

12th February 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Earthquake Appeal

On Monday 6th February a catastrophic and deadly earthquake struck Turkey and Syria. One of the most devastating natural disasters of all time. The death toll has reached over 15,000 as we go to press and is expected to rise. Thousands are injured and millions displaced. It cries out for a compassionate and generous response from us.

The Parish in conjunction with the Diocese and Trocaire has opened an appeal to get immediate aid to the people of the devastated region. Earthquake appeal envelopes are available at our Churches and at the Parish Centre.



A Prayer for the victims of the Earthquake

Comfort them, Lord, in this disaster.
Be their rock when the earth refuses to stand still, and
shelter them under your wings when homes no longer exist.
Embrace in your arms those who died so suddenly.
Console the hearts of those who mourn,
and ease the pain of bodies on the brink of death.

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Follow Your Heart

It's a sad truth that those who walk free from court aren't necessarily Innocent. Sometimes the man or woman who walks free from court simply has the better solicitor. Lawyers do a good and valuable job, but it has to be said that some lawyers take more pride in finding legal loopholes than the truth.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our heart tells us what to do. The written law should be no different.

Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts. What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions. As a newly qualified driver mentally rehearses his or her first solo drive, so we must follow where our hearts go first.



Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday - Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigils 5pm & 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

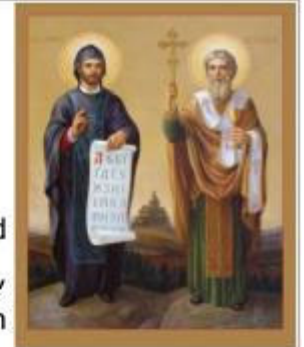
Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.

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Thought for today!

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On Tuesday



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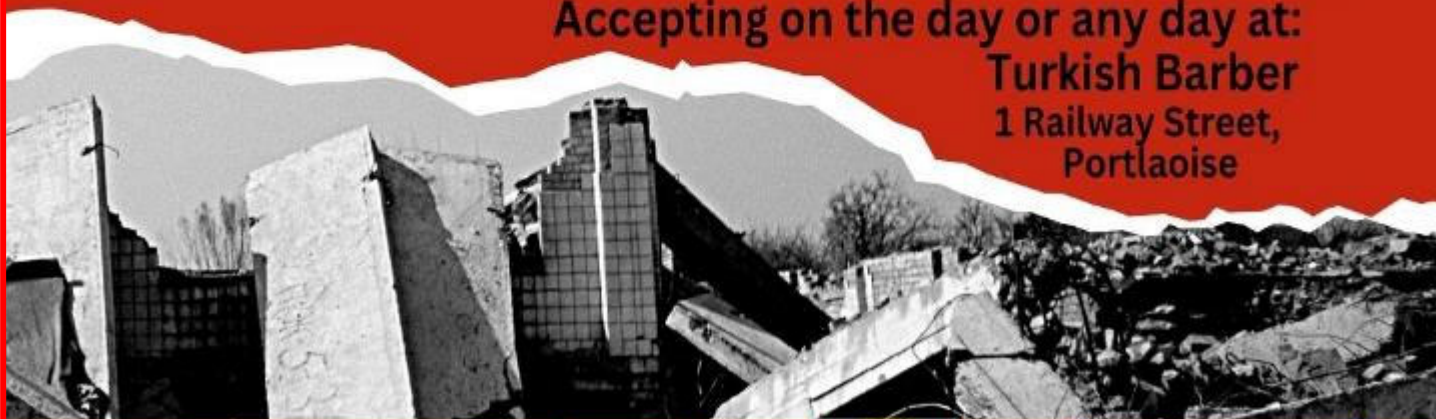


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The Cuisle Cancer Support Centre is operating as normal – we are currently following National Cancer Control Programme guidelines. Facemasks are required to be worn for all attendees. The welfare & care of those attending & working in the centre as always is our priority.



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.

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)

**Starting, Monday,
12th Feb
10am-12 noon
Booking Essential**

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

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Tuesdays

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February 2023

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AGM scheduled for 15th February at 3pm in Parish Centre. Membership €25 per year. Old and new members welcome.

Outing Wednesday 22nd February to Snowdrop Festival Altamont Gardens Carlow Trip, includes guided tour of gardens followed by meal in Teach Dolmen Restaurant Carlow Town. The gardens are magnificent this time of year, lots of seated areas, gravel walks, cafe. Bus leaving Parish Centre 10.45am, €10 bus.

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Top score: Peter Stevenson | **1st Lady:** Kit Farrell | **2nd Lady:** Betty Murphy

1st Gent: Ciaran Fitzpatrick | **2nd Gent:** Frank Keenan | **1st Half:** Tom Dunne | **2nd Half:** Mary Delaney

Raffle: 1st Molly O' Brien | 2nd Tom Kearns | 3rd Bridie Kennedy | 4th Maureen Fitzpatrick

Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday night, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in learning to play, contact Breda Cooley.

Mary's Meals - Coin Collection: We are appealing to you for your old coins and copper coins that are in jam jars, vases and odd pots around the house. We are using these to translate into food to feed the children in Mary's Meals School Feeding Programmes. Because Mary's Meals can provide a meal for 11c, your generosity can make a massive difference. You don't need to count it! If you are willing to donate Irish, sterling or foreign coins/notes, please contact Angela Moore at 089-4339592.

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat: Sts. Peters & Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Saturday 25th February 10am to 1.30pm. Holy Mass 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre from 10.45am to 1.30pm. Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O' Domhnaill P.P. All are welcome.

The Legion of Mary will pray for all the intentions on the petition wall this week.

New Year - New Opportunity to get involved: Are you a parent or grandparent with a few hours free each week? If so, please consider offering friendly support to young parents with Parents First. There is free training and ongoing mentoring. Find out more, call Dolores or Paula at 086-1959221 or 057-9322996.



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7am-1:30pm
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If not now - when?*



Forgiving and Forgiven

At Mass on Sunday we normally contribute to a collection called the offertory collection, where you can put this into the little safe box in the exit of all doors of the Church. Most of you have probably brought a coin for your offering today. There are many places in the Bible that teach us the importance of presenting an offering to God, but the truth is that God is more interested in what's in our heart

than he is in what's in our hand.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to people long ago, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you will be subject to judgement.' But I say, even if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment." He went on to say that you will be face God's judgment if you call someone a bad name or curse them.

What did Jesus say we should do if we are guilty of any of these things? He said, "If you are presenting your offering to God and you remember that you have said something that hurt another person, leave your gift at the altar and go and ask forgiveness from that person. Then come back and offer your gift to God."

Before we give our offering today, perhaps we should ask ourselves a few questions. Have I been angry with someone this week? Have I had any arguments lately? Have I called someone a bad name? Have I said something about someone that wasn't true? If so, we should ask God to forgive us and we should go to the person we have hurt and ask them to forgive us. When we have done that, God will be pleased with our offering.

"Forgive" is a great old hymn written by Corinne Williams. The first verse of this hymn would be a good prayer for us today.

**Forgive the things I've said in haste, O Lord, today,
As evening shadows fold again the light away;
O take away the sting and hurt from hearts, I pray;
And heal the wounded spirits, Lord, in Thine own way!**



Dear God, sometimes we say things in anger that hurt other people.

Help us to guard against hateful and hurtful words and forgive us as we ask those we have hurt to forgive us as well.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Confirmation Dates

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Friday 24th & Saturday 25th February

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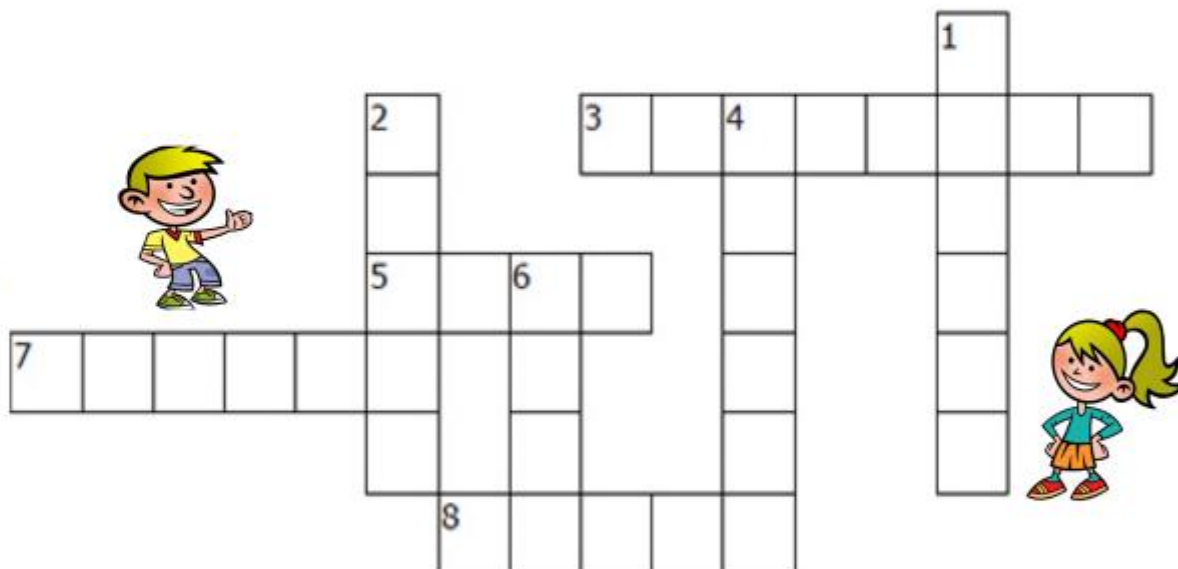
Saturday 29th March



FORGIVING AND FORGIVEN

"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift" Matthew 5:21-25

DANGER
PEOPLE
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ACROSS

1. To decide if a person is guilty or innocent.
5. A present that is given to another person.
7. Killing of a person by another person.
8. The place where gifts or sacrifices to God are made.

DOWN

1. A group of human beings (men, women or children)
2. To be furious
4. To be at risk of being injured or harmed.
6. A person who lacks good sense.

MY PRAYER

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God's love commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
to light, to guard,
to rule, and guide.
Amen.





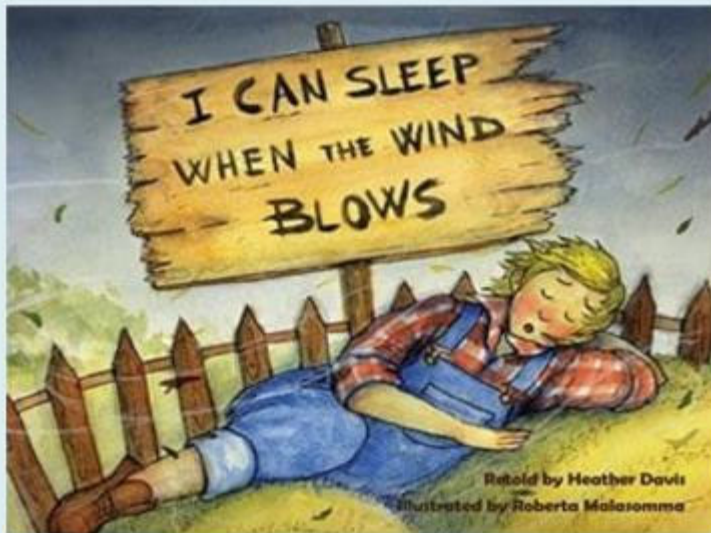
Time to Think!

Random Tales of Wisdom

How do you handle adversity? What are you thinking when the sun goes down on those cold, windy nights, when you're trying to get to sleep, and the wind keeps swirling and howling through your bedroom windows?

Sleep Soundly When the Wind Blows

Years ago a farmer owned land along the Atlantic seacoast. He constantly advertised for hired hands. Most people were reluctant to work on farms along the Atlantic. They dreaded the awful storms that raged across the Atlantic, wreaking havoc on the buildings and crops. As the farmer interviewed applicants for the job, he received a steady stream of refusals. Finally, a short, thin man, well past middle age, approached the farmer. "Are you a good farm hand?" the farmer asked him. "Well, I can sleep when the wind blows," answered the little man.



Although puzzled by this answer, the farmer, desperate for help, hired him. The little man worked well around the farm, busy from dawn to dusk, and the farmer felt satisfied with the man's work. Then one night the wind howled loudly in from offshore. Jumping out of bed, the farmer grabbed a lantern and rushed next door to the hired hand's sleeping quarters. He shook the little man and yelled, "Get up! A storm is coming! Tie things down before they blow away!" The little man rolled over in bed and said firmly, "No sir. I told you, I can sleep when the wind blows." Enraged by the response, the farmer was tempted to fire him on the spot. Instead, he hurried outside to prepare for the storm. To his amazement, he discovered that all of the haystacks had been covered with tarpaulins. The cows were in the barn, the chickens were in the coops, and the doors were barred. The shutters were tightly secured. Everything was tied down. Nothing could blow away.

The farmer then understood what his hired hand meant, so he returned to his bed to also sleep while the wind blew. Can you sleep when the wind blows? When you're prepared, spiritually, mentally and physically, you have nothing to fear.

A Cat goes to Heaven

A cat dies and goes to Heaven. God meets him at the gate and says, 'you have been a good cat all of these years. Anything you desire is yours, all you have to do is ask.' The cat says, 'Well, I lived all my life with a poor family on a farm and had to sleep on hardwood floors.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, a fluffy pillow appears. A few days later, 6 mice are killed in a tragic accident and they go to Heaven. God meets them at the gate with the same offer that He made the cat. The mice said, 'All our lives we've had to run. Cats, dogs and even women with brooms have chased us. If we could only have a pair of roller skates, we wouldn't have to run anymore.' God says, 'Say no more.' And instantly, each mouse is fitted with a beautiful pair of tiny roller skates. About a week later, God decides to check and see how the cat is doing. The cat is sound asleep on his new pillow. God gently wakes him and asks, 'How are you doing? Are you happy here?' The cat yawns and stretches and says, 'Oh, I've never been happier in my life. And those Meals on Wheels you've been sending over are the best!'

Prayer to let go of the past

Lord Jesus I pray that You would enable me to forget the things which are past and help me to press forward, knowing that my hope and my future is in You. Help me not to dwell on past hurts and painful memories and enable me to forget what is behind and to walk forward into each new day, holding Your hand. Lord I release all of the painful memories I have to You and pray that You would help me to renew my mind day by day and to focus my thoughts on the Lord Jesus Christ. Help me also to forgive all those that have caused me pain so that by Your grace You would help me to fill my heart with new and joyful thoughts. Lord I believe that You came to heal the broken-hearted and set the captives free. Wash away all these hurtful memories that are causing me so much heartache I pray – and replace them with the joy of my salvation, which I have received in Christ Jesus my Saviour – for which I offer You thanks and praise. Lord may the words of my mouth and all the thoughts in my mind be filtered through You – and may I build up new memories that are sweetened by the beauty of Your Person, in Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise



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Killone, The Heath
Stradbally



JAMES (Jim) KERWIN
Mountrath/Ballacolla

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

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

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN BRACKEN**

née Dunne

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise. 9th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this Saturday 11th February at 6.30pm.

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

Loved always by Larry, Frances and family.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET (Peggy) KELLY**

1 Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 16th February 2023



1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Sunday 19th February at 10am.

*Lovingly remembered and
sadly missed by her
loving husband and family.*

Rest in Peace Peggy

**In Loving Memory of
SEAN KEOGH**

Late of 6 Park View, Portlaoise. 12th Anniversary. Died 14/2/2011.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 11th February at 5pm.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving
wife Brid and all his family.*

May Sean Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOSS ROBINSON**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 12th February 2023



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

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

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Peggy, sons Joseph and Michael,
daughters Jackie and Margaret, brothers Jim, Michael and Paddy,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Joss



*May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of
His hand.*

In Loving Memory of
Dr. HUGH (Hugo) GATH
 Elm Lawn, Portlaoise and Kilcormac, Offaly
 3rd Anniversary occurred 8th February 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 11th February at 6:30pm.

Will those who think of Hugh today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

Loved and missed by all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Hugh

In Loving Memory of
EILEEN PHELAN
 New Road, Portlaoise.
 2nd Anniversary occurs 17th February 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 19th February at 12:30pm.

*In God's care you rest above,
 In our hearts you rest in love,
 Never more than a thought away,
 Loved and remembered everyday.
 In Heaven you rest,
 No worries or pain,
 God bless you...until we meet again.*

Sadly missed by your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Eileen

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of our Wonderful Mother
BERNADETTE COYNE

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
 Birthday occurs 11th February 2023



We are sending a dove to Heaven with a parcel on its wings,
 Be careful when you open it,
 It's full of beautiful things.
 Inside are a million kisses, wrapped up
 in a million hugs, to say how much we
 miss you and to send you all our love.
 We hold you close within our hearts and
 there you will remain,

To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again

Thinking of you, today and always.

Happy Birthday

Sadly missed and loved by all her loving family.

May Bernie's gentle soul Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
MADGE McEVOY
 Capoley, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs Monday 13th February 2023.
 Much loved and cherished Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 12th February at 12:30pm.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by:
 Sarahann, Ailish, Mary, Joe, Breda and their families.*

May Madge Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of a Dear Sister
BERNIE COYNE

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
 Birthday occurs 11th February 2023



Precious people are very few, that is why Bernie, there was only one of you,
 Nothing on earth could ever replace,
 the sound of your voice, or the smile on your face.

From your loving sister Kitty,
 brother-in-law Donie and family and
 your sisters Mary, Peggy and Trish xxx

Rest in Peace Bernie

In Loving Memory of
MARY CONROY

18 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary.
 For a Wonderful Mum



Along the road of suffering, you found a little lane, that took you up to Heaven, and ended all your pain.

*You may be our of sight,
 We may be worlds apart,
 But you are always in our prayers and forever in our hearts.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Monday 13th February at 10am.

*Love you always Mam, from your loving daughters
 Marie, Phil and Josephine.*

Rest in Peace Mary

In Loving Memory of TONY GREENE

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Thursday 16th February at 10am.

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

Rest in Peace Tony

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of TERESA RYAN (née McEvoy)

Woodbrook, Portarlington and Wexford



The families of the late Teresa Ryan (née McEvoy) would like to thank everyone who sympathised with them on their recent, sad loss. A sincere thanks to the family and friends who supported Teresa, Barry, Katie, Páidí, Hannah and the entire McEvoy family over Teresa's illness, and continue to do so.

We thank those who travelled from near and far to celebrate Teresa's life; Fr David Vard and those who called to the Ryan and

McEvoy houses, attended the wake at Moloney Undertakers funeral home, attended the funeral in Emo Church and burial afterwards in Emo cemetery.

We thank everyone that brought food to our homes, sent flowers, left messages of condolences, gave cards or letters and to the Rathnamanagh and Emo communities for their help before, during and after the funeral.

We offer a heartfelt thank you to the nurses, doctors and healthcare assistants in Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise, Tallaght University Hospital and Saint Vincent's Private Hospital who looked after Teresa so well. The staff of the Day Care Oncology Units, under the guidance of Prof. Janice Walshe, are thanked in particular. A big thank you to Dr. Sinéad Lynch and all the staff in An Lialann, and Mr. Dermot Donaghy and all the McElwees Pharmacy staff, both in Mountmellick, for their unwavering support for Teresa.

Many thanks to Moloney Undertakers, for their guidance and professionalism, and to Mr. P.J. Gleeson for preparing Teresa's final resting place in Emo Cemetery. Fr. Joe O'Neill, assisted by Fr. Tom Dooley and Fr. Joseph Loftus (TU Dublin), are thanked for their lovely funeral mass. Ms. Sarah Troy is thanked for providing the beautiful music at the funeral mass. The children of Emo National School, their teachers, and Principal Mr. Cyril Duggan, are thanked for providing Teresa's guard of honour. Thanks to the management and staff of The Heritage Hotel, Killenard, who served a fine meal after the burial.

It is not possible to thank everyone individually here, however, we wish to acknowledge everyone's contribution and support; we are very grateful to all those who helped us during this difficult period. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Teresa's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated this Sunday, 12th February at 11am in Emo Church.

May Teresa Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of SHEILA HARNAN WHELAN

Doirefeá, Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 18th February 2023



2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on
Sunday 19th February at 9.30am.

*Sheila, you are forever in our
thoughts and prayers.*

Sadly missed by her loving family,
John, Sharon, Seamus, Nicoli,
Siobhan, Fr. Nick, Fr. Jim,
grandchildren, relatives
and friends.

Rest in Peace Sheila

In Loving Memory of LARRY (Laurence) McDONALD

45 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs 13th February 2023.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 12th February at 11.15am.

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

*Sadly missed by his loving wife
Margaret, sons Maurice, Paul, Gregory,
grandchildren and great-grandchild.*

Rest in Peace Larry



In Loving Memory of MICHAEL DEMPSEY

3 Roselawn, Portlaoise and late of Rathdowney.

8th Anniversary occurred 1st February 2023



*Looking back on all our years and
things that we've been through,
Of all the choices that I made,
I'm glad I married you.*

Sadly missed by your loving wife Marie.

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

*Lots of love Dad, from Joe, Patricia, Mickey, Helena and
Aine, daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren.*

May Michael Rest in Peace

You are the
Light
of the World





In Loving Memory of WILLIAM GREENE



Formerly New Road, Portlaoise.
26th Anniversary occurred 10th February 2023.



*Wonderful memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts he is living yet,
We loved him too dearly to forget.*
Always loved and remembered by
Daddy, Mammy, brothers, sisters,
nieces and nephews.
Mass of intentions offered.

Rest in Peace William



In Loving Memory of BILL (William) WHELAN



Corrigeen, Stradbally. 8th Anniversary occurs 15th February '23.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the
Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on
Sunday 19th February at 9:30am.

*When we look upon your picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.*

*Sadly missed by your recently deceased wife
Rita (02/03/2022), daughter Anne, sons Seamus & Ray,
in-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May Bill Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of THOMAS ROBINSON



Beladd, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurs 15th February 2023.



*May the God of love and mercy,
Care for our loved one that is gone,
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.*

*Always remembered by
your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Tom



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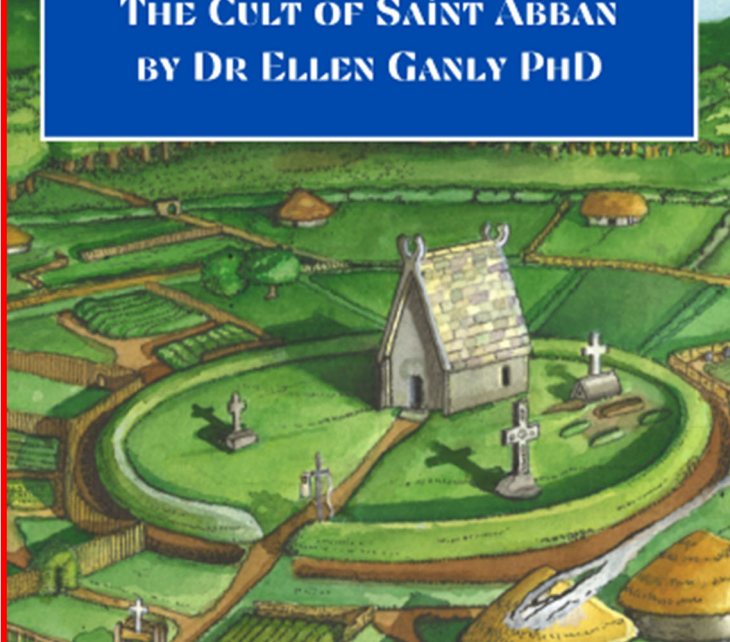
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17/02/2023

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7am leaving St. Fintan's Church Raheen
to walk to St. Fintan's Well
Rosary will be recited at the well at
8:15am

Remember you have to walk back also! If this is too much the Sisters can offer a lift back to the Church

Please do drive to the well for to recite the **Holy Rosary** with us if the walk will be too much for you! 🚗



7pm Holy Mass in honour of St. Fintan,
St. Fintan's Church, Raheen presided by
Bishop Denis Nulty

All are welcome!