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God's Pension Plan



A farmer has a lucky year and finds himself with an abundant crop. He decides to tear down his barns and build bigger ones in which to store it. In the meantime, he decides to take a well earned rest, eating drinking and making merry, confident that his future is financially secured. "You fool," says, God, "this very night your life is being demanded of you."

Does the parable seem a little harsh? The farmer seemed an honest enough character. He wasn't making money from an illegal activity. He simply seemed to be enjoying the benefits of a bumper harvest. Any one of us could have an unexpected windfall. Any one of us could enjoy a lottery win, a tax refund or an unexpected inheritance. It would be considered prudent in most circles that we invest the proceeds. It is drummed into us from an early age to save for a rainy day or to pay into a pension plan in order to cater for our twilight years. Any one of us could be the farmer in today's reading. Was his behaviour so very wrong?

There's an often misquoted proverb. It reads, "Money is the root of all evil." Of course it should read, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Jesus isn't advising us not to work hard or not to earn money. Jesus is probably not encouraging us to avoid planning for our old age. Jesus is certainly not promoting that we spend money in a big hurry because tomorrow we might be dead. The farmer is a fool, not because he builds bigger barns, that's a farmer's job, but because he thinks he can manage the future. Worse, he believes that his money and his money alone can safeguard his future. He is great at managing his money, but not great at managing his soul. Too late, he learns this truth at death's door.

The message is simple and comes in the last line of the reading. There is absolutely no point storing up treasures if you are not rich towards God. Being rich towards God is the only worthwhile pension policy, because at the end of the day, you can't take your money with you and you certainly can't buy your way into heaven.

If we are financially well off, being rich towards God will mean sharing our wealth. If we are successful business people we must make sure our businesses benefit our communities and those on the margins of our communities. If we are not well off, being rich towards God will mean sharing our time and our skills. Whatever age you are, it's not too late to start investing in God's pension plan!

Mass times for the coming week

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Sunday

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Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS Saturday after 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.



HEATH CEMETERY MASS
Monday, 15th August

Feast of the Assumption
Procession, Rosary at 7pm
Mass at 7.30pm

The Feast of the Transfiguration

6th August

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. Today we see him recognise that Peter James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and treated them to a vision. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. The vision showed the disciples a glimpse of the glory that they would one day share. Doubtless it was a vision they could conjure whenever they were in need of motivation. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person.



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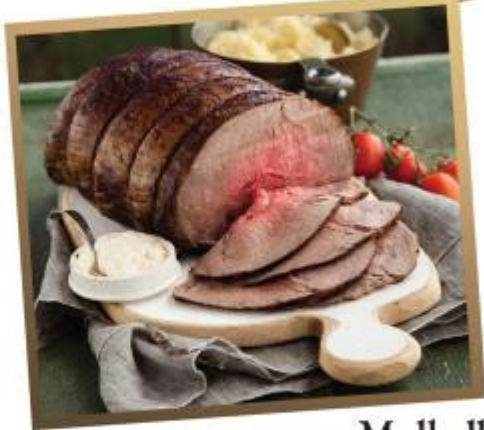
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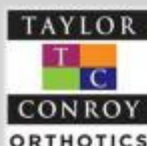
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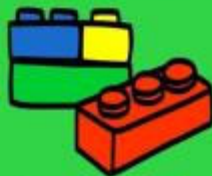
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Raffle: 1st Ann O'Dowd 2nd Angela Brennan
3rd Betty Srahan 4th Molly O'Brien
5th Catherine O'Brien



Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues
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GROW Mental Health meeting is changing their time. It
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Tea/Coffee Morning with Midlands Living Links;
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Tullore Cemetery Mass; Thursday 11th August, 7pm.

Cromague Cemetery Mass; Monday 15th August, 7pm.

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A Fool and His Money

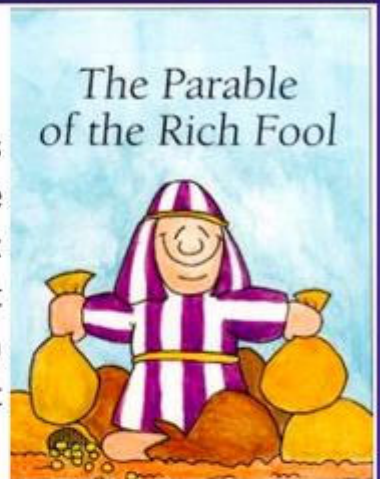
Do you like to watch game shows on television? I have always been a big fan of TV game shows. One of my favourite game shows of all time was a show called "Let's Make a Deal." On that show, contestants would be given a chance to trade a prize that they had already won for a prize that was hidden behind curtain #1, #2, or #3. Sometimes they would win a great prize, but sometimes they would end up with a worthless prize.

And also, it doesn't always work that way in real life. Sometimes people go through life making deals and trying to build up more and more wealth. They think that the more money and possessions they have, the happier they will be. Jesus warned about that. He said,

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

He then told the story of a man whose land had produced so much grain that he had no place to store it. Even though he had plenty, he wanted more, so he decided to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. Jesus said the man was a fool, for when his life was over, he would leave everything behind. He would leave this world with nothing. Life is not a TV game show and God doesn't make deals. God has promised to supply all of our needs, but He has not promised to fulfil every selfish wish.

Jesus said, "Watch out!" What did He warn us to be on guard against? (All kinds of greed.) Greed means wanting more than you need. There are many types of greed. We can be greedy for more money, candy, attention, food, toys and other things we like. Jesus doesn't say it is wrong to have lots of money or to save things, but we must use them to be rich toward God instead of keeping everything for ourselves. To be rich toward God is to use our money and things to build His kingdom. We do this when we give our offering and when we use our time and treasures to focus on Him and to serve our neighbours.



Dear Father,
help us to be content with the blessings which you so generously
give us and help us to be on guard against selfishness and greed.

Amen

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then God said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.

Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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**RICH
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**BARN
EAT**

**DRINK
MERRY**

**LIFE
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REMEMBER!

**The things we own are temporary.
God's kingdom lasts forever.**



**Pray that we will
always put God first
in our lives and place
everything else
below Him.**



TIME TO THINK!

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Time seems to be moving extremely quickly. It's hard to believe that August has arrived. This is a wonderful time of year when harvest begins to be gathered, a time which evokes a deep sense of gratitude, that what has been planted, now produce rich fruit. Recently, Pope Francis, highlighted the very important role, that grandparents, play in the lives of every family. Like a rich harvest, they have spent their lives nourishing and encouraging the fruit of their love. Grandparents, have the gift of both time and wisdom. Grandparents inspire a younger generation who benefits by their love example and faith. I pray in gratitude for all grandparents alive or gone before us.

Even though we are still in holiday season, the Celtic festival of Lughnasadh heralds the beginning of early harvest. Marking the cross-quarter day between Summer solstice on June 21st and Autumn equinox on September 21st, it is traditionally held on 1st August, though some of the celebrations in recent centuries have shifted to the Sundays nearest this date.

As one of the four Gaelic seasonal festivals, Lughnasadh heralds the commencement of Autumn followed by Samhain and Winter, Imbolg and Spring then Bealtaine and Summer.

Lughnasadh itself is named after Lugh, an Irish God called *samildanach* (pronounced *sam-ill-dawn-ack*), meaning he was highly adept in many arts simultaneously. There are countless inscriptions and statues dedicated to him and Julius Caesar himself commented on his importance to the Celtic people.

There is something very fulfilling eating fresh vegetables that you have nurtured, cultivated with your own hands. As we celebrate the beginning of harvest time, once again we are reminded of God's bounty, when it comes the harvest.

In Celtic times, this season of Lunasa was an occasion of thanksgiving. The Celtic people burnt huge fires, danced and celebrated many rituals, as they thanked God, for the food and sustenance that nourished them as they faced the darker and more vulnerable months of the year.

Harvest time is indeed a time of rich blessing, a time to gather all that has been planted and cared for since the early spring. There can be no harvest without all the necessary tilling, planting, pruning, weeding and nourishing that accompany any fruit that ripens into something good and nourishing.

Perhaps this harvest time is an opportunity for us all, to acknowledge the fruits that we all have in the depth of our being. Fruits that take a lot of time to grow and mature into the beautiful personality and unique qualities that are particular to all our stories.



The gift of Grandparents who embody the story of every harvest. Parents who respond so generously to the needs of their children.

Parenting I'm sure in many ways could be likened to tending the needs of the vineyard, it is constant, demanding, most challenging and in many ways totally dependent on the unconditional generosity and reservoir of love, that provides for the needs of family life. I am often truly inspired by the time and indeed sacrifices that so many wonderful parents, so often make for their children, in order to allow them to grow and realise the best possible harvest for their family. No fruit or talent can realise its potential without effort and work.

Thank you, O Lord, your love is boundless

Thank you, O Lord, your love is boundless,

Thank you, that I am full of you,

Thank you, you make me feel so glad and thankful as I do,

Thank you for all the grains of wheat,

Thank you for all the bread we eat,

Thank you for all the turf we gather,

Thank you, we will have plenty of heat

Thank you for all the ripe bananas,

Thank you for orchards in the field,

Thank you for all the new potatoes,

Thank you for all the beans and peas,

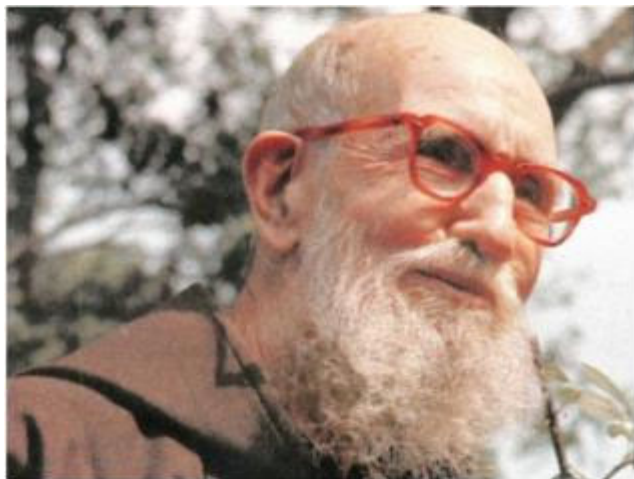
Thank you for all our gifts and talents,

Thank you, we share with those in need,

Thank you I see your world has meaning,

Thank you I know your spirit here,

Thank you because you love all people, those both far and near.



Blessed Solanus Casey (1870—1957)

An Irish American Capuchin Priest

Not well known on this side of the Atlantic but this remarkable Priest, born to Irish parents who fled the famine, was declared venerable by Pope John Paul II in 1995. His cause for Canonisation continues. His life story is inspirational - he was a devoted follower of St. Francis and had a deep love and compassion for the poor and

A booklet titled 'The Doorkeeper' tells his life story; his Irish American family who settled as pioneer farmers in Wisconsin, his struggles as a student and his Ordination as a Priest of the Capuchin order. It is available at the Parish Shop €2. Also prayer cards are available at the Parish Church porches.

Prayer for the Canonisation of Father Solanus Casey

O God, I adore you. I give myself to you. May I be the person You want me to be and may Your will be done in my life today. I thank You for the gifts You gave to Father Solanus. If it is your will bless us with the Canonisation of Father Solanus so that others may imitate and carry on his love for all the poor and suffering of our world. As he joyfully accepted Your divine plans. I ask You, according to Your will, to hear my prayers for ...(your intention).....through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Today (Sunday)

1.45PM

We wish the Laois Ladies football team the very best in today's Intermediate Final. A very talented group of players including a Portlaoise trio of Sarah Ann Fitzgerald, Ellen Healy and Laura Nerney; and a couple of Ratheniska players Erone Fitzpatrick and Anna Healy. C'mon Laois.



MISSING

Having travelled all the way from Ukraine to be reunited with her owner Tiffany has gone missing.

If you have seen her or know where she might be taking refuge please contact the Parish Centre.

057 862 1142



*Love your
enemies
and Pray for
those who
persecute you*

-MATTHEW 5:44

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
PHILOMENA JULIE DWANE
née Matthews

25 Mountain View, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise.
 1st Anniversary occurs 1st August 2022.



On the first anniversary of Julie's passing, her children Tanya, Dahna, Paddy and Robert, her mother Mary, son-in-law Mark, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and extended family, wish to express our deep gratitude to all those who sympathised with us during Julie's sudden passing. To those who sent flowers, cards, food, offered

condolences or support, thank you, it helped us through a very difficult time.

Thank you to the workers of the emergency services and Portlaoise hospital for giving Julie their utmost care and attention.

Thank you to Jason Molloy, Esther O' Shea, Julie O' Shea and Shannon Faulkner for the kindness shown to Julie's children and mother during the funeral. Our deepest gratitude to Christine Scully and Breda Carroll for their heartfelt Rosary and compassion offered for Julie, also to the Scully family for their emotional support, food and condolences during and after the funeral. Your kindness did not go unnoticed.

A sincere thank you to Anne and John Comerford for the compassionate and professional manner in which they carried out Julie's wake and funeral arrangements. They truly went above and beyond for our family and gave Julie the send off she deserved.

Julie's children would like to express their gratitude to Julie's sister, Marie Matthews. Your gift to us is very precious and your kindness and compassion for Julie will never be forgotten.

As it is not possible to thank everyone individually at this time, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation for your kindness, compassion, generosity and support provided.

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

Rest in Peace Julie

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16



In Loving Memory of
A Precious Mother and Grandmother
SHEILA READY

Late of 26 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
 2nd Anniversary occurs 2nd August 2022



To a Dearest Mother
 If we could visit Heaven,
 On this our saddest day,
 Maybe for one moment,
 Our pain would go away.
 We'd put our arms around you,
 And whisper words so true,
 That living life without you,
 Is so very hard to do.
 We cannot bring the old days
 back, when we were all together,
 But loving thoughts and memories
 will stay with us forever.

Loved and missed dearly by your son William, daughter Marie and granddaughters Teagan and Keiva xx

Rest in Peace Sheila

In Loving Memory of
FRANK RODDY

3 Well Road, Portlaoise.
 Months Mind occurs 4th August 2022.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Thursday 4th August at 10am.

Think of Frank as living in the hearts of those he touched, for nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so very much.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Mary, family and friends.

May His Gentle Soul Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOE CAMPBELL

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
 21st Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 31st July at 11:15am.

Our thoughts are ever with you though you have passed away, and those who have loved you dearly are thinking of you today.

Loved and remembered by all his loving family.

Rest in Peace Joe

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
AUDREY JEAN CANAVAN
née Montgomery

19 Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.
 1st Anniversary occurs 30th July 2022.



Her beloved husband Tony, son Karl, daughter-in-law Denise and grandsons Eric, Ross and Scott would like to thank most sincerely everyone who sent condolences, Mass cards, online messages of sympathy, letters, and flowers. To those who travelled long distances to be with us on this

very sad occasion and to those who called to the house offering their sympathy, we say a sincere thank you.

To Dr. Anna Gullane and her caring staff at Annebrook Medical Centre, Portlaoise, thank you. Dr. Anna had been such a good friend in her professional capacity down through the years, Audrey really appreciated her kindness and help.

A very sincere thank you to the staff at St. James Hospital, Tallaght Hospital and the Regional Hospital Portlaoise, for their unflinching assistance and help down through the years. A sincere thank you to Primary Colours Hair Studio, Portlaoise. Audrey looked forward so much to meeting you all every Saturday.

Sincere thank you to Revd. Janet Finlay and Revd. Alec Purser for the beautiful service provided and for being so consoling. Audrey would have been so proud. Many thanks to Shane Reynolds for supplying the hymns and to Phyllis Clegg for rendering the sacred music. Many thanks to Avril Jestin for preparing the Church for the service.

Thank you also to the undertakers Matthew Keegan and David Goode for their professionalism in carrying out the funeral arrangements and to the grave digger for the sensitive way in which he prepared Audrey's final resting place.

Thanks also to everyone who attended the funeral service. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 numbers were limited which we regretted.

To all our good neighbours and friends who were so kind and comforting to us over this time, many thanks. To Anna Byrne her sincere and loyal friend over many years, thank you Anna.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually at this time, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude and appreciation.

Audrey was a beautiful, friendly, kind and loyal person. She is sorely missed.

Rest in Peace Audrey

In Loving Memory of My Dear Father
GARRETT KEOGH

Borris Rd., Portlaoise.
 52nd Anniversary occurs at this time.



*Always Loved and
 Remembered*

*Your daughter Margaret and son-in-law
 Oliver and grandchildren xx*

Rest in Peace Garrett

In Loving Memory of
EUGENE O' CONNOR

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
 11th Anniversary occurs 4th August 2022.



Just a prayer from the family who loved you, just a memory fond and true,
 In our hearts you will live forever,
 Because we thought the world of you.

*Always remembered, never forgotten by
 your twin sister Lucy, brothers and sisters,
 son and daughter and grandsons
 Odin and Zane xxxx*

Rest in Peace Eugene

In Loving Memory of
PATRICK CONROY Jnr.

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.

39th Anniversary occurs 3rd August 2022.



Those we love don't go away,
 They walk beside us every day,
 Unseen, unheard but always near,
 Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Remembered always by
 his loving family.

Rest in Peace Patrick

In Loving Memory of
KIERAN DELANEY

A Dear Son, Uncle and Daddy

Late of Green Mill Lane & St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
 9th Anniversary occurs 2nd August 2022



When I come to the end of my journey
 and I travel my last weary mile,
 Just forget, if you can, that I ever
 frowned and remember only my smile.
 Forget unkind words I have spoken,
 Remember some good I have done,
 Forget that I ever had a heartache,
 And remember I've had loads of fun.

Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
 and sometimes fell by the way, remember I have fought some
 hard battles and won, ere the close of the day.

Then forget to grieve for my going;

I would not have you sad for a day,

But in summer just gather some flowers and remember the
 place where I lay.

And come in the evening when the sun paints the sky in the
 west, stand for a few moments beside me and remember only
 my best.

*Always in our thoughts Kie; Mam, Angie, Kelsey, Tracy,
 Brendan, Sean, Laura and his son Adam, nieces and
 nephews and all his loving family.*

May Kieran Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of BRIDE CONROY

The Fields, Clonad.



The family of the late Bride Conroy would like to thank all those who sympathised with them on the recent sad loss of their very dear aunt. We would like to thank everyone who called to the house, phoned, attended the Rosary, sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy, floral arrangements and those who posted lovely messages of

condolence and tributes online.

Many thanks to our neighbours, friends and relations who lined the route to the church and graveyard and who helped out in so many ways. Thank you to those who attended Bride's Funeral Mass, either in person or via the parish webcam. A special thank you to Fr. Paddy Byrne for all his visits to Bride in her home and for celebrating the Requiem Mass. Thank you to Fr. Greg Corcoran who visited Bride also.

Many thanks to the musicians for the beautiful music during the Funeral Mass.

We wish to thank all the doctors, nurses and staff at the Maryborough Clinic for their care, and also the Public Health Nurses, especially Nurse Fiona O'Donoghue. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mrs Mary Bennett for the excellent nursing care that she gave to Bride during her illness.

A special thank you to Dr Fleming, Geraldine Kelly and his team of nurses in Portlaoise General Hospital for their support.

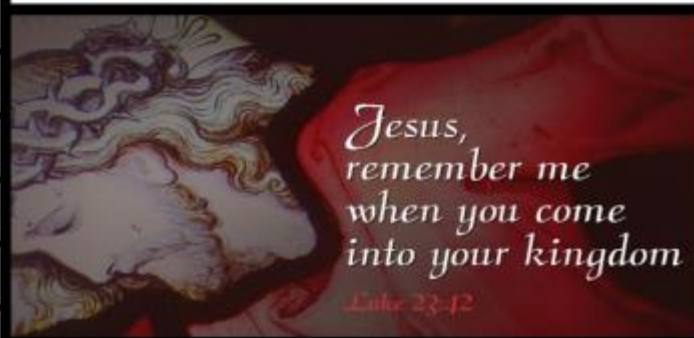
Thank you to John Moloney Funeral Directors for their care and professionalism and also to the gravediggers who prepared Bride's final resting place.

To Bride's many friends who visited her during her long life, a heart-felt thank you, your friendship meant a lot to her.

As it would be impossible to thank you all individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Bride's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen on Saturday, August 6th at 7pm.

Rest in Peace Bride



*Jesus,
remember me
when you come
into your kingdom*

Luke 22:42

In Loving Memory of DEAN BERGIN

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 1st August 2022



Dean's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Monday 1st August at 10am.

To a Son, Brother, Uncle

Dean you left us beautiful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
Although we cannot see you,
You are always by our side.

*Sadly missed by your loving Mother Mossie, sisters Martina,
Lisa, Sandra, nieces and nephews.*

Also remembering your father Ray at this time.

Rest in Peace Dean

let His light shine.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of JIMMY McGRATH

Temperance Street/Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix, Laois.
1st Anniversary occurs 3rd August 2022.



Jimmy's sister Cealy, brother-in-law Tom, nephews and nieces wish to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who sympathised with us at the time of Jimmy's passing. Sincere thanks to all who came to Keegan's funeral home to say farewell to Jimmy, those who posted condolences on RIP.ie and to the people of Abbeyleix for all your lovely and meaningful tributes to Jimmy on the Abbeyleix facebook page.

A special thanks to Dr. Madden and his staff and to Home Instead Care team for the great kindness shown to Jimmy.

Heartfelt thanks to Fr. Paddy Byrne and Msgr. John Byrne for your prayers and support, both at the house and the funeral home.

Thanks also to Keegan funeral directors for the compassionate and professional manner in which they carried out Jimmy's funeral arrangements.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deep gratitude for the kindness and support shown to us.

*A sudden call from God on high,
We had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you we will always keep.*

Rest in Peace Jimmy



In Loving Memory of **AGNES LAWLESS**

29 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
24th Anniversary occurred 28th July 2022



*Will those who think of
Agnes today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Always remembered and never
forgotten by Mick xxx
May Agnes Rest in Peace*



In Loving Memory of **MARY NEVIN**

12 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurs 31st July 2022



Mass will be offered for Mary in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this Sunday 31st July at 10am.

*Memory is a lovely lane where
hearts are ever true,
A lane we so often travel down
because it leads to you.*

Loved and remembered by your loving
son Paddy, Kathleen and family,
grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

*Always love you, Never forget you.
Rest in Peace Mommy*

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the heights of the mountains are His also.”*

Psalms 95:4

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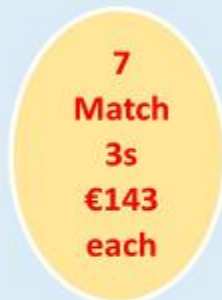


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- Envelope boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
- Direct payment by cheque or cash
- Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church
- Donation facility on our website
- Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
- Or Transfer directly to our Account

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