

'Glory to God' rang out loud and clear at a beautiful Carol Service in our Parish Church last Tuesday evening. Thank you to all who participated. You can replay it via our website. Guaranteed to get you into the spirit of Christmas.



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**Feast of the Holy Innocents
28th December**

The feast of the Holy Innocents recalls the boys aged under two whom Herod killed in order to try and remove Jesus from the scene. This is very much a feast of our time. On this day we also remember those innocent and defenceless children who still suffer today. The 4000 Irish children without a place to call home this Christmas, children who suffer neglect, and abuse. We remember children who suffer from hunger, poverty and poor health. We remember children who are forced to fight or to work long hours for little or no money in hazardous conditions. On this day we remember that every child has a right to love, security, and basic needs.

Mass times for the coming week
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MONDAY 26th 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 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

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**Mary, The Holy Mother of God
1st January**

The first day of the year is the day the Church sets aside for honouring Mary. Mary represents true discipleship. Mary exhibits a life of hearing, seeing, and telling of God's marvellous deeds. Mary inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events in our own lives. Do we journey through life oblivious to the world around us, or do we resolve to make some kind of impact? Maybe instead of making new year resolutions to lose weight or make more money, we should resolve this year to be more like Mary.



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.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Priests of the Parish would like to wish all our parishioners a Blessed Christmas.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Emily Phyllis Dunne, Killenny, The Heath

Tess Catherine Dunne, Killenny, The Heath

Margot Iris Johnson

Hannah Mutsani, Chantiere Gate

**Every blessing and good wish
for Christmas and the New Year
From the Priests of the Parish
And all at the Parish Centre**



As I write this a few days before Christmas the traffic in town is crazy, the hustle and bustle on the streets, the decorations and the music in the shops tell us it's Christmas. It is very easy to lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas amid the chaos. Yet the realities of that first Christmas are all around us today and we don't have to look far to see them. Refugees in a strange land, homelessness, violence, war, poverty, cold, hunger - all part of our world today just as it was in the World Jesus was born into.

It would be easy and simplistic to say that nothing has changed, but it has: Jesus embraced our human condition in its entirety: born a refugee under an occupying power, born homeless and in poverty, cold and hungry. In so doing he brought us hope. Christmas time is rightly a time of celebration but it is also a time of giving. We give presents, we share with others, we give our time, our food, and our money to help those in need in today's world. In these darkest days of the year when we have a lot to worry about such as keeping warm, feeding our family, inflation and the cost of living crisis, the true Light has come into our lives to give us real hope, not just wishful thinking. The Light of the world shows us the way out of the gloomy low point of the seasons to a brighter future ahead. It is our belief that the child born in the manger will guide us and support us. That makes all the festivities worthwhile. Again we have so much to be grateful for in Portlaoise Parish. The support we receive and the involvement of so many in the life of the Parish, the 100's involved in our various ministries and the many groups and organisations that serve our community. We are truly grateful. We are also very fortunate in the dedication and work of our Parish staff. The Parish Centre continues to be the hub of our Parish and it is great to see it back to something like its pre-pandemic days.

I express gratitude on behalf of the priests and all at the Parish Centre. I wish you a Christmas where you will know in your heart the peace and joy that our Saviour brings. Let us make the song of the angels our own: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to people of goodwill'.

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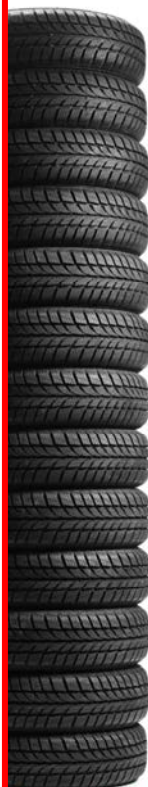
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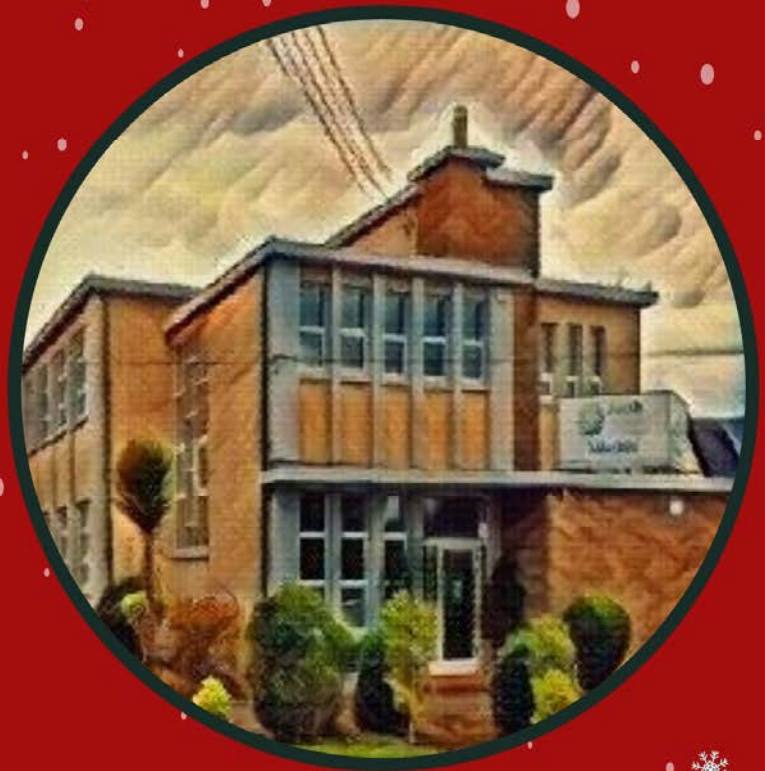
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Christmas 2022 is here. Yet another year has passed with all its many changes and immense challenges. Yet, the Christmas message remains timeless. 'The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.' God is with us. Jesus Christ is the light who shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not put out that light. More than that, in a time of so many threats to our humanity and our wellbeing, the continuing pandemic, war in Europe and conflicts around the world, poverty, famine, migration on a massive scale, poverty, homelessness, the Christmas Message speaks pointedly and timelessly once more into these and many other situations too.

The image of baby Jesus in the crib, is a most cherished one, but also can be very challenging. A God, who appears as a defenceless child, is not the angry, arrogant and judgmental God that we might have been taught about in school. A God who appears as a defenceless child breaks out from the categories of those who think only in cold rationality. We may be able rationally to come to accept the existence of God, but human rationality will not lead us to the God who appears in the birth of Jesus Christ. A God who appears as a defenceless child is not a useless fairy tale: a God who appears as a defenceless child is a powerful advocate for us: not a God who above all claims personal prerogatives. It is not just that we can identify this God as one like us in all our challenges, but a God who identifies himself with us and brings us into his own life of grace and truth and salvation.

We live in an Ireland which is becoming increasingly ambiguous in its understanding of God. Alongside men and women of deep faith and commitment there are those who wish to build their future and future of our society by removing God from the public square. There are those who are too busy to pay much more than lip service and outward cultural adherence to God. There are those who struggle with the very idea of God, because of the harshness of the world we live in and the mystery of evil. There are those who are angry with God and with the Church or indeed are angry with God because of the Church. How many times do I hear the phrase: "I am just hanging in there by the tips of my fingers".

Why are people afraid of or unsettled by a God who appears as a defenceless child? What is it with a defenceless child that upsets? Some would wish to banish the God who appears in a crib off our streets?



Others, believers, would feel happier with a warrior God who builds ramparts of defence. We have to ask ourselves as believers how a God who appears as a defenceless child challenges us about how we live our lives. The God who rejects conventional defences challenges us also to be there for all those who are wounded and alone and burdened and troubled. We are called to be with them unconditionally, not building up within us defence mechanisms based on prestige or security or self-centeredness.

Christmas calls us to change our lives. It is not about pointing to others. We know well how much self-centredness remains in each of our own hearts. We know how much we believers, just as any other, are infected with the same sense of superficiality which can easily be proliferated in our world. Where do we look for true security? The scripture tells us that God "makes us secure in justice and integrity". Justice and integrity cannot be achieved simply by laws and good policies. Justice is attained by men and women who live justly. Integrity is attained by men and women who live integrity, whatever the cost, not for fame or recognition, but because integrity belongs to being truly human. We celebrate the birth of Jesus and we regain at this celebration something of the wonder experienced as children. But wonder is not something for children alone. We all have to rediscover that sense of wonder in the face of what goodness and honesty, justice and integrity can attain.

I pray that this Christmas may be a space where we learn selflessness after the Jesus who came to give himself for our salvation without pretentiousness. Pretentiousness divides; mercy and compassion heal and reconcile. The message of the birth of Jesus in simplicity and defencelessness helps us to understand that such dreaming and idealism are possible.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 27,750 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

Merry Christmas



Christmas Message from Fr. Paddy

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What could be more challenging to us all individually and as a society at this time than the experience of the Holy Family? 'There was no room for them at the inn.' In their country at the time the whole world was in upheaval and on the move. The lives of Mary and Joseph were turned upside down by the unexpected. Their baby was born in a vulnerable and unsuitable place. Many wondered what was going on and what it all meant. Many still struggle to understand. That young family had to leave in a hurry to escape the threat of violence and death. They were given safety and shelter in a neighbouring country. All of this, seems to speak to so much in our own time and context still.

Our calling as followers of the baby born that Christmas Day in the stable is to love the baby born in the stable and the adult he became, to love God whose love for us is unending and never limited, and, because of that love, to love our neighbour. As an adult Jesus taught us that our neighbour isn't just the familiar person next door. Again and again, we are called, by him whom we follow, to love and to respond to the needs of strangers and to offer hospitality to them. The generosity of so many Irish people at Christmas time is inspiring as we reach out to support those who are most vulnerable in our society. As we respond to the seemingly timeless challenges of people in our communities we become instruments of God's timeless love and presence.

Together, at this Christmas, I pray for God's blessing on you all and thank you for all that you do as neighbours to and for each other, friend and stranger. I can honestly say, that it is a great privilege to be part of wonderful communities where I am very happy to serve. I am grateful to the support of my colleagues. For all who participate and give selflessly, to the many voluntary agencies in our community I say thank you.

May the Lord's birth this Christmas once again bring renewed hope and grace to all our lives.

May the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

Fr. Paddy Byrne. C.C.



Placing Jesus in the Crib on Christmas Eve Night

There is a lovely tradition of placing the figure of the baby Jesus in the crib on Christmas Eve, before children go to bed. Often the youngest member of the household gets this honour! If you are joining in a Christmas Mass via technology, before Mass begins, light a candle and place the figure of Jesus beside it. All present can process to the crib scene in the home at the end of Mass.



What's In A Name?

What's in a name? Has anyone ever asked you what your name means? Do you know what your name means? When your mum and dad found out they were going to have a baby, they spent a lot of time choosing a name. They may have looked through a book that gives the meaning of names. I looked up a few names to see what they meant.

John is a very popular name for boys and Joan or Joanna for girls. Their name means "God's gracious gift." Have you ever known anyone named Daniel or Danielle? Their name means "God is my judge." We all know quite a few boys named Michael and girls named Michelle. That is a great name that means "one who is like God." One of the angels in the Bible was named Michael.

When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't have to go to the library and get a book to choose his name. In fact, they didn't choose his name at all. God sent an angel to tell Mary and Joseph,

"You will have a son, and you will call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin."

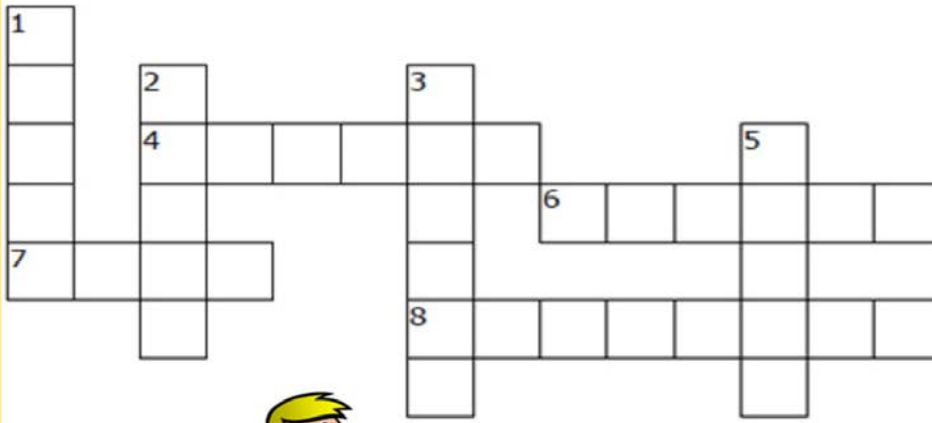
You see, the name Jesus means **"the Lord saves."** God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sin. The Bible tells us that there is no other name that can save us. What's in a name? If the name is Jesus, there is salvation!



*Happy Christmas
to all our young
Parishioners.*



“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”



ACROSS

- 4. To be filled with fear
- 6. The earthly father of Jesus
- 7. The mother of Jesus
- 8. A name that means "God is with us"

DOWN

- 1. Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
- 2. To become husband and wife
- 3. A young unmarried woman
- 5. The Son of God

**JESUS
IMMANUEL**

**MARRY
VIRGIN**

**MARY
JOSEPH**

**DREAM
AFRAID**

Merry Christmas

**PRAYER
BEFORE THE CRIB**

I open the stable door;
 I kneel before the infant;
 I worship with the shepherds;
 I adore the Christ child.
 I give my love
 with Mary and Joseph;
 I wonder at the 'Word made flesh'.
 I am aware of the love of God;
 I sing glory with the angels;
 I offer my gifts with the wise men.
 I receive the living Lord;
 I hold Him in my hands;
 I go on my way rejoicing,
 glorifying and praising God.



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE INTERRED DURING THE WEEK;



Sharon Crean
College Avenue, Mountmellick
and Arklow



Cottie (Catherine) Kennedy
née Deegan
Kylebrook, Portlaoise



John Walsh
Grattan Street, Portlaoise



Patrick Mulhall Jr.
Kilminchy, Portlaoise and Thurles



Ann Lalor
Derryguile, Mountmellick



Margaret (Peggy) Keane
née Delaney
Ballyroan Road, Abbeyleix

"Man will live for evermore because of Christmas Day"



In Loving Memory of FR. THOMAS BROWNE



Parish Priest
Portlaoise
1941 to 1976

Who died
5th January 1982

May he rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of FRANCES REDDIN



4 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 28th December 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Wednesday 28th December at 10am.

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

Sadly missed by all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Frances



Christmas Remembrance



In Loving Memory of SEAN & TERESA CONROY

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.



*Deep in our hearts you will forever stay,
Both loved, cherished and remembered on this
Christmas Day and always.*

*Your son Brendan, daughter Mary, daughter-in-law
Anne, son-in-law Joe, grandchildren David, Benny,
Mark and Chloe.*



*Also remembering their Son John, whose
50th Anniversary occurs 31st December.*

*And their Grandson Darren Campbell,
whose 7th Anniversary occurs
23rd December.*

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
GRETTA KELLY
AND JOE BYRNE**



*Deep in our hearts you
will always stay,
Loved and remembered
every day.*

*Thinking of you both always, especially at Christmas
time from Mammy, Daddy and all the family.*

May Gretta and Joe Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
LIAM, BARRY & KATHLEEN
KAVANAGH**



Liam's 32nd Anniversary; 30th December 1990
Barry's 40th Anniversary; 29th December 1982
Kathleen's 4th Christmas in Heaven

Mass will be offered on Friday 30th December at
12 noon in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen.

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

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK and CHRISTOPHER DWANE**

Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



*May the winds of love blow softly
and whisper in your ear.
And tell you how much we love you
both and miss you more each year.*

*Thinking of you at Christmas
from all your loving family.*

May You Both Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of



JUDY CONROY

née Dowling

*5 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas in Heaven*

**And her Granddaughter
KAYLEIGH MEGAN
CONROY**

11th Christmas in Heaven



*I am that little robin that sits upon a tree,
I sing to you each morning but you don't
know that it's me,*

*I am that little robin in your garden
everyday,*

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

*Deeply missed, loved and forever remembered
by their loving family and friends xxx*

Forever in our Hearts

*Also remembering all deceased members of
the Dowling and Delaney families.*

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN (Kay) & PATSY DEEVY**

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.



*Someone is Missing
at Christmas*

*In Memory of a Special
Mam and Dad with love
at Christmas*

Thinking of you both today, but then, that is nothing new,
For both of you were thought of yesterday, and will be
tomorrow too.

Because you're missed so very much,
Far more than words can say,
And sadly, no presents, cards, or hugs on this Christmas day.

Just silent tears and special kisses, blown to Heaven above,
To you both for a lifetime of devoted, selfless love.

And a whispered Christmas promise, that on each day yet
to come,

You both will always be remembered,
For you both meant the world to us.

*Sadly missed by your sons Pat and Brendan, daughter
Hannah, daughters-in-law Sylvia and Maura, son-in-law
Paddy, grandchildren Craig, Rebecca and Paddy.*

May Kathleen & Patsy Rest In Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

**LIAM CONROY AND HIS
GRANDSON SHANE FINAN
GREAT-GRAN ELIZABETH HACKETT**

*10 New Row, Green Road, Portlaoise.
Also remembering Shane's birthday which occurs
2nd January 2023*



We miss your smiles, your joking ways,
We miss the things, you use to say,
And when old times, we do recall, it's then
we miss you most of all.

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

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

WILLIAM CONROY

O' Moore Place. Anniversary occurred 1st December.

NANCY CONROY

O' Moore Place and 1 Maisonettes.

Anniversary occurs 14th January.

ESTHER CONROY

O' Moore Place. Anniversary occurs 7th March.



Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.

Missed by all your loving family & relatives.

Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

For A Loving Father and Son

PADDY & PATRICK DOYLE

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

And Sister-in-Law

VIRGINIA DOYLE



*Deep within our hearts, wrapped in the purest gold,
Are happy Christmas memories, spent with you at
home.*

Loved and missed by all the Doyle family.

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

MARY SEALE

*Late of Clonkeen and Forest Park, Portlaoise.
5th Christmas away from Home*



Christmas was very special,
and it filled our hearts with
love,

But it doesn't feel the same
now, as you watch me from
above,

The lights on the tree don't
shine so bright, and my
tears they melt the snow,
Because its hard to get
through Christmas, since
the day you had to go,

I know you will be watching and things will be ok,
Because I still feel you beside me,
Every single day.

*Sadly missed by your loving son,
Declan O' Brien and partner Linda.*

Rest in Peace Mam

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of Dad & Mam

MICHAEL and JULIA TIMMONS

53 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



Will those who think of
Dad and Mam today,
A little prayer to
Jesus say.

Love always, Margaret,
Brendan and family.



Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

Christmas Remembrance
MARY & ALO M^cEVOY

Late of St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Alo's 4th Anniversary occurs 28th December 2022



Alo's 4th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Wednesday 28th December at 10am.

*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 peaceful 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.*



Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.



*Also remembering their
Grandson*
DARYL DARGAN

*6th Christmas
away from home.*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
MARY & KEVIN FOGARTY

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
Remembering you on your 3rd Christmas in Heaven



Loving and kind in all your ways, upright and just to the end of your days, Sincere and true, in heart and mind, beautiful memories you left behind.



Sadly missed and remembered by their loving family and friends and neighbours.

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
My Wonderful Mother and Father
MARGARET (Peggy) McDONNELL *née Tobin*
Ballylinan and formerly of Summerhill, Portlaoise
AND THOMAS (Tom) McDONNELL
Ballylinan .

Margaret's 9th Anniversary occurs 4th January 2023
Thomas' 8th Anniversary occurs 2nd February 2023



*May the Lord bless you and take you into His keeping,
May He show you His countenance and take pity on you,
May He turn his eyes towards you and give you His peace.*



*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Margaret & Joe.
May Margaret and Thomas Rest in Peace*

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
TOM WALL

Beladd, Portlaoise. 7th Christmas away from Home.



*Rest in peace dear loved one, and thanks for all you've done,
A special place is in our hearts, that you have truly won.*

Loved and remembered by your loving wife Lily and all your family and friends.

May Tom Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
CAMILLUS RYAN
O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
3rd Christmas away from Home



Sadly missed by his son James, daughters Aileen, Denise and Melissa, daughter and sons in law, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Rest in Peace Camillus

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA GING

Formerly 44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

6th Christmas away from Home

And her Son

ARON GING

3rd Christmas away from Home



This Christmas you're in a different place, and though we seem apart, we're closer than we ever were, you're both here in our hearts.

You are with us as we greet each day and while the sun shines bright, you're here to share the sunsets too and we feel your presence each night.

We feel you close when times are good, sharing a laugh or two, and if a tear should start to fall, that's when we are thinking of you.

Because those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.

And when that day arrives, that we are no longer apart, we will smile and hold you close to us, safely forever in our hearts.

♥ Thinking of you in Heaven today and always ♥

Loved and missed by all their loving family.

Rest in Peace Patricia & Aron

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

LENA CONNOLLY

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.

4th Christmas away from home.

Always in our thoughts

Forever in our hearts.

Happy Christmas

Always loved and remembered by her loving husband Paddy, sons, daughters and grandchildren.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

**CHRISTOPHER
& ELIZABETH GING**

8 New Road, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're not with us at this special time of year, but we have precious memories of when you both were here.



You made Christmas special, the way it's meant to be, filled with love and kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad, we know we were truly blessed, and pray that Christmas angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Loved and always remembered by their sons, daughters and all their loving family.

Rest in Peace Christopher & Elizabeth

In Loving Memory of
PAT NEALON

The Hermitage, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary and Birthday Remembrance
4th January 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Wednesday 4th Jan 2023 at 7.30pm.

*A silent thought,
A quiet prayer,*

*For a Special person in God's care,
In God's care you rest above,
In our hearts you rest in love,
Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

**By your loving wife Trudy, Malcolm & Violet,
Nanette & Michael, grandchildren
Steph, Eoghan, Aidan, Colm, Brian.**

Rest in Peace Pat

**In Loving Memory of
ELISH DOOLEY**

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
22nd Anniversary occurs 1st January 2023.



*Missed in the morning of everyday,
Missed in the evening as light fades
away, missed in a thousand and one
little ways,
Around every corner, a memory stays.*

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

Rest in Peace Elish

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH, ELISH & FINTAN DOOLEY**
7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.



*Sweet are their memories, dear are their names,
Close to our hearts, they will always remain.
Loved and remembered by all their loving family.*

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN KEENAN**

51 Marian Place, Portlaoise.
Whose 33rd Anniversary occurs 3rd January 2023.



*Those we love remain with us for love itself
lives on, cherished memories never fade,
because one loved is gone.*

*Those we love can never be more than a
thought apart, for as long as there is a
memory, they live on in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
his wife Lily, his children, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace John

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
JAMES (Muddy) & PHYLLIS CARROLL**
St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



*It's sad that you're not with us at
this lovely time of year, but we
have many precious memories of
when you both were here.
You made each Christmas
special, the way it's meant to be,*

*And filled it with your love, kindness and generosity.
You were the dearest Mam and Dad, we know that we were
blessed, and pray that Christmas Angels, bring you sweet
eternal rest.*

*Happy Christmas to a wonderful Mam and Dad
From your loving daughters Betty, Cora, Jackie and Tina,
sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

Christmas Remembrance



**MICHAEL
KERRY**



**ROSE
KERRY**



**AGNES
GLEESON**



**JOHN-PAUL
MITCHELL**



**JOE
KERRY**

*If I could have a life time wish a dream
that would come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart for
yesterday and you,
A thousand words can't bring you back,
I know because I've tried,
And neither will a million tears,
I know because I've cried,*

*You left behind my broken heart & happy memories too,
But I never wanted memories I only wanted you.*

Loved and missed always by their loving families & friends.

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANTHONY (Tony) DUNNE**

Glendowns, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 6th January 2023
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Sunday 8th January at 8.30am.



*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 and always remembered
by his loving wife Mary, daughters
Tracy and Regina, sons, Tony, Greg and
Damien, grandchildren Danielle,
Cheyenne, Saffron, sister Josephine and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Tony

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
ALICE AND TOM McEVOY**
80 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Wonderful memories
of ones so dear,
Treasured still with a
love sincere,
In our hearts they
are living yet,



We loved them too dearly to forget.

Also thinking of other departed loved ones at this time.

From all their loving family.

May Alice and Tom Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
SEAN & KEVIN KEOGH**
Parkview, Portlaoise.



When ties of love are
broken, and loved ones
have to part,
It leaves a wound that
never heals, an ever
aching heart.



From your loving wife Brid and family.

May Sean & Kevin Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM KERRY 23rd Christmas away from Home
ROSANNA KERRY 5th Christmas away from Home**
61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise.
*And their Grandson
ROBERT MYERS - 1st Christmas away from Home*



We cannot send a Christmas Card,
Your hands we cannot touch,
But God will take our greeting to the ones we love so
much.

*Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, grandchildren,
great grandchildren & extended family xx*

Rest in Peace William, Rosanna & Robert

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
THE DOYLE FAMILY**



Our Parents Patrick and Mai Doyle
Late of 37 Dr. Murphy's Place
Our brothers Pad, Jack, Jim and
Mick. Our sister Ann Whelan.
Our nephew Paul Doyle.
Our sister-in-law Kathleen Doyle.

*For Christmas is a time for sharing, with those we hold
so dear, please take this gift with all our love,
for angels who are no longer here.*

*It's wrapped up in all our memories, we once shared
from the past, the ribbons and bows are all our dreams,
inside there's broken hearts.*

*Please Santa don't delay, I would love it to be in Heaven
in time for Christmas day.*

*Love always, never forgotten by your loving son and
brother Joe, daughters and sisters Ellen, Guggie, Mary
and families xx*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
THOMAS, CRAIG AND
AARON KELLY**



Do you think there's a Christmas in Heaven?
Because I have loving sons and my father up
there,

I can no longer give them special gifts, but I want
them to know, I still care and miss them so deeply.

So I'll send them my love forever, and send
prayers that they're doing just fine, and my
thoughts will always be with them, with a promise
they will always be mine.

Sending love and hugs this Christmas, to my
beautiful precious hearts, Daddy, Craig, Aaron,
my darling loved ones who are resting in
Heaven above.

*Love you all forever, Mammy, Mudasar, Brandon,
Aisha, Noah and Junaid xxx*

May They Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **CHRISSIE GRAHAM**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise. 25-12-13.



We never need a special day to bring you to our minds, for days without a thought of you Mam are very hard to find.
We cannot send a birthday card,
Your hand we cannot touch,
But God will take our greetings, to you Mam, who we love so much.

Happy Birthday. Loved always by your husband Jim, son and daughters and grandchildren.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **TOMMY, MOLLY, PAT & BREDA KEOGH**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise.



Now you're in a better place,
Your souls are laid to rest,
Safe with all the angels, for they only take the best,
And though you're in our thoughts, each single day throughout the year,
At special times like Christmas,
We all wish you could be here.

*Happy Christmas
Always remembered by your loving family.*

Rest in Peace

Family Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

The Collins Family Mountmellick

Mam and Dad, Pam Tuohy

Bernie Geraghty and her husband James (Goxie)

Carmel and Mick McGuinness

Granddaughters Fiádh and Eve Graham

John (Barney), Olive and Oliver Brennan, 51 Dr Murphy's Place

Joseph (Jo Jo) Lawlor - Ash Trees Stradbally

Sean and Ann Hanrahan - Ballinakill

Missing you all at Christmas time and thinking of you always.

Love from Michael, Ann and Family.

May They Rest In Peace



Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **PATRICIA O' BRIEN**

Late of 98 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

3rd Christmas away from home.

and

CHRISTY O' BRIEN

Late of 79 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

2nd Christmas away from home.



I hold you close within my heart, and there you shall remain, to walk with me through my life, until we meet again.

So rest in peace dear loved ones and thanks for all you have done,

We pray that God has given you both the crowns you truly won.

Forever in my heart, love your son Damien.

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

Christmas Remembrance for a Special Sister & Sister-in-law

ESTHER DUNNE

St. Michael's Park, Portarlington.

3rd Christmas away from Home.

And her son

PATRICK

1st Christmas away from Home

The special memories of both 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, Esther and Patrick, you always meant so very much to us and will always do too.

The fact that you're no longer here will always cause us pain, but you are forever in our hearts, Until we meet again.

Missing you always, your brother Michael and sister-in-law Ann x

Rest In Peace Esther



Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **CATHERINE (KITTY) SIDES**

6 Ridge Road, Portlaoise. Died 14th August 2006.



Loving memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we loved you too dearly to forget.

Always remembered by her husband
Dick, daughter Ann, son-in-law Noel
and granddaughters Aoife and Áine.

May Kitty Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **BRIAN LARKIN**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
3rd Christmas away from Home.



Two tired eyes are sleeping,
Two willing hands are still,
For one who suffered far too much,
Is resting in God's will.
You never said goodbye to us,
Perhaps it's just as well,
We never could have said goodbye,
To one we loved so well.

From your loving wife Catherine, sons Michael,
Brian jnr. (R.I.P.) and Alan and daughter Denise.

Rest in Peace Brian

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **GERRY O' CONNOR Snr.** **MARY O' CONNOR** **GERARD O' CONNOR Jnr.**

Station House, Portlaoise.



Dad, Mam and Brother Gerard

Dad another Christmas without you
Mam and Gerdi, your first Christmas away from home
It's going to be so tough without you all

The Train of Life

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents,
And we believe they will always travel on our side;
However, at some station our parents will step down from
the train, leaving us on this journey alone.
As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they
will be significant i.e. our siblings, friends, children, and
even the love of your life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum.
Others will go so unnoticed that we do not realise that they
vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy,
expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

Success consists of having a good relationship with all
passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which
station we ourselves will step down.

So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the
best of who we are. It is important to do this because when
our time comes for us to step down and leave our seat
empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those
who will continue to travel on the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life.

Reap success and give lot of love.

I thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

Loved, missed and remembered everyday
Love Emer, Eamon, Sinéad and Mags xxx

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of **BRIAN LARKIN Jnr.**

Bianconi Way, Portlaoise. 5th Christmas in Heaven



His charming ways and smiling
face are a pleasure to recall,
He had a kindly word for each,
And died loved by all.

From your Mother Catherine,
brothers Michael and Alan and
sister Denise.

Rest in Peace Brian

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **THE MURPHY FAMILY**



Margaret Murphy
Thomas (Dawn) Murphy
Thomas (Tommylad) Murphy
Rose Murphy
Patrick Delaney and sister Helena
John Naughton
And all our extended family

Will those who think of them today a prayer to Jesus say.
Missed always by your loving families.

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
My Wonderful Husband at Christmas
BRIAN LARKIN
5th Christmas in Heaven*



This time of year was always
such a special time for me,
I loved to share its warmth with
you beside the Christmas tree.

But without my lovely husband
I feel lost and all alone,
And everything seems pointless,
now that I'm on my own.

But each time I see your picture, you seem to smile
and say,
Don't cry for me, I promise, that we'll meet again
someday.

So until that perfect moment, we'll be just a thought
apart,
And at Christmas time, as always, you'll be here
inside my heart.

Sadly missed by your loving wife, Fiona x

*Loving Memories of a Special Dad
at Christmas.
5th Christmas in Heaven*

Remembering the happiness and the feeling of good
cheer, when we celebrated Christmas, in the days
that you were here.

For at special times like this one, almost everything
we do, seems to bring back precious memories, of
those moments spent with you.

But your smile lives on forever and your voice we
often hear,
And on Christmas day this year, we will shed a silent
tear.

And we'll think of all those good times, and the
special bond we had,
For we never will forget you, our devoted, dearest
Daddy.

Happy Christmas, Daddy in Heaven
*Loved and missed always by Ethan, Damon,
Oisín and grandson Odhrán.*

Rest in Peace Brian

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
BRIAN LARKIN Snr.
3rd Christmas in Heaven Grandad*



When all the decorations are placed upon
the tree, that's when Christmas memories
come flooding back to us.

The countless celebrations you lovely
prepared and all the happy Christmases
that we all have shared.

We miss you every moment Grandad since
you went away and how we wish that you
were here, to welcome Christmas day.

*Happy Heavenly Christmas Grandad
We love and miss you everyday.*

*From your daughter-in-law Fiona, grandsons Ethan, Damon
and Oisín and great-grandson Odhrán.*

Rest in Peace Brian

Christmas Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of our Mother
RITA DUFF
And her Brother
DAN CONROY
Glenfield, Portlaoise*



Remembering you this Christmas
Always loved and never forgotten.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving family.

May Rita and Dan Rest in Peace

7th ANNIVERSARY

*In Loving Memory of our Mother
RITA DUFF
Kyleclonhobert, Ridge Rd. Portlaoise
Died 6th January 2016*



7th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Friday 6th January at 10am.

*You gave us years of happiness,
Then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories,
We will treasure through the years.*

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

May Rita Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET LAWLESS née Lawlor**
Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Thinking of you on this, your 4th Christmas from us.



I would give the world if I could
say Merry Christmas to my
Mother today,
To hear your voice, to see you
smile, would be my dearest wish
this Christmas time.
Thinking of you this Christmas
and how things just aren't the
same, there's this dull and
nagging heartache when
someone speaks your name.
Sadly, we can't buy gifts for you,
Just silent tears that fall,
For this time of year without you,
Is the hardest time of all.

All our love, your husband **Sonny**, sons **Thomas & Louise, Alan & David, Terry & Siobhan** and your grandchildren **Tamara, Thomas, Jack, Rhea and Luke.**

Rest in Peace Margaret

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL**
Bennekerry and Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from Home



Ian, we know you soar with
angels now, and that your
heart has wings,
We know you are watching
over us, whatever this world
brings.

We know you were a gift from
God, and that you are safe
now in Heaven above,

We know that we will see you again, and
once more feel your love.

We know you live in Heaven now and without
you, we must go on,
And we know that our hearts will ache for you
until our time on earth is done.

Deeply loved and missed by his mother **Annette**,
husband **Antonio**, brothers **Owen, Paul and Wayne**,
sister **Gemma** and brother-in-law **Fahad**, niece **Sara**,
nephew **Sameer**, extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Ian

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
AGNES & PETER LALOR**
Missing you always - Especially at Christmas



With all the celebrations and
Christmas drawing near,
what a lovely time we'd have,
If only you were here.
We'd spend so many hours the
way we did before, Christmas is
for loved ones and we couldn't miss you more.
Missing you both at Christmas and always.

Also thinking of their Daughters
**RITA LALOR, MARGARET LAWLESS &
KATHLEEN LALOR** - 1st Christmas away from home



Sadly missed,
loved and
remembered by
their siblings,
daughters, sons,
sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
nieces, nephews and grand-nephews.

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
6th Christmas away from home.



Thinking of you today, Mum, but then
that is nothing new, for you were
thought of yesterday, and will be
tomorrow too.

Because you're missed so very
much, far more than words can say,
And sadly Mum, no presents, cards
or hugs on Christmas Day.

Just silent tears and a special kiss, blown to Heaven
above, to thank you for a lifetime of devoted, selfless
love, and a whispered Christmas promise that on
each day yet to come, you will always be
remembered, for you meant the world to us Mum.

Loved always by **Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara**,
grandchildren, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers,
sisters, nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Rita



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of a precious
Son, Brother, Father and Granddad

P.J. SWAYNE

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from home.
1st Anniversary occurs 28th December 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Wednesday 28th December at 10am.

*Son it is so difficult to understand why
you're no longer here, yet sometimes
when I close my eyes, you feel so very
near.*

*You left me with warm memories and they are mine to
keep, we will never be apart, the bond is way too deep.
If I could have one Christmas wish, just one that could
come true, then I would wish with all my heart, just to
spend Christmas with you.*

HAPPY HEAVENLY CHRISTMAS P.J.

*Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by his
mother Mary, father Joe, sister Denise and family,
brother Adrian and family, aunts and uncles,
extended relatives and friends.*

Rest in Peace P.J.

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
DECLAN DOOCEY

Formerly of Castletown, Colt and Abbeyleix
3rd Christmas away from home



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 by
Helen, Mark, Paul, Conor,
Doireann, Éadaoin & Grandchildren
Ella, Mia, Noah and Ceol x*

Rest in Peace Declan

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
A Cherished Father, Brother and Mother
**PATRICK, BRIGID AND
WILLIAM MILLS**



*If tears, heartache and longing could make special dreams
come true, we'd be celebrating this Christmas,
once more again with the three of you.*

*Loved and sadly missed so much by your son, daughters,
12 grandchildren and all your loving family.*

Sleep in Heavenly Peace xxx

**1ST ANNIVERSARY & CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCE IN LOVING MEMORY OF
P.J. SWAYNE**

1st Christmas away from Home
1st Anniversary occurs 28th December 2022



*A Dad's love is special, a gift beyond
compare, you only know the meaning when
he is no longer there.*

*A special time, a special place,
A special Dad we cannot replace.*

With an aching heart we whisper low,

Happy Christmas Dad, we love and miss you so.

*Dearly loved and missed by his daughter Louise, son-in-law
Patrick and grandchildren Eiramay and Theo xxx*

Rest in Peace P.J.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN LALOR
24 Clonrooske, Knockmay.

1st Christmas away from home

And her Grandson

SHANE BROPHY

4th Christmas away from home



*Sadly missed, loved and remembered
by Elaine, Jason, Shauna, Eimear,
Shannon and grandchildren*



Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
John and Kathleen Dunne

St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise.
5th and 10th Christmas away from home.



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

*Loved and remembered by;
Veronica, Dan, Dermot, Graham, Clodagh and Aoife.
May John & Kathleen Rest In Peace*

Christmas Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of My Husband
STEPHEN DWANE

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
9th Christmas and 80th Birthday Remembrance.



*Although you can't be here
with me, we're truly not
apart,
Until the final breath I
take, you'll be living in my
heart.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife
Philomena Dwane xx*

May Stephen Rest in Peace

Christmas Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of Our Father
STEPHEN DWANE

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
9th Christmas and 80th Birthday Remembrance.



*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories and your
picture in a frame,
Your resting place we visit and put
flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache as we
turn and leave you there.*

*To a loving father; sadly missed by your sons, daughters
and extended family. Forever in our Hearts. xx*

May Stephen Rest in Peace

Christmas Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of Our Grandad
STEPHEN DWANE

11 Mill Court, Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise.
9th Christmas and 80th Birthday Remembrance.



*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.*

To Grandad

Missing you every day.

*Merry Christmas and Happy Birthday from your
grandchildren and great-grandchildren xx*

May Stephen Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of my Very Special Mum
ELIZABETH (Mary) McEVOY
née Ryan

64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.
*Missing you every Christmas Mother on your
8th Christmas away from home*




**Missing you so much Mum at
Christmas and always.**

I miss you so much at Christmas time,
much more than words can say,
As I recall past memories, of by gone
Christmas days.

You meant so much to me,
You were such a special Mum indeed,
You're dearly loved and dearly missed especially during
this season.

This comes with love and special thoughts,
You're a mum who could never be replaced,
You brought so much joy into my life and left memories
too precious to be erased.

 Christmas is not the same without you,
You were ever so wonderful,
I dearly treasure my memories of you at Christmas and
all year through.

You will always be in my heart Mother on this very
special Christmas Day.

Someone very special is missing this Christmas

Let this be a loving reminder that someone is missing
today, someone our hearts still hold on to,
As we travel along life's way.

Someone who made life so special, for all those who
gather here, someone, who won't be forgotten, but
cherished from year to year,

And now, as we pause to remember, let us all fondly
recall, take our teardrops and wrap them in much love,
and ask the wind to carry them to my Mother above.
Miracles are very rare, but for Christmas, one would do,
To hear the doorbell ring and have you walk smiling
through.

Missing you at Christmas-time Mum

What a blessing to know that although you closed your
eyes on earth, you opened them in Heaven,
The light of the Christmas Season has dulled since you
passed away.

May your spirit shine this Christmas.

*Always in my Heart
Miss you today Mum and everyday.*

*Love James xxx
God Bless you Mother*

*May you Elizabeth, my dearest Mother
Rest in Peace.*

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of

Patrick (Bumper) Whelan
16 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



And his daughter
Caroline Moore née Whelan



12th & 13th Christmas away from home.

*The sadness never goes away, the silent tears still flow,
You're thought of and so sadly missed, more than you'll ever
know,*

*But now you're with the angels, safe and sound in Heaven
above, we hold onto the memories and treasure them with love,
Yet special times like Christmas often make us wonder why,
God took you from this world, it was too soon to say goodbye,
But memories are precious, they will last a lifetime through,
We know God has chosen you to be his angel too.*

Happy Christmas to a wonderful Dad and Sister
From your loving wife Kathleen, Patrick, Chris, Mag, Jackie,
Mary, Samantha, Paul, Niall and Gavin xxxxxxxx

May Patrick and Caroline Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
PETER CARROLL

2nd Christmas away from home.



*Deep in our hearts your
memory is kept,
To love and to cherish and
never forget.*

*Loved and missed dearly by his loving
wife Clare, children Martina, Jacyntia,
Vivian, Dolores, Brendan, Damien,
Garbhan and Adrian, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Peter

Christmas Remembrance
To our Parents
DAVID AND JANE McEVOY

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise.

Also Birthday Remembrance of our Dad David



*They are our bridge over
troubled waters,
The wind beneath our wings,
And now our loving parents
are a candle in the wind,
The flowers we place upon your
grave will wither and decay,
But the love we buried with
you both will never fade away.*

*Loved and never forgotten, your loving family xx
May David and Jane Rest in Peace*

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
JIM FITZPATRICK
Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise.



*Jimmy, Suaimhneas Dé ár
d'anam dílis, le grá ó do
chlan go léir*

In Loving Memory of
TOMMY CLEAR

17 Liogard, Portlaoise
24th Anniversary occurs 1st January 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 31st December at 6.30pm.

*It is not what we write or even what we say,
It is what we feel inside as we think of you today
From his loving wife Mary, sons, daughters,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and
grandchildren.*

May Tommy Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
CONROY FAMILY

Mammy, Daddy, Tommy and baby Christopher.



*The Christmas star shines
brightly upon all those
missing loved ones in
Heaven.*

*Like freshly fallen snow,
our tears fall in the
reminder of those we
miss in Heaven this holiday season.*

*The only wish on our Christmas list is to meet again in the
great beyond. We miss you more than ever.
In the still quiet of a cold Christmas night, we feel your
spirit warming our hearts.*

Missing all of you; Jimmy, Theresa, Paul & Andrew.

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
ORLA CONROY-KELLY
 25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
 7th Christmas away from Home



Everyday without you since you had to go, is like a summer without sunshine and Christmas without snow. We wish that we could talk to you, there's so much we would say, life has changed so very much, since you went away.

We miss the bond between us and we miss your kind support, you're in our minds and in our hearts and every Christmas thought. We'll always feel you close to us, and though you're far from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.

Happy Christmas Orla

*You are always on our minds.
 Loved and missed so very much.*

From your heart broken parents, brother Brendan, sisters and partners, Sharon & Jim, Lorena & Shane, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian, Geraldine & Rocky & your nieces and nephews. Also lovingly remembered by your adored children Lydian and partner Sean, son Paddy and granddaughters Orla Mae & Emmy.

Also remembering Orla's Grandparents
MICHAEL & EILEEN GRIFFIN
 19 Marian Place, Portlaoise.



*Remembering you both at Christmas
 and always*

Also remembering Eileen who would be celebrating her 104th birthday on New Years Eve.

From all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Orla, Michael and Eileen xxx

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
JOHN-JOE & OLIVE DWANE

2 Well Rd., New Rd. (Maisonettes) Portlaoise.
 John-Joe's 8th Anniversary occurs 26th December.
 Remembering Olive's 21st Anniversary earlier this year.



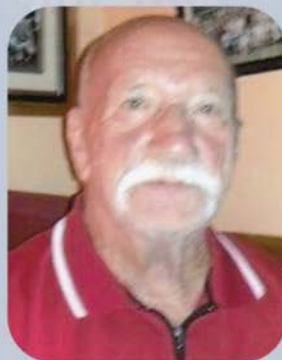
We think of you in silence,
 We often speak your name,
 But all we have are memories,
 And your picture in a frame.
 Your resting place we visit,
 And put flowers there with care,
 But no one knows the heartache,
 As we turn and leave you there.



*Lots of love always from all your loving family.
 May John-Joe and Olive Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of
JOHN-JOE DWANE

2 Well Road (Maisonettes)
 New Road, Portlaoise.
 8th Anniversary occurs 26th December 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Monday 26th December at 10am.

*We thought of you today,
 but that is nothing new,
 We thought about you
 yesterday and days before
 that too.*

*We think of you in silence, we often speak your name, all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.
 Your memory is our keepsake, with which we will never part, God has you in His keeping,
 We have you in our hearts.*



**Always loved and remembered
 by your sons, daughters,
 grandchildren, great-grandchildren
 and extended family.**

Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Of My Partner

JIM DOYLE

133 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Missing you this Christmas and always



While strolling through a lovely garden, as day was drawing to a close,
My eyes behind a tragic story,
I saw teardrops on a rose.

Standing on those rose bushes were two Robin red breasts,
As soon as I laid my eyes on them, tears welled up from my chest.
It should have been tears of gladness, but deep inside the sorrow shows,
A trusting heart had just been broken,
I saw teardrops on a rose.

I knew they were my loved ones, who were sent from Heaven's gate,
To let me know they're still around, since to the promise land they went.
They were singing a sweet song with a twinkle in their eyes,
Then they flew on to a small roof and flapped their wings to say goodbye.
A sobbing tear that follows parting, holds all the pain that sorrow knows,
A false goodbye, a life is shattered,
There lies a story on a rose.

My tears will dry, the rose will wither, when spring and winter comes and goes,
I loved, I lost, my story ended with just *teardrops on a rose.*
But I know they will be back again, when I am feeling down,
They will be singing their sweet song again to me, as if to say,
don't be sad, we are always around.

Remembering you Jim at Christmas and always

Never forgotten

Happy Christmas

From Bridget and extended families xxx

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of

KATHLEEN DOYLE
45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from home.



*When you lose someone you love,
You gain an angel you know.*

*Sadly missed by Anne, Mick,
Karen, Rachel and Eoin.*

Rest in Peace Kathleen

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JIMMY MORRIN R.I.P.

45 St. John's Sq., Portlaoise, formerly New Road.
18th Anniversary occurs 24th December 2022
Also remember our dear mother Annie who died on
26th March 1962 aged 38 years.



His dreams were seldom spoken,
His words were very few,
And most of the time, his worries
went unspoken too,
True friend we could turn to, when
times were good or bad,
One of our greatest blessings, the
man that we call Dad.

**Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.
Mass offered**

*Sadly missed by Anne and sons-in-law and
granddaughters Karen and Rachel.*

May Jimmy Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

For a much loved and cherished Wife, Mother,
Grandmother and Great-Grandmother

MARY LALOR

Ballycarroll, Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from Home



Those we love never go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

*Forever in our Hearts, Paddy, Patricia, Jennifer, Seamus,
Carol, Padraig, Mary and families.*

Rest in Peace Mary

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS née Buggy

The Heath, Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from home.



*You gave us years of happiness,
then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories that we
will treasure through the years.*

**Sadly missed and always remembered
by your Daddy, Mammy, Sean, Valery,
Edel and families xxxx**

Also remembering Geraldine's father-in-law Ted Lewis.

Rest in Peace Geraldine

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
NED (Edward) & MADGE
McEVOY



Capoley, Portlaoise.
25th & 5th Christmas away
from home.



*You never lose the ones you love,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen unheard but always near,
A Father and Mother we loved so dear.*

**Forever in our hearts, loved and missed by all your loving
family.**

May Ned & Madge Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS

The Heath, Portlaoise. 4th Christmas away from home.



*Missing you always, especially
this Christmas, our fourth
Christmas without you.*

Geraldine, we shared some laughs,
we shared some tears, but best of
all Geraldine we shared great years,
No more tomorrows for us to share,
but yesterdays memories will
always be there.

**Loved and missed dearly by your loving husband Derek,
children Serena, Rachel, Darragh and grandson Killian.**

May Geraldine Rest in Peace



**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET BUTLER**

Debhycotte, Mountmellick and 16 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
25th Anniversary occurs 3rd January 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 8th January 2023 at 10am.
*Thinking of you as time goes by,
Our memories will never die,
Deep in our hearts your life we keep,
Not gone from us, just gone to sleep.*
Loved always, your loving daughters, grandson
Cormac, granddaughters Aodha, Polly &
Wendy, brother, sister and families.

May Margaret Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE GALVIN**
Burnwood, Clonad.



*We who love you, sadly miss you,
As it dawns another year,
In our lonely hours of thinking,
Thoughts of you are ever near.*
From Sean, Michael, Noel and Mary.
Remembering our parents at
Christmas time.

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
**In Loving Memory of
EDWARD & FRANCES COOKE**
Fielbrook & formerly Rathevan, Portlaoise.



*Sweet are their memories, dear are their names,
Close to our hearts they will always remain.*

Missing you both at this time, from your loving daughter
Margaret, son-in-law Gerard, grandsons Edward and
Gearóid, Katie and Rachel and great-granddaughters
Madison, Ailbhe and Autumn.

May Edward and Frances Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
**In Loving Memory of
TOMMY McCARTHY**

6 Well Road, Portlaoise. 7th Christmas in Heaven.



A whisper on a November morn,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus and quietly left us all,
Your memories are so precious,
Your presence missed so much,
You will always be remembered and missed by
all of us.

*From your many many friends.
Rest in Peace Tommy*

Christmas Remembrance
**In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert**

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 5th Christmas away from home.



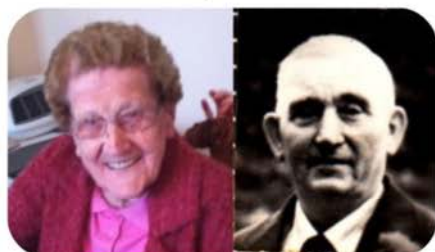
*To a loving Wife, cherished
Mother and adored Nanny*

*Thinking of you this
Christmas and how things
just aren't the same,
There's this dull and nagging
heartache, when someone
speaks your name,
Sadly we can't buy gifts for
you, just silent tears that fall,
For this time of year without you, is the hardest
time of all.*

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom,
daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula,
grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and
Willow and great-granddaughter Grace.

*Always in our hearts.
Rest in Peace Mam*

Christmas Remembrance
**In Loving Memory of
EDWARD & FRANCES COOKE**
Rathevan, Portlaoise.



*Deep in our hearts you will forever stay,
Both loved, cherished and remembered everyday.*

Missing you both at Christmas time, your loving daughter
Bridie, son-in-law Stephen, grandchildren Deirdre, Karen
and Eamonn and great-grandchildren Ciara, Oisín, Abbie,
Hayley and Lily.

Rest in Peace Edward and Frances

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

MARY McEVOY (Houlihan)

Ridge Road, Portlaoise, formerly 43 St. John's Square.
2nd Christmas away from Home.



*I close my eyes and see your face, smiling
from a beautiful place.
You say that you're not far away and
that we will meet again someday.
I ask if you will stay a while,
I miss your laugh, I miss your smile.
Then you whisper in my ear,
I never left, I was always here.
Our precious bond was priceless,
You were my sister and my friend.*

*A friendship that meant the world to me,
I'll cherish till the end.*

*I hold the memories that we made of times we spent
together, I'll keep them deep within my heart,
For Christmas and forever.*

Thanks for a lifetime of friendship Sis. Tina x

Also remembering
The Houlihan Family

(formerly of St. John's Square, Portlaoise.)

*It saddens me to remember, the Christmases we once knew,
So this year I will celebrate in memory of you.*

*I will put aside my sorrows, with every unshed tear,
I'll concentrate on all the love, we shared when ye were
here.*

*Life as a family together, taught me what Christmas time
was for, that's what I will remember, until we meet once
more.*

Always loved and remembered, Tina x

Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

ALICE PARNELL

"Avondale", Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.



*As time unfolds this fourth year,
We know and feel you are very near,
Silent thoughts of our time together,
Hold memories that will last forever.*

Loved and remembered by her husband Kieran,
son Michael, daughter Lisa, daughter-in-law Ann,
son-in-law Peter, grandchildren Aoife, Rachel, Adam,
Laura, Conor, Amelia, relatives and friends.

May Alice Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

For a loving, kind, funny, Mother, Father,
Sister, Nannie and Granddad

THOMAS & ANNIE GREENE

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

14th and 7th Christmas away from Home



Thinking of You at Christmas

*The baubles have lost their shimmer,
The lights no longer shine,
And the spirit of Christmas has faded,
Within this heart of mine.
What used to be so special,
Now feels more like a chore,
I long to celebrate this special time,
Like we did before.*

*Traditions we once cherished, no longer feel the same,
And the magic dies a little, every time I hear your name.*

*No gifts or celebrations, nothing left to cheer,
Because all I want this Christmas, is for you to be back here.
So as I place the angel on top of the Christmas tree,
I know you're up in Heaven, looking down on me.*

Happy Christmas Mummy and Daddy

*Loved and missed today and everyday,
Mummy and Daddy, from your daughter
Mary, grandson Keelin, sister Ellie and
the Greene family.*

Rest in Peace

Mummy and Daddy



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of our Parents

JANE AND PADDY SHIELS

And our Sister **BRIGID (Sissy) MILLS**

Late of Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.



*We never need a special day to bring you to our
minds, for days without a thought of you are very
hard to find,*

*We cannot send a Christmas card, but God will
take our greetings to the ones we love so much.*

Loved and forever remembered by your sons and
daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

of a Special Son and Father

JAMIE-LEE MOORE & FRANCIS MOORE



With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near,
What a lovely time we'd have if only ye were here,
We'd spend so many happy hours, the way we did
before,

Christmas is for loved ones and I couldn't miss ye more,
When I wake on Christmas Day, I'll look to Heaven above,
And I'll remember every smile and think of ye with love,
It warms my heart to know ye are together for all eternity.



Love and Miss ye always Jamie Lee and Daddy

Christmas Remembrance of a Precious Brother

On your 8th Christmas away from home Jamie Lee

Thinking of you and missing you more than words could ever say,
For life seemed to change forever on the day you went away,
And this season has lost it's sparkle now that you're no longer here,
Gone is all the warmth and laughter and those feelings of good cheer.
But each night there in the distance, shines a brilliant Christmas star,
which is Heaven's way of showing just exactly where you are,
And on Christmas Day as always and on each day yet to come,
You'll be loved, missed and remembered for you meant the world to us
dear brother.

*Love and miss you always, Tanya, Tirna, Jake, Taylor and
your nieces Kyra-mae, Melly-rae and Jamie-lee xxx*

Christmas Remembrance of a Nephew and Dad

Looking back to Christmas past and happy times gone by,
Remembering both with laughter and always asking "Why"?
For there are just so many things that no one can explain,
Why both of you were taken but the rest of us remain,

And why a special time like this should be a time to grieve, to wish you both were still here
and wonder why ye had to leave,

Because you're missed at Christmas and on each and every day,
For ye both were someone special, who meant more than words can say

Love and miss ye Always, Sharon, James and family xxx

May Jamie and Francis Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
GERARD DUNNE

Braccas, Ballacolla, Co. Laois
6th Christmas away from home



Many the thoughts I give to you,
 As the long hours go by,
 Thinking of the things we used to
 do and say, just you and I.
 Sometimes they make me smile,
 Sometimes they make me cry,
 But are precious to me alone,
 Memories of You and I.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving
 wife Kathleen and all his family xxx*

May Gerard Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of

Joseph and Kathleen Paisley

William (Bill) Doyle



We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,
 We thought about you yesterday and the day before
 that too,

We will think of you tomorrow, as we will our whole lives
 through,

For the day we fail to think of you,

Is the day God calls us too.

You were always there for everyone,

No task too great or small,

But most of all, you gave us love,

The greatest gift of all.



*Remembering you with all our love, on this Christmas day
 and always.*

Lots of love from all your loving family.

May Joseph, Kathleen & Bill Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUNNE FAMILY
Late of 6 Borris Little



Seamus Dunne, Charlotte Dunne,
 Charlotte Gogarty, Ger Dunne
 And John Dunne

*Beautiful memories are treasured forever
 Of happy days when we were together*

*Remembering you all at Christmas time
 From Geraldine, Tony and family.*

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
PATRICK KEVIN SCULLY

5 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise
41st Anniversary occurs Sunday 25th December '22



**Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church, on Sunday
 1st January at 12.30pm.**

We hold you close within our
 hearts and there you shall
 remain,
 To walk with us throughout our
 lives, until we meet again xxx

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by all your
 loving family.*

Also remembering his loving wife Johanna at this time.

Rest in Peace Patrick

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL LEECH

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise and formerly Kellystown, Wolfhill.
5th Anniversary occurs 26th December 2022



*Til the shadows lengthen,
 And the evening comes,
 And the busy world is hushed,
 And the fever of life is over and
 our work is done.*

*Then in His mercy,
 May He give us a safe lodging and holy rest and
 peace at the last.*

*With much love, Anne, Elizabeth, Colette,
 Geraldine, Michelle and families.*

Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
 in St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, on
Sunday 1st January at 10am.

May Michael Rest in Peace

**CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of
A Dear Husband, Father & Grandfather
WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY
28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
5th Christmas away from home.*



*It's Christmas time and ever since the day
that you were taken, the lovely memories
you've left have never being forsaken.
They'll always stay as vivid, just as though
you still were here, and especially are
cherished at this special time of year,
There's never a day goes by without joyful
memories of you, for no one could bring
happiness the way you use to do.
Christmas can remind us of what we once
had, a memory, a reminder of a loved one
we have lost.*

*Always remembered and
forever in our hearts.
We miss you more than words can say.*

**Happy
Christmas**



*Always remembered by your wife Anne, sons
and daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
and all your grandchildren including our
newest addition Liliana Elora xxx*

**Christmas Remembrance
JIMMY & MAY PRESTON**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



*Missing you Mam and
Dad at Christmas*

*It's sad that you are not
with us at this lovely
time of year, but we
have precious memories
of when you both were
here.*



*You made Christmas special, the way its meant to be, filled
with love and kindness and generosity.*

*You were the dearest Mam and Dad,
We know that we were blessed, and pray that Christmas
angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.*

Loved and missed dearly by all your loving family.

May Jimmy and May Rest in Peace

O Holy Night

**Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
MARTIN WALSH**

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



*Dear Lord, take care of
Martin as he takes his rest,
He was my husband and
one of the best.*

*Sadly missed by his loving
wife Margaret, sons Anthony
and Joseph, daughters
Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia and Colette,
grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.*

**Also remembering
MARTIN WALSH Jnr.**



*I held you in my arms the
day you were born,
You were a joy all your short
life and now,
"I carry you in my heart".*

*Sadly missed by your loving
Mam, brothers, sisters,
nieces and nephews.*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
TIMMY & BERNADETTE SCULLY
3 New Road, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're not with us, at this lovely time of year,
But we have precious memories of when you both were
here.

You made each Christmas special, the way it's meant to be,
And filled it with your love, kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam and Dad,
We know that we were blessed,
And pray that Christmas Angels, bring you sweet
eternal rest.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

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

May Timmy and Bernadette Rest In Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE QUIGLEY née Whelan
Rockdale, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home.



*Think of Catherine as living in the
hearts of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And she was loved so much.*

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

Rest in Peace Catherine

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM & KATHLEEN MARUM
and our Brother BILLY
63 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



*If you're wondering where to find us,
I'll tell you where we'll be,*

*We're in that in between bit, that space where sky meets sea,
In the whispers of the trees and the edges of your dreams,
Close enough to always touch but slightly out of reach.
We're in the moon and in the stars but never really far,
And always, always, we're there inside your heart.*

*Loved and remembered by brothers Daniel & Richard
and sisters Catherine, Breda, Tina and Mary.*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
MARGARET HARDING née Conroy
JOHN-JOE CONROY
GER YOUNG



*We never need a special day to bring you to our
minds, for days without a thought of you are very
hard to find,*

*We cannot send a Christmas Card, but God will
take our greetings to the one's in Heaven that we
love and that we are all missing.*

*Loved, missed & forever remembered by
David, Paul, Ray, Jennie, Tracy and families.*

XXXXX

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

Gertrude
John
Eamon
ROCHE

Ballycarroll, Portlaoise, Laois



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

*Loved and missed always by daughter Anne, son-in-law
James and grandchildren.*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
MARTIN & DAVID RAFTER



My much loved husband, Martin.

This time of year was always such a special time for me,
I loved to share its warmth with you beside the Christmas tree,
But without my lovely husband, I feel lost and all alone.
And everything seems pointless, now that I am all on my own.
But each time I see your picture, you seem to smile and say,
Don't cry for me, I promise that we will meet again someday.
So until that perfect moment, we will just be a thought apart,
And at Christmas time, as always, you will be here inside my heart!

Loved & remembered everyday, your heartbroken wife, Betty xx

Also remembering my beloved son, David, at Christmas time.

Something will remind me, I never know just when. It might be something someone says, and it all comes back again. The times we spent together, the happiness, the fun, once again I feel the pain, of life without my son. It's said that time's a healer, I'm not sure this is true.

There's not a day that goes by, David, that I don't cry for you!

Fondest memories. Hope you and Daddy are together in Heavenly peace this Christmas. Love Mam xx

MARTIN & DAVID
2nd and 3rd Christmas away from us.

Christmas brings us peace and joy, but it brings sorrow too, and just like many others will, I'll spend it missing you.
So this year, as I gaze into the dark and wintry sky, Christmas stars will twinkle, and I'll know the reason why.

Missing you more everyday!!! Love always, Vanda, Stefan and Amy xx

Also remembering my Mam, Esther Szwaglis, at Christmas. Never Forgotten xx

REMEMBERING DADDY & DAVID

Christmas Without You

Although it's sad to reminisce on Christmases we knew,
This year we shall celebrate in memory of both of you.
We shall put aside our sorrow, with every unshed tear,
And concentrate on all the love we shared when you were here.
Our time together taught us what Christmas time is for,
And that's what we'll remember until we meet once more.



Remembering you both at Christmas. With love, James, Claire, Aaron, Rachel, Martin & Jonathan xx

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE OF MY MUCH LOVED DAD, MARTIN RAFTER
AND MY DARLING BROTHER, DAVID RAFTER

Love says little, but means so much. Love is a feeling, a look, a touch.
Love is a gift, and I give it to you, from a loving heart, that's broken in two!

Loved and missed, forever and a day. Love always, John, Martina and Craig xx

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DUNNE**

*St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise
11th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2023*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Sunday 8th January at 10am.**

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

**Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of**

MICHAEL FARRELL Lakeglen, Portlaoise.



7th Christmas Away from Home

There is a very special place beyond the skies above,
Somewhere very peaceful that is full of light and love,

That special place is Heaven where you're free to laugh and roam, it was your time to go there so the Angels took you home, And though you're in our thoughts each single day throughout the year,

At this special time of Christmas, we all wish you could be here.

Love always, Patricia and Patrick and also your brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews xxxx

May Michael Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTINE MAHER**

*28 Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from Home*



We don't need an angel on top of our tree this year. We already have one in Heaven looking down on us.

Happy Christmas Ma

Sadly missed by your loving husband Joseph, sons, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Rest in Peace Christine

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
THOMAS & FRANCES CARROLL**

Thomas - 12th Christmas Away from Home

Frances - 5th Christmas Away from Home

72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise



*You'll never be forgotten, we pledge to you both today,
A hallowed place within our hearts, is where you both will stay.*

Sadly missed by your loving family.

May Thomas and Frances Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
ANTHONY & KAY WALSH**

Late of 1 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise.

Anthony died 15/7/2015 - 7th Christmas away from home

Kay died 30/9/2020 - 3rd Christmas away from home



When everyone is busy at this festive time of year,
Thoughts so often turn to you, wishing you were here,
We shared so much together, that memories abound,
And you're remembered fondly, when Christmas comes around,

May you know you're thought about, wherever you may roam,
and may the stars shine brightly,
To light your Heavenly home.

*Always remembered by your loving daughter Catriona,
sons John and Tony, daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren
Luke, Nicole, Cayden, Anna, Eoin and Maeve.*

May They Rest in Peace

**Christmas Remembrance
In Loving Memory of**



TOM & NORA MEAGHER

*Lawrence Grove,
Howth Road, Dublin 3*



PADDY & NORA PHELAN

*Cullenagh
Portlaoise*

*Remembered by Eamonn and Mag, Pat, Angela and Gerry,
Patrick and Mark xx*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET (Peg) CAHILL**

Chatsworth, Clough. 2nd Christmas away from Home.



*Deep in our hearts lies a picture,
Of a loved one laid to rest,
In Memories frame we keep it,
Because she was one of the best.*

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

Rest in Peace Margaret

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
ELLEN BYRNE**

Forest Park, Portlaoise and Dublin.
3rd Christmas away from Home.



*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories,
And your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit,
And put flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache as
we turn and leave you there.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Ellen

Christmas Remembrance

For our Loving Parents

THOMAS & JULIA DOHENY

23 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.



*Ye cared for us when we were small,
Watched over us as we grew tall,
Ye shared our joys and dried our tears,
Thank you for those precious years.*

*With love from their daughters, sons,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
extended family and friends.*

*Also remembering other deceased
relatives and friends at this time.*

May Thomas and Julia Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

BILLY LYNCH R.I.P.

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

And his son

WILLIE LYNCH Jnr.

Died October 2021

2nd Christmas away from home

Bill



*As I sit alone in our home of happy
Christmas past,*

*No more to have you in your chair, It is so lonely there,
But God called you for a rest,*

We know that God just takes the best.

**Loved always and missing you this Christmas
From your loving wife Betty and family xxx**

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**For a Loving Sister, Mother & Gran
MARGARET LYNCH née DOHENY**

St. John's Square, Portlaoise.



*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 by her
husband, loving children, grandchildren,
sisters, brothers, relatives and friends.*

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Margaret Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE**

7th Anniversary occurs 4th January 2023



*Our memories build a special
bridge when loved ones have to
part, to help us feel we are with
them still and soothe a grieving
heart.*

*Our memories span the years we
shared, preserving ties that bind,
They build a special bridge of
love and bring us peace of mind.*

**Rest in peace Fergus. Dear Jesus, thy Heavenly home above with
Sacred Heart of Jesus in his own eternal love.**

*Sadly missed by your loving partner Esther, brothers
and sisters, relatives and friends.*

May Fergus Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**For A Loving Partner and Brother
FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE**



*Fergus, Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words and missed
beyond measure.*

*Always remembered by his loving partner Esther,
brothers, sister, relatives and friends.*

*Also remembering other deceased relatives
and friends at this time.*

May Fergus Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

TOM TIERNEY

Tierman, Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 4th January 2023



*Time slips by and
life moves on,
But in our hearts,
you'll always live on.
Loved and remembered by
your loving wife Paula, sons
Séamus and Ruaidhrí.*

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis

**BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS
REMEMBRANCE**

Of My Wonderful Daughter
SAMANTHA MOORE

Triogue Manor, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurred
19th December, on her 7th Christmas away from home.



*I miss you so my heart is sore,
As time goes by I miss you more,
Your gentle smile, your loving face,
No one can fill your vacant place.
So dearly loved and so greatly
missed, your heartbroken Mam,
Aunts, Uncles and Cousins x*

Rest in Peace Samantha

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

Of a Very Special Friend
TERESA KHANDKER

London and formerly Portlaoise.

4th Christmas with the Angels



*Thinking of you this Christmas,
And how things just aren't the
same,
There's this dull and nagging
heartache, when someone
speaks your name,
Sadly we can't buy gifts for you,
Just silent tears that fall,
For this time of year without you,
Is the hardest time of all.*

*Loved and missed so much
Your pal Frances and Tom xx*

Rest in Peace Teresa

Christmas Remembrance for

Our Parents

JOHN AND OLIVE BRENNAN

51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

Our Brother **OLIVER BRENNAN**

Our Sister **ESTHER DUNNE née Brennan**

And Esther's Son **PATRICK DUNNE**

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise / Portarlinton
All who are missed at Christmas and all year through.



Christmas Without You

*Although it's sad to reminisce on Christmases we knew,
This year we shall celebrate, in memory of you,
We will put aside our sorrow, with every unshed tear,
And concentrate on all the love,
We shared when you were all here,
Our times together taught us, what Christmas time is for,
And that's what we'll remember until we meet once more.*

*Christmas wishes to Heaven, from your loving sons,
daughters, brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts and
brother and sister-in-laws.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Sister

ESTHER DUNNE née Brennan

Formerly Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise/Portarlinton
3rd Anniversary occurs 26th December 2022



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Monday 26th December at 10am.

SISTER,

*Words cannot express the sadness,
in saying Farewell to you,
The ache in our chest, our dear sister,
As our hearts are broken in two,
The bond that we shared was stronger, than diamonds
or forged steel, and nothing could ever cut so deep,
as this aching loss we feel,
But we know now, that you watch over us, as you did
when you were here, your light shines on, our dear sister
your presence eternally near.*

*Loved and missed so much from our lives,
your brothers and sisters and
brother and sister-in-laws.*

Rest In Peace Esther

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
MARTIN (Bunny) CARROLL**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurred 19th December 2022

3rd Christmas away from home.



*Though your smile is gone forever,
and your hand I cannot touch,
I still have so many memories,
Of the one I loved so much.
Your memory is now my keepsake,
Which with I'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
I have you in my heart.*

**Sadly missed, but never forgotten.
Love your wife Chris x**

*Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure,
You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond
measure.*

Love and miss you everyday, Sinead & Jack x

*In loving memory of
A Dear Brother, Uncle and Friend
May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper
in your ear, how much we love and miss you and
wish that you were here.*

Love always Mary, Michael, John & families x

*Not a day passes by dad that you don't cross my
mind, not all of you departed when you left our
earth behind.*

*For in my heart there is a place that only you can
hold, filled with lovely memories far more priceless
than gold.*

*I know that you still hear me dad so please know
this is true, that everything I am today is all
because of you.*

*Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday,
But missing you is a heartache that never goes
away.*

Love you always and forever, Karen x

*When God was making fathers, he must have
made a fuss, he spent a lot of time on one and
gave that one to us.*

*Of all the gifts in life, however great or small, to
have you as our daddy was the greatest gift of all.*

**Loved and missed dearly, Louise, Jamie and
Aaron x**

**Also remembering Martins brothers
Ned Henry and Bill and sister Sheila
Loved and missed dearly**

Rest in Peace Martin

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of our Daddy
KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR**

44 O' Moore Place, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.

9th Christmas away from Home.



*We're thinking of you once
again Daddy and the memories
we hold so dear,
But it always seems to hurt
more at this time of year,
Christmas here without you is
like winter without the snow,
And everything seems darker
since the day you had to go.*

*Heaven gained an angel, but it left us feeling blue,
Especially at Christmas time our hearts still weep for you,
But we'll remember all the good times and keep the
memories burning bright, until the day God calls for us
and we can re-unite.*

*So, as we place the presents beneath the Christmas tree
with no fuss, we'll wrap one up with all our love and
you'll know that one is from us.*

Happy Christmas Daddy

Always in our thoughts.

From Becky and Dylan xx

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
TOM PHELAN**

Clonkeen, Portlaoise and Ballinakill.

1st Christmas in Heaven.



*We miss the bond between us and we
miss your kind support.
You're in our mind and in our heart
and every Christmas thought.*

*Loved and always remembered by his
loving family now and forever*

Rest in Peace Dad

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
SEAN BUCKLEY**

Portlaoise Road, Abbeyleix. 3rd Christmas in Heaven.



*We miss you in so many ways,
We miss the things you use to say,
And when old times we do recall,
It's then, we miss you most of all.*

*Loved and remembered by all your
loving family.*

Rest in Peace Sean

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **JOSEPHINE WATSON**

Main St. Portarlinton and Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.
8th Christmas in Heaven



As every moment passes by,
Now that Christmas time is here,
We will be thinking of the joys we
shared, at this special time of year.

We remember the happiness and the
feeling of good cheer,
When we celebrated Christmas in the
days that you were here.

Instead of a card we send our love,
Instead of a gift, a prayer,
We will always love and miss you
and wish that you were here.



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

With love on this Christmas day and always, from all your
loving family.

May Josephine Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **TOMMY SKELLY**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Remembering you on your 1st Christmas in Heaven.



You gave us years of happiness,
Then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories that we
will treasure through the years.

Sadly missed today and always by
his loving wife Laura, daughter,
sons, grandchildren, son-in-law
and daughter-in-law.

Rest in Peace Tommy

Christmas Remembrance

OLIVER & ELIZABETH BARTLEY

91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
Oliver's 8th Christmas away from home.
Elizabeth's 2nd Christmas away from home.



We look back in fondness
every day at the joyful times
we had, no one could wish for
such a perfect pair as our
special Mam and Dad.
We are grateful for what you
taught us and we're grateful
for all your love, and we
know that you will watch
over us from
Heaven up above.

Although you're missed so dearly and so many tears we've
cried, it is so sweet and fitting that you sleep softly side by
side. You shared your love, you shared your life, many
precious times together, now you will spend eternity hand
in hand forever.

Sadly missed and forever remembered by their
daughter Monalisa, son-in-law Donal and grandsons
Darryl and Stefan.

Missing you at Christmas

Every day without you since you had to go, is like summer
without sunshine and Christmas without snow.
I wish that I could talk to you, there's so much I would say,
Life has changed so very much, since you went away.
I miss the bond between us and I miss your kind support,
You're in my mind and in my heart and every Christmas
thought.

I'll always feel you close to me and though you're far from
sight, I'll search for you among the stars, that shine on
Christmas night.

Loved and missed by their sons John, Oliver, Shay and
Darren, daughters-in-law, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren and the Conroy & Bartley families.

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **PJ O' BRIEN**

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
7th Christmas away from home.



Missing you Dad at Christmas
Christmas is a time of joy, but now
without you Dad, memories surround
us, and it's easy to be sad.

But knowing you'll be watching with
a father's gentle pride,
We'll celebrate the happiness, those
memories provide.

Your love is here to guide us,
In everything we do,
And we give thanks at
Christmas time, in memory of you.

RIP Grandad xxx

Truly missed by your beloved wife Teresa,
daughters, sons, grandchildren and
your large circle of friends.



Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
A loving Mother and Father
WILLIAM & SHEILA READY
Late of 26 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.*



Thinking of you this Christmas and how things just aren't the same,
There's this dull and nagging heartache,
when someone speaks your name.
Sadly we can't buy gifts for you, just silent tears that fall, for this time of year without you, is the hardest time of all.

From your son William, daughter Marie and your granddaughters.

Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
FINT GORMAN - 2nd Christmas
CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN
9th Christmas
AARON KELLY-GORMAN
4th Christmas*



Loving memories never die, as years roll on and days pass by, in our hearts a memory is kept, of ones we loved and will never forget.

*RIP Fint, love from your wife Ann and family.
RIP boys, love from Dad, Brandon, Chloe, Grace, family and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of
RAYMOND (Ray) BYRNE
113 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
17th Anniversary occurs 26th December, 2022*



Call Ray's name out softly Lord and when he looks your way, tell him that we love him and miss him everyday.

Loved and missed always Mam, Lilly, Angela, Ken, Trevor, Gordon, Evan, Megan, Lurna, Gavin and families.

May Raymond Rest in Peace

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE
THE BUGGY FAMILY**

George



*31st
Anniversary*

Pat



*11th
Anniversary*

Mary



*24th
Anniversary*

George



*8th
Anniversary*

*Memories are Forever
Though we can no longer see them,
They are always in our thoughts,
And God lets us see them each and everyday,*

*When the sun rises each morning;
It reminds us of their smile,
When the wind blows in our hair;
It reminds us of their touch,*

*When the rain sprinkles on our faces;
It reminds us of their laughter,*

And when the rainbow lights up the sky, it reminds us of their love. Their memory will always be a part of each and everyday.

Always in my thoughts, love Phyllis x

May They Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
ANNIE O' BRIEN**

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from Home.



Mammy

The days seem a little darker,
Since we have been apart,
The light has somehow faded,
Within this broken heart.

The memories I will treasure, until I breathe my last,
I know when my time is over, I'll no longer feel the pain,
Then I can climb the rainbow and we will meet again.

Happy Heavenly Christmas Mammy
Love Conor, Lisa and Conor.

Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**Father and Son
RAY AND DEAN BERGIN**

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
4th and 5th Christmas away from home.



Missing you both this Christmas

As we look up at the stars,
We search for the brightest ones,
And we know that's where ye are.

All our love, missing you always.
From your wife and mother Mossie,
Martina, Lisa, Sandra, grandchildren,
nieces and nephews.

Rest In Peace Ray and Dean

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
ANNIE O' BRIEN**

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from Home.



We think of you in silence, we often speak
your name, but all we have are memories
and your picture in a frame.

Your resting place we visit, and put flowers
there with care, but no one knows our
heartache as we turn and leave you there.

Love Billy, Elizabeth, Liam, Martina and Michael.

Rest in Peace Annie

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
CAROLINE KHANDKER**

Died 25th August 1982

And her Mother

TERESA KHANDKER

née McCormack. Died 13th May 2019



It's sad that you're not with us at this special time of
year, but we have precious memories of when you were
still here. We'll always feel you close to us and though
you're far from sight, we'll see you in the stars above
that shine on Christmas night.

Deeply missed and always in our hearts,
Samantha, Shabil, Nashad and families.

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

Missing you Daddy at Christmas

MARTIN STOKES

2nd Christmas away from Home



Christmas is a time of joy,
But now without you, Daddy,
Memories surround us,
And it's easy to be sad.
But knowing you'll be watching,
With a Father's gentle pride,
We will celebrate the happiness,
those memories provide.
Your love is here to guide us,
in everything we do,
And we give thanks at Christmas
time, in memory of you.

Loved and dearly missed, Sinéad, Lisa, Siobhan, Aisling,
Lorraine, your grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Rest in Peace Daddy

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
THE O' SHEA FAMILY
34 St. John's Square, Portlaoise
Remembering Mam, Dad, Nanthan, Jimmy,
Susan, Billy and Michael



It's Christmas time and ever since the day that ye were taken,
The lonely memories you've left have never been forsaken

They'll always stay as vivid, just as though ye still were here
And especially are cherished at this special time of year

There's never a day goes by without joyful thoughts of ye
For no one could bring happiness in the way ye used to.



Happy Christmas

From John, Joe and family.

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
SUSAN & JOHN GREENE
74 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



Mum & Dad

Missing you both at Christmas

*Every day without you since you had to go, is like
summer without the sunshine and winter without the
snow.*

*We wish that we could talk to you, there's so much we
would say, life has changed so very much since you both
went away.*

*We miss the bond between us and we miss your kind
support, you're in our minds and our hearts and every
Christmas thought.*

*We'll always feel you close to us and though you're far
from sight,
We'll search for you both among the stars that shine on
Christmas night.*

Loved & Missed Always

*From your daughters, sons, daughters-in-law,
sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
MARY JO McDONNELL née Maher
Late of Shanahoe, Abbeyleix.
3rd Anniversary occurs 30th December 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Shanahoe Church, on
Sunday 1st January at 12 noon.

*To your resting place we visit,
Place flowers there with care,
But no one knows our heartache,
when we turn and leave you there.*

*Sadly missed by her husband Walter, son Colm,
sister Phyllis and all her loving family.*

Rest in Peace Mary Jo

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
TED LEWIS
Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
1st Christmas away from Home



*Missing you always, especially
this Christmas
Our first Christmas without you.*

*You gave us years of happiness,
Then sorrow came with tears,
You left us with lovely memories,
That we will treasure through the years.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your loving wife
Trisha, sons Frank, Derek, Keith, Gavin, daughters
Yvette, Avril, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law,
grandchildren and great-grandson.*

Rest in Peace Ted

Christmas Remembrance
Of our Angels in Heaven
MARY & ALICE NEVIN
12 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.



*We know that
you both are
watching over
us, like you
always did.
We love and miss
you both dearly,
especially at this
time of year.*

*Always loved and remembered by
Paddy, Kathleen, family and grandchildren.
May They Rest in Peace*

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
JOE & ELLEN (Nellie) CONROY
47 Main Street, Portlaoise.



Tenderly we treasure the past,
Memories that will always last,
When we cease to think of you,
Will be when God has called us too.

**Always remembered by their
family and friends.**

Rest in Peace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
WILLIE LYNCH

2nd Christmas away from home

Christmas Memories of an Angel in Heaven



There's a special place beyond the
skies above, somewhere very peaceful,
that is full of light and love.

That special place is Heaven, where
you're free to laugh and roam,

It was your time to go there,
So the Angels took you home.
And though you're in our thoughts,
Each single day throughout the year,

At special times like Christmas,
We all wish you could be here.

Now you're in a better place,
Your soul is laid to rest,

Safe with all the Angels, for they only take the best.

Sadly missed forever and always by your loving wife
Kathleen, children Tara, Katie, Nicole, Shannon, Dylan,
Aaron and Shane and grandchildren Kaylum, Kian, Tyler,
Emily, Brooke, Nadine, Kayden, Teegan, Ivy, Willow & Teirna.

Rest in Peace Willie

Christmas Remembrance

Remembering a dear Mother and Father
VIRGINIA & PATRICK DOYLE
Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Virginia's 1st Christmas away from Home.



I wonder if he's teasing you
now Ma, I wonder if he's
holding your hand,
Love has a way of never
letting go, sure I know, you're
together somehow.
Finbar Furey



Sadly missed by their children Lisa, Thomas and Patrick
and grandchildren, Jane, Brian, Barry, Jack and Joe.

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

Of our beautiful daughter
MARIA GREENE
St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 7/2/09-15/3/14
9th Christmas in Heaven



Happy Christmas

Love from Daddy, Mommy,
brothers Stephen and Denis, sister
Natalie, grandparents, uncles,
aunts and cousins.

We'll always feel you are close to us and though you are
far from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that
shine on Christmas night.

Also remember

**Our Loving Mother
JOSEPHINE (Josie)
GREENE**

Kilimy, Emo.
7th Christmas in Heaven

Happy Christmas

Love from your sons, daughters, son-in-law,
daughter-in-law and grandchildren.



Christmas Remembrance MARGARET HOULIHAN

14 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
5th Christmas away from home



**Snowflake to Heaven
at Christmas.**

I am sending this
snowflake with a hug
and a kiss, to my wife in
Heaven, who I love
and miss.

We are sharing this
snowflake in loving
memory of our beautiful

Mother, who we love and miss at Christmas time.

We miss you and think of you everyday,

We will never forget you.

Gone but never forgotten.

Sadly missed and always remembered by
your loving husband James, sons, daughters,
grandchildren and extended family.

Rest in Peace Margaret

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
MARGARET HOULIHAN
Late of 11 Mountain View, Portlaoise.
1st Christmas away from Home



Every day without you since you had to go, is like summer without the sunshine and winter without the snow.

I wish that I could talk to you,
There's so much I would say,
You're in my mind and in my heart, each and every day.

I miss the bond between us and I miss your loving heart, I'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.

Happy Christmas Mammy/Mag
Lots of love always, your loving son Paul and your little nurse Sophie xx

Rest in Peace Margaret

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DOYLE
45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from home.



The years we spent together,
I keep them within my heart,
They hold precious memories,
That will never let us part,

Unspoken thoughts, no outward show, but deep inside I miss you so.

Sadly missed by her loving husband Joe and sisters-in-law Mary, Ellen and Gug.

Rest in Peace Kathleen

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
JIMMY MORRIN R.I.P.

45 St. John's Sq., Portlaoise, formerly New Road.
18th Anniversary occurs 24th December 2022



He had a nature you could not help loving, and a heart that was purer than gold. And to those who knew him and loved him, his memory will never grow cold.

From your son-in-law Joe.

Rest in Peace Jimmy

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
WINIFRED & JAMES McCORMACK
Timahoe and Clonboyne, Portlaoise.
11th and 33rd Christmas away from home.



Missing you
Mam and Dad
at Christmas

It is not what we write or even what we say,
It is what we feel inside as we think of you both today.



You made each Christmas special, the way it's meant to be, and filled it with your love, kindness and generosity.

You were the dearest Mam & Dad,
We knew that we were blessed,
And pray that Christmas Angels bring you sweet eternal rest.

Missing you both at Christmas-time
Love Margaret, Richard, Pauline, Robert,
Gavin, Alex, Margaret, Dave, Ryan, Pat
and Trish x

May They Rest In Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Billy) MARUM
171 St. Brigid's Place Portlaoise.
2nd Christmas away from Home



Look around your Garden Lord, and when he turns and smiles, put your arms around him Lord, and hold him for a while.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Phyllis, daughters Susan, Samatha, Sawnya and Sabrina, son William, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren

May William Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **FRANK RODDY**

3 Well Road, Portlaoise.

1st Christmas away from Home.

*You were my favourite Hello and my
hardest Goodbye. No longer by my side,
but forever in my heart.*

Sadly missed and loved by your loving
wife Mary, family and friends.

May His Gentle Soul Rest in Peace



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of **FR. PAT O' REILLY**

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam
Sue Ryder, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 2nd January 2023



The O' Reilly family would like to thank Bishop Denis, Monsignor John Byrne and all the priests of the parish for their support and prayers following the passing of Father Pat.

The celebration of his life during his requiem Mass reflected his love of life and his deep faith. The singing of the choir was comforting and inspirational. The presence of the Ursuline Sisters of Mary Immaculate was supportive. We wish to acknowledge the compassion and professionalism of Maloney's undertakers and Keegan's funeral home, as they supported us through the days of the funeral.

Once again, we wish to express our deep appreciation for the gentle care of the Doctors and staff of Portlaoise hospital who cared for Father Pat in his final days.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Josephine who supported both Father Pat and all our family in his final days.

We would also like to thank Kavanaghs' Bar, Portlaoise for their hospitality following the funeral.

To all those who showed great affection and love to Father Pat during his life, especially the priests and staff in the Parish Centre and the Staff and residents in Sue Ryder where Father Pat spent many happy years following his retirement, thank you. To each of you, know that you are held with our deepest affection and re-guard.

Father Pat regaled us with stories all his life and our wish is that you will continue to remember his stories and see the world as he did.

"The most beautiful, very lovely and joyful world"

We will leave you with a poem he often quoted from Josephine Mary Plunkett;

I see his blood upon the rose,
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,
His body gleams amid eternal snows,
His tears fall from the skies.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 8th January 2023 at 12.30pm.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of **THE O' SHEA FAMILIES**

207 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Edward
O'Shea



Julia
O'Shea



Edward
(Sonny)
O'Shea



Oliver
O'Shea



Frankie
O'Shea



Geraldine
Keegan



Angela
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Kelly



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O'Shea



Tommy (Eugene) Conroy



Jamie-Lee Moore



Wayne
Kelly



Elizabeth
(Betty)
O'Brien



Michael
(Gilpin)
Conroy



Joseph
O'Shea



Deirdre
Kelly



Angrea
Kelly

Also remember Sinead McCreavy

From Lucy, Mag, Ann,
Paul, Michael and
Jacinta xxx



George
Keyes

Rest in Peace



Margaret
Conroy

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL DEEVY**



*Cashel, Ballyroan.
Died 23rd December 2021 R.I.P.*

You dwell in that safe place in our hearts, where no storm or night or pain can reach you.

Forever remembered by your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Michael

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
MARY McEVOY (née Houlihan)
& CECILIA McEVOY**

"St. Martin's" Ridge Road, Portlaoise.



*If roses grow in heaven Lord,
please pick a bunch for me,
place them in my wife's arms
and tell her, they're from me.*

Cecilia,

*Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure...
You are loved beyond words
and missed beyond
measure..*



Dearlly missed by Joe and family.

May You Both Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MOLLIE FENNELLY**



*Late of 30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Died 30th December 2001 R.I.P.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Friday 30th December at 10am.*

*Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly hold,
Deep in our hearts, your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, to never forget.*

*Loved and remembered always by
Mary, Eugene, Sean and Ronan.*

Rest in Peace Mollie

Fondest Remembrance of

**A much loved
Wife, Mother and Grandmother
NOREEN ROCHE**

*Crookedwood Cross, Boley, Abbeyleix and
formerly Portlaoise.*

2nd Anniversary occurs 28th December '22



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Wednesday 28th December
at 10am.*

*Noreen, it's sad to walk the road
alone, without you by my side,
And for all will come this moment,
When the ways of life divide,*

*A few more steps along life's road,
Perhaps a few more years,
Then by God's grace, we'll meet again,
Beyond this vale of tears.*

*Sadly missed by your loving husband Billy,
daughters, sons-in-law and Grandchildren xxxxx*

Rest in Peace Dear Noreen

**In Loving Memory of
EDWARD (Ned) KIRWAN**

Boley, Abbeyleix.

*22nd Anniversary occurs 28th December '22
Mass offered.*



*Two Tired eyes are sleeping,
Two willing hands are still,
The one who worked so hard for
us, is resting at God's will.*

*In a near and silent graveyard,
Where the trees their branches
wave,*

*Sleeps a kind and loving father,
In his cold and lonely grave.*

*He bade no one a last farewell,
He raised his hand to none,
His spirit flew before we knew,
That he from us had gone.*

*Sadly missed by his loving wife, Nannie,
children and grandchildren.*

May Ned Rest in Peace

*For thou wilt light my candle:
the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.*

Psalm 18:28

Christmas Remembrance

**THOMAS &
GERARD
LAWLESS**



Every day in some small way, memories of you come our way.

Though absent, you are always near, Still loved and missed & always dear.

Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.

Also remember baby **H**arris

May Thomas and Gerard Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN, MARY and JOHN Jnr. ROCHE**
Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise.



*John's 5th Christmas Remembrance
Mary's 1st Christmas away from Home
John Jnr. 21st Christmas Remembrance*

*I hide my tears when I say your name,
But the pain in my heart is still the same,
Though I smile and seem carefree,
There is no one who misses you more than me.
Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving family, extended family and friends.

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
RICHARD & ELIZABETH O' BRIEN**
1 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture I tenderly hold,
Deep in my heart a memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, never to forget.

*Always loved and remembered by
Maura and family.*

May Richard & Elizabeth Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
THOMAS & KATHLEEN WHELAN**
Bellgrove, Ballybrittas and Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



Nothing can ever take away,
The love a heart holds dear,
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps you both near.



Always loved and remembered by Maureen and family.

May Thomas & Kathleen Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
JOHNNY O' BRIEN**
Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.
*1st Christmas away from Home. Birthday Remembrance
5th January. 1st Anniversary occurs 7th January 2023*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Sunday 8th January at 11.15am.**

*I watched you suffer, I saw you die,
All I could do was sit close by,
You went away, God eased your pain,
called you home,
But it broke our hearts to see you go,
What we would give if we could say "hi" in the same old way,*

*To hear your voice, to see your smile,
To sit with you and chat awhile,
Cherish your husband with care, for you never know the heartache until you see his empty chair.*

Sadly missed and always remembered by your wife Maura, sons Tommie, Richard and John, daughters Christina and Maureen, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and brother Billy O' Brien.

Rest in Peace Johnny

Christmas Remembrance

**In Loving Memory of
SEAN & NOEL WHELAN**
Ballybrittas and formerly Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



Always a smile instead of a frown,
Always a hand when one is down,
Always true, thoughtful and kind,
Wonderful memories you both left behind.



Always loved and remembered by Maureen and family.

May Sean & Noel Rest in Peace

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of
EILEEN HYNES

62 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 30th December

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh do Anam Dhílis

"Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or night or pain can reach you."

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom, brothers
Tony, Desmond, Bernard, and sister Maura,
brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace Eileen



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**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



BLESSING OF BABIES

SUNDAY 8TH
JANUARY 2023
AT 2PM

It will be three years since our last Blessing of Babies Ceremony and we are delighted to invite anyone who has been baptised in those three years to this year's ceremony.



*The Priests of the Parish and the staff of the Parish Centre
would like to wish all our Parishioners*

A very Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year

Parish Lotto Arrangements for Christmas

Our Parish Lotto draw will continue as usual Thursday 29th December at 5pm in the Parish Centre and may be viewed on facebook. Tickets may be dropped into the Parish Centre between 2pm and 4:30pm or in Brown's shop on the Dublin road.

Results for Thursday's draw, 22nd December, may be viewed online at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/lotto or via our facebook page.

**Parish Centre Reopens
Tuesday 3rd January at 9am**





'It is a joy to have friends coming to visit you from afar' so wrote Confucius expressing a truth that is still celebrated by millions of people around the world. Nowadays the connection can be made via the

internet link or video- call. But the tradition of needing to connect and come together face to face and celebrate relationship is a deep longing within us. Christmas celebrated God meeting us face to face in a Bethlehem Child: 'I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today, a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord' (Luke2:10) The Christmas story is about our search for find our way home. The home that was lost and which was searched for in the wilderness of exile as the bible tells us. Today we find that home—not in a stable in Bethlehem, not in a carpenter's workshop in Nazareth, not in a temple in Jerusalem, not among the boats on the Sea of Galilee and not in an upper room with locked doors. The home we longed for, the place of encounter with God is to be found within each one of us.

The house of God is not built of stones — but is built of us — all of us. We are the Body of Christ. He is the One who calls us home and makes his home in us. Home is not ultimately a place, not Portlaoise, London, America or China. The old saying is in fact true: 'home is where the heart is.' Our home is where Christ is and where we meet Christ in one another.

This Christmas let us bring into the home of our hearts families who have known unbearable tragedy and loss. Let us entrust all who have known tragic loss to the One who could count love before the cost and who in keyless rooms, can open doors. The One who is the reason we gather in Church at Christmas. The One from whom we learn to love, to emulate, to imitate, to follow and 'in whom we live and move and have our being' (Acts 17:28)

Lotto Results will be available on line for the Christmas period.

Visit our website www.portlaoiseparish.ie

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 Pandemic. The generosity of so many means we **continue to** be well supported and can pay our way at this time. Please find your way to contribute.

Ways to contribute to our Parish

Donation 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

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IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

Portlaoise Parish Clergy Fund Account:

IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

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