

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



A Bishop and priest from Kiev made a flying visit to Portlaoise during the week. They came to support Ukrainians living here and to thank individuals and groups who have welcomed and supported those fleeing the war.



Photo: Monsignor John presenting Bishop Anthony with a St. Brigid's cross. Also in photo: Nick Rehesha, Ann Carroll, Roisín O'Connell-Hussey, Fr. Lavrentiy, Natalie Uhenko, Natalie Rehesha and Karen McHugh.

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Christ the King



The first and second readings give us an indication as to the sort of king that Jesus would turn out to be. In the passage from Samuel, God declares King David to be a shepherd as well as a leader of the people. And we see Paul telling the Colossians how the kingdom of Christ transcends time and space but also how Jesus will make the ultimate sacrifice for the world and for the human race.

Jesus would indeed be a good shepherd, caring for the guiding the whole flock but rejoicing especially in finding of one lost sheep. And he would make the ultimate sacrifice, out of love for the world and its people. A few short weeks before we will celebrate once again the birth of Christ we see in the gospel how he was king that was born to die, as indeed we all are. Many people, including those close to him, who have been expecting a great and powerful king who would vanquish the occupying force and place his followers in position of greatness. Jesus, through his in glorious death on the cross, having been tortured and mocked and surrounded by criminals and abandoned by his disciples, offers us liberation of a different sort: liberation from everything that prevents us from living life in all its richness and fullness. And just as he invites the criminal on the cross beside him, so does he invite all of us to a place in paradise.

Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe: how our world needs such a king at the current time.

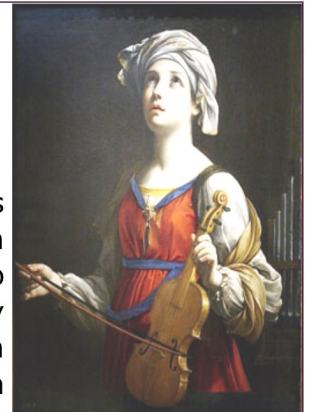
Mass times for the coming week
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Monday - Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm
Saturday: 10am
Sunday
Sunday: Vigils 5pm & 6.30pm (Saturday)
8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH
Sunday: 9.30am
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA
Sunday: 10am
CONFESSIONS
Saturday after 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.

Saint Cecilia

*So you think you're
tone deaf?*

22nd November.

How many church goers sit silently through Mass not venturing to sing a note? How many church goers have been put off singing from a very young age by a thoughtless teacher or the careless remarks of a parent? There are very many adults who laughingly confess to being 'tone deaf', because someone has led them to believe this to be true. In fact, there are very few who are genuinely tone deaf, the rest of us have voices that we could readily develop and intonation that we could quickly improve with a bit of practice. On this the Feast of Saint Cecilia, patron saint of music, we are invited to fully participate in the liturgy by lifting our voices in song.



**We welcome into our
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Bailey Dunne, The Pines, Forest Park
Saoirse Grace Strong, Lime Tree Avenue
Hayley Anne Strong, Lime Tree Avenue
Aria Mai Hiney, Lakeside Gardens
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Portlaoise Active Retirement: We meet every Wednesday in the Parish Centre at 3pm for fun friendships and activities. New members always welcome. Wednesday 23rd Nov. dancing musings and story telling with Maureen Culleton.

Christmas dinner in Athlone with music by Brendan Shine and lots of entertainment on November 30th. Bus leaving Parish Centre Portlaoise at 10.30am and returning at 6.30pm. €50 per person some seats still available.

Members Christmas dinner in Parish Centre at 2pm on 14th December, music from 4 to 6pm, €10 per head.

The choir are singing Carols on 24th Nov. at 11am in Day Care Centre, Timahoe Rd.; 26th Nov. at 3pm at Christmas Market; 15th Dec. at 11am in Portlaoise Library. For more information contact Sheila at 0876204617.

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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.

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.

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat

St. Peter and Paul's Church Portlaoise
Saturday 26th Nov 10.00 am to 1.00pm
Holy Mass 10am (Confessions available)
Retreat continues in the Parish Centre 10.45am -1pm
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1st Gent- Tom Jacob

2nd Gent - Tom Dunne

1st Half - Nora Delaney/B Kennedy

2nd Half - Peter Stevenson.

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Have you seen the movie "Lion King?" As a lion, Simba was born to be the "King of the Beasts." In one scene from the movie Simba sings, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." If you have seen the movie, you will remember that one reason why Simba was so anxious to become king was that he didn't want anyone telling him what to do. He didn't want to hear anyone saying, "do this" or "stop that." He wanted to be free to run around all day doing everything his way.

It wasn't just that Simba didn't want anyone to tell him what to do, he was also looking forward to telling everyone else what to do. Just listen to what he says! "I'm gonna be a mighty king so enemies beware! I'm gonna be the mane event like no king was before. I'm brushing up on looking down. I'm working on my ROAR! Oh, I just can't wait to be king!"

I think that Simba had a very poor idea of what it means to be a king. You see, the real role of a king is to look after the needs of his people. A good king is more concerned with caring for his people than he is in being served.

During his last days on earth, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. When asked if he was a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Yes, Jesus was a king, but he wasn't interested in running around free and doing things his way. He was only interested in doing the will of his Father. He was born to be king, but his kingdom is not on this earth - it is in heaven. He only came to earth to make a way for us to live with him in heaven.

Jesus "Just can't wait to be your king." He has invited you to enjoy eternal life in his heavenly kingdom. If you haven't already accepted his invitation, I hope you will crown him as your King today.



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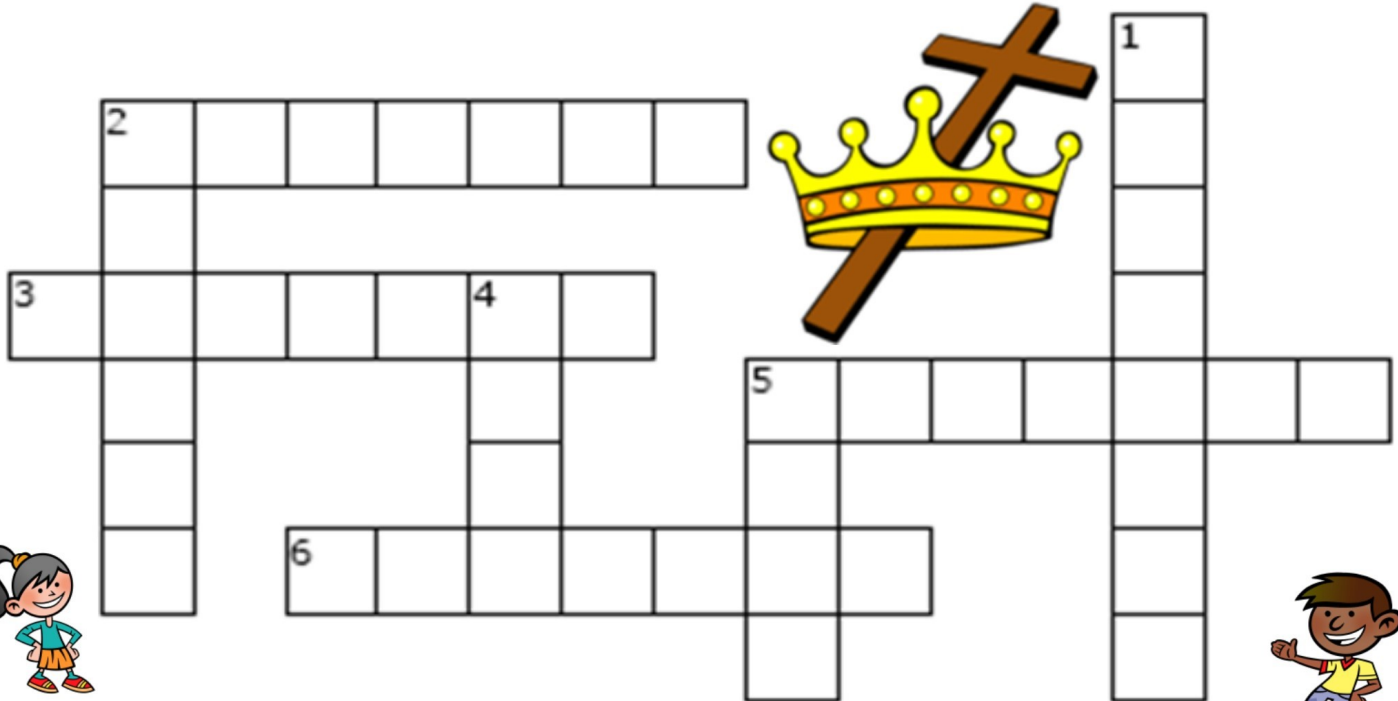
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"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." *John 18:37*



ACROSS

- Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
- To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
- A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
- To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done.

DOWN

- Someone who commits a crime
- The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament
- The emotion you feel when you are frightened or worried
- To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue

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CHRIST

Night Prayer

God our Father I come to say,
thank you for your love today,
thank you for my family,
and all the friends you give to me,
guard me in the dark of night,
and in the morning send your light.

Amen.





Time to Think!

FINDING BALANCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media is a great thing. It's a very clever use of technology which allows us to connect with a wide circle of people in many different locations all over the world. It's a great way to get news, updates, and personalised information that you ordinarily wouldn't get. However, there is a limit to its usefulness. Examples abound of how it can be damaging and become quite addictive. In fact, it's a bit like an inverted U-shaped curve in the sense that it's good up to a point, there is an ideal 'high' point or sweet spot, but then it becomes unhelpful. The question is one of balance and freedom (detachment): how to make the most of it and get all the good aspects, and also how to recognise when it starts to become unhelpful and harmful. In this way we can be aware of its effects, harness its power and usefulness, and hopefully avoid the downsides.

The key thing is recognising the point, at the top of the curve, where things start to drift off. For this we need some level of reflection – that is, a timeout and the ability to look back or reflect on our experience. The only way to recognize what is good is by being able to read the signals from within ourselves. The amazing thing is that our bodies, God-created, realise when things are going well, when things are in balance, and equally when they are getting out of hand. On the negative side, there's a sense of overextension, an uneasy sense of addiction or of compulsion that is not good. The thing is, the signals are always there if we are able to read them.

There is a useful wisdom by St. Ignatius of Loyola that can help. While recuperating from a serious injury, he noticed that bad things were initially enticing and exciting but afterwards left him empty and sad, while good things were consoling and this lasted over time. It was on looking back or reflecting on his experiences that he was able to distinguish the two types, one good (life-giving) and one bad (life-draining). Then he set about training himself to notice them sooner, to differentiate them in terms of how they made him feel inside, avoiding the bad ones and following the good ones. In this way he turned his life around from being superficial and arrogant to being fully alive and devoted to helping others. He would have said: "Watch for those experiences that, though initially exciting and pleasurable, bring you to a bad place. Get tuned in and aware, and work your way to feeling better, connecting with others and making your life mean something."

The key thing is getting some distance – sitting back from the screen and asking 'How is this impacting me, how do I feel inside?' Ignatius recommended doing a review of feelings and moods once a day, creating a space where you can look back and see how you are being affected. Here is a simple method:



1. Give thanks for all the good things in your life (beware of negativity)
2. Ask for help or light from a higher power (connect to the 'grid')
3. Look back honestly at your experience online
4. Separate good (life giving) and bad (deadening) moments; don't beat yourself up.

Try to change to get more balance

Often it can be helpful to make some decisions in advance about social media and about how we're going to use it. That means there are times when we will find it helpful to use it and other times where can be too intrusive. First thing in the morning and last thing at night are important 'transition' moments, in and out of sleep and in and out of consciousness. So, we need to protect these 'sensitive' moments when we are open to all sorts of influences, need to be wise about what we put into our subconscious. Equally, these are good moments to meditate, pray or reflect, as ways of keeping positive. Also, in order to show our freedom in relation to it, it's important to be able to take a break from social media completely, whether that's a day, a weekend or a week. Just simply notice what is going on in your experience and amazing things can happen. You are worth it!

12 DAILY REMINDERS

1. The past cannot be changed
2. Opinions don't define your reality
3. Everyone's journey is different
4. Things always get better with time
5. Judgements are a confession of character
6. Overthinking will lead to sadness
7. Happiness is found within
8. Positive thoughts create positive things
9. Smiles are contagious
10. Kindness is free
11. You only fail if you quit
12. What goes around, comes around

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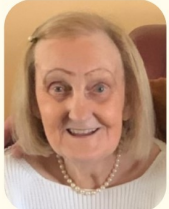
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BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

*Of my Precious Son
DANIEL (Danny) WHELAN*
27th Birthday occurred 16th November 2022



I watch you every day,
I am always very near,
I know deep in your heart,
You realise I am here,
I watch you while you sleep,
In your bed at home,
I hear you when you speak to me
When you're on your own Mam,
You cannot understand
The reason why I have gone.

But I will never leave you Mam,
I am here to keep you strong

Talk to me, I hear you though you may not see
We have a Mother & Son

Unbroken bond of love, that will forever be.

Just remember me in your heart Mam & keep me safely
there, and one day we will be together

We shall smile & reminisce

But until then, there'll still be tears on sad days such as this
Just remember, Mam, I'm always near...

*From your loving Mother Christine, Mick, brothers, sister,
nephews, nieces, grandparents and all your extended
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**May Danny's Soul Rest in the Arms of Heavenly
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**In Loving Memory of
NANCY DUNNE**



Rockview Drive, Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise
Died 21st November 2013



*Mam, your physical presence is dearly
missed in our lives, but your spiritual
presence and guidance is with us
always.*

*Loved and missed by all your loving
family and friends.*

May Nancy Rest in Peace



**In Loving Memory of
JOE BYRNE**



24 Liogard, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs Thursday 24th November 2022



*Since Heaven has become your home,
I always feel so alone,
And though we are not far apart,
You will forever hold a piece of my heart.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 20th November at 10am.*

Always remembered by his loving wife Olive.

May Joseph Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH (Lil) BARTLEY**

91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 22nd November 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter and Paul's Church on Saturday 19th November at 6.30pm

In Memory of Mum

*You carried me as a child
& held onto my hand.*

*You loved & treasured me every day
& taught me how to stand.*

*Of all the scary things in life
that I could ever fear,
Nothing is so frightening
as you not being here.*

*But you taught me to be strong
and you taught me how to stand,*

Even when you aren't here to hold onto my hand.

I am grateful for what you taught me

*And I'm grateful for your love
and I know that you watch over me
from the heavens up above.*

*Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by her
daughter Monalisa, son-in-law Donal and
grandchildren Darryl and Stefan.*

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*I wish I could share another moment with you,
And see that smiling face.*

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Is truly rare to find,

*Someone with a heart so pure,
So caring and so kind.*

*I'll cherish the memories we made,
All the times we spent together,*

and I'll hold them dearly in my heart from now until forever.

*Loved and missed by her sons John, Oliver, Shay
and Darren, daughters-in-law, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren and the Conroy family.*

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET CONROY**

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



*We miss you Margaret and
we will always remember,
your gentle soul
so kind and tender.*

*We miss your warmth,
we miss your love, and your
wonderful ways,*

*Above all, we miss your
smile, and how it
brightened our days.*

*Sadly missed by her mother, brothers,
and sister's in law.*

May Margaret Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE O'SHEA**

née Marum

Glenbarrow, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 25th November 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Friday 25th November at 10am.

Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away,
And those who have loved you dearly,
Are thinking of you today.

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

May Geraldine Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Mary Whyte (nee Maher)**

30th Anniversary occurs on the 19th November



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

Sadly missed by your Loving Family

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on
the 19th November at 6.30pm*

Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN (Kitty)
CAMPBELL**

86 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 19/11/2008.
14th Anniversary occurred 19th November 2022.



Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.

*Loved and remembered by all her
loving family.*

Rest in Peace Kathleen

**In Loving Memory of
GEORGE BUGGY**

9 Green Rd., Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 19th November 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 19th November at 6:30pm.

Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.

Sadly missed by all his loving family.

May George Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JACK DEMPSEY**

Main Street, Portlaoise.
6th Birthday in Heaven.



Dear Jack,

May the words of heaven below softly
and whisper in your ear, how much I
love and miss you and wish you were
here. Today is your 70th Birthday in
heaven above. I am sending my
blessings on the wings of a dove.
Always missed and forever love

Una and Bonnie Paws xx

May Jack Rest in Peace

**Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
THOMAS CLEAR**

17 Liogard, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurs 21st November.



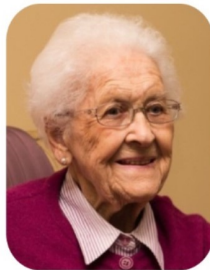
*Time slips by and life goes on,
But in our hearts you are always there.*

*From his loving wife Mary, sons,
daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law
and grandchildren.*

May Tommy Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
BRIDGET SEXTON**

"Padua", Clonminam Road, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 24th November 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Saturday 26th November at 5pm.

*Our loved ones leave behind a light
that will never dim or fade,
It's kept bright by the love we feel
and the memories we made.*

*Sadly missed by and always remembered by Pat, Mary, Frank,
daughter-in-law Hilda, grandsons, great-granddaughters,
her sister Mary and extended family and friends.*

May Bridget Rest in Peace

**Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
MAURA LOUGHLIN**

144 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
First Birthday Away from Home 17th November



I read the cards for mother
And the verses bring a tear,
For the loving words are
written

To those who are still here.
You always loved the cards
we sent

You saved them through the
years,

You said they made you feel so
loved, your eyes glistening with tears.

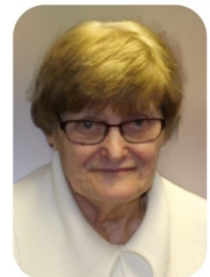
This year when I bring flowers
In my mind your words I'll hear
They're beautiful... you shouldn't have
But I loved them... thank you Dear.
They say you are in a better place,
I hope and pray its true,
But... today is your birthday
And we are missing you.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
her heartbroken family*

Rest in Peace Maura

**In Loving Memory of
RITA (Margaret) WHELAN**

née Flanagan
Corrigeen, Stradbally, Co. Laois.
Died 2nd March 2022
1st Birthday away from home



*Your hand we cannot touch
Still we have so many memories
Of the ones we loved so much.
Your memory is our keepsake
With which we'll never part
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts.*

Happy Birthday Mammy, Love You Always.

Ray, Seamus, Anne and Families xxx

Rest in Peace Rita

**In Loving Memory of
Hughie McLoughlin**

63 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Month's Mind Mass 28th November at 10am



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

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

May Hughie Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN (JACK) &
MAURA TARLETON**

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.

31st & 29th Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated in

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
Sunday 20th November, 12.30pm.



*Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*Also remembering their 100th birthdays which would have
occurred in July, John's 12th July and Maura's 8th July.*

Loved and missed always by your loving family.

May John and Maura Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Bridget Walsh**

Ballyking, Ballyroan.

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated
in Knock Chapel at 8pm on Saturday
26th November



*May Bridget Rest in
Peace*

**In Loving Memory of
My Mother
ANGELA HUGHES**

Newpark, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 22nd November 2022.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Tuesday 22nd November at 10am.



Also remembering My father John
whose 28th Anniversary occurs at
this time.

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

Sadly missed by David & family.

Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Mary Kate Sheehan**

3rd Birthday Away from home 23rd
November

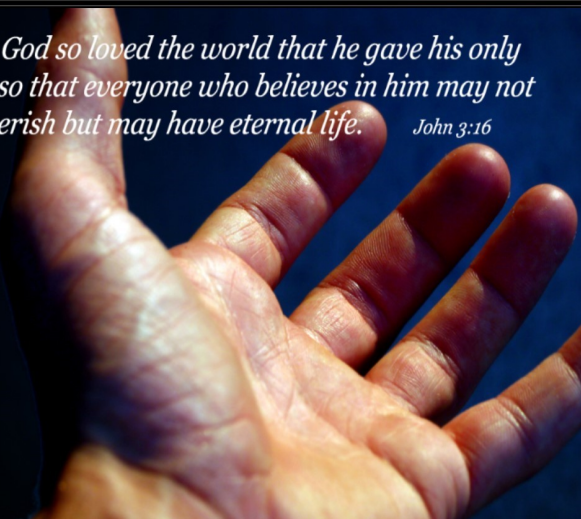
*A Sudden Call From God Above
We Had No Chance To Say Goodbye
Without Farewell You Fell Asleep
But Memory's Of You We Will
Always Keep*



*Sadly missed by your daughter, Philomena, grandchildren,
and great grandchildren*

May Mammy Rest in Peace

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only
Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not
perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16*



In Remembrance

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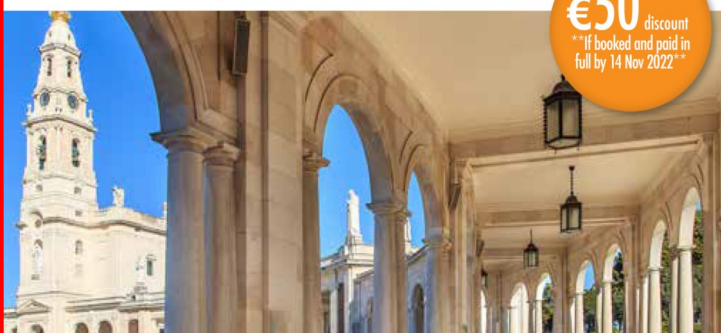
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Agnieszka Kaczmarek

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sam 5:1-3
Psalm 121:1-5
2 Col 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

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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- ▶ 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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