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18th December 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Heath Choir going strong since 1973 were honoured at Mass last Sunday morning. Inset original members being presented with a plaque of the Church, Myra Hennessy, Mary Hennessy, and Helen on behalf of her mother Eileen Fitzpatrick with Bishop Denis.

More photos inside and on our website.



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Lord of Love

PARISH CHURCH CAROL SERVICES



Children's Choir, Tonight (Sunday) at 7pm
Parish Choir, Tuesday at 8pm

Mass times for the coming week
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Monday - Saturday
7am & 10am
Christmas Timetable see page 19



Penitential Service
Parish Church
Thursday 22nd December
7.30pm.



Keep calm... and enjoy Christmas

At Christmas there is a huge pressure on us to get everything right the right presents, a Christmas card list that doesn't miss anyone out, the perfectly cooked

Christmas dinner, Christmas decorations that will rival the neighbours', not to mention all those awkward family politics. All this for just for one day! The key to coping with the pressure is to remind ourselves that the festivities really are only just for one day... the enduring message is that the birth of Jesus heralds a new way of living for each and every new generation.

Christmas Collection for the support of the Priests.

The Christmas Collection for the Clergy will be held at all Masses on Christmas Day.

Envelopes are in the Development Boxes or you can pick up an Envelope in Church porches.

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Collectors for Christmas Masses

Usual Collectors are required to help in Church porches on Christmas Day for the Clergy Collection or if anyone is interested in helping out, please contact the Parish Office during office hours Tel: 0578621142. **Thank you.**

An Advent Poem

by John Bell

Light looked down and saw the darkness

"I will go there" said light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

"I will go there said peace".

Love looked down and saw hatred.

"I will go there", said love.

So he, The Lord of Light,

The Prince of Peace,

The King of Love,

Came down and crept in beside us.

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We welcome into our Parish Community
Frankie Christina McManus, Summerhill
Who was baptised last weekend.

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Tuesday	20th Dec	7.30am-9pm	Tuesday	27th Dec	8am-5pm
Wednesday	21st Dec	7.30am-9pm	Wednesday	28th Dec	7.30am-7pm
Thursday	22nd Dec	7.30am-10pm	Thursday	29th Dec	7.30am-9pm
Friday	23rd Dec	7am-10pm	Friday	30th Dec	7.30am-9pm
Christmas Eve	24th Dec	7am-6pm	New Year's Eve	31st Dec	7.30am-7pm
			New Year's Day	1st Jan	8am-5pm



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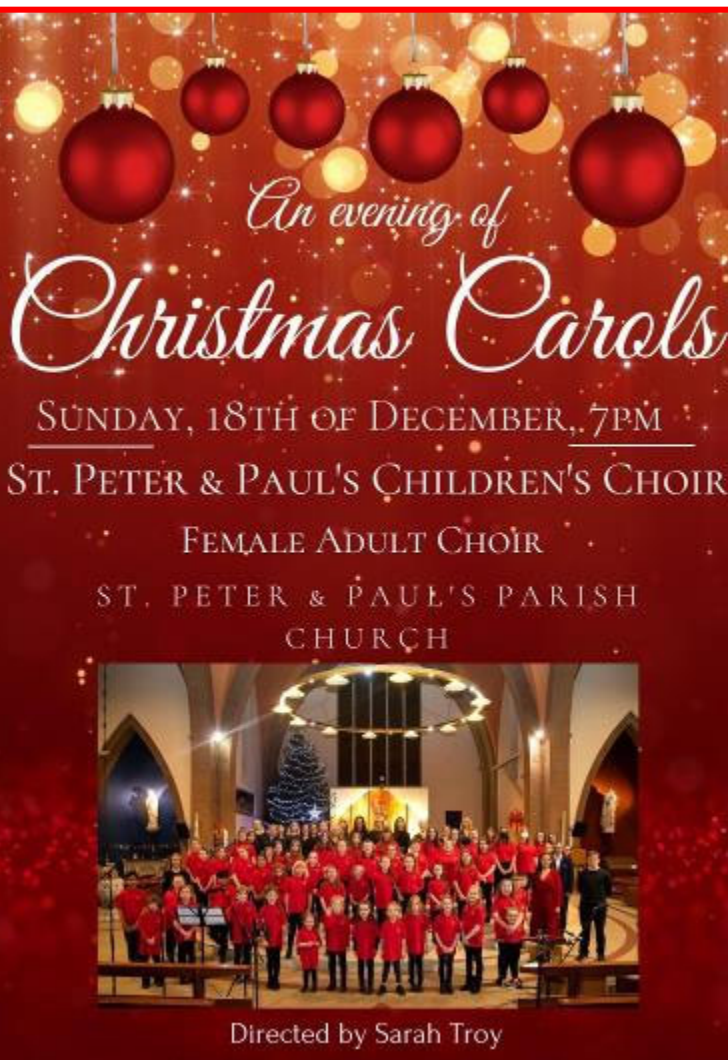
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*'Tracing Our Past -
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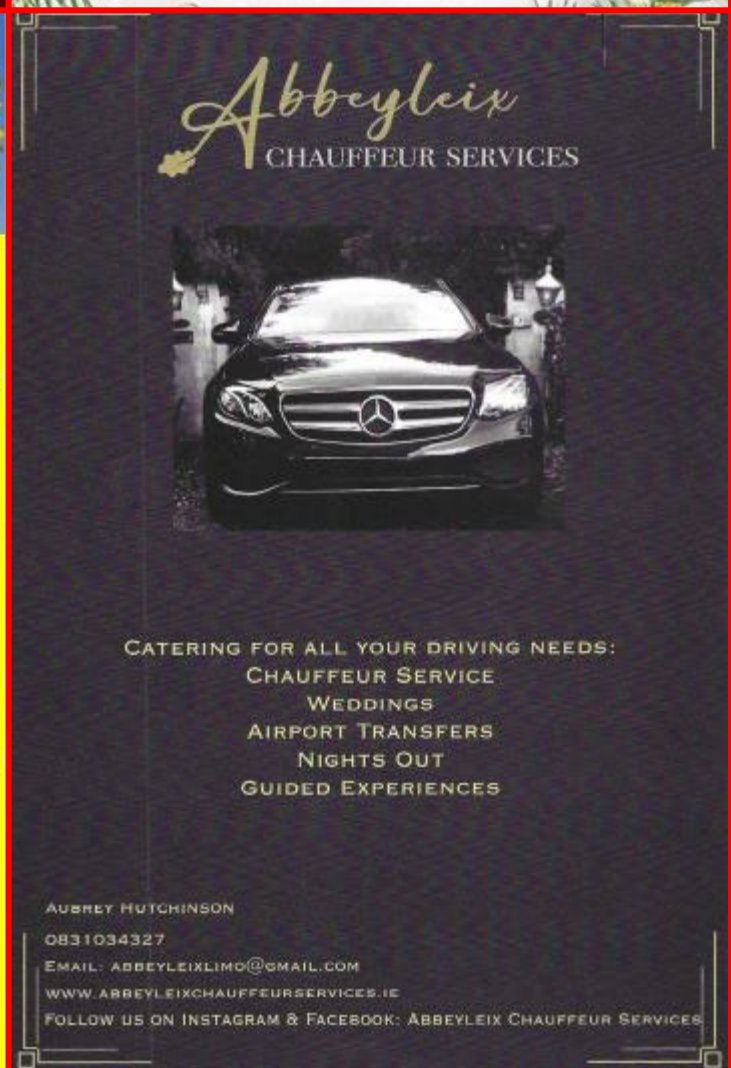



'Tracing Our Past: Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanaboe', which was compiled by the pupils in the school year 2021-2022, will be available to purchase at a cost of €20 on the night of the launch.

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Wed. 21st Dec.; We will have a fun day and break up
until 4th January 2023, when we will have singalong with
Caroline.

Thurs. 22nd Dec.; Our choir will entertain visitors in the
prison. There will be no cards in Kilminchy that day, we
will resume again on Thursday 5th January 2023.

We wish all our members a very happy, peaceful and
healthy Christmas. See you all P.G. in the New Year and
perhaps a few more new members. For further info.
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THANK YOU NOTE FROM MARY'S MEALS; A fun-filled,
festive celebration was held at Ballyfin Community Centre
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Wishing you a blessed Christmas, filled with the joy that
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Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues
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Religious Notices

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.

Christmas Novena; Join us as we enter a period of
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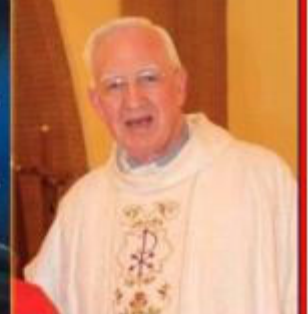
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Christmas Blessings from Kiltegan

*Wishing you all a Happy Christmas
May the New Year be rich in Blessings*

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Mary Visits Elizabeth

Today is the last Sunday before Christmas. Are you getting excited? I am! What are some of the things that you look forward to at Christmas – besides opening presents of course? What are some of the family traditions your family has? The thing I remember most about the Christmases of my childhood is our family get-together. We almost always went to my Grandmother's house and had a big family get-together. It was often the only time during the year when I got to see some of my aunts, uncles, and cousins. We had so much fun visiting, eating, and playing games. In my mind, one of the very best things about Christmas is celebrating the birth of Jesus with family.



In the Gospel today the story tells what happened after God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she was going to have a baby and that she would name him Jesus. Can you imagine how Mary, a teenager engaged to marry a young carpenter, must have felt to hear news like that? After she recovered from the shock, the Bible tells us that Mary hurried to the home of a relative, Elizabeth, to tell her the news. Elizabeth was also expecting a baby and the Gospel tells us that when she heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and said to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed." That is amazing! Before Mary even said a word about having a child, Elizabeth knew it and she knew that the child was going to be a very special child! "Why am I so blessed that the mother of my Lord would visit me?" Elizabeth said. "You are a blessed woman because you have believed that the Lord would do what he said."

So, at the very beginning of the Christmas story was an event that was shared with family and it is a time that has meaning to us as families today. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, it is certainly appropriate that we celebrate it with our families just as Mary did with Elizabeth.

Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are thankful for this time of joyful celebration of our Saviour's birth. We pray that we will honour his birthday as a time of celebration with our families. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.



*We wish our young parishioners
a very happy Christmas*



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

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An Angel visits Mary
You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.
Luke 1:31

GABRIEL SON MARY BORN VIRGIN
AFRAID JOSEPH ANGEL BIRTH JESUS



The Story of the Poinsettia

One Christmas Eve, a young Mexican boy was walking to his local church. Because he was very poor, he couldn't afford a present for the baby Jesus in the crib. This made him really sad. All of a sudden, while on his way to the church, an angel appeared to him and told him to pull up some weeds that were growing on the side of the road, and bring them to the crib for Jesus. The little boy did as the angel had told him. As he laid the weeds in the crib, he bowed his head and prayed. As he did, the weeds began to change into little red flowers with star-shaped leaves. Everybody was amazed at what had happened. We call these flowers Poinsettias, or 'Flor de la Noche Buena', (the Flower of the Holy Night) in Spanish.

A LOVELY TRADITION

Placing the figure of the baby Jesus in the Crib on Christmas Eve. Often the youngest member of the family gets this honour. It may be accompanied by this prayer:

Emmanuel, God with us,
 come to each of us and stay with us.
 Protect us and guide us as a family,
 free us from worry
 and let your love grow in our hearts
 so that we may be Emmanuel,
 God with us,
 to one another
 over these Christmas days
 and beyond.
 Amen.



ALTAR SERVERS

To show our appreciation to all our Altar Servers for their hard work, we are holding a Christmas Movie and party in the Parish Centre after school on Wednesday 21st December. Children can be collected from the Parish Centre at 3pm. Please let us know if you can come.



Time to Think!

Céad Míle Fáilte...

We are about to celebrate Christmas once again. I'm sure for the vast majority, this Christmas, will be greatly enhanced as we live in a post pandemic world. It's hard to believe that just two years ago, Christmas began a national lockdown that lasted for months, where many people were deeply traumatised by loss, illness and isolation. I sincerely pray that during the coming days and weeks you and your families will surround one another with love, friendship and kindness. I think especially of those in our society, where there is no room for them in the Inn. 2022, has been a horrendous year for the people of Ukraine, in the cold bleak darkness of this winter, I pray that the spirit of resilience and courage will bless all whose lives have been shattered because of this terrible conflict. I am also greatly inspired by so many communities right across our island who have made Ukrainian refugees welcome, and included at this difficult time. This is the true spirit of Christianity and defines what's best in our humanity. Céad Míle Fáilte.

A charming story is told of Poinsettia, a poor Mexican girl, who had no gift to present to the baby Jesus in his crib, as was customary on Christmas Eve. As Poinsettia walked slowly to the chapel with her friends and family her heart was full of sadness rather than joy. An angel appeared to the little girl and spoke to her. "I am sure that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in his eyes". Not knowing what to do, the little girl knelt at the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at these insignificant weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. Poinsettia fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel. As she approached the crib she remembered the angel's words. She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the feet of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant crimson red, all who saw them were certain that they had seen a miracle right before their eyes. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the Flores de Buena, Flower of the Holy Night. Known by all of us for its Christmas colour, called the Poinsettia.

This is a powerful story of Christian hope in a time of darkness and uncertainty. So many in our community carry the burden of uncertainty and anxiety at this time. The good news story that we are about to celebrate is that we are not alone. Each one of us are willed into life so that we can celebrate the powerful gift of every moment.



Christmas is a time to ponder and give thanks for the gifts that we all have been blessed with. The bright promise of Christ's presence assures us to be confident that we are not alone, God is very near. And yet even where one can be overwhelmed and indeed choked by the overgrowing destructive weeds regarding so many structures in our society, the Poinsettia offers us hope. This is a time of cleansing, a time for renewal, a time for change. Jesus born in great poverty to a family placed on the margins is our source of new life, renewal, hope and confidence. Jesus feels no doubt the immense pain and suffering that is felt in the hearts of so many good people at this time. He dwells in our hearts that may be disillusioned.

The gift of Christmas is to indulge in a bright light that is so much brighter than any darkness. There are no limitations or restrictions when it comes to the kingdom of Jesus Christ. The light of Christ this Christmas is such brighter than any winter darkness. The new life of Jesus Christ is not something that just once happened but a promise that needs to be realised in all our lives. This is the time. It is the weeds of hurt and brokenness, disillusionment and anger that we place at the foot of our Saviour this Christmas. His Presence will transform and allow us to begin again.

Christmas Prayer

"Let Your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, conform ourselves to it. In our own strength we cannot imitate Your majesty, power, and wonder, nor is it fitting for us to try. But Your mercy reaches from the heavens through the clouds to the earth below. You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love. Caress us with Your tiny hands, embrace us with Your tiny arms and pierce our hearts with Your soft, sweet cries." — St. Bernard of Clairvaux

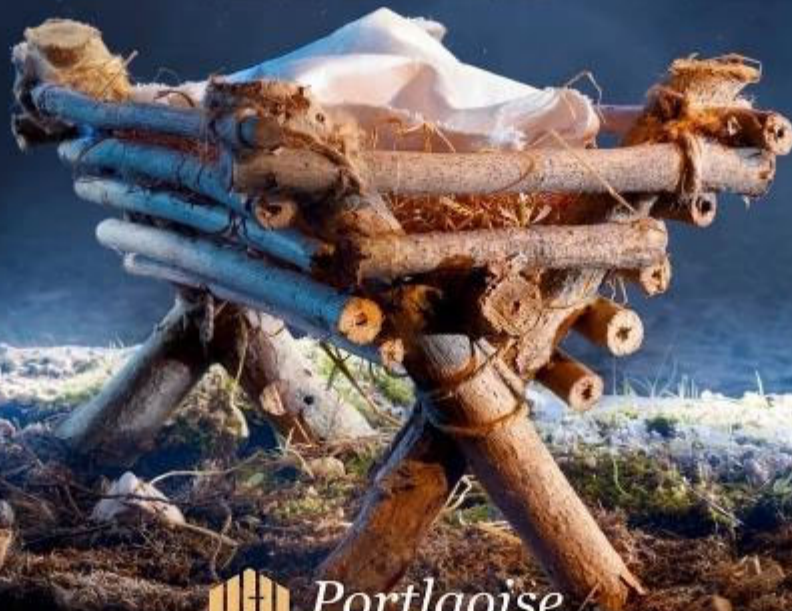
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Christmas Arrangements 2022



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

FRIDAY 16th TO SATURDAY 24th DECEMBER

Mass at 7am every morning.

CAROL SERVICE

Children's Choir Carol Service - Sunday 18th December Parish Church 7pm

Parish Carol Service - Tuesday 20th December Parish Church 8pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (PENITENTIAL SERVICE)

Thursday 22nd December Parish Church 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday 23rd December Parish Church after 10.00am Mass to 1pm

Saturday 24th December Parish Church after 10.00am Mass to 1pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES

Portlaoise Parish Church Children's Mass

(mainly aimed at those who have not yet received 1st Communion) 4.00pm

& Children's Mass 6pm

Parish Church Our Midnight Mass 9pm

Parish Church Polish Mass 10.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES

Parish Church 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm

The Heath 9.30am

Ratheniska 10am

MONDAY 26th DECEMBER TO SATURDAY 31st DECEMBER

Parish Church 10am

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY (MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD)

Parish Church 5pm (vigil), 6.30pm (vigil),
8.30am, 10am, 11.15am and 12.30pm

The Heath 9.30am

Ratheniska 10am

MONDAY 2nd JANUARY to THURSDAY 5th JANUARY

Parish Church 10am

FRIDAY 6th JANUARY (THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD)

7.30pm (vigil Thursday), 8.30am, 10am,
12.30pm & 7.30pm

The Heath: 9.30am

Ratheniska: 10am



Masses will resume as normal from Saturday 7th January

All our up-to-date Mass Times can be accessed on our website.

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Portlaoise
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Thanksgiving Mass in the Church of the Assumption, The Heath



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



John Dunne
Straboe, Portlaoise

Paul Rice - Colliers Court, Portlaoise.

Sharon Crean - College Avenue,
Mountmellick and formerly Portlaoise.

Eileen (Helen) McGrath - Rathmoyle,
Abbeyleix



Margaret Brennan
née Walsh, Ballinakill

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to
the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

In Loving Memory of
ANGELA (Sarah) DOYLE
Kyle, Ballyknocken, Portlaoise.



*10th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church at 10am,
Saturday 24th December.*

*We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name,
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you did not go alone,*

*For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.
You left us precious memories, your love is still our guide,
And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.
Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same,
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.*

*Love from Mam and Dad, Lisa , Nick & Aoibhinn,
Bernard, Nichole, Arden & Naoise, Ciara, Graham,
Adam, Abigail & Alexandra and Donal.*

May Angela Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
CHRIS & MOLLIE BERGIN

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Both birthdays occur 18th December 2022



*Two special people
never forgotten.*

*Loved and remembered by all
their family.*

May Chris & Mollie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE QUIGLEY née Whelan

Rockdale, Portlaoise. Died 24th November 2022.



**Catherine's Months Mind Mass will be
celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 25th December at 10am.**

*"You know that place between sleep and
awake, the place where you can still remember
dreaming? That's where I'll always love you.
That's where I'll be waiting" - Peter Pan ♡*

Sadly missed by Kevin, Selene, Siobhan, Ronan & Noreen.

Rest in Peace Catherine

In Loving Memory of
MONICA MULDOWNY

Togher, Portlaoise

3rd Anniversary occurred 15th December 2022



*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon
you,
To shine upon you and be gracious
unto you,
The Lord lift up the light of his
countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Amen.*

*Loved and remembered always by Bernadette, Columba,
Aidan, Gerard and their families and all the extended family.*

Rest in Peace Monica

**BIRTHDAY & CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCE**

For a very special Mother and Father
MARIA & OLIVER McDONALD

10 Beladd, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.
Maria's 3rd Birthday & Christmas away from Home
Oliver's 1st Christmas away from Home.



*Just a prayer from
the family who love
you, just a memory
fond and true,
In our hearts you
both live forever,
because we thought
the world of you.*



Sadly missed by their sons Lee and Cody,
daughters Sharon, Margaret, Sierra and Jan,
sister Angela and their friend Kathleen,
grandchildren and sons-in-law.

Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of My Mother
CATHERINE KEOGH

Borris Rd. Portlaoise.
44th Anniversary occurred 14th December 2022



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

Also remembering;

My father Garrett, sisters and brothers at
this time, John, Peter, Sean, Brigid, Mary,
Kathleen, Laura and Anne and Edward.

*Always loved and remembered by
Margaret, Oliver and grandchildren.*

*Also remembering her grandson Kevin whose anniversary
occurs at this time and her granddaughter Laura Heffron.*

May Catherine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN FENNELLY

Broomville, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 18th December 2022



*Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, this Sunday 18th
December at 11:15am.*

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

1st ANNIVERSARY

*Of A Loving Husband, Father,
Grandfather and Great-Grandfather*
In Loving Memory Of
JOHN-JOE CONROY

Carrick Hill, Portlaoise. Died 24th December 2021



*Although we're sad without you,
And wish that you were here,
Within our hearts your lovely
smile,
Still shines bright and clear.*

*Sadly missed by Rose and all
his loving family.*

Rest in Peace John-Joe

In Loving Memory of
KEVIN KEOGH

6 Park View, Portlaoise.
Died 17th December 2010 (12th Anniversary)
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Saturday 17th December at 5pm.



*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.
Always loved, never forgotten by
your loving mum and family xxx*

May Kevin Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH DUFF

Beladd, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 25th December 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 18th December at 10am.

*God saw the road was getting rough,
The hills were hard to climb,
So God called you to His Heavenly home,
And whispered "Peace be thine".*

*Sadly missed by your sister Margaret,
brother Eddie and family.*

Rest in Peace Joe

**In Loving Memory of
JIMMY & GERTIE RANKIN**

1 Elm Lawn, Portlaoise.

Whose 21st and 27th Anniversaries (respectively) occur.



Never more than a
thought away, and
those who have loved
you dearly are thinking
of you today.



Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving family.

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PADDY CROSSAN**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 18th December 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 18th December at 11.15am.

Sadly missed and always remembered
by Pdraig, Michael & family,
Kieran & family.

Rest in Peace Paddy

**In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH & BRIDGET
CLEAR**

Whose Anniversaries occur at this time.



Will those who think of them
today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Always remembered by your
loving family.

May Joseph and Bridget Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PHYLLIS LALOR**

Hawthorn Drive, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 20th December 2022



Mam;

A daily thought, a silent tear,
A constant wish that you were here.
Love and miss you everyday Mam,
Gerard x

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 everyday.
Love and miss you beyond words,
Marie & Christy xx

Nan;

No special time is needed for us to think of you,
For you were someone special and we thought the
world of you.

Missing you everyday Nan, love from your two
special boys, Kyle and Finn xx

Mam/Nanny;

A loving Mother and Nan so true,
No one on earth we'll find like you,
For us you always did your best,
God grant your soul eternal rest.
Sadly missed, loved everyday, Daithí, Mags,
Shauna, Oisín and Cillian xxxxx

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 17th December at 5pm.

Rest in Peace Phyllis

**In Loving Memory of
FIONA CONROY**

Kilteale Avenue, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Saturday 17th December at 6:30pm.



Loving Memories of you Fiona,
we will never forget,
Sadly missed along life's way,
with silent thought and deep
regret,
We think of you every day,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're
always there.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your
loving daughter Isabel and Pascal, your
Mother Mary and family.

Rest in Peace Fiona

You are the

Light

Of the World

**In Loving Memory of
DES BROWNE**

Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 19th December 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Monday 19th December at 10am

I am that little Robin that sits upon a tree,

I sing to you each morning,

But you don't know its me,

I am that little Robin in your garden every day,

I will never leave you, I will never fly away.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his wife and family.

May Des Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
FRANK SYDES**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 17th December 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 17th December at 6.30pm.

The world changes year to year,
Our lives from day to day,
But the friendship and the
memories, shall never pass away.

Sadly missed by your neighbours and friends.

Rest in Peace Frank

**In Loving Memory of
CHRIS WOLLARD née Kilbride**

New Zealand and formerly Raheen.
Died recently in New Zealand.



Months Mind Mass will be
celebrated in Raheen Church,
this Saturday 17th December
at 7pm.

Sadly missed by all her family.

Rest in Peace Chris

**BIRTHDAY and CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCE**

*Of Our Dear Mother
HANNAH TUOHY*

10 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

8th Birthday and 8th Christmas away from home.

Also our brother PATRICK (Pa), whose

4th Anniversary occurs 24th December 2022.



*Our lips cannot speak
how we loved you,
our hearts cannot tell
what to say, but only
God knows how we
miss you, in our home
that is lonely today.*



Also thinking of our wonderful Grandmother
Hannah Moylan who was deeply loved by us all.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered, by all the
Tuohy Family xxx*

May Pa, Mam and Gran Rest in Peace



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Portlaoise Parish



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