

**PORTLAOISE
PARISH**

**link
up**

28th May 2023

**Pentecost
Sunday**

*'Come
Holy Spirit'*



Ratheniska NS



Heath NS

Congratulations to the boys and girls from The Heath N.S. and Ratheniska N.S. who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday in their respective Churches. As always, a massive thank you to their teachers, parents and all who prepared them for their special day.

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The Inner You

It is clear that we are not all born the same. We look at people who have achieved great things and imagine that they must have been born with a better brain or more talent. We look at people who do extraordinary things and imagine they must possess greater depths than we possess. These extraordinary people must have greater courage, greater determination or a clearer vision than we have. Is it just possible that we are not getting the full picture?

It is clear that we are not all born the same, and it is also clear, that as human beings, however hard we work we will always come up against our own limitations. As human beings there will always be times when we are hindered by fear, doubts and inadequacies. It's at times such as these that the Holy Spirit can step in and fire our humble human efforts. When we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, great things are going to happen. Faith in the Spirit can't help but move us in the right direction. People like Mother Teresa of Calcutta would never have put her success down solely to her own human endeavour. Any praise she might have received would have been sent straight back to God.

On this, the Church's birthday, we share a very exciting link with those very first disciples. We are each given gifts and talents which we must share to best advantage. At Pentecost we are given tremendous insight into God's plan. We were not all born the same but we are all given the same twenty four hours in a day. All we need to do to overcome our limitations is to ask the Holy Spirit to galvanise our human effort and involve us in Jesus' saving deeds.

Mass times for the coming week (Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Thursday: 7.30am & 10am
Friday (First Friday): 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm.
Ratheniska Cemetery Mass Friday 2nd June at 7pm
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.

St. Peter & Paul's Cemetery Mass Sunday 4th June at 1pm

This Mass will replace the 12.30pm Mass in the Parish Church next Sunday.

A Mass for Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students will take place in the Parish Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th June.

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Wed.31st May

After the angel Gabriel had announced to Mary that she was to become the mother of Our Lord, Mary went from Galilee to Judea to visit her kinswoman Elizabeth, soon to be the mother of John the Baptist. Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Mary responded with the song of praise, which we call the Magnificat, beginning, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." We are told that even John the Baptist, still unborn, leaped for joy in his mother's womb. We are shown, side by side, the two women, one seemingly too old to have a child, but destined to bear the last prophet of the Old Covenant, of the age that was passing away; and the other woman, seemingly not ready to have a child, but destined to bear the one who was himself the beginning of the New Covenant, the age that would not pass away.



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**Friday 30th June 2023 in
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Mass at 7pm followed by presentation of pins and certificates and light refreshments.

The presentation is open to members of the Pioneers who joined in Portlaoise Parish and those who may be living outside the parish now; and for Pioneers now living in Portlaoise Parish but who joined in another parish.

Anyone wishing to avail of a Jubilee pin, please forward your details before Tuesday 13th June to **085-1354959** or portlaoisepioneers@gmail.com

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Give your petitions to Michael or Margaret and we will leave them in Fatima for you.

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MEN'S RITES OF PASSAGE, KILTEGAN **26th-30th July 2023**



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Monday 29th May; Bowls return to St. Marys Sports hall at 3pm. **Tuesday 30th;** Rehearsals for our Show

Wednesday 31st; Sports Day

Thursday 1st June; Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm, new members welcome, tuition given.

Our Variety Show in the Dunamais Theatre is getting nearer and by all accounts it should be a great show so don't be disappointed, book your tickets as soon as possible. Tickets €10 or €8 concession, available at the Theatre, tel. 057-8663355 or on line www.dunamais.ie. For further information please contact P.R.O. Sheila at 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 23rd May;

Top Score: Michael O'Brien, Frank Keenan and Betty Fox | **1st Lady:** Margaret Flanagan

2nd Lady: Frances Gleeson | **1st Gent:** Catherine Galvin and Tom Jacob

1st Half: Norah Delaney and Tom Kearns | **2nd Half:** Bernie Cahill, P.J. Cahill and Sadie Chester

Raffle: 1st Ann Healy | 2nd Damien Carter | 3rd Peter Stevens | 4th Catherine Fitzpatrick | 5th Norah Delaney

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.

Thank you to all who generously supported the Radio Maria Coffee Morning. Special thanks to Declan and the staff of the Parish Centre for all their help. To Msgr. John and Fr. Vard for their kindness and anyone who helped in any way. Liz from Radio Maria passed on their delight and the money raised was €1,200.

Pair of Reading Glasses found in the Parish Church on the reading lectern. Contact the Parish Centre.

Pioneer News; Committee meeting to organise the Jubilee presentation will be held Wednesday 14th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Emmanuel House Clonfert - Day of Prayer and Healing Service; Saturday 3rd June at 11am led by Eddie Stones and team, first Saturday devotions, confessions, talks, music and Holy Mass. Please bring a packed lunch.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

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

Gospel Readings; Group to reflect on the Sunday readings, we meet every Friday in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. All are welcome to join us. Contact Angela 086-0683085.

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society will meet in the Parish Centre on Tuesday 6th June after 10am Mass.

Padre Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy, Co. Kildare, on Saturday 3rd June from 11am to 5pm. Items of St. Pio will be available on the day. For info. call Ann 085-1696189.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues this Mon. 29th May at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow. Guest Speaker; Fr. Liam Lawton - Parish Priest of Edenderry, Co. Offaly & Irish Singer-Songwriter





The Power Source

Before Jesus returned to heaven to be with his Father, he told his disciples that they would do even greater things than he had done when he was on earth. Now Jesus did some pretty great things, didn't he? He healed the sick. He turned water into wine. He made the blind to see and the lame to walk. Where were the disciples going to get the power to do such great things? Jesus promised them that he would ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit would give them the power to do great and mighty things.



It happened just as Jesus said it would. On the day which is called Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. The Bible tells us that there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where the disciples were gathered. Then, there were flames of fire that appeared and rested upon each of them. When these things happened, the disciples were filled with power and began to preach and teach about Jesus. They were able to do things that they had never done before because of the power of the Holy Spirit in them.

Did you know that you and I have that very same power available to us today?

The Bible says that "all who are led by the Spirit are children of God." We who are the children of God have the power to do great and mighty things, not in our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit that is within us.

My Prayer

Dear Father, we pray that we will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit just as the disciples were on the day of Pentecost.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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The Day of Pentecost



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
Acts 2:4

Choose the word that best matches the definition

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|------------------|-----------------|
| SPEAK | LANGUAGE |
| PENTECOST | HEAVEN |
| BLOWING | SOUND |
| OTHER | HOLY |
| SPIRIT | HEAR |
| FILLED | WIND |
| FIRE | TONGUES |
| AMAZED | |



Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom is the gift of knowing the right choices to make to live a holy life. The gift of wisdom helps you to avoid the things that could lead you away from God.

Understanding is the gift of comprehension, or the ability to grasp the meaning of the teachings of the Church. The gift of understanding helps you be tolerant and sympathetic of others. It helps you sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.

Right Judgment is the gift of prudence. The gift of right judgment helps you make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus.

Courage, or Fortitude, is the gift that helps you stand up for your faith in Christ. The gift of courage helps you overcome any obstacles that would keep you from practicing your faith.

Knowledge is the gift of knowing and enlightenment. The gift of knowledge enables you to choose the right path that will lead you to God. It encourages you to avoid obstacles that will keep you from him.

Reverence or Piety, is the gift of confidence in God. This gift of reverence inspires you to joyfully want to serve God and others.

Wonder and Awe, or Fear of the Lord is the gift of wonder and respect that encourages you to be in awe of God. The gift of wonder and awe moves you to so love God that you do not want to offend him by your words or actions.





Time to Think!

Make Hay while the Sun shines

There are some very sharp turnings in life, as we know – and if we don't we'll find that out soon enough. Most of us, most of the time settle into a pattern of living that we imagine will go on forever. Here today, here tomorrow.

It doesn't, of course, because life is full of turnings – broken relationships, serious illness, sudden death. A phone call, a knock on the door, a tap on the shoulder and, from that point in time, nothing is ever the same. We never know, as the cliché reminds us, what's around the next corner. The trick is not to become lulled into the present as an unchanging pattern stretching into the far distance. The trick is to see the present moment as the good times that in later years we'll look back on with fond memories.

Easier said than done. Especially in today's world where everyone is so busy, busy, busy. And despite all the worldly wisdom, so few creating any kind of space to provide an opportunity 'to smell the roses'. Where have all the years gone, we keep asking ourselves, as if no one ever asked it before. It's a more pertinent question now. I remember visiting my uncles farms this time of year as the ritual of hay making took place. This was a monumental physical effort where everyone rolled up their sleeves to help in a wonderful process. We shook the hay. We raked it into wind-rows. We lapped it. It took time, saving the hay was a sacred ritual. Recently I watched huge tractors and associated technology descending on a ten-acre meadow and two hours later the whole crop was in a silage pit in the corner of the field, a harvest done and dusted.

It's the way of our lives now – the work we do, the transport we enjoy, the myriad facilities we take for granted. We never had so many time-saving devices and yet we never had so little time. The conundrum of our days. And how do we cope with the stress that comes from never having enough time to do the things we want to? Open practically any paper or magazine now and you'll find something about stress or pressure or tension. And invariably the antidote to our modern ills is some version of the same bit of advice Jesus gave his followers 2,000 years: 'Go away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'. In the midst of our busy world, full of noise, movement and deadlines, we're given some straightforward advice about making a little space, creating a still centre so that we find our bearings in the hustle and bustle of life.

But where is this 'lonely place' where we can get sufficient perspective to enable us to distinguish what's important from what, relatively speaking, hardly matters at all? Where is this still centre that helps us to create a workable balance in our often crazy world? Everyone needs this 'lonely place'. Everyone needs a periodic visit to a place of stillness, silence, solitude. We need to let life sit with us so that we can place the cares and



concerns of life in a healthy context. Some people sit in a church. It's quiet and usually empty. Some pray, others just sit in silence. Maybe just sitting there allowing the stillness to envelope us. Listening to the beat of our own hearts. Or our own breathing. Letting the thoughts come. Giving it time. Others like to go for a long walk along a beach and use the rhythm of their walking to calm the demons of distraction so that they can get outside themselves in order to view reality with more clarity and perspective.

Others again go away for an entire day, bring a packed lunch, read a book that stimulates a quiet reflection on the lives they lead, the people they love, the work they do. Mammy's day for herself, as I heard children describe it once. That's one part of the message. The other is that we can't stay in silence, stillness and solitude and we have to make our way back into the mainstream of our lives again. But the hope is that out of the silence and solitude will come a renewed commitment to the lives, responsibilities & commitments that God has given to us. There is, I believe, a road to that lonely place, that like the apostles, God wants each of us to take. And there is a road too out of that lonely place back into the movement of our lives. Giving space to both creates a perspective and a balance that enriches and enhances both experiences.

Mother Teresa made it a rule for her nuns, that even in the busiest of places the windows of their chapels were left open. You'd imagine that in Calcutta, for example, where the teeming multitudes by common consent create such an oppressively noisy environment that the first instinctive response to getting indoors is to close the windows. But Mother Teresa's instinct is to recommend not opting out of the environment of life (in whatever form) but living purposefully within it. I'm not too sure that she's right. Saints – she is now Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta – usually set the bar high, especially for their followers and tend to urge difficult if not impossible standards. For the rest of us non-saints, I think the triple guidance of stillness, silence, and solitude is a surer bet in our busy, busy world.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 29,700 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

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Kilminchy, Portlaoise

*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.*

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
ANTHONY EGAN
New Road, Portlaoise. Died 30th April 2023.



The family of the late Anthony Egan, New Road, Portlaoise, wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our sad loss.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to our many friends, neighbours and well-wishers who visited our home, attended the wake and funeral Mass, and provided emotional and practical support for us at this difficult time.

To everyone who sent Mass and sympathy cards, floral tributes and uploaded condolence messages online, thank you.

We would like to express our appreciation to Msgr. John Byrne, Fr. Jim O'Connell and the Portlaoise Parish Priests for the wonderful Requiem Mass. Special thanks must also go to Sarah Troy for the beautiful music.

We wish to extend our gratitude to Matthew Keegan and David Goode Funeral Directors for their help, support and professionalism in carrying out the funeral arrangements. Thanks also to the gravediggers for preparing Anthony's final resting place with such care.

Our sincere gratitude must also be extended to all the staff at Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise and St. Vincent's University Hospital for their excellent care of Anthony, especially during his final weeks.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our brother, Paul, who was always so kind to Anthony, and sadly could not make the funeral due to Covid. Your daily visits to St. Vincent's Hospital were no doubt a great source of comfort and companionship to Anthony.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation and gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Anthony's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, on Friday, June 2nd at 7:30pm.

We did not know that morning, what sorrow the day would bring, when a heart of gold stopped beating, and we couldn't do a thing.

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.

Lovingly remembered and dearly missed by his brothers John, Ger and Paul, his sisters Eilish, Siobhan and Mary, and his extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Anthony

In Loving Memory of
MARY MATTHEWS née Cooney
St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, **Sunday 4th June at 9.30am.**

*Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last forever.*

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

Rest in Peace Mary

**In Loving Memory of
Our Son DARYL DARGAN**

6th Anniversary occurred 22nd May 2023.



Son;

We never expected it - the loss of our son so dear, oh what we wouldn't give to have one hour with him near. Life did not prepare us to ever say "good-bye" to our own flesh and blood and we keep asking "why?". But there are no answers, so we grieve with silent tears,

Looking back on moments of the past days, months and years. Those times are our treasures, that we keep inside our hearts, And we send our love up to you, wishing that we never had to part.

Loving you Forever, Mammy & Benny xxx

Brother;

My brother, you will never know how much we truly loved you so. Having you so very close is what we always miss the most. No words describe or could say, the sorrow we feel everyday. Each day you are on our minds. Brother you were one of a kind.

Love and miss you, Lee, Stuart and Jade xx

Rest in Peace Daryl

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL FARRELL**

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs 1st June 2023
Also remembering him on his birthday.



God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put his arms around you and whispered "come to me". With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away and although we loved you dearly we could not make you stay.

No matter how life changes, no matter what we do, a special place within our hearts is always kept for you.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Thursday 1st June at 10am

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

May Michael Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Mother
ROSANNA GING**

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurs 26th May 2023.



Also remembering our
Father Patrick and Brother John
at this time.

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

Always loved and remembered by
their loving families.

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
LOUIS G. CULLITON**

Glendowns, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 3rd June 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Saturday 3rd June at 6:30pm.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Mairéad,
sons Donn and Eamonn, daughter Síle,
sisters Nano, Maura and Alice, and extended families.

Rest in Peace Louis

**In Loving Memory of
Of our Dearest Mam & Grandmother
JANE McEVOY**

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise. 19th Anniversary.
Also a very Special Birthday wish for her.



The pain just overwhelms
you, and all you do is cry,
You laughed with us in good
times,

You cried with us in sad,
You always went without for
us, you gave us what you had,
You taught us many things in
life that we would have to do,
But you never taught us how to cope with losing
you.

Always love you, your loving family.

May Jane Rest in Peace

You are the
Light
of the World



In Loving Memory of
JOHN FITZPATRICK

Ballinlough, Ballyroan
4th Anniversary - Died 30th May 2019

He never looked for praises,
He was never one to boast,
He just went on quietly working,
For the ones he loved the most.
His dreams were seldom spoken,
His wants were very few,

And most of the time his worries, went unspoken too.

Sadly missed by his wife Alice, daughter Una and son-in-law Mark.

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25th May 2023



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Brid Conroy
E Blake
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Ann O'Sullivan
Keith Malone
David O'Meara
Elaine Wallace
Ian & Natasha
Michael Conroy
Fiona Dwane
Ken Debbie Harry & Lucy
Sheila Dowling
Paddy
Eoin & Clementine Kearns
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Living	Film	Wed 10 May, 11am & 8pm
Laois Activations Artists Network	Artists Talk	Wed 10 May, 2pm
Bealtaine Open Mic	Literature	Thurs 11 May, 11am
<i>Marcel the Shell with Shoes On</i>	Family Film	Sat 13 May 2pm
Anne Gildea-How to Get The Menopause & Enjoy It	Comedy	Sat 13 May, 8pm
Na Cailleacha - Down to Dusk	Film & Artist Talk	Tues 16 May, 2-4pm
<i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i>	Film	Wed 17 May, 11am & 8pm
<i>Broke to Woke</i>	Theatre	Fri 19 May, 8pm
Sustainable Fashion Event & Film	Fashion	Sat 20 May, 2pm-5pm
<i>Aisha</i>	Film	Thurs 25 May, 11am
<i>Everything Everywhere All at Once</i>	Film	Wed 31 May, 8pm
Emily Kilkenny Roddy Dance - RUINING THE ACT	Dance	Thurs 1 June, 8pm
<i>An Evening of Song with Regina Nathan</i>	Music	Fri 2 June, 8pm
<i>An Cailín Ciúin</i>	Film	Wed 7 June, 8pm
Grow Remote Summit 2023	Conference	Thurs 8 - Fri 9 June
NT Live Encore Screening: <i>Life of Pi</i>	Theatre / Film	Thurs 8 June, 7pm
Crinniu na nÓg	Children's Theatre	Sat 10 June
Portlaoise Active Retirement Group	Variety Show	Tues 13 June, 7pm
<i>Winners</i>	Film	Wed 14 June, 8pm
<i>The Whale</i>	Film	Wed 21 June, 8pm
Old Fort Quarter Festival	Music	Thurs 22 - Sun 25 June
Celtic Con Comic Convention	Various	Sat 24 June
<i>Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom</i>	Film	Wed 28 June, 8pm
Laois Dance Platform	Dance	7 - 9 July
<i>Prom Queen the Jukebox Musical</i>	Musical	Sat 29 July, 7pm
Laois Heritage Society - Portlaoise Architecture	Architecture	Thurs 17 August, 7pm
Pakistan Independence Day Concert	Various	Sat 19 August
<i>Who we Love</i>	Film	Wed 6 Sept, 8pm
Joe the Magician - <i>It's Magic!</i>	Family	Sat 9 Sept, 3pm
Ger Carey <i>Psycho Spaghetti</i>	Comedy	Mon 11 Sept, 11am
<i>I AM BABA</i>	Family	Tue 12 Sept, 10, 11am & 12pm
<i>Full Time - A Plein Temps</i>	Film	Wed 13 Sept, 8pm
<i>The Matchmaker</i> by J.B. Keane	Theatre	Thurs 14 Sept, 8pm
Shawn Cuddy, John Hogan & Paddy O'Brien	Music	Friday 15 Sept, 8pm
David Vesey and Special Guests	Music	Sat 16 Sept, 8pm
<i>North Circular</i>	Film	Wed 20 Sept, 8pm
Culture Night	Various	Fri 22 Sept
<i>80s Icons Show</i>	Music	Sat 23 Sept, 8pm
<i>Decision to Leave</i>	Film	Wed 27 Sept, 8pm
<i>The Last Messiahs - Connected to the Real</i>	Music	Fri 29 Sept, 8pm
Sustainable Fashion Event	Fashion	Sat 30 Sept, 2pm
SUMMER CAMPS		
Curtain Call Stage School <i>Camp Broadway</i>	Summer Camp	10-14 July, 10am - 2pm
Art Summer Camp	Summer Camp	17 - 21 July, 10am-12pm & 2-4pm
GALLERY EXHIBITIONS		
Abbeyleix FEC	Visual Arts	Fri 5 May - Sat 17 June
Eoin Coveney	Visual Arts	24 June - 29 July
Portlaoise Camera Club	Visual Arts	8 August - 16 September
CAFÉ ART SHOWCASE		
Laois Activations Artists Network- <i>Forward Always Forward</i>	Visual Arts	May
Creative Ireland Laois Children's Art Competition	Visual Arts	June
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