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**Twenty Second Sunday
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24th August

Independence Day of Ukraine

Ukrainian refugees gathered in many parts of Ireland, including Portlaoise, on Wednesday marking 31yrs of independence from Soviet Russia. It was especially poignant for them as they continue the fight for their independence from and unjust and aggressive Russia. About 100 Ukrainians attended the Portlaoise gathering which took place in front of the Parish Church. More photos on our website.



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God's Round Table

It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility, however, is very different.

Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

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Saturday: 10am
Sunday
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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.

The Beheading of John the Baptist



29th August

The death of St. John the Baptist is reported in varying amounts of detail

throughout the synoptic Gospels and Mark and Matthew report the event with the most detail. In Mark's Gospel, John was arrested and imprisoned because of King Herod's fear of him. But although Herod feared John, he would not kill him because he knew John was a righteous and holy man, and he liked hearing John speak. Herodias, Herod's wife, did not share his respect for John and looked for any chance to have him killed. Herodias' chance came when her daughter Salome's dancing so pleased the smitten Herod that he promised her anything she desired. Herodias prompted her daughter to ask for the death of John the Baptist. Herod granted her wish and John was killed.



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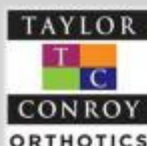
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Portlaoise Active Retirement will reopen following the Summer recess, the first Wednesday in September and we will be taking deposits for the holiday in Donegal on 10th October. The deposits will need to be collected right away as there isn't a lot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

Fr. Peter McVerry Trust Winter Collection; For the month of September, I will be organising a collection for the Fr. Peter McVerry Trust. Items required include Toiletries ladies and gents, baby wipes, soap, disposable razors, hats, socks, gloves, underwear, face cloths. Please label all bags "Peter McVerry Trust" and leave into Portlaoise Parish Centre. Thanking you, Judy Preston.

Thank You; Portlaoise Concern group would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Church gate collection last weekend. The amount raised was €2,891 which has been forwarded to Concern. Also thanks to all the collectors and anyone who helped in any way.

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

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 23rd August:

Top score: Patricia Horan

1st Lady: Paddy Purcell

2nd Lady: Bob

1st Gent: Tom Kearns and Mary Delaney

1st Half: Maureen Fitzpatrick

2nd Half: Angela Brennan

Raffle: 1st Catherine Brennan 2nd Gretta Rafter
3rd Rita Arrigan 4th Mary Delaney
5th Tom Kearns



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

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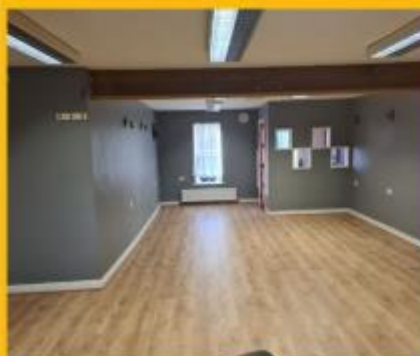
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You and I are sometimes like a balloon. We sometimes get all puffed up with our own importance. We think we are great and we expect everyone else to think so too. Maybe it is because we are so good looking, or maybe it is because we are so smart. Maybe we are really good at sports, or perhaps we are the best singer in the choir. Sooner or later, if we keep getting puffed up with our own importance, something will happen to burst our balloon.

Jesus warned us that this would happen. The Bible teaches us that if we are too proud and think too highly of ourselves, we are headed for a fall. On the other hand, if we are humble, and realize that it is through God's strength that we are able to do great things, we will be given a place of honour in the kingdom of God. (Luke 14:1-11)

From now on, when you see a balloon, I hope it will remind you that we should not become too puffed up with our own importance -- or something may come along and burst our balloon!

PRAYER

Jesus, help us to be humble. Remind us that whatever abilities we have are a gift from you and that you are the one who deserves the praise! These things we





A Lesson in Humility

"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Luke 14:11



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Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to **see** new friends.

Open my ears to **hear** my teacher.

Open my mind to **learn** new things.

Let my heart **remember** You are near when I'm afraid

Help me to **love** others like you do.

I want to **shine** your light so bright in my school.

Amen.





Time to Think!

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

There has been much discussion and commentary, regarding the publication of the synthesis of feedback from our national Synod. The synod is a process, initiated by Pope Francis, in an attempt to dialogue with all the members of the universal church. It's a most welcomed initiative, because it allows all the members of the church, to express how it is to be a member of Christ's family in 2022. At its best the church is always local, the experience we have on the ground in our local community, is far more relevant to the vast majority of Catholics, than what happens in the lofty hallways of the Vatican. For too long, there has been an enormous disconnection, regarding dictates from on high that simply don't seem real or necessary in the complex culture of contemporary life.

It saddens me that Pope Francis, an elderly and exhausted pontiff, had to initiate this process. Surely leadership at local level must have been aware, that our model of church, is at best dying or perhaps even dead. Our pews have emptied. Our young people have disappeared from public worship and many of the members of the church are hanging on by their fingertips. In truth this Synodal process should have happened 40 years ago, I fear that this process is much too late.

However, I wholeheartedly welcome and fully support the publication of this pragmatic and honest reflection. Honesty and realism are exactly the places where God's spirit thrives. A spirit, which many long to rejuvenate and energise our church that is fatigued, elderly and crying out for renewal. A major theme expressed by members of the church is that of inclusivity. Jesus in the gospel was synonymous with those who found themselves on the margins.

Synodality, is about creating a platform that respects and allows a voice to all the members of the church, all the baptised, not just the ordained. It's about listening to all voices and allowing God's spirit to inspire us. Since Vatican 11 (1962-1965) despite the documents of that council being overwhelmingly voted through by the highest teaching authority in the church, the bishops of the world gathered in general counsel, efforts to neutralise and even eradicate that process has done enormous damage to how we witness the Good News to our contemporary culture.

Becoming a Synodal church means we're all in this together and no group can dictate to God's spirit what he or she can or cannot do. As named at the beginning at best our church is local and every community has enormous strengths and gifts that creates great opportunity of how we can be a living church in 2022. One thing is for sure the future is never ours to tell, but we have a responsibility to safeguard the rich tradition we belong to, regarding our faith story. In ministry it is a privilege to accompany and be present in parishioner's lives, lives that live in the Grey zone not in the confines of a black and white elite club.



I sincerely pray, that the next step in this Synodal process, will truly embrace the contents of its members concerns. Hope is a great gift and God's spirit is alive and active in the midst of our day-to-day lives. Every generation is a new continent for Christ, ours is a mission fuelled by the presence of the risen Christ. In him we place our hope and trust one step at a time.

The Kingdom

It helps now and then to step back and take the long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.

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We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are the workers, not the master builders, ministers, not messiahs.

We are the prophets of a future not of our own.

Amen.

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*Even though I walk through the darkest
valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff- they comfort me.*

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

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
TOMMY KEOGH**

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise
22nd Anniversary occurs 1st September 2022

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

*Deep are the memories,
And precious they stay,*

*No passing of time can take them away.
We miss you more than anyone knows, but
close to our hearts you will always remain.*

Loved and always remembered by all your family.

May Tommy Rest in Peace



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**In Loving Memory of
ARON GING**

Whose 3rd Birthday away from home occurs 28th August.



Thinking of you always

*It is especially difficult today not to
have you here,
To celebrate the happy times we
shared over another joyful year,
We wish we had just one more chance
to see your happy smile,
To laugh and celebrate with you,
just for a little while,
We'll hold you close forever,
deep within our hearts,
And though you are not here with us,
know that we'll never part,*

*This day was always special, so we just want to say,
That we are thinking of you with lots of love,
On this, your Birthday.*

Happy Heavenly Birthday Aron

*Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.
Loved and remembered by all your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Aron



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



**In Loving Memory of
ARON GING**

Whose 3rd Birthday away from home occurs 28th August.



Heavenly Birthday

*My birthday gift to you would be
sweetest thoughts carried in memory of
my love for you that will always live on
in life, as in death you will
never be gone.*

*Always on our minds, forever in our hearts.
Always loved and remembered dearly by
your loving dad, sisters Lisa and Emma,
brother Ross and nephew Michael JJ xx*

Rest in Peace Aron



**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTOPHER CON CARROLL**



26 Beladd Upper, Portlaoise.
17th Anniversary occurs 29th August 2022



*Chris, I would like to say so many things,
I don't know where to start,
I only know I miss you from the bottom of
my heart,
When I am sad and lonely and everything
goes wrong, I seem to hear you whisper,
"cheer up and carry on".*

Loved and remembered always by your loving wife Sheila.

May Christopher Rest in Peace



Treasured Memories of CHRISTOPHER DWANE

28 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
16th Anniversary occurs 27th August 2022.



*We did not know that morning,
What sorrow the day would bring,
When a heart of gold stopped beating,
And we couldn't do a thing,
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,*

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Always remembered by his loving mother and family.

May Christy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of MICHAEL DALTON

4 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 27th August 2022.



*Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife
Margaret, family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Michael

In Loving Memory of JOHN MAHER

Grange, Stradbally.
9th Anniversary occurs at this time.



*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.*

Sadly missed by his loving family.

May John Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PETER KEOGH

Late of Borris Rd., whose 27th Anniversary occurs 27th August.



*Gone are the days we used to share Peter,
But in my heart you are always there,
The gates of memory will never close,
I miss you more than anyone knows,
With tender love and deep regret,
I who loved you will never forget.*

Lovingly remembered today and forever.

Deeply missed by your loving Julie xxx

May Peter Rest in Peace forever

In Loving Memory of EDWARD (Ned) McEVOY

Capoley, Portlaoise - 24th Anniversary (30th August)



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 28th August at 12:30pm.**

*Time unfolds another year, memories keep you
very near. No need for words except to say
you are loved and missed each passing day.*

*In God's care you rest alone, in our hearts you rest in love.
Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered
everyday by Sarahann, Ailish, Mary, Joe and Breda and
families.*

Also thinking of our Mother Madge at this time.

May Edward Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of TOM PHELAN

Clonkeen, Portlaoise.



The children of the late Tom Phelan; Andrea, Ruairi, Ciara and Tomas, along with their immediate and extended families would like to thank all those who sympathised with them on the great loss of their beloved Dad. We would like to thank everyone who called to the house, phoned, texted, attended the Rosary and the funeral Mass, either in person or via the parish webcam, sent Mass cards and floral arrangements and those who posted lovely messages of condolences and tributes online.

We cannot express our gratitude enough to the wonderful, caring and skilled staff of the Mater Hospital and the Regional Hospital Portlaoise, especially Dr. Sharif, Dr. Masud and the kind and caring ICU nurses, along with Dr. White and the wonderful staff in Breslin's chemist who helped and cared for Dad on so many occasions over his illness in the last few years.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Paddy for all his help arranging the funeral; for reciting the Rosary in the house and celebrating the Requiem Mass, along with the Priests of the Parish who gave Dad a loving and dignified farewell. We also would like to thank his niece Annemarie Delaney for the beautiful singing at Dad's funeral Mass accompanied by Teresa Flanagan on piano and tin whistle. A special thank you to Matthew Keegan and David Goode funeral directors, for their care and professionalism in carrying out the funeral arrangements; we really appreciated how kind and helpful you were to us. Thank you to the team who carefully prepared Dad's final resting place.

To all our neighbours in Clonkeen and on the Ballyfin Road and the many, many friends who helped out and comforted us, especially the Conlon Family and Delaney Family.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Tom's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter's and Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 27th August 2022 at 10am.

Rest in Peace Dad

In Loving Memory of **JOE CARROLL**

35 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 3rd September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Friday 2nd September at 10am.

*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 Mary, Marie, Tracy, Liam, Des and all
his loving family.

Rest in Peace Joe

In Loving Memory of **CAROLINE KHANDKER**

22/02/62-25/08/82
40th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Thinking of you, Sister.
Forty years have passed since
you left us but you are always
in our hearts. I am comforted
to think that you and mum
are together now.

All love from Papa, Samantha,
Shabil and Nashad xxx

Rest in Peace Caroline

In Loving Memory of **CHRISTY GING**

Irishtown, Mountmellick, formerly 8 New Rd., Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 28th August 2022



*He left us quietly,
His thoughts unknown,
But left us memories we are
proud to own,
So treasure him Lord in your
garden of rest, for when on earth,
he was one of the best.*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your wife
Laurenta, daughters Claire and Emer and
granddaughter Mollie.

May Christy Rest in Peace

You are the

Light

Of the World

6th Anniversary of my Beautiful, Kind, Caring and Funny Mother **ANNIE GREENE**

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurred 21st August 2022.



Today's the anniversary of the day I lost you and
for a time it felt as though my life had ended too.
But loss has taught me many things and now I face
each day, with hope and happy memories to help
me on my way.

And though I'm full of sadness that you're no
longer here, your influence still guides me and
I still feel you near.

What we shared will never die, it lives within my heart,
Bringing strength and comfort, while we are apart.

Also remembering our father Thomas, whose
13th Anniversary occurred in July.

Always in my heart; from your heartbroken daughter AnnMarie,
son-in-law Peter, son Michael, grandchildren Tanya and
Courtney and great-grandchildren Kelsie and Kayla.

May Mommy and Daddy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **ALLAN WRIGHT**

The Green, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 1st September 2022



I am still with you
If it seems that I am far away, on this
empty and solemn day,
Just open your heart and know its
true,
That I am still right here with you.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Iva,
children Janet, Barbara, Alan, Teresa
and Siobhan, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren and all your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Dear Allan

In Loving Memory of **JOHN SCULLY**

Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 2nd September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Saturday
3rd September at 5pm.

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 all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace John



In Loving Memory of **TOM MOORE**



Derrykearn, Abbeyleix.

1st Anniversary occurs 4th September 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Fintan's Church, Raheen on
Saturday 3rd September at 7:30pm.

*You have gone no further from us than
to God, and God is very near.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his wife Kathleen,
family, relatives and friends.*

Rest in Peace Tom



In Loving Memory of **CATHERINE BERGIN**



Liogard, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 28th August at 12:30pm.

*God called your name so softly that only
you could hear,*

*And no one heard the footsteps of angels drawing near,
The golden gates stood open, God saw you needed rest,
His garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.*

Catherine's family would like to thank all those who have
provided guidance, comfort and support during this
difficult time, including those who sent condolences and
attended the rosary and funeral Mass.

A sincere thank you to Matthew and David of Keegan's
funeral directors, for the compassionate, professional
manner in which they carried out Catherine's wake and
funeral arrangements and for helping us to give her the
beautiful send off she so deserved.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please
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sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude to you all.

Rest in Peace Catherine

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Fr. Ciprian Matei, Msgr. John Byrne & Fr. David Vard.



Visitors from UK

Fr. Ciprian Matei, Monica Edwards (Lincolnshire),
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(Cheshire) and Fr. Petru Medves.

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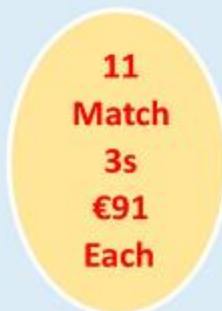


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