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6th November 2022

**Thirty Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

**IN NOVEMBER  
WE REMEMBER**

**Annual  
Bereavement  
Mass  
in the Parish  
Church**


**Monday  
7th November  
7.30pm**



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## In November We Remember

During the month of November we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. We aim to remember how they helped and loved us whilst they were with us and we commit to keeping their memory alive by adopting the qualities we most admired in them. We also pray for those who have died that have fought for our way of life and our religious freedom, and we pray for those who have died alone who have no one to remember them.

### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for November 2022

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of November is for children who suffer, including war victims and orphans. "There are still millions of boys and girls who suffer and live in conditions very similar to slavery. They aren't 'numbers', they are human beings with names, with a face of their own, with an identity that God has given them."

We are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention **"Let us pray for children who are suffering, especially for those who are"**



### St. Martin of Tours

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**

One winter's night, while Martin was serving with the army, he met a beggar, cold and half starved to death. Having already given away all his money and food rations, Martin had only what he stood up in! He took off his thick army cloak, cut it in two and gave half to the beggar. That night in his dreams, Martin saw Jesus, surrounded by angels, wearing the half cloak he had given to the beggar, and he heard Jesus say, "See, this is the cloak which Martin has given me." In 371 the Christians of Tours, chose him as their new bishop and he remained there for twenty-six years, proving himself a champion of the under-dog and an unflagging and courageous missionary.



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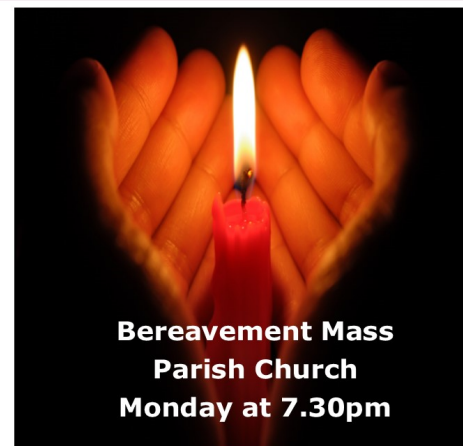
**Sunday:** 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

**Sunday:** 10am

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday after 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.



**Bereavement Mass  
Parish Church  
Monday at 7.30pm**



**Fáilte**

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**Tuesday at 7.30am**

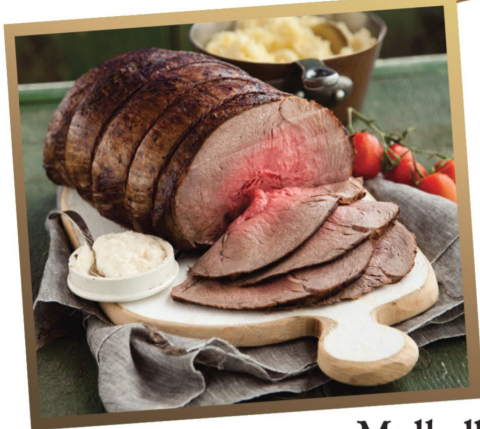
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and for the intentions of all  
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prayed at the Grotto at 8pm.  
All are welcome.

**Portlaoise Macra na Feirme 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner  
Dance:** 19<sup>th</sup> Nov. in the Killeslin Hotel with 3 course meal  
at 8pm and live music from The AJ's to follow. Tickets are  
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**Portlaoise Active Retirement** meet every Wednesday at  
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bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall 3pm. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Choir  
practice at 11am in the Parish Centre. Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>,  
body and mind exercises with Ann and Maureen. Thursday  
10<sup>th</sup>, Cards in Sue Ryder Centre at 3pm. For further info.  
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**Upcoming talk with the Laois Heritage Society:** "Lucy  
Franks, social entrepreneur of the 20<sup>th</sup> century by Regina  
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**Religious Notices**

**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.

**Emmanuel House, Clonfert:** 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  
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**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.*

**Laois County Council's Annual Prayer Service** will be  
celebrated on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Results of Whist Drive held in Portlaoise Parish  
Centre on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November;**

**Top Score:** Sheila Duff

**1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** Bridie Kennedy

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:** Betty Murphy

**1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** Mary Delaney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** Frank Keenan

**1<sup>st</sup> Half:** Norah Delaney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** Betty Shrahan

**Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Betty Shrahan

3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Murphy

5<sup>th</sup> Tom Kearns

2<sup>nd</sup> Frank Keenan  
4<sup>th</sup> Frank Keenan



Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues  
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**Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage 2023:** We  
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Pilgrims to save for the 2023 Pilgrimage will begin  
10<sup>th</sup> November '22 in the Parish Centre, 3pm to 4pm  
and will run for 25 weeks up until 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.  
There will be no savings on 22<sup>nd</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December or 6<sup>th</sup>  
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You know what a riddle is, don't you? It is a word puzzle—a question that makes you think. Sometimes riddles are funny.

I'm sure you have probably heard this one.

**"Why did the chicken cross the road?"**

The answer is, **"To get to the other side."**

Here are a few of my favourite riddles.

**Q: Mary's father has 4 children; three are named Nana, Nene, and Nini. What is the fourth child's name? A: Mary!**

**Q: How many months have 28 days? A: All of them!** (Some may have 30 or 31, but all have 28!)

**Q: What is full of holes but can still hold water? A: A sponge!**

Riddles have been around since the time of Jesus. Maybe longer than that. One day, Jesus was approached by a group of Sadducees — religious leaders who did not believe in the resurrection. They were trying to trick Jesus into agreeing that there was no resurrection. They asked him to answer this riddle: **"The law of Moses says that if a man dies, leaving a wife but no children, his brother should marry the widow and have a child who will carry on the brother's name. Well, suppose there were seven brothers. The oldest one married and then died without children. So the second brother married the widow, but he also died. Then the third brother married her. This continued until all seven brothers had married the same woman. Finally, the woman also died. So tell us, whose wife will she be after the resurrection since all seven were married to her!"**

My, that is a tricky riddle, isn't it? Listen to Jesus' answer.

Jesus replied, **"Marriage is for people here on earth. But in the age to come, those who are raised from the dead will not marry or be married. Not only that, but they will never die again. They will live forever as the children of God."**

Jesus went on to say, **"Even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' He is not the God of the dead, he is the God of the living."**

After Jesus answered their riddle so wisely, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Now, you and I know that Jesus promised us that if we love him and trust in him, we will live forever in heaven with him. Isn't it sad that some people do not believe there is a resurrection and eternal life in heaven? Oh, that reminds me of one more riddle!

**Q. Why were the people in today's Bible lesson called Sadducees?**

**A. Since they didn't believe in the resurrection or the happiness of heaven, they were very "Sad, you see!"**



## My Prayer

Dear Father, we are happy today that you have promised us eternal life in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.





# Jesus and the Sadducees

And they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. Luke 20:36

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

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# Time to Think!

## *Discern and change we must....*

Recently, Cardinal Mario Grech, speaking in relation to the universal Synod warned against "The Danger of Keeping Silent". The Synodal process is a time for speech, a time to let the voice of the Church speak and bring forward the issues, the problems that inhabit our Synodal Church.

Last week Pope Francis, named Fr. Niall Coll as Bishop-Elect for the Diocese of Ossory. In Five years' time, only eight Priests in that entire Diocese will be under the age of 66, an age this state deems appropriate for its citizens to retire. Fr. Coll stated "The four-century and more long dominance of the Tridentine pattern has left Catholics almost everywhere unfamiliar with and thus unskilled in discerning and negotiating possibilities for change in Church life. But, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, discern and change we must, in line with Pope Francis' emphasis on the need for Synodality."

Discern and change we must! What does it mean to say that we must change in a context where in five years there will be eight priests under 66 in the Diocese of Ossory at best? What will change mean for who will be proclaiming the Gospel in the future when the numbers entering the seminary have plummeted in the last twenty-thirty years? Pope Francis is asking us to go on a path of Synodality. The explanation of it is that we journey together, we walk together, we listen to each other and we listen to everyone. What will need to change at diocesan level so that we can discern how to listen to one another and journey together in a mature and accountable way? Traditionally 'Tridentine pattern' placed the priest was seen somewhat on a pedestal. Bishop-Elect Coll says that we must discern and change?

**Gospel witness;** How can Catholics remain true to the vision of Jesus in a pluralistic and increasingly secular society that accepts as "normal", behaviours and lifestyles contrary to the Gospel? How can the Church best use her material resources to help the poor and needy?

**Immigrants;** How can the Church best embrace the fast-growing number of immigrants coming to our country??

**Leadership;** How can a bishop strengthen their credibility among the laity? How can he exercise his authority in a consultative and collegial way? How should he deal with dissent?

**Parish Life;** How can the Church reanimate the person in the pew through a better appreciation of the Eucharist? How can the Church better support lay people in their family and work lives? How can she affirm life and family issues more effectively and teach a respect for the beauty of human sexuality?

**Schools;** What is the future of Catholic schools on all levels, elementary, secondary, and collegiate? What is their specific Catholic identity and mission?

**Vocation Crisis;** How can the Church call and train priest leaders to provide vision for the laity who will assume even greater roles of leadership.

**Women;** What role should women have in the Church? How best meet their needs and desire for service to God's people?

**Self-identity;** How can the Church nationally and at diocesan level best be the servant of Jesus Christ? Is the Church too materialistic, too rich, and too concerned with numbers and buildings?

The number of priests and members of religious orders in Ireland has dropped by 70% since 1970. In the past three years more than 25% of all priests in Ireland have died. The average age of priests has risen substantially in that time; it is now well above 70. Add to that problems of health and morale, and you have a serious difficulty with staffing, to name just one. I currently hold the responsibility as Parish Priest of three Parishes. Clustering Parishes has become the norm. In our diocese many clergy generously continue holding active posts of responsibility well into their 80s. I often marvel at these elderly Priests being so selfless despite the burden that comes with old age. However, does the institution think it is acceptable that this responsibility is inflicted on such men to be acceptable?

The volume of work has not lessened; if anything the contrary is true, but the numbers available to do it have declined. Statistics and anecdotal evidence could be multiplied, but it is unnecessary. This situation did not develop overnight. A substantial decline in vocations began as far back as thirty years ago. There was no shortage of voices calling for action, for a review of the way that we are church, for the training and empowerment of lay-people, for the creation of structures of dialogue, participation, and subsidiarity. In response, some wagged a finger in reproof, saying, 'God will provide'. That was to evade the issue, and the decline continued. Regrettably, little of the above was done. A crash landing, therefore, seems more likely than a soft one. If you don't learn lessons the easy way, you are taught the hard way. If you don't take the initiative, you will be boxed into a corner by circumstances beyond your control, and with no room for manoeuvre. If you don't reform, you precipitate a revolution – or a collapse.

Perhaps it is providential. The model of church – that is to say, the particular way of being the church – we have lived with in Europe for centuries is on its last legs and, most likely, will collapse. What will follow? It is impossible to know, and speculation about the future usually gets it wrong. What may emerge will be a new model of church, more democratic and less hierarchical, more charismatic and less structured, more lay and less clerical, smaller and less concerned with numbers. Out of that, a new understanding of the Christian faith may also emerge. In much of the world, the Catholic Church turned the faith into a control system. That was to repeat the Pharisees' mistake, and to miss the point that Jesus was trying to free people from that. If the faith is seen as prophetic and motivating, focusing on relationships, enabling people to realise their humanity, it will be true to itself and be welcomed. Otherwise, it will wither, and have to await a better day.

Pope Francis invitation for universal Synod is a very positive initiative. Our national Synod is an opportunity for all of us to engage in a process where our hopes and frustrations as members of church are promised to be listened to and indeed acted upon. This process in Germany and other European countries has been very real and honest. The heart of the Gospel pulsates with love, compassion and inclusion. My own sense is that as the disciples realised, when they felt like walking away, they said "Lord to whom shall we go, you have the message of eternal life".

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 26,800 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)*



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*Paddy Lalor who was 90 recently was honoured by the Heath Hall and Cemetery Committee at their AGM. Paddy, who is the longest serving member was thanked for his dedication, commitment and hard work over the years. Paddy has given so much to the local community and he is wished the best of health and happiness for the future.*

**MALEs Ireland (Men As Learners & Elders)**  
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#### A GATHERING FOR MEN

The clocks have gone back, the harvest is in as we usher in the "dark half of the year". And we, too, must know how to embrace our own personal darkness so that the weeks and months ahead become a creative time for us when we can deepen our roots in order to become a stronger and a better version of ourselves. November is also a time for remembering loved ones who have gone ahead of us "marked with the sign of faith." Join us for our **Samhain** weekend in Castletown where we will turn our focus inward and look to our Fathers/Mothers, and explore ways of honouring both - what they have taught us, what we may still need to learn from them, and how we might carry their torch forwards into the future. Rituals devised by our Ritual team, involving all our senses, indoors and outdoors, in large groups and small council groups, drumming, and individual focus time, which will help us explore this area of work.

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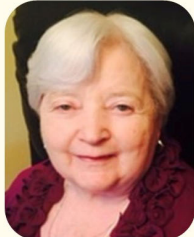
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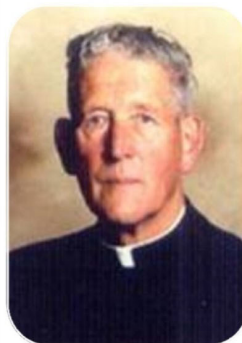
*Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

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**In Loving Memory of  
FR. GREGORY BROPHY**



18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

*"For this God is our God  
forever and ever;  
He will be our guide even  
to the end"*  
*Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
JOHN PAUL KIRWAN**



Ann Grove, Kilbricken, Mountrath, Co. Laois.  
18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe,  
this **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
**at 12 noon.**

*Quickly and quietly came the call,  
Without farewell you left us all,  
A sudden call from God on high,  
You had no chance to say goodbye,  
Without farewell you fell asleep,  
But memories of you we'll always  
keep.*

**Also remembering at this time  
John's daddy Martin (Murt) Kirwan.**  
*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, loved and always remembered by  
your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace John Paul*



**In Loving Memory of  
GERARD (Gerry) GORMAN**



11 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

*He saw the road was getting rough,  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So He closed your weary eyelids,  
And whispered "Peace be Thine".*

*Sadly missed by your loving family  
and extended family.*

*May Gerard Rest in Peace*



## In Loving Memory of WILLIAM (Bill) O'REILLY

Marian House, Dublin Rd., 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, this  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm.

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

*Thinking of you today and always.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Maura and family.*

*May Bill Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of DANNY O'CONNELL

*The Rock of Dunamais,*  
11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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

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

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Mary and all his  
family, extended family and friends.*

*May Danny Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of CARMEL KEALEY

*Sheffield, Portlaoise.*  
7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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

*It was a sudden parting, too bitter to  
forget, those who love you dearly are  
the ones who cannot forget,  
The blow was hard, the shock severe,  
to part with one we loved so dear.*

*Sadly missed by your loving husband Frankie,  
children Pauline, Carmel, Francis and Breda,  
grandchildren, extended family and friends.*

*May Carmel Rest in Peace*

## Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance

## In Loving Memory of FIÁDĤ & EVE GRAHAM

*Boughlone Way, Bellingham.*

Special Anniversary thoughts of our beautiful Granddaughters  
Also remembering Fiádh's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday & Eve's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday  
which occurred recently.



*You are two of Heaven's angels now,  
Two perfect little stars,  
And when you shine the world can see,  
How beautiful you both are.  
May you fly with magic wings,  
On clouds so soft and white,  
May your hearts be joyful and your days  
be bathed in light.*



*And though our hearts are broken, and your lives were far  
too short, we thank you sweetest angels, for the happiness  
you brought.*



*Never forgotten Nannie, Grandad, Ger, Dolores,  
Trevor, Tracy, Emma, Tristan and Shaun xxxxxx*

*May Fiádh & Eve Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of BERNADETTE SCULLY

3 New Road, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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

*We miss you from your fireside  
chair,  
Your loving smile and gentle air,  
Your vacant place no one can fill,  
We miss you mother and  
always will.*

*Loved and missed by your daughters Mary and Bernadette,  
grandsons Senan and Cillian son-in-law John,  
extended family and friends.*

Also remembering her loving husband Timmy at this time.

*May Bernadette Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of MARY TAAFFE

*Late of Droimnin and Ballymanus.*  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022



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

*Remembered by  
Kathryn and family.*

*Rest in Peace Mary*



## In Loving Memory of GEORGE BREEN

137 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurred 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and  
George's Birthday occurred 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



The special memories of you  
will always bring a smile,  
If only we could have you  
back for just a little while,  
Then we could sit and talk  
again, just like we used  
to do,

You always meant so very  
much and will always do too.

The fact that you're no longer here will always  
cause me pain, but you are forever in my heart,  
until we meet again.

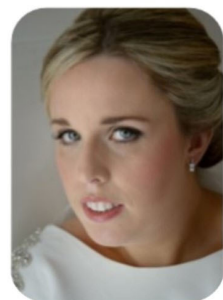
Sadly missed by your loving family and friends.

*Rest in Peace George*

## In Loving Memory of NICOLA DOLLARD

*née Kelly*

Rathevan View and late of Hawthorn Drive.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022



It's lonely here without you,  
We miss you more each  
day,

For life is not the same to  
us, since you were called  
away.

Your resting place we visit,

And flowers we place with care,  
But no one knows our heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always  
remembered by her husband Damien,  
son Andrew, parents Gerard and Carmel,  
sister Michelle, brother John, nieces  
Chloe, Rebecca, Sophie and Grace,  
extended family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Nicola*

*let His light shine.*



## In Loving Memory of GRETTA KELLY

Kellbyrne House, Rathevan, Portlaoise.  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church on  
**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.**

*If we could visit heaven, on this our  
saddest day, maybe for a moment our  
pain would go away.*

*We'd put our arms around you and  
whisper words so true, that living life  
without you is so very hard to do.*

*We cannot bring the old days back when  
we were all together, but loving thoughts  
and memories will stay with us forever.*

*Loved and remembered always by  
Christy, Adrian & Rebecca.*

*Rest in Peace Gretta*

## In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Paddy) REDDIN

4 Dr. Murphy Place. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 14<sup>th</sup> November.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm**

*Your smile was made of sunshine,  
Your heart was made of gold,  
We thank you for the love you gave,  
And the memories that we hold.*

*No matter how we spend our days, no matter what we do,  
No morning dawns, no evening falls,  
Without a thought of you.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all his loving family.

*May Patrick Rest in Peace*

## In Loving Memory of LOUGHLIN "Lockey" DELANEY

New Park, Portlaoise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church,  
this **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30pm.**

*Just a prayer from the family who  
loved you,*

*Just a memory fond and true,  
In our hearts you will live forever,  
Because we thought the world of you.*

Sorely missed by his loving family; his son Derry, daughters  
Frances and Emily and their mother Mary, siblings Joe and  
John, Madeleine, Sheila, Rena and Mary, by his large  
extended family and his many friends. Loved by his  
grandchildren Eve and Jonah and son-in-law John.

*Rest in Peace Lockey*



## In Loving Memory of **BREDA WALSH**

(née Keogh)

Late of Chelmsford, Essex and Ridge Road,  
Portlaoise.

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



Our family chain is broken,  
And nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us  
one by one,  
The chain will link again.

*Forever Loved  
Never forgotten  
Always missed.*

Matty, Jason, Helena,  
Emma and Shane, all  
the grandkids and  
extended family.

*Rest in Peace Breda*

## Cherished Memories of Our Beloved Sister

### **BREDA WALSH (née Keogh)**

Late of Chelmsford Essex and Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 12:30pm.

*Beautiful memories are wonderful things,  
They last till the longest day,  
They never wear out or get lost,  
And can never be given away.  
To some, you may be forgotten,  
To others a part of the past,*

*But to us who loved and lost you, your memory will always last.*

Always loved and sadly missed by your sisters, brothers  
and extended family.

*Rest in Peace Breda*

## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE For a Special Husband and Father **TED LEWIS**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Birthday away from home; 6<sup>th</sup> November.



*Your life was one of kindly deeds,  
A helping hand for others' needs,  
Sincere and true in heart and mind,  
Beautiful memories left behind.*

Also remembering Ted on our  
55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which  
occurred 4<sup>th</sup> November.

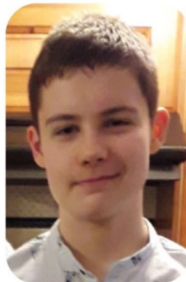
Sadly missed by his wife Patricia, sons, daughters,  
son & daughters-in-law, grandchildren and  
great-grandson.

*Rest in Peace Ted*

## In Loving Memory of **ADAM KENNEDY**

Kylebrook, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
the Church of the Assumption,  
the Heath, this  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am.

*A loving nature, a heart of gold,  
The very best this world could hold,  
Never selfish, always kind, these are the  
memories you left behind,*

*A silent thought, a quiet prayer, for a special person,  
In God's care.*

Sadly missed, cherished always, your loving family x

*Rest in Peace Adam*

## In Loving Memory of **SEAN HOLOHAN**

Formerly 40 Oakleaf Place & Newtown Stradbally.



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

*If tears could build a stairway,  
And heartaches could make a lane  
We would walk to Heaven and  
bring you home again.*

Sadly missed by your wife Chris, children,  
daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, sisters and  
grandchildren and great grandchild Scarlet Rose.

*May Sean Rest in Peace*

## In November We Remember

November is a time for remembering and  
praying for our loved ones who have gone  
before us and whose loss we feel.





**In Loving Memory of**  
**VIOLET & PETER**  
**McNULTY**

Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries occur at this time.



*Deep in our hearts you  
will always stay,  
Loved and  
remembered everyday.  
Their spirits live on.*



*Missed by all their family and friends.*

*May Violet & Peter Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**ANN BERGIN**

née Holohan  
20 Parnell Crescent, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.**

Sadly missed, loved and remembered  
by her husband Tom and sons Darren,  
Jayson and Tristian.

*Rest in Peace Ann*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**EILISH HEARNS**

Colt, Ballyroan. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> November '22.



Anniversary Mass for Eilish, her son-in-law  
John Mulhall and his mother Lillie Mulhall,  
will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church,  
Raheen, **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.**

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

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

*Rest in Peace Eilish*

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# Children's Choir



## Church of the Holy Cross Ratheniska

Welcoming First to Sixth Classes

Rehearsals begin on  
Friday 11th November

3.30pm to 4.30pm

in Church of the Holy Cross Ratheniska

with Anna Malone & Caroline Keogh

Children's Choir will sing one Sunday each month.

Enrolment forms available from [portlaoiseparish.ie](http://portlaoiseparish.ie)

## 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 |

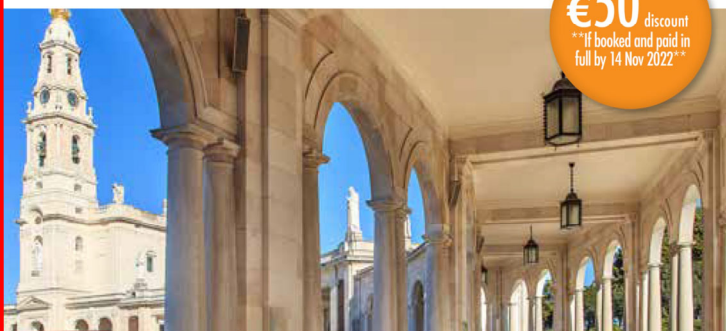
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### INCLUDING

- Fully escorted pilgrimage
- Accompanied by Fr Pat Hennessy
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## PORTLAOISE PARISH HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

07 SEP – 15 SEP 2023

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: MSGR. JOHN BYRNE

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**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: €769**

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

Refundable deposit of €100.00 per person up to  
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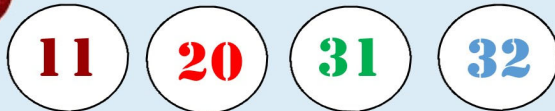
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## Portlaoise Parish



## Results for 3rd November 2022



**No €19,000 Jackpot Winner**

### WINNERS

**MATCH 3s €1,000**

### PROMOTER

Adam Mcevoy  
Henry Hewitt  
Emily Griffey Haslam  
Thomas O'Connor



James Houlihan  
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Paddy O'Connor

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**Next Week's Jackpot is €20,000**

## 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  
viewed on our website and our Church Porches.  
**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person**  
Kathleen Sherry [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

## Parish Centre



**Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm**  
**Phone: 057-8621142 / 057-8660722**  
**E-mail: [info@portlaoiseparish.ie](mailto: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**  
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(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](mailto:linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie)**

**PARISH SHOP**  
**057 8621142 - Claire Scully**

## Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14  
Psalm 16:1.5-6. 8. 15.  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5  
Luke 20:27-38

## 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:**

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