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27th November 2022

First Sunday of Advent



‘Prepare ye the Way
of the Lord’ is the call
of Advent.

But ‘prepare you the
Advent Wreath’ was
the call to Sr. Julie
during the week!

Thank you!

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Come, Lord Jesus

Lord of Hope



THE WREATH

Today we light the first of our Advent candles. The traditional use of

Advent candles originated in eastern Germany prior to the Reformation. There are three purple candles and one pink candle. Purple for the royalty of the coming **King** the pink candle is the third candle to be lit on what is call **Gaudete Sunday** and represents '**joy**'. The gradual lighting of the four candles symbolises the coming **Light** into the world. The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represent everlasting life.

ABOUT ADVENT

The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Advent is far more than simply marking a 2,000 year old event in history. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ whereby all of creation might be reconciled to God.

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Saturday: 10am

Sunday

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8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

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Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday

After 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.



**Masses for the Dead List
will be celebrated on:**

Monday at 7.30am
and Tuesday at 7.30pm.

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
Give us hope as we wait
For your coming again.
When we are tempted
to be grateful to have found
you
While others are lost,
Send us out into the darkness
In search of those who need you most.
Amen.



Fáilte

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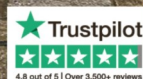
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9th December - Coffee Morning and Carols for our charity
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14th December - Club Members Christmas dinner and
party at 2pm in the Parish Centre.

15th December - Portlaoise Library at 11am.

For more details contact PRO Sheila at 0876204617.

Portlaoise Toastmasters met Monday 14th November
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**Results of Whist Drive held in Portlaoise Parish
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Top Score: Frank Keenan

1st Lady: Kit Farrell

2nd Lady: B.O.B

1st Gent: Sheila Duff

2nd Gent: Austin Kavanagh

1st Half: Frances Gleeson

2nd Half: Theresa Mulhare

Raffle: **1st** Catherine Fitzpatrick **2nd** Sheila Duff
3rd Theresa Mulhare **4th** Frances Gleeson
5th Norah Delaney **6th** Austin Kavanagh



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

Clonad Whist Results:

Top Score: Tom Dunne

1st Lady: Breda Fitzpatrick

2nd Lady: Betty Shrahan

1st Gent: Sheila Duff

2nd Gent: Tom Jacob

1st Half: Liam McCarthy

2nd Half: Ann Dunne

Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist returns to
Friday nights from 2nd Dec. at 8pm. Newcomers welcome.

Laois Branch of the Irish Guide Dogs will be taking
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Religious Notices

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**Join with us to pray the Rosary via Portlaoise Parish
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Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto after evening Mass on
the First Friday of every month.

Jesus is coming again!

Christmas is coming soon. It is easy to tell. We see the signs all around us. What are the signs? We see Christmas decorations in the shops and on houses, we hear Christmas songs on the radio, we see ads on television and in the newspapers. What if we didn't have all of these things to remind us that Christmas is coming? How would we know? I guess we would just have to look at the calendar.

Two thousand years ago, there was no television or radio. There were no newspaper ads announcing that a child would be born and that he would be the Saviour of the world. When Jesus was born, very few people even knew about it, but it was an event which God had promised and which had been foretold by prophets many years before. Many people had been looking forward to the coming of the Messiah, they just didn't know exactly when he was coming. This Sunday marks the beginning of a very special season called Advent. Do you know what Advent means? The dictionary says that advent is "the coming of something very important." What is it? Is it Christmas? Yes, we are looking forward to that, but we are also looking forward to the coming of another very important event. The return of Jesus!

Jesus promised to come again. You won't hear much about it on the television or radio and you won't read much about it in the newspapers, but he promised he would return and we believe it! We look forward to it just as people two thousand years ago looked forward the coming Messiah. We don't know exactly when he will come, it isn't marked on the calendar, but we are watching and waiting.

As we look prepare to celebrate the birthday of our Saviour, let's also be sure we are prepared for the day that he will come again.

Dear Father, we thank you for this special time of year and what it means to us. We thank you for keeping your promise to send a Saviour - and we thank you for the promise that he will come again. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Advent



Today is the First Sunday of Advent
also known as **THE SUNDAY OF HOPE**

We light one **purple candle** today.
Colour one candle **purple** on the *wreath*.



Advent Calendar 2022



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
28TH NOVEMBER Start this week by remembering to say your prayers every morning and evening. 	29TH NOVEMBER Light one purple candle on the Advent Wreath. 	30TH NOVEMBER Be kind to the younger children in the playground. 	1ST DECEMBER Forgive someone who has hurt your feelings. 	2ND DECEMBER Help around the house today. 	3RD DECEMBER Go with your family to Mass this weekend. 	4TH DECEMBER Light two purple candles on the Advent Wreath. 
5TH DECEMBER Pray for your grandparents today 	6TH DECEMBER Invite someone who has been left out, to play with you. 	7TH DECEMBER Remember to say 'Grace Before Meals'. 	8TH DECEMBER Try and go to Mass today. 	9TH DECEMBER Help the Homeless, donate something small to P.A.T.H 	10TH DECEMBER Read a Christmas Story 	11TH DECEMBER Bring the baby Jesus from your crib to Mass this weekend to be blessed. 
12TH DECEMBER Is there something you could donate to St. Vincent de Paul? 	13TH DECEMBER Visit the church to see the crib and ask for help to light a candle 	14TH DECEMBER Do something nice for your teacher 	15TH DECEMBER Have you sent your letter to Santa? 	16TH DECEMBER Make an ornament for your Christmas tree 	17TH DECEMBER Light three purple candles and one pink candle on the Advent wreath. 	18TH DECEMBER Bring your family to the Children's Choir Service in Portlaoise Parish Church at 6.30pm today. 
19TH DECEMBER Sing some Christmas Carols today 	20TH DECEMBER Make a Christmas Card for your neighbour 	21ST DECEMBER Smile at everyone, you meet today 	22ND DECEMBER Do something to help someone without being asked 	23RD DECEMBER Help Mummy and Daddy to prepare for Christmas. 	24TH DECEMBER Say a prayer for all families who are expecting a new baby at this time. 	25TH DECEMBER Welcome Baby Jesus! A child is born..... 



Time to Think!

ADVENT... A TIME TO BE PATIENT

It should be no secret to anyone that we do not know the date of Christ's birth, and so the Church baptised a Pagan feast. The Pagans saw the world as a great cosmic struggle between the powers of darkness, and the powers of light. They noticed that at different times, darkness seemed to be getting the better of the light. The sun, the light, was getting weaker. It was obvious that those fearful dark days were getting stronger and longer and the people were afraid that someday the darkness would kill the sun and the light altogether, and they shuddered in fear. But around the end of December, the people noticed that the tables had begun to turn. The sun was regaining its strength, and it began to push darkness off, and the light returned. When the Christians came along, they took over this Pagan notion of the light defeating darkness. They chose December 25th to celebrate the birth of Christ. So in the Christian scheme, within the great struggle between good and evil and light and darkness, this would be the time when the darkness of sin and death would now be overcome by the light of the world; Jesus, the son of God. The Christians called this time Christmas, and they made Advent the beginning of the end of darkness, a time of looking forward to the coming of the light. And that is what it has meant ever since.

Advent marks that time when darkness begins to grow weaker, and the sun becomes stronger. Advent is an invitation to break through the darkness into the light. It offers a challenge that comes to us very forcefully with a question: What darkness do you need to overcome? What darkness in your life and in your world would you like to see reversed? What breakthrough would you want for this New Year? I suggest that if you are looking for an Advent motif in order to roll-back some of the darkness, it might be the motif of light-beaming. We all contain within us the power to bring light: a gesture to make somebody feel better, a smile, picking up the telephone, an apology given, and a reach outward. Very simple things, and yet with them we can heal hearts and souls, and often bodies. That could be our goal for the new church year, to be light bearers in the darkness.

There is a story of six people who froze to death around a campfire on a bitterly cold night. Each had a log of wood they might have contributed to the fire, but for reasons satisfactory to themselves, each person refused to give what they had. A woman would not give because she said she hated men. A homeless man would not give because there was a rich man in the group. The rich man would not give because he did not want to warm someone who was obviously shiftless, lazy, and drunk. Another would not give up his log because he recognised someone not of his race or religious faith. And the fire died, as each person withheld their piece of fuel for reasons justifiable to themselves, and so, they all died. This story was originally told in a poem that ends with these tragic lines: six logs held fast in death's still hand were proof of human sin; they did not die from cold without, they died from cold within.



In the prayer 'Patient trust' Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ reminds us of the tension between our desire to grasp time as if it is something to purchase and our desire to cooperate with the time of God as if it is a gift. He knows it takes courage to 'let go and let God' because it comes with frustration and uncertainty. Teilhard wants us to trust that it is only God who knows how our life will pan out. To take the risk in following Jesus and to accept our unfinished state. If the doorkeeper is attentive and patient throughout his shift, he will "keep awake" and be ready to greet his master when he comes. He will be a model of mindfulness that is awareness that arises from paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment and non-judgmentally. Can we, like the doorkeeper, accept the frustration and uncertainty of being in waiting? Can we trust that God's hand is leading us – letting our thoughts and feelings come and go in a mindful way? Perhaps we can be in touch with the presence of Jesus while desiring an even closer relationship come Christmas day.

Patient Trust by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.

We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that it may take a very long time.

And so, I think it is with you; your ideas mature gradually – let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.

Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ

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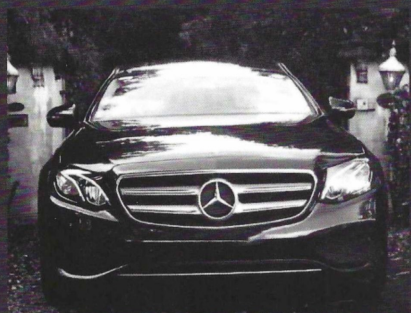
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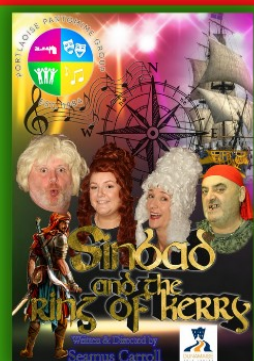
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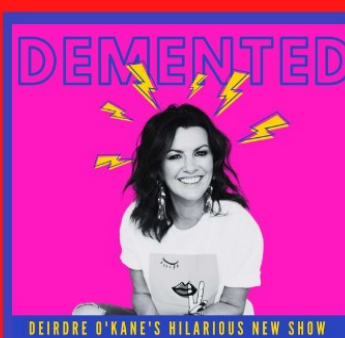
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**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET RYAN**

(née Scully)



Died 18th November 2004
18th Anniversary occurs at this time.

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

Always loved and remembered.

Rest in Peace Aunt Mary Margaret

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN BRENNAN**

Rathleague, Portlaoise

John's 5th anniversary occurs on Monday, November 28th

Mass will be celebrated on 28th Nov. at 7.30pm



Think of him as living in the hearts
of those he touched,

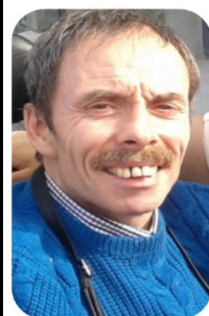
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And he was loved so very much.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his
loving children, grandchildren,
family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Dad

**In Loving Memory of
PAT DWYER**

20 Grenville, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 28th November 2022



*Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts you are always there.
The gates of memory will never close.
We miss you more than anybody knows.
With tender love and deep regret,
We who loved you will never forget.*

*Fondly remembered always by Joan, Martina,
Paul, Isabel, extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Pat

**In Loving Memory of
PJ WALSH**

Borris Road, Portlaoise

1st Anniversary occurs on 2nd December 2022

Mass will be celebrated on 3rd Dec. at 6.30pm



You have gone no further from us than to
God and God is very near. May heaven be
a place for you where you can dig and
plant flowers of the humblest kind and
those of the rarest scent.

*Remembered and missed by your sisters Olive, Mary and
Patricia. Nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and
neighbours.*

Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of ELEANOR WALSH

Capoley Lane, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurred 3rd December 2022.
Mass will be celebrated in the Parish
Church on Saturday 3rd December
at 6.30pm.



"The best way to feel better is to
make someone else feel good"
- Eleanor Walsh
Dearly missed by all her loving family
and friends.
Rest in Peace Eleanor

In Loving Memory of MARGARET DRENNAN

Ratheniska House, Stradbally, Portlaoise.
Died 4th December 2019.



3rd Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in the Church of the
Holy Cross, Ratheniska, on
Sunday 4th December at 10am.
Sadly missed and always remembered
by your husband Arthur, son Diarmaid,
daughter-in-law Anne, grandsons
Sean and Padraig and your extended
family, relatives and friends.

May Margaret Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of JIM GORMAN

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.
15th Anniversary occurs 27th November 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 27th November at 12:30pm.

*We think of you every day,
You are in our hearts forever,
For nothing loved is ever lost and you were
loved so much.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family.
We also remember his late wife Phil who recently passed.

May Jim and Phil Rest in Peace

Stay
awake
and stand
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Matthew 24:42



In Loving Memory of A Special Mum and Gran ALICE HILLIARD

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daughter Elizabeth, son in law
Diarmuid, grandchildren Faith, Lauren, Brooke, Jennifer, Nicole,
Bernard, Rebecca and their partners, great-grandchildren and
Alice's brother Andrew.

May They Rest in Peace

let His light shine.



In Loving Memory of PETER AND KATIE MOLLOY

2 Upper Grattan Street, Portlaoise.
Whose 32nd and 9th Anniversaries occur at this time.



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

Sadly missed and remembered by your loving family.

May Peter & Katie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of MARGARET LYNCH née DOHENY

St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated on Sunday 27th November
at 10am



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 always remembered
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May Margaret Rest in Peace

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

*To your resting place we visit,
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But no one knows our heartache,
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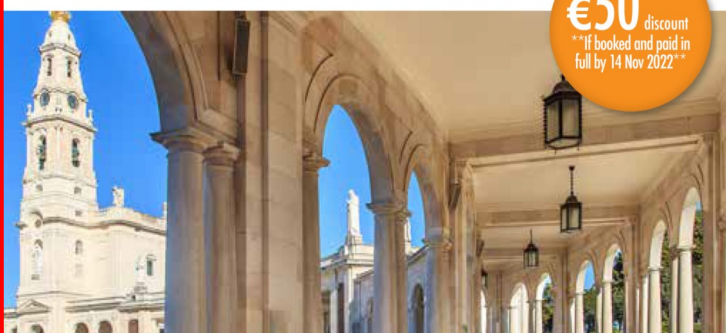
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First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9

1 Roman 13:11-14

Matthew 24:37-44

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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Some useful tips for your oil tank:

- ▶ 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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