via the Parish webcam.

Our sincere gratitude to Msgr. John Byrne PP and the Priests of the Parish who concelebrated Mum's Requiem Mass and to Sarah Troy for the beautiful music.

A special word of thanks to Msgr. John Byrne who attended to Mum in her final days.

We would also like to thank St. James' hospital and Portlaoise hospital along with palliative care who gave wonderful care to Mum at her home and to Dr. Honan's practice for looking after Mum so well.

A sincere thank you to Matthew Keegan and David Goode funeral directors for the compassionate and professional manner in which they carried out Mum's funeral arrangements and to Newlands Crematorium, also to the grave diggers who prepared Mum's final resting place with such care.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to all our relations, friends, neighbours and work colleagues who supported us and continue to support us during this difficult time.

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

A mass will be offered on behalf of the family.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh maith a anam.*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

**MICHAEL FITZPATRICK**

Boughlone Way and formerly Harpurs Lane,  
Portlaoise. Died 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022.



The family of the late Michael Fitzpatrick would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with them on the recent sad loss of a very dear uncle and brother. Thank you to all those who sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, condolence messages and floral tributes.

A sincere thank you to all who attended the removal

from Matthew Keegan's funeral home, to Msgr. John McEvoy and the Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee for reciting the Rosary and providing the guard of honour from the funeral home to the Church.

Thank you to all who attended Michael's funeral Mass particularly those who travelled from afar. A heartfelt thank you to Msgr. John Byrne for his attendance at the removal home and for the lovely Mass he celebrated on the day of the funeral. A sincere thank you to the ladies choir for singing all of Michael's favourite hymns.

A sincere thank you to Clonad GAA for their guard of honour from the Church to the graveyard. Michael was a very proud club member for many years.

Thank you to Matthew Keegan and David Goode, funeral directors, who carried out Michael's funeral arrangements in such a professional and caring manner. Thank you to the gravediggers who prepared his final resting place.

To the doctors and nurses at MRH portlaoise who made Michael so comfortable in his final days, and a sincere thank you to Dr. White who looked after Michael so well for many years. Finally to Michaels wonderful neighbours both in Bellingham and Harpurs Lane, and to his many, many friends throughout his long life, a very heartfelt thank you. He appreciated all of you.

As it would be impossible to thank you all individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Michael's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 5pm.

*Rest in Peace Michael*

*You are the*

*Light*

*Of the World*





**In Loving Memory of  
OLIVER MOLLOY**

Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11:15am.

Loved and remembered by all his loving family.

*Rest in Peace Oliver*

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JIM MAHER**

Thornberry, Abbeyleix.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

Sadly missed by his loving wife, family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Jim*

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**In Loving Memory of  
MARTIN BROPHY**

Late of Well Rd. Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022



*Sadly missed along life's way,  
Quietly remembered everyday,  
No longer in our lives to share,  
But in our hearts, you're always there.*

Always remembered by Tony R.,  
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*Rest in Peace Martin*

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## Second Week of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27

Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

## Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support. **Thank you** to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish during this time of Lockdown. The generosity of so many means we **continue to** be well supported and can pay our way at this time.

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- Envelope boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
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**THANK YOU**



# *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).