



## The Most Holy Trinity



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To complete our programme of First Communions and Confirmations this year we had a very special Mass on Friday 3rd June with a very special group of young people. Congratulations to the boys and girls from Kolbe School. Thank you to the Principal, teachers and assistants at the School. Our thanks also to Bishop Denis for being with us and presiding on the day.



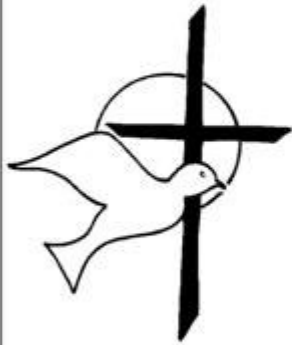
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## Who Is God?

As children we might have wondered what God was like. We might have pictured an old man with a fluffy white beard and a kind face. As we get older we stop wondering what God looks like and think about who God is. We might think that the

Trinity is some theological mystery, but perhaps it isn't as much a mystery as we think. We already know a lot. We know that God is the Father who created a world for us to cherish, and who created each of us for an individual purpose. God is the Son who came and lived among us, teaching us how to become a part of God's Kingdom and saving the world from sin. God is the Holy Spirit left with us always to guide us towards truth. God is three persons but one God. God is certainly a mystery, but as Jesus himself points out, we are not expected to understand everything all of the time. All that is expected is that we keep searching for better understanding. In Jesus' farewell to his disciples he says, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." It is clear that Jesus is teaching his disciples in stages. Like every good teacher, Jesus knows that we can only digest so much new information at a time. The original disciples had to learn to walk before they could run, and that goes for us too. We are all at different stages in our journey of faith, but that journey should never become static. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." Jesus implies that we will be ready to learn more at some future date and he is leaving us the Spirit of truth to guide us towards revelation. It is tempting in the face of great mysteries like the Trinity to give up and leave theology to the great academics; but we are reminded that God has revealed truth to all sorts of people from small children to acclaimed philosophers, and from simple fishermen to learned theologians. God is a sensitive teacher, but we have to play our part and be willing students. In an age of improved communications, discussion groups, television, competitive publishing and the internet, there's not much excuse for us to cease searching for insight and truth.

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## Saint Anthony of Padua 13th June

Anthony should be the patron of those who find their lives completely uprooted and set in a new and unexpected direction. Like all saints, he is a perfect example of turning one's life completely over to Christ.

Over and over again God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve Jesus more completely.

*'Dear Saint Anthony please come around:  
something is lost and it cannot be found'*



## For Our Younger Parishioners

Remember over the next couple of weeks to pray for our younger parishioners many of whom are in the middle of exams. We pray that they are able to do themselves justice, no more and no less. Whatever the outcome we will be proud of them.



## We welcome into our Parish Community

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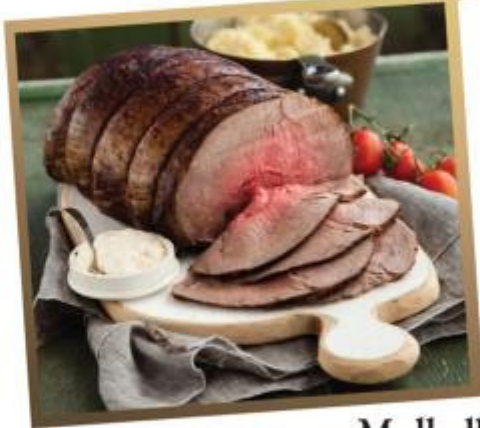
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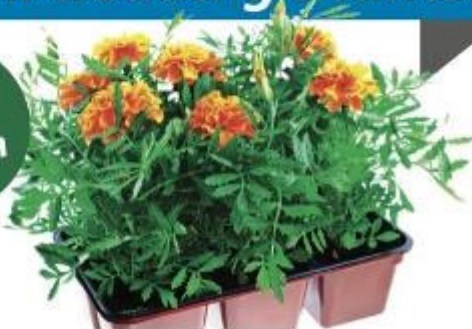
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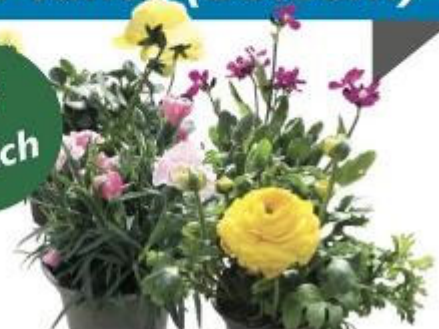
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**Mass** will be celebrated on the green in Marian Avenue on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm. All are welcome.

**Portlaoise Active Retirement:** Meet every Wednesday, at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Come along, make new friends, enjoy our activities - friendly welcome ensured.

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<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:</b> Frances Gleeson	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Gent:</b> Tom Kearns
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:</b> Betty Fox	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Half:</b> Gretta Rafter
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half:</b> Norah Delaney	

**Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sadie Chester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gretta Rafter, 3<sup>rd</sup> Maureen Fitzpatrick, 4<sup>th</sup> Frank Keenan, 5<sup>th</sup> Frances Gleeson, 6<sup>th</sup> Gretta Rafter

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## The Most Holy Trinity

What do you remember from today's reading?

This story is part of Jesus' farewell conversation to the disciples before he dies on the cross.

Jesus says to the disciples that after he has gone, the Holy Spirit will guide them. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when he was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name.

Who teaches you and guides you? Teachers, parents, friends and family all teach us and guide us. And the Holy Spirit is there to guide us too.



God is made up of three parts: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Trinity. Trinity means three. Their relationship is a relationship of being together but each having different tasks to do. This is like our families - we have mums and dads, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins and grandparents. Whatever the size of our family, we know there are different people in our family who are of different ages, have different relationships and jobs, and live in different places, but they are all connected to us through our family bond.

Who do you live with? Do you live with lots of people or just a few? Do all your friends and family live close by or are they spread far apart?

We are also all part of one big global family that includes everyone in the world. We are all God's children. We are all special, and even though we are all different we are all equally important. We all have our own job to do depending on our talents.

We are all called to care for one another and for the earth that we live in. But how we do this depends on who we are and our own gifts.

We believe that Jesus' promise to the disciples - that the Holy Spirit would be with them and guide them, is still true for all of us today and all people after us. The Holy Spirit can guide us to do what is right and to use our talents in the best way to help others.

Can you listen to the Holy Spirit in the coming week, and see how the Spirit guides you, especially in the way you treat those you live with and the members of our global family throughout the world?

Let us all do our best this week to listen to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and try to live as he asks us to.



Loving God, you are with us always. Send us your Spirit to teach and guide us to live in peace with each other every day. Amen.





# Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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# Time to Think!

## SUMMER REST

The month of June, is a wonderful time of year. Long bright days that awaken within us all a sense of peace and calm. Traditionally during summer time those who are fortunate enough can enjoy a restful holiday. Time out, is a very important gift that we must embrace in our adult lives. We are not robots and often the constant demands of life can cause stress and physical consequences. To gift oneself a good rest is a very important blessing. There are many different ways to find recreation. Summer is it time to renew and give rest to our bodies and mind. Sometimes it's good to hit the pause button. The following reflection might inject calm and inspiration in our lives....

The young woman walked confidently around the room holding a glass of water while leading a seminar on stress management. Everyone guessed she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced. So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.



**Worrying does  
not take away  
tomorrow's troubles.  
It takes away  
today's peace.**

*And remember;*

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.



4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone €20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
8. Never buy a car you can't push.
9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just dance!
11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird - sleep late.
12. The second mouse gets the cheese.
13. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
15. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
16. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.
17. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
18. Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!

*I love this Summer Prayer*

**"Come Summer With Me"**

Come summer with me, Lord;  
Summer deep down in my soul;  
Restore my faith in summer's time,  
In rest, in joy, in play, in you...  
Summer in my heart, Lord,  
And dwell there as if time would never end,  
As if all time were children's time, eternal time,  
When school is always out and joy is ever in.  
And let others summer in my shade, Lord,  
And share whatever summer's peace is mine to give,  
Whatever summer's light is mine to shed,  
Whatever summer's warmth is mine to share.  
Good God of every season and every day this week,  
Come summer with me, Lord, and let the child in my heart  
spend this summer in your love. Amen.

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 24,600 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)*



**Congratulations to the pupils from The Kolbe Special School: Ellie, Finbar, Harry, Jacob, Joshua, Harry, Katie, Liam, Selina and Justin, who celebrated their Confirmation & First Holy Communion sacraments.**



**Congratulations also to Zoe, DJ, Tomi and Kizzie from St. Francis School who celebrated their school graduation recently.**





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



**James Drennan**

Formerly Coote Street,  
Portlaoise



**Liam Carroll**

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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 THEY REST IN PEACE**  
*Our sympathy to their families.*

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**In Loving Memory of  
TED LEWIS**

Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.



*Months Mind Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.*

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

*Sadly missed by his loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Ted*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
In Loving Memory of  
MARGARET CULLEN**

Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise.

*1<sup>st</sup> Birthday away from home occurred 9<sup>th</sup> June.*



*Missing you*

*Today and Everyday*

*Sadly missed and fondly remembered  
by her loving husband Frank,  
children, grandchildren,  
extended family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Margaret*

**In Loving Memory of  
IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL**

Bennekerry and Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church  
on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.**

*You can shed tears that Ian is gone,  
Or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that he  
will come back, or you can open your  
eyes and see all that he has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you  
can't see him, or you can be full of the  
love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.*

*You can remember him only that he is gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.*

*You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what Ian would want;*

*Smile, open your eyes, open your heart, love and carry on.*

**Deeply loved and missed by his mother Annette, 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  
JOHN (Johnnie) ALLEN**

*Eyne, Portlaoise. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 13<sup>th</sup> June.*



*Each time we embrace a memory  
we meet again  
With those we love....  
For the heart never forgets.*

*Sadly missed and fondly remembered  
by your loving family xx*

*Rest in Peace Johnnie*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**In Loving Memory of  
MARY (Minnie) DELANEY**

*Derryroe, Mountrath, Co. Laois*



The family of the late Mary (Minnie) Delaney would like to sincerely thank all of those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss.

To everyone who called to the house, phoned, sent Mass cards, floral tributes and posted messages and tributes online, travelled long distances to be with us and to those who attended Mam's funeral 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. Paddy Byrne who celebrated Mam's Requiem Mass, giving us the opportunity to bid Mam a loving and dignified farewell which honoured her life and her dedication to her family and her faith. Also sincere thanks to John Hosey for the beautiful choice of music and hymns.

A sincere thanks to John Moloney funeral director and his team for the compassionate and professional manner in which he carried out Mam's funeral arrangements and also to the gravediggers who prepared Mam's final resting place with such care, thank you. Thanks to Mary who prepared the Church so beautifully for Mam's Mass.

We are eternally grateful to Mam's carers, Dorothy and Nichola who helped us to look after Mam at home and ensured she remained at home. Also our heartfelt thanks to our Public Health Nurse Denise for her help and support to us as a family. Thanks also to Dr. Ailish Phelan and the staff of Mountrath Health Centre and staff of Conroy's Pharmacy. Also sincere thanks to Dr. Sharon McDonald.

Our sincere thanks to all who organised and managed the parking both at the house and at the Church, thank you so much.

Thank you to Fr. Michael Kelly and Sr. Agnes Deegan who recited the rosary in the house, it was very much appreciated.

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

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.

Mary (Minnie's) Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigids Church, Shanahoe, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon.

*Rest in Peace Mary*

**In Loving Memory of  
PAUL FITZPATRICK**

*Heath View, Killone, Stradbally.  
21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurred 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*



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

*Sadly missed and remembered  
by all his loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Paul*

**In Loving Memory of  
WILLIAM (Willie) MILLS**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*



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

*Brother*

*I thought of you today,  
But that is nothing new,  
I thought about you yesterday,  
And will tomorrow too.  
I think of you in silence,  
And make no outward show,*

*For what it meant to lose you, only those who love you know.  
Remembering you is easy, I do it every day,  
It's just the heartache of losing you, that will never go away.*

*Sadly missed by all your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace William*

**In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK (Pat) PAISLEY**

*Formerly of St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*



*Treasured memories keep forever  
of times when we were together,  
Each of us in our own way, have  
special thoughts of you today.*

*Also remembering at this time;  
Patrick's Parents Christopher and  
Kathleen, his brothers Mike and  
Christy and sister-in-law, Sylvia.*

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

*Loved and sadly missed by all their loving families  
and friends.*

*May They Rest in Peace*



## In Loving Memory of **BILLY LYNCH R.I.P.**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.



*Bill*

Although you can't be here with me,  
we're truly not apart,  
Until the final breath I take, you'll be  
living in my heart.

Loved always and missing you,  
from Betty xxx

*Dad*

Nothing can ever take away,  
The love a heart holds dear,  
Fond memories linger every day,  
Remembrance keeps him near.  
Loved always from your sons xxx

*Dad*

Every year gets harder, since you were taken away,  
A Dad so very special, in our hearts you'll always stay,  
We think about you always and miss you everyday.

Love always Lisa and Ann-Marie xxx

*Grandad*

You're never far from mind Bill and spoke of everyday,  
You left us many memories that will never go away.

Missing you grandad Bill.

Love from your grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx

*Also remembering his son Willie at this time*

*May Billy Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **BILLY COLBERT**

*4 Borris Rd. Portlaoise.*

*7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm.

*We did not see you close your eyes,  
We did not see you die,  
All we knew was that you were gone,  
Without a last goodbye.*

*It was a sudden parting,  
Too bitter to forget,*

*Only those who loved you are the ones who will never  
forget.*

*The happy hours we once enjoyed,  
How sweet their memories still,  
But death has left a vacant place, this world can never fill.  
Your life was one of kindly deeds,  
A helping hand for others' needs,  
Sincere and true in heart and mind,  
Beautiful memories left behind.*

*Loved and remembered by your son Edwin, your  
grandchildren, Mai and your brothers and sisters.*

*May Billy Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of **JOHN DUNNE**

*St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

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

*Rest in Peace John*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### In Loving Memory of **PETER FENNELL**

**Grattan Street, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.**

**Died 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



The family of Peter Fennell wish to  
express our sincerest gratitude for  
the support and expressions of  
sympathy extended to us on our sad  
loss.

To those who called and phoned,  
attended the rosary, sent Mass cards,  
floral tributes and posted lovely  
messages online.

To those who attended his removal  
and funeral Mass, whether in person or online, and those  
who walked with us to Pete's final resting place.

A special word of thanks to Anne Fennell, his dear  
sister-in-law, who was a valued friend and neighbour,  
and a support to him in many ways for more than  
20 years. Thanks also to his nephew George Fennell, who  
drove Peter to his appointments in Dublin, no matter  
how early.

To Mary Costello and the homecare team who tirelessly  
attended his medical needs at his home, to The Cedar  
Clinic, the wonderful staff at Portlaoise General Hospital,  
St. Vincents Hospital and Harold's Cross Hospice who  
were all instrumental in his care.

To Bosco Ramsbottom who provided invaluable  
assistance over the years. To Sinéad Walsh who was a  
tremendous help during Pete's last illness.

To Portlaoise GAA club, who organised a guard of honour  
for his funeral.

And lastly but not least, thank you to Fr. Ciprian for  
facilitating the rosary, Peter's Requiem Mass and burial.  
To Matthew Keegan Undertakers, for all their help in  
giving Peter a loving and dignified farewell.

As it's impossible to thank everyone individually, we offer  
this message to acknowledge the kindness, generosity,  
thoughtfulness and support provided, for which we are  
eternally grateful.

Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

*Rest in Peace Peter*



## In Loving Memory of BERNADETTE KELLY

11 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise whose Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 12:30pm.

*We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories and your  
picture in a frame.*

*Your resting place we visit and put flowers there with care,  
But no one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.*

*Always remembered by Sean, Donal and Joan.*

*May Bernadette Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of PEGGY BRENNAN

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022



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

*Just close your eyes and you  
will see, all the memories that  
you have of me,*

*Just sit and relax and you will find,  
I'm really still there inside your mind,*

*Don't cry for me now I'm gone,*

*For I am in the land of song,*

*There is no pain, there is no fear,*

*So dry away that silent tear,*

*Don't think of me in the dark and cold,*

*For here I am, no longer old,*

*I'm in that place that's filled with love,*

*Known to you all, as "up above".*

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**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

7.30pm Welcome and Rosary

8pm *The Eucharist: Source and Summit of many graces,  
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(followed by) **Healing Service** Fr. Pat Collins CM

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9.30pm MASS

**Saturday Programme, 18<sup>th</sup> June**

9.45 – 10.30 Arrival and Welcome

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Tea/Coffee courtesy of Apostolate – Display of Materials for Adoration Centres

10.20 – 10.45 Eucharistic Rosary

11.00 – 11.45 Guided Adoration

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**Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

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16.00 – 16.45 Procession/Rosary (Bring Flags and Banners)

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## Portlaoise Parish



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9<sup>th</sup> June 2022

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## Our Annual Cemetery Mass 2022

Our thanks to all who helped in the preparations and the Celebration - the Choir, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and all who attended in spite of the weather. Special credit and thanks to the Cemetery Committee, the Order of Malta and the Gardai. We look forward to gathering again on 4th June 2023 at 1 pm.



Photo credit: Brian Ramsbottom

In contrast to Cemetery Sunday in Portlaoise we had a lovely evening on Friday 3rd June in Ratheniska. Thanks to Brendan Maher who keeps the Cemetery so well, thanks also to Arthur Drennan and all who helped.