

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Catholic Schools Week 2023
22 January - 29 January

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What Are You Going To Do With Your One And Only Life?

What if Jesus had asked Peter, Andrew, James and John, **"How do you see yourself five years from now?"**

Do you think they might have replied, **"Still fishing for a living, in the same old fishing boats on the same old lake!"** Not likely!

The early disciples knew exactly where their priorities lay and they understood the urgency of Jesus' ministry. There was a whole world that needed to hear what Jesus had to say and not much time to complete the job.

What if Jesus levelled the same question at us? **"Where do you see yourself in five years time?"**

Do you see yourself doing the same thing you are right now? Do you see yourself doing the same things day in and day out for the rest of your one and only life? Jesus has a better idea. Jesus asks each of us to be fishers of men. Do we jump to it with the same immediacy as the early disciples or do we hunt for an excuse? Many of us feel uncomfortable about evangelising. We associate evangelisation with the eccentric or the holier than thou. We associate evangelisation with the man laden with bill boards in the city precinct or the woman handing out leaflets through the crack in the front door. We have a **'live and let live'** ethos today that doesn't sit comfortably with trying to persuade others to adopt our own beliefs. Funnily, this wasn't really Jesus' style either.

Being a fisher of men doesn't have to be about notching up conversions. Being a **'fisher of men'** is more about making a real difference in the lives of others. Being a disciple of Jesus means attracting others to our lifestyle by our shining example. Being a disciple is most certainly not about being overly holy or wearing sackcloth. Discipleship could be about writing a song or a book, it might be about bringing our children up with a conscience or giving an elderly relative somewhere to live. Discipleship might be about starting a meaningful conversation in the local pub, or just being a good friend to someone lonely. Whatever mode of discipleship we choose, we only have one life left to do it in.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday - Friday

7.30am & 10am

Saturday

10am

SUNDAY MASSES

St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

Vigil (Saturday) 5pm & 6.30pm

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption,

The Heath: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross,

Ratheniska: 10am.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after 10am & 5pm Masses.



Conversion of St Paul January 25th

When we are struggling to find change in our lives, we could hardly do

better than look to the story of Saul, the great persecutor of Christians, who saw the light on the road to Damascus. The story of the conversion of Saul, from the persecutor of Christians to the zealous and holy instrument of evangelisation, Paul, shows the strength of God's power in our lives, and how He can change anything. Although misguided, Saul had always been sincere and committed. In him God saw a tremendous instrument for all that he wanted to accomplish. The lesson here is to remember that for God, nothing is impossible.



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Pilates Classes:

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Beginners – Monday 7pm to 8pm

Mixed Level – Tuesday 12:30pm to 13.30pm

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Mondays

WALKING GROUP

Our walking group brings participants through a walking programme gradually increasing fitness over time.

The walking group helps people diagnosed with cancer take positive steps towards better health. Exercise has been shown to help with fatigue for cancer survivors.

Mondays at 2pm
Starting 13th February

THRIVE & SURVIVE PROGRAMME

This is a self-management programme for cancer survivors with the aim of improving their quality of life to better manage daily health. (Developed by Stanford University)

Monday at 10am
Booking Essential
February 2023

THRIVE & SURVIVE MEDITATION

12.30pm - 1.30pm
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February 2023

ENTITLEMENTS

A Citizens Information Adviser will give you advice about the financial help you may be entitled to and will help you to navigate the process. e.g., medical card application etc

CANCER SUPPORT NURSE

Our cancer care nurse will provide you with information to help you with the emotional and psychological impact of your cancer diagnosis.

Tuesdays

MEN'S GROUP

1st Tuesday of each month
from 10am-11am
Next Group 7th Feb.

MINDFULNESS FOR MEN

11am-12noon
7th February

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10am-11.15am
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12th January

CLIMB PROGRAMME

Helping Children Understand Cancer. This programme is fun and creative, using drama, arts and play and aims to help children cope with a cancer diagnosis in the family
February 2023

WORK & CANCER PROGRAMME

This is a 6-week programme which will equip you with strategies and skills to help manage everyday symptoms which can impact on work. This programme was developed by TCD and is supported by TCD & NCCP.

Booking Essential
Starting February 2023

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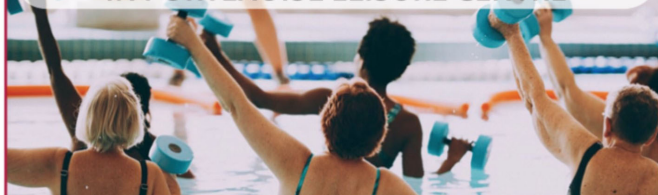
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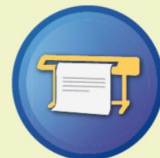
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Junior Infant Enrolment 2023-'24 school year

The school is now accepting applications for Junior Infant enrolment for the school year 2023-2024. Application forms are available from the school website www.heathns.ie or the school office. Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is Friday 3rd February 2023. For any further information you may require please contact the school Principal Mr. David O'Brien on 057-8646658 or office@theheathns.com



Applications for Admission 2023-2024 - Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix;

The school is now accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants and to our Sonas ASD Class for the school year 2023-2024 from now until Thursday, 26th January 2023.

All Information including our 'Annual Admissions Notice' & 'Application for Admission Forms' can be found on the 'Parents' tab of the school website; www.shanahoens.weebly.com

Alternatively, 'Application for Admission Forms' can be sought by e-mailing the school office at shanahoens@gmail.com or by phoning 057-8739715. Follow us on Facebook at 'Shanahoe National School', Instagram 'shanahoe_ns', or Twitter @shanahoeNs

School Motto: 'Mol an Óige agus Tiocfaidh Sí'

Scoil Mhuire, Ballyroan Road, Abbeyleix is now accepting Enrolment Applications for Junior Infant classes from now until Friday 27th January 2023. Parents who wish to enrol their children for Junior Infants beginning Sept. 2023 are invited to submit applications for enrolment during this period. We recommend pupils are at least 4.5 years old by September 2023. Enrolment Forms are available from the school secretary 057-8731051 or e-mail scoilmhuireabbeyleix@gmail.com, from Merry Mornings Preschool, Gort na nÓir, Jelly Tots Playschool, CYMS Hall and The Childrens' House, The Fairways. All completed enrolment forms must be returned to the school by Friday 27th January 2023. Those accepted for enrolment will be notified by post by Friday February 3rd 2023.

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Portlaoise Active Retirement meet every Wednesday in the Parish Centre, for friendship, activities, fun and enjoyment. New members always welcome.

Activities for the coming week;

Monday 23rd; Bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall at 3pm. New members welcome.

Tuesday 24th; 2pm - Rehearsals have started for our show in May in the Parish Centre.

Wednesday 25th; Our club meeting at 3pm in the Parish Centre.

Thursday 26th; Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm. New members welcome, tuition given.

For further information contact PRO at 087-6204617.

Sean Nós Dancing; Class commencing Thursday 26th January at 8pm, at An tSean Chistin, Irey, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, R32X5D6. All ages, beginners and advanced welcome. This project will culminate with a celebration of Sean Nós and brush dancing on Thursday 16th March for Seachtain na Gaeilge. Places are limited so booking essential. Further details from Maureen 087-6482038 or e-mail seanchistin@gmail.com.

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre on Tuesday, 17th January;

Top score; Michael O'Brien | **1st Lady;** Theresa Mulhare | **2nd Lady;** Betty Murphy | **1st Gent;** Paul Kavanagh | **2nd Gent;** Annmarie Farrell | **1st Half;** Eamon Owens | **2nd Half;** Kit Farrell, J Ryan, C Fitzpatrick

Raffle; 1st Kit Farrell, 2nd Liam McCartney, 3rd Eamon Owens, 4th Betty Murphy, 5th S Duff

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



Answering the Call

What do you do when there is an emergency? Let's say, for example, that someone has a serious injury or illness, and if they don't get help right away, they might die. What would you do? Right! You'd pick up the phone and call 9-1-1!



When you call 9-1-1 and tell the person who answers that you need help right away, it is their job to see that you get help. That person would never say something like, "I'm sorry, we are really busy right now, maybe some other time." No way! They drop whatever they are doing and make sure that you get the help you need.

In our Gospel today, Jesus was walking along beside the sea of Galilee preaching the good news of God when he made a call for help. He saw Peter and Andrew throwing a net into the water, because they were fishermen. He called out to them, "Come, follow me and I will teach you how to fish for people." You see, Jesus wanted Peter and Andrew to help him teach people about God's love for them. When Jesus called Peter and Andrew, they didn't say, "Not right now, we are busy fishing. Maybe some other time." No way! The Gospel tells us that they left their nets and followed Jesus.

Jesus, Peter, and Andrew had gone a little farther when they saw James and John sitting in a boat mending their nets. When Jesus saw them, he called to them, "Follow me." They didn't say, "Not right now, we're busy mending our nets. Perhaps some other time." No, the Gospel says that they left their father sitting in the boat with the hired hands and followed Jesus.

Jesus is still calling for help today. He has called you and me to help him to bring others into God's Kingdom. Is it an emergency? It sure is! It's a matter of life and death! The Bible says, "Unless you repent, you will all perish." (Luke 13:3) Jesus has called us, what will we say? What will we do? I hope and pray that we will drop whatever we are doing and answer the call.

My Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Heavenly Father, we want to be faithful in answering the call to discipleship. We want to fish for people - just like Peter, Andrew, James, and John. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

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Time to Think!

Reflection enriches Life

St. Ignatius of Loyola's (1491-1556), great insight came while he was convalescing after a serious injury. God was communicating within him through his daydreams initially, leading him away from selfish pride and towards self-giving service of others. However, it was only in *reflection*, looking back over his experience, that Ignatius was able to sort out what was genuine. It would take him many years to be able to listen fully to what God was saying, to temper his own unruly impulses and be of real service to the world. God seems to work with us slowly and patiently through different experiences, and we need reflection or 'looking back' to see it clearly. The end of a day is a really good time to look back and evaluate the experiences of the day just lived. Undoubtedly there will be ups and downs, laughter and tears, light and darkness. It can be easy to write it off as being 'past' or over, just focusing on moving on and forgetting. But there are surprising discoveries to be made in following this simple process.

An Ignatian technique called 'Review of the Day' can be useful here as a practical and efficient way of building reflection into busy lives. Normally, it takes 15-20 minutes to do at the end of the day or whenever it suits. The key insight is that by taking some time to reflect or look back on the complex and often hectic experience of our day, we see things differently. This is the paradox: taking time to look back allows us to appreciate the experience more. Often we see things we have missed, realise the importance of small moments of light, and come to appreciate the gift that is each day. We begin with trying to find gratitude within us for everything good that has happened. This helps shift often habitual negativity towards a more hopeful way of seeing that is more divine. Only then do we invite Jesus to watch our day replayed like a movie before us. Seeing it as he sees it, we realise the wonder of how God is alive in the world. We come to know exactly how we have been cooperating with God or not, and concretely how we could decide and act better in the future. The idea is not to beat ourselves up about failures or mistakes but to commit ourselves to living lives closer to what God wants for us. Looking back in reflection, with God's help, it is easier to see our cooperation or the lack of it. With practice you can 'feel' or get a sense of what was good and genuinely from God, and the opposite. This fuels our commitment to living the next day in a more aware, discerning and proactive way, literally making our prayer active and alive. It takes practice and patience, but it works very effectively



over time to make our Christian commitment a reality in terms of how we act and decide.

It is also helpful to 'process' the experience of the day, work through all the issues and gifts, to see it through God's eyes and be reconciled enough to hand it over and sleep well afterwards. Find a quiet space and try to put aside 15 minutes. Some people find a lighted candle helpful to remember to 'live in the light'.

The five steps are:

1. Ask God for light: try to see the day through God's eyes, not merely my own; see what stands out.
2. Give thanks: get in touch with gratitude for the day you have just lived is a gift from God. This can be a struggle again as negativity can dominate, but there are always some lights to focus on.
3. Review the day chronologically: look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit. Often you can be surprised about all the things you did, people you met, and you may have forgotten much.
4. Face your mistakes or shortcomings: face up to what is wrong - accept mistakes; work out what you would do better to improve.
5. Look forward to the next day: ask God for help to live a better day, commit yourself to learn and improve.

It can be helpful to write your observations or insights in a diary or journal to get them clear in your head. From this exercise naturally flows the desire to look at the coming day: what kind of day do you want? What would you like to happen? What do you want to avoid?

Again, it is worth taking time to look at this, maybe as a separate exercise, and begin looking at what you really want, what is going to satisfy your soul. It's all about tuning into this experience of a close God who wants the best for us, and who is trying to communicate with us through reflection and prayer.

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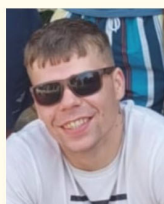
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***In Loving Memory of
CARMEL FITZPATRICK***



*Borris Road, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 20th January 2023.*

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



*Will those who think of Carmel today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
James, Betty, Noel and families.
Rest in Peace Carmel*



***In Loving Memory of
MARTIN WALSH***



*118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 21st January 2023*

Martin's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 21st January at 6:30pm.



*A whisper on a January
evening,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus
and gently left us all.*

*Deeply loved and sadly missed by your ever
loving wife Margaret, sons Anthony and Joseph,
daughters Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia and
Colette, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Also remembering Martin Jnr. at this time.

Rest in Peace Martin



***In Loving Memory of
ANNE GING***



*70 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
16th Anniversary occurs 25th January 2023.*



*Missing you is a heartache that will
never go away, you are always in our
thoughts and live forever in our hearts.*

*Loved and remembered today and
everyday, by your loving son Liam,
daughter Helena and families.*

May Anne Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **CARMEL O' GORMAN**

Rathevan View, Portlaoise.

Remembering Carmel on her 1st Anniversary.



1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on **Sunday 29th January at 11.15am.**

*Remembering
The beauty of a memory is that it's always there, like a penny in your pocket, you can take it anywhere.*

And when your heart is heavy and your eyes are filled with tears, you can focus on a memory and travel through the years.

Your heart can visit happy times, when laughter filled the air, and the presence of your loved one, will lessen your despair.

*So as you travel on in life, take comfort as you go,
In a lifetime of "sweet memories",
Of one who loved you so.*

**Dearly missed and never forgotten
Daddy, Barbara, Norma, Geraldine, Gwen, Paul,
Aidan and all their families.**

Rest in Peace Carmel

In Loving Memory of **JOHN (Ulick) CONROY**

Beladd, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 31st January 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Saturday 28th January at 5pm.**

Loved and sadly missed by all his loving family.

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of **ELIZABETH (Lill) FARRELL**

Green Mill Lane, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 27th January 2023



Lill's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Saturday 28th January at 5pm.**

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

*We love and miss you, from your loving husband
William, children Gemma, William and Eoin,
son-in-law Kevin, daughters-in-law Lisa & Jessica
and grandchildren Dylan, Zak, Liadh, Grace,
Sophia, Alex and Lily xxx*

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN BRENNAN**

Rathleague, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurs 26th January 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Thursday 26th January at 7.30am.**

Think of her as living in the hearts of those she touched, for nothing loved is ever lost, and she was loved so very much.

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

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MARY (May) CONNELL**

31 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

18th Anniversary occurs 28th January 2023



January comes with sad regret,
The day, the month, we'll never forget,
In our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered forever each day.

Sadly missed by your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Mary

In Loving Memory of **RICHARD ANDERSON**

Late of 37 Upper Beladd, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurred 19th January 2023



*Although you sleep in Heaven now,
You're not that far away,
My heart is full of memories,
And you're with me everyday.
You lived your life with meaning,
And with a smile upon your face,
A world that was full of happiness,
is now an empty place.
People say that only time will heal a broken heart,*

But just like me and you, it has been torn apart.

*I know you are at peace now,
And in a place where you are free,
Meet me at the pearly gates, when Heaven calls for me.*

Always loved and missed by your loving wife Cecilia and family.

Rest in Peace Richard

In Loving Memory of

Our Mother

ANN DELANEY

Cappagh North, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 23rd February 2023.

And Our Father

JAMES DELANEY

7th Anniversary occurred 17th January 2023.



*Treasured thoughts of ones so dear,
Often bring a silent tear,
Thoughts of scenes long past,
Years roll on but memories last.*

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Ruth, son
Mark and grandchildren Alannah, Elisha and Kody.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **THOMAS (Dawn) MURPHY**

27th Anniversary away from home.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church,
**Saturday 21st January at
6.30pm.**

*He bade no one a last farewell,
He said goodbye to none;
The Heavenly gates were opened
wide,
A loving voice said "Come".*

**Always in our thoughts and
prayers Daddy**

Your loving sons, daughters,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
great-great-grandchildren, brother,
extended family and friends.

*Will those who think of Daddy
today a prayer to Jesus say.
Amen*

Rest in Peace Thomas

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Paddy) CONNELL**

Late of 57 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 21st January 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Saturday 21st January at 6:30pm.

*The rolling stream of life goes on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the voice, the smile, the love,
Of a Dad who once sat there,
Loved and missed beyond compare.*

*Missed and loved everyday by your sons Richard, Pat and
Kieran, daughters Geraldine, Philomena, Bernadette,
Nora and Teresa, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Thinking of our dear Mam, Mary at this time.

Rest in Peace Paddy

In Loving Memory of **EOIN DOOLEY**

Brittas Mountmellick. 9th Anniversary occurs 31st January 2023.



We thought of you today, but that is
nothing new, we thought of you
yesterday and will tomorrow too,
We think of you in silence and make no
outward show, for what it meant to lose
you, only those who love you know,
Remembering you is easy,
We do it every day,

It's the heartache of losing you, that never goes away.

*Treasured memories of a loving son, brother and father, missing you
always, love Mam, Dad, Diarmaid, Grainne, Sarah, Eileen,
daughter Molly and your extended family.*

Anniversary Masses will be celebrated in St. Joseph's
Church, Mountmellick, Saturday 28th January at 7:30pm and
Sunday 29th at 11am, and in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
Portlaoise at 11:15am on Sunday 29th January.

May Eoin Rest in Peace

*"Be not afraid, I am with you always.
I have called you by name and
you are mine."*



Isaiah 43

In Loving Memory of
A Cherished Husband,
Father and Grandfather
WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY
 28 Lakeglen, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.
 5th Anniversary occurs 24th January 2023



*Remember him with a smile today,
 He was not one for tears,
 Reflect instead on memories of all
 the happy years,
 Recall to mind the way he spoke and the
 things he said,
 His care, his warmth, the way he smiled,
 Remember these instead,
 The fun he shared with us,
 His eyes that shone with laughter,
 So much of him will never die but live on
 forever after,
 As we loved you, so we miss you,
 Loved, remembered, longed for always
 with the passing of the years.*



Always loved and always in our thoughts

*Your wife Anne, sons and daughters,
 sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and all your
 grandchildren xxx*

Rest in Peace William

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
JULIA MARGARET "BELL" DOHENY
 23 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise, whose birthday occurs 24th January.



*Mother: A mother like ours is more than a memory,
 She is a living presence. Our mother is always with us.
 She's the whisper of the leaves as we walk down the
 road; she's the smell of bleach in our freshly
 laundered socks; she's the cold hand on our brow
 when we're not well.*

*Our mother lives inside our laughter and she is
 crystallised in every tear drop.
 She's the place we came from - our first home, and
 she's the map we follow with every step we take.*

*She's our first love and our first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can
 separate us....not time, not space - not even death.*

*Always remembered and never forgotten.
 From her daughters, sons, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren
 and great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.*

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Julia Rest in Peace

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Corinthians 1:10



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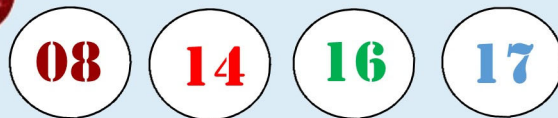


May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
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and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of
His hand.

Portlaoise Parish



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