

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Prayer for the New School Year

We ask you Lord to accompany our pupils, our teachers, all the Schools staffs and their families throughout this new school year. May our Schools be places where your name is held holy and your message of love and compassion is evident in our care of each other.
Amen



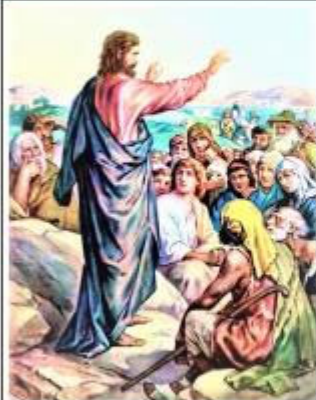
Blessing of School Bags last weekend.

God bless our pupils, teachers, staff
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Calculating the Cost

We hear a lot about calculating the cost of discipleship, but how many people actually sit down and do exactly that calculate the cost.

We certainly do our calculations if we're paying a visit to the bank manager for a loan. We certainly start calculating if we're down to small change and there are two long weeks left to pay day. Today Jesus tells us that calculating the cost of discipleship should be no different. "For which of you intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

Discipleship means different things to do different people at different stages in their lives. Discipleship might mean deciding how best to use our gifts to help people at home and in the work place. Discipleship might mean coming up with a plan to transform a local community or some kind of global project. Whatever our vision we will need to sit down and plan it. Inevitably this will involve personal cost and if we don't calculate that cost, we are setting ourselves up to fail before we have begun. Will we be able to accomplish our plans alone or will we need help? How will we make time to achieve our goals and will this involve an element of sacrifice? Do we have enough money to realise our ideas or will we need to fundraise? Do we have the necessary skills or will we have to step out of our comfort zones in order to learn something new?

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Discipleship is demanding. Jesus is looking for a full-time commitment. Discipleship is not something that can be slotted easily and comfortably into our existing life styles. Discipleship involves cost, and today's invitation is to sit down and calculate whether that cost is within our means.

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5th September



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"God doesn't require us to succeed; he only requires that you try."

- Mother Teresa



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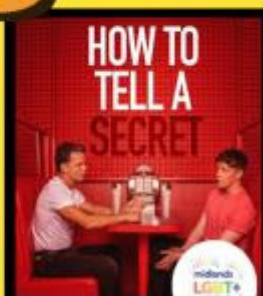
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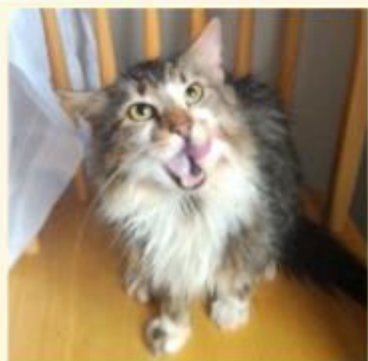
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ROSARY AT THE SHRINE

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**This Sunday
4th September**

at 2:30pm

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Mountmellick Embroidery Group Classes will resume in the Parish Centre, Monday 5th September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and every Monday thereafter. New members welcome!

Found: Half size Violin in green case, found on the Borris road. Contact; 087-2648194.

Portlaoise Literature Studies Group will resume in the Parish Centre every Wednesday from 7th September 2022 10.45am-12.45pm. Don't let the fancy title put you off!! We are just a group of ordinary people who love a good book and enjoy lively discussion. Our book for the new term is "The Art of Losing" by Alice Zeniter, who won the 2022 Dublin Literary Award. This very prestigious award receives its nominations from public libraries in cities around the globe, it was obviously a very popular book. Why not come along and join us - you won't be disappointed. ☎ Ann 086-0678828 / Helen 085-1529558.

Portlaoise Active Retirement will reopen in the Parish Centre this Wednesday 7th September and we will be taking deposits for the holiday in Donegal, 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.

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Raffle: 1st Betty Murphy 2nd Frank Keenan

3rd B. Kennedy 4th N. Delaney

5th C. Galvin



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

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society Meeting: Tuesday 6th September in the Ratheniska room of the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. New members welcome.

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Counting the Cost

How many of you would like to play the piano? Before you answer that you would like to play the piano, let's see what it would cost to be able to play the piano and see if you are willing to pay the price.

First of all, you would have to buy a piano. It would be rather silly to say that you wanted to play the piano if you weren't willing to go out and buy a piano, wouldn't it? So the first you would need to do is look for a piano. A second hand piano could cost approx. €700. Hmm....€700, do you still want to play the piano?

Next you need to find a teacher. After all, you can't teach yourself.

Not if you really want to play well. For a lesson it could cost around

€25 per lesson. Let's see, if you have a lesson every week that's €100 a month, do you still want to play the piano?

What else do we need? Oh yes, we will need some music! I went to the music store and found out that most of the music books cost €10-€15 each. If you want to buy a single copy of sheet music, they usually cost around €5 each. Do you still want to play the piano?

Now that you have a piano, a teacher, and some music you must be willing to practice. Most piano teachers require their students to practice at least one hour every day. That means that there will be times when other children will be out playing while you must stay in and practice. Do you still want to play the piano? If you want to play the piano, you have to count the cost and make sure you are willing to pay the price!

Did you know that Jesus said that same thing to some people who said they wanted to be his disciples? Jesus told them that if they wanted to follow him, they had to count the cost. He said they had to be willing to take up their cross daily and follow him. To follow him, they might have to be willing to give up their family and friends. Jesus also said that people might make fun of them and call them names and that some people might even want to hurt them. They had to count the cost and make sure they were willing to pay the price.

A lot of people today say that they want to follow Jesus. They join the church and for a while you will see them every week, but when they find out how much it is going to cost, they fall away. Being a true follower of Jesus is not always easy, but it is always worth it, if you are willing to pay the price.



PRAYER

Dear Jesus, it is easy to say that we want to follow you, but it isn't always easy to do. Help us to follow you, whatever the cost. Amen.





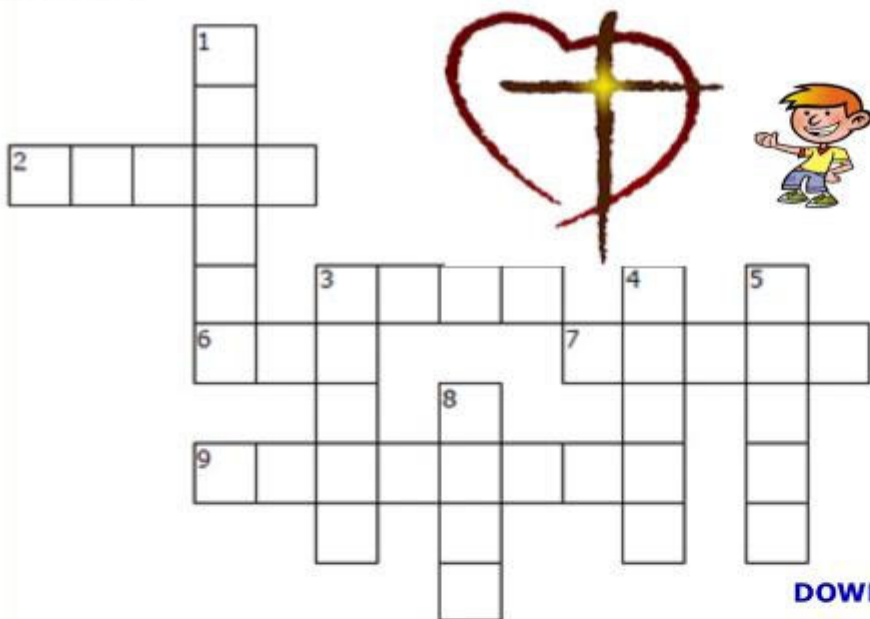
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DOESN'T SHE REALISE THE HOLIDAYS ARE
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Welcome back to all pupils and teachers after the summer holidays; a special welcome to the boys and girls who are taking their first step into the world of education. And those who begin new schools this September.

In 3rd Class and above and interested in becoming an Altar Server?

If so, we invite you to fill in an enrolment form which includes a permission slip for your parents/guardian. You may collect the form from the Parish Centre or you can download it from our Parish Website - www.portlaoiseparish.ie Training will be provided.



The Cost of Discipleship

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple Luke 14:27



ACROSS

2. To form something by combining materials or parts; to construct
3. The amount paid for something; the price
6. Fighting between two or more countries.
7. Coins or currency used to buy things
9. A follower of Jesus

DOWN

1. To take someone as a model; to imitate.
3. A wooden structure consisting of an upright with a horizontal beam
4. A very tall, narrow building, or part of a building.
5. The opposite of war
8. A male ruler in some countries

**COST
FOLLOW**

**KING
WAR**

**TOWER
PEACE**

**CROSS
DISCIPLE**

**MONEY
BUILD**



Time to Think!

LIFE - OUR GREATEST TEACHER

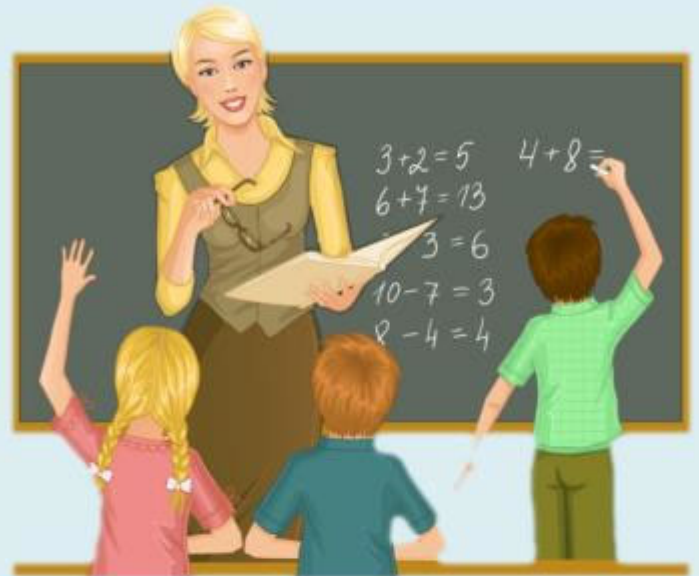
It's hard to believe that it's back to school time again. This has been a wonderful summer and I do hope that all school communities feel a sense of being refreshed after their long summer break. I'm very conscious, that this year in particular, back to school, puts enormous pressures regarding its cost on families, who are hugely burdened by the cost-of-living crisis. There is no such thing as free education. The voluntary contribution expected of parents is but one of many examples that creates huge burden particularly for families, who struggle to pay for the basic material commodities. I'm very aware this week that many students, following their leaving certificate results, are under serious pressure, to find affordable rental accommodation, close to their college campus.

We all know in our adult lives that really, we never stopped going to school. The environment may change but experience teaches us. Life is our greatest teacher. School for young people is a very important place. A place where their gifts and talents must be nurtured and cultivated to achieve their best potential in life. We are blessed with wonderful schools, teachers, staff who give fulsomely in their important task as educators. I pray as the new school year commences it will be a healthy and happy one for all involved. I love the following reflection, it is rich in affirmation and it's very true.

"On the 6th day, God created men and women. On the 7th day, he rested. Not so much to recuperate, but rather to prepare himself for the work he was going to do on the next day. For it was on that day, the 8th day, that God created the FIRST TEACHER. This teacher, though taken from among men and women, had several significant modifications. In general, God made the teacher more durable than other men and women.

The teacher was made to arise at a very early hour and to go to bed no earlier than 11:30pm with no rest in between. The teacher had to be able to withstand being locked up in an air-tight classroom for six hours with thirty-five "monsters" on a rainy Monday. And the teacher had to be fit to correct 103 term papers over Easter vacation. Yes, God made the teacher tough...but gentle too.

The teacher was equipped with soft hands to wipe away the tears of the neglected and lonely



student...of those of the sixteen year old girl who was not asked to the prom. And into the teacher God poured a generous amount of patience. Patience when a student asks to repeat the directions the teacher has just repeated for someone else. Patience when the kids forget their lunch money for the fourth day in a row. Patience when one-third of the class fails the test. Patience when the text books haven't arrived yet, and the semester starts tomorrow.

And God gave the teacher a heart slightly bigger than the average human heart. For the teacher's heart had to be big enough to love the kid who screams, "I hate this class-it's boring!" and to love the kid who runs out of the classroom at the end of the period without so much as a "goodbye", let alone a "thank you". And lastly, God gave the teacher an abundant supply of Hope. For God knew that the teacher would always be hoping. Hoping that the kids would someday learn how to spell... hoping not to have lunchroom duty... hoping that Friday would come... hoping for a free day.... hoping for deliverance.

When God finished creating the teacher, he stepped back and admired the work of his hands. And God saw that the teacher was good. Very Good! And God smiled, for when he looked at the teacher, he saw into the future. He knew that the future is in the hands of the teachers.

And because God loves teachers so much, on the 9th day God created "Snow Days."

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



Pictured Above;
*Chloe Chamberlain and Shane Brophy, who were married in the
Church of the Assumption, the Heath on Thursday 11th August.*
Celebrant; Fr. Ciprian Matei



Pictured Above;
*Maria Wright and John Hayden, who were
married in the Church of the Assumption,
the Heath on Saturday 13th August.*
Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne



Pictured Above;
*Alison Doyle and Martin Maher, who were married in the
Church of the Assumption, the Heath on Saturday 20th August.*
Celebrant; Msgr. John Byrne



Pictured Above;
*Osato Ehigiator and Cyprian Kahahunu,
who were married in the Parish Church on
Saturday 27th August.*
*Celebrant;
Msgr. John Byrne*



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

LEAVING CERT RESULTS



Congratulations to all our Leaving Cert students who are happy with their results which they received last Friday. Please God as you consider what's next you will find a way forward that is best suited for you. But we also spare a thought and a prayer for those who are disappointed with their results. Please know it is not the end of the World.

It might help to consider this letter written by a School Principal in Singapore sent to parents before the exams. Even though it was written before exams there is a lot of wisdom in it that applies post results also.

'Dear Parents,

The exams of your children are to start soon. I know you are really anxious for your child to do well.

But, please do remember, amongst the students who will be sitting for the exams there is an artist, who doesn't need to understand Math....There is an entrepreneur who doesn't care about History or English literature...There is a musician, whose Chemistry marks won't matter....There's an athlete whose physical fitness is more important than Physics...If your child does get top marks, that's great! But if he or she doesn't please don't take away their self confidence and dignity from them.

Tell them it's OK, it's just an exam! They are cut out for much bigger things in life. Tell them, no matter what they score you love them and will not judge them.

Please do this, and when you do... watch your children conquer the world. One exam or a low mark won't take away their dreams and talent. And please, do not think that Doctors and Engineers are the only happy people in the World. '

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THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



Willie O'Reilly

Borris Road
Portlaoise



Lina O'Sullivan

Kilteale
Stradbally



James (Jimmy) Delaney

Ballinakill



Breda Bergin

née Tierney
The Island, Abbeyleix



John Miller

Boleybeg
Abbeyleix

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
JULIA (Peg) HOLOHAN**

12 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurred 1st September 2022



*You're not just a memory silently kept,
You're a part of our family, we will never
forget,*

*Gone from our sight and from our touch,
But in our memories, loved so much.*

*Loved always and remembered by
Liz, Peter & family and niece Lorraine.*

*Gone from home that smiling face,
Those cheerful happy ways,
The heart that won so many friends,
In by gone happy days.
From P.J., Ann & family.*

*It's not the tears that are shed at the time, that tell of the
hearts that are broken,
But the silent tears in the after years, when our loved
ones name is spoken.*

Sadly missed and remembered by Mary, Liam & family.

*Thinking of you today and always.
From James & family.*

May Julia (Peg) Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JULIA (Peg) HOLOHAN**

12 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurred 1st September 2022.



*Loving memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts she is living yet,
We loved her too dearly to forget.*

From Frank and family.

Rest in Peace Julia

**In Loving Memory of
ALICE ROGERS**

9 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurs 5th September 2022



*Though your smiles are gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
We shall never lose the sweet memories
of you, we loved so much.*

*Also remembering at this time;
Her husband Michael and son Tony.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family.

May Alice Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **TOMMY BREEN**

Formerly Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
24th Anniversary occurs 7th September 2022



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

Sadly missed & remembered by
Moirá, Vera, Liam, Tom and families.



Also we remember his daughter,
BARBARA LAWLOR on her
1st Anniversary and his son **NEVIN**
whose 5th birthday away from
home occurs 6th September.



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

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

May Tommy, Barbara and Nevin Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of **RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
Birthday occurred 2nd September 2022.



Happy Birthday in Heaven

Is there a party up in Heaven to celebrate
today? Did angels frost a cake for you?
Or sing to start your day?

We're celebrating down here, as they must
be above, I truly hope your special day is
filled with peace and love.

This day was always special, as we
gathered 'round you here, we'd sing and
laugh and celebrate your day with so much cheer.

I miss those special moments, that we shared throughout the
years, it's hard to find that on this day, my eyes now fill with
tears.

I'm trying hard to smile for you, but ohhh...that empty chair,
I turn around and find myself still shocked that you're not there.
Please know I'm thinking of you, as I go throughout each day,
This day is very special, because it's your birthday.

Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters, extended
family and friends.

For Your Birthday in Heaven

Still loved, still missed and very dear

Your birthday's here, but you aren't,
We would send a gift but we know we can't,
So we'll make a wish upon a star,
To carry our love to where you are.

*Happy birthday Nanny, hugs and kisses and lots of love
from all your grandchildren xxx*

In Loving Memory of **OWEN McDONALD**

16 Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs at this time.



1st Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Portlaoise, on
Tuesday 6th September at 10am.

You always had a smile to share,
A laugh, a joke and time to care,
A good life came to an end,
You died as you lived.... everyone's friend.

*Always loved and remembered by your loving family
and friends.*

Rest in Peace Owen

In Loving Memory of **ANGELA LARKIN**

176 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 5th September 2022



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Sunday
4th September at 12:30pm.

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

Sadly missed Mam by your daughter Michelle & son P.J.

Rest in Peace Angela

59th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of **RAY BERGIN**

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
4th Birthday away from home occurs 8th September



Thinking of you everyday especially
today, missing you more than
words can say.

Heavenly birthday wishes Ray

Love from your wife Mossie,
daughters Martina, Lisa, Sandra
and grandchildren Keith,

Lexie, Jake, Hannah, Dion, Raymond and Jack xxx

Rest in Peace Ray

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL (Gilpin) CONROY**

Died 7/9/2020 aged 72
2nd Anniversary occurs at this time.



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

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered
by all his loving family.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH DOWLING**

Dublin Rd. Portlaoise. 23rd Anniversary occurs 7th September.



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

*Somewhere beyond the sunset where loved
ones never die, she rests in a beautiful garden
beneath God's golden sky, so fly to her little
robin and whisper to her that we love her.*

We also remember her husband Martin at this time.

With love Martina, Mary, Anna, Claire and families.

May Elizabeth & Martin Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH HOWARD**

née Styles

1st Anniversary occurs 4th September 2022



*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 all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

**In Loving Memory of
JAMES FLANAGAN**

Dunamais House

9th Anniversary occurred 29th August 2022



*Always remembered by
Joe and Anita, Seamie, Alicia
and Minnie, Eamonn, Lauren,
Shauna and Mia.*

Rest in Peace James

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**In Loving Memory of
DANNY O' LOUGHLIN**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Danny's wife Margaret, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters wish to express our deepest gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss.

Our heartfelt thanks to the many relatives, friends and neighbours who called to the house, attended the funeral home, Requiem Mass and burial.

To those who provided refreshments, while it is impossible to name all, a special thanks to Mossy Brown, Coco Lawless, Downey's Centra, Tesco Portlaoise and Portlaoise AFC.

To everyone who travelled from near and far, sent Mass cards, floral tributes, telephoned, posted messages of condolences and viewed the funeral online, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

A special thank you to Mam's treasured friends from the Parish Centre who provided support and comfort to her. Deepest appreciation to Colette and Sharon for all your attention and care to Danny for which we are deeply grateful.

To Fr. David and Fr. Paddy, thank you for calling to visit Danny at home and attending to his spiritual needs on many occasions. To Msgr. Byrne thank you for celebrating the funeral Mass, your kind words honouring Danny's life, faith and family were much appreciated. Also to Fr. Tom O' Reilly and Deacon Joe O' Rourke for assisting at the funeral Mass and Fr. Ciprian for his prayers at the graveside. Thank you to Nuala Kelly for her beautiful singing in the Church and Declan Kelly and the staff of the Parish Centre for their use of venue after the burial and Bosco Ramsbottom for providing welcome refreshments.

Thank you to Jim Murphy and his staff of Hughes Pharmacy for their help, service and support to Danny over the years. To Dr. David Booth and staff of The Cedar Clinic who attended to Danny with care and attention throughout his illness. A special thanks to Dr. Crotty, his team and all the staff of Tullamore Oncology Ward who cared for Danny and with whom he built up a lovely rapport over the years. Also to the staff of Portlaoise Hospital in particular ICU, for their respect, kindness & dignity shown to Danny and our family in his final days.

To Matthew and David of Keegan's Funeral Directors, thank you for the sensitive, professional and respectful handling of Danny's funeral arrangements. Also to Brendan and Adrian Dunne for preparing Danny's final resting place.

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

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

Danny's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 3rd September at 6.30pm.

Rest in Peace Danny

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Blessing with the relic will take place after Mass.

Prayer to St. Teresa of Calcutta

(Prayed each day of the Novena)

Saint Teresa of Calcutta,

You allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross
to become a living flame within you, and so became
the light of His love to all.

Obtain from the Heart of Jesus

(here make your request)

Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my
whole being so completely that my life too,
may radiate His light and love to others. Amen
Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our Joy,
pray for me.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta pray for me.

Keep the joy of loving Jesus in your heart and say often
during the day and night.

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me. I love you."**

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Listen to the
Voice of creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Actions we can Take;

1. Cut out the use of plastic, cling film, tinfoil etc. as far as possible.
2. Reduce the amount of waste food.
3. Reduce use of electricity, gas, diesel, petrol etc.
4. Reduce the amount of grass cutting.
5. Recycle properly.....clean, dry and loose goods only.

Suggestion for Spiritual exercise;

Choose a green space.
Become aware of God's presence here and all around you.
What nutrients are supported by this place?
This tree/wood?
Does this green space/field absorb co2 and clean the air?
What plants, animals, insects, microbes, minerals are sheltered here.
For all this place provides to nurture us let a feeling of prayer and gratitude fill you.

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Portlaoise Parish



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1st September 2022



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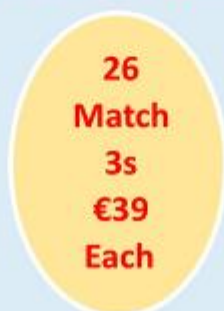
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Wisdom 9:13-18 | Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14

1 Philemon 9-10, 12-17 | Luke 14:25-33

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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

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