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Rising Above Worldly Concerns

In these final chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus is trying to sum up what his life and mission is all

about. He speaks at length of the bond between him and his Father and it is from this bond of love that he is 'sent'. Jesus tells us that we too are 'sent' to continue his mission. Friendship with Jesus is being with him, and being sent in his name. Our mission is to place his love and message at the centre of the world. In following him in mission and love, we too are 'being sent'.

This Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their sense of mission.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

Today's gospel reminds us that Jesus' love for his disciples does not fade. It endures eternally. He asks the Father to protect and guide. He entrusts us, his friends and companions, to the loving care of his Father. If we are really to believe this, we should leave the house every morning with a lot more on our minds than simply being on our phones. Today is an invitation not to think of ourselves on the outside looking in, but to be as much a part as we can in impacting the world as much as those early disciples did.

Mass times for the coming week

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Friday (First Friday): 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm
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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.

Mass for all Leaving Cert & Junior Cert students will take place in the Parish Church on Tuesday 7th June at 7.30pm.

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

**This Mass will replace the
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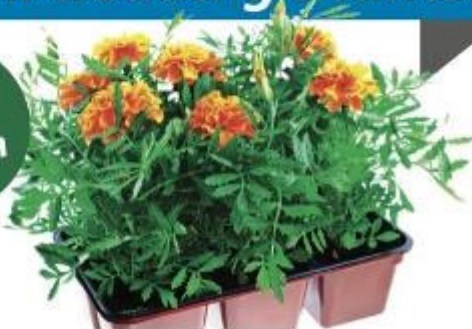
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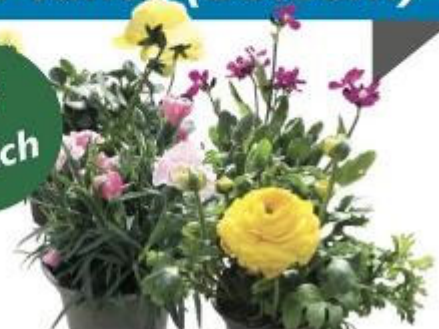
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Dancing rehearsal for show every Wednesday 1.45-2.45pm in the Parish Centre

Card playing (Whist) in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy every Thursday, 3pm. All are welcome for cards & chat. For information on the club, please contact Sheila (P.R.O.) on 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday May 24th;

Top score: Bob

1st Lady: Paddy Purcell

2nd Lady: Francis Gleeson

1st Gent: Sadie Chester

2nd Gent: Billy O'Keeffe

1st Half: Bridie Cahill

2nd Half: Ann Dunne

Raffle: 1st Tom Lalor, 2nd Noel Delaney, 3rd Ann Marie Farrell, 4th Mary Delaney, 5th Sheila Duff, 6th Betty Sharahan.

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

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Rosary

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Thank You



Up, Up and Away

I love balloons. There are so many things you can do with balloons. Some people can make balloons into various shapes. That is fun to watch! There are also a lot of different games you can play with balloons. You can tie them around your ankle and play "Stomp the Balloon" or you can fill them with water and have a water balloon fight.



One of the most enjoyable things one can do with a balloon is to fill it with helium. I am sure you know that when filled with helium, a balloon floats in the air. If you don't want it to get away from you, it is a good idea to hold on tight or tie it around your wrist. But it is also quite enjoyable when it does float away from you. It is fun to stand and watch as the balloon floats higher and higher into the heavens until it totally disappears. The only way to experience that is to be willing to let it go.

When Jesus was ready to return to heaven, he took his disciples aside to make sure that they understood everything that had happened to him. He explained why it was important for him to be crucified and to be raised from the dead to fulfil what the Scriptures had said about him. He also told them that he was going to return to his Father in heaven, and that the Holy Spirit would come to be with them.

At first, the disciples were sad that Jesus would be leaving them, but then the Bible tells us that Jesus opened their minds so they would understand. Then, an amazing thing happened. The Bible tells us that Jesus lifted his hands and blessed his disciples. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

In my imagination I can see the disciples standing and watching as Jesus ascended higher and higher until he disappeared from view. Were the disciples sad? No way! The Bible tells us that when Jesus had ascended into heaven, the disciples worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. There they stayed continually in the temple, praising God.

We are here today for the very same purpose. We have come into the temple to worship him with great joy!



**Dear Father,
we thank you for sending Jesus, your only Son, to die for our sin.
We know that he has risen from the dead and has returned to
heaven. Bless us today as we worship him with great joy! Amen.
Amen.**



Jesus Prays for His Disciples



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

"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have _____ your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the _____ you gave me and they _____ them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I _____ for them. I am not praying for the _____, but for those you have _____ me, for they are yours. All I have is _____, and all you have is _____. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, _____ them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be _____ as we are one.

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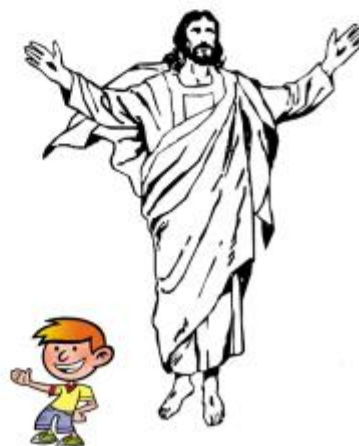
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In the Gospel

Jesus blesses his friends and goes back to Heaven as he has done everything his Father wanted him to do. He promises his friends he will send the Holy Spirit.





Time to Think!

THE MONKEY TRAP

Anything that you have to control, controls you.

There are many variations to this story, but it's quite instructive. In South America, Africa and Asia, the natives have devised a very effective method of trapping monkeys. The plan is deceptively simple: the natives take a gourd or some similar object and drill a hole just large enough for a monkey's hand to pass through; they add some extra weight to the gourd with sand or pebbles, then put a nut or some fruit inside and place the gourd where a monkey will find it.

Here's what happens: the monkey sticks his hand through the hole to get the food but with the prize in its grasp, the monkey cannot get its hand back out. The hole is too small for the monkey's hand to pass through so long as it's holding the treat, and the gourd is too heavy for the creature to carry. Because the monkey will not let go of its prize, it becomes trapped. The animal gives up its freedom to hold on to a small piece of food. It seems obvious that all the monkey needs to do is let go of the bait and it can escape. But because it views the treat as its possession and is not willing to let go, the monkey is trapped. It loses its freedom.

It's easy for us to see how foolish it is to keep holding something that really isn't worth much. The monkey is making a very poor trade-off: his freedom for a prize that wouldn't be that difficult to find in a less threatening location. But the animal is blinded by its attachment to the treat. The monkey is acting out of instinct; it probably doesn't have the ability to recognise the danger of grasping the bait or the fact that such behaviour will have a dramatic impact on its future. But humans should be able to avoid falling into such a trap. We should be able to understand the danger of holding on to things that don't serve us well. We should realise when we're creating traps for ourselves.

Unfortunately, most of the traps in life *are* those we create for ourselves. We hold on for dear life to things that don't serve us well. We hold on to past mistakes; we cling to the privilege of being right; we won't let go of anger and resentment; we become attached to material things that are of little value; and we often put our attachment to possessions ahead of our own well-being. If you're going to find happiness in life, you need to examine what you hold. Take a close look at the attachments in your life. Do you place more importance on things outside of yourself than on things inside you?

The more important something is in your life, the more you become attached to it. If what you treasure is outside yourself - that is, other things or other people, then you risk being trapped by those bonds.

You have the ability to choose your treasures in life. You need to examine your life to determine if you're being trapped by the things you treasure. If we're attached to things, we are restricted, only by letting go can we be free.

Prayer to let go of the Past

Lord Jesus I pray that You would enable me to forget the things which are past and help me to press forward, knowing that my hope and my future is in You. Help me not to dwell on past hurts and painful memories and enable me to forget what is behind and to walk forward into each new day, holding Your hand. Lord I release all of the painful memories I have to You and pray that You would help me to renew my mind day by day and to focus my thoughts on the Lord Jesus Christ. Help me also to forgive all those that have caused me pain so that by Your grace You would help me to fill my heart with new and joyful thoughts. Lord I believe that You came to heal the broken-hearted and set the captives free. Wash away all these hurtful memories that are causing me so much heartache I pray - and replace them with the joy of my salvation, which I have received in Christ Jesus my Saviour - for which I offer You thanks and praise. Lord may the words of my mouth and all the thoughts in my mind be filtered through You - and may I build up new memories that are sweetened by the beauty of Your Person, in Jesus name I pray. Amen



Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 24,300 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

First Holy Communion - The Heath NS & Ratheniska NS





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*And the
two
shall become
one*
Ephesians 5:31



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Pictured Above;

*Lydian Kelly and Sean Fortune who were married in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Thursday 17th February. Celebrant; Fr. David Vard.
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Pictured Below;

*Kayleigh Devoy and Joey Delaney, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath on Friday 18th February.
Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne*



Pictured Above;

*Aoife Kinsella and Barry Mangan, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska on Friday 25th March.
Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne.
Concelebrant; Fr. Tony McEvoy SDB*



Pictured Above;

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8:20am Enter People's Park, 8:25am Summerhill
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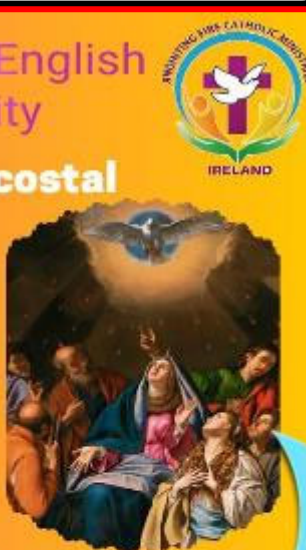


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*Paddy
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*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*



MAY HE REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to his family.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to
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I nDíl Chuimhne (in fond memory)

ELLEN ANGELA MORGAN

Cothrom Lae 30 Bliain
(5th June '92 - 5th June '22)

Duain Chroí Íosa

*Gile mo chroí do chroí-se
A Shláanaitheoir,
Is ciste mo chroí do chroí-se
A dháil im chomhair;
Ós follas gur líon do chroí
Dem ghírá-sa, a stóir,
I gcochall mo chroí
Do chroíse fág i gcomhad.*



Tadhg Gaelach Ó Súilleabhain

Denis, Mary, Louis, Margaret, Bene, Dolores, Anne.

Leaba na Naomh go raibh aici

**Treasured Memories of
PATRICK DWANE**

41 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 41st Anniversary occurred 20th May.



*Quickly and quietly came the call,
Without farewell you left us all,
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you we'll always keep.*

Always remembered by your loving wife and family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
MARTIN STOKES**

Abbeyleix

1st Birthday away from home occurs 1st June.



*Loving Memories of a very Special
Daddy on your Birthday
Our hearts still ache in sadness,
Our silent tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.
Although you cannot be here with us,
We are truly not apart,
Until the final breath we take,
You will be living in our hearts.*

*Daddy to hear your voice and see your smile or just to
sit and talk to you would be our dearest wish today on
this your birthday.*

*Daddy we are thinking of you today and always
Love from your daughters Sinéad, Siobhan, Aishling,
Lorraine and Lisa.*

Rest in Peace Daddy

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

25 Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise
40th Anniversary occurs 28th May 2022.
Also 98th Birthday Remembrance; 9th July 2022.



*A Dad's love is special,
A gift beyond compare,
You only know the meaning,
When he is no longer there.
A special time, a special face,
A special Dad we cannot replace,
With an aching heart we whisper low,
We miss you Dad, and love you so.*

*Love Micky, Tommy, Ann, P.J., Eileen and John, sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May Patrick Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
TERRY CONNELL &
JOHN (Rinty) CONNELL

Whose 35th and 29th Anniversaries occur at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this **Saturday 28th May at 6:30pm.**

*Dearest still as the years depart,
They live forever in our hearts.*



*Always remembered and sadly missed by Liz, Liam, Noreen, John,
Mary, Domo & Freda.*

May Terry & John Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
COLEY CONNELL

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise whose 18th Anniversary occur at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 28th May at 6:30pm.

*You still live on in the hearts and minds of
the loving family you left behind.*

*Always remembered and sadly missed by your
loving husband Liam, son Philip, daughter
Orlaith, son-in-law John and grandchildren
Holly and Sarah.*



May Coley Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PAT BYRNES

29 Beechfield, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 29th May 2022



Husband:

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

*Sadly missed by your loving wife
Margaret, never forgotten.*

Dad & Grandad:

*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 your loving children; Mark, Anna, Joanne,
Marguerite & Daniel and your 16 grandchildren.*

**Pat's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 29th May at 12.30pm.**

May Pat Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL FARRELL

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 1st June 2022.
Also remembering him on his birthday.



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 and
although we loved you dearly
we could not make you stay.

No matter how life changes, no matter what we
do, a special place within our hearts is always
kept for you.

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 4th June at 6:30pm.*

*Love always, Patricia and Patrick, also your
brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews xxxx*

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
LOUIS G. CULLITON

Glendowns, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 3rd June 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Saturday 4th June at 6:30pm.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Mairéad,
sons Donn and Eamonn,
sisters Nano, Maura and Alice, and extended families.*

Rest in Peace Louis

In Loving Memory of
JOHN FITZPATRICK

Ballinlough, Ballyroan
3rd Anniversary - Died 30th May 2019



You were loving and kind in all your
ways, upright and just to the end of
your days, sincere and true in both
heart and mind, such beautiful
memories you left behind.

*Fondly remembered by his wife Alice, daughter Una
and son-in-law Mark.*

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of JOHN & MARY HYLAND

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

John's 50th Anniversary occurred 27th May 2022.
Mary's 70th Anniversary occurs 8th July 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the
Church of the Assumption, the Heath,
this Sunday 29th May at 9:30am.

Tenderly we treasure the past,
Memories of you that will always last,
When we cease to think of you will be when
God has called us too.

Always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace John & Mary

In Loving Memory of WESLEY O' BRIEN

47 Heather Lane, Esker Hills, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary away from home occurs
26th May 2022



There is always a face before me,
a voice I would love to hear,
A smile I will always remember,
of a son I loved so dear.
Deep in my heart lies a picture,
More precious than silver
or gold,

It's a picture of my son Wesley,
Whose memory will never grow old.

Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, brother Lorcan,
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And in golden afternoons.
We'll remember you in evenings,
As days end in hazy blue,
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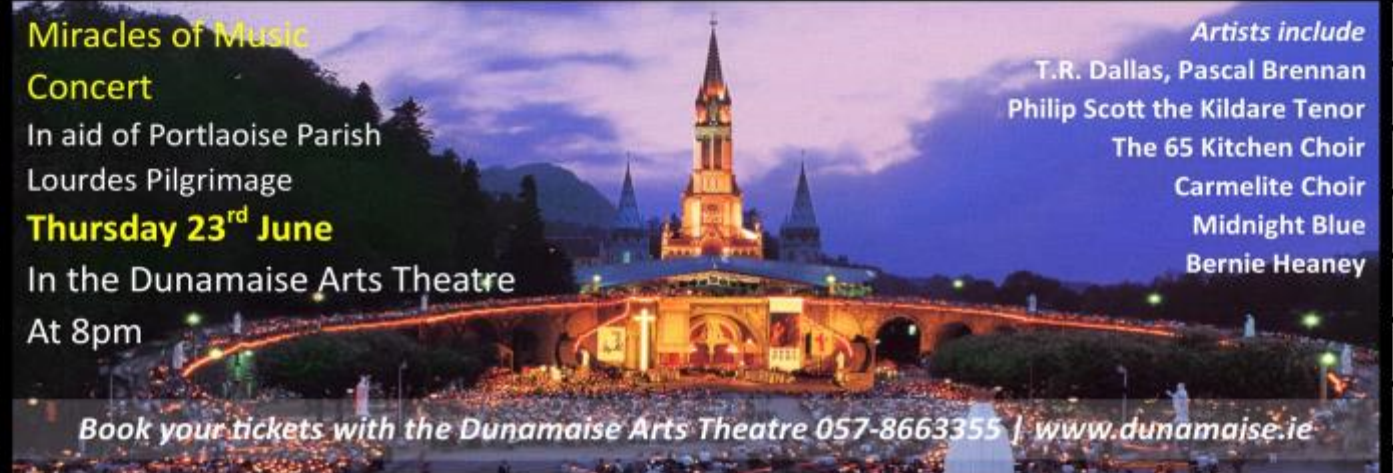
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