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13th November 2022

**Thirty Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



**World
Day
of the Poor**

"The hope of the poor
will not perish for ever"
(Ps 9:19)

Last Monday we celebrated our Annual Mass of Bereavement. Such a beautiful remembering of our dear departed and support for each other in our grief. Thank you to all who help make this Mass so special every year.

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Weeding Life's Garden

St. Francis of Assisi was asked one day as he was weeding in the garden, "What would you do if you knew the world was about to end?" St. Francis replied, "Continue weeding my garden of course." The implication was that Francis didn't have to rush around like a headless chicken putting his house in order. Francis was already living his life in a state of readiness, and he had no need to worry himself about the end of the world.

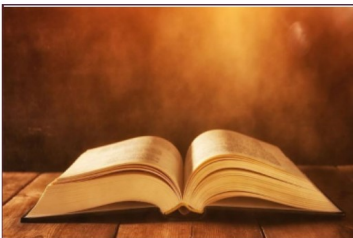


Today we are told what it might be like at the end of time. There might be wars, earthquakes famines plagues and Christian persecution. In fact it doesn't sound too dissimilar to the state of affairs on our daily news programmes. Should we be concerned?

Jesus points to the end of history and declares that the future holds a time of reckoning. Like the disciples in today's reading, we are tempted to ask when that time might be, only to be told that it's something that shouldn't concern us. We mustn't listen to those who claim, "The end is nigh..." instead we must always focus on what there is left to do. The basic premise is that we should keep on doing right, regardless of the circumstances.

Like the people in today's gospel who were so pleased with their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man made will come to an end. We would be much better off focusing not on a material agenda but in developing a faith that will endure great adversity.

If we are ready for God's final judgment then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes should hold no terror if we trust completely in God. Our lives are like a garden filled with good things we must nurture, and bad things we must weed out. When the end of time comes, we must face our mortality as Francis suggests, weeding life's garden and living in readiness.



Training for New and Existing Readers will take place on Monday 14th and 21st November at 8pm in the Parish Church.
All are most welcome.

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

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

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.



World Day of the Poor

Lord Jesus, help us to be your ears
to listen to the cries of the poor,
Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance,
Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need.
Help us to be your hands to cloth, feed and shelter them.
You came for the least, the lost and last of this world,
you who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.



Fáilte

We welcome into our Parish Community

Brian David McGlashan, Rathevan View

Arianna Rainn Johnson, Calgary, Canada

Michael James Kavanagh, Mount Stewart

Who were baptised recently.

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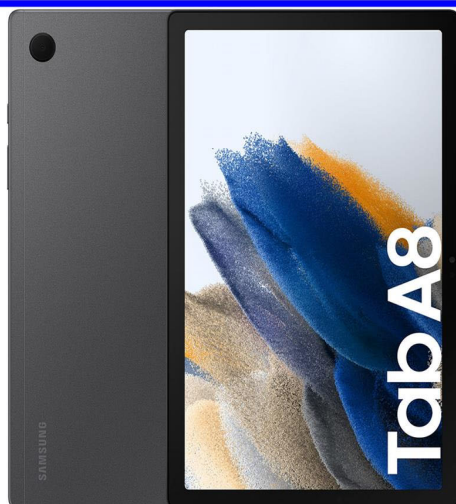
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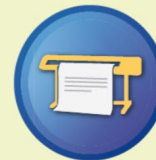


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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: All are welcome
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Sacrament in November, for your loved ones. Portlaoise
Parish Church - Monday to Friday 11am-7pm, Saturday
2pm-4 pm and Sunday 2pm-7pm.

Laois County Council's Annual Prayer Service will be
celebrated on Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 6pm in the
Council Chambers, County Hall. All LCC staff & members,
all retired staff and the families of all deceased staff,
retired staff and members are all welcome to attend. Light
refreshments will be served.

Petitions: For the month of November feel free to leave a
petition on the petition wall in the Parish Church and it will
be prayed for.

Totus Tuus Scripture Conference 2022 is live on Radio
Maria Ireland from 2pm, Saturday 19th November.
[Speakers include Sr. Caitriona Kavanagh OP. Brian O' Driscoll
(Paving the way home), Fr. John McCarthy (Cloyne Diocese)
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*Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto after evening Mass on
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Community Notices

Clonad Whist Results:

Top Score; Breda Cooley
1st Lady; Angela Dunne
2nd Lady; Nora Delaney
1st Gent; Angela Brennan
2nd Gent; Tom Dunne
1st Half; Mary Delaney
2nd Half; Betty Shrahan

Thanks to everyone who attended. Whist next Friday at
8pm in Clonad GAA Clubhouse. Beginners welcome. More
local support would be great.

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Portlaoise Toastmasters will meet again on Monday 14th November at 8pm in Kavanaghs Bar and Venue, Main Street, Portlaoise and guests are always welcome. What do you have to do? Just turn up! If you have any questions about Toastmasters please e-mail; toastmastersportlaoise@gmail.com or telephone Martina on 087-2358095 for further details. First two meetings are free for guests.

A Christmas Fair in aid of Mary's Meals will be held in Ballyfin Community Centre on Sunday 4th December from 11am to 3pm. 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 home baking, unwanted gifts, fuel, plants 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 regarding the Christmas Fair in Ballyfin Community Centre on Monday November 21st at 8pm, all are invited to attend. For more information on Mary's Meals, please check out www.marysmeals.ie

Portlaoise Active Retirement: Monday 14th Nov. Bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall at 3pm. Tuesday 15th Choir practice in the Parish Centre at 11am. Wednesday 16th our club meets at 3pm in the Parish Centre for friendship, fun and activities, this Wednesday it is exercise and fun with Moez. Thursday 17th Cards in Sue Ryder Centre at 3pm, come along for cards, fun and chat, all are welcome, tuition given. For further information on the club please contact P.R.O Sheila at 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in Portlaoise Parish Centre on Tuesday 8th November:

Top Score: Christy Fitzpatrick

1st Lady: Betty Shrahan

2nd Lady: B.O.B.

1st Gent: Tom Jacob

2nd Gent: Betty Fox

1st Half: Theresa Mulhare

2nd Half: Catherine Galvin & Liam McCarthney

Raffle: 1st Peter Stevenson 2nd Tom Jacob
3rd Chris Fitzpatrick 4th Ber Fitzpatrick
5th Norah Delaney 6th Mary Malone
7th Frances Gleeson

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

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



Jack and Jill Charity Boutique Portlaoise are looking for volunteers to help in their busy shop. If you are available to give a few valuable hours, please drop in or contact Martina 087-1486817. Monday-Saturday, 10am -5:30pm.

Alzheimer Society Laois Family Support Group Meeting: Tuesday 15th November in the Dunamais Art Centre, Portlaoise at 6.30pm. This is a support group meeting in a warm and informal atmosphere to support carers and families living with dementia. For further details please contact Ann Munnally 086-8372168 or e-mail amunnally@alzheimer.ie

CONCERN worldwide

Concern Christmas Collection, Saturday 26th November, Street Collection; Concern worldwide works with the worlds poorest people to tackle poverty and suffering and transform their lives. Any support you can give would be much appreciated. Anyone interested in collecting, please contact **Helen Corbett 087-2299070**.

Staff and Management of Portlaoise Mail Centre, attending a November Vigil in the PMC remembering past and present staff and those who are sick at this present time, the blessing was attended by Fr. David Vard.



Pictured L/R; Gus Hayes, Philip and Margaret Kehoe, relatives of the late Paul Kehoe, Anthony Maher, Breeda Brosnan, Carol Foran, Deirdre Buggy and Fr. David Vard who attended on the day to give a blessing.

Following the Vigil, a donation was made to Path, Portlaoise Action to help homeless people.



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You will make very good choices today.

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Something you lost will turn up soon.

You will do something soon that will make your family proud.

You will live a long, happy life.

When you read your fortune from a fortune cookie, do you believe it? We might get a good laugh out of some of them, but it is foolish to think that a piece of paper in a fortune cookie could tell what is going to happen in your future.

In the gospel today, Jesus had some things to say about people who claimed that they could predict the future. Jesus and his disciples were in the temple and the disciples were talking about how beautiful it was with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God. Jesus said to them, **"The time is coming when all these things will be completely destroyed. Not one stone will be left on top of another; every one of them will be thrown down!"**

The disciples were frightened by what Jesus said. **"When will these things happen?"** they asked. **"What signs can we look for that will let us know that these things are about to take place?"**

"Don't let anyone mislead you," Jesus answered. **"Many will come in my name, claiming to be the Messiah, and saying, 'The time has come!' But don't believe them."** You see, Jesus knew that these people could not see into the future. Only God can do that!

There are some people today who think that they can see into the future. They may say some frightening things, but we need to remember what Jesus taught his disciples. **"Don't worry!"** he said. **"Not a hair on your head will be harmed. You will be saved by being faithful to me."**



My Prayer

Heavenly Father, we don't know what the future holds, but we know that you hold the future. We know that we will be safe when we put our faith and trust in you. Amen.



He Holds the Future

He said: "Take care not to be deceived, because many will come in my name, and saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near at hand.' Refuse to join them. Luke 21:8



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TIME

WATCH

LIFE

WORRY

HEAVEN

Choose the word that matches the definition.

- ____ 1. A building used for religious ceremonies or worship
A. gift B. prison C. life D. temple
- ____ 2. Something that is given without compensation
A. worry B. stone C. temple D. gift
- ____ 3. A piece of rock used in construction of the temple
A. wisdom B. stone C. life D. prison
- ____ 4. A country; a large group of people living in one area with their own government.
A. nation B. prison C. gift D. fear
- ____ 5. A building where people are kept as a punishment
A. nation B. life C. prison D. fear
- ____ 6. A feeling of worry caused by something dangerous
A. worry B. fear C. nation D. prison
- ____ 7. To think about problems or unpleasant things that might happen
A. wisdom B. prison C. worry D. gift





Time to Think!

THE WEIGHT OF THE GLASS

The Art of Letting Go is about deciding to stop making the same mistakes and choosing to take a different path. It has been said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. I totally agree. When we hold onto things that weigh us down, that negativity turns into baggage. The more baggage you have, the more it clouds your view and the more you feel like carrying that baggage around is the only way to live. Your baggage-cluttered perspective becomes the viewpoint from which you see the world. But how can you have a positive outlook when all you see is negativity? The truth is, you can't.

That is precisely why you must learn what to hold onto and what to let go of. When that happens, your momentum increases, you feel lighter and, most of all, you know your worth. In life, we are all going through the growing pains of becoming the person we want to be. For some people, the pain is too much, and they give up. Instead of moving forward, they decide to stay stagnant and hold onto the very things that keep you down. In life we will have to let go of things, people and situations; when we understand and embrace the process, we allow ourselves to be abundant within. And when we are abundant within, the abundance spills into the other parts of our lives, families, relationships, careers and finances. I know letting go is painful and scary, but if you don't let go, you miss out on the life you always wanted, the life you deserve. This is the process of breaking up with the old in search of the new. You are not doing this out of selfishness, but because you can acknowledge that the old no longer is the right place for you.

A psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the typical "glass half empty or glass half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, the professor asked, "How heavy is this glass of water I'm holding?" Students shouted out answers ranging from eight ounces to a couple of pounds. She replied, "From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass doesn't matter. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it's fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralysed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me." As the class shook their heads in agreement, she continued, "Your stresses and worries in life are very much like this glass of water.



Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and paralysed – incapable of doing anything else until you drop them." It's important to remember to let go of your stresses and worries. No matter what happens during the day, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the night and into the next day with you. If you still feel the weight of yesterday's stress, it's a strong sign that it's time to put the glass down.

The Sacrament of Waiting

Slowly she celebrated the sacrament of letting go,
First she surrendered her green, then the orange,
yellow, and red, finally she let go of her brown,
Shedding her last leaf she stood empty and silent,
stripped bare,
Leaning against the winter sky she began her vigil of trust,
Shedding her last leaf she watched its journey to the ground,
She stood in silence wearing the colour of emptiness,
her branches wondering;
How do you give shade with so much gone?
And then, the sacrament of waiting began,
The sunrise and sunset watched with tenderness,
clothing her with silhouettes,
They kept her hope alive,
They helped her understand that her vulnerability, her
dependence and need, her emptiness, her readiness to
receive, were giving her a new kind of beauty,
Every morning and every evening they stood in silence
and celebrated together, the sacrament of waiting.

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



Aidan Brennan

Kilminchy, Portlaoise and
Enniscorthy, Wexford

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

The Family Prayer Book, Veritas, 2013.



MAY HE REST IN PEACE
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A Prayer for My Dad;

*Dear God, I gratefully thank
you for giving me my dad,
You must really love me, 'cause
you gave the best you had,
Watch over him and bless him
Lord, and keep him in your care,
And may he feel my love for him,
In my humble heartfelt prayer.*

*Sadly missed by; Zelig, Ger, Ray, Bosco and Brigid,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and your fourteen
grandchildren. Lots of love xxx*

May Tony Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of ANNE SWEENEY



Late of 26 Coote St. Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary occurs 16th November 2022.



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

*Sadly missed by her daughter Teresa
and son-in-law Paddy.*

Lord have mercy on her soul.

May Anne Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of GER YOUNG



31 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

*14th Anniversary and 14th Birthday away from home
occur at this time.*



Ger's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Saturday 12th November at 6:30pm.

*We who love you, sadly miss you,
As it dawns another year,
In our lonely hours of thinking,
Thoughts of you are ever near.
Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away,*

And those who have loved you dearly are thinking of you today.

*Always remembered by Anne, Dawn, Derek, Gemma and
partners and grandchildren.*

May Ger Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

Our Mother

KATIE GING

And her daughters

KATHLEEN O' REILLY & MARY NOLAN

Also remembering

MARGARET GING

On her 3rd birthday away from home.



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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by their
loving families.*

May they Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN O' REILLY

25th Anniversary - Died 12/11/1997



*A sudden call from God on High,
We had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell, you fell asleep,
But memories of you we will always keep.*

Sadly missed by your loving husband
James, son James, daughters Catriona, Anita and Louise,
daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MARY NOLAN

25th Anniversary - Died 14/11/1997



*"She has gone no further from
us than to God and
God is very near"*

Sadly missed by her husband
Michael and family.

May Mary Rest in Peace

9th Anniversary of my Grandson

SHANE FINAN

***10 New Row, Green Rd. Portlaoise and also
Canices Terrace, Borris in Ossory***

Shane's 9th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 12th November at 5pm.



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 by your Nana Mary and Brian,
Louise, Jake, Steven, Shirley, John & Conor.*

May Shane Rest in Peace

24th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
WESLEY O' BRIEN

47 Heather Lane, Esker Hills, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
3rd birthday away from home - 8th November.



There is always a face before me,
a voice I would love to hear,
A smile I will always remember,
of a son I loved so dear.
Deep in my heart lies a picture,
More precious than silver
or gold,

It's a picture of my son Wesley,
Whose memory will never grow old.

Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, brother Lorcan,
son John and extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Wesley

In Loving Memory of
ANN PAISLEY

41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
29th Anniversary occurs 13th November 2022.



*Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last
forever.*

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

May Ann Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of **MARGARET HARDING** née Conroy

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurs 16th November 2022.



On this the first Anniversary of Margaret, who passed away on the 16th of November 2021, the family wish to thank most sincerely the many relatives, neighbours and friends who sympathised with us, those who attended the funeral, who visited, phoned, travelled and expressed their sincere condolences online, sent Mass cards, floral tributes or helped out in any way, please know that your support and comfort was much appreciated.

Thank you to the caring staff of Kilminchy Lodge Nursing Home, especially Victor, Allison, Carole, Dorota and Cat, we appreciate all the care that was shown to Margaret.

Thank you to Dr. Sinead Burke and Dr. Robert Lawlor of the Cedar Clinic.

To all of the Priests of the Parish, we thank you for your time, prayers and rosaries especially at Margaret's bedside during her final days. A special thank you to Fr. Ciprian for the beautiful celebration of Margaret's life during the requiem Mass.

To Caroline Smyth and to the members of the 65 Kitchen Choir for your beautiful music and singing at the funeral Mass, we will be forever grateful. Thank you to Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors for the compassionate and professional manner in which they carried out the wakes and funeral arrangements, to the grave diggers Adrian and Brendan Dunne and also Terry and Jenny Swayne. A special thank you to Thomás (Mossy) Brown and the Brown families for their continued visits and support to Margaret throughout the years.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Margaret's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise on Saturday 19th November 2022 at 6.30pm.

In Loving Memory of Our Precious Mother and Granny

Mam

You can only have one Mother, patient, kind and true, no other friend in all the world will be the same to you.

When other friends forsake you, to your Mother you will return,

For all her loving kindness, she asks nothing in return.

As we look upon her pictures, sweet memories we recall, of a face so full of sunshine and a smile for one and all,

Sweet Jesus take a message to our dear Mother above, tell her how we miss her and give her all our love.

Dearlly loved & Sadly missed by David, Jen and your grandchildren Sam, Dee & Jake xxxxx

Mam

Always so good, unselfish and kind, no one on earth your equal we will find,

Honourable and true in all of your ways, loving and faithful to the end of your days,

Loved by your family, your friends and all whom you knew, one in a lifetime Mam, that was you.

Sadly missed and loved always, Paul xx

Mam

A smile for all, a heart of gold, the very best this world could hold,

Never selfish, always kind, these are the memories you left behind,

Call Mammy's name out softly Lord, and when she looks your way, tell her that we love her and miss her every single day.

Sadly missed and greatly loved by Ray, Joanne, your grandchildren Evan, Orlaith, Ross, Ali & Leon xxxx

Mam

You were a precious gift from God above, so much beauty, grace and love,

You touched our hearts in so many ways, your smile so bright even on bad days,

You loved us so much, you held on so tight, until all your strength was gone and you could no longer fight,

You heard God's whisper calling you home, you knew you couldn't make God wait for long,

So you gave your hand to God and slowly drifted away, knowing that with our love we will be together again someday.

**Missing you everyday and love you always, love Jennie, Tommy, your grandchildren Ger, Amy, James & John
and your great-granddaughter Mandy-May xxxx**

Mam

*I have no doubt you were an angel living among us, hiding your wings but there was no disguising
the peace, hope and love that you brought to everything and everyone always x*

Until we meet again Mammy, may you keep safe in the gentle, loving arms of God x.

Love Tracy, Noel and your grandchildren Bronwyn, Roman, Byron & Bailey xxxx

In Loving Memory of **JOHN (Seannie) FLYNN**

Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs at this time.



8th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 13th November at 12.30pm.

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

Sadly missed and remembered by Ann, Jimmy, Mark,
Lorraine and all his loving family.

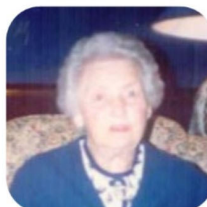
May John Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **ANNIE LA CUMBER**

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.

31st Anniversary occurs 14th November 2022

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Sunday 13th November at 11:15am.



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

*Always remembered by Bridie and
grandchildren.*

May Annie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **FINT GORMAN**

84 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 16th November 2022.



*May the winds of Heaven blow
softly and whisper in your ear,
How much we love and miss
you, and wish that you were
here.*

*Loved and missed always by
your loving wife Ann and family.*

Rest in Peace Fint

In Loving Memory of **CATHERINE TYNAN**

7th Anniversary occurs 12th November 2022



We miss you everyday

*Deeply missed, loved and forever
remembered by her loving husband,
five children, grandchildren,
family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Catherine

In Loving Memory of **EILEEN RYAN**

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs 13th November 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 13th November at 10am.

*A loving nature, a heart of gold,
The very best Mother this world
could hold,*

Never selfish, always kind,

These are the memories you left behind.

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

*Always loved and forever missed Mam by your
loving family x*

May Eileen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK FENNELLY**

30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 15th November 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Tuesday 15th November at 10am.

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

*Sadly missed and loved always by Mary, Eugene,
Sean and Ronan.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK FENNELLY**

30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 15th November 2022



*No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts is
always kept for you.*

*Always remembered by
Bee and family.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

*Preserve me God,
I take refuge in you*

Psalm 15

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET HARDING**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 16th November 2022*



*A beautiful smile, a heart of gold,
One of the best, this world could
hold.*

*Lovingly remembered and
missed by Mary.*

Rest in Peace Margaret

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
DANNY O' LOUGHLIN**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Birthday occurs 11th November 2022*



*Happy Birthday up in Heaven,
From your family here below,
We love you and we miss you,
And want to let you know.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered
by Margaret, sons, daughters,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren, extended family and many friends.*

Rest in Peace Danny

**In Loving Memory of
HUGHIE BRACKEN**

*Roscommon and formerly Meelick, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 13th November 2022*



*Also remembering his late
parents and brothers
Jim and Noel.*

*Loved and remembered always
by all your family.*

Rest in Peace Hughie

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

*32 The Green, Kilminchy.
2nd Birthday away from home occurs 18th November.*



*Missing you my dearest husband
Today is truly filled with memories of
happiness and tears and of birthday
celebrations that we have shared
throughout the years.
Happy birthday in Heaven my love.*

*In my heart always and forever
Your loving wife Jean xx*

Rest in Peace Peter

**60TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
PATRICK DOYLE**

*20 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
60th Birthday occurs 13th November 2022*



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

*Sadly missed by his sister Noeleen,
Martin and girls.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

**In Loving Memory of
EDDIE THORNTON**

*Ballinakill Road, Abbeyleix.
1st Anniversary away from home occurs 16th November.*



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

*The gates of memory will never close,
We miss you more than anyone knows,
With tender love and deep regret,
We who love you will never forget.*

*Always remembered in our hearts by
your wife Gertie, daughter Triona,
son John, son-in-law Pat,
daughter-in-law Julie, grandchildren
Ava, Emelie, Ruby, Oliver and Lochlan,
family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Eddie

**In Loving Memory of
BRIGID CONROY**

*Ballymacken, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 14th November 2022*



*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Brigid

*I am the Way,
the Truth & the Life
John 14:6*

In Loving Memory of JOHN CAMPION

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary - Died 13th November 2014



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, at 10am this
Sunday 13th November.

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & MARY McCABE

Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise.



Michael
Died
16/11/2021



Mary
Died
3/4/2022

Joe, Aidan, Brian and Eoin, together with their families deeply appreciate and will always hold in grateful remembrance, your kindness, sympathy and support on the sad loss of their parents. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Donation made to Portlaoise Parish Centre in lieu of memory cards as per Mary's wishes.

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M.A.B.S. Portlaoise 0818 07 2620

Citizen's Advice 0818 07 5590

Laois Traveller Action Group 057 8682210

Lions Club Portlaoise

C/O Lions Club
Midland's Park Hotel

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PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR FR DAVID VARD



8 JUNE 2023 | 7 NIGHTS

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Mass in the Capelinha
Rosary and Candlelit Procession
Stations of the Cross
Homes of the three visionaries
International Mass

FOR DETAILS AND BOOKINGS

MAURA O'BRIEN: 0871210263 |

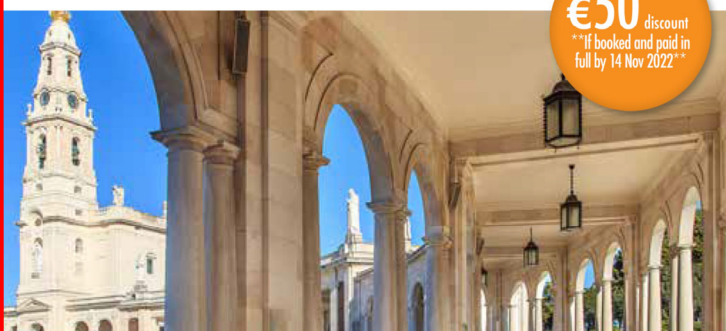
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JOHN EGAN: 0871254841

INCLUDING

- Fully escorted pilgrimage
- Accompanied by Fr Pat Hennessy
- Return flights from Dublin to Lisbon
- 7 nights at Hotel Avenida
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day
- Airport taxes
- 20kg check-in bag per person

€50 discount
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PORTLAOISE PARISH

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

07 SEP – 15 SEP 2023

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: MSGR. JOHN BYRNE

COST €2190.00 per person sharing

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: €769

Cost includes: Return flights, 8 nights accommodation half-board basis

Refundable deposit of €100.00 per person up to 7th December 2022

For further information please contact:

John 087-1254841 | Chris 086-1987596

Kitty 087-9506634,

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€595 pps
6th - 10th July 2023

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- Return direct flights Dublin/Tarbes (Lourdes)
- Coach to/from Portlaoise & Dublin airport
- Coach transfers to/from Lourdes airport
- 4 nights in the St. Rose Hotel with free Wi-Fi
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner each day
- Services of a Marian Pilgrimages guide throughout
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- All airport taxes and Local City Taxes
- Travel insurance up to 85 years
- (€20 extra for those over)

Single room supplement €140

*Accompanied by
Spiritual Director*

FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT
Sean - 086 363 3785, Frances - 085 814 2666
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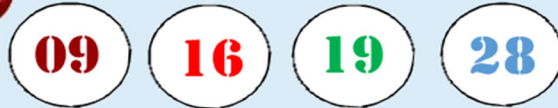
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Portlaoise Parish



Results for
10th November 2022



No €20,000 Jackpot Winner

WINNERS

Justin Brown
Mary White
James Ryan
Mossie Doheny
Patrick Lynch
John Egan
Ann O'Sullivan
Keith Malone
Pedro Westman
Kevin Phelan
Sheila Bergin
Mark Farrell
Vera Richardson

MATCH 3s €1,000



PROMOTER

Online Lotto
Online Lotto
Anthony Preston
Veronica Doheny
Betty Lynch
Peter Ryan
Mary Crossan
Paul Dooley
Pedro Westman
Parish Office
Joan Bergin
MT Burke
Vera Richardson

Clergy of the Parish



Msgr. John Byrne P.P.V.G.
Tel: 057 8621142



Fr. Ciprian Matei C.C.
Tel: 057 8600122



Fr. David Vard C.C.
Tel: 057 8600121



Deacon Eugene Keyes
Tel: 057 8621142

To contact the Priest on Duty:
Parish Centre during office hours
Tel: 057 8621142
Outside office hours
in emergency only
Tel: 057 8621364

Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can be viewed on our website and our Church Porches.

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Kathleen Sherry safeguarding@kandle.ie

Parish Centre



Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Phone: 057-8621142 / 057-8660722

E-mail: info@portlaoiseparish.ie

Twitter: @portlaoiseparis

MANAGER Declan Kelly

Parish Secretaries Michelle Bartley

Agnieszka Kaczmarek

Accounts Michelle Conroy

Sacristans Parish Church

Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

All Masses and services from the Parish Church and the Heath Church are live streamed
www.portlaoiseparish.ie

(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times
057 8600119)



Secretary: Julie Conroy

Monday to Thursday

11am to 1pm & 2.15pm to 5pm

057-8692154

Advertising deadline: 12 noon Wednesday

Subject to availability of space

E-mail: linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie

PARISH SHOP

057 8621142 - Claire Scully

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20 | Psalm 97:5-9

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 | Luke 21:5-19

Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support. *Thank you* to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish during this time of Lockdown. The generosity of so many means we **continue** to be well supported and can pay our way at this time.

Ways to contribute to our Parish

Envelope boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre

Direct payment by cheque or cash

Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church

Donation facility on our website

Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre

Or Transfer directly to our Account

Portlaoise Parish Account:

IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

Portlaoise Parish Clergy Fund Account:

IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

(The BIC for both accounts is AIBKIE2D)

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- ▶ Be sure to **dip your oil tank** and not let it run out to avoid air locks
- ▶ Get your oil boiler **serviced yearly**
- ▶ Always check your oil tank of signs of **cracks, swelling or rust damage** on metal tanks
- ▶ Watch out for cracks on top of oil tank **to prevent water** from getting into your oil
- ▶ Look out for oil tank **foundations sinking** or any movement of the base your oil tank which may cause damage to your tank
- ▶ Cut back **ivy, trees or heavy shrubs** to prevent damage to tank and allowing you to see signs of weakness
- ▶ If your concerned about any of the above, we offer a **free tank inspection**, and where necessary we can suck out your oil and repace your tank to avoid loosing any oil or causing any oil contamination. **Don't take chances and replace damaged tanks!**
- ▶ Secure your oil tank with a **lock** (we can arrange locks for all tank lids)

Emergency contact number 7 days a week 057 86 62777

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