



On Thursday we celebrated an Opening Year Mass with the staff and students from Scoil Chríost Rí. We wish them every blessing as they journey together during this school year.



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### Exam Result Mentality

Can you remember the thrill of a good exam result? The trouble with exam results is, that despite the knowledge that exams are about measuring our own potential, we still like to compare our marks against those of our classmates. Our success is made all the more

meaningful by the fact that others have done less well. If this mentality stopped at exams this wouldn't be so bad, but what happens when the same attitude spills over into the rest of our lives? Do we look down on others because they have more menial jobs, because they're on benefits, because they don't go to church or haven't given as much to charity as we have? Do we look down on those who have made mistakes in life, who drink too much, take drugs or end up in prison? Do we measure our own righteousness against the poor decisions of others? When this mentality afflicts us, we are in danger of becoming smug, unfeeling and self-righteous.

There's a big difference between being righteous and self-righteous. The Pharisee in today's parable is a good man, but his mistake is in thinking that he is a better person than the sinner who prays next to him. The Pharisee fails to see the sinner's worth and he completely fails to see his own shortcomings. It comes as no surprise that it's the sinner's humble prayer that God hears and not the Pharisee's proud boasts. Is God going to love us more because we are getting things right? Is God going to love the vagrant or the criminal less because they have made mistakes or enjoyed fewer privileges?

As we forge our individual relationships with God we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping one eye on our own failings.

### World Mission Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

'You shall be my witnesses' – Acts 1:8

World Mission Sunday is celebrated in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of poverty, violence and oppression. Every parish, school and community is invited to join this special event. And every penny, pound and prayer you give to Missio helps missionaries everywhere continue their work.

Mass times for the coming week  
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**Monday - Friday : 7.30am & 10am**

**Saturday: 10am**

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CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

**Sunday: 9.30am**

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

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**CONFESSIONS**

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.**

### Bereavement Mass - Parish Church

**Monday 7th November At 7.30pm**



Those who died in our Parish during the year and their families will be remembered at our Mass on 7th November. A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory. If we have a photo of the deceased it will accompany their name on the screen in the Parish Church.

Also there are parishioners who have lost loved ones, parent or siblings, and also natives of our Parish, whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere. If you would like them to be remembered by name at our bereavement Mass please give the details to the Parish Centre by calling in or email

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A sincere word of thanks to everyone who supported our 'Tractor, Truck and Vintage Run' on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> September, in aid of our newly opened Sonas Class for Pupils with ASD. A grand total of **€6,827.45** was raised on the day, which really exceeded our expectations for the fundraising event. We are most grateful for people's immense generosity which will make a very positive difference for the school.

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### Mondays

#### WALKING GROUP

Our walking group brings participants through a walking programme gradually increasing fitness over time. The walking group helps people diagnosed with cancer take positive steps towards better health. Exercise has been shown to help with fatigue for cancer survivors.

**Mondays at 10am**

#### THRIVE & SURVIVE PROGRAMME

This is a self-management programme for cancer survivors with the aim of improving their quality of life to better manage daily health. (Developed by Stanford University)

**Monday at 10am**  
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#### THRIVE & SURVIVE YOGA & MEDITATION

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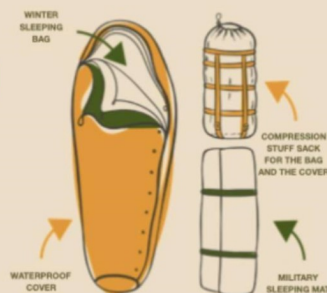
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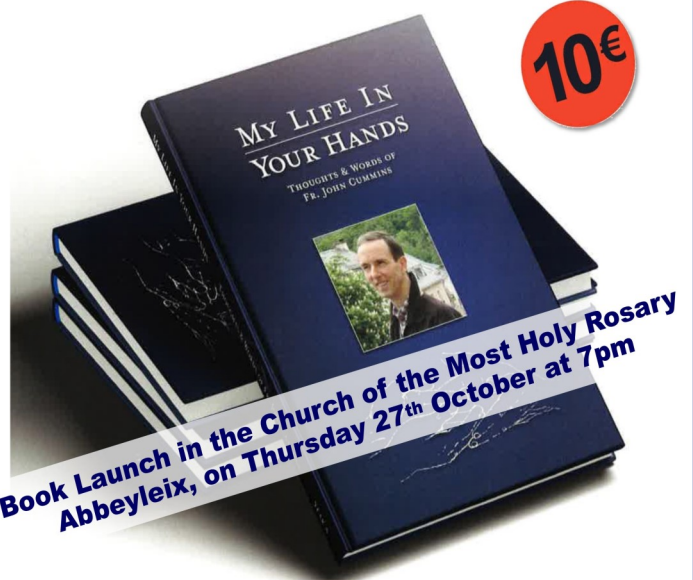
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**Portlaoise Active Retirement:** We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Centre at 3pm. All are welcome for activities, friendships and fun. We have just come back from a great 5-day holiday in the Gateway hotel, Donegal. Bowls have recommenced Mondays at 3pm in St. Mary's Sports hall, all welcome. Choir practice Tuesday mornings at 11am in the Parish Centre. Cards and chat Thursdays at 3pm in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy, come and learn to play or play Mastermind with Andy on 26<sup>th</sup> October. For any information on the club contact our PRO on 087-6204617.

**St Mary's CBS Portlaoise:** Application forms are now available for 1<sup>st</sup> year for the 2023/2024 school year. The closing date for applications is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm. Applications are available to download from our school website (portlaoiseccbs.com), our school App, or by e-mailing stmarys@portlaoiseccbs.com and from the school office. They will be distributed in the primary schools also.

### **Religious Notices**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** All are welcome to spend time with Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in November, for your loved ones. Portlaoise Parish Church - Monday to Friday 11am-7pm, Saturday 2pm-4 pm and Sunday 2pm-7pm.

**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.*

**Emmanuel House, Clonfert:** Day of Prayer on first Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, led by Eddie Stones. Adoration, Confessions, healing service, music, praise and worship and Holy Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. Also Day of Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11am.

### **Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October:**



<b>Top Score:</b>	Tom Kearns
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lady:</b>	Bernie Cahill
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:</b>	Mary Downey & Catherine Fitzpatrick
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Gent:</b>	P.J. Cahill & Liam McCartney
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Half:</b>	Tom Dunne
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Half:</b>	Breda Fitzpatrick
<b>Raffle:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Delaney 3 <sup>rd</sup> P. Stephens 5 <sup>th</sup> B. Srahan
	2 <sup>nd</sup> B. O'Brien 4 <sup>th</sup> G. Rafter

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

**Portlaoise Toastmasters** next meeting will be held in Kavanagh's Pub, Main Street, Portlaoise at 8pm, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October. All are welcome. Cost €10 to attend, but first two meetings are free. Guests always welcome!

**Shanahoe Community Hall A.G.M.** will be held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in Shanahoe Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**ASI CE Scheme:** There are 5 vacancies for home care worker. Applicants must have a full drivers licence. Applicants welcome from all areas in Laois. For further information contact Ann Munnelly on 086-8372168.

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

**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



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## The Pharisee & the Tax Collector



Have you ever known someone who thought they were much better than everyone else and deserved special treatment? Dr. Seuss wrote a story about a turtle who was like that. Perhaps you have read the story. The title of the story is "Yertle the Turtle."

Yertle was ruler of a little pond on the island of Sala-ma-Sond. All of the turtles at the pond had everything they needed and were quite happy. They were happy, that is, until Yertle decided that his kingdom was too small. "I am ruler of all that I see, but I don't see enough. My throne is too low down" complained Yertle.

So Yertle lifted his hand and gave a command. He ordered nine turtles in the pond to stand on each other's backs so that they could become his new and higher throne. He climbed up onto the backs of the turtles and he had a wonderful view. But Yertle still wasn't satisfied. "Turtles! More turtles!" he called from his lofty throne, Yertle swelled with pride and feelings of importance as turtles from all over the pond came to climb on the stack of turtles which made up Yertle's throne.

At the very bottom of the stack was a plain and ordinary turtle named Mack. He struggled under the weight of all the turtles until finally, he decided that he had taken enough. That plain little turtle named Mack did a very plain little thing. He burped! His burp shook the throne and Yertle fell right into the mud! And now the great Yertle is King of the MUD.

When you think too highly of yourself, you often wind up taking a big fall, don't you?

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells a story about a man who thought he was better than everyone else. In the story that Jesus told, two men went to the temple to pray. One of the men was a Pharisee, a religious group that was very strict in obeying the law of Moses. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: "I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. I don't cheat, I don't sin, and I'm certainly not like that tax collector over there! I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of all my income."

The tax collector stood at a distance and would not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he bowed his head in sorrow, saying, "Oh God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner."

Now, which of these two prayers do you think was pleasing to God? You are right. The prayer of the tax collector. Jesus said, "The tax collector, not the Pharisee returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted."

When we are tempted to brag about ourselves, we need to remember that other people are not impressed - and neither is God!

### My Prayer

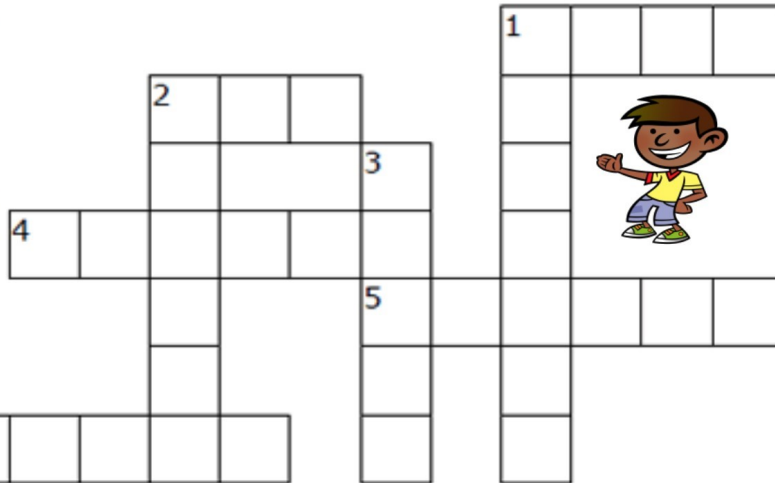
Dear Father, we pray that you would help us to remain humble so that we would not think more highly of ourselves than we ought. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





# The Pharisee & The Tax Collector

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.  
Luke 18:14



TEMPLE  
HUMBLE  
ROBBER  
PARABLE  
MERCY  
TAX  
SINNER  
PRAY

## ACROSS

- To speak to God
- Money paid to support the government
- Modest, not proud
- Someone who steals from someone
- A person who breaks God's law

## DOWN

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- A place of worship
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# Time to Think!

## I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD ...

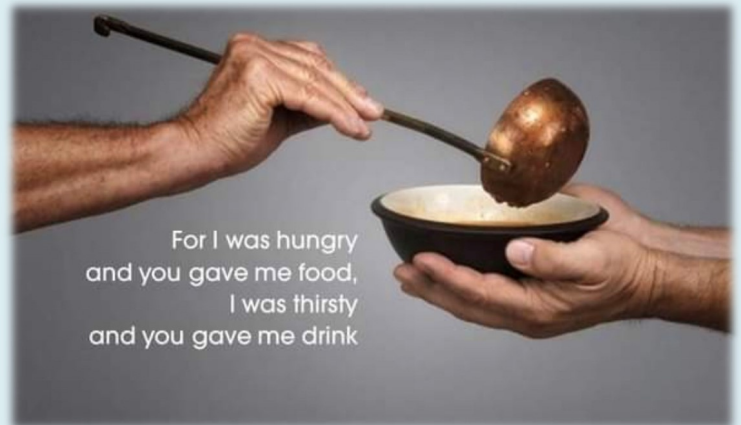
Hunger is a problem that has plagued humanity for millennia, and it continues to haunt us. The United Nations and World Food Programme 2021 report, projected that between 720 and 811 million people in the world face starvation. Nearly one in 10 people in the world go to bed hungry each night.

There are at least 350,000 children under five years of age in Somalia dying in the most brutal circumstances. They are slowly dying, from lack of food, from starvation. The United Nations is warning that 6.7 million people will need food aid in Somalia in the coming months - about 40% of the population. The reasons for such a crisis are many, with climate change and conflict the main driver. The impact of war in Ukraine on food supply and prices is also a factor.

This is an extreme drought, the worst in Somalia in over four decades, the worst in living memory. It is deeper, longer, and more severe than previous drought episodes and, frighteningly, a fifth and even sixth consecutive drought is now being predicated. Trocaire together with other humanitarian agencies have been sounding the alert on this crisis since 2021. The response from major donors has been too slow, and too late for many.

The international aid community working on the ground in Somalia fear that even if famine isn't formally declared, the current hunger crisis will claim more lives than the 260,000 who perished during the famine in 2011. We simply cannot wait for famine to be declared to act as it will be too late to save precious lives. More than one million people have already been forced to leave their parched lands and dead livestock in search of life saving assistance, their way of life lost and their dignity taken away. Children, already weakened by months of hunger, are dying on the tortuous journeys from their homes to internally displaced camps that have sprung up on the margins of urban centres. They are buried by their parents in shallow graves on the side of dusty roads.

In 2011, before famine was officially declared in Somalia, over 100,000 people had already died of starvation. Another 150,000 died in the weeks and months following the famine declaration. After that famine, the global community said 'Never Again', with governments and the UN promising the resources needed to mount a response. But we have failed. We have ignored any lessons from the past and allowed people to suffer. We in the Global North cannot excuse ourselves. The suffering caused by climate change in Somalia is in large part due to our



lifestyles and our extractive relationship with this planet. The reality is that it is countries like Somalia that have contributed least to climate change who are impacted most.

Trocaire currently provides critical health and nutritional services to more than 240,000 people in Gedo in southern Somalia. They like many humanitarian agencies have seen demand for our services treble in recent months. Such are doing what they can with resources available, but more needs to be done to save hundreds of thousands of lives. There is a critical need to invest in resilience, livelihoods, infrastructure development (such as health systems), climate adaptation and durable solutions that could perhaps provide a pathway for averting such crises in the future. Surely to God we have learned the lessons from the past and can, together with local organisations, do better.

It is heartening to hear that the Irish Government has pledged a further €30 million to the crisis in East Africa. It is a step in the right direction and an example to other nations to step up their response, too. However, Ireland's commitment of 0.7% of GNI to Overseas Development Assistance still remains a dream. It is currently at 0.32%. This is an apocalypse that the Irish faced one hundred and fifty years ago during the Great Famine. The Irish public are imbued with a deep sense of compassion. They have, over many decades, responded to such horrors with compassion and solidarity. We need to do more, not to give too little, too late.

*Almighty God, it is difficult to see children suffer, especially from hunger. We pray for You to give the hungry daily bread today (Matthew 6:11) and end their persistent hunger. Provide the food they need to grow and thrive. Pour out Your grace on hungry families, especially parents straining to feed their children despite dwindling resources.*

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 26,500 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)*





## **‘Laois Connects: Join us in Conversation’**

**When: Tuesday October 25th**

**Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Where: The Parish Centre, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32FH67**

**‘Join us in conversation’** focusing on nurturing your health & wellbeing, especially following an adversity or difficult time.

Josephine Rigney (HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention) & Emma Ryan (Senior Occupational Therapist in Adult Mental Health with an interest in Living Creatively) will delve into some of their topics covered in the Laois Connects Podcast series (‘Creative Living’, ‘Living with Loss’ & ‘Living with Hope’) and will invite participation and questions from audience members.

This evening will be facilitated by Anthony O’Prey, HSE Health Promotion & Improvement and host of the Laois Connects Podcast series

To listen to these podcasts, please click in the following links: [Laois Connects Podcast – Laois Partnership Company](#)

### **Laois Connects Podcasts: Series 1**

- Episode 2: ‘Living with Loss’

### **Laois Connects Podcasts: Series 2**

- Episode 3: ‘Living with Hope’
- Episode 9 ‘Creative Living’



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**Ensemble Concert:**  
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St Peter's Church of Ireland, Portlaoise,  
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# 23

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

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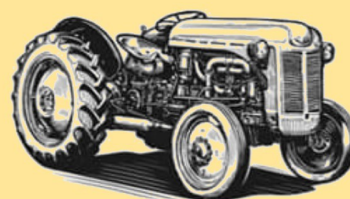
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## BALLYROAN VINTAGE CLUB



### VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022

*Funds raised for local Counselling Services in memory of  
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#### JUNIOR TRACTOR RUN FOR ALL KIDS

Assemble at Ballyroan Chapel at 10am, finishing at the  
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**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



*Patti Donellan*

née Deane  
Glenside, Portlaoise  
and Birr



*Sarah Conroy*

Clonadacasey, Portlaoise  
Died in Bradford, England

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

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

*Our sympathy to their families.*

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to  
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*In Loving Memory of  
MAURA LOUGHLIN*

144 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 our hearts were forever broken on the occasion of the passing of our wonderful Mam Maura. We will be forever grateful to so many of you who called to our home, sent Mass cards and floral tributes and spoke so highly of Mam's kindness to so many of you. There are too many to mention, but know that it has been a great comfort to all of us as we grieve our huge loss. Mossie Brown, Ger Mulhall and Arron Portlaoise A.F.C., thank you all so very much for the food you brought to our home.

To our sister-in-law Liz and her family for the beautiful food you brought everyday; To Avril, Rachael, Sylvia and Aimee O' Brien for making sure everyone was given something to eat and drink; To Willie Kerry for setting up a seating area in our garden, all of you made it possible for us to bring Mam home for those days. To Mam's great friends in the Parish Centre, we know you miss her as much as we do.

To Fr. David for your kindness to Mam, your beautiful eulogy in her honour, you knew her so well, you are and continue to be more than just our priest, you are family. Mam had so many wonderful friends, but she had two best friends in Margaret and Frances, thank you for making her life extra special, we hope you accept our deepest appreciation. To Mam's adored grandchildren, you made Nanna so very proud and to her adopted grandkids Conor and Ross.

To Matthew & David of Keegan's Funeral Directors, thank you for the professional, dignified and respectful manner in which you carried out Mam's funeral arrangements and to the gravediggers, Brendan and Adrian Dunne for preparing her final resting place with such care.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. Thank you all so very much from her heartbroken husband John and children John, Yvonne, Ken, Alan and families.

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

*Rest in Peace Maura*

*In Loving Memory of  
MARY BERNADETTE O' BRIEN*

*Ridge Road, Portlaoise.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022*



*Will those who think of her  
today,*

*A little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered  
by your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Bernadette*



**Fondest Remembrance**  
**Of a much loved**  
**Husband and Father**  
**MARTIN RAFTER**

34 The Hermitage, Borris Road, Portlaoise.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Gone are the days we used  
 to share, but in my heart  
 you are always there.  
 The gates of memories  
 never close, I miss you  
 more than anyone knows.

**Loved and remembered  
 everyday, your loving  
 wife Betty xxx**

Daddy, what I would give to clasp your hand,  
 Your happy face to see,  
 To hear your voice and see your smile,  
 That meant the world to me.

**Loved and missed beyond words**  
**Love always, Martina, John and Craig xxx**

*Martin, thinking of you on this your  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary*

Your memory is our keepsake,  
 With which we will never part,  
 God has you in His keeping,  
 We have you in our hearts.

**Dearly missed and never forgotten**  
**Love Vanda, Stefan and Amy xxx**

It's sad to walk the road alone,  
 Without you by my side,  
 And for all will come this moment,  
 When the ways of life divide.  
 A few more steps along life's road,  
 Perhaps a few more years,  
 Then by God's grace, we'll meet again,  
 Beyond this vale of tears.

**From Jimmy, Claire, Aaron, Rachel and  
 Jonathan xxxxx**

*Rest in Peace Martin*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**CHRISTY PAISLEY**

27 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
 on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 11:15am.

*The years we spent together,  
 We keep within our hearts,  
 They hold precious memories that will  
 never let us part,  
 Unspoken thoughts, no outward show,  
 But deep inside we miss you so.*

*Each one thought the world of you, for us you did your best,  
 And now we pray the Lord will grant your soul eternal rest.*

**Sadly missed, always loved and remembered by your  
 wife Rose, daughters Catherine and Noelle, sons-in-law  
 Rob and Jeff and sister Marie.**

*Grandad, we remember the countless good times we had,  
 You were always happy, smiling and content,  
 We miss you more than words can say  
 And love you more each and every day.*

**Love always Sam, Carla and Rachel.**

*Goodbyes are not forever, goodbyes are not the end,  
 They simply mean we miss you until we meet again.*

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

*Rest in Peace Christy*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ROCH (Rocky) SCULLY**

Late of 174 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
 this Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm.

**Daddy:**

*You'll never be forgotten,  
 That simply cannot be,  
 Because something will remind us,  
 We never know just when it might be,  
 Something someone says, and it all comes back again,  
 The time we spent together, the happiness, the fun,  
 Once again we feel the pain of life without you Daddy.*

*Loving you always, forgetting you never.*

**From John, Patrick, Peter, Roch, Teresa, Jacinta,  
 Margaret and Kathleen, sons & daughters-in-law  
 and grandchildren.**

*May Rocky Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert**

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.**

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom,  
daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula,  
grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and  
Willow and great-granddaughter Grace.  
Always in our hearts.

*Rest in Peace Mam*

**In Loving Memory of**

**Our Mother**

**ELIZABETH CULBERT**

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> October.



Also remembering her Daughter and  
our Sister

**ANGELA CLEARY née Culbert**

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> October.

*May the winds of love blow softly, for only you to hear,  
We still love and miss you, as it dawns another year.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 12:30pm.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ANGELA CLEARY**

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



*A gentle smile,  
A beautiful touch,  
Of a dear friend I miss and love  
so much.*

*From your forever friend Geraldine x  
Rest in Peace Angela*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARY (Maley) CONNELL**

57 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church this Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm.



*May you always walk in sunshine and  
God's love around you flow,  
For the love and happiness you gave us,  
no one will ever know,  
Forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed and loved by your loving family,  
sons Dick, Pat and Kieran, daughters  
Geraldine, Phil, Bernie, Nora and Teresa,  
daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

*Also thinking of our Dad at this time.*

*Rest in Peace Mary*

**22<sup>nd</sup> BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of**  
**Aaron Kelly-Gorman**

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise, whose 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday  
occurred 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022.



*Today is filled with memories, with  
happiness and tears,  
Of birthday celebrations son, we shared  
throughout the years.*

*And though I'll always miss you,  
The endless joy you brought,  
Warms my heart with gratitude,  
And fills my every thought.*

*Wherever you are resting,*

*I hope that you can see, how precious and treasured,  
your memory is to me.*

*I feel that you are with me, in everything I do, so I'll  
celebrate your birthday Aaron, but I'll spend it missing you.*

Gone but not forgotten, forever in our hearts, from your  
loving father Michael, Brandon Kelly-Gorman and  
Chloe Byrne, extended family, relatives and friends.

*Rest in Peace Aaron*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ELLEN BYRNE**

Forest Park, Portlaoise and Dublin.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 12:30pm.

*We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories,  
And your picture in a frame.  
Your resting place we visit,  
And put flowers there with care,*

*But no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your family  
and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Ellen*

You are the

**Light**

Of the World



## **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
CLAIRE TAYLOR**  
*Pallas, Portlaoise.*



*Happy Heavenly 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
which occurs 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

*Always in our hearts, sadly missed  
by all her loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Claire*

## **In Loving Memory of JOSEPH McENERY**

*Ballyroan*

*7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2022*

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

*Sadly missed by all his loving  
family.*

*Rest in Peace Joseph*

## **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**Remembering A Special  
Son and Brother  
JOSEPH O' SHEA**

*Missing you on your 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday away from home.*



*As we visit your resting  
place, upon this special day,  
Once more we feel the  
sadness that will never go  
away.*

*For ever since you've gone,  
life has never been the  
same, yet it comforts us to*

*know that one day we'll meet again.*

*Until that day arrives we will relive every memory  
of the happy times we shared together*

*- us and you.*

*For we miss you so very much and words never  
could convey the extent of the joy that you  
brought to every day life.*

*Love and missing you always, Mam, Caroline & Boys,  
children and grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Joseph*

## **In Loving Memory of WILLIE LYNCH**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6.30pm.*



*The Anniversary*

*The sound in the room*

*The smell in the air*

*The feel of the wind*

*The warmth of the sun*

*The colours around me*

*The darkness descending*

*The feelings of fear*

*The things that were said*

*The determined hope*

*The reality dawning*

*The unbelievable love*

*The unimaginable pain*

*The details of that day forever engraved on my mind  
And my love for you forever in my heart*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Kathleen, children Tara,  
Katie, Nicole, Shannon, Dylan, Aaron, Shane and  
grandchildren x*

*Remembering Willie*

*Words we write will never say, how much we miss  
you everyday, although we smile and make no fuss,  
you are dearly missed by all of us.*

*Remembered by Mam, Patrick, Noel, Kevin, Damien,  
Keith, Lisa and Ann-Marie x*

*Rest in Peace Willie*

## **In Loving Memory of BRIAN LARKIN Jr.**

*Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.*

*4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home; 29<sup>th</sup> October*



*You're in our hearts, you're in our soul,*

*Now apart no hands to hold,*

*We won't forget the love you gave,*

*We still can feel it to this day,*

*We stand without you by our sides,*

*But know you're watching from way up*

*high, we will meet again for sure,*

*because our love will last and endure.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm.*

*Sadly missed everyday by your loving wife Fiona,  
sons Ethan, Damon, Oisín and grandson Odhrán x*

*Rest In Peace Brian*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**BIANCA RUMEU - Zimbabwe**

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time. Died 19<sup>th</sup> October 2013.



I hide my tears when I say your name,  
but the pain in my heart is still the same.  
Though I smile and seem carefree,  
There is no one who misses you more  
than me.

Your presence I miss,  
Your memory I treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.

*May your Dear Soul*

*Rest In Eternal Peace Bianca.*

*Sadly missed by your mum Patricia Murambinda, sister Sandra Murambinda, cousins, nieces and nephews.*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**CATHERINE PENNY**

*Ballsbridge and formerly Togher*



10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.**

*Sadly missed along life's way,  
Quietly remembered everyday,  
No longer in our lives to share,  
But in our hearts you're always there.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family & friends.*

*May Catherine Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**JOHN & BRIGID WHELAN**

*Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.  
Anniversaries occur at this time.*



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

*Always remembered by your daughter Anne, son-in-law Philip, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MICHAEL WHELAN**

*Colt, Ballyroan*

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



Mass for Michael will be celebrated in  
Raheen Church at 7pm Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October and he will be  
prayed for in Ballyroan Church Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am.

*As each day dawns we think of you Michael,  
As each night falls we pray for you,  
And throughout our lives, no matter where,  
In our hearts you are always there.*

*Sadly missed by his wife Patricia, son William, family & friends.*

*Rest in Peace Michael*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**SHEILA AND**  
**RICHARD (Sonny) BROWN**

*2 Dublin Road Portlaoise*

Richard's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022  
Sheila's 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022



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

*Sadly missed by all their loving family, extended family  
and friends and the Wright family.*

*May Sheila and Richard Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**PADDY BEERE**

*Ballydavis, Portlaoise.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
the Church of the Assumption, the Heath,  
on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 9:30am.

*Never more than a thought away,  
Deep in our Hearts you will always stay,  
Loved and remembered everyday.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Madge, sons and daughters  
and extended family.*

*May Paddy Rest in Peace*

**IT'S NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL**

**IT'S NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL FOR ME:**

**I'VE JUST TRAVELED ON, YOU SEE,**

**UP AHEAD WHERE GREENER PASTURES GROW**

**AND COOL WATER STREAMS DANCE AS THEY FLOW.**

**FLOWERS BLOOM OF EVERY SORT AND KIND,  
COLORS MORE VIVID THAN ANY I LEFT BEHIND,  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS I HAVEN'T SEEN IN YEARS,  
HUGS AND HANDSHAKES AND NO MORE TEARS.**

**THEY'VE WELCOMED ME HOME HERE TODAY,**

**A PLACE OF PEACE FOR ME TO STAY,**

**THEY SAY IT'S MY HOME FOR ETERNITY:**

**NO, IT'S NOT THE END OF THE TRAIL FOR ME.**

**- ROBERT DAWSON**



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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.*



## Portlaoise Parish



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20<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14. 16-19

Psalms 32:2-3. 17-19. 23

2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

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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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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

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(The BIC for both accounts is AIBKIE2D)

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## Clergy of the Parish



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## Safeguarding

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## Parish Centre



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