

Twenty Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



**“Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees”**  
**Pope Francis’ theme for the 108th World Day**  
**of Migrants and Refugees for this year.**

*“I ask everyone to help those who, for various reasons,  
are forced to live far from their homeland and are  
separated from their families”*

*Pope Francis*



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## Rich Man, Poor Man

Another challenging Gospel about how we see and treat the poor. Wealth is not the problem. The problem is how we use our riches. Amos is the champion of the poor and oppressed. He says there will be a day of reckoning for those who misappropriated their wealth. This is the story of the rich man in today's Gospel. He showed no concern for the poor and suffering. The Gospel message is clear and unambiguous, Wealth, if we have it, can serve God's purposes in so many ways. We can help our migrant brothers and sisters. This wealth may not just be monetary, it may also be our gifts and talents, our faith, our wisdom and knowledge and our pool of resources. It may be a word of kindness or a good deed. The Gospel alerts us to be aware of those in our midst who are in great need and to lift people out of their impoverished moment; out of their misery.

We don't want to be like the rich young man regretting everything when it is too late. As Oscar Romero said, 'It is not God's will for someone to have everything and others to have nothing.'

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**Sunday: 9.30am**

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

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## St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael September 29th

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

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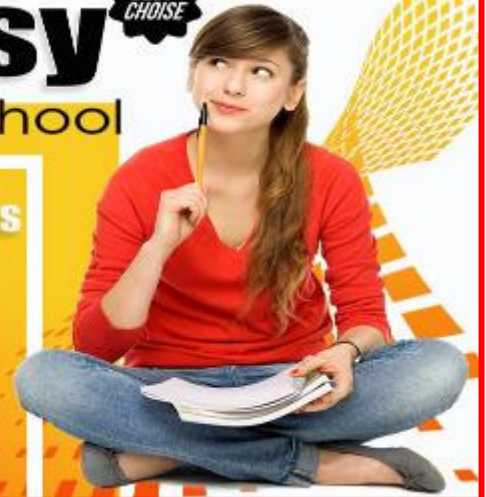
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### Mountmellick Drama Group

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Looking for something to fill the long winter nights?  
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**We will be having our first meeting of the new drama year this Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Mountmellick Community Arts Centre.**

Whether you want to shine on stage or help behind the scenes on sets, costumes, lighting or sound, we would love to meet you! All are welcome! No experience needed - just a willingness to have fun!

### Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September:

**Top score:** T. Dunne & T. Kearns

**1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** C. Fitzpatrick

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:** B. Srahan

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

### Portlaoise Active Retirement

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September;** Quiz

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October;** Singing with Caroline

No bowls in St. Mary's hall until further notice. Cards at 3pm every Thursday in Sue Ryder foundation, Kilminchy. All are welcome to play and learn and chat. Outstanding money for holiday will be taken. For more information please contact P.R.O Sheila 087-6204617.

**Toastmasters returns!** Following a very inspiring first meeting back last Monday week, Portlaoise Toastmasters will meet again at 8pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September in Kavanaghs Bar & Venue, 28 Main St., Portlaoise, R32EPK2. What do you need to do? Just turn up, guests always welcome. For further details follow us on Facebook or e-mail; toastmastersportlaoise@gmail.com

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## THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

Do you use an alarm clock to wake you up in the morning? A lot of alarm clocks have a button on them called a snooze alarm. When your alarm goes off, you can hit that button and go back to sleep. In about ten minutes, the alarm will go off again. You can just keep on doing this and go right on sleeping.

Maybe it is nice to get that extra sleep, but there are two problems with snooze alarms. The first is that if you keep on hitting the snooze alarm, you may be late or miss out on something completely. The second problem is that if you keep hitting the snooze alarm, you may get so used to the sound of the alarm that you don't even hear it at all and you will sleep right through the alarm.

Did you know that God sometimes sounds a "wake up" alarm in our lives? He speaks to our heart and says, "It is time to wake up and follow me." Some people hit the snooze button and say, "Not now Lord, call me again - a little bit later." Some people hit that "snooze button" so many times that they get to where they don't even hear God's voice. When they finally wake up, they find out that it is too late. That is what happened in our Gospel today.

Jesus told a story about a rich man who wore the finest clothes and lived in luxury. A beggar named Lazarus lay outside the rich man's gate. Lazarus was hungry and his body was covered with sores. He was hoping that the rich man might have pity on him and that he might be able to satisfy his hunger with the leftovers from the rich man's table. But every day the Rich man passed by Lazarus without even giving him a thought. I imagine that he passed by Lazarus so many times that he eventually got to the point that he didn't see him at all.

The Bible says that Lazarus died and went to heaven. The rich man also died, but he went to hell. In hell, he looked up and saw Lazarus in heaven with Abraham. He asked Abraham to let Lazarus dip his finger in water and come and touch it to his burning tongue, but Abraham said, "No." Then he reminded the rich man how he had enjoyed such good things on earth while Lazarus had nothing.

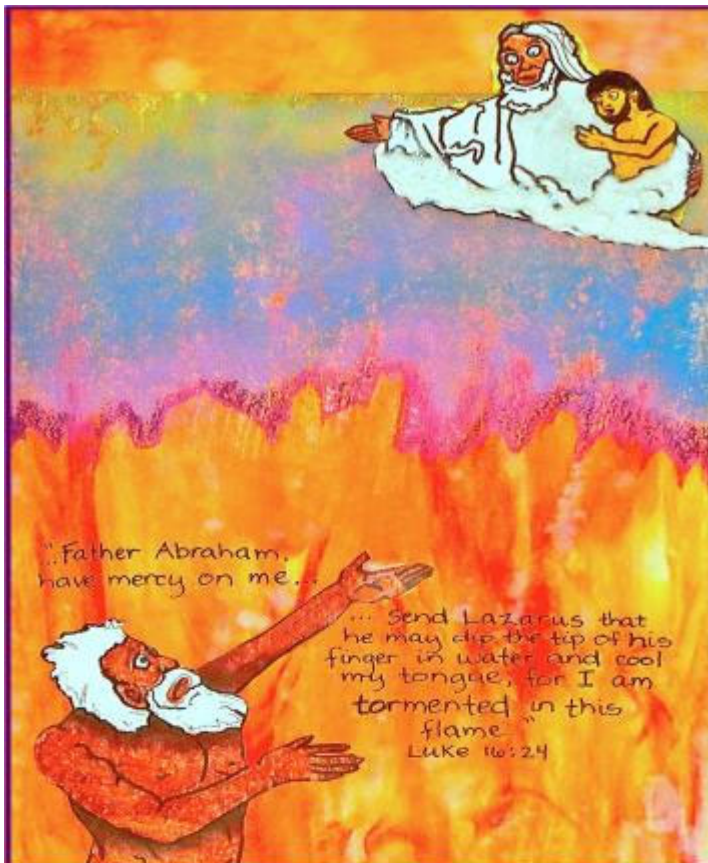
The rich man then asked Abraham to allow Lazarus to go back to earth and warn his five brothers so that they would not end up in hell with him, but again, Abraham said, "No." The rich man finally woke up, but it was too late.



### My Prayer

Dear Father, when you sound the alarm telling us it is time to wake up and follow you, may we never be guilty of hitting the snooze alarm saying, "Later, Lord." Instead, let us rise up and follow you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





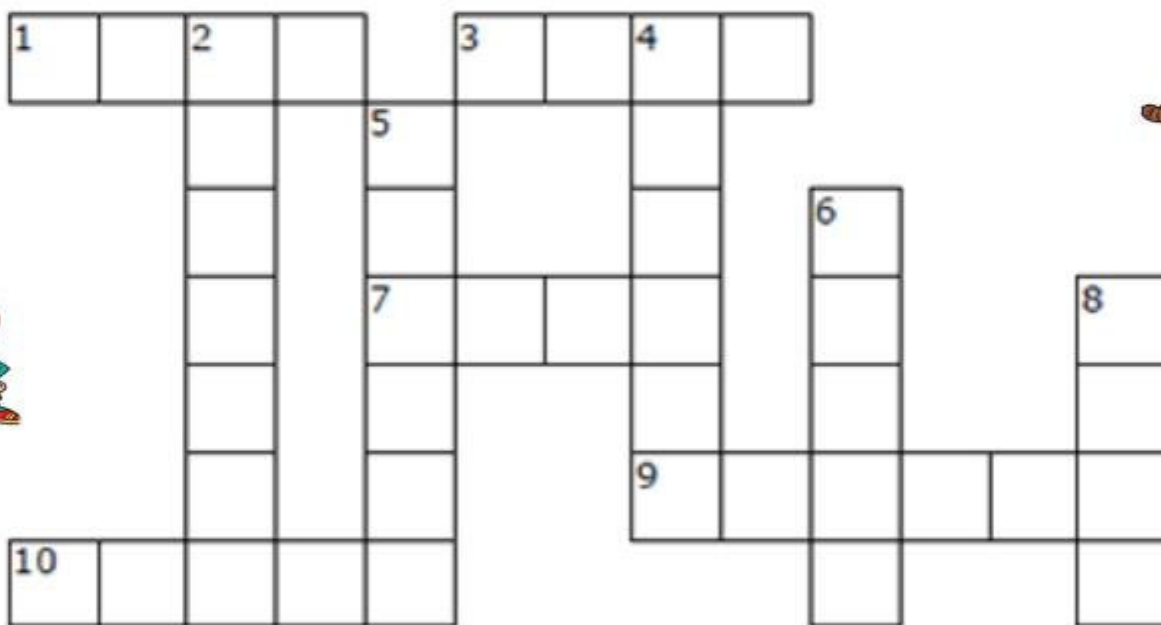
## The Rich Man and Lazarus

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'"

Luke 16:25

### Sacraments for Portlaoise Parish Schools

Dates for Communion and Confirmation was announced last week. Enrolment forms will be distributed to our parish schools over the next coming days. Check our website for all sacrament dates. [www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie)



#### ACROSS

1. Having a lot of money or valuable possessions
3. To tell someone of possible danger or harm
7. An opening in a wall or fence for entrance or exit
9. The fleshy part of the mouth that is used in tasting.

#### DOWN

2. To soothe someone in a time of pain or suffering.
4. To change your behaviour because you are sorry for what you have done
5. A poor person who lives by asking others for money or food
6. Extreme physical or mental pain or suffering

warn      died      comfort      water      gate  
 agony      rich      tongue      beggar      repent



# Time to Think!

## TIME FOR ORDINATION OF WOMEN DEACONS

The recent National Synthesis document, followed extensive consultation with thousands of Irish Catholics across the island since last October and culminating in reports published last June from each of the 26 Catholic dioceses in Ireland as well as 29 separate submissions from interested parties. It is part of a worldwide consultation process in the Church initiated by Pope Francis in preparation for a synod of bishops at the Vatican planned for October 2023. Ireland's National Synthesis Document said that on this island and "across the various submissions and syntheses many issues emerge consistently, including a strong desire for women's involvement in leadership and ministries; ordained and non-ordained, and additionally a concern around the Church's approach to the LGBTQI+ community and to the hurt experienced by its members." It continued that "there is also a call for greater lay involvement and participation" and that "co-responsible leadership needs to be embedded at every level through Parish Pastoral Councils, Diocesan Pastoral Councils and other structures that enable this. At local level we need to ensure the voice of women will be truly integral in our decision-making. We must secure effective participation by the poor and excluded, and other marginalised groups.

"The role of women in the Church was mentioned in almost every submission received. In those responses there was a call for women to be given equal treatment within the Church structures in terms of leadership and decision making." Many women, it said "remarked that they are not prepared to be considered second class citizens anymore and many are leaving the Church" while "several of the submissions called for the ordination of women to the permanent diaconate and the priesthood. Their exclusion from the diaconate is regarded as particularly hurtful." The diaconate is an ordained ministry which is rooted in scripture. Chapter 6 of the Acts of Apostles records how the apostles appointed others to see to the needs of the community members who were being overlooked. This is the essence of the ministry of deacons: to serve those in our community who are poor and overlooked, whatever form their poverty may take.

Permanent deacons were very much a feature of the early Church but the ministry fell out of use over a thousand years ago, and diaconate simply became a stage on the road to ordination for priesthood. In 1967 Pope Paul VI, on the advice of the bishops of the world, restored the order of permanent deacons. In 2000 the Irish Bishops began the process to have the permanent diaconate introduced into Ireland. The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men. The first responsibility of the Permanent Deacon is to be an effective visible sign of Christ, who came to serve rather than to be served. Although the permanent deacons will exercise their ministry on a part-time basis, they remain at all times a deacon, and they are called in their lifestyle to reflect this. The ministry of the deacon is an expression of his being, an icon of Christ the servant. The normal areas of ministry which may be entrusted to deacons can be categorised under the general headings: Pastoral, Liturgical, Faith Development.



*Pastoral* - Visiting the sick; visiting prisoners; visiting the bereaved; Youth Ministry; working with the poor and the homeless; promoting awareness of the social teaching of the Church; promotion of justice and human rights.

*Liturgical* - Proclaiming the Gospel at Mass; Preaching the homily; assisting the priest at Mass (Sign of Peace and Dismissal); leading communion services, when need arises; bringing the Eucharist to the sick at home and in hospitals (nursing homes); Presiding at Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; the celebration of Baptism; celebrating marriages; presiding at funerals - (also removals, reception of remains, burials).

*Faith Development*; Participation in sacramental preparation programmes; formation of Ministers of the Eucharist; formation of Ministers of the Word; formation of Altar servers; facilitating study of, and prayer with, the Scriptures; facilitating the development of lay ministry; chaplaincy to various parish groups; school chaplaincy.

I do however believe that surely women are living "Deacons" in every parish in this Country and the universal Church. Most parishes are totally indebted to women for their active ministry. Women are the back bone of every faith community. A leading theologian, recently highlighted his hopes that women be accepted as ordained ministers, suggesting that Pope Francis implements this inclusive vision of Church. Timothy Radcliffe, O.P. the former master of the Dominican Order recently wrote; "My profound hope is that women will be given real authority and voice in the church. The pope expresses his desire that this may happen, but what concrete form can it take? He believes that the ordination of women to the ministerial priesthood is not possible, but decision-making in the church has become ever more closely linked to ordination in recent years. Can that bond be loosened? Let us hope that women may be ordained to the diaconate and so have a place in preaching at the Eucharist. What other ways can authority be shared?"

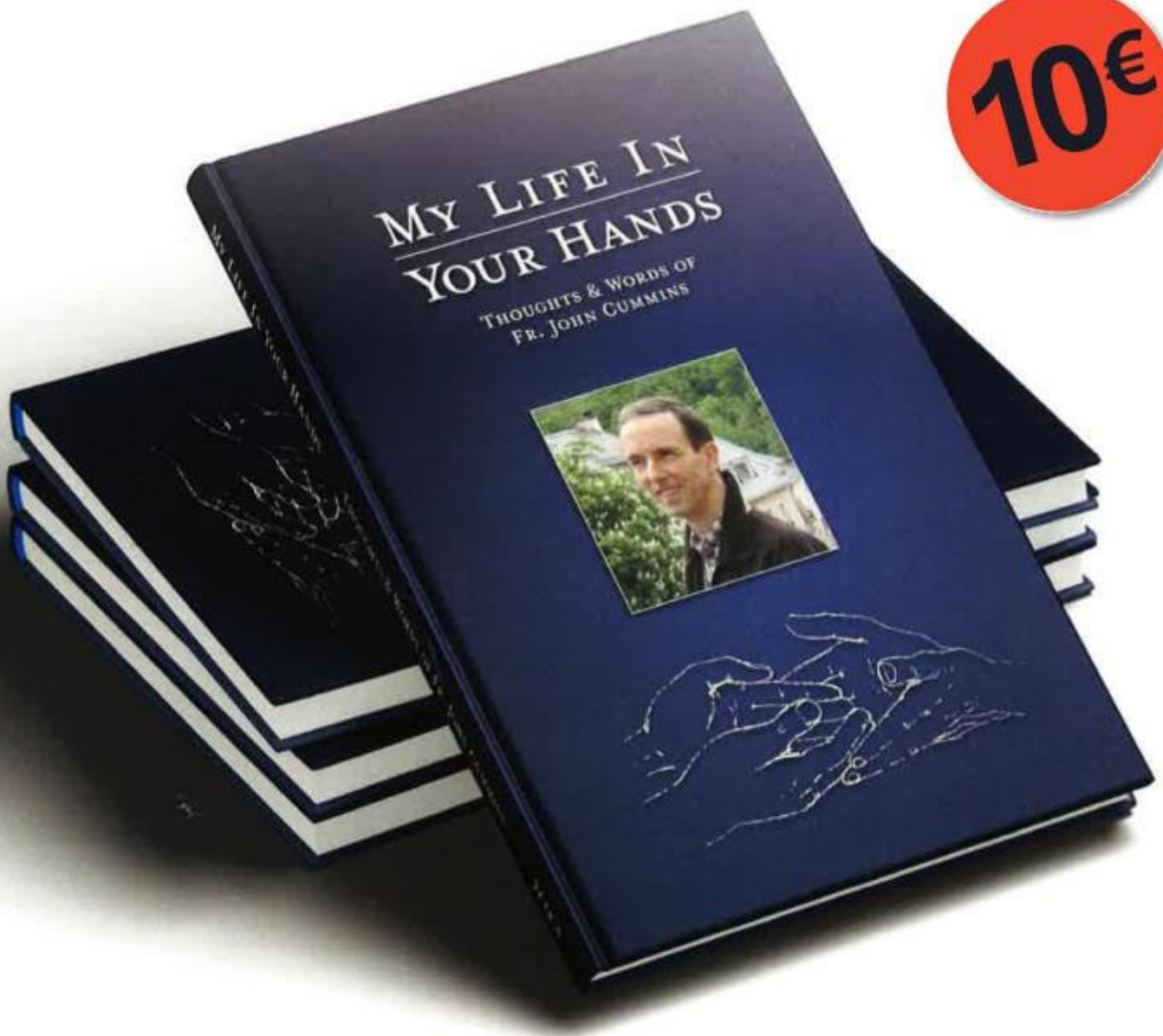
In challenging times the Gospel message is truly relevant and very necessary. As we all find meaning and purpose in life, surely this is the moment when women should be recognised as true Deacons of the Church.

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 26,000 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)*

# MY LIFE IN --- YOUR HANDS

THOUGHTS & WORDS OF  
FR. JOHN CUMMINS

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ON SALE

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Last Sunday Bishop Denis led the Ecumenical Prayer Service in our Church. We welcomed representatives and competitors from the 28 countries involved in the 67th World Ploughing Championship, which was held in Ratheniska.







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*Our sympathy to his family*

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the death notice at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)



***In Loving Memory of  
BERNADETTE GARVEY***

Hawthorn Way, Esker Hills, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm.

Those special memories of you  
Will always bring a smile  
If only we could have you back  
For just a little while

Then we could sit and talk again  
Just like we used to do  
You always meant so very much  
And always will do too  
The fact that you're no longer here  
Will always cause us pain  
But you're forever in our hearts  
Until we meet again



*Sadly missed, by your husband Gerard, daughter  
Sandra, sons Christopher and John, grandchildren,  
great-grandchildren and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace Bernadette*

***In Loving Memory of  
DENIS BRENNAN***

Borris Little, Portlaoise.  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

*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 your loving wife Mary and all the family.*

*May Denis Rest in Peace*

***In Loving Memory of  
BETTY (Elizabeth) McNALLY***

*née McEvoy*  
St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022



Our thoughts are ever with you,  
Though you have passed away,  
And those who have loved you dearly,  
Are thinking of you today.

*Sadly missed by your loving sister Mary,  
brother-in-law Jimmy and family.*

*Rest in Peace Betty*

***In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK RYAN***

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10am.

*I am that little robin that sits upon the  
tree, I sing to you each morning but you  
don't know it is me.*

*I am that little robin in your garden everyday,  
I will never leave you, I will never fly away.  
Loved and always missed Da x Your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Patrick*

No person is ever truly alone.  
Those who live no more, whom we loved,  
echo still within our thoughts, our words, our hearts.  
And what they did and who they were  
becomes part of what we are forever.



## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

### In Loving Memory of **ANNIE O' BRIEN**

6 Marian Place, Portlaoise - 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Thinking of you every day since you  
went away,  
I know you're there to stay,  
And I'll be there with you someday,  
You can show me the way,  
And I'll have a lot to say.  
**Happy Birthday Mammy**  
Love Conor, Lisa and Conor.

*Rest in Peace Annie*

## Birthday Remembrance

### In Loving Memory of **ANNIE O' BRIEN**

6 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
Birthday occurs 27<sup>th</sup> September.



The angels sang Amazing Grace,  
The Lord came down and touched your face,  
He held your hand and whispered low,  
"Come with me", it's time to go.  
The gates of Heaven opened wide,  
The angels lined up side by side,  
A special guest was on the way,  
The day God took you away.

*Wishing you a Heavenly birthday.*

Loved and missed always by your husband Billy, daughters  
and sons, Elizabeth, Liam, Martina and Michael.

*Rest in Peace Mam xxx*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### In Loving Memory of **WILLIE O' REILLY**

Borris Road, Portlaoise.



We the family of the late Willie O'Reilly would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of those who offered sympathy and support throughout the final weeks of Willie's life.

We would like to thank everyone who sympathised with us and offered support and help with all parts of Willie's funeral Mass, offered Mass cards and flowers, signed his condolence book and

attended his Rosary and funeral Mass in person and online.

We also wish to thank all the staff in the Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise, in particular Dr. Connaughton and his G.P. Dr. White who helped Willie in his final weeks and all the medical staff, including the home help, who have helped Willie in the last few months and years.

Thanks to all the Portlaoise clergy, especially Willie's cousins Fr. Tom O'Reilly and Fr. Liam Merrigan for all their beautiful words during Willie's Mass.

A massive thank you to Matthew Keegan and the staff of Keegan's Funeral Home who made all aspects of the funeral so easy to organise when we were at our saddest, no request was too hard to carry out and we truly appreciate everything that was done.

Thank you very much to Sarah Troy for her outstanding music throughout the funeral, Willie loved music and certainly would have loved what was heard that day.

Thanks to everyone, neighbours past and present, work colleagues of old, and friends of Willie who came to give him his final goodbye, he would have truly appreciated everything that was done by everyone.

Willie's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated this Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise.

*Rest in Peace Willie*

## In Loving Memory of **SEAN O' REILLY**

Borris Road, Portlaoise.

14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm.



There are some we meet in passing,  
and forget as soon as they go,  
There are some we remember with  
pleasure and feel honoured and  
privileged to know,  
You were that kind of person who left  
beautiful memories behind,  
And there are many days which bring  
fond memories of you to mind.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Nancy, sons Aidan and  
Noel and all his family, extended family & friends.

*Rest in Peace Sean*

## † In Loving Memory of †



### **Frances Conroy**

Late of 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise  
Who died 27th September, 1996 RIP.  
26th anniversary.



### **William McCormack**

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise  
Who died 19th September, 1985 RIP.  
37th anniversary.



### **John (Johnny) McCormack**

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise  
Who died 29th September, 2001 RIP.  
21st anniversary.

*Whose anniversaries occur at this time*

*Time may pass and fade away,  
But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

Loved and always remembered  
by all your family

**In Loving Memory of**

*Our Dear Cousin*

**TOMMY MOYLAN**

121 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.

12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Loving memories never die,  
As years roll on and days pass by,  
In our hearts a memory is kept,  
Of one we loved and will never forget.

Think of you often Tommy  
Sadly missed by The Tuohy Family

*Rest in Peace Tommy*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**JAMES (Jimmy) HILLIARD**

63 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary away from home; 22<sup>nd</sup> September.



We didn't know that morning that God was  
going to call your name,  
You always had a smile to share, a laugh,  
a joke and time to care.

These are the memories we have of you  
and we will cherish them forever.

Missed always by your brothers Tom, Noel, Martin, sister  
Esther, son Noel, daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law Diarmuid,  
grandchildren Jennifer, Nicole, Bernard, Rebecca and partners  
Lauren, Brooke and Faith, great-grandchildren, sister-in-law  
Catherine, brother-in-law Andrew, nieces and nephews.

*Rest in Peace Jimmy*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ETHNEA COSTELLO**

Guileen, Stradbally and Kilminchy, Portlaoise.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm.



One day a beam of light shone through a  
crevice that had opened wide,  
The rose bent gently towards its warmth,  
then passed beyond to the other side.

Loved and remembered by her family  
and friends.

*Rest in Peace Ethnea*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**SARAH DEMPSEY**

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, at 6:30pm this  
Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.

There are some we meet in passing,  
And forget as soon as they go,  
There are some we remember with  
pleasure and feel honoured and  
privileged to know,

You were that kind of person who left beautiful memories behind,  
And there are many days which bring fond memories of you to mind.

Forever in our hearts Mam, from all your loving family.

*May Sarah Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ANNE GRIFFEY**

32 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 24<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm.

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

Sadly missed by all her loving family & friends.

*May Anne Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**KAY WALSH**

Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6:30pm.



Those special memories of you will always  
bring a smile, if only I could have you back  
for just a little while,

Then we could sit and talk again just like we  
used to do, you always meant so very much  
and always will do too,

The fact that you're no longer here will  
always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart until  
we meet again.

Sadly missed by your daughter Catriona, sons John & Tony,  
daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren, brothers & sisters.

Also remembering Kay's late husband Anthony R.I.P.

*Rest in Peace Kay*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**KEVIN MULHALL**

85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

Died 28<sup>th</sup> September 1985

37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



Deep are the memories,  
Precious they stay,  
No passing of time can take them  
away.

Sadly missed and remembered by all his loving family.

*Rest in Peace Kevin*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MICHAEL (Mick) KEENAN**  
 4 New Row, Green Road, Portlaoise.  
 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10am.**  
*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.*

*Remembered always by his loving family.*  
*Rest in Peace Michael*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARGARET (Pearl) WALSH**  
*née Dempsey*

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm.**  
*Your presence we miss,  
 Your memory we treasure,  
 Loving you always, forgetting you never.  
 Sadly missed by her loving husband Jim  
 and all her loving family.*

*May Margaret (Pearl) Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**A Wonderful Son**  
**CATHAL LALOR**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
 Parish Church on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 5pm.



*Beautiful memories woven in gold,  
 That is the picture we tenderly hold,  
 Deep in our hearts your memory is  
 kept,  
 To love and cherish and never forget.  
 Sadly missed by your loving family xxxxx*

*Rest in Peace Cathal*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**THOMAS (TOMMY) DARGAN**

3 Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise.  
 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022.



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

*Loved and always remembered by Mary, Eugene, Sean  
 and Ronan.*

*May Thomas Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**HELEN & PHILIP ROWNEY**

53 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
 Died 20<sup>th</sup> September 1991 and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2012. R.I.P.  
 31<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries occur at this time.



*Those we love don't go away,  
 They walk beside us everyday,  
 Each of us in our own way,  
 Have special thoughts of you  
 both today.  
 Always remembered by all  
 your loving family.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
 Church, on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6:30pm.

*May Helen and Philip Rest in Peace*



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*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.*



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Paul Dooley  
Maire Costigan  
Paul Quail  
Seamus Fitzgerald  
Mary Hennessy  
Mary Daly  
Leonardo Procoppio Burke  
Elizabeth Dowling  
Stephanie Kerry  
Baby Maebhe McPaul & Anne  
Ken, Debbie, Harry & Lucy  
Valerie Myron  
Mary Reddin  
Mary McNamara  
Philip Fagan

MATCH 3s €1,000

16  
Match  
3s  
€63  
Each

### PROMOTER

Teresa Kelly  
Paul Dooley  
Pat Bowler  
Online Lotto  
Parish Centre  
Mary Hennessy  
Mary Daly  
Lotto Gift  
Elizabeth Dowling  
Brid Davis  
Anne Brennan  
John Loughlin  
Parish Centre  
Paul Dooley  
Paul Dooley  
Philip Fagan

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

Next Week's Jackpot is €14,000

## 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

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](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

## Parish Centre



Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm  
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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 and  
the Heath Church are live streamed  
[www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://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](mailto:linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie)

PARISH SHOP  
057 8621142 - Claire Scully

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Amos 6:1, 4-7 | Psalm 145:6-10  
1 Timothy 6:11-16 | Luke 16:19-31

## 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



# Portlaoise College 1st Year Open Evenings

Scholarship Exam offered  
to all incoming first years

Parents and students can choose to attend on either  
**Wednesday 28th or Thursday 29th  
September 2022, 7.00pm**

Parents/Guardians of all 5th & 6th Class. Students are welcome.

- Come see our full range of subjects in action.
- Meet our management and staff.
- Participate in school tours and a wide range of curricular activities.

7:00 pm Principal's address in school sports hall

7:30 pm School tour commences

**Tuesday 4th - Thursday 20th  
October 2022**

- Guided Tours of Portlaoise College available
- Tours can be booked by contacting the school

**Important Dates to Remember!**

- 1st October 2022 - 1st Year Enrolment Opens
- 24th October 2022 @ 5pm for 1st Year Enrolment closes
- Week of 9th January 2023 - Incoming 1st Year Aptitude Exam
- 17th January 2023 - Information Evening for Incoming 1st Years
- 1st March 2023 - Scholarship Exam



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