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**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 [michelle@portlaoiseparish.ie](mailto:michelle@portlaoiseparish.ie) (A photograph may also be displayed if you wish to provide one).

**November, Month of the Faithful Departed  
IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER**

That time of year again - when we remember all those who have gone before us. Ours is not an empty remembering but is filled with hope. Hope in him who said **'I am the resurrection and the Life'**. If you wish to enrol your loved ones in our November list of the dead to be remembered at Masses during the month, envelopes are available in the Church Porches or at the Parish centre.

**This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on: Thursday at 7.30am & Friday at 7.30pm.**



**You are also invited to place the names of your loved ones on our memorial tree which will be in the Sanctuary of the Parish Church on Tuesday (All Saints Day).**

Mass times for the coming week  
ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

**Monday (Bank Holiday):** 10am & 7.30pm (Vigil for All Saints)

**Tuesday 1st November (All Saints)**

Mass times will be 8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

Heath at 9.30am & Ratheniska at 10am

**From Wednesday November 2nd**

Weekday Mass times will be

Monday—Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 10am

**First Friday Mass**

Parish Church 7.30pm

Ratheniska: 7pm Annual Bereavement Mass

**Sunday:** Vigils 5pm & 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

**Sunday:** 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

**Sunday:** 10am

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday after 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.

**Ratheniska Bereavement Mass**

Will take place on Friday 4th November in Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska at 7pm.

**He has gone to stay at  
a sinner's house**

Luke 19:7



**We welcome into our Parish Community**

Martin Patrick Keenan, Harpurs Lane

Sean Daniel Dunne, Aghnaharna Drive

Dylan McNerney, Highfield Meadows

**Who were baptised recently.**

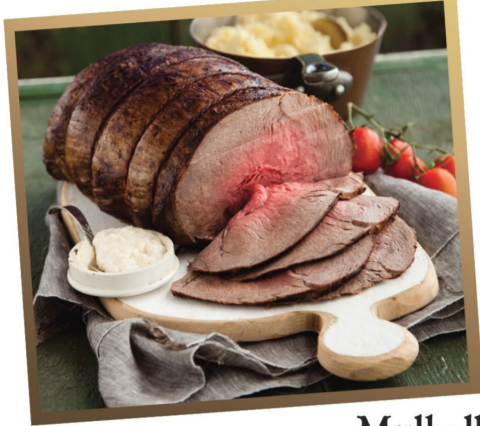


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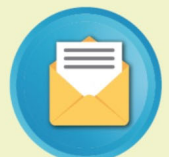
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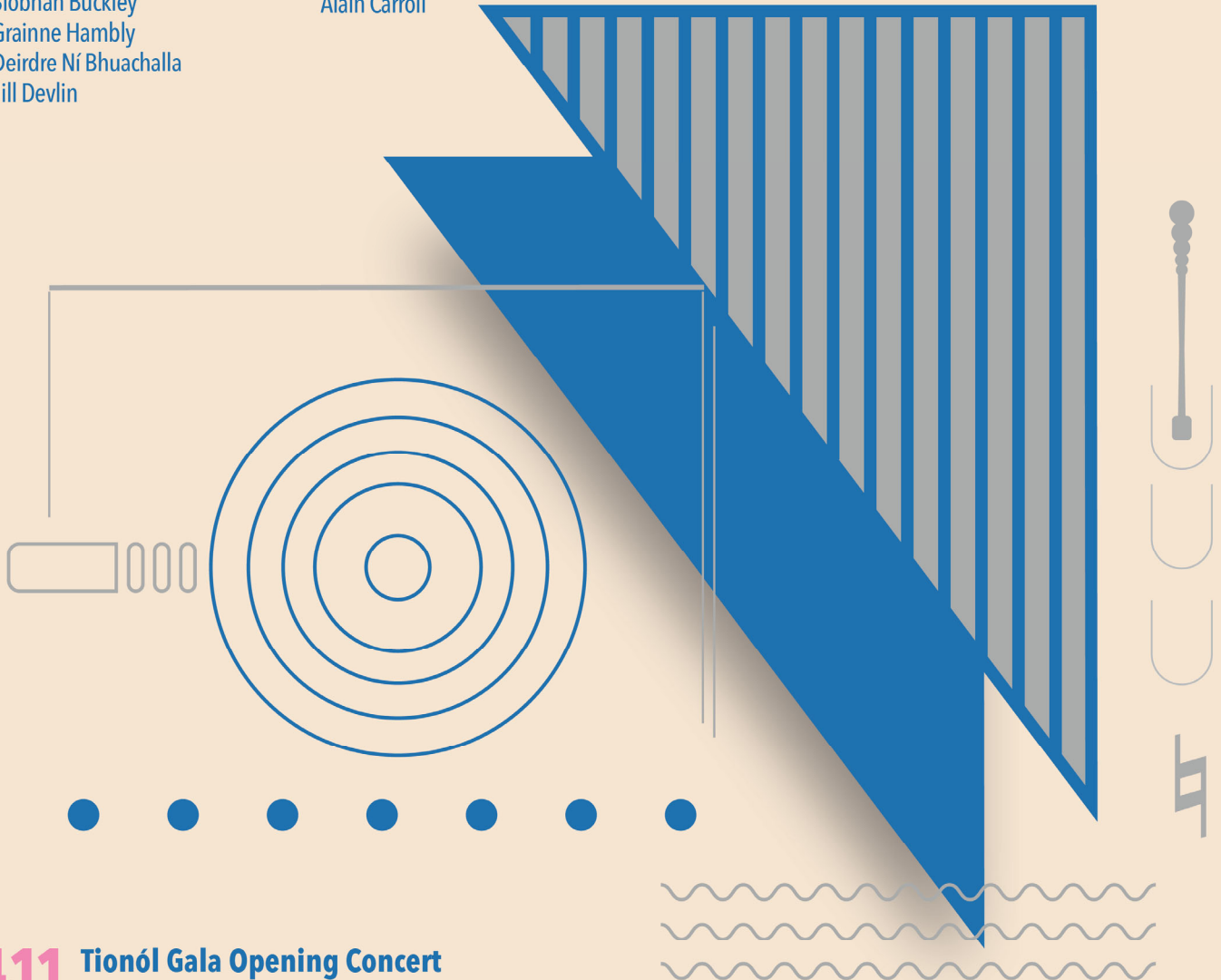
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## PIPES WORKSHOPS

Mark Redmond  
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Alain Carroll



**4.11** Tionól Gala Opening Concert  
Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise - 8pm

**5.11** Tionól Livestream Concert  
Music Generation Laois Facebook Page - 7pm

**6.11** Tionól Closing Party  
Andy Bergins, Portlaoise - 7pm

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# Block Road, Portlaoise

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The Cuisle Cancer Support Centre is operating as normal – we are currently following National Cancer Control Programme guidelines. Facemasks are required to be worn for all attendees. The welfare & care of those attending & working in the centre as always is our priority.



## 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 Standford University)

**Monday at 10am**  
Booking Essential

### THRIVE & SURVIVE YOGA & MEDITATION

12.30pm - 1.30pm  
Booking Essential

### ENTITLEMENTS

A Citizens Information Adviser will give you advice about the financial help you may be entitled to and will help you to navigate the process. e.g., medical card application etc

### CANCER SUPPORT NURSE

Our cancer care nurse will provide you with information to help you with the emotional and psychological impact of your cancer diagnosis.

## Tuesdays

### MEN'S GROUP

**1st Tuesday of each month**  
from 10am-11am

### PROSTHESIS & BRA FITTING DAY

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## Wednesdays

Next

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(See Mondays re Info)

### ART

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## Thursdays

### CLIMB PROGRAMME

Helping Children Understand Cancer. This programme is fun and creative, using drama, arts and play and aims to help children cope with a cancer diagnosis in the family  
**November 2022**

### WORK & CANCER PROGRAMME

This is a 6-week programme which will equip you with strategies and skills to help manage everyday symptoms which can impact on work. This programme was developed by TCD and is supported by TCD & NCCP.

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### YOGA & MEDITATION

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### COUNSELLING

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**Upcoming talk with the Laois Heritage Society:** "Lucy Franks, social entrepreneur of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Regina Dunne", Castletown ICA hall, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm. €3 or free for members of LHS.

For more info. e-mail [laoisheritagesociety@gmail.com](mailto:laoisheritagesociety@gmail.com)

**Portlaoise Active Retirement:**

No bowls on bank holiday Monday. Choir practice Tuesday morning in the Parish Centre at 11am. Singing with Caroline on Wednesday, taking money for our Christmas party in Athlone and 65 choir in the Dunamaise. Cards in Sue Ryder Centre on Thursdays at 3pm.

For further information call 087-6204617.

**Christmas Fair in Ballyfin** in aid of Mary's Meals will be held in Ballyfin Community Centre Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 11am to 3pm. There will be a variety of stalls to suit all ages, with many items available on the day, including home baking, firewood, plants, bric-a-brac, gifts and much more. There will also be great prizes available in our Christmas Raffle, with winners drawn on the day. A great day is guaranteed to celebrate the community and get the festive season off to a good start. Your support would be much appreciated. For more information, or to donate unwanted gifts or other items, please contact Kathleen Dunne at 086-1024752, Sheila Dowling at 086-1570145 or Margaret Bradford at 087-9823109. A meeting will take place in Ballyfin Community Centre on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 8pm – all are invited to attend.

**Jack and Jill Portlaoise:** Thank you to everyone who came and supported our coffee morning and sale days. Both days raised funding for vital nursing care in our local area. Thank you - Martina and team.

**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.

**Emmanuel House, Clonfert:** Day of Prayer & Reflection on first Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, led by Eddie Stones. Adoration, Confessions, healing service, rosary, music and Holy Mass. Also Day of Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, led by Eddie Stones and team. Please bring a packed lunch. Schedule for weekly Healing Services; Wednesdays 11am, Thursdays 7pm, monthly first Saturday 11am, confessions and Holy Mass included.

**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 Portlaoise Parish Centre on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:**

Top score: Frank Keenan  
1<sup>st</sup> Lady: Eamon Owens  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lady: Bridie Kennedy  
1<sup>st</sup> Gent: Tom Dunne  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gent: Angela Brennan  
1<sup>st</sup> Half: Breda Fitzpatrick  
2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Patrick Horan  
Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Betty Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Stevens  
3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Delaney 4<sup>th</sup> Angela Brennan  
5<sup>th</sup> Peter Stevens



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

**Very Special Thank You** to all the very kind people who donated items for the Fr. Peter McVerry winter collection for the homeless. Every small kind act that we do, can help someone else in a time of need.

Thanks again, Judy Preston Grace.

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

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## A Little Man with a Big Problem

Today's Gospel is about a man who went to a parade, but couldn't see above the crowd. The main attraction in this parade was Jesus. He had become quite famous because he had performed many miracles. He had raised Lazarus from the dead and had restored sight to a blind man named Bartimaeus, so when he entered the city of Jericho, the atmosphere was very much like a circus parade. People lined the streets hoping to get a glimpse of Jesus. One of the people in the crowd was a man who was very short. He was so short that he couldn't see above all the people in the crowd. You probably know this man's name, don't you? That's right, it was Zacchaeus. He didn't have a periscope to help him see above the crowd, but he really wanted to see Jesus, so he climbed a tree and waited for Jesus to pass by. As Jesus travelled through the streets of Jericho, he came to the place where Zacchaeus sat up in the tree. Jesus stopped, looked up in the tree, and he said, "Zacchaeus, you come down, for I am going to your house today."



The people in the crowd were shocked! You see, Zacchaeus was one of the most hated men in all of Jericho. Why did the people hate him? Because Zacchaeus was a little man with a great big problem! He was a thief and a cheat! He was the chief tax collector and he had become very rich because he cheated people by collecting more taxes than they owed and keeping it for himself. The people could not believe that Jesus would go to the home of a man like that!

Zacchaeus knew that he had cheated people and when he and Jesus arrived at his house, he confessed and said that he was sorry for what he had done. He said to Jesus, "I am going to give half of all that I own to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

Because Zacchaeus was sorry for what he had done and confessed his sin, Jesus forgave him and said, "Today salvation has come to this house." Yes, Zacchaeus was a little man with a big problem - sin! But he met Jesus and his life was changed. It doesn't matter if you are short or tall, when you meet Jesus, he will change your life too.

## My Prayer

Our Father,  
when we meet Jesus it is a life-changing experience.  
Thank you for your love and forgiveness. Amen.



# Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

When Jesus reaches the spot, he looked up and said to him  
"Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today".

So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6

Choose the word that matches the definition.

- \_\_\_ 1. Not tall  
A. fat      B. short      C. big      D. loud
- \_\_\_ 2. A large plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves.  
A. tree      B. weed      C. flower      D. bush
- \_\_\_ 3. To move upward, especially by using the hands and feet.  
A. climb      B. run      C. sit      D. walk
- \_\_\_ 4. A person who disobeys God's laws; one who does wrong.  
A. poor      B. banker      C. climb      D. sinner
- \_\_\_ 5. A building in which people, usually a family, live  
A. tent      B. house      C. barn      D. tree
- \_\_\_ 6. To get something for yourself in a dishonest way  
A. save      B. buy      C. climb      D. cheat
- \_\_\_ 7. To have very little money  
A. rich      B. cheat      C. poor      D. sinner
- \_\_\_ 8. To search for something or someone  
A. cheat      B. climb      C. seek      D. lost
- \_\_\_ 9. To set free from sin; to rescue  
A. save      B. lost      C. poor      D. cheat
- \_\_\_ 10. To be unable to find your way  
A. poor      B. climb      C. lost      D. cheat.



## WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In November we remember all those who have died. If you have anyone belonging to you who has died, a grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or even a good friend. You can put the name of that person on the Remembrance Tree in the Parish Church. This tree will be in the Church from Tuesday.



## Wednesday 2nd November ALL SOULS

All Souls' Day is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. It's a day of prayer and remembrance and on All Souls' Day, people celebrate the lives and souls of those who have died. Why don't you go to the Church and light a candle today!



# Time to Think!

## ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM LORD

Halloween did not come from Hollywood but rather its origins are strongly connected to ancient Celtic roots. In Celtic Ireland, about two millennia ago, Samhain was the point between the lighter (summer) and darker halves (winter) of the year. At Samhain, the gap between this and the other world was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. People's ancestors were honoured and invited home, while harmful spirits were warded off. People wore costumes and masks to disguise themselves as spirits to avoid harm. Bonfires and food played a large part in the festivities. The bones of slaughtered livestock were cast into a communal blaze, household fires were extinguished and started again from the bonfire. Food was prepared for the living and the dead and was ritually shared with the less well-off.

Christianity incorporated honouring of the dead into the Christian calendar with All Saints (All Hallows) 1<sup>st</sup> November, followed by All Souls on the following day. The wearing of costumes and masks to ward off harmful spirits has survived as Halloween customs. The Irish emigrated to America in great numbers during the 19<sup>th</sup> century, especially around the time of famine in Ireland during the 1840s. The Irish carried their Halloween traditions to America, where it is now one of the major holidays of the year. November is the time of the year when we remember the souls of loved ones who have gone before us. November is a difficult time of year. The beginning of winter brings long nights and cooler days. This can be a time of loneliness and anxiety, especially for those who live alone. In our Celtic tradition, we have a great sense of our own mortality and vulnerability during this month. The Celtic festival of Samhain was a time to remember all who had gone before. Death is difficult and painful. It strips us of the familiar and often leaves us naked and vulnerable with our bereavement and painful losses, which we all have experienced when a loved one dies. The death of a loved one often leaves many unanswered questions as we attempt to carry on without a husband or wife, sibling or friend.

Edith Stein a Jewess who converted to Catholicism and who subsequently became a Carmelite nun ended her life with thousands more in the deathly camp of Auschwitz. It was in this deathly place where innocent people were horrendously oppressed by their captors who did everything to break their human spirits before death met darkness. She, in the gift of both her faith and her experience and above all out of the abundance and richness of God's great love shares with us: *'And when night comes, and retrospect shows that everything is patchwork and much which one had planted is left undone, when so many things rouse shame and regret, then take all as it is, lay it in God's hands and offer it up to Him. In this way we will be able to rest in Him, actually to rest and to begin the new day like a new life.'*

Perhaps the two most powerful lines in the entire Gospel describe the human emotion felt by Jesus when his friend Lazarus died: "Jesus wept." Jesus knew the pain and hurt that comes when a loved one dies. And for God to fully embrace the human condition, he also had to embrace death itself through his son. The humiliating and brutal manner of Christ's death united God with all types of suffering and persecution. The final words that came from our dying God was a prayer of welcome and wonderful invitation: "Today, you will be with me in paradise."



We know from our experience that the leaves will blossom again, that spring will come. Christ's death was the ultimate demonstration of love by his father. As he was awoken to new life and resurrection, so, too, are all of us who believe in him. As we remember our loved ones who have died and pray for them, we do so with great hope in our hearts.

St. Paul tells us that "our true home is in Heaven". May all our loved ones enjoy the eternal promise of life and peace in the happiness and joy of God's presence. Jesus tells us: "I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you, too, shall be." And despite the pain that comes when a loved one dies, in faith we are encouraged to hope in the reality that God's love is even brighter than death itself. Pádraig Pearse once told a beautiful story to demonstrate our Christian hope regarding death. In the month of September, the little boy asked his mother where do all the swallows go to. She replied: "To the land where it is always summer." We all have "Loved and Lost"; May all we remember enjoy the light of an eternal flame.

### *Saint Brigid's Prayer....Brendan Kennelly*

I'd like to give a lake of beer to God,  
I'd love the Heavenly Host to be tipping there,  
For all eternity.  
I'd love the men of Heaven to live with me,  
To dance and sing,  
If they wanted, I'd put at their disposal,  
Vats of suffering.  
White cups of love I'd give them,  
With a heart and a half;  
Sweet pitchers of mercy I'd offer, to every man.  
I'd make Heaven a cheerful spot,  
Because the happy heart is true,  
I'd make the men contented for their own sake,  
I'd like Jesus to love me too.  
I'd like the people of Heaven to gather,  
From all the parishes around,  
I'd give a special welcome  
to the women,  
The three Mary's of great renown.  
I'd sit with the men, the women and  
God, there by the lake of beer,  
We'd be drinking good health forever,  
And every drop would be a prayer.

Let your light shine so  
people everywhere may  
see your good actions  
and praise God in  
heaven because of it.  
Matthew 5:16

**Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 26,600 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)**

# Helpful Services in Portlaoise

As we approach the Christmas there are many people and families in our town who may need a helping hand. Below are a list of some helpful services. These service are for all in our community!

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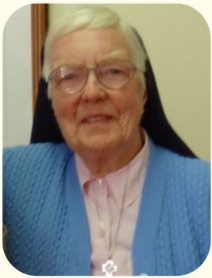
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Portlaoise and Kilcock



*Calum Sean Dougan*

Antrim and Portlaoise



*Deviprabha Sreeraj*

Ardbranagh, Dublin Road  
Portlaoise



*Philip O'Brien*

Ashley Gardens, Portlaoise  
and Athy



*Brigid (Bridie) Walsh*

Ballyking, Ballyroan

*Patrick (Paddy) Lacey*

Ballinakill

**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  
ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert**

**37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.**

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



*They say there is a reason*

They say there is a reason,  
They say that time will heal,  
But neither time or reason, will  
change the way we feel.  
For no one knows the heartache  
that lies beyond our smiles,  
No one knows how many times  
we've broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something, so there won't be  
any doubt, you're so wonderful to think of, but so  
hard to be without.

We cannot bring the old days back, when we were  
all together, the family chain is broken now, but  
memories live forever.

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

*Always in our hearts.*

*Rest in Peace Mam*

**Also remembering Angela's Mother  
ELIZABETH CULBERT**

**Dr. Murphys Place, Portlaoise, whose  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary also occurs at this time.**

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 your  
son-in-law Tom, granddaughters  
Stephanie, Tracey and Paula and  
great-grandchildren Craig, Ben,  
Ryan, Roisin and Willow and  
great-great-granddaughter Grace.*

*Always in our hearts.*

*Rest in Peace Granny*

**In Loving Memory of  
JOSEPHINE WATSON**

Formerly Main St. Portarlinton and Dublin Rd, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022



*Daily thoughts and silent tears,  
Always wishing you were here,  
Life goes on, we know that's true,  
But never the same since losing  
you.  
Silently we grieve and brush away  
our tears, the memories you left  
behind, will last throughout  
the years.*

*Loved and remembered by all your  
loving family.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday  
30<sup>th</sup> October at 11.15am.

*May Josephine Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
NED KEALEY**

Sheffield and Manchester, England.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs  
29<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Dearly loved by his wife Josie, son Eddie  
and pre-deceased son Frankie,  
daughters-in-law and grandchildren, his  
brothers Paddy and Frankie and sister  
Bridie and pre-deceased sisters Elizabeth,  
Esther and Mary.

*Rest in Peace Ned*

**In Loving Memory of  
KEVIN BOWE**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 6:30pm.

*Quietly remembered everyday,  
No longer in our lives to  
share, but in our hearts  
you're always there.*

*Sadly missed by your wife Marie, children  
Suzanne, Kevin, Robert, Sandra, Paul and Kenneth,  
grandchildren, sisters Betty & Patty and brother  
Frank and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace Kevin*

**In Loving Memory of  
JIM SEXTON**

"Padua", Clonminam Road, Portlaoise.  
19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.



*Will those who think of Jim today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.  
Always loved and remembered by Pat,  
Mary, Frank, his daughter-in-law Hilda,  
grandsons, great-granddaughters,  
extended family and friends.*

Anniversary Mass to remember Jim and his late wife  
Bridget will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
Church on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm.

*Rest in Peace Jim*

**In Loving Memory of  
CHRISTY FINNEGAN**

126 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
St. Joseph's Church, Ballinagar, this  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am.  
*Silent thoughts of times together,  
Hold memories which will last forever.  
Sadly missed by his wife Mary, daughters  
Margaret and Anne, grandson Eoin and  
all his loving family.*

*Also remembering you on your 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1<sup>st</sup> November.*

*May Christy Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of our dear  
Father and Husband**

**DANIEL (Dan) NORTON**

Sheffield Ave. Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm.



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.

Sadly missed and always remembered  
by his loving wife Margaret, daughters,  
sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,  
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

*May Dan Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
SEAN & PEGGY O' BRIEN**

*Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
Sean's 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary and  
Peggy's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occur at this time.*



**Miss Me But Let Me Go**  
*When I come to the end of the  
road, and the sun has set for  
me,  
I want no rites in a  
gloom-filled room,  
Why cry for a soul set free?  
Miss me a little-but not too  
long, and not with your head  
bowed low,  
Remember the love that we  
once shared,  
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,  
And each must go alone,  
It's all part of the Master's plan,  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me but let me go.*

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

*Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
TOM DUFF**

**Ballyknockan**

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

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

Sadly missed by his loving wife, family & friends.

*Rest in Peace Tom*

**In Loving Memory of  
NOEL BRENNAN**

**Grenville, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.**

11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.



*Gone are the days we used to share,  
but in our hearts, you are always  
there.*

*The gates of memory will never  
close, we miss you more than  
anybody knows.*

*With tender love and deep regret,  
We who loved you will never forget.*

Loved and missed by Alice and Shauna xx

*Rest in Peace Noel*

**In Loving Memory of  
THOMAS (Tommy) McCARTHY**

**New Road, Portlaoise.**

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022



6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Sunday  
30<sup>th</sup> October at 10am.

*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.*

Sadly missed by the Egan family and all his friends.

*Rest in Peace Tommy*

**In Loving Memory of  
CECELIA MULHALL**

**85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.**

19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022.



*Mam, our hearts are full of memories,  
With pride we speak your name,  
Though life goes on without you,  
It will never be the same.*

*Those special days will not return,  
when we were all together,  
But with the love and memories in  
our hearts,*

*You will walk with us forever.*

Loved and remembered by all her loving family.

*May Cecelia Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
MAUREEN O'CONNOR**

3 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022



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

**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 and always remembered by your  
loving family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Maureen*

**28<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
In Loving Memory of  
SARAH CLARKE**

Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise. Anniversary occurred recently.



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

**Always remembered by her loving  
son Bill, daughter Chrissie,  
grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren xxx**

*May Sarah Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
ANNE SMYTH**

Ballytegan, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022



*Thinking of you today  
Forever loved, cherished and never forgotten by your  
husband Joe and your children Gemma, Brian and  
Joanne and your grandchild Danann.*

*May Anne Rest in Peace*

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*May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of  
His hand.*



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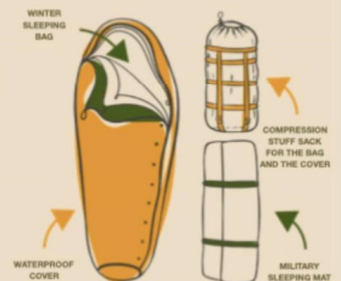
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## Parish Centre



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2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2 | Luke 19:1-10

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