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16th October 2022

**Twenty Ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



Bishop Denis celebrated Mass to honour the 175th Anniversary of Portlaoise St. Mary's CBS. What a blessing the brothers and the school community have been to Portlaoise throughout the years. Wishing them every blessing and success in the years ahead.

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## Praying With Ninety Nine Percent Perspiration

Thomas Edison, a famous and prolific American inventor, is accredited the famous quote that success is,



"One percent Inspiration and ninety nine percent perspiration!"

The idea is that however clever or creative we are, success is mostly about hard work, patience and dedication.

It appears that success is more about not giving up than anything else. So what if we adopted the same attitude when it comes to matters of faith and prayer?

All too often we lack persistence when it comes to prayer, sometimes losing faith in it altogether. We give up on prayer for lots of reasons. We give up on prayer because we have stopped believing that God is really listening. We give up on prayer because we think that we are unworthy of God's attention, or that God must be busy doing other things. We give up on prayer because we have an immature expectation, and can't understand why God doesn't pander to it. Whatever reason we have for giving up on prayer we need to re-think, because at worst, giving up on prayer can mean giving up on our relationship with God.

Today Jesus urges us to persist in prayer. However disillusioned we might feel, we are urged not to give up. Just because God hasn't granted a prayer in the past doesn't mean God won't grant a future prayer. The key is to remember that God isn't a magician giving us quick fix answers whenever we're feeling at a loss. God sees the overall picture, and as long as our prayer fits that picture how much more readily will he answer us, than the unjust judge gives in to the widow in today's parable.

We are encouraged to pray with a genuine desire to build our relationship with God. We are encouraged to pray with persistence.

**Annual Bereavement Mass will take place on Monday 7th  
November at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.**



Next Sunday is Mission Sunday  
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Mass times for the coming week  
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Saturday after 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.

### October Collection for the Priests of the Parish

Envelopes for the October Collection for the priests of the parish are in the Development Boxes or in the Church porches. **Thank You.**



**St. Luke**

**18th  
October**

Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified with Saint Paul's "Luke the beloved physician."

Today we assume that anyone who was a doctor must have been well educated and wealthy. In truth, scholars have argued that Luke might well have been born a slave. It was common in biblical times for families to educate slaves in medicine so that they would have a resident family physician.

Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who respected women, and who saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.



**Fáilte**

**We welcome into our Parish Community**

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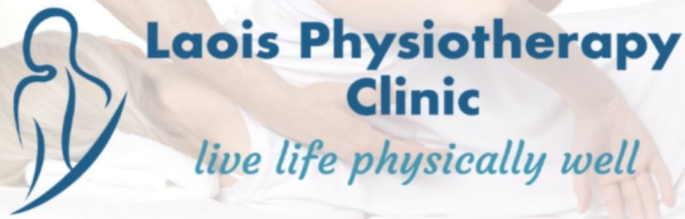
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


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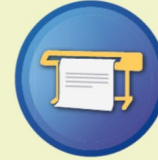
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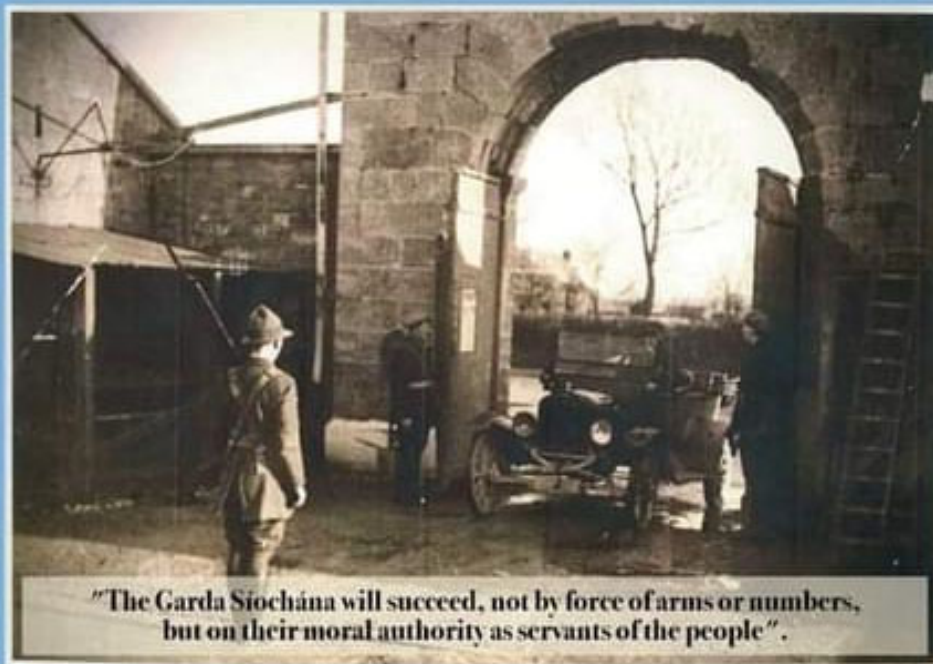
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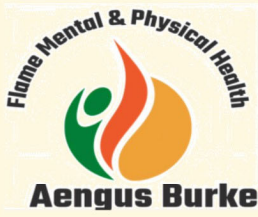
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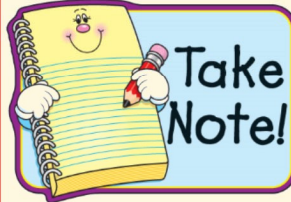


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**Counselling:** Accord Portlaoise are open for Relationship Counselling at The Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Counselling is completely confidential, all counsellors are fully trained. For further info. please contact Mary at 086-4149034 or e-mail accordportlaoise@gmail.com

### **Religious Notices**

**Relics of St. Therese of Lisieux and her Parents, Louis and Zelig Martin** will be in The Church of St. Peter & Paul, Monasterevin from 5pm Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. until 3pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>. People can be blessed with the Relics during these two days. St. Therese is the patroness of the Missions so it is appropriate that she went to us for Mission Sunday.

**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.*

**Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October:**

**Top score:** T. Kearns

**1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** G. Rafter

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** K. Fitzpatrick

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** B. O'Brien

**1<sup>st</sup> Half:** N. Delaney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** M. Fitzpatrick

**13 Tricks:** T. Kearns and M. Downey

<b>Raffle:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> M. Fitzpatrick	2 <sup>nd</sup> B. Srahan
	3 <sup>rd</sup> B. Murphy	4 <sup>th</sup> A. Brennan
	5 <sup>th</sup> M.J. Dunne	



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

**Portlaoise Active Retirement** meet every Wednesday in the Parish Centre. The club are on their autumn holiday this week but will resume again 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. with exercises and fun with Moez. Bowls will resume Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> October in St. Mary's sports hall. Please support, beginners very welcome, full tuition given, all ages and level of fitness welcome. Cards in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchy every Thursday afternoon 3pm, all welcome for a game of cards and chat, tuition given free. For further information on the club please contact P.R.O. on 087-6204617.

**Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club:** Following the tremendous success of the Field & Threshing Day held on 7<sup>th</sup> August, Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club in support of local needs and charities, will host a presentation evening on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 9pm in The Deadmans Inn, Ballyfin. All are welcome.

**GROW** weekly meetings take place on Thursdays at 7pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre. For details contact Michelle 086-4183805.



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

**Call Sean Smyth 086-3561669**

## **WATER SOFTENERS**

Iron Filters, Ultra Violet Filters (For Bacteria Control)  
Complete Home and Industrial Water Treatment Systems

### **Sales & Service**

Local authority Grants available to bring individual private well supplies up to E.U. Standards providing dwelling is at least 7 years old.  
*(Not available to people on mains water supplies)*

## **AQUA TREATMENT**

Dromadoon, Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise | www.aquatreatment.ie

**Tel: 057-8622400 / 8662525 / 087-2580318**



## Pray, and Don't Give UP!

One day Jesus told a story about a woman who went to a judge and said, "My rights are being violated. Protect me!" At first, the judge refused to do anything, but the woman kept asking him. Finally, he said, "This woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!"



After Jesus finished the story, he said, "Learn a lesson from the judge. Even he gave a fair decision in the end. So don't you think that God will step in and help his children when they keep on crying out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will".

Have you ever found yourself in a situation when life was so hard that you just wanted to give up? Maybe you were having trouble with your schoolwork. Perhaps you and a friend had a disagreement and you just couldn't seem to work it out. Or, maybe one of your classmates is bullying you.

What Jesus wants us to learn from this story that he told is that God, our Heavenly Father, loves us and wants to do nice things for us. He wants what is best for us and he has the wisdom to know what is best. But don't forget, he likes to hear us ask, not just once, but again and again. He doesn't want us to ask once and then give up!

Let us pray

Father, we know that you hear us when we pray and you answer in the way that is best for us. Help us to trust in you and never give up.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## Do you know this prayer?

O Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.

Amen.



Say this prayer every day with your family.

# Keep on Praying

*Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*



Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- \_\_\_ 1. A simple story illustrating a moral or religious lesson  
**A. fiction**    **B. parable**    **C. novel**    **D. essay**
- \_\_\_ 2. To speak to or make a request to God  
**A. preach**    **B. cry**    **C. pray**    **D. beg**
- \_\_\_ 3. An official who hears and decides cases brought before a court of law  
**A. senator**    **B. judge**    **C. soldier**    **D. policeman**
- \_\_\_ 4. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried  
**A. judge**    **B. wife**    **C. sister**    **D. widow**
- \_\_\_ 5. To be treated fairly  
**A. justice**    **B. cheat**    **C. hate**    **D. fool**
- \_\_\_ 6. A belief that does not require proof  
**A. faith**    **B. hope**    **C. dream**    **D. puzzle**
- \_\_\_ 7. The period from sunrise to sunset (light)  
**A. night**    **B. week**    **C. day**    **D. month**
- \_\_\_ 8. The period between sunset and sunrise (darkness)  
**A. night**    **B. week**    **C. day**    **D. month**



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FEAR	NIGHT		



**First Holy  
 Communion  
 Preparation Mass**  
 Next  
 Saturday 22nd Oct.  
 Parish Church  
 at 5pm.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.



# Time to Think!

## LORD INCREASE OUR FAITH

You don't just wake up one morning, light streaming in from the window, birds fluttering about, and jump from your bed with exuberance declaring "I have a faith!" No, it's more like a slow crawl from your bed as you try to slam on the snooze button one last time.

Getting faith isn't easy, even though people put the phrase "have faith!" on repeat like it's no big deal. It's a slow, sometimes agonizing process that many people give up on, but in truth, it's worth the wait. Having faith puts that pep in your step when you feel like you've busted a kneecap. It gets you to try one more time towards your righteous desires and keeps you smiling when all you want to do is crawl back into bed. Faith is the end result of a long journey, but makes the trip bearable.

But sometimes it can be hard to see the road to faith, or at least the end of the road. If you've found yourself in this spot, Martin Luther King Jr. has some wise words.

*"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."*

So what is the first step? Honestly, it's different for everyone. But if you're having a hard time viewing that staircase, here are a few steps to get you started.

### ***Identify the Doubt***

What's causing you anxiety right now? What's making you worry? What's filling you with doubt? Pinpoint an area of your life that's weighing you down and take some time to ponder why it's so hard. If you need to, find a quiet space to meditate or pray about the things that are bothering you, and ask yourself why these things are having an impact on your life.

Why are we doing this? Because in order to identify a solution, we need to identify the problem.

### ***Find Your Mantra***

Having a little saying you can repeat to yourself in times of trouble is a great way to dispel fear. Faith is a concept that's been around since the beginning of mankind, and you can find motivating quotes across the religious or spiritual spectrum. Take some time to search them out and find a phrase or quote that speaks to you. Put this quote somewhere you can see it often, like your phone. Then when you feel that fear or anxiety begin to rise, just take a deep breath, and repeat after them:

*"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone." – Pope Francis*

*"If it can be solved, there's no need to worry, and if it can't be solved, worry is of no use." -Dalai Lama*

*"For with God, nothing shall be impossible." – Luke 1:37*

### **Take Action**

Now that we've identified the problem and have a mantra to keep us focused, let's work on that solution. Write your problem down and start brainstorming ways to fix it, even the hard ones. What are the obvious ways you can fix it? The not-so obvious? Make bullet points until you have a solid list, then go through and find the solution that would be the most effective.



And now you'll take action. You might be afraid, but that's okay. Faith isn't about not having fear, it's about acting anyway. So take that solution and run with it, not looking back.

Faith isn't a one-step process, and it's also not a one-stop shop. In order to find and keep faith, you'll need to practice over and over again. But that's okay! With each step you'll become stronger and stronger until faith is your first reaction to challenges, not fear

### ***Prayer To Become a Giving Person***

Loving Father I come to You today with grateful thanks for the gifts and promises that so readily stream in my direction from You. So often Lord my foolish heart is filled with worry and anxiety and I find myself looking at the problem of my supply instead of looking to You as my generous Supplier. Please forgive this lack of trust in You, for I know that You have promised to supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory – for which Lord I thank and praise You.

Lord I want to be able to hand over each and every one of my worries to You and to develop a generous and outgoing personality – that keeps my eyes on Jesus, rather than continuing to be the "worrier" that I have become. I know that this does not honour Your name and I so desire to walk in the paths of righteousness and become a person with a generous heart that flows from Your own generosity - a grateful heart that is full of trust and thanks to You, who have done so much for me.

Lord I know that I cannot change my nature myself – but I do know that in the power of the Holy Spirit I can take my worrisome thoughts captive and hand them over to You – and turn my worries and anxieties into purposeful praise, knowing that in all things You are the supplier of all I need. I ask this in Jesus name.

Amen

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 26,350 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)*



## Event:

**'Open-mic discussion on the topics of 'Living with Hope' and 'Living with Loss'.**

## Date & Venue:

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October. 7.30pm – 9pm.**

**Parish Centre, Portlaoise.**

Open-mic discussion regarding the topics of 'Living with Hope' and 'Living with Loss' – two topics featured in the Laois Connects Podcast series -

<https://laoispartnership.ie/laois-connects-podcast/>. The original contributors to the podcasts Bernie Carroll, Suicide Bereavement Counsellor Pieta and Josephine Rigney, HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention, will be delighted to engage with the audience and enable a meaningful and thought provoking discussion, facilitated by Anthony O'Prey, HSE Health & Wellbeing.



**"MAKE MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING FOR ALL A GLOBAL PRIORITY"**



We are so lucky in our parish to have so many dedicated people who volunteer in the ministries of the Church. There are a wide variety of ways to get involved, maybe as a reader at Mass, or even as an altar server for our younger parishioners. There are also some new ministry groups that will be formed in our Parish very soon, such as our reformed Funeral Ministry Team. We need people in all areas of our parish to help us make our parish a place for all.

There are a number of these ministries listed below and we would love to get more of you involved. If you are interested place tick one or more of the ministries and include your name, phone number and email address and we will be contact with you about upcoming training.

Please Tick 

Reader at Mass	
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	
Funeral Ministry Team	
Altar Server (open from 3rd Class)	
Play and Pray Group	
Baptism Team	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I give Portlaoise Parish permission to contact me in relation to the relevant ministry activities

**Please Return this Form to the Parish Office**





# LAOIS SCHOOL OF MUSIC 21ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS OCT. 2022



# 22

**Ensemble Concert:**  
7pm, Saturday 22 October,  
St Peter's Church of Ireland, Portlaoise,  
Featuring Laois School of Music Alumni,  
Laois School of Music Junior Youth Orchestra,  
Music Generation Laois and Laois School of  
Music Chamber Group, Laois School of Music  
Musician Educator Ensemble.

# 23

**Piano Recital:**  
4pm, Sunday 23 Oct,  
St Peter's Church of Ireland, Portlaoise,  
Featuring Mary Wisely, Tatyana Vykhodtseva,  
David Vesey, Emmett Malone, Jonathan Murray

PRESENTED BY:  
Laois School of Music and  
Music Generation Laois in association with Laois County Council,  
as part of the Local Live Performance Programme.  
Funded by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts,  
Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

ADMISSION FREE, HOWEVER ADVANCE BOOKING REQUIRED

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An Roinn Turasoireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán  
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

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



*Ethna Moran*

née Cullen  
Glenside, Abbeyleix Rd.  
Portlaoise



*Ann Bergin*

née Holohan  
Parnell Crescent  
Portlaoise



*John (Snr.) Byrne*

Ridge Road  
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](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)

**In Loving Memory of  
JOSEPH (Joe) DOOLEY**

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



*We hold you close within our hearts,  
And there you shall remain,  
To walk with us throughout our lives,  
Until we meet again.  
So rest in peace dear loved one,  
And thanks for all you've done,  
We pray that God has given you,  
The crown you've truly won.*

*Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all his  
loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Joe*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARTIN STOKES**

Abbeyleix

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 20<sup>th</sup> October.



*Acknowledgement*

Martin's daughters wish to express our deepest gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Thank you to Jim Murphy of Hughes Pharmacy for his help and service; To Eamon Kelly funeral director for the sensitive, professional and respectful handling of daddy's funeral arrangements; To Sonya Brennan and Aoife Grey who attended to daddy with the upmost care and dedication throughout his illness and final days; To Fr. David Vard who carried out a special blessing of his ashes and his nephews Jason and Paul and brother Liam who provided daddy with so much help, support, care and dignity.

Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our gratitude.

**Daddy's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Abbeyleix on 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 5pm.**

*Grandad*

*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.*

*Sadly missed by his grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren xxx*

*Daddy*

*If we could have a lifetime wish,  
A dream that could come true,  
We'd pray to God with all our hearts for yesterday and you,  
A thousand words can't bring you back,  
We know because we have tried,  
Neither will a thousand tears, we know because we have cried.  
You left behind our broken hearts, and happy memories too,  
But we never wanted memories, we only wanted you.*

*Missing and loving you always  
Sinéad, Siobhan, Lisa, Aishling and Lorraine xxx*

*Rest in Peace Daddy*

**In Loving Memory of  
NOEL WALSH**

2 Roselawn, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

*Those who die in grace go no further from us than God, and God is very near.*

*From his wife Marian and all his work colleagues.*

*Rest in Peace Noel*

**In Loving Memory of  
PHYLLIS FITZPATRICK**

14 Borris Road, Portlaoise. Died 14/10/2004.  
18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10am.

Your resting place where no shadows fall,  
In a peaceful sleep you await us all,  
Your loving memory we will always keep,  
While you, dear Phyllis rest and sleep.

*Always remembered by your  
husband Mick, sons James, Thomas and Damien,  
daughter Theresa, daughters-in-law, son-in-law,  
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*



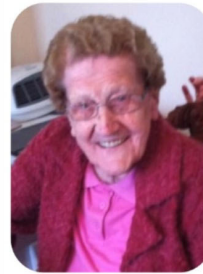
*Also remembering at this time*

*Her loving granddaughter  
LEONA CUDDY  
Meelick Road, Portlaoise.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
In Loving Memory of  
FRANCES COOKE**

Rathevan, Portlaoise. Died 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012.



*A Loving Mother, Grandmother and  
Great-grandmother.*

*You gave us years of happiness,  
Then sorrow came with tears,  
You left us lovely memories,  
We will treasure through the years.*

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Bridie, son-in-law  
Stephen, grandchildren Deirdre, Karen and Eamonn and  
great-grandchildren Ciara, Oisín, Abbie, Hayley and Lily.

*May Frances Rest in Peace*

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
In Loving Memory of  
FRANCES COOKE**

12 Fielbrook & formerly of Rathewan, Portlaoise.  
Died 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012.



10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass  
will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church this  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
at 5pm.

*It's been a lonely time without you,  
And nothing is the same,  
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame,  
We travel to your resting place,  
And flowers we place with care,  
But no-one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.*

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Margaret, son-in-law  
Ger, grandsons Edward & Gearóid, Katie & Rachel &  
great-granddaughters Madison, Ailbhe and Autumn.

*May Frances Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
ANN HEFFERNAN**

Clonboyne, Portlaoise.  
5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



*We are sad within our memory,  
Lonely are our hearts today,  
For the one we loved so dearly,  
Has forever been called away.  
We think of her in silence,  
No eye may see us weep,  
But many silent tears are shed,  
When others are asleep.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.

*Loved and never forgotten by all your loving family.*

*May Ann Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
DOUGLAS ROWAN**

Late of Reliable House Furnishers.  
11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



*We hold you close within our hearts,  
And there you shall remain,  
To walk with is throughout our lives,  
Until we meet again. xxxx*

*Dearly missed by his brothers Billy, Ken,  
Harry and extended Rowan family, and  
best friends Hughie and Maeve.*

*Rest in Peace Douglas*

*Our help is  
in the name  
of the  
Lord*

*Psalms 124:8*



**In Loving Memory of  
ANN HOGAN**

Mayfield, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10am and in the Parish Church, Portlaoise this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 12.30pm.

*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Each of us in our own way,  
Have special thoughts of you today.*

Remembered by her husband Vinny, son Liam and daughters Clare, Denise and Alice & extended family.

*May Ann Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
MICHAEL LACUMBER**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
Died 15<sup>th</sup> October 2011. 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home.



11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 11:15am.

*Our lips cannot speak how much  
we love you, our hearts cannot  
tell them what to say,  
Only God knows how much we miss you, every hour  
of every day.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

*May Michael Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
P.J. O' BRIEN**

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you, and whispered "Come to me." With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away, and although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.

*A golden heart stopped beating,  
hard working hands at rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
He only takes the best.*

Never forgotten by your loving wife Teresa, daughters, sons, grandchildren and a large circle of friends.

*May P.J. Rest in Peace*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
Aaron Jordan Kelly**

4<sup>th</sup> birthday away from home occurs 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022.



*Happy 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Son*

If I could have one wish in life, that wish would have to be, that God would take away my pain, and send you back to me. Your birthday's here today my son, and I just wanted you to know, how much I deeply love you and that I miss you so. On days like this we should celebrate, but for me that proves hard, for unlike other Mothers, I cannot send a birthday card.

No kisses can I give you, or birthday gifts to buy, only flowers I now can give you, which I place down where you lie.

Two other things I send you, are my thoughts and all my love, So hold them close and keep them safe, in Heaven up above. And please wait for me, my darling, until my days are through, And then I'll come and spend all time in Heaven just with you.

Loved and eternally missed by Mammy, Mudasar, brothers Brandon, Noah and Junaid and sister Aisha xxx

*Rest in Peace Aaron*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
CHRISTOPHER LaCUMBER**  
The Cottage, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.  
Birthday occurs 16<sup>th</sup> October.



If I could have a wish come true,  
A dream that's come to pass,  
I'd ask to spend a day with you,  
And pray that it would last.  
I'd run to you and hold you close,  
We'd laugh and smile again,

*I'd listen so intently, as you told me how you've been.  
When time was up, I'd hold you close, not wanting to let go,  
You'd smile and tell me "see you soon" and somehow I would know,  
That while it's very hard to wait, one day the time will come,  
I'll join you there forevermore, when I too am called home.  
My wish may go ungranted, but it will always be true,  
I'd trade many tomorrows, for one yesterday with you.*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his loving wife Bridie and family and brother Jim.

*May Christopher Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK (Paddy) DOWLING**  
Ballymaddock, Stradbally.  
Died 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.



1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am.

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

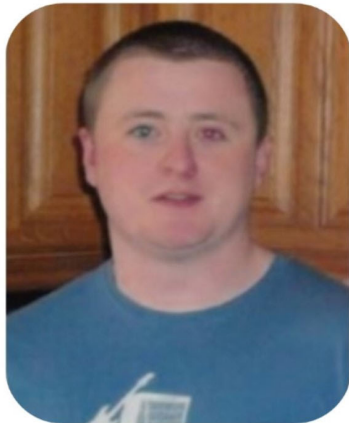
Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving family, neighbours and friends..

*Rest in Peace Paddy*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**SHANE MOORE**

62 Rossvale, Portlaoise.

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 19<sup>th</sup> October 2022



*Words and times, we can no longer share,  
But in our hearts you are always there.  
Always loved, forever missed.*

**Loved and remembered always;**

Mam, Dad, Marian, Ross, nephew Shane  
and all your loving family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Shane*

*In Loving Memory of*  
*A Cherished Father, Grandfather,  
Great-Grandfather and Brother*  
**JOSEPH PAISLEY**

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022



*Life is a beautiful memory,  
Death is a silent grief,  
You sleep now in God's  
beautiful garden, in sunshine  
and perfect peace.  
We miss you oh so very much,  
But trust that God knew best,  
He let us have you for many  
years, and then gently let you  
rest.*

***We will love and miss you always  
From all your loving family***

*Also remembering at this time, Joseph's wife Kathleen,  
his brother-in-law Bill Doyle, his nephew Gerard Brennan,  
Virginia Doyle and all deceased members of the  
Paisley and Doyle families.*

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

*May They Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**CAROLINE MOORE**

(née Whelan)

Cois Na hAbhainn, Portlaoise

11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 16<sup>th</sup> October



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

***Caroline***

*I thought of you with love today  
but that is nothing new,  
I thought of you yesterday and  
days before that too.*

*I think of you in silence, I often speak your name,  
Now all I have are memories and your picture  
in a frame.*

*Your memory is my comfort with which I shall  
never part,*

*God has you in His kingdom now.  
But you will always be in my heart.*

***Much loved and sadly missed by your mother,  
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*May Caroline Rest in Peace*



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The wife and family of the late John Marum, would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with them, attended the rosary, sent Mass cards and floral tributes and attended the Requiem Mass.

Our heartfelt thanks to the nursing staff and carers at Droimnín nursing

home and to the ambulance crew, doctors and nurses in Portlaoise hospital who cared for John in his final hours.

Our thanks to the UNV's and Pall Bearers from The Curragh and the pipers. Your kindness and support during this difficult time was a great source of comfort and strength.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Petru Medves and Fr. David Vard who celebrated the Requiem Mass and made it so special and to Nuala Kelly for the beautiful singing and music and all who participated in the Mass. Thanks to the staff of the Parish Centre.

Our thanks also to Dr. White, Hughes Pharmacy and to Chris for being here for us for three years.

A special thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode, funeral directors for the professional manner in which they carried out John's funeral arrangements and to the gravediggers who prepared his final resting place with such care.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude. A Mass will be offered for your intentions. Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.

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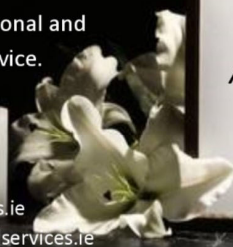
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## Portlaoise Parish



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13<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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