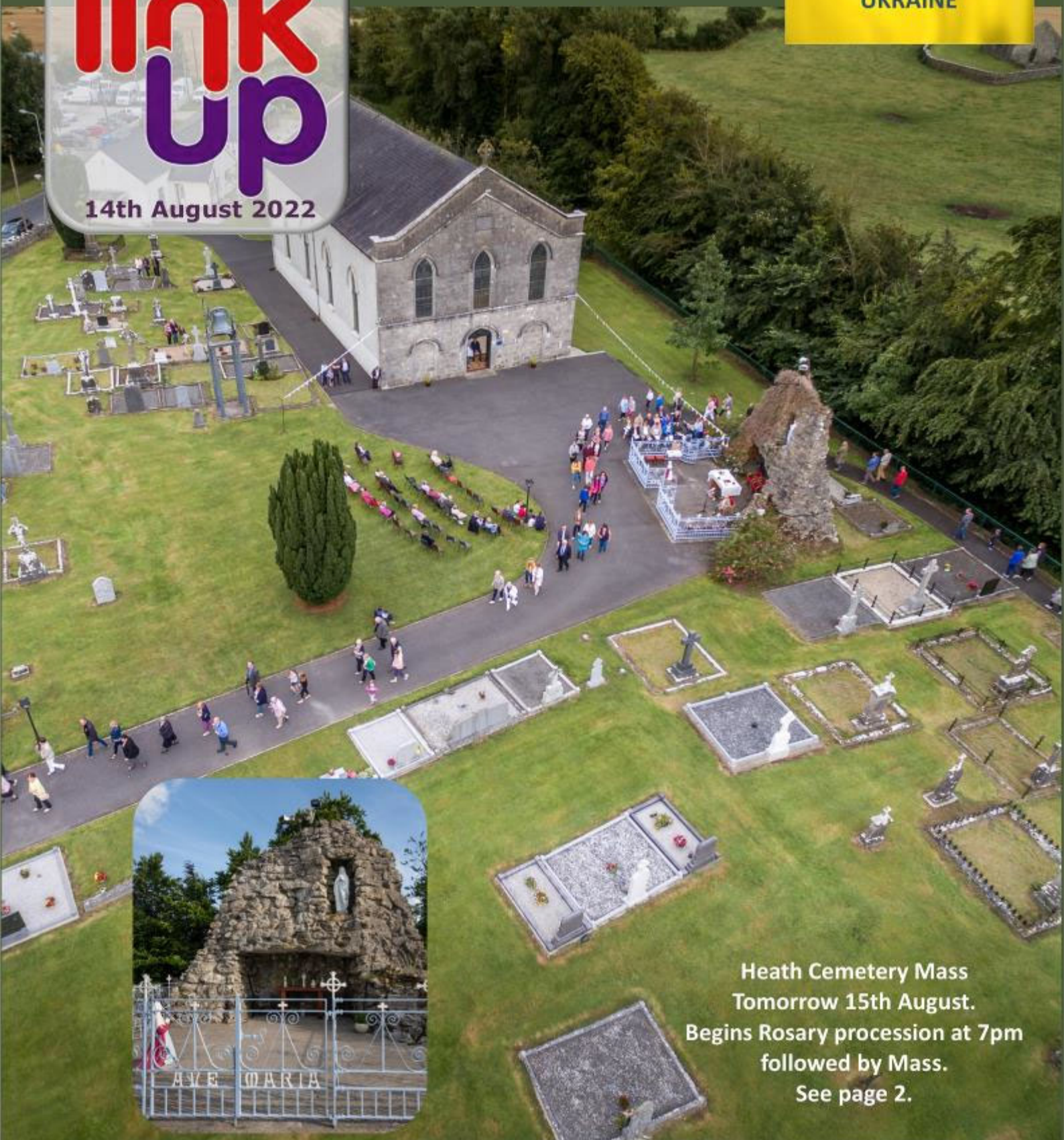


**PORTLAOISE
PARISH**
**link
up**

14th August 2022

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

**WE STAND WITH
UKRAINE**



**Heath Cemetery Mass
Tomorrow 15th August.
Begins Rosary procession at 7pm
followed by Mass.
See page 2.**

**The Parish Centre 057 8621142
E-mail: info@portlaoiseparish.ie**

Follow Us & Like Us  [@PortlaoiseParis](https://twitter.com/PortlaoiseParis)
 fb.com/portlaoiseparishlaois
fb.com/portlaoiselinkup

Parish and Diocesan Websites: www.portlaoiseparish.ie www.kandle.ie



Monday 15th August Feast of the Assumption

How do we live our lives? Do we feel overworked, overwhelmed anxious and tired? Do we feel unable to make an impact on the world around us? Do we suffer from negative feelings of inadequacy, failure, boredom or of panic? When we are at our lowest ebb we might ask for God's help, but few of us would consider completely putting our trust in God or expecting any fulfilment in return. It's exactly this that makes the Blessed Virgin Mary so special. Mary's trust in God and her lifelong fidelity have made her the model disciple.



Mary presents to us the key to life's challenges when she says, "...He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty...." Mary addresses two driving forces that come up again and again in our lives and our society; self-interest and the use of power to get our own way.

How would Mary behave if she were suddenly amongst us today? Almost certainly she would be leading the way, making Jesus' vision of a world free of poverty and abuse a reality. Almost certainly she would be showing us how to live faithful and fulfilled lives. Mary is the model of trust and fidelity.

Saying 'yes' to God is important, but in some ways it's not the hardest part. Making discipleship real day in and day out as Mary did is the really hard part, and our challenge for today.

"From Mary we learn how to surrender to God's Will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God."

Pope St. John Paul II

Mass times for the coming week
ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

Monday - Feast of the Assumption

8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

Ratheniska: 10am

Cemetery Mass Heath: 7.30pm

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.



St. Bernard of Clairvaux
(1091-1153)

Saturday 20th August

Bernard's life was characterised by a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother. His sermons and books about Mary are still the standard of Marian theology. "In dangers, in doubts, in difficulties, think of Mary, call upon Mary. Let not her name depart from your lips, never suffer it to leave your heart. And that you may more surely obtain the assistance of her prayer, neglect not to walk in her footsteps. With her for guide, you shall never go astray; while invoking her, you shall never lose heart; so long as she is in your mind, you are safe from deception; while she holds your hand, you cannot fall; under her protection you have nothing to fear; if she walks before you, you shall not grow weary; if she shows you favour, you shall reach the goal".

(St. Bernard)



**We welcome into our
Parish Community**

Fiadh Holland Phelan, Ballyroan

Allanah Mia Gallagher, Ballyclider

Who were baptised last weekend.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 38:4-6

Psalms: 39:2-4, 18.

Hebrews: 12:1-4

Luke 12:49-53

THE
SUNDAY
MISAL

MULHALL MEATS

ESTABLISHED 1931



Mulhall's Fresh Irish Eye of Round Roast

Offer Available Mon 15th Aug - Sun 28th Aug Only

Now
25%
Off

Mulhall Meats Is Located Within Mulhall's SuperValu.
Mulhall's SuperValu is Open Mon-Sat 7.30am-9pm, Sunday 8am-7pm.

Phone: 057 8621044

Mulhall's Butcher Counter is Open Every Sunday 9am - 5pm

AUDIOLOGIST HEARING AID Consultant

Patricia Kilmartin
B.A.A.T., M.I.S.H.A.A.
(28+ years experience with Private & Public Sector)



- Comprehensive Hearing Assessment
- Full range of Digital Hearing Aids available incl. **FREE PRSI HEARING AIDS TO VALUE OF €1000 TO ELIGIBLE CLIENTS**
- Pre-employment tests/Occupational Screening Tests
- Ear moulds, Custom made Swim Plugs, Musicians Moulds, etc.
- Hearing Aid Batteries, Minor Repairs, etc. (incl. postal service)
- Ear Wax Removal Service

In Attendance

10 Lismard Court, Portlaoise Co. Laois.
(Entrance beside Macra Na Feirme Hall on Timahoe Road)

By Appointment Only

Tel: 057 8692289 Mobile: 085 8568808

E-mail: pkaudiology@gmail.com

Website: www.kilmartinaudiology.ie

STRICT SAFETY MEASURES IN PLACE, IN LINE WITH ADVICE OF THE GOVERNMENT & HSE GUIDELINES

JWROOFING

THE HEIGHT OF QUALITY



TALK TO US

☎ 089 4892441
Find us on Facebook

*Reliable
Fully Insured
Work Guaranteed*

Gutter Cleaning & Roof Inspection **ONLY €60**

✉ jwroofing77@gmail.com

🌐 www.jwroofing.ie

LAOIS JET WASH SERVICES LTD



C.C.T.V. PIPE & DRAIN INSPECTION
HIGH PRESSURE DRAIN CLEANING
 TEL/FAX 057-8681720 MOBILE 087-7749519
HAVE YOU A PROBLEM WITH YOUR DRAINS?

RAMPS & RAILS

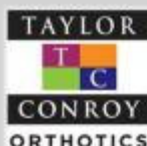
FOR THE HOME

We install concrete ramps to allow freedom of movement and steel handrails to provide safe access for everyone



Contact David

087-2675106



Taylor & Conroy Orthotics and Insoles

- No long waiting lists to be assessed.
- Qualified practitioners with over 20 years experience.
- Irish-made Orthotics.
- Relieving pain.
- Improving mechanics and posture.
- Preventing issues associated with flat feet and high arches.



*Prescription
Orthotics for
Daywear and Sportswear*

KELLIE TAYLOR BSC (Hons) Ost. M.O.C.I. and DARREN CONROY BSC (Hons) Ost. M.O.C.I.

086-8675060

Unit 10 Kilminchy Court, Kilminchy, Portlaoise, Laois



tcosteopaths@gmail.com



www.tcosteopaths.ie

BOWE'S Mini-Bus Service

M: 087 615 8761

School Runs

Airport Shuttle

Hen and Stag Parties

Sporting Events and Concerts

Tours

Work Events

Bingo Runs



@bowesminibus



@bowesminibusservice

**OPEN
7 Days
a Week**

Techmarket
Repair Sales Accessories



Techmarket
Sales Accessories Repairs

Located in the Kyle Centre, Portlaoise

Laptops, Macs, iMacs, Tablets and all Computer and Phone Accessories in stock



techmarket.ie



@techmarketirl



SALES

ACCESSORIES

REPAIRS

PORTARLINGTON

Further Education & Training Centre

INFORMATION EVENING

DATE: Thursday, 18 August 2022

TIME: 6.00pm to 8.30pm

VENUE: LOETB Portarlington Further Education & Training Centre

GUEST SPEAKER

Dr Tony Humphreys,
Clinical Psychologist

Check out our full time and part-time Course and Programmes commencing in September:

FULL TIME COURSES

QQI Level 4: Access to Education & Training in Healthcare, Childcare, Office Administration

QQI Level 5: Healthcare Support, Office Administration, Applied Social Care

QQI Level 6: Business with IPASS

The Certificate in Accounting Technicians, The Diploma in Accounting Technicians

PART-TIME MODULES

Sept - Dec 2022

Healthcare Support QQI Level 5

- Work Experience
- Care of the Older Person
- Special Needs Assisting
- Special Needs Assisting Level 6

Office Administration QQI Level 5

- Bookkeeping Manual & Computerised
- Payroll Manual & Computerised
- Audio Transcription

Access to Education & Training QQI Level 4

- Information Technology Skills (ITS)
- Introduction to Healthcare

Access to Education & Training QQI Level 3

- Computer Literacy
- Internet and Email

PART-TIME MODULES

Sept 2022 - May 2023

- Communications Level 4
- Maths Level 4
- Personal Effectiveness Level 4

EVENING PROGRAMME

Sept - Dec 2022

- Rehabilitation Practice Level 6
(Monday evenings 6pm to 9pm)
- Boundary Management Level 6
(Wednesday evenings 6pm to 9pm)
- Special Needs Assisting Level 5
(Tuesday evenings 6pm to 9pm)
- Information Technology Skills Level 4
(Tuesday evenings 6.30pm to 9.30pm)
- Spreadsheet Methods Level 4
(Monday evenings 6.30pm to 9pm)
- Communications Level 4
(Monday evenings 6.30pm to 9.30pm)
- Computer Literacy Level 3
(Monday evenings 6.30pm to 9.30pm)
- Payroll Principles - Stage 1
(Wednesday evening 6.30pm to 9.30pm)

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES Sept - Dec 2022

- Introduction to Horticulture
(Morning Class)
- Introduction to Sewing
(Tuesday Evening Class)

LIFELONG LEARNING DEPARTMENT

- Bachelor of Business Studies
Level 8 (IPA/UCD)
- Bachelor of Public Management
Level 8 (IPA/UCD)
- Diploma in Law Level 7 (IPA/UCD)
- Diploma in Communication
Level 7 (UCC)
- Higher Diploma in Relationship
Mentoring Level 8 (UCC)

*'This course elevated
what I had learned last year,
and I gained valuable knowledge by
putting my knowledge and skills into
practice in the workplace.'*

Niamh Lawlor, Business Management student



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland



Có-mhacairithe ag an
Aontas Eorpach
Co-funded by the
European Union

PAINTING & DECORATING

- Interior & Exterior
- Spray Painting
- Powerwashing
- 15 years experience
- Fully Insured

089-4459958
www.kukic-hms.ie

WINDOW AND DOOR REPAIRS

- Hinges/Handles
- Letterboxes
- Slide Patio Door Rollers
- Window and Door draught proofing
- Fully Insured

083-3153211
www.kukic-hms.ie

ACTIVE BUILDING SERVICES

Domestic Plumbing.
Oil Fired Central Heating.
Plumber on call, Portlaoise and surrounding areas. Tel.;
Fergus 089-4541868

TV SERVICES

Repairs to TV and home entertainment equipment. Also we supply and fit and repair Saorview, Aerial and Satellite systems. Contact;

057-8732998
087-3636497 / 083-3742600

PLUMBER AVAILABLE

All domestic, solid fuel and oil servicing.
Water softener installation.
Full Bathroom Renovations.

Contact Alan;
085-1141395



GARDENER AVAILABLE

for
Maintenance
and small construction jobs,
experienced and local. Tel.

Jim 087-6885017

CAROLINE'S HOLISTICS

Reflexology, Indian Head
Massage & Hopi-Ear Candle
All treatments from 12 noon
to 7pm, Monday to Friday

086-4055618

ERAWAN THAI MASSAGE

Pepper's Court
Portlaoise

Open 7 Days
11am-7pm

083-0988602

CLARE'S DOG GROOMING SERVICE



Mountrath

Grooming with
kindness for over 12 years. JKL
grooming diploma.
Follow me on Facebook. Tel.

Hugh Thompson MIDLAND HEATING SERVICES

For all your Heating & Plumbing needs
Service and Repair of Oil Boilers,
Oil Cookers & Gas Boilers
Plus Power Flushing of Heating Systems
Removing all the old sludge and water that has built up
in your radiators and boilers over the years with clean
water and Inhibitors to reduce fuel bills and save money.

Ballyfin, Portlaoise. Call:

086-3758503

Does your child have a diagnosis of ASD?

Attending, due to start or waiting
on a preschool placement?
Contact us to discuss additional
teaching hours available to
your child.

Aisling 085-7024480
Jacinta 085-1158823

DAVE CUNNINGHAM CARPENTRY SERVICES



Registered and fully insured
Budget Kitchens €€€€ at affordable prices
to suit everyone. Slide robes, Panel work,
Partitions and wainscoting.
Outdoor pergolas with twin wall clear roof.
Renovations undertaken with all trades
available.

Call Dave 086-8209640
davecunninghamdrom@gmail.com

EXPERIENCED DJ FOR ALL EVENTS

Weddings
Birthday Parties
and much more!

James Callaghan
085-1472855

E-mail; jcdjmusic@live.com
Facebook; Jc Dj Music



LAWN CUTTING SERVICES

Person available for lawn
cutting and strimming.
Grass removed afterwards if
required and area left tidy.
Reasonable prices. For further
details, please tel. Brendan;

086-8968058

DELUXE PAINTING & TILING

Interior Painting and Decoration
Exterior Painting and Spray Painting
Ceramic Tile and Natural Stone
Installer

Laminating Floor
Powerwashing and Cleaning Service

Contact Thomas 083-1819693
deluxepaintingtiling@gmail.com
<http://deluxe-painting-tiling.business.site/>

All Scrap Metal; Washing
machines, Cookers,
Lawnmowers etc. collected
free. Also Mini-Digger and
small Tipping Trailer for hire.
Garden sheds cleaned out,
old sheds, fences or sewer
problems solved. Contact;
Richard 085-2529893

TAI CHI TEACHER TRAINING

Commencing in
An Gairdín Beo, Carlow
24th September 2022

Contact Rosaleen;
086-0789241
taichiandwellnessacademy.com

PROPERTY WANTED

Two bedroom property
to rent for disabled
elderly lady and her
carer, Portlaoise area.

Contact;
083-2093950

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED

For 2-3 year old child, already going to crèche full-time, required when schools are on;
Monday to Friday, 7.30am-8am, with drop off to crèche for 8am.

€10 per morning worked (we will agree each week on the days for the following one).

Monday-Friday, the odd evening, collection from crèche at 6pm.
€10 for the first hour, then €5 p/h afterwards.

This would suit a retired person close to St. Mary's CBS school.

If interested, please phone/text/WhatsApp Orla **086-3659715**

FUEL FOR SALE

3 large net bags Logs €10
5 bags of Kindling €10
Orders over €50 receive two bags of kindling free
Car Trailer loads available.
Free delivery to suit. Tel.
Fintan 087-7645855

ACCOMODATION WANTED

For quiet single lady, full-time worker, single room, Portlaoise town.
Contact; 086-4045279

ACCOMODATION WANTED

Professional gentleman seeks accomodation in Portlaoise or surrounding areas. References available.
Non-smoker/non-drinker.
Contact; 085-2055198

TAI CHI / CHI KUNG / MEDITATION

5 week course, 90 mins per class.
Venue; The Talbot Hotel
Portlaoise Road, Carlow
Dates;
Wed. 21st Sept. - Wed. 19th Oct.
Time; **7:30pm-9pm.** Cost; **€80.**
Contact Rosaleen 086-0789241
taichiandwellnessacademy.com

FOR SALE

Berg Roxy go cart €190
Berg Balanz Bike €190
Berg western style trailer with hood €160
Cantilever 3 meter parasol with base, light and cover €90
All in excellent condition.
Phone 086-3998155

THE THRIFT SHOP

Pepper's Lane, Portlaoise
Open 10am-4pm
087-9586057

We are looking for ladies who would like to volunteer in our shop on Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays.

TUITION

Experienced primary school teacher with masters in Special Education, available for one-to-one tuition in reading/ Dyslexia. Parents will be provided with an assessment/ feedback. Contact;
087-2182773

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

in aid of

Fatima Invalid Fund
13th/14th August

Portlaoise, The Heath, Ratheniska and Emo
Your support is greatly appreciated.

CLONAD CEMETERY MASS

Wednesday 31st August
at 7:30pm



Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 9th August;

Top score: Frank Keenan & Tom Jacob

1st Lady: Bob

2nd Lady: V. Kearns

1st Gent: A. Brennan

2nd Gent: C. Galvin

1st Half: Bridie Kennedy

2nd Half: Breda Fitzpatrick

Raffle: 1st A. O'Dowd 2nd W. Carroll
3rd N. Delaney 4th T. Jacob
5th T. Dunne



Portlaoise Active Retirement will reopen following the Summer recess, the first Wednesday in September and we will be taking deposits for the holiday in Donegal on 10th October. The deposits will need to be collected right away as there isn't a lot of time until 10th October.

Bowls every Monday at 3pm in St. Mary's Sports hall and Cards every Thursday afternoon at 3pm in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy. For information please contact Sheila (PRO) 087-6204617.

Alzheimer's Society of Ireland Laois Branch have vacancies for healthcare workers on our community employment scheme in Laois. Full driving licence is required. For further information please contact Ann Munnely on 086-8372168.

Church Gate Collection for Portlaoise Concern Group 20th/21st August 2022. Your support is greatly needed. At the moment Concern is supporting millions of people in the horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Somalia, and Kenya) facing the worst drought in 40 years. If anyone would like to help with the collection please tel. 087-6204617.

GROW Mental Health meeting every Wednesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

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

Counselling: Accord Portlaoise are open for Relationship Counselling at The Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Counselling is completely confidential, all counsellors are fully trained. For further info. please contact Mary at 086-4149034 or e-mail accordportlaoise@gmail.com

Community & Voluntary Awards: Laois County Council in partnership with Laois PPN have launched the 2022 Community & Voluntary Awards! So, go ahead and get nominating your local community and voluntary groups and individuals. Nomination forms are available online at www.laois.ie, www.ppn.ie and www.peoplefirstcu.ie or e-mail awards@laoiscoco.ie

You can also nominate through our Portal Link below-
<https://consult.laois.ie/en/applications>. Closing date for receipt of nominations is Friday 19th August at 4pm.

Join with us to pray the Rosary via Portlaoise Parish webcam daily at 9:30am, 7pm, 9:30pm. Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto after evening Mass on the First Friday of every month.



• Graphic Design • Corporate & Retail Print • Book Publishing • Memorial and Wedding Stationery • Signage • Vehicle Graphics • Promotional Items • Mail Marketing • Pick & Pack

Clonminam Business Park, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 EH11
☎ 057 8634050

mochuaprint.ie

Henry Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, W12 TF83
☎ 045 433569



Peppers Lane Portlaoise

We generously donate to hospice care locally and have done so continuously since our shop opened!

We are now in need of furniture:

Beds, wardrobes, dressing tables, bedside lockers, tables, chairs etc.

Ladies, gents and children's clothing & all types of bric-a-brac

Your gift helps to make people's lives more comfortable

Our gift helps hospice care

We can collect on request at your convenience

Contact Kevin: 0879586057



• **NEED HOME HEATING OIL?**
• **NEED TRACTOR DIESEL?**

Call Sean Smyth 086-3561669

ART CLASSES

FROM SEPTEMBER 5TH

Art Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Portlaoise	Treo Nua Resource Centre	Dunamais Arts Centre	Dunamais Arts Centre
ADULT		10.30am - 12.30pm	10.30am-12.30pm
JUNIOR 4-7YRS		4-5pm	3.15pm-4.15pm
SENIOR 8-YRS	4pm - 5pm	5.30pm - 6.30pm	4.30pm-5.30pm
TEEN	5.15pm - 6.15pm	-	6-7pm
ADULT	6.30pm - 8.30pm	7-9pm	7.30pm-9.30pm

BOOK your class online at
www.artclasseswithcarolinekeane.ie

Questions Contact -
artclasseswithcarolinekeane@gmail.com
0860609898





OUR COURSES – SEPTEMBER 2022

HEALTH & HUMANITIES

- EARLY LEARNING AND CARE- STAGE 1
- EARLY LEARNING AND CARE- STAGE 2
- COMMUNITY HEALTH WITH PSYCHOLOGY
- HEALTHCARE
- NURSING
- NURSING WITH MIDWIFERY
- PRE-PARAMEDICS
- SOCIAL STUDIES

PART-TIME MODULES

- CARE SUPPORT IN HEALTHCARE
- CARE SKILLS IN HEALTHCARE
- DIGITAL MARKETING
- BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
- INDIAN HEAD MASSAGE
- REFLEXOLOGY
- LASER & MICRODERMABRASION

BUSINESS & IT

- BUSINESS & IT SKILLS
- BUSINESS SUSTAINABILITY
- COMPUTER SCIENCE

ENGINEERING, DIGITAL MEDIA & SPORTS

- ENGINEERING
- DIGITAL CREATIVE MEDIA & ANIMATION
- SPORTS – LEISURE MANAGEMENT

BEAUTY & HAIR

- DIPLOMA IN BEAUTY THERAPY
- CERTIFICATE IN HAIRDRESSING
- ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN HAIRDRESSING



All courses are QQI Level 5 certified and offer excellent progression opportunities

Apply at:

www.portlaoiseinstitute.ie



To celebrate our new earlier opening time of **7AM**, join or re-join for just €12 with this advert.

Portlaoise Parish Centre

Every Tuesday

7am - 1:30pm

5pm - 6pm

*Use this advert to
Join or Re-join for just*

€12



UNISLIM

**TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC
CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION**

FLOWER POWER 2022

**PICNIC AND MUSIC
CHARITY EVENT
SUNDAY 21 AUGUST**

**In Aid of Laois Offaly Families for Autism
and Ukrainian Refugees.
Heath House, The Heath, Co Laois R32 VH28**

**Booking Sessions: 11am-1pm, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm
Entry Fee: Donation. [Booking Essential](#)
(weather dependent)
Email: info@heathhousefarmlaois.com
Phone: 085 1754709 (Roisin)**



ART EXHIBITION

By Ukrainian Artist-Designer

Oksana Rohovska

PORTLAOISE PARISH CENTRE

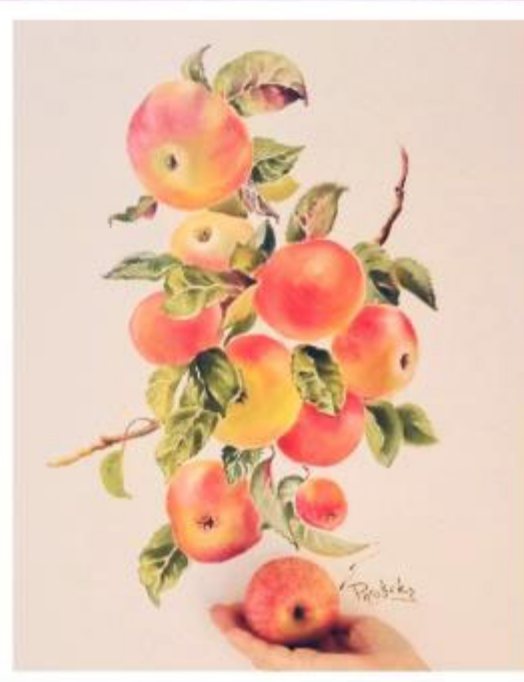
Launch 21ST August after 12:30pm Mass

And continuing for 10 days.

The art work will be available for sale

In aid of the Parish Ukrainian Appeal

Oksana, who came to Portlaoise at the beginning of the war, is a member of the Ukrainian Union of Artists and paints not only paintings and portraits, but also walls. She is mother to 4 daughters and likes to draw nature, especially flowers and children. Her love of art began as a child, noticing the special shapes and shades of colour of different flowers. The peculiarity of her works is the light and warmth which she brings to her paintings, which we so often lack in our hearts in such a frenetic pace of life.





Run the Race



In our second reading today says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Have you ever run a race? Have you ever won a medal or a trophy for running a race? It is a thrill to run a race and hear the voices of the people who are watching as they shout words of encouragement. It is an even greater thrill when you finish the race and win a medal or a trophy.

In 1992 when the Olympics were held in Barcelona, Spain, the world saw one of the greatest moments in Olympic history. Derek Redmond, a young man from England, had dreamed all his life of winning a gold medal in the 400 meter race. He had worked hard to get to the Olympics and his dream was within his reach. He was in the semi-finals and was running the race of his life. He could see the finish line just ahead as he rounded the final turn. Suddenly, he felt a sharp pain in the back of his leg and he fell to the track with a torn muscle in his right leg.

As the medical attendants ran toward him, Derek struggled to his feet. He started to hop toward the finish line on one foot in an attempt to finish the race. Suddenly, a large man came out of the stands, pushed aside a security guard and ran to Derek's side. It was Jim Redmond, Derek's father. "You don't have to do this," he told his son. "Yes, I do," said Derek. "Well, then," said his father, "we're going to finish this together." And they did. They stayed in Derek's lane all the way to the end. At first, the crowd watched in silence. Then they rose to their feet and cheered - and wept.

Derek Redmond didn't win the gold medal, but he walked away with the incredible memory of a loving father who, when he saw his son in pain, left his seat in the stands to help him finish the race.

That is what reading is about today. It teaches us that life is like a race that has been set before us. We may struggle and face many obstacles, but we have a great crowd of witnesses who are cheering us on. We have a Heavenly Father who loves us and will help us when the pain is too great. We have a Saviour, who left his place in heaven and came to earth to show us how to run the race. If we will keep our eyes on him, how can we help but finish the race?



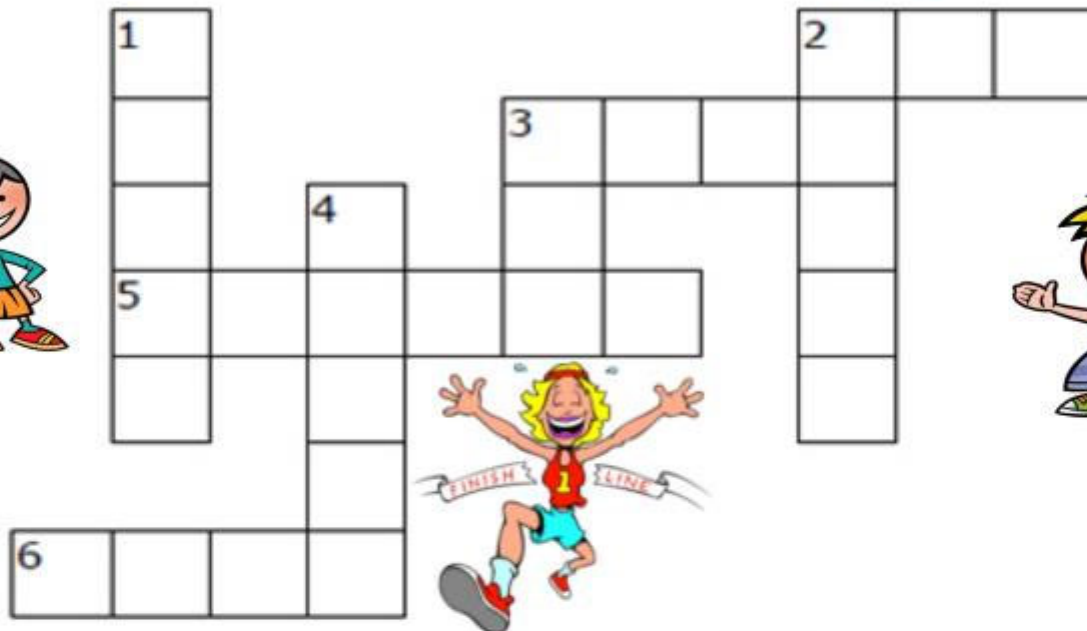
PRAYER

Father, help us to be faithful in running the race which you have set before us. We pray that we will keep our eyes on Jesus and follow the example he set for us. Keep us from the sin that will keep us from faithfully running our race. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Let us run with perseverance the
race marked out for us.
Hebrews 12:1b**

This puzzle is based on Hebrews 12:1-2

CROSS	JESUS	RUN	THRONE
FAITH	JOY	EYES	RACE



ACROSS

2. A feeling of great happiness
3. A contest of speed
5. The place where a king or queen is seated.
6. The organs which are used to see

DOWN

1. A strong belief in God.
2. The Son of God
3. To travelling on foot at a fast pace.
4. The wooden structure on which Jesus was crucified;

Word Search

G	Y	B	R	H	X	E	A	E	N	G	E	T	Z	Q
B	H	W	T	N	U	E	L	J	W	E	Q	H	U	S
S	F	I	P	A	T	E	G	H	F	V	V	A	E	B
D	A	I	P	Z	H	O	T	S	I	A	I	S	X	H
F	M	U	X	H	R	A	S	D	L	N	S	H	C	L
D	K	I	C	K	O	D	T	I	D	E	D	S	O	K
C	R	U	N	F	W	M	I	U	N	M	E	E	S	F
M	T	H	R	O	N	E	O	T	P	Y	O	F	R	V
U	A	A	Y	M	I	L	I	F	E	E	S	G	K	S
F	A	R	A	E	C	W	X	B	U	L	J	R	N	X
R	F	J	K	J	C	V	H	Q	G	U	E	E	I	T
A	K	B	Q	E	U	S	E	H	C	I	S	A	U	F
C	J	O	C	O	D	U	F	U	D	M	U	T	E	A
E	F	F	N	V	M	H	S	I	N	K	S	R	M	Z
R	G	W	R	I	P	K	J	O	Y	T	L	K	U	N

**GREAT
RACE
JESUS
WITNESSES
THROW
MARKED
FIX
THRONE
HINDERS
JOY
EYES
CLOUD
FAITH
RUN
SIN**



Time to Think!

GOD IS WITH US

A minister passing through his church in the middle of the day decided to pause by the altar and see who had come to pray. Just then the back door opened, a man came down the aisle, and the minister frowned as he saw the man hadn't shaved in a while. His shirt was shabby, old and his coat was worn and frayed. The man knelt, he bowed his head then rose and walked away. In the days that followed, each noon time came this chap. Each time he knelt just for a moment, a lunch pail in his lap.

The minister's suspicions grew with robbery a main fear. He decided to stop the man and ask him, "What are you doing here?" The old man said he worked down the road. Lunch was half an hour. Lunchtime was his prayer time for finding strength and power. "I stay only moments because the factory is so far away. As I kneel here talking to the Lord, this is what I say;

"I just came again to tell you Lord, how happy I've been since we found each other's friendship, and you took away my sin. I don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day. So Jesus, this is Jim, checking in today".

The minister, feeling foolish, told Jim that was fine. He told the man he was welcome to come and pray just anytime. Time to go, Jim smiled, and said "thanks." He sped to the door. The minister knelt at the altar, he'd never done it before. His cold heart melted, warmed with love, and met with Jesus there. As the tears flowed, in his heart, he repeated old Jim's prayer;

"How happy I've been since we found each other's friendship, and you took away my sin. I don't know much of how to pray, but I think about you every day. So Jesus, this is me, checking in today".

Past noon one day, the minister noticed that old Jim hadn't come. As more days passed without Jim, he began to worry some. At the factory, he asked about him, learning he was ill. The hospital staff were worried, but he'd given them

I am with you
and will watch over you
wherever you go.

Genesis 28:15

a thrill. The week that Jim was with them, brought changes in the ward. His smiles, a joy contagious, changed people were his reward. The head nurse couldn't understand why Jim was so glad when no flowers, calls or cards came, not a visitor he had. The minister stayed by his bed, he voiced the nurse's concern, no friends came to show they cared. He had nowhere to turn. Looking surprised, old Jim spoke up and with a winsome smile; "The nurse is wrong, she couldn't know, that in here all the while, every day at noon, He's here, a dear friend of mine, you see, he sits right down, takes my hand, leans over and says to me; "I just came again to tell you Jim, how happy I've been since we found this friendship, and I took away your sin. I always love to hear you pray and I think about you every day. So Jim, this is Jesus, checking in today".

Lord Jesus, you overpowered the control that sickness had by curing people of their illnesses. Those who were disabled were freed to walk again.

You calmed the sea and showed that you had control, even over nature.

You rose to a new way of living and showed that not even death had power over you.

With your power in our lives, everything that happens to us can be turned to good.

And so I ask you this day to help me to transform my difficulties and draw goodness out of what is negative in my life, knowing that there is nothing in life or in death that can ever separate me from your love. Amen.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 25,500 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles



*Blessed Brigida of Jesus
foundress*

VENERABLE SR. MARIA CELINE KANNANAICKAL

URSULINES OF MARY IMMACULATE

*"I want to be the flame of the altar lamp to be
always glowing for Jesus, day and night near Him,
always close to Him and never away from Him"*



Venerable Sr. Maria Celine

Venerable Sr. Maria Celine

One of the most forgotten words of the modern world is suffering and its real meaning. Blessed Brigida of Jesus, foundress of the Ursulines of Mary Immaculate, exhorts "Suffering and pain are measured in hours but the reward cannot be measured because it is eternal". It is indeed an asset to know the life story of Venerable Sr. Maria Celine raised from Servant of God to the position of Venerable by Pope Francis on 5th August 2022, an Ursuline sister who lived her short life proclaiming the eternal value of suffering.

Sr. Maria Celine was born at Trichur Diocese in Kerala, India on 13th February 1931. She was passionately attached to Christ and united herself with the sufferings of Christ in her early childhood itself. She led a virtuous life and trained to be a teacher. She was inflamed with the love of God, discerned her religious vocation and joined the Congregation of the Ursulines of Mary Immaculate on 24th June 1954.

Venerable Sr. Maria Celine was a chosen soul to suffer extraordinary trials and tribulations during her religious formation itself. She was also favored with visions and ecstasies and the Lord allowed her to endure His cross placed on her shoulder. The Lord gifted her with her excruciating pain especially for the reparation for the sins of the consecrated persons. Several occasions she was tortured mentally and physically by the devil. Even though the soul of His beloved daughter was purified in the furnace of suffering she was always a cheerful, fervent and devout novice. Her obedience, humility and generosity were remarkable. She offered every little suffering full of joy for the salvation of souls.

Mother Stefania Morelli, Italian missionary to India and the novice directress of the time, nurtured the vocation of Sr. Maria Celine with tender, loving and motherly care. In times of confusion and struggle Sr. Maria Celine leaned on to the cross like Blessed Brigida of Jesus foundress of the congregation and identified herself with the crucified Lord.

She made her profession on 20th June 1957 and as she pronounced her religious vows she paused for a while and continued it. Later she disclosed message to her directress saying "Jesus himself came to receive her vows and Holy Communion came to her in luminous way. Jesus asked her permission to take away the gift of her health and promised her he would come once again without delay to take her to Heaven".

Thereafter Sr. Maria Celine, a tall well-built healthy person gradually started to vomit uncontrollably followed by unbearable headache. She carried out the responsibility of a teacher with utmost care until the day before her death.

The fulfillment of the promise of the Lord on the day of her profession took place after 35 days. She had her last vision of the Lord in the presence of Mother Stefania and her last words were Yes Jesus, Yes, Yes. Venerable Sr. Maria Celine lived only 26 years in this world and only 35 days as a religious sister.

The world of our time tells us there is no meaning for suffering and life is to make merry in whatever way one wishes. A 26 year old nun honored to be venerable in the process of saint hood by Catholic Church invite us to find meaning of suffering and the ultimate goal of eternal life after death. **Venerable Sr. Maria Celine pray for us.**

Ursuline Sisters - Portlaoise



***Congratulations to all the couples recently married in
ABBEYLEIX PARISH - Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne
Every good wish and blessing for a happy future together.***



AND THE
Two
SHALL
BECOME
one
EPHESIANS 5:31



**Congratulations to all the couples recently married in
PORTLAOISE PARISH**
Every good wish and blessing for a happy future together.



Pictured Above;
Lisa Nicholls and Eoghan Masterson, who were married in Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska on Friday 5th August. Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne.



Pictured Above;
Elaine Gavin and Kenneth Timmons, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath on Friday 29th July. Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne.



Pictured Above;
Amy Flanagan and Christopher Killeen, who were married in the Parish Church, on Thursday 7th July. Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne.



Pictured Above;
Aimee Butler and Shane Keane, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on Friday 15th July. Celebrant; Fr. David Vard



Congratulations to Terry and Sean Cotter, pictured above with Msgr. John Byrne, who recently celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary.



*I have found the one
whom my soul
loves* *Song of Solomon 3:4*

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



Barry O'Callaghan

Newpark
Portlaoise



Margaret Maher

Borris Court, Portlaoise
and Timahoe



Virginia Doyle

née O' Rourke
Lakeglen, Portlaoise



Noel Bracken

Beladd
Portlaoise



Rose Dempsey

née Minnock
Marian Place, Portlaoise

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
MARY CLOONEY***

Shanahoe Rd, Ballytarsna, Abbeylax.
9th Anniversary; 20th August 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the
Most Holy Rosary, Abbeylax, Saturday 20th August at 5pm.



*Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last forever.*

*Always remembered, never forgotten by her
loving husband Paddy, daughters Anne &
Patricia, sons-in-law Eamon & Aidan and
grandchildren Roisin, Tommy, Sean & Conall.*

Rest in Peace Mary

***In Loving Memory of
ALICE O'REILLY***

46 Borris Road, Portlaoise.

24th Anniversary occurs 16th August 2022



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

*Fondly remembered by her family;
John, Tom, Margaret and all her
grandchildren.*

Also remembering our Dad and sister Ella.

Rest in Peace Alice

***In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH DOWNEY***

7 Harpurs Lane, who died 18th August 2005.



*As each day dawns, we think of you,
As each night falls, we pray for you,
And throughout our lives, no matter
where,*

*In our hearts you are always there.
Always remembered by his family and
grandchildren.*

May Joseph Rest in Peace

***In Loving Memory of
RICHARD (Dick) BARRETT***

Abbeylax Road, Portlaoise.

26th Anniversary occurred 3rd August 2022.

Beloved husband of the late Margaret



*Always on our minds
Forever in our hearts*

*Deeply missed by your loving daughter
Bridin and granddaughter Chelsea.*

Rest in Peace Richard

In Loving Memory of **HUGH ROCHFORD**

12 Roselawn, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 15th August 2022.



O Lord, the God of mercies, grant
unto the souls of thy servants,
the anniversary day of whose burial
we are keeping, a place of solace,
of peaceful rest, of glorious light.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Colin, Laura
and grandchildren Callie, Lana and Laila.*

May Hugh Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **JOHN KENNEDY**

21 Dun Masc and 29 Main St. Portlaoise.
Who passed away on 8th August 2020, aged 89 years
2nd Anniversary



Your life was one of kindly deeds
A helping hand for others' needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind
Beautiful memories left behind.

*Sadly missed by his loving family
and friends.*

Rest In Peace John

Birthday Remembrance

Of our Father **WILLIAM KERRY**

61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise.

23rd Birthday away from home occurred 2nd August '22. Aged 88 yrs.

And our Mother **ROSANNA KERRY**

5th Birthday away from home occurred 9th August '22 Aged 81 yrs.

Though your smiles are gone forever,

And your hands we
cannot touch,

Still we have so many
memories, of the ones
we loved so much.

Your memory is our
keepsake, with which
we'll never part,

God has you both in His keeping,
And we have you in our hearts.

Happy Birthday from all your loving family xxx



In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN DOYLE**

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 17th August 2022.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Sunday 14th August at 12:30pm.



*Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories of
one we loved so much.*

*Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
And we have you in our hearts.*

*Miss you always and forever
Anne, Mick, Karen, Rachel and Eoin x
Rest in Peace Cait*

In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN DOYLE**

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 17th August 2022.



*A light from our household is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home that
never can be filled.*

*We think of you in silence,
We talk about you too,
We have loving memories,
But we wish we still had you.*

*Nothing can replace you, nothing ever will,
In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.*

*Loved and remembered by your loving husband Joe
and sisters-in-law Ellen, Mary, Guggie & families.*

Rest in Peace Kathleen

In Loving Memory of **ANN WHELAN**

Late of 85 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
21st Anniversary occurred 12th August 2022.

Sister;



*There is a bridge of memories from
Earth to Heaven above,
It keeps us always near you,
It's called the bridge of love.
May you always walk in sunshine,
And God's love around you flow.*

*Sadly missed, always loved, never forgotten by your loving
sisters Ellen, Guggie, Mary, brother Joe and families xx*

May Ann Rest in Peace

I HAVE COME
TO BRING FIRE
TO THE

Earth

LUKE 12:49

In Loving Memory of **TOM BERGIN**

66 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
23rd Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 14th August at 12:30pm.

*Time passes, memories stay,
Quietly remembered everyday.
From his loving wife Mary & family.
Rest in Peace Tom*

In Loving Memory of **HUGH ROCHFORD**

12 Roselawn, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 15th August 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish church, this
Sunday 14th August at 11:15am.

*It's hard to believe you're no longer here,
We think of you, you feel so near,
In some small way every single day,
Memories of you come our way.*

Thinking of you Dad on your 1st year away from home.

*Love Janet, Debbie, Hughie, Emma, Niall, Colin and Eoin
and all your grandchildren.*

May Hugh Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **PATRICIA GING**

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
6th Birthday away from home; 12th August 2022



*Missing You on your
birthday in Heaven*

Today would have been such a
special day, but now it brings
sadness and sorrow,
If we could share just one
more day, if there was one
more tomorrow.

But birthdays are a time for reflection, to look over
years past, and we can't believe another year has
gone by, the time just goes so fast.

But memories of more happier times, in our hearts
will always stay, we'll treasure each and every one,
until we meet again someday.

So we'll say goodbye for now Patricia and blow a kiss
to Heaven above, to wish you the happiest of
birthdays and send you all our love.

Loved and missed by all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Patricia

In Loving Memory of **GERARD & THOMAS LAWLESS**

Whose Anniversaries occur 14th and 6th August respectively;
(25th & 10th Anniversary)



*Wonderful memories woven in
gold,*

*This is a picture we tenderly hold,
Deep in our hearts a memory
is kept, to love, to cherish and
never forget.*



*Sadly missed by Mammy, their loving family, nieces, nephews, godson
Kameron and extended family and friends.
Also remembering baby Harris at this time*

May Gerard and Thomas Rest in Peace

TAKE TIME

Take time to gaze at a sunset sky
Where colours blaze to dazzle the eye.

Take time to watch a moonlit sea
And look in awe at a towering tree.
Take time to look in the heart of a flower
Adorned with diamonds from a gentle
shower.

Take time to view a mountain high
With snowy peak 'gainst bluest sky.
Take time to listen to the song of birds
A song of joy without need of words.

Take time to tell your closest friend
Your love and loyalty will never end.
Take time to stop and stand and stare
At wonders round you everywhere.

Take time to make time -
For all too soon there is no more time.

Author Unknown

† KEEGAN'S FUNERAL DIRECTORS †

50 Years of Professional Service in Portlaoise.



Contact Matthew

087-2549195

David **087-2369887**

HENRY RANKIN FUNERAL DIRECTORS

We have opened a new office and show room on
Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise.
(opposite the E.S.B. and Condell tractors)

Contact;

057-8620567

PAUL; 087-2562137

NIALL;

086-2770095

DES & CARMEL MORAN FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Main St., Ballyroan, Co. Laois

24 hour service and personalised attention

☎ 057-8731115

☎ Carmel 087-6144280

☎ Des 087-2794532

☎ moranundertakerslaois@gmail.com

Kelly's Funeral Services

Since the 1940's the Kelly family have
been providing Funeral Services in the
Abbeyleix area.

We offer a 24 hour personal and
professional funeral service.

057-8731048

087-2535866

www.kellysfuneralservices.ie
E-mail: info@kellysfuneralservices.ie

Main
Street
Abbeyleix



Portlaoise Stone Centre

- ♦ We supply an extensive range of headstones and plaques in granite, marble and limestone, any design made to order.
- ♦ We also supply bronze eternal lamps, statues etc.
- ♦ Sandblasting cleaning carried out.
- ♦ Inscriptions added and old headstones renovated.
- ♦ Cement top and wide range of chippings available.
- ♦ We also supply and fit artificial grass.
- ♦ We supply ceramic photos - single and double.
- ♦ All grave work carried out to a high standard.

Please visit our new website www.portlaoisestone.ie



Unit 3b Clonminam Business Park, Portlaoise, Laois.

Tel: (057) 8660258 | Mobile: (087) 2538930

Email: info@portlaoisestone.ie



MOCHUA PRINT & DESIGN

THE MEMORIAL CARD SPECIALIST

*For the perfect tribute card for your loved one
— our bespoke memorial cards.
Create a collage of images illustrating
the life of your loved one with our
expert Design Team.
All our Cards are individually designed
unique keepsakes, with no hidden charges
for additional photos or images.*

Unit 3, Clonminam Business Park
Portlaoise, Co. Laois
☎ 057 86 34050
www.mochuaprint.ie



May the road rise up to meet you.

*May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of
His hand.*



SVP
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Receipt No. **205009**

Conference: St Vincent Conference

We acknowledge with thanks the generous donation of € 100.00
from: Lourdes Committee + Pilgrims
which will be used in our vital work for those less well off.

Signed: Mary Cullen
Name: St Vincent de Paul
Date: 8/8/22

www.svp.ie The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is a registered charity. CHY6892

For the attention of all pilgrims who travelled on the Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022. Your local donation from our collection was given to PATH and St. Vincent de Paul. Both charities were extremely grateful. Thank you to all pilgrims who contributed.



Fr. Ciprian with our visitors from USA, who were here on Wednesday 10th August.

From left: Maria from Arizona, Mary Beth from Virginia, Kathleen, Gerri and Richard from North Carolina.



Pictured above;

Dottie Arbogast (Bear, Delaware, USA), who visited our Parish Sunday 31st July with her three daughters.

Pictured left;

Dottie Arbogast (Bear, Delaware, USA) with her daughters, Sandra Roberts (New Jersey), Lisa Snyder (Delaware) and Kelly Grace (Tennessee).



Portlaoise Parish



Results for
11th August 2022

16

20

26

31

No €18,000 Jackpot Winner

WINNERS

Christina Inglis
Finola Lombard
Marie Martin
Catherine McEvoy
Dan Kearns
Breda Delaney

MATCH 3s €1,000

6
Match
3s
€167
Each

PROMOTER

Online Lotto
Lucy Kelly
Kathleen Dunne
Catherine McEvoy
Paddy O'Connor
Parish Centre

Join us live on Facebook every Thursday evening
at 5pm for our parish lotto draw

Next Week's Jackpot is €19,000

Follow Us @PortlaoiseParish
& Like Us portlaoiseparishlaois

Play PARISH
LOTTO
ONLINE
www.portlaoiseparish.ie

Clergy of the Parish



Msgr. John Byrne P.P.V.G.
Tel: 057 8621142



Fr. Ciprian Matei C.C.
Tel: 057 8600122



Fr. David Vard C.C.
Tel: 057 8600121



Deacon Eugene Keyes
Tel: 057 8621142



Fr. Simon Jin
Tel: 057 8661605

To contact the Priest on Duty:
Parish Centre during office hours
Tel: 057 8621142
Outside office hours
in emergency only
Tel: 057 8621364

Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can
viewed on our website and our Church Porches.

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Kathleen Sherry safeguarding@kandle.ie

Parish Centre



Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Phone: 057-8621142 / 057-8660722

E-mail: info@portlaoiseparish.ie

Twitter: @portlaoiseparis

MANAGER Declan Kelly

Parish Secretaries Michelle Bartley
Agnieszka Kaczmarek

Accounts Michelle Conroy

Sacristans Parish Church

Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

All Masses and services from the Parish Church
are live streamed www.portlaoiseparish.ie
(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times
057 8600119)



Secretary: Julie Conroy
Monday to Thursday
11am to 1pm & 2.15pm to 5pm
057-8692154

Advertising deadline: 12 noon Wednesday
Subject to availability of space

E-mail: linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie

PARISH SHOP
057 8621142 - Claire Scully

Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support. *Thank you* to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish during this time of Lockdown. The generosity of so many means we **continue** to be well supported and can pay our way at this time.

Ways to contribute to our Parish

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

Portlaoise Parish Account:

IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

Portlaoise Parish Clergy Fund Account:

IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

(The BIC for both accounts is AIBKIE2D)

THANK YOU



Greenfeet®
LAWN CARE

***Lawn care Treatment
Specialists***

***New Lawn Constructions
Sod/Seed options***

***Robotic Mowing Solutions
Sales/Installation/Service***

***Green Space Professionals
and Sports Surfaces***



www.greenfeet.ie

**info@greenfeet.ie
www.greenfeetshop.com**



**086 770 5510
057 864 6889**