



Pentecost Sunday



Congratulations to the girls and boys, teachers and SNA's and all at Scoil Bhríde on beautiful First Communion Masses last Saturday.



Above: Ms. Butler and Ms. Carroll with their pupils.



Left: Ms. McMahon and Mr. Bartley with their pupils.



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Prisoners No More

The disciples have locked themselves in an upper room for fear of the Jews. We know exactly where

they're at. We too are good at making prisons for ourselves. We make prisons where feelings of inadequacy, apathy, guilt, pride or confusion rule our lives. We lock ourselves into debilitating patterns of behaviour where fear and other self-defeating traits become habit.

The disciples are behaving very much how we behave when we are facing difficulties. Then everything changes. Jesus comes amongst them and breathes the Holy Spirit into them. Suddenly a group of frightened and inactive disciples begin to do amazing things. Suddenly they can reach out around the world regardless of language culture or race.

This isn't just a story about something that happened a long time ago, it's a promise. We each have a component that fits into God's greater picture. We each have a talent that lends itself to God's purpose. Unlocking that talent is a daily challenge. How do we use our skills to best advantage? How do we knock down the barriers that prevent us reaching our true potential? Where do we look for direction, focus and discernment? How do we find courage, faith, energy and foresight? The answer to all these questions is the 'Holy Spirit'. The same Holy Spirit that enables the early disciples liberates and empowers us. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives whenever we ask.

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

Mass times for the coming week

ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

Monday (Bank Holiday): 10am

Tuesday - 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.

Prayer at Exam Time

Ever loving and eternal God be with me as I prepare to sit my examinations.

Give me peace of mind and quietness of heart so that I may approach each exam

with confidence and trust.

Open my heart to believe that with you all things are possible and because you have created me I am worth much more than all the exams in the world.

Teach me Lord that there will be many opportunities for using my gifts and talents in the future.

Bless that future and be with me, my family and my friends especially when the road is difficult, and when all is going well may I give thanks for your care and love through Jesus

Christ our Lord.

Amen.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Evan Gerard Booth,
The Heath

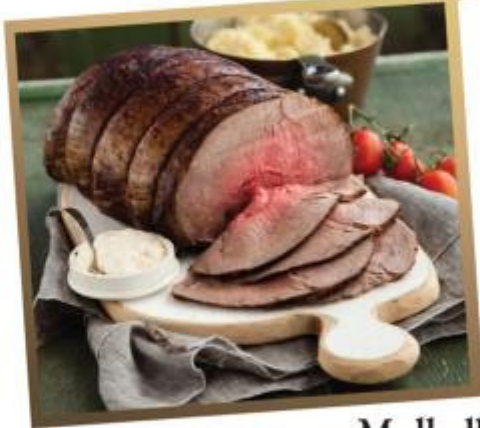
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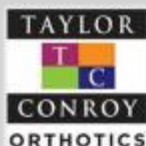
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Friday 17th & Saturday 18th June

Corpus Christi Weekend

Fri 7.30pm - 10pm; Sat 10.30am - 5pm



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NATIONAL ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday Evening Programme, 17th June

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, 18th 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

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Led by Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal

11.50 - 13.00 **Keynote Address for Pilgrimage**

Parish Church

followed by Teaching on the Eucharist

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13.00 - 14.00 **LUNCH**

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14.05

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14.00 - 14.45 **FREE TIME**

15.00 - 16.00 **Mass** (incl. Anointing of the Sick)

EWTN broadcast

Basilica

Chief Celebrant and Homilist: **Archbishop Michael Neary**

16.00 - 16.45 **Procession/Rosary** (Bring Flags and Banners)

From Basilica

Benediction & Departure

to Apparition Chapel

11.45 - 12.45

CHILDREN OF THE EUCHARIST

13.45 - 14.30



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Access the website and follow the instructions on the home screen.



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GARDA NOTICE; Roadside parking is prohibited on the Stradbally side of the graveyard. The Gardai request your cooperation in this matter.

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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.)
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**Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on
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Top score: Rita Arrigan

1st Lady: Betty Srahan

2nd Lady: Angela Brennan

1st Gent: Nora Fitzpatrick

2nd Gent: Catherine Galvin

1st Half: Barry O' Callaghan

2nd Half: Liam McCartney

Raffle: 1st Tom Lalor, 2nd Betty Srahan, 3rd Breda Moore,
4th Ann O'Dowd, 5th Patricia Horan

Special Prize: Frances Gleeson & Peter Stephens
Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues
every Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

ST. PIO'S GLOVE will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry,
Athy on Saturday 11th June from 11:30am to 4:30pm.
Items of St. Pio will be available on the day. For info. call
Ann 085-1696189.

PATH: Portlaoise Action to Homelessness are holding an
OPEN MEETING in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 7th June
at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Rosary at the Shrine Market Square, Portlaoise which
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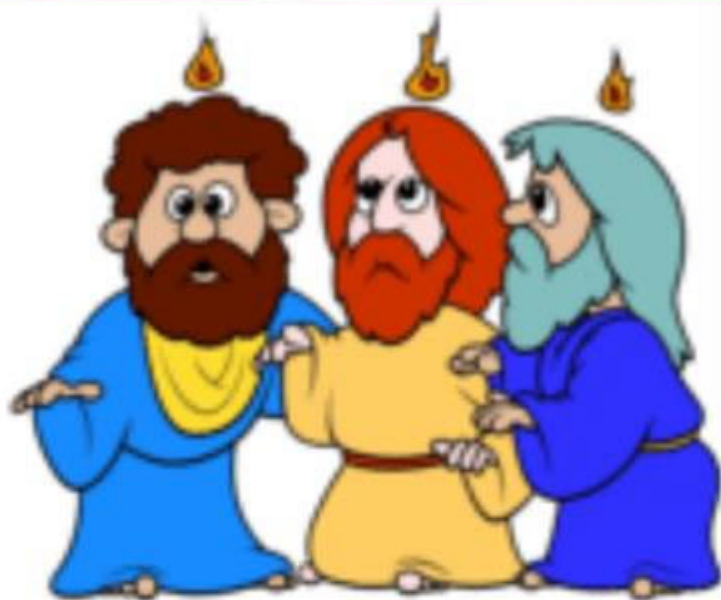
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It happened just as Jesus said it would. On the day which is called Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. The Bible tells us that there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where the disciples were gathered. Then, there were flames of fire that appeared and rested upon each of them. When these things happened, the disciples were filled with power and began to preach and teach about Jesus. They were able to do things that they had never done before because of the power of the Holy Spirit in them.

Did you know that you and I have that very same power available to us today?

The Bible says that "all who are led by the Spirit are children of God." We who are the children of God have the power to do great and mighty things, not in our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit that is within us.

My Prayer

Dear Father, we pray that we will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit just as the disciples were on the day of Pentecost.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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The Day of Pentecost



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
Acts 2:4

Choose the word that best matches the definition

SPEAK	LANGUAGE
PENTECOST	HEAVEN
BLOWING	SOUND
OTHER	HOLY
SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND
FIRE	TONGUES
AMAZED	



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom is the gift of knowing the right choices to make to live a holy life. The gift of wisdom helps you to avoid the things that could lead you away from God.

Understanding is the gift of comprehension, or the ability to grasp the meaning of the teachings of the Church. The gift of understanding helps you be tolerant and sympathetic of others. It helps you sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.

Right Judgment is the gift of prudence. The gift of right judgment helps you make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus.

Courage, or Fortitude, is the gift that helps you stand up for your faith in Christ. The gift of courage helps you overcome any obstacles that would keep you from practicing your faith.

Knowledge is the gift of knowing and enlightenment. The gift of knowledge enables you to choose the right path that will lead you to God. It encourages you to avoid obstacles that will keep you from him.

Reverence or Piety, is the gift of confidence in God. This gift of reverence inspires you to joyfully want to serve God and others.

Wonder and Awe, or Fear of the Lord is the gift of wonder and respect that encourages you to be in awe of God. The gift of wonder and awe moves you to so love God that you do not want to offend him by your words or actions.





Time to Think!

SPIRIT OF GOD, LOVING AND FREE



As we have begun the month of June, I pray sincerely that this bright month, will be a time of rich blessing, health of body and peace of mind for us all. I'm very conscious, this week, thousands of young students begin their leaving and junior certificate exams. I do hope, that our wonderful young students own their gifts and talents. No state exam, can ever measure how valued and loved these young people are to their families and friends. May the spirit of God bless them with knowledge, wisdom and confidence.

This week we also celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit on this Feast of Pentecost. The night before he died Jesus, aware of the implications for his followers of his forthcoming death and eventual return to his Father in Heaven, promised that he would not leave his disciples to make their way in this world on their own and would send the Holy Spirit to guide them on their journey. In that sense the Holy Spirit gives expression to the on-going presence of Jesus with his followers. This is what we celebrate on this Feast.

Pentecost is not just something that happened but rather is a living gift for all generations. As followers of Christ, the Spirit of his love anoints us all with great hope and rich blessings. During these uncertain times, the Spirit of Christ, this Pentecost, offers opportunity to indulge in a wonderful gift. The Spirit of God anoints each one of us with courage, wisdom, hope, resilience and a deep confidence that all will be well.

In the last years of his life, the great cellist and conductor Pablo Casals suffered greatly from rheumatoid arthritis and emphysema. At 90, he was badly stooped, his head thrust forward, and his breathing laboured. He needed the help of his wife, Marta, to get dressed in the morning.

Marta would then help him shuffle into his studio where he would, with great difficulty, arrange himself on the piano bench. Casals would then manage to raise his swollen, clenched fingers above the keyboard. A visitor describes what he saw next, one particular morning: "I was not prepared for the miracle that was about to happen. The fingers slowly unlocked and reached toward the keys like the buds of a plant toward the sunlight. His back straightened. He seemed to breathe more freely. Now his fingers settled on the keys. Then came the opening bars of Bach's *Wohltemperierte Klavier* [Well-tempered Clavier], played with great sensitivity and control. He hummed as he played, then said that Bach 'spoke to him here' and he placed his hand over his heart. "Then he plunged into a Brahms concerto and his fingers, now agile and powerful, raced across the keyboard with dazzling speed. His entire body seemed fused with the music; it was no longer stiff and shrunken but supple and graceful and completely freed of its arthritic coils. "Having finished the piece, he stood up by himself, far straighter and taller than when he had come into the room. He walked to the breakfast table with no trace of a shuffle, ate heartily, talked animatedly, finished the meal and then went for a walk on the beach."

(From *Anatomy of an Illness as Perceived by the Patient: Reflections on Healing and Regeneration* by Norman Cousins).

Like music that inspires and exhilarates, the Spirit of God is the melody that energises the Church, uniting our many different voices into the song of the Love of God. God has formed us into a community, or Church, an instrument for bringing His life and love into our world. But what makes our Church more than just a gathering of good people is His "Breath" infusing the Church, His Mystical Body, with the music of His Divinity. Today we celebrate that presence. In Jesus' breathing upon the assembled disciples on Easter night the new life of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Resurrection the Church takes flight. That same Holy Spirit continues to "blow" through today's Church, giving life and direction to our mission and ministry to preach the Gospel to every nation, immersing all of humanity in the music of God's love, the symphony of the Resurrection.

Spirit of God, Loving and free

Spirit of God, flow through me....

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

Exam Mass

Take a moment
away from the
books and join
us for a moment
of prayer and
thanksgiving

Tuesday 7th June

7.30pm

St. Peter and Paul's
Parish Church



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First Holy Communion in our Parish last Saturday Scoil Bhríde





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



James Drennan

Formerly Coote Street,
Portlaoise



John Tynan

Clonkeen, Portlaoise

*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.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to
the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

**In Loving Memory of
Aaron Jordan Kelly**

Knockmay and Millbrook, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 7th June 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Tuesday 7th June at 10am.

*Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture I tenderly hold,
Deep in my heart a memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, never to forget.*

*Sadly missed and always loved and remembered by your
heartbroken Mum, Mudasar, brothers Brandon, Noah and
Junaid and sister Aisha xxx*

Rest in Peace Aaron

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

Formerly Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurred 2nd June 2022.



*We sat beside your bedside,
Our hearts were crushed
and sore,
We did our duty to the end,
'Til we could do no more.
In tears we watched you
sinking, we watched you
fade away,
And though our hearts were
breaking, we knew you
could not stay.*

*You left behind some aching hearts,
That loved you most sincere,
We never shall and never will, forget you,
Father dear.*

*Sadly missed by your loving sons, daughters,
son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

**In Loving Memory of
CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN**

On your 8th birthday away from home



*Wishing you were here today,
for even just a while,
So we could say happy birthday
Craig xx and see your smiling
face.*

*The only gifts today will be, your
sweet memories left behind,
of laughter, joy and happiness,
They echo on in our minds.
We'll gaze upon pictures,
We'll think of you with love,*

*And hope you are doing fine, in Heaven up above.
May angels hold you closely and sing you a happy song,
And we'll be sending wishes today and all year long son.*

*Happy birthday in Heaven Craig
Love and miss you always*

*Sadly missed and loved always, Mammy, Mudasar, your
brothers Brandon, Noah and Junaid and sister Aisha
and extended family.*

May Craig Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
HUGH & BERNADETTE
CALLAGHAN**

Borris Great, Portlaoise.

1st and 2nd Anniversaries occur 6th and 10th June.



*A pocket full of sorrows I shall take away for you,
A handful of flowers I shall lay down for you,
A river full of tears I shall cry for you,
A forever full of memories I shall remember of you.*

*Sadly missed, by your loving daughter Anne-Marie.
Always loved and remembered by your loving family,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
CRAIG AND AARON
GORMAN-KELLY**

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

Birthday Remembrance for Craig; 2nd June
3rd Anniversary for Aaron; 7th June



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.

*From your loving father Michael, brother Brandon
and sister Chloe, baby Grace, extended family
and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of my Beautiful Son

JAMIE-LEE MOORE

7th Birthday away from home occurs 5th June 2022.



My eyes are filled with tears again as I stand
here where you lay, I think of you every
second but miss you everyday.

My body is full of sadness that you are no
longer here, pain is only soothed by the
memories I hold so dear.

My tired heart is broken and it doesn't beat
the same, and it breaks a little more every
time I hear your name.

My dreams are of the future when I no longer feel the pain,
I'll follow you to Heaven and we will meet again.

Happy Heavenly 24th Birthday Son
Love and miss you always, Mummy xxxxxx

Brother

Your birthday brings back memories of laughter and of tears,
Of all the celebrations held throughout your precious years,
As you're now watching over us I hope that you can see,
How much those memories we made will always mean to us,
We always cherish times we had and smile just at the thought,
We hope you know the magnitude of joy your life here brought,
On holidays and birthdays it's so hard to be apart,
Like everyday that falls between, your memory fills our hearts,
You're with us now where e'er we go, you're part of all we do,
We celebrate your special day and the gift of knowing you.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Jamie-Lee
Love and missing you always
Tanya, Tírna, Jake & Taylor xxxx

Uncle

Holy Angels up above give our Uncle Jamie-Lee a great big hug.
From all your nieces;
Kyra, Nellie, Jamie, Lorrán xxxx

Nephew

You were the centre of our world, a nephew held so dear,
But now that world is shattered and you're no longer here,
But all you need to know today is how much joy you brought,
You brightened every moment though your life was far too short,
You were loved completely from the day you were born,
And no one could imagine such a dreadful day would dawn,
But memories are wonderful and though they still bring pain,
They give us hope and keep us strong until we meet again.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Jamie-Lee
Love and miss you always Aunt Sharon, James,
cousins, Nanny Maureen and Uncle Kevin xxxxx

Grandson

My grandson's arms around my neck,
My cheek still warm from a kiss,
If I could bottle a memory, I'm certain that it's this,
A grandson's love is a blessing, so precious, warm and true,
Others have a grandson, but I'm lucky I had you.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Jamie-Lee
Love and miss you always,
Nanny Mag, Caroline and boys. xxxxx

In Loving Memory of MARY O'CONNOR

Station Road, Portlaoise. Died 10th May 2022



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 5th June at 11:15am.

Mam although we cannot hear your voice or see your smile, You walk beside us still just as you did before.

You listen to our stories and wipe away our tears, You wrap your arms around us and understand our fears, just because you are not visible to see, we can still talk to you in silence and your spirit will reply. We feel the love you have for us, we hear you in our hearts, no longer in our lives to share but in our hearts you will always be there.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family; Emer, Eamon, Sinead, Gerard and Margaret, sons-in-law Ger, Cyril and Dave, grandchildren Gemma, Stephen, Peter, Gillian, Aideen and Darragh, great-grandchildren Riley, Madelyn and Jake, brother John, relatives and friends.

Rest in Peace Mary

In Loving Memory of our Son DAVID CARROLL

36th Anniversary occurs 7th June 2022



*There is always a face before me,
A voice I would love to hear,
A smile I will always remember,
Of a son we loved so dear.
Deep in our hearts lies a picture,
More precious than silver or gold,
It's a picture of our son David, whose
memory will never grow old.*

Always loved and missed, Dad, Mam, Sister, Brothers, Sisters-in-law, Brother-in-law, Nieces and Nephews xxxx

**Also remember David's Grandad
JIM CARROLL**

Anniversary occurs 9th June

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

*Always remembered,
Jimmy, Maureen, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren. xxxx*

May David and Jim Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of LAURA KILKENNY

Pallas, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurred 1st June 2022



*You thoroughly inspired us in the way
you lived your life, savouring the
special moments while coping with
difficult times, worries and strife.
You fought to stay with us,
A warrior to the end.*

Love you and miss you.

*We send our prayers to Heaven in the hope that
you will continue to guide and support us in
everything we do.*

Remembered always by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Laura

You are the

Light

Of the World

In Loving Memory of GERARD DUNNE

*Braccas, Ballacolla, and formerly Borris Little,
Portlaoise.*

5th Anniversary away from home occurs 8th June.



**Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this
Sunday 5th June at 11:15am.**

*We begin to remember, not just
that you died, but that you lived,
and that your life gave us
memories too beautiful to forget.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his
loving wife Kathleen and family xxx*

May Gerard Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of GER, JOHN & SÉAMUS DUNNE

*Late of 6 Borris Little, Portlaoise, whose anniversaries
occur at this time.*



*Wonderful memories of ones
so dear, treasured still with a
love sincere,
In our hearts they are living yet,
we loved them too dearly to
forget.*



Loved and remembered by Geraldine, Tony and family.

Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of MARTIN DOWLING

"Audville", Dublin Rd., Portlaoise and
formerly Colt, Ballyroan.

1st Anniversary occurs 14th June 2022



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on
Saturday 11th June at 10am.

"We lost a father with a heart of
gold, how much we miss him can
never be told, he shared our
troubles and helped us along,

If we follow his footsteps we can never go wrong.
He was a father so very rare, content in his home
and always there.

On earth he toiled, in Heaven he rests.
God bless you father, you were one of the best.

"Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts"

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your
daughters Martina, Mary, Anna & Claire, sons-in-law,
grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Remembering also our Mother Elizabeth, whose
23rd anniversary occurs this year.

Rest in Peace Martin

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, daughter Síle,
sisters Nano, Maura and Alice, and extended families.

Rest in Peace Louis

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

MARTIN (Murt) KIRWAN

Anngrove, Kilbricken, Mountrath, Co. Laois.

(Pre-deceased by his son John Paul)



Murt's wife Ann, his sons Martin, Anthony,
James and daughters Mary, Martha, Nóirín
and all the family of the late Martin (Murt)
Kirwan, who died on 17th January 2022
would like to thank most sincerely all
those who sympathised with them on
their great loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to the many
friends, neighbours and well-wishers who
visited our home, attended the rosary,
funeral Mass and burial. You supported and comforted us in
our time of deep sorrow and loss. For those who telephoned,
travelled long distances, sent Mass cards and posted messages
of condolences online, as well as those who made charitable
donations to Laois Hospice, we are truly grateful.

We deeply appreciate all the care that was given to Murt by his
medical teams and staff of The Hermitage Clinic, St. James'
Hospital and Tullamore General Hospital. We would especially
like to thank the palliative care nurses, night nurses and public
health nurses that cared for Murt in his final weeks.

A special thank you to Fr. Michael Kelly and Fr. Paddy Byrne for
their prayers and the beautiful celebration of Murt's life during
the requiem Mass, to Mary Delaney for preparing the Church
and to Damien Bowe for his wonderful singing.

We also wish to thank the gravediggers who prepared Murt's
final resting place with great care and Seamus Burke funeral
directors for the compassionate and professional manner in
which they carried out Murt's funeral arrangements.

Thank you to those who took part in the guard of honour and
members of Colt-Shanahoe GAA for parking cars at the house
and in Shanahoe. We wish to thank all who helped in any way
to support us through our loss and make it more bearable.

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

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your
intentions.

*You will be forever missed but never forgotten in our hearts
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam Dúis*

In Loving Memory of ELLEN GAYNOR

35th Anniversary occurs 6th June 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Monday 6th June at 10am.

Wonderful memories of Mam so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts you are living yet,
We loved you too dearly to ever forget.

Lovingly remembered today and forever by your loving daughters,
son-in-law, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and
great-grandson xxxx

Rest in Heavenly Peace Mam forever

In Loving Memory of PADDY BRACKEN

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise whose Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 11th June at 6.30pm.

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

Loved always by the Dunne family
Also remember Mary and Larry Dunne

Rest in Peace Paddy

In Loving Memory of **DANIEL (Dan) CONROY**

Glenfield, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 8th June 2022.



Dan's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Wednesday 8th June at 10am.
*Sadly missed and always remembered
by your loving nieces and nephews.
Rest in Peace Dan*

In Loving Memory of **PETER FENNELL**

Grattan Street, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on
Sunday 12th June at 11.15am.
*Will those who think of Peter today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Sadly missed by all his loving family.
Rest in Peace Peter*

6TH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE



In Loving Memory of
**JIM
FITZPATRICK**
Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise.
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ár d'anam dílis, le grá ó
do chlann go léir*



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