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PARISH**  
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**8th May 2022**

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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### **May - the month of Mary**

Each evening (8pm) of this month the Rosary is prayed at the Grotto. You are very welcome to join in any evening. Friday of this week (13th) is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three Shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in 1917. On this day we will pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine. Join us at the Grotto or wherever you are in praying the Rosary asking Our Lady Queen of Peace to intercede for the cause of Peace.

The gathering for the Rosary at the Grotto on Wednesday of this week



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## The Master's Voice

How often do we hear the phrase, "We believe what we want to believe." It's equally true that we refuse to believe what we don't want to believe. In today's reading the Jews are pushing Jesus to state his case. "If you are the Messiah tell us plainly." Jesus replies, "You do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep." In other words, the questioners are not his followers, they are hostile towards him and therefore they are not open to believing in him even though they have seen the evidence. In some ways Christianity is a chicken and egg kind of scenario. We need to be followers of Jesus, to believe in him, but we need to believe to be followers. Which comes first is up to us, but we have to be open to hearing and recognising Jesus in our twenty first century world.

Hearing, recognising, believing and responding is what 'Good Shepherd Sunday' is all about. Some situations have got 'God' written all over them and some haven't. How do we tell the difference? What are we called to do? How are we called to believe? Some things are obvious, some things aren't. But at the heart of everything, even issues that didn't exist in Jesus' day such as euthanasia, and stem cell research, Jesus' teachings are like 'cat's-eyes' on life's dark country roads. We have to recognise Jesus' voice in everything by asking, how much of today's decisions are based in love, and how much of our decisions are based in our own human agendas.

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CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

**Sunday:** 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

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**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday

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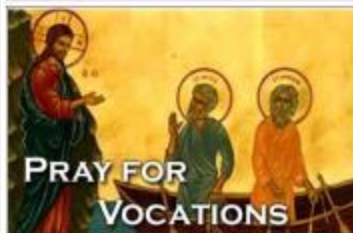
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**Who were baptised last weekend.**



The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is held each year on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. In the Gospel of John Jesus speaks of himself as the

Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd who has come so that people may have life to the full, the one who lays down his life for his sheep, the one who knows his sheep — they recognise his voice. We firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

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Photo: Marie Kempson, Fr. Theo, Msgr. John, Doreen Covino and Michelle Bartley



## Family Love

Each of us is a special creation of God. He had planned to create us ad infinitum. He selected our parents and the place where we were to be born.

Everyone born is a member of God's family and is a creature of Love. Jesus said *"By this shall everybody know that you are my disciples if you have love for each other"*.

This is the requirement that He gave to each one of His children "love one another as I love you". The first question we will be asked when we arrive in His kingdom is "And how have you treated your brother and sister"? If He is not satisfied with your reply He will tell you "leave here and go back and be reconciled with them".

Death will be much more pleasant for all of us if we have been fully reconciled with everyone. All children and individuals are equally loved by God, so it is equally hurtful to commit an altercation with a member of your own family as it is someone else.

The more we love others the happier we will be. This is true about the family and among neighbours. Love is the greatest gift that God can bestow on us. It is up to each one of us to accept it and to share it. The more we love, the happier we will be. It is so much easier rising in the morning when we have no enemies. People, even family members, whom we do not salute or greet are our enemies.

Jesus invites us to be like himself; Love everyone.

*Br. Malachy Buckley*

*Br. Malachy is a 90 year old resident of De La Salle, Miguel House, Castletown who enjoys reading our Linkup every week. we thank him for this inspirational piece.*



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Do you know what a shepherd is? Of course you do. A shepherd is one who takes care of sheep. A shepherd uses a shepherd's crook. The crook is very useful to the shepherd in taking care of the sheep. If the sheep tries to go in the wrong direction, the shepherd can reach out with the crook and gently pull it back onto the right path. The shepherd also uses the crook to help protect the sheep from a wolf or some other wild animal that might try to harm them. You see, it is the shepherd's responsibility to care for and protect the sheep.

How many of you know who the priests of the parish are? Go and look at page 2 on this Link up and you will see their photos. Do you know who our bishop is? Yes, Bishop Denis Nulty. Did you know that the word we use for the one who leads our church means the same thing as the word that is used for someone who takes care of sheep? So if Bishop Denis and the priests of the parish are the ones who take care of the sheep, what do you think that makes us? Right! We are the sheep! It is the Bishop Denis and the priest's job to take care of us just as it is the job of a shepherd to care for the sheep.

The priests here in our parish don't use a shepherd's crook. The Bible is the priest's crook. When we stray away and go off on the wrong path, the priests use the teaching of God's Word to reach out and gently pull us back and get us going in the right direction. The priests in our parish also use the Bible to protect us from our enemies. When Satan attacks us and tries to get us to do things that would harm us, the priests use the Bible to teach us what God wants us to do.

Bishop Denis and the priests of the parish have a good guide to follow in knowing how to take care of the sheep. That guide is Jesus. Listen to what Jesus said about himself, "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep."

The Bible also says, "The LORD is my shepherd," but God has also called the priests of our parish to help him in caring for his sheep. We are thankful for Jesus, "the Good Shepherd," and we are thankful for Bishop Denis and the priests of the parish too!

*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*

*John 10:27*



Dear Father, we thank you for your guarantee of everlasting life through Jesus Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



# Guaranteed Forever

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28



Complete the activity

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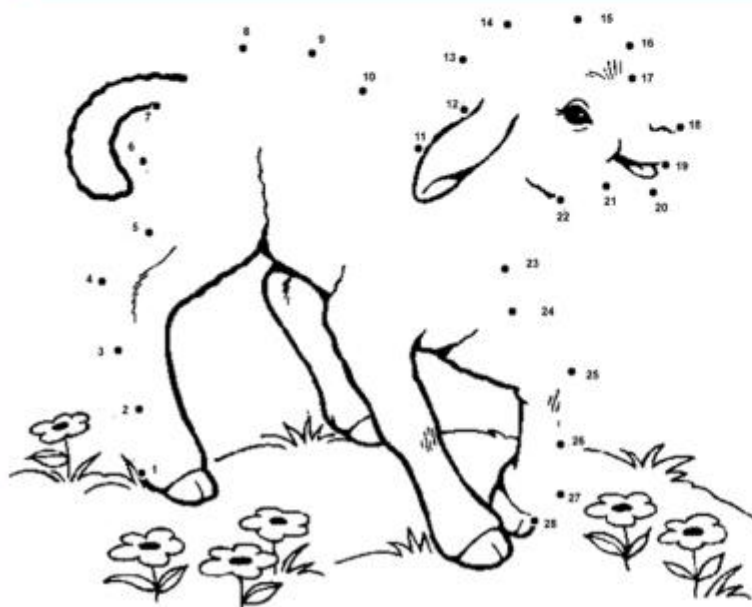
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**VOICE**  
**SHEEP**

**LIFE**  
**FOLLOW**

**ETERNAL**  
**PERISH**

**LISTEN**  
**HAND**



Jesus said that he knows his sheep; they follow him and listen to his voice. They will live for ever and no one will snatch them away, because they are in the care of their Father—God. When you give your heart to Jesus and place your life in His hands, you have His promise that you are safe.







# Time to Think!

## Let Go.....Let God

It's good to think of prayer, not just as saying prayers, or speaking to God, but as listening to God; not just as words but as silence; not just the head but the heart; not just what we do but what God does in us – if we get out of his way and give him the chance. To listen to God in silence with the heart is an excellent form of prayer. What God asks of us is that we be silent and receptive. Just stay quiet, stop talking and listen. The noise outside us is the easiest to silence; the noise within is the difficult one. What God wants of us, more than anything else in prayer is our love. The best kind of prayer is that in which there is most love.

I believe there are many people whom God calls to contemplative prayer but who never make that step because they lock themselves into a fixed pattern of set prayers. By set prayers I mean those we have learned by heart or which have become part of a fixed daily pattern. That kind of prayer is a bit like a crutch. Sometimes we need it, and then it's a help. Sometimes we don't, and then it's a hindrance. We need to know when to let go of it and when to take it up again.

Being tied to set prayers can be an obstacle to prayer. It can block it. We need to have the trust in ourselves to have the courage to take the step of letting those prayers go and reaching out for prayer in another form – stillness and silence, in which we give God a space in our lives. God wants to lead us forward, he wants to do things for us, he wants to grow in us, but we usually block him because we are tied to our own agenda, our way of doing or seeing things, or habits which we do not want to change. What we are called to do in such situations is to be prepared to let go of our own ways, however familiar or comforting they may have become, to let go and let God come in and give us direction, so that we go where God is leading us and we allow him to set the pace for us. And God's ways are always those of freedom and gentleness. The signs of his presence are joy and peace.

### The blessedness of little things:

Oh it is the little things. It is the gestures. The smile. The word. The call. The thank you. The hello. The - is there anything I can do? The appreciation. The praise. The touch. The patience of everyone.

The small talk of life; the chatter; the gossip; the bantering; the raimeis of everyday. And what then is prayer? It is noticing the little things. The little people. The little gifts. The little beauty. The hidden gems. The wonder. It is being able to see. To take off the shoes. To bow the head. To be grateful. To being aware. To looking back and remembering the graciousness of life in people. It is looking around and seeing the Godly image in everyone. It is being at Mass and knowing that it is holy ground and listening. It is watching with amusement and amazement the scatter of seed in life and seeing the gentle growth. It is the marvel of Isaiah's words on the effectiveness of God's word which depends on our response. Oh it is the little things that matter. Every day and every moment is grace and blessing. The Prayer of Abandonment, written by Blessed Charles de Foucauld, is one of the most beautiful prayers of faith, trust and surrender in the Christian spiritual heritage. Memorize it, pray it often, and share it with others!

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.

Into your hands I commend my soul:

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

For I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,

To surrender myself into your hands without reserve,

And with boundless confidence,

For you are my Father.

let go  
and  
let  
God



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*Patrick Joseph (PJ)  
Lalor*

Raheen and Athlone  
(Brother of Fr. Eddie Lalor)

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valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

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MARY (Moira) DOWLING**

*Borris Rd., Portlaoise.*

*5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.*



You are near even if we don't see you,  
You are with us even if you are far away,  
You are in our thoughts and in our lives  
always.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by  
her sons and daughter and their families.*

*Rest in Peace Mary*

**In Loving Memory of  
KEVIN O'ROURKE**

*Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.*

*5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022.*



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church on Saturday  
14<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife  
Jane and family.*

*Rest in Peace Kevin*

**In Loving Memory of  
MICHAEL CULLEN**

*Kilteale, Stradbally, Co. Laois.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurred 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022*



**Missed so dearly**

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 lie broken hearts.

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 Breda, Debbie and David,  
grandchildren Anna, Cillian, Dylan and Adam,  
his mother Kay, extended family and friends.**

*May Michael Rest in Peace*



**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**BERNADETTE MITCHELL**  
 17 Riverview, Towerhill, Portlaoise.



*1<sup>st</sup> Birthday away from home  
 occurred 3<sup>rd</sup> May.*  
*Always in our thoughts  
 Forever in our hearts*  
*Sadly missed by her loving  
 family and friends.*  
*Rest in Peace Bernadette*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARGARET LEECH**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise, formerly of Kellystown Wolfhill.  
 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home.



*May the winds of Heaven blow  
 softly,  
 And whisper in your ear,  
 How much we love and miss you,  
 And wish that you were here.*  
**Forever in our Hearts**  
 Anne, Elizabeth, Colette, Geraldine,  
 Michelle and families.

**In Loving Memory of**  
**CLAIRE LOUISE**  
**TAYLOR**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.



*22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> May.*  
*Always in our hearts*  
*Sadly missed, love Daddy, Mammy,  
 Alison, Cian and Sean-Luke xxxx*  
*May Claire Louise Rest in Peace*

Margaret's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
 St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

*Rest in Peace Margaret*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ALICE PARNELL**

"Avondale", Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
 Portlaoise, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.  
 We will never forget you, we don't  
 even try, we just miss you more,  
 as time goes by.

*Loved and remembered by her husband Kieran,  
 son Michael, daughter Lisa, daughter-in-law Ann,  
 son-in-law Peter, grandchildren Aoife, Rachel, Adam,  
 Laura, Conor, Amelia, relatives and friends xxx*

*May Alice Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**CLEMENT KEHOE**

Late of Main Street, Stradbally, Co. Laois  
 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022



*Loving Memories of you  
 Clement*  
*We will never forget  
 Sadly missed along life's way  
 With silent thought and  
 deep regret*  
*We think of you every day  
 No longer in our lives to  
 share but in our hearts  
 you are always there.*

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

*Loved and remembered by your wife Evelyn, sons  
 Paul, Niall, Mark, Clem, daughters Nessa, Nicola,  
 grandchildren & extended family and friends.*

*May Clement Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**LIAM CONROY**

10 New Row, Green Rd. Portlaoise.  
 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022.  
 Also remembering Liam's birthday - 18<sup>th</sup> May.



*Daily thoughts and silent tears,  
 Always wishing you were here,  
 Life goes on, we know that's true,  
 But never the same since losing you.*

**Liam's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated**  
**in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this**  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm**

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Mary, son Brian,  
 Louise, Jake and Stephen.*

*Silently we grieve and brush away our tears,  
 The memories he left behind, will last throughout the years.  
 From his daughter Shirley, son-in-law John and grandson  
 Conor, extended family and friends.*

*May Liam Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
OLIVE BRENNAN née Lawlor**

51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

*Mother*

*Mother you were just a girl so many years ago, you had your loves and had your dreams, you watched us come and go.*

*You watched us make the same mistakes that you had made before, but that just made you hold us tight and love us all the more.*

*We haven't always thought about the things that you have seen, to us you've just been Mother, no thought of who you've been.*

*But we remember now in love, your life from start to end, and we're so glad we had you, as our Mother and our friend.*

*Dearly missed and loved so much by your loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*May Olive Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
TERESA KHANDKER**

London and formerly Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

*This heartfelt message is for you,  
Each word is meant sincerely,  
Now that you have passed away,  
I miss you so very dearly.*

*Sometimes my life feels empty, nothing can take your place,  
I wish I could still hear your voice,  
And see your smiling face.*

*Forever in my thoughts and prayers Pal.*

*Love always Frances and Tom xx*

*Rest in Peace Teresa*

**In Loving Memory of  
RAY BERGIN**

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurred 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.

*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your wife Mossie, daughters Martina, Lisa and Sandra and grandchildren xxx

Also remembering his son Dean at this time.

*Rest in Peace Ray*



**In Loving Memory of  
JAMES REUBEN GEOGHEGAN**

1 Bridle Walk, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurred 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.



*You are near even if I don't see you,  
You are with me, even if you are far away,  
You are in my heart,  
In my thoughts, in my life,  
Always.*

*Sadly missed by his loving family; wife Claire, son Sean, daughter Elaine, daughter-in-law Colette, grandchildren, family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace James*

**In Loving Memory of  
Our Parents  
ANNE & THOMAS HILLIARD**  
23 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Deep in our hearts you both will stay, missing you both is a heartache that never goes away.

*Sadly missed by all their loving family.*

*May Anne and Thomas Rest in Peace*

THEY RECOGNISED HIM IN THE  
*Breaking of Bread*



## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of my beautiful Mother

**ANNIE GREENE**

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Annie's birthday occurred 6<sup>th</sup> May. Also remembering my Dad Thomas, whose birthday occurred in April.



Although our worlds are different now  
or is that just how it seems,  
For I see you when I close my eyes  
because you're always in my dreams.  
I know you're in Heaven and looking  
down on me and when I look up at the  
stars I know that's where you'll be.  
Even though I miss you, you're not too  
far away,  
Because my heart is full of memories  
and I treasure them every day.

Our time on earth was special but it's only the very start,  
So please keep watching over me while we're not far apart.  
Someday the time will come when I no longer feel this pain,  
That is the day when Heaven calls and we will meet again.

From your heartbroken daughter Annmarie,  
son-in-law Peter, grandkids Tanya and Courtney  
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*Until we meet again my Angels*

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