



Domhnach III Den Charghas

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Lá Le Pádraig

Friday 17th March

To mark the celebration of the feast of our National Patron, the 11.15am Mass on Friday will be celebrated 'as Gaeilge'.

See page 2 for full Mass Timetable



## St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,

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# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

## Saint Patrick



St. Patrick was born very probably in the early years of the fifth century in Roman colony of Britain. He was taken captive at the age of sixteen and brought to Ireland where he was sold as a slave. He tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. His captivity had a very positive effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day, his faith growing stronger and his love and reverence for God increasing. He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. It was obvious to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. The voice of the Irish was calling him to come and walk among them once more. He studied probably in France, returned to Ireland as a bishop 457-61, or as early as 432 according to another tradition. His mission was not immediately greatly successful but eventually he would make a tremendous number of converts. Two writings survive: the Letter to Coroticus, a protest to the soldiers of a British prince who had killed some converts and sold others as slaves, and his Confession written near the end of his life, showing him as one living by the faith he preached and allowing Christ to direct his whole life. He died 491, though again other dates have been suggested, 480 or as early as 461.

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## We welcome into our Parish Community

Ava Rose O'Brien, Roselawn  
Maya Emily Doran, Clonroosk Abbey  
Elsie May Sinnott, Crubeen, Ballyroan  
Odhrán Martin Reid, Forest Park  
Sofia Ganiprauskaite, Clonroosk Abbey  
Jamie Michael O'Donoghue, Colliers Court  
**Who were baptised last weekend.**

## Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

**Monday - Thursday**

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

**Thursday 7.30pm (Vigil for St. Patrick's Day)**

**Friday St. Patrick's Day**

**8.30am, 10am, 11.15am (As Gaeilge)  
and 7.30pm**

**The Heath: 9.30am**

**Ratheniska: 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.



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March 2023

### For victims of abuse

Pope Francis tells us, "In response to cases of abuse, especially to those committed by members of the Church, it's not enough to ask for forgiveness. Asking for forgiveness is necessary, but it is not enough. Asking for forgiveness is good for the victims, but they are the ones who have to be "at the centre" of everything. Their pain and their psychological wounds can begin to heal if they find answers —if there are concrete actions to repair the horrors they have suffered and to prevent them from happening again. The Church cannot try to hide the tragedy of abuse of any kind. Nor when the abuse takes place in families, in clubs, or in other types of institutions. The Church must serve as a model to help solve the issue and bring it to light in society and in families. The Church must offer safe spaces for victims to be heard, supported psychologically, and protected." This month Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention "....for those who have suffered because of the wrongs done to them from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering."



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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)

**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

#### **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 March**

#### **MINDFULNESS FOR MEN**

11am-12noon

#### **PROSTHESIS & BRA FITTING DAY**

**28th March**

Spaces Available.  
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#### **MINDFULNESS PROGRAMME**

11am-12noon  
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### **Wednesdays**

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### **Thursdays**

#### **MINDFULNESS IN MENOPAUSE**

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#### **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.

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**April 2023**

#### **COUNSELLING**

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### **NEW – AQUA AEROBICS**

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**Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>**; Bowls in St. Marys Sports hall, 3pm. New members welcome.

**Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>**; Rehearsals for show.

**Wednesday March 15<sup>th</sup>**; Club at 3pm in the Parish Centre, activities and fun with Moez.

**Thursday March 16<sup>th</sup>**; Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm. New members welcome.

There are still a few seats available on our trip to Killarney 24<sup>th</sup> April. For further info. call Sheila at 087-6204617.

### **Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March;**

**Top score:** Kit Farrell | **1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** Betty Murphy | **2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:** Maura Gowing | **1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** Tom Gowing

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** Tom Dunne & Angela Brennan | **1<sup>st</sup> Half:** P. Dowling & Norah Delaney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** Ciaran Fitzpatrick & A.M. Farrell

**Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Catherine Fitzpatrick | 2<sup>nd</sup> Molly O' Brien | 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Downey | 4<sup>th</sup> May Gowing 5<sup>th</sup> Billy O' Keffe 6<sup>th</sup> Mary Gowing

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.

**R.N.A.I. Laois/Offaly Branch AGM** will be held in Portlaoise Parish Centre on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

All members welcome to attend. New members also welcome.

**Irish Night;** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Seanchistin, Irey, Ballyfin, Portlaoise, R32X5D6. Music, singing, sean n6s dancing, line dancing (to Irish music) poetry, stories etc. Admission free. B6g6 linn agus m6le f6ilte. Contact Maureen 087-6482038, e-mail seanchistin@gmail.com.

**Portlaoise Tidy Towns Table Quiz;** 16<sup>th</sup> March in Casey's Pub, all are welcome.

**The Irish Cancer Daffodil Day street collection coming soon!** Daffodil Day is Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023. We need volunteers to collect at various locations in Portlaoise. Please text Cathy on 086-879-7907 or message the Facebook Page Portlaoise Daffodil Day. Give your name, mobile number and time available.

**Brigidine Reunion;** Reaching out to all Brigidine Past Pupils and inviting you to our annual lunch gathering on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm in the Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge. As this is our first reunion in four years, we are looking forward to a great day out. If you are interested you can contact Maeve 087-6569975.

**Scoil Chriost R6;** Sincere thanks to all who supported our recent Church Gate Collection.

**Knitting and Crocheting Group;** Starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March in O' Gorman's, Kilminchy from 7pm to 9pm. Beginners very welcome.

### **RELIGIOUS NOTES**

**Legion of Mary;** Dear Lord, we pray for the homeless and marginalised in our society, ease their troubles with the provision of more services and people to help them.

**Rosary** will be prayed for Lent in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, Monday-Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 3pm.

**Gospel Readings;** Fr. Eddie guided a group every Friday to reflect on the Sunday readings. This group has now recommenced and all are welcome, Friday after 10am Mass. Contact Angela 086-0683085.

**Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee;** We are placing a box for anyone wishing to apply for sponsorship in full or part fare, in the Parish Church beside the statue of Our Lady. The box will be there until 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Anyone wishing to make an application, please include your name, address and telephone number. If you are nominating another person, please ensure that they know you are nominating them and agree to travel. Thank you.



# **Mental Health**

Why not join our Peer Support Group on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month in the Parish Centre.



**Next meeting 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30-3.30pm.**

Drop in for a chat and a cup of tea. This group aims to support and bring together people with shared experiences.

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## **Coffee Morning and Cake Sale**



**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March in the Parish Centre  
in aid of the Fatima Invalid Fund.**

We would be grateful for cake donations for the coffee morning. Contact Maura 087-1210263 or John 087-1254841. We would appreciate if all raffle tickets could be returned asap as the draw will take place on 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Many thanks for your continued support.*



## The Woman at the Well

Most of you probably play some kind of sports. What kind of sports do you play?

Whether you play sports or just play hard, you know that when you're exercising, it's very important to take in plenty of liquids.

The question is: What kind of liquids should you drink?

Ordinary water, of course, is a good choice, but when you go to the shops, the shelves are full of all kinds of sports drinks, energy drinks, and flavoured water. It's hard to know what's best.

The advertisement for one popular brand of sports drink says,

"It's better than water, juice, or any other drink. It gives your body what it is thirsty for! It gets you going and keeps you going."

Wow! They have me convinced, but one thing I've noticed: In all the claims made by sports drinks, not once have they ever claimed that if you would drink their product, you would *NEVER* be thirsty again. If somebody had something that would do that, they would really have something, wouldn't they? Well, Jesus claimed to have that very thing!

One day Jesus was walking through a town in Samaria. He was hot and tired so he sat down beside a well to rest. A woman came to the well to get some water and Jesus asked her if she would give him a drink. The woman was surprised that Jesus spoke to her because Jews would not usually speak to Samaritans.

Jesus told her that He could give her living water!

She didn't understand what He was talking about so she said, "You don't even have anything to get water in, how can you give me living water?"

Then Jesus said, "Whoever drinks from the water from this well will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst again."

Wow! Water that would satisfy your thirst so you would never be thirsty again! Jesus wasn't talking about our thirst for water from a well. He was talking about our thirst for God. The Bible teaches us that we have a thirst in our heart for the living God. And that is a thirst that only Jesus can satisfy. So when we have Jesus in our heart, He satisfies our thirst for God and we will never thirst again! Jesus is life! Drink it up!



### My Prayer

Dear Lord, You have given us Jesus, the Living Water.  
May we drink of Your Living Water so we will never thirst  
again. In Jesus' name, Amen.



## ST. PATRICK

As a teenager, Patrick was captured by Irish raiders and forced into slavery for six years. During this time he learned the language and customs of the Irish people. He also grew close to God. After the six years, he escaped and made his way back to his family. Then he decided that the people of Ireland needed him. So, he began to learn the Bible and train for mission work. Once he was ready, he returned to Ireland and preached to the people for 40 years before he died. As he converted the Irish, he made disciples out of them. Many of his followers went on to become renowned religious leaders as well.

Saint Patrick left behind a great example for us to follow. He could have hated the people who stole him from his family, but he knew that they needed God's love. He loved his enemies and wanted them to know God like he did. In addition to converting many, he spent time training them to lead others. We need to learn from his example of not only converting the lost but training them in God's Word after they convert. Patrick's love, forgiveness, service, and leadership provides us with an excellent example to emulate.



Saint Patrick

### Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,



Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of everyone  
who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone  
who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.



*Give to the world  
the best you have, //  
and the best will  
come back  
to you.*



**My Prayer**  
Heavenly Father,  
You used Patrick,  
Your servant, to  
bring hope to the  
people of Ireland.  
Help me to give  
myself to You in the  
same way he did,  
that others may  
find hope in You  
through my  
example.  
Amen.





# Time to Think!

## *St. Patrick Pray for Us*



It's hard to believe, three years ago, a national lockdown commenced, as we endured the fear and anxiety, that's part of a pandemic. That's why this year 2023, there is so much expectation and joy associated with our national Patron and the celebrations that accompany Saint Patrick. For the first time in years, parishes and villages across the country will gather together and celebrate the great gift of community, volunteerism, sport, music and culture. This indeed is a sacred time and I pray, that this Saint Patrick's weekend will be filled with every blessing for you all.

On St. Patrick's Day we celebrate our Irishness and our faith. For so long in our history they have been intertwined, perhaps at times identified. As a result we may have been tempted to take our faith for granted. Admittedly we did not have to fight for it or die for it as our ancestors did. They were challenged by their faith and responded generously to that challenge.

Today, Irish people all over the world and we here at home rejoice in the new opportunities which are available in our country – for education, employment and a good quality of life. Indeed many of our exiles will tell you that they regret the fact that these opportunities were not available to them before they emigrated. However, a worrying trend, of highly qualified young people, emigrating because of the lack of affordable housing, is a cause of deep concern.

In the past the challenge to our faith came from outside of ourselves – from Penal Laws and from oppressive regimes. Today the challenge is not so obvious and it comes from within ourselves. Faith is not something that has myths of compartmentalisation; rather it impinges on all areas of human living. Today there is probably no area of life in which faith is not being challenged and in which it does not have a significant contribution to make.

As individuals and families, whether in our work, socialising, education or whatever, our faith impinges or we can refuse to allow it to do so. At times we misinterpret and misunderstand the nature of faith. Great faith is not a faith that walks in the light and knows no darkness. Real faith perseveres in spite of God's seeming silence. When one considers the obstacles with which Patrick contended – taken captive from his own people and his home, slavery on Slieve Mish, eventual escape and yet prepared to return as a missionary and preach Christ's gospel to those who had held him captive. The wholeheartedness and single mindedness of Patrick are clear pointers to his faith. He is a man of flesh and blood whose whole life was fed on faith in God's love. Faith must have been a struggle for him, as it is for you and me. In the experience of slavery it must have been tempting for him to abandon faith and yield to despair. Yet he recognised his real helplessness and turned to God as a helper and a true friend.

Slavery in the 21<sup>st</sup> century takes on a more sinister and subtle form. Work, pleasure, comfort, the celebrity status. Almost unnoticed God can be excluded and pushed out to the margins of life in a busy competitive world. With so many voices clamouring for our attention we have to make an effort to keep the lines of communication open with God in prayer and in our participation at Mass and the sacraments.

In a confused and complex culture we need a compass to provide us with a sense of direction. Enabling us to cope with and respond to the various challenges which meet us every day.



I am convinced that faith, properly understood and genuinely lived can provide us with such a compass. Faith can enable us to see beneath and beyond the situations in which we find ourselves. Just as in Patrick's life, faith made it possible for God to enter, so in our lives faith makes it possible for God to become involved in our busy world and our hectic activity.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day I take this opportunity to wish you a very happy celebration and pray that the faith that Patrick brought to our shores will sustain all of us in challenging times.

If St. Patrick were looking at the 6:1 News this evening, he would undoubtedly be surprised to find that his name was associated with the greening of the Great Wall of China and of the Pyramids in Egypt. The marketing people have been very clever in turning our national feast day into an opportunity to promote tourism and to seek opportunities for overseas trade. Fair play to them. If these things help to rebuild our economy and to ensure that all our people can live with dignity and enjoy the fruits of citizenship, then there is nothing wrong with that.

But we who believe in Jesus need to be doing a bit of marketing ourselves. St. Paul reminds us that the time will come when many people will not want to hear the message of the Gospel. The image of the weeds and the wheat growing together is a common theme in the Gospels, it is a reminder that faith and disbelief exist side by side in our society. It is not the responsibility of politicians, economists, entrepreneurs as such to promote faith. It is our task as Christians, together with Christians of other religious traditions throughout Ireland, to ensure that the primary focus of St. Patrick's Day remains the reception of the Gospel and that the values of the Gospel permeate our civil society.

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a popular prayer attributed to one of Ireland's most beloved patron saints. According to tradition, St. Patrick wrote it in 433 A.D. for divine protection before successfully converting the Irish King Leoghaire and his subjects from paganism to Christianity. (The term breastplate refers to a piece of armour worn in battle.)

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,  
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 29,100 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)*



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Capoley, Portlaoise



**SEAMUS McCABE**  
Rathdowney and  
Portlaoise



**MARGARET FOLEY**  
née Dunne  
Rathmoyle and formerly  
Oldtown, Abbeyleix

*Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

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JACK DEMPSEY**



*Main Street, Portlaoise / Tallaght D.24.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 12<sup>th</sup> March '23.*



*Time cannot heal the heartache,  
or stop a silent tear,  
It won't take away the memories,  
Of one I loved so dear.  
Love and miss you always  
Your partner Una  
Rest in Peace Jack*



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
**In Loving Memory of  
VANDA RAFTER**



*Ardville, Glenside, Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise,  
who began her eternal sleep on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023*



**Months Mind Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm.**

Stefan and Amy, together with Stefan's partner Jennifer, Vanda's father Les, her brothers Les Jnr. and Clive, her sisters, Philomena and Rita, alongside her heartbroken mother-in-law, Betty and the extended Szwaglis and Rafter family, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the doctors and nurses of the Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise, who tried in vain to keep one of life's most beautiful people with us for all the joys, happy moments and memories that awaited us, but sadly was not to be.

Thank you to Vanda's large circle of family, friends and neighbours who helped us try to absorb this huge loss.

Thank you to those who attended the rosary, removal and funeral Mass. Thank you to her colleagues, the teachers, students and staff of Portlaoise College for the beautiful guard of honour, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Bosco's for catering so well for us.

Thank you to Matthew Keegan funeral directors for their professionalism and caring approach and to Adrian & Brendan Dunne for their sensitivity, and respectful way they prepared Vanda's final resting place alongside her beloved David.

We would also like to thank Michelle Bartley for her help and kindness. Thank you to Sarah Troy for her beautiful singing and her accommodating way in dealing with our song choices. Thank you to George Murphy for his emotional and touching singing at Vanda's graveside.

Finally, we as a family would like to thank Msgr. John Byrne for his beautiful and personal Mass for Vanda. His kindness shown to us as a family is greatly appreciated.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, we trust that this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of our appreciation.

**Forever Grateful**

*The holy sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.*

*Rest in Peace Vanda*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARY McEVOY** (née Houlihan)  
 Formerly 43 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023



*The beauty of your memory is that you are always there, like a penny in my pocket, I can take it anywhere. And when my heart is heavy and my eyes fill up with tears, I can focus on your memory and travel back in years. My heart can visit happy times when laughter filled the air, the presence of your memories can lessen my despair. Thanks for the wonderful friendship sis.*

**REMEMBRANCE**  
**THE HOULIHAN FAMILY**  
 Formerly 43 St. John's Square,  
 Portlaoise.

*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
 Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

*Always loved, Tina x*  
*Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**DAN and MAUREEN DUNNE**  
 St. Judes, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.  
 Dan's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
 Maureen's 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11:15am.



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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving family.*

*May Dan & Maureen Rest in Peace*

*We have heard him ourselves  
 and know he is the saviour*

John 4:42

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**ELIZABETH HARVEY**

Cromogue, Mountrath, Co. Laois



The family of the late Elizabeth Harvey would like to express their sincere thanks to all who sympathised, sent Mass cards and messages of support on the loss of Elizabeth. We would like to say a very special thank you to all the staff of Portlaoise Hospital and the Ambulance services for their kindness and care of Elizabeth on so many occasions and to all the carers who came to her home. Thanks to Seamus Bourke Funeral Directors for his sensitive and professional handling of Elizabeth's Funeral. Thanks also to the Reverend Victor Fitzpatrick for his Kindness and support. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

*Rest in Peace Elizabeth*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**SEAN CLANCY**

Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurred 11<sup>th</sup> March 2023.



No farewell was spoken,  
 No time to say goodbye,  
 You were gone before we knew,  
 and only God knows why.  
 We will always love you.  
 Remembering you is easy,  
 We do it every day,  
 Missing you is the heartache,  
 That will never go away.

*Lovingly remembered by his wife Kathleen, children,  
 Caroline, Martin, Mariea, Colin and Patricia and  
 extended family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Sean*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MICHAEL LALOR**

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise.  
 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 10<sup>th</sup> March.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11:15am.

Sadly missed along life's way,  
 Quietly remembered every day, no longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you're always there.

*Sadly missed by his wife Peg and family.*

*Rest in Peace Michael*



**In Loving Memory of  
ORLA CONROY-KELLY**  
25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.

**8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10am.**

*Without your kind and gentle  
smile and sweet familiar face,  
A treasured life is missing,  
And the world's a sadder place.*

*You lived your life so graciously,  
You always did your best, and now you're with  
the angels, it's time for you to rest.*

*As peace surrounds you everywhere in Heavenly  
skies above, here on earth you're deeply missed  
and thought about with love.*

*We see the stars at night time, shining bright  
and clear, and as we say goodnight, God bless,  
we know that you will hear.*

**Loved and missed so much Orla**

From your heartbroken daughter Lydian and  
husband Sean, son Paddy, granddaughters  
Orla-Mae and Emmy, Mammy, Daddy & Brendan,  
Sharon & Jim, Lorena & Shane, Lynda & Damien,  
Olivia & Brian, Geraldine & Rocky and your  
adored nieces and nephews who miss you so  
much.

*May Orla Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
EILEEN ROCHFORD (née Farrell)**  
Lakeglen and St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
**16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



Anniversary Mass for Eileen will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
Church, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 12:30pm.

*A day that is filled with sadness,  
Is here with us to stay,  
To mark the time you left us,  
In such a sudden way.  
To us you were so special,  
What more is there to say,*

*We only wish with all our hearts, that you were here today.*

**Sadly missed and always remembered by your  
sisters and brothers, nephews and nieces.**

*Rest in Peace Eileen*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**In Loving Memory of  
DENIS (Hector) PHELAN**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023, the family  
and friends of Denis (Hector) Phelan's  
hearts were forever broken by the  
passing of their wonderful brother, son,  
uncle, and friend.

Hector's family would like to extend  
their utmost gratitude to the emergency  
services and the staff of Portlaoise  
Hospital who gave their all in trying to  
keep our gentle giant here with us on  
earth.

Thank you to Guilfoyle's and Keegan's funeral homes  
for all their help, sensitivity and dedication to giving  
Hector the beautiful send-off he deserved.

Thank you to his beloved club Ballyfin GAA who  
provided a beautiful guard of honour for Hector as he  
made his way to his final resting place to be reunited  
with his brother Oddie and father Tom.

Thank you to Fr. David Vard who performed a touching  
and personal ceremony for Hector and his compassion  
towards our family.

Hector's family and friends would also like to sincerely  
thank all those who sympathised and helped us during  
this huge loss of great sadness. To Hector's wide circle  
of friends, community, and those who share the fond  
memories that he created with many, we thank you for  
your love and support, we are forever grateful.

Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm.

*Rest in Peace Denis*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARIA GREENE**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
**9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



Maria's 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will  
be celebrated in

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm.**

*Sometimes when I first awake,  
I think that you're still here,  
And for a fleeting moment,  
The clouds all disappear.*

*For you brought endless sunshine, until you went away,  
And now I miss you desperately, each minute of the day.*

*You would not like to see me sad, so what I try to do,  
Is live a bright and happy life, in memory of you.*

*For though I'll always miss you, and it's dreadful being apart,  
I haven't really lost you, you are still here in my heart.*

**Forever in our hearts, from Daddy, Mommy, brothers  
Stephen and Denis, sister Natalie, grandparents, aunts,  
uncles, cousins and friends xxx**

*Maria, Away with the Angels*



## In Loving Memory of PAUL CONROY

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. Died 11/02/2023.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10am.**

### *Gone are the Days*

*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.*

Love from Jimmy, Theresa and Andrew x

*Rest in Peace Paul*

## In Loving Memory of THOMAS DOHENY

St. John's Sq., Portlaoise. 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 9<sup>th</sup> March.



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.

*Sadly missed by your sons, sons-in-law, daughters, daughters-in-law,  
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*May the road rise up to meet you.*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
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and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of  
His hand.*



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**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person**  
Kathleen Sherry [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

## Parish Centre



**Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm**  
Phone: 057-8621142 / 057-8660722  
E-mail: [info@portlaoiseparish.ie](mailto:info@portlaoiseparish.ie)  
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**MANAGER** Declan Kelly  
**Parish Secretaries** Michelle Bartley  
Agnieszka Kaczmarek

**Accounts** Michelle Conroy

**Sacristans Parish Church**

Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

**All Masses and services from the Parish Church and the Heath Church are live streamed**  
[www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie)

(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times  
057 8600119)



**Secretary: Julie Conroy**  
**Monday to Thursday**  
**11am to 1pm & 2.15pm to 5pm**  
**057-8692154**

**Advertising deadline: 12 noon Wednesday**  
**Subject to availability of space**  
**E-mail: [linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie](mailto:linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie)**

**PARISH SHOP**  
**057 8621142 - Claire Scully**



# PORTLAOISE

## St. Patrick's Day

### Parade



**MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**@12<sup>30</sup> PM**

**A HOST OF MUSICAL, CULTURAL AND FAMILY-FUN ACTIVITIES  
PARADE FROM LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL TO MAIN STREET**

**(ENDING AT MARKET SQUARE AT 2.30PM)**

**STAGES IN MARKET SQ. LOWER SQ. & HINDS SQ!!!**

**CHILDREN'S AMUSEMENTS**

**BOUNCE CASTLES**

**FACE PAINTING**

**\*WRISTBANDS BEING USED THIS YEAR!\***

**(GO ON AS MANY RIDES AS YOU WANT FOR €5!!!)**

**ALL OF MAIN STREET FILLED WITH FUN**

**STREET TRADERS**

**IRISH TRADITIONAL MUSIC**

**STREET ENTERTAINERS**

**CULTURAL DISPLAYS**

**AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!**



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**Contact Chairperson Dominic Dunne (0868312034)  
or Secretary Pauline Flanagan (0879984574)  
with any queries.**

**HAPPY  
St. Patrick's  
DAY**



**St. Patrick's Day committee:**

**Chairperson & Events Co-Ordinator: Dominic Dunne**

**Secretary: Pauline Flanagan**

**Treasurer: Eugene McDonough**

**Mrs. Paul Downey & Christy Bannon**

**Clk: Catherine Fitzgerald, Clk: Noel Tuohy**

**Frank Ward, PJ Kavanagh, Wayne Haslam**



**Tidy Towns**  
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