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# **Meeting Jesus**

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion.

Perhaps they were still strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.

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## St Mark

25th April

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and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there.

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Roman Christians to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel.



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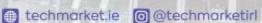
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Upcoming news; We are proud to present Forever Young Variety Show in the Dunamaise Theatre on Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Guest artists include Mens Shed and 65 Kitchen Choir. Tickets available from the Dunamaise Theatre Box Office or online, €10 each or concession for seniors or students €8.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 18th April;

Top Score: Mary Downey | 1st Lady: Bernie Cahill | 2nd Lady: Margaret Flanagan | 1st Gent: Liam McCartney

2<sup>nd</sup> Gent: Catherine Brennan | 1<sup>st</sup> Half: Tom Kearns & Molly O' Brien | 2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Tom Dunne

Best of 3: Bridget O' Brien | Raffle: 1st Catherine Fitzpatrick | 2nd Peter Stevenson | 3rd Sheila Duff 4th Tom Dunne | 5th Molly O' Brien | 6th F. Mulhare

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.

Shanahoe Cemetery Committee AGM; Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.30pm in Shanahoe hall. This is the first AGM since the pandemic. All support at the meeting is appreciated. Thank you.

<u>Pioneer News;</u> Next committee meeting will be held in the Parish Centre on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm. All welcome. Our annual retreat will be held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May in Cuan Mhuire, Athy. Further details to follow.

Thank you; Maura O' Brien and the Fatima Invalid Committee would like to thank all who supported our recent draw. We thank our sponsors, those who helped to sell tickets and those who helped with our coffee morning. We thank Msgr. Byrne for his assistance with the draw and Declan Kelly for allowing us the use of the Parish Centre. Our thanks to those who provided us with confectionaries and congratulations to all those who won prizes.

#### RELIGIOUS NOTES

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm every Sunday in the Parish Church.

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.

Legion of Mary: Dear Lord, bring peace and comfort to all families who have lost a child through illness or tragedy. May we all experience the light and joy of the Risen Christ during this Easter season. Please follow us on Facebook.





## On the Road to Emmaus

In the Gospel today tells an amazing story about a day when Jesus walked and talked with some of his followers, but they didn't

even recognise him. Here is what happened.

After Jesus was crucified and risen from the grave, two of his followers were walking on the road that led to a town called Emmaus. They were sad and were talking about what had happened to Jesus. Suddenly, Jesus



joined the disciples and walked along with them, but they did not know who he was because God kept them from recognising him.

"You seem to be having a very serious discussion. What are you talking about?" Jesus asked them.

One of the men answered, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem that doesn't know what has happened the past few days," Then they told them about how Jesus had been crucified, and buried, and that some women had gone to his tomb, but the tomb was empty. "We have heard that he is alive," they said, "but we have not seen him."

"Do you find it so difficult to believe what was written by the prophets in the Scripture?" Jesus asked. "It was predicted by the prophets that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his time of glory." Then Jesus quoted passages from the writings of the prophets, explaining what the Scriptures said about himself.

By this time, they had come to Emmaus and the disciples invited Jesus to stay with them since it was getting too late in the day to travel. So Jesus stayed with them and when they sat down to eat, Jesus took the bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened and they saw that it was Jesus. Then just as quickly as he had appeared to them, Jesus disappeared. They were so happy and excited to have seen Jesus that they ran back to Jerusalem to tell

PRAYER



the others that they had seen Jesus.

Dear Lord, open our eyes, we want to see Jesus!

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

On the Road to Emmaus Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story. Now that same day two of them were going to a village called \_\_\_\_\_\_, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, \_\_\_\_\_ himself came up and \_\_\_\_\_ along with them; but they were kept from recognising him. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly ; the \_\_\_\_\_ is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the \_\_\_\_\_ with them, he took \_\_\_\_\_, gave \_\_\_\_\_\_, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their were \_\_\_\_\_ and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight.

Emmaus eyes opened thanks Bread evening table Day walked Jesus

Over the next few weeks many boys and girls in our CHILDREN'S PRAYER AFTER parish will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

The prayer below is the prayer that all boys and girls are learning in school in preparation for their big day.

#### CHILDREN'S PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, come to me. Lord Jesus, give me your love. Lord Jesus, come to me and give me yourself. Lord Jesus, friend of children come to me. Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

# COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I love and adore You You're a special friend to me. Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome. Thank You for coming to me. Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you, For giving yourself to me! Make me strong to show your love Wherever I may be. Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all of the Children in Your loving care, And bring us to heaven to live with You there. I'm ready now, Lord Jesus, To show how much I care. I'm ready now to give your love,

At home and everywhere.



# Time to Think!

# Spread the Faith

Recent fine weather has given us an opportunity to refresh and renew. It amazes me, how we awaken with such hope and energy because of sunlight. Nature is looking splendid as the early leaves and fresh colours of blooming flowers, remind us, we belong to beauty and we are greatly blessed to live in this wonderful island of Ireland.

I was particularly enthused by Mr. Joe Biden's recent visit to Ireland. I was taken by his energy, enthusiasm, sincerity and integrity. I liked the fact he focused on the value of integrity. Every human being we meet has integrity and ours is the opportunity to acknowledge with kindness and compassion all who we encounter as good people walking the same pathway.

Mr. Biden also spoke about his faith. It was wonderful to see him visiting our national shrine in knock and his chance encounter with a priest, who ministered to his beloved son, who succumbed to terminal cancer at a young age. He invited the Irish people not just to keep the faith but to spread the faith. Faith in the best sense, a spirit of optimism, enthusiasm and joy. May we put our best foot forward and take time to be nourished by the beauty of creation at this time. I like the following story and advice.

The young woman walked confidently around the room holding a glass of water while leading a seminar on stress management. Everyone guessed she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz. She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden holding stress longer and better each time practiced. So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.



#### And remember;

- Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
- Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
- Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
- 5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- If you lend someone €20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
- 7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
- 8. Never buy a car you can't push.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- 10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- 11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird sleep late.
- The second mouse gets the cheese.
- When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
- 14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- 15. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
- 16. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.
- 17. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.
- 18. Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!



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Matthew Brophy
Colliers Lane, Portlaoise
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Declan Bergin
Portlaoise and
Cullohill

# 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 CLEARY

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 22nd April at 6.30pm.

Silent thoughts of times together, Hold memories which will last forever, Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed and always remembered by her sister Gertie, brother-in-law Owen, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Rest in Reace Xathleen

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## In Loving Memory of PETER & AGNES LALOR



Peter's 25th Anniversary occurred 6th April

Agnes' 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 14<sup>th</sup> April



Also thinking of their daughter RITA LALOR Rita's 6th Anniversary occurs 26th April



Life is a beautiful memory, death is a silent grief,
You sleep now in God's beautiful garden,
In sunshine and perfect peace.
I miss you oh so very much, but I trust that God
knew best, He let us have you for many years,
And then gently let you rest.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by their daughters, sons, extended family and friends.

May They Rest in Reace



# In Loving Memory of ARON GING



Formerly 51 Borris Little, Portlaoise. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary away from home; 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be,
A resting place along the road,
to sweet eternity.
We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn some
things, but never meant to stay.
Our destination is a place,
far greater than we know,
For some the journey's quicker,
For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,
We'll claim a great reward,
And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 29th April at 6:30pm.

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Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Loved and remembered by all your loving family.

Rest in Reace Aron



## In Loving Memory of ELIZABETH MARY McEVOY



64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary in Heaven and away from home occurs Tuesday 25th April 2023.



#### To My Dearest Mother, on your 8th Anniversary in Heaven and away from home

If I could visit Heaven on this sad day, Maybe for a moment my pain would go away.

I'd put my arms around you and whisper words so true, that living life without you, is so very hard to do.

I cannot bring the old days back when we were all together, But loving thoughts and memories will stay with me forever.

#### Missing you always Mum, on your 8th Anniversary in Heaven

The moment that you died my heart was torn in two,
One side filled with heartache, the other died with you.
I often lie awake at night, when the world is fast asleep,
And take a walk down memory lane,
with tears upon my cheeks.

Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday, But missing you is the heartache that never goes away. I hold you tightly within my heart and there you will remain, Until the joyous day arrives, that we will meet again.

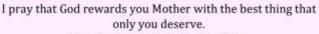
#### Mum, My Special Star in Heaven

I hold you close in memory even though we are apart, your spirit will live forever, within my broken heart.

My heart still aches in sadness and secret tears still flow, for what it meant to lose you, No one will ever know.

In Heaven we shall meet again, where farewell is never spoken, We shall clasp each other hand in hand

We shall clasp each other hand in hand, and the clasp shall not be broken.



May God keep you happy up there.

On the 8th Anniversary of my Mother, I pray for her departed soul, oh Lord, please keep her safe in Heaven and let her rest in peace in your loving arms.

In my memory you will live as long as I do.
I pray for your eternal peace Mum.

Missing you everyday Love James xxx

May you Rest in Reace My Dear Elizabeth





# In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Paddy) CASEY



Ballymaddock, Stradbally. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, at 9:30am, on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

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.

Always remembered by his wife Christina, sons Joe and Colm, daughters Claire and Annmarie and his loving grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Ratrick



# In Loving Memory of MICHAEL COLLINS



Subur, Newpark, Portlaoise A Dear Husband, Father and Grandfather.

A Dear Husband, Father and Grandfather 6th Anniversary occurs 25th April 2023



Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 23rd April at 12.30pm.

Lonely is our home without you, Life is not the same, The world would be like Heaven, If we could have you back again.

Loved and sadly missed by your wife Sally, son Alan, daughter Ruth and family.

Map Michael Rest in Reace



A light went out on Earth for me
The day we said goodbye
And on that day a star was born
The brightest in the sky
Reaching through the darkness
With its rays of purest white
Lighting up the Heavens
As it once lit up my life
With beams of love to heal
The broken heart you left behind
Where always in my memory
Your beautiful star will shine





# In Loving Memory of LENA CONNOLLY

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise 4th Anniversary occurs 26th April 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.30pm.** 

We thought of you with love 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,

Now all we have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part, God has you in His keeping and you are forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your loving husband Paddy, sons, daughters and grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Lena

# In Loving Memory of +

# **Martin Conroy**

Late of Rath Gailine, Dublin Road, Portlaoise and also 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise

Who died 22nd April, 2022 RIP. 1st anniversary.

You are missed so dearly now you're no longer here, When we're thinking of you sometimes we shed a tear

We will always treasure you, You were so gentle and kind, Your love lives on within our hearts with memories of you in our mind



Life goes on from day to day but something is out of place We would give almost anything to once more see your smiling face

You were such a blessing so thoughtful and so true We feel eternally grateful to have had a dad like you

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by your daughter, Catherine; son, Martin; son-in-law, Eoin; daughter-in-law, Caroline; grandchildren, Evan, Aideen, Colin, Conor and Eimear.

Rest in Deace Dad



# 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of DAVE WALSHE

68 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 22nd April 2011.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 23rd April at 12.30pm.

Words are few, feelings are deep, Memories of you we will always keep.

Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.

Also remembering his Mother, Patricia Walshe, Dublin whose anniversary occurs at this time.

May Dave Rest in Reace



# In Loving Memory of VINCENT HANNON



Riversdale, Clondalkin. 1st Anniversary occurs 24th April 2023.



Vincent, always you will be part of us, And we will forever feel your strength when we need it most,

Always we feel you walk beside us,
We feel you all around us and we know
that you never really left us,
We have been so blessed to have had
you in our lives,

Watch over us always Vincent, until we meet again.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his Mum Geraldine, Dad Vincent, daughters Leah and Alannah and son Vincent, sister Lyndsey and brother Brian and extended family & friends.

Rest in Reace Vincent



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of SEAMUS McCABE



Portlaoise and Rathdowney.



Mary, Evelyn and Kathleen, sisters of the late Seamus would like to express our deep gratitude to all those who attended his removal.

We extend a special word of thanks to Fr. David Vard who concelebrated Seamus's funeral Mass.

Thanks also to Deacon Eugene Keyes for his presence at the rosary recital.

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

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation.

Rest in Reace Seamus



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of MAURA PHELAN

Killeaney, Kilbricken, Shanahoe.



Maura's husband James, daughter Lisa, son James, son-in-law Tony, daughter-in-law Helen, grandchildren Nicole, Cayden, Connie and James, sisters Irene and Audrey, brother Neil, along with their extended family, would like to express their sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with them on their recent sad loss of Maura.

We thank all those who attended Maura's wake, rosary and funeral Mass.

To the priests who attended to Maura's spiritual needs in her final days and to Fr. Paddy Byrne who officiated at her funeral and wake.

Our extended thanks to all those who called to the house, sent Mass cards and messages, made phone calls and gave floral tributes.

To all who provided refreshments and to those who helped out during the wake, we sincerely thank you. Special thanks to our wonderful neighbours, friends and supportive community.

Thank you to Eamon Kelly funeral directors for their professionalism, care and attention to detail in preparing Maura's final resting place.

To Ava Lalor for the beautiful hymns and music.

We would like to express our gratitude to all the doctors and nurses in St. James' Hospital. Finally our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Connaughton and to all the staff in the Midlands Hospital Portlaoise for the wonderful care shown to Maura in her final days and nights. It will not be forgotten.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted with our heartfelt appreciation.

Maura's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe on Sunday 30th April at 12 noon.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered "Come to me".

> A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us He only takes the best.

Rest in Reace, forever in our hearts and prayers.
Miss you every single day xxx



# In Loving Memory of JOE DUNNE



"Silverdale", Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise. 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023.



There's a special kind of feeling,
When we think about you Daddy.
It's a pleasure to remember,
All the happy times we had.
There's a special kind of caring,
That is meant for you alone,
There's a place somewhere within
our hearts, that only you can own.

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

Missing you lots, from your loving family.

Rest in Reace Joe



# In Loving Memory of

A Cherished Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother and Sister-in-Law KATHLEEN PAISLEY

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise. 6th Anniversary occurs 28th April 2023



If we could visit Heaven,
If only for a day,
Maybe for a moment,
The pain would go away.
We would put our arms around
you and whisper words so true,
That living life without you,
Is the hardest thing to do.
No matter how we spend our
days, no matter what we do,

No morning dawns, or evening falls, That we don't think of you.

We will love you forever and miss you always. From all her loving family, extended family and many friends.

May Kathleen Rest in Reace

Also remembering at this time; Kathleen's late husband Joe, on his birthday on 1st May, her brother Bill Doyle and all deceased members of the Doyle and Paisley families.

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

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Acts 2:14, 22-33 | Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 St. Peter 1Pt 1:17-21 | Luke 24:13-35

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## Application Form for Young Pioneer Membership



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