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22nd May 2022

**Sixth Sunday
of Easter**

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Congratulations to the boys and girls, teachers and SNA's from Holy Family Junior School and The Star Centre at Holy Family Snr. Thank you and well done.



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God Knows No Orphans

There are times in our lives when we feel a sense of abandonment. We might be left with feelings of panic, despair and emptiness at the break up of a relationship, the loss of a loved one; or when the future we thought so secure is turned on its head through job loss, financial ruin or illness. The disciples must be feeling a little like this today at the prospect of Jesus' departure.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for life without his physical presence. He is teaching them how to transcend these moments of fear and uncertainty "Those who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them..." Undoubtedly, knowing we are loved helps transcend feelings of abandonment, but Jesus reminds us that love is a two way street. Love isn't just a feeling it's a decision, and staying in God's love means making a decision to keep his words. This doesn't mean God will no longer love us if we fail to keep a commandment, but it does mean that wanting to keep his words is at the heart of our relationship. It's not about trying to live up to an impossible set of expectations; it's about developing into confident Christians in an atmosphere of love and support.

Today's gospel speaks to those who are suffering insecurity and fear. As a Christian community we have a responsibility for promoting belief in God's love and in the continued support of the Holy Spirit. In this way, when any one of us comes to grief, that belief can come to the rescue. For those who know they are loved, healing comes more quickly. There can be no abandonment in a kingdom that knows no orphans.

St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery Mass Sunday 5th June at 1pm

This Mass will replace the 12.30pm Mass in the Parish Church on that Sunday.

Ratheniska Cemetery Mass Friday 3rd June at 7pm

Mass times for the coming week
ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

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.



Fáilte

**We welcome into our
Parish Community**

George Patrick Joseph Roche, Kilminchy

Noah Anthony Hearn, Liogard

Who were baptised last weekend.

COLLECTION FOR OUR RETIRED PRIESTS NEXT WEEKEND 28th/29th MAY

We ask for your support for this collection which will be held next weekend.

There are over 20 retired Priests in our Diocese, a number of them in Nursing Homes and others with need for extra assistance to remain in their own homes.

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and Paddy O' Connor,
promoter of the winning ticket
(pictured left) with a cheque
for €1,400.

You too could be as lucky as Michael - play lotto online at www.portlaoiseparish.ie
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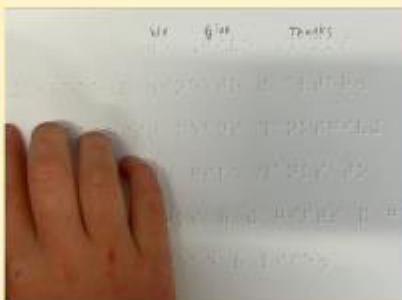
The lotto draw takes place in the foyer of the Parish Centre every Thursday evening
after 5pm and is live streamed on the Portlaoise Parish facebook page;
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Well Done

Ellie-Mae McInerney

Ellie-Mae, 2nd class, who is
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First Holy Communion
last Saturday.



Ellie-Mae who has been described as 'an inspiration' on
Social Media, made this beautiful Braille prayer book in
preparation for her First Holy Communion.

She brailled it all herself and then read a Prayer
of the Faithful at the Mass.

Holy Family Junior are rightly proud of Ellie-Mae.
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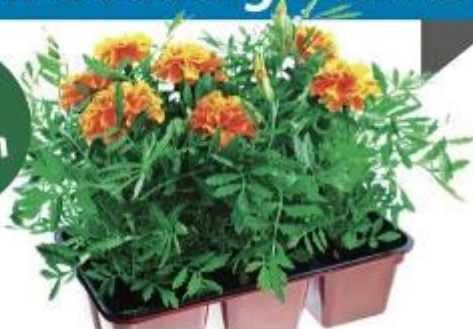
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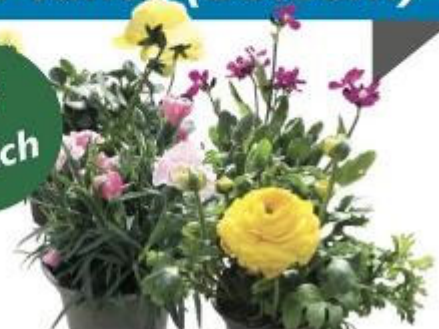
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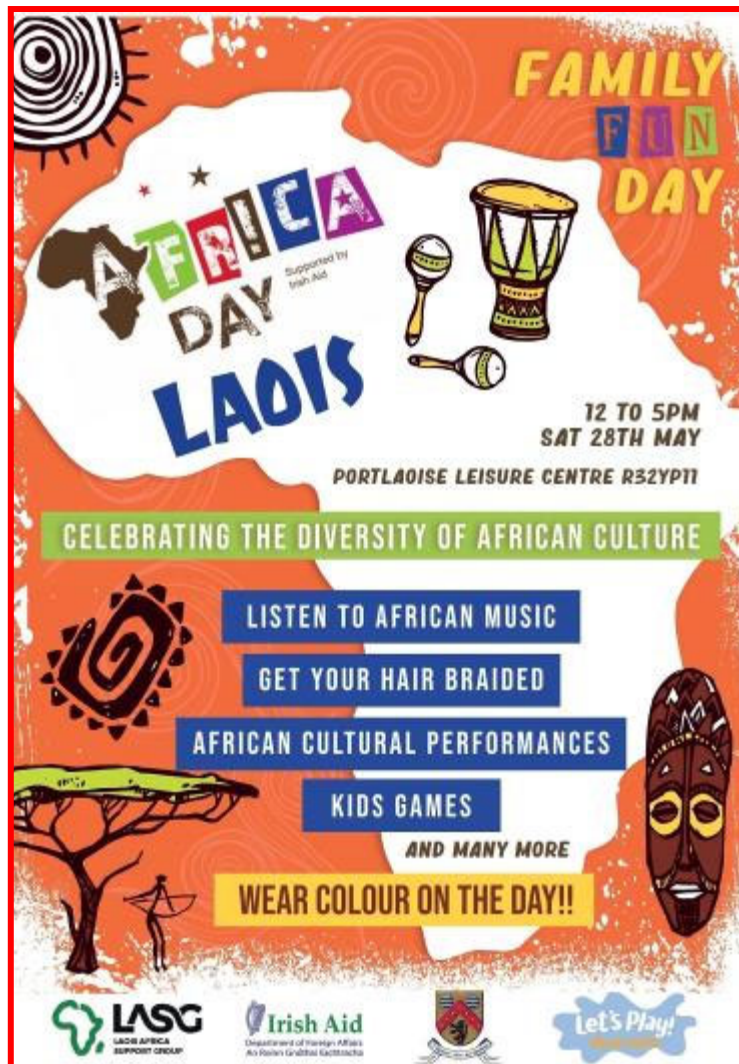
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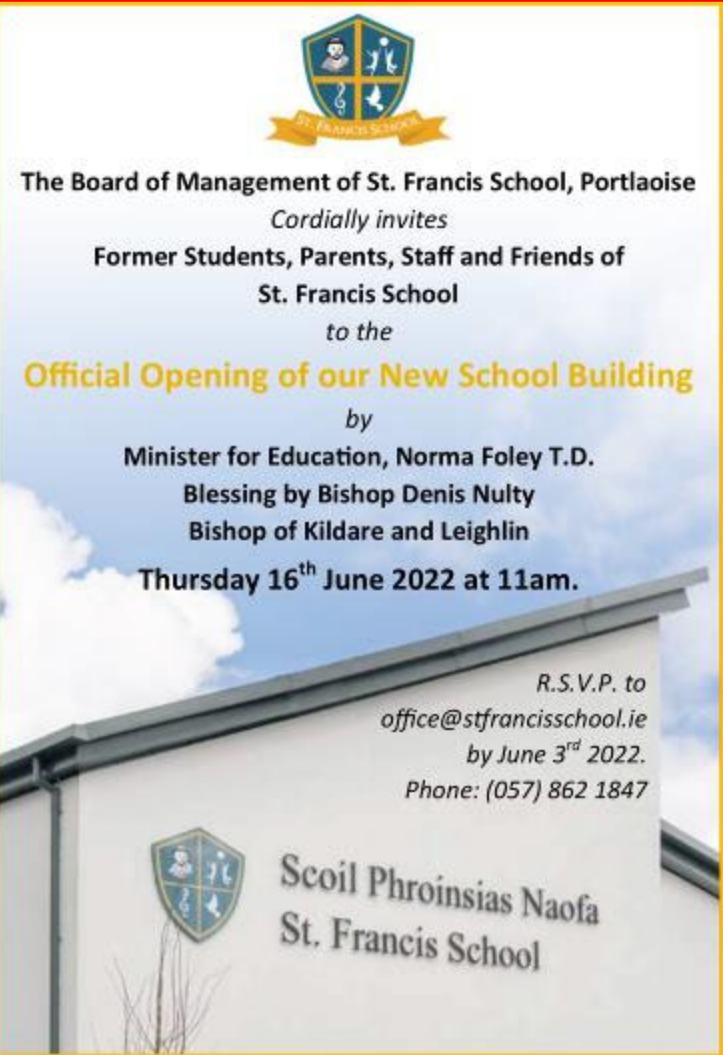
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Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday May 17th:

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1st Lady: P. Purcell 146

2nd Lady: F. Gleeson 143

1st Gent: T Lalor 143

2nd Gent: B. O'Keefe 143

1st Half: P.J. Cahill 80

2nd Half: S. Chester

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Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

Thank You; The Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee would like to advise that all fundraising for their pilgrimage for 2022 is now finished. We would like to acknowledge our collectors and everyone who contributed to our collections. To all who gave donations we are truly thankful, you will all be remembered during our 2022 pilgrimage. Thank you.



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Our Lady*

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The Rosary will also be prayed at the Grotto in Thornberry, Abbeyleix every night at 8pm for the month of May. All are very welcome.

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

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Peace of Mind and Heart

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"Teddy" in the bed with me.

Have you ever been afraid? Of course you have. We are all afraid at times. It is nothing to be ashamed of - even adults are sometimes afraid. Some of us may be afraid of the dark. Some may be afraid of the thunder and lightening that comes with a storm. Here are just a few of the things that people are afraid of: bugs, bees, snakes, heights, dentists, doctors, dogs, cats, mice, and germs.



When Jesus told his disciples that he was going to return to his Father, they were afraid. What would happen to them? Would the enemies recognize them as his followers and try to harm them?

Jesus knew that his disciples were afraid and he offered these words to comfort them. "I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart. Don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I have told you: 'I am going away, but I will come back to you again. I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me.'"

These words were a great comfort to his disciples and they are a great comfort to us today. When Jesus returned to his Father heaven, he asked the Father to send the Holy Spirit to comfort his disciples until the day when he returned.



That includes you and me! What a wonderful gift Jesus has given us -- peace of mind and heart. We no longer have anything to fear. Whenever we find ourselves in the dark or in the storms of life, Jesus is with us.

Prayer

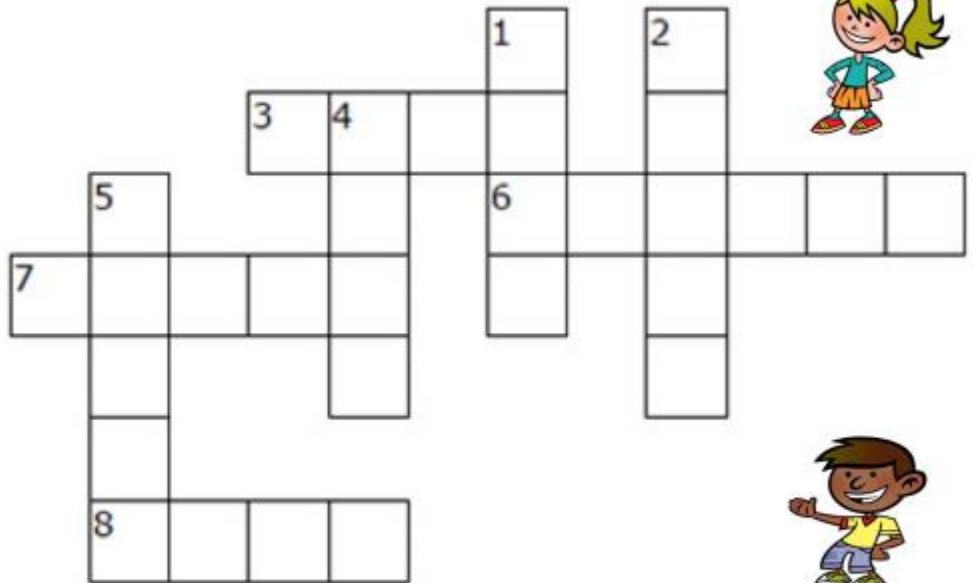


Father, we thank you for the Holy Spirit who guides us and calms our fears. We also thank you for the promise that one day we will be in Heaven with Jesus. In his name we pray, Amen.



Peace of Mind and Heart

I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart.
And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give.
So don't be troubled or afraid. John 14:27



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1. To receive a sound using your ears
2. Parts of a language which can be spoken or written
4. To carry out or fulfil a command, order, or instruction.
5. To give instruction to others.

ACROSS

3. To have a deep feeling of affection toward a person
6. Have a feeling of fear
7. A time when people live and work together happily without violence
8. A place where someone lives; a residence.

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Time to Think!

ST. CHARLES DE FOUCAULD

The following is a biography of the wonderful life, of an inspirational Christian, recently canonised by Pope Francis. For all of us it is good to remember, "Every Saint has a past and every sinner has a future".

Charles de Foucauld was born in 1858 into an aristocratic Strasbourg family yet sadly orphaned by the age of six and was cared for by his maternal grandfather who was a colonel in the army. It is hardly surprising therefore that Charles was encouraged to follow a military career and in 1876 he entered Saint-Cyr Military Academy. However he was dismissed before the end of the year on the grounds of laziness and ill-discipline. By the time he was 20 years of age his grandfather died making Charles heir to a considerable fortune much of which he managed to squander. So something of the prodigal comes through at this point.

At 21 years of age he graduated from the Saumur Calvary School, though perhaps with little distinction, he qualified 87th out of a class of 87! Well someone has to! His military career was brief and chequered though he did distinguish himself as an officer during some dangerous action in Tunisia. It is conjecture but his formative years and early adulthood I imagine to have been shaped by emotional wounds provoked by the early death of his parents. Then comes another formative period of journeying and seeking, much of which takes place in Nazareth and the Holy Land but with particular fascination also for North Africa. Here, brother Charles learns to speak Arabic and Hebrew and undertakes a dangerous expedition travelling through Morocco disguised as a Jewish Rabbi. Though he was not practicing a faith of any sort, these explorations among the local tribal communities had a profound effect upon him – when he returned to France he began to live a more sober and austere life and found himself articulating these words: "God, if you exist, make yourself known to me".

His eventual return to the Christian faith in his early thirties resulted in a visit to the Holy Land and Nazareth where he felt compelled to live what he called the "the hidden life of the poor and humble worker of Nazareth", a lifestyle that became characteristic of his emerging spirituality. Nazareth being interpreted as: "living anywhere in littleness and poverty and in communion with Jesus" (Ashwin). He took up holy orders as a Trappist monk and served for a time in Syria but this didn't fulfil his desire. His desire was to "go to Nazareth alone, and live there unknown as a labourer doing everyday work: solitude, prayer, adoration, meditation of the Gospel, humble work". And so he became a house worker for the Poor Clare Sisters where he lived in a hut near their cloister for three years.



In 1901 brother Charles was ordained priest. His intention, to return to Algeria to found a monastic fraternity called the "Little Brothers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus". His aim was "to live out in the Sahara, the hidden life of Jesus at Nazareth, not in order to preach but to live in solitude, the poverty and the humble work of Jesus". Yet there were times when he was not content to be silent - in particular he drew attention to the pernicious evils of slavery where he encountered it.

He committed himself to working with the Tuaregs in the Sahara learning their language in order to translate the gospel but also to learn more about their culture through their song and poetry. His hope was to establish this Fraternity, or Union of brothers and sisters of the Sacred Heart, this being an assembly of what he called "Fervent Christians from all walks of life ... able to make known through their example, what the Christian religion is, and to "demonstrate" the Gospel in their lives" (Rules and Counsels, 1910-1913). Of himself he claims, "My apostolate must be the apostolate of goodness. In seeing me, people should be able to say to one another, "Since this man is so good, his religion must be good."

The final part of Foucauld's story is bound up with the outbreak of the 1st World War, which contributed to destabilising the area as raids by Senoussites from Libya became more frequent. It was one such raid that led to him being fatally shot on the 1st December 1916, his body was buried in a ditch outside Tamanrasset where he had spent these closing years of his ministry.

Saint Charles de Foucauld's Prayer of Abandonment:

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will. Whatever you may do, I thank you: I am ready for all, I accept all. Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.

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The Old Road, Ballydavis



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née Carroll
Moate, Ballinakill

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née Wade
Chantiere Gate, Portlaoise and Cashel

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
MARTIN CONROY

Rath Gailine, Dublin Road, Portlaoise
And formerly 35 St. Brigid's Place

The family of the late Martin Conroy would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with them on their recent 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 Dad's funeral Mass either in person or via the Parish webcam.

A special word of thanks to Fr. David Vard and the priests of the parish who concelebrated Dad's Requiem Mass, giving us the opportunity to bid Dad a loving and dignified farewell which honoured his life and his dedication to his family and faith. Also thanks to Sarah Troy for the beautiful music.

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

To Peter and Breda Ryan for saying the rosary at Keegans Funeral Home.

We would like to thank Brookhaven Nursing Home who gave wonderful care to Dad and also Dr. Lawlor who looked after Dad so well for many years and staff of the Cedar Clinic, Portlaoise. To St. Mary's C.B.S., where Dad worked as caretaker for many years, for providing the guard of honour at the Church, it was greatly appreciated.

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

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.



Rest in Peace Dad



**In Loving Memory of
SEAN CONROY**

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.
18th Anniversary occurs Tuesday 24th May 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Tuesday 24th May at 10am.

*We miss you more than words
will ever say.*

*Loved and remembered always by
your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Sean

35TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL

Bennekerry and Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.
1st Birthday away from Home occurs 20th May.



*A Loving Son, Brother, Uncle,
Husband and Friend*

Today would have been such a special day, but now it brings sadness and sorrow. If we could share just one more birthday, if there was one more tomorrow.

But birthdays are a time to reflect and look over the time that has passed,

And we can't believe it's almost been one year,
The time just goes so fast.

But memories of more happier times in our hearts will stay, we will treasure each and every one, until we meet again some day.

So we'll say "goodbye" for now and blow kisses to Heaven above, to wish you a Happy Birthday and to send you all our love.

Deeply loved and missed by his mother Annette, husband Antonio, brothers Owen, Paul and Wayne, sister Gemma and brother-in-law Fahad, niece Sara, nephew Sameer, extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Ian

In Loving Memory of **PADRAIG McGOVERN**

Lynden Court, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Saturday 28th May at 5pm.

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

Sadly missed by all his loving family.

Rest in Peace Padraig

*If anyone loves me he
will keep my word and
my Father will love him*

John 14:23

In Loving Memory of **MAUREEN CLOONEY**

22nd May 2019 - 3rd Anniversary

WILLIAM (Bill) CLOONEY

11th May 1980 - 42nd Anniversary



Anniversary Mass
for both Maureen
and Bill, will be
celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this
Sunday 22nd May



at 11:15am and will be streamed on the
Parish webcam.

*Those special memories of you, will always bring
a smile, if only we could have you back, for just
a little while,*

*Then we could sit and talk again, just like we
used to do.*

*The fact that you're no longer here, will always
cause us pain, but you are forever in our hearts,
until we meet again.*

*Lovingly remembered and dearly missed by their son
William, daughters Carmel, Pauline and Valerie,
daughter-in-law Mary, sons-in-law Richard, Dave
and Noel, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and
extended family.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **Our Dear Mother ROSANNA GING**

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs 26th May 2022.



*Also remembering our
Father Patrick and Brother John
at this time.*

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

*Always loved and remembered by
their loving families.*

May They Rest in Peace

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In Loving Memory of **SEAN FARRELL**

Broomville, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 23rd May 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this **Saturday 21st May at 10am.**

Missed in the morning of every day,
Missed in the evening as light fades
away,

Missed in a thousand and one little ways,
Around every corner, a memory stays.

No one knows the pain we bear, when we all meet
and you're not there, we talk, we laugh, we play
our part, but behind it all lies a broken heart.
You gave us years of happiness, then sorrow
came with tears, you left us lovely memories,
we will treasure through the years.

Sadly missed by Betty, John, Billy, Catherine,
Mark, grandchildren and all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Sean

In Loving Memory of **SEAN McCORMACK**

Late of 16 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

17th Anniversary occurs 27th May 2022.



May the winds of love blow softly
and whisper in your ear,
And tell you how much we love you
and miss you more each year.

Lovingly remembered everyday.

*Sadly missed by his loving family
and his great-grandchildren;*

Cormac, Aodha, Polly, Wendy and Aoibheann.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Sunday 29th May at 10am.

May Sean Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of **PHIL McCORMACK**

16 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

Died 24th April 2022.



Phil's family would like to thank most
sincerely all those who sympathised with
them on their recent great loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many
friends and neighbours who called to the
house and attended Phil's wake, removal,
funeral Mass and burial. For those who
telephoned, travelled to be with us, sent
floral tributes, Mass cards and messages
of condolences, we are truly grateful.

To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our
sad loss more bearable. A special word of thanks to Fr. O' Neill,
Fr. Dooley and Fr. Ciprian who attended Phil in her final days.
To Fr. Vard for receiving Phil's remains into the Church, to
Monsignor Byrne and Bishop Kirby for celebrating her Requiem
Mass and to the musicians for their beautiful choice of music
and hymns. A sincere thank you to Paul and all at Henry Rankin
Funeral Directors for their sensitive and professional handling
of all arrangements and to the gravediggers for preparing Phil's
final resting place with such care, thank you. A word of thanks
also to the Gardaí for their assistance on the evening of the
removal. We will be eternally grateful to all the wonderful
carers who helped us to look after Phil over the last few years
especially Edwina, Mona, Bridget and Tammy.

Also our heartfelt thanks to our public health nurse MaryRose
and to Geraldine and the Palliative Care team for their kindness
to Phil and for their support to us as a family.

Thanks also to the doctors and staff at the Cedar Clinic and to
Ann and the staff of Breslin's Pharmacy.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually we hope you
will 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.

Phil's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter
and Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 29th May at 10am.

Rest in Peace Phil

In Loving Memory of **Our Son DARYL DARGAN**

5th Anniversary occurs 22nd May 2022.



Son;

We never expected it - the loss of our
son so dear, oh what we wouldn't give
to have one hour with him near.

Life did not prepare us to ever say
"good-bye" to our own flesh and blood
and we keep asking "why?".

But there are no answers, so we grieve
with silent tears,

Looking back on moments of the past days, months and years.
Those times are our treasures, that we keep inside our hearts,
And we send our love up to you, wishing that we never had
to part.

Loving you Forever, Mammy & Benny xxx

Brother;

My brother, you will never know how much we truly loved you
so. Having you so very close is what we always miss the most.
No words describe or could say, the sorrow we feel everyday.

Each day you are on our minds.

Brother you were one of a kind.

Love and miss you, Lee, Stuart and Jade xx

Rest in Peace Daryl

**In Loving Memory of
Our Wonderful Dad
PATSY DEEVY**

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 26th May 2022.



*What we'd give if we could say,
"Hello Dad" in the same old way,
To hear his voice and see his smile,
To sit with him and chat for a while.
A true friend we could turn to,
When times were good and bad,
One of our greatest blessings,
The man that we called Dad.*

Sadly missed by his sons Pat and Brendan, daughter Hannah, daughters-in-law Sylvia & Maura, son-in-law Paddy, grandchildren Craig, Rebecca & Paddy. Also remembering his dearly departed wife Kathleen at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Thursday 26th May at 10am.

May Patsy Rest in Peace

Also remembering at this time Patsy's brother

JAMES (Jimmy) DEEVY
17 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
24th Anniversary occurs 31st May 2022
May James Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARIE WHELAN**

Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurred 20th May 2022.



I often sit and think of you, and think
of how you died,
To think you could not say goodbye,
before you closed your eyes.

*Loved and sadly missed by your
husband Peter.*

Rest in Peace Marie

**In Loving Memory of
AGNES BYRNE née Bonham**

Rathvilly, Carlow, formerly Balladine, Abbeyleix.
Died 4th February 2022



Mass will be celebrated in the
Church of the Most Holy Rosary,
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Saturday 4th June at 5pm.
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adjoining cemetery.

Also remembering her Mother Mary Bonham, Balladine, Abbeyleix whose 43rd Anniversary occurs 4th June.

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KITTY HOSTY**

Fielbrook, Portlaoise and Carrickacat, Logboy,
Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo.
2nd Anniversary occurs 23rd May 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Monday 23rd May at 10am.

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

Rest in Peace Kitty

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



A Memorial Mass for the late
Mary O'Brien will be celebrated
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John 14:27



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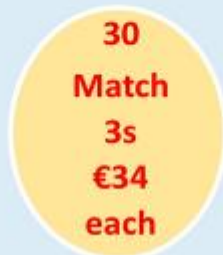


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