



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May the Month of Mary

Traditionally May is dedicated to Mary, the mother of God. As we honour Mary, join us each evening at 8pm for Rosary at the Grotto.

Our Lady - Pray for Us.



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A PLACE FOR US

Maybe we feel that if we only had the perfect job in the perfect

community, then finally we wouldn't feel so restless. Maybe we feel that if we could meet that perfect partner, then finally we could be ready to settle down. Maybe we feel as though if we could just get the children through to school and into a good university we could take a well-earned break from life's treadmill. If only we could achieve a certain goal, or settle some old score we could finally obtain peace. It never seems to happen ... it seems to be part of our human condition to be forever restless. Perhaps we are at our closet to feeling at peace when the day is done and we close our own front door on the world, though even then there's the dog to be fed and the children to be bathed and put to bed. In the gospel reading today, Jesus directly addresses our yearning for peace. "Do not let your hearts be troubled I go to prepare a place for you...." What a very comforting thought. God has prepared a little corner of heaven especially for us. What will our little corner of heaven be like, and more importantly, how must we find our way there?

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples for the time when he will no longer be with them in the flesh. Jesus assures them that although their relationship is changing, it's not ending. The assurance for us all is that through our belief in Jesus, we will find our home with God. "I am the way, and the truth and the life..." Jesus leaves us with the promise that following his teachings is the way to ultimate peace.

Thought for today!

Tell everyone what you want to do and someone will want to help you do it.

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

Monday to 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.

Cemetery Mass

St. Peter & Paul's, Portlaoise

Sunday 4th June at 1pm.



**We welcome into our
Parish Community**

Daragh Byrne, Broomville Close
Isabel Maria Maher, Forest Park

Who were baptised last weekend.



*A Prayer as you enter
your Exams*

Dear Lord,
as I take this exam I thank
you that my value is not
based on my performance,
but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk
through this time together.

Help me with this test and the many tests
of life yet to come my way.

Help clear my mind and bring forth my
ideas and my knowledge with ease,
and be gracious with anything I have
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9.30am-11.30am

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ENTITLEMENTS

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SEPTEMBER 2023

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Monday 8th May; Bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall at 3pm. New members welcome. **Tuesday 9th;** Rehearsals for show.

Wednesday 10th; Picnic in Emo weather permitting. **Thursday 11th;** Cards and chat in Sue Ryder at 3pm, tuition given, new members welcome. We are having our variety show (forever young) in the Dunamais Theatre on Tuesday 13th June at 7pm. Tickets on sale at the theatre or online, price €10, concessions €8. For further information contact Sheila, PRO, 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 2nd May:

Top Score: Ann O'Dowd & Margaret Flanagan | **1st Lady:** B.O.B. | **2nd Lady:** Frances Gleeson

1st Gent: Billy O'Keeffe | **2nd Gent:** Tom Dunne | **1st Half:** Catherine Brennan | **2nd Half:** Sheila Duff

Raffle: 1st B.O.B. | 2nd Paraic Dowling | 3rd M. J. Dunne | 4th Catherine Brennan | 5th Ann O'Dowd | 6th Bridie Kennedy

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.

Laois Sports Partnership would like to invite you to our Bealtaine Festival (Activities and Events) taking place for the month of May. Please contact Catriona on 086-7935234 to register as numbers are limited. Looking forward to seeing you all and having fun! St. Mary's Hall Portlaoise 11am-1pm, 9th, 16th and 23rd May;

9th May; Sports Day - Seated Volleyball, Boccia & Target games (Charlie & Lee). **16th May;** Dance with Moez.

23rd May; Sports Day - Seated Volleyball, Boccia & Target games (Charlie & Lee).

Education Grants; St. Vincent de Paul (SVP) Abbeyleix will be accepting applications for education grants this current year. Any queries in this regard please contact St. Vincent de Paul on our dedicated Education phone number, 085 2575782. All calls and applications are treated in strict confidence. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul recognise the importance of further education, however, for many people accessibility and affordability are real barriers to obtaining a third level education and training. The SVP Education and Training Bursary Fund has been established to support students of all ages who may financially struggle to access or stay in third level education and training programmes. The Bursary Programme will consider all recognised third level education and training programmes for funding. However, postgraduate studies (Master or PhD) or private colleges are not eligible. Students must demonstrate that they have applied for all available state funding or other grants. Please note, bursary awards are dependent on funding availability.

Community Employment Programme; CE Scheme for Home Respite Care Worker in Portlaoise. Temporary contract - to find out more contact Alison Hackett 086-0213711 or e-mail; ahackett@familycarers.ie

Mary's Meals Pray in May Campaign; Pray in May is a grassroots campaign where we invite individuals, churches, and faith groups to pray with us, that our work continues to flourish and grow, that more children and communities will see their lives transformed through the provision of a daily meal in a place of education. For more information about this global movement, check out www.marysmeals.ie

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; 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; Our Lady please intercede to Jesus for peace in the world. Please follow us on Facebook.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help continues this Monday 8th May at 7.30pm in St. Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow. Guest Speaker; Gerard Hanley, Director of Alpha Ireland.



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HANDING ON
THE FAITH



I Am the Way

There was a time when a person going on a trip wouldn't think of beginning their journey without a road map. A map was very helpful to the traveller in finding the way to where they were going. Today we seldom ever use a road map. Do you know why? Most of us who own a car also have a sat nav (satellite navigation) in our car. How does a sat nav work? When you are ready to go somewhere, you type in the address where you want to go and the sat nav connects to a satellite up above the earth and computes the path to your destination. As soon as you start driving, a map appears on the screen and a voice from the Sat. Nav. gives you turn by turn directions. "Turn right on Main Street in one mile, turn right in one half mile, turn right in 150 feet, turn right." What happens if you miss your turn? The GPS says, "Recalculating" and immediately computes a new route to get you back on the right path to your destination.

When we are trying to follow Jesus in our daily life, it would be nice to have a sat nav to lead us in the right direction, wouldn't it? It would be nice to have something to keep us on the right path and keep us from getting lost...something that would help us get back on the right track when we made a wrong decision.

That is the way Jesus' disciples must have felt when Jesus told them that he was going to leave them. Jesus said to them, "I am going to prepare a place for you and when everything is ready, I will come and get you so that you will always be with me. You know the way to where I am going."

One of the disciples whose name was Thomas answered Jesus, "No, we don't, Lord. We don't even know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me."

Another disciple named Philip joined in, "Lord, show us the Father and we will be satisfied."

"Philip," Jesus answered, "Have you been with me all this time and you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show you the Father? Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Anyone who believes in me will do the same things I have done."

That was all the disciples needed to know to get them on the right path to the Father. So, how do you and I find our way to the place where Jesus has gone to be with the Father?

We have not seen Jesus as Thomas and Philip had, but we can follow the teachings that he has given to us in the Bible -- God's Holy Word. That is our sat nav and it will keep us on the right path!



Dear Jesus

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son to provide the way to eternal life. Thank you for your Holy Word which will keep us on the right path in our journey through life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Finding the Way



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

'Do not let your _____ be troubled. _____ in God still, and trust in me. There are many _____ in my Father's _____; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to _____ a _____ for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus answered, 'I am the _____, the _____ and the _____.

No one can come to the _____ except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Father
hearts

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First Holy Communions

Congratulation to the Boys and Girls from who received their First Holy Communion last weekend, this weekend and who will who received their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

We hope you and your family had a lovely day.





Time to Think!

Gossip Kills

Pope Francis often refers to the "Poison of Gossip". Passing on bad news is negative and toxic. The more at peace we are within ourselves, the more at peace we are with one another. As we begin the month of May, I pray, you will all be filled with light, hope and peace of mind.

"A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted...'Dad, look the trees are going behind!' Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behaviour with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed...'Dad, look the clouds are running with us!' The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man...'Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?' The old man smiled and said...'I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today.' Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you."

Christianity is the only religion which worships the scapegoat, the one who is hated, excluded, spat upon, blamed for everything, ridiculed, shamed, and made expendable. Christianity is the only religion that focuses on imitating the victim and which sees God in the one who is surrounded by the halo of hatred. There are some important lessons to be learned from this, not the least of which has to do with where we see truth, goodness, and God. We need, today, some correctives since we live in a culture which, not unlike most cultures in the past, scapegoats some persons to the benefit of the others and then identifies God and holiness with those who have created the scapegoats.

God is not to be confusedly identified with the myths of success, power, glamour, and popularity. Never confuse God, or what is holy, with current cultural religion, which, antithetical to Christ, worships the included, the glamorous, the ones who aren't shamed and ridiculed, and the ones who seem important and indispensable. The God of our culture and the God that is preached in so many of our churches is not the God who dies on a cross, is hated, spat upon, and is excluded and scapegoated out of ignorance. No, our culture does not worship a crucified God. The God Jesus revealed is still, in our very own culture, excluded, mocked, scapegoated, made expendable, and often killed, mostly in the name of God and truth. Where do we see this? Our own culture, like every other culture past and present, creates a category of persons that it deems expendable and then subsequently victimises through exclusion, ridicule, scapegoating, and often through actual death. The ones who constitute that category shift slightly from time to time, but there is always a common denominator: it includes always those who are the weakest.

"GOSSIP CAN ALSO KILL, BECAUSE IT KILLS THE REPUTATION OF THE PERSON! IT IS SO TERRIBLE TO GOSSIP! AT FIRST, IT MAY SEEM LIKE A NICE THING, EVEN AMUSING, LIKE ENJOYING A CANDY. BUT IN THE END, IT FILLS THE HEART WITH BITTERNESS, AND EVEN POISONS US."



Thus, for instance, our culture marginalises and scapegoats the sick, the poor, the handicapped, the unborn, the unattractive, the non-productive, and the aged. These we deem expendable and subsequently take away full status within the human race. Worse still, we identify God and holiness with those who are doing the excluding, as for instance the ruling party. But this is antithetical to true religion—and true wisdom. Where is God? God is on the side of the victim, standing with the one who is excluded, and especially present in the one being ridiculed, and dying in the one who is being put to death. True Christianity knows this. It worships the scapegoat - the one who is surrounded by the halo of hatred. Populist mantras, such as "building walls" seriously challenges what true Christianity is about.... May values of tolerance, inclusion and compassion represent the Gospel message of love and forgiveness.

Traditionally May is associated with devotion to Mary, Mother of Jesus, a woman who has great empathy for all who carry heavy burdens.... I love the following prayer to Mary...

TAKE MY HAND, O BLESSED MOTHER

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother,
Hold me firmly lest I fall;
I grow nervous while walking and humbly on thee call,
Guide me over every crossing,
Watch me when I'm on the stairs,
Let me know that you're beside me;
Listen to my fervent prayers,
Bring me to my destination, safely along the way,
Bless my every undertaking, and my duties for the day,
And when evening creeps upon me,
I'll never fear to be alone:
Once again, O Blessed Mother,
Take my hand and lead me home. Amen.

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MAY-SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May	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
	<i>Anne Gildea-How to Get The Menopause & Enjoy It</i>	Comedy	Sat 13 May, 8pm
	<i>Na Cailleacha - Down to Dusk</i>	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
June	<i>Emily Kilkenny Roddy Dance - RUINING THE ACT</i>	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
	<i>Crínniu na nÓg</i>	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
	<i>Celtic Con Comic Convention</i>	Various	Sat 24 June
	<i>Lunana: A Yak in the Classroom</i>	Film	Wed 28 June, 8pm
July	Laois Dance Platform	Dance	7 - 9 July
	<i>Prom Queen the Jukebox Musical</i>	Musical	Sat 29 July, 7pm
Aug	Laois Heritage Society - <i>Portlaoise Architecture</i>	Architecture	Thurs 17 August, 7pm
	Pakistan Independence Day Concert	Various	Sat 19 August
Sept	<i>Who we Love</i>	Film	Wed 6 Sept, 8pm
	<i>Joe the Magician - It's Magic!</i>	Family	Sat 9 Sept, 3pm
	<i>Ger Carey 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 by J.B. Keane</i>	Theatre	Thurs 14 Sept, 8pm
	Shawn Cuddy, John Hagan & 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 Lost 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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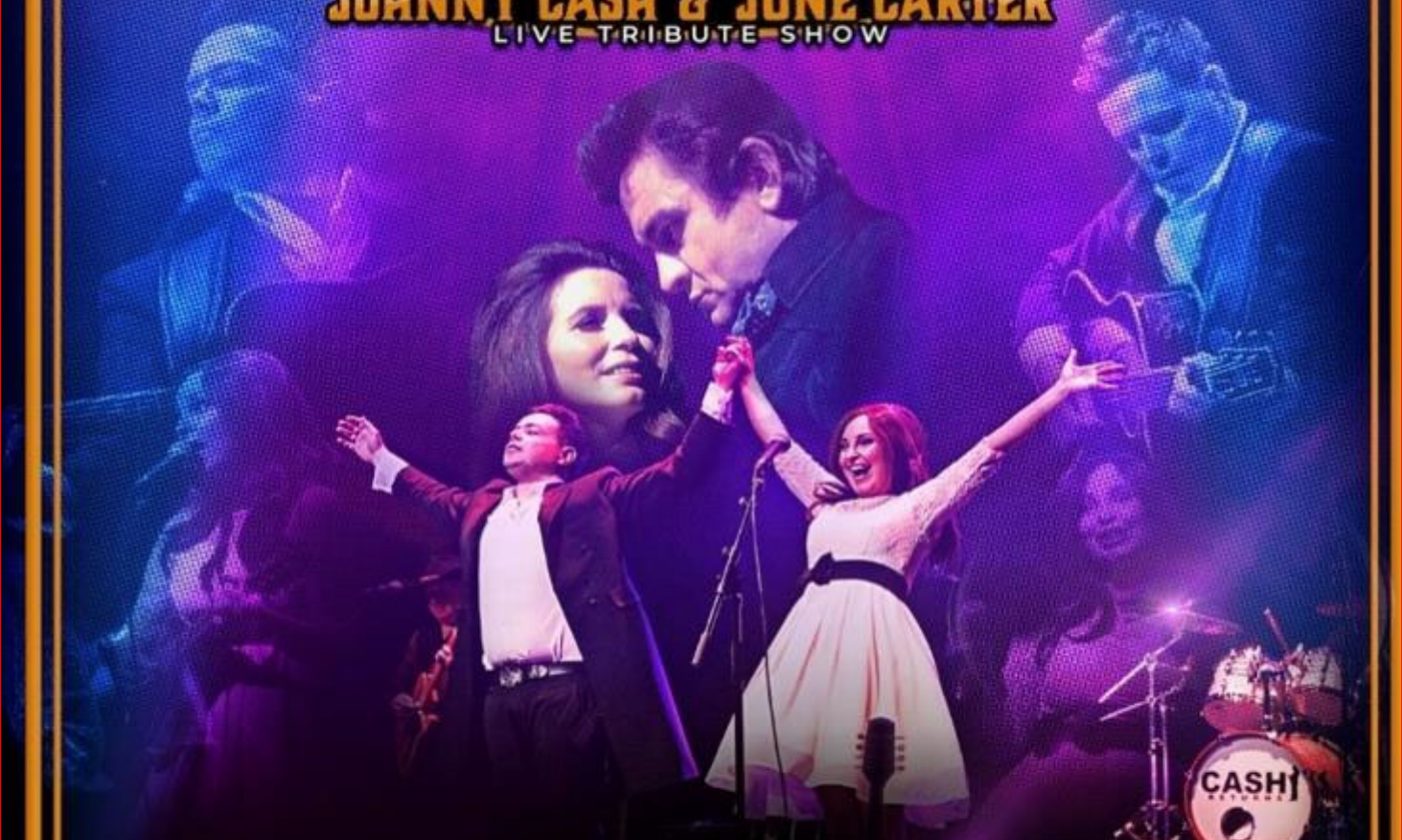
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valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

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will be having a
Mass and Rosary in
the Church of the
Assumption, the
Heath, on Thursday

11th May at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
PIPPY BOOTH McEVOY

Garryduff, Stradbally, Co. Laois



On behalf of the McEvoy and Booth families, Ned, her husband, her children, Ellen, Lauren and Daniel, her sons-in-law James and Gary, her grandson Daniel, her brothers and sisters, Denis, Noreen, Marion, Eileen, George, Pat, John, Donal, Sheila, Peter and Paula and all brothers and sisters-in-law, along with the extended family would like to express their sincere thanks to all those you attended her funeral, sent messages of sympathy, Mass cards and flowers. We were overwhelmed by the love and support we received from so many people over the last few weeks.

A special word of thanks to all those who queued at the funeral home for a long time in the cold to convey their sympathy to us.

Special thanks to Portlaoise and Beaumont Hospital's ICU staff for their care.

To our neighbours and friends who have supported us over the duration of Pippy's illness and funeral, thank you. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

To the Priests of the Parish, especially Monsignor Byrne and our close family friend Fr. Joe Beere, your support and kind words were much appreciated.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors; The Heath Golf Club; Heath GAA Club; Catherine, Sacristan of the Heath Church; Elaine Lambe Bigley, who sang during the funeral and had the most amazing voice; The staff of Blossom Time Boutique who went above and beyond the call of duty.

Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

It is not how much time we had together, but how much we made of that time we were lucky enough to share with her. She will be in our hearts forever.

Rest in Peace Pippy

**In Loving Memory of
CLAIRE LOUISE
TAYLOR**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.

23rd Anniversary occurs 8th May.

Always in our hearts

*Sadly missed, love Daddy, Mammy,
Alison, Cian and Sean-Luke xxxx*

May Claire Louise Rest in Peace



*In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Mother
EVELYN KEHOE*

*Late of Main Street, Stradbally, Co. Laois
1st Anniversary occurs 11th May 2023*

*Also Our Dear Dad
CLEMENT KEHOE*

8th Anniversary occurs 10th May 2023



*When ties of love are
broken and loved
ones have to part, it
leaves a wound that
never heals, in an
ever-aching heart.*

*Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture we tenderly hold,
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, never to forget.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Wednesday 11th May at 10am.*

*Sadly missed by your children Paul, Niall, Mark,
Nessa, Clem and Nicola.*

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

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*We hold you both
within our hearts,
And there you shall
remain,
To walk with us
throughout our
lives,*

Until we meet again.



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sacred Heart Church, Stradbally, this
Sunday 7th May at 11.30am.*

*Sadly missed by your children Paul, Niall, Mark,
Nessa, Clem and Nicola, sister Josephine,
daughter-in-law Genevieve, son-in-law Damien,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren and their loving
family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

*In Loving Memory of
DAN FITZPATRICK*

*Ballydavis, Portlaoise.
Months Mind occurs at this time.*



*Months Mind Mass will be
celebrated in the Church of the
Assumption, the Heath, on
Sunday 14th May at 9.30am.*

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

Rest in Peace Dan

*In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA (Patty)
O'HALLORAN*

*Carlow Road, Abbeyleix and Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.
1st Anniversary occurs 11th May 2023.*



*1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the
Church of the Most Holy Rosary, on
Saturday 13th May at 5pm.*

*On the occasion of Patricia's Anniversary her family
and extended family wish to thank everyone who
cared for her and supported the family during her
long illness and passing.*

Sadly missed, to love is to remember.

Rest in Peace Patricia

*I am the
the
and the*

*Way
Truth
Life*

John 14:6



**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET BREEN**

Fountainside, Abbeylax.
11th Anniversary occurs 4th May 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in the Church of the
Most Holy Rosary, Abbeylax, this
Saturday 6th May at 5pm.
Sadly missed and never forgotten by your
loving family.

Rest in Peace Margaret

**In Loving Memory of
LIAM CONROY**

10 New Row, Green Rd. Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurred 5th May 2023.
Also remembering Liam's birthday - 18th May.



*Daily thoughts and silent tears,
Always wishing you were here,
Life goes on, we know that's true,
But never the same since losing you.*

Liam's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Saturday 6th May at 6.30pm.

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Mary, son Brian,
Louise, Jake and Stephen.*

*Silently we grieve and brush away our tears,
The memories he left behind, will last throughout the years.
From his daughter Shirley, son-in-law John and
grandson Conor, extended family and friends.*

May Liam Rest in Peace

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of my beautiful Mother
ANNIE GREENE**

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Annie's birthday occurred 6th May.

Also remembering my Dad Thomas and two brothers
recently deceased, whose birthdays occurred in April.



*Although our worlds are different now
or is that just how it seems,
For I see you when I close my eyes
because you're always in my dreams.
I know you're in Heaven and looking
down on me and when I look up at the
stars I know that's where you'll be.
Even though I miss you, you're not too
far away, because my heart is full of
memories and I treasure them
every day.*

*Our time on earth was special but it's only the very start,
So please keep watching over me while we're not far apart.
Someday the time will come when I no longer feel this pain,
That is the day when Heaven calls and we will meet again.*

*From your heartbroken daughter Annmarie,
son-in-law Peter, grandkids Tanya and Courtney
and great-grandkids Kelsie and Kayla.*

Until we meet again my Angels

**In Loving Memory of
RAY BERGIN**

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 7th May 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this **Sunday 7th May at 10am.**

*Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your wife
Mossie, daughters Martina, Lisa and Sandra
and grandchildren xxx

Also remembering his son Dean at this time.

Rest in Peace Ray

**In Loving Memory of
DAVID McEVOY**

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise. 24th Anniversary occurred 3rd May.



*It broke our hearts to lose you Dad,
but you did not go alone,
Resting now with Mam in
God's eternal home,
Those special years will not return
when we were altogether,
But memories within our hearts
will stay with us forever,
Only God knows how much we
miss you, every hour of every day.*

Miss and love you always, from all your loving family.

May David Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARY (Moira) DOWLING**

Borris Rd., Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 11th May 2023.



You are near even if we don't see you,
You are with us even if you are far away,
You are in our thoughts and in our lives
always.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
her sons and daughter and their families.*

Rest in Peace Mary

**In Loving Memory of
OLIVE BRENNAN *née* Lawlor**

51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
27th Anniversary occurs 7th May 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this **Saturday 6th May at 5pm and Sunday 7th May at 10am.**

*An angel lived among us,
A gift from God above,
She showered us with kindness,
And shared with us her love.
She cherished every moment,
With the man who was her life;
Walking hand in hand together,
Facing life with all its strife.*

*She loved her children dearly, each one a different way,
Nestled close within her heart, though now, she's far away.
She's gone to live with Jesus, but she's here with us, today,
Smiling down on everyone of us,
And telling us she's O.K.*

Dearly missed and loved so much by your loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Olive Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
OLIVER McDONALD**

10 Beladd, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurred 3rd May 2023.



*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.*

*He was there, a firm foundation through all our storms in life,
A sturdy hand to hold on to, in times of stress and strife,
A true friend we could turn to, when times were good or bad,
One of our greatest blessings, the man that we called Dad.*

Sadly missed by his daughters Sharon, Margaret, Sierra and Jan, sons Lee and Cody, grandchildren, sons-in-law, friends and neighbours.

Rest in Peace Dad

**In Loving Memory of
JAMES REUBEN GEOGHEGAN**

1 Bridle Walk, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurred 3rd May 2023.



*You are near,
even if I don't see you,
You are with me,
even if you are far away,
You are in my heart,
In my thoughts,
In my life, always.*

Sadly missed by his loving son Sean, daughter Elaine, daughter-in-law Colette, grandchildren, family & friends.

Rest in Peace James

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**In Loving Memory of
THOMAS (Tom) LAWLOR**
Abbeyleix Road, Ballyroan.



Tom's daughter, Sheila, and son, Garrett, wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to family, neighbours and friends who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial, as well as those who sent Mass cards and condolences.

A special word of thanks to Fr Paddy Byrne, Fr Petru Medves, Fr Willie Hennessey and Fr Thomas O'Reilly, as well as Abbeyleix Choir and Eamon Kelly and Kelly Funeral Directors. Thank you to the staff of St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny and particularly the wonderful staff in the Acute Stroke Unit, Ambulance Service, Palliative Care team, Abbeyleix Community Nursing Unit and Night Nursing Service. Thank you to those who formed Guards of Honour; Shanahoe GAA, Abbeyleix Active Retirement, Lalor Clan and Fine Gael.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as our token of appreciation.

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix at 5pm on Saturday 13th May.

Rest in Peace Tom

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET LEECH**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise, formerly of Kellystown Wolfhill.
10th Anniversary away from home.



*May the winds of Heaven blow softly,
And whisper in your ear,
How much we love and miss you,
And wish that you were here.*

Forever in our Hearts
Anne, Elizabeth, Colette, Geraldine,
Michelle and families.

Margaret's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, on Sunday 7th May at 11am.

Rest in Peace Margaret

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
EDWARD (TEDDY) LEWIS
Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.



Teddy's wife and family wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who sympathised with us on our sad loss. Also to all who sent Mass cards, messages of condolences, attended Mass in person or watched via the Parish WebCam.

Our sincere thanks to Fr. David Vard who visited Teddy in hospital and supported us in our home. Also Fr. Tom O'Reilly (lifelong friend), who comforted Teddy with blessings.

A special thanks to Elaine Lambe for her beautiful music and singing; Matthew, Keegan and David Goode, funeral directors and to the gravediggers, Brendan and Adrian.

We are most thankful to the medical staff in Portlaoise, Naas, Blackrock, Beaumont and St. Luke's hospitals, for the compassionate attention and great care shown to Teddy by the doctors and nurses. A special thank you to the amazing carers from Comfort Homecare, who looked out for Teddy at home.

Thanks to all doctors, nurses and support staff at The Cedar Clinic and to Audrey and staff at Chemco Pharmacy.

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

Rest in Peace Ted

In Loving Memory of
EDWARD (TEDDY) LEWIS

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 16th May 2023



*God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb,
He gently closed your weary eyes,
And whispered "peace be thine".
So rest in peace dear Dad and
thanks for all you have done.*

Sadly missed by your loving daughters Yvette and Avril, sons Frank, Derek, Keith and Gavin, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandson.

Rest in Peace Ted

In Loving Memory of
Our Parents
ANNE & THOMAS HILLIARD
23 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
40th Anniversary



Deep in our hearts you both will stay, missing you both is a heartache that never goes away.

Sadly missed by all their loving family.

May Anne and Thomas Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ANNE HARDING and
her daughter **PATTY**

46 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
16th and 14th Anniversaries occur respectively.

There is a path of beautiful memories from here to Heaven above, that keeps us very close to you and it's called the path of love. Your shadows walk beside us ever since the day you died, oh angels take this message to our Mam and Sister up above, tell them we miss them and give them all our love.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 7th May at 10am.

Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving family.

May Anne & Patty Rest in Peace

In Memory of a Loving Husband
EDWARD (TEDDY) LEWIS

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 16th May 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 13th May at 5pm.

*Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*

Sadly missed by your heartbroken wife Patricia (Pat). Also remembering his daughter-in-law Geraldine Lewis, The Heath, whose birthday occurs at this time.

Rest in Peace Ted

In Loving Memory of ALICE GAFFNEY

Kilminchy, Portlaoise.



A celebration of the life of the late Mrs. Alice Gaffney, will take place at the Heath Golf Club on Saturday 13th May. Doors open at 4pm and celebration will begin at 4.30pm. Alice passed away in Mexico on 20th December 2022. All are welcome to attend.

Rest in Peace Alice

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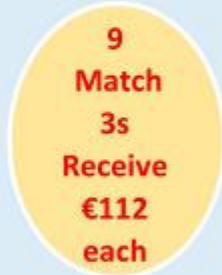


No €20,000 Jackpot Winner

WINNERS

Gerard Loughnane
Christy Rowe
Marie O'Brien
Carmel Whelan
Ermira
William Roche
Peggy Brennan
Sean Lewis
Kieran Parnell

MATCH 3s €1,000



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PROMOTER

Parish Centre
Marie Rowe
Marie O'Brien
Carmel Whelan
Online Lotto
Online Lotto
Peggy Brennan
Browns Shop
Parish Centre

Next Week's Jackpot is €20,000

Clergy of the Parish



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To contact the Priest on Duty:
Parish Centre during office hours
Tel: 057 8621142
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Tel: 057 8621364**

Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can
viewed on our website and our Church Porches.
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Kathleen Sherry safeguarding@kandle.ie

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 | Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 St. Peter 2:4-9 | John 14:1-12



The Parish Shop will open for the next
4 Saturdays in May from 10am to 2pm
for the Communion ceremonies.

Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of collection
baskets at Sunday Masses for support. **Thank you** to the many
who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish.
The generosity of so many means we **continue to** be well
supported. Please find your way to contribute.

- * Making your offering in the boxes at the entrances
- * Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations - boxes
available at Church porches and Parish Centre
 - * Direct payment by cheque or cash
 - * Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church
 - * Donation facility on our website
- * Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
 - * Or Transfer directly to our Account

Portlaoise Parish Account: IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

Portlaoise Parish Clergy Fund Account:

IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

(The BIC for both accounts is AIBKIE2D)

THANK YOU

Parish Centre



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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
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(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

PARISH SHOP
057 8621142 - Claire Scully

MARCH FOR ARCH



Laois Arch Club

*(Friendship Club for People
with Special Needs)*



REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 20206227

**SPONSORED WALK ON THE
WALKING TRACK AT EMO GAA
SUNDAY 7TH MAY STARTING AT 2PM**

FOLLOWED BY A DISCO WITH MUSIC PROVIDED BY OUR OWN ARCH CLUB DJ, PJ DEMPSEY UNTIL 5PM

AS THIS IS AN ALL-INCLUSIVE, ALL-ABILITIES EVENT, YOU CAN CHOOSE YOURSELF HOW MANY TIMES YOU WANT TO GO AROUND THE TRACK..THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE SO COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



MONSTER RAFFLE ON THE DAY WITH LOVELY PRIZES PROVIDED VERY GENEROUSLY BY LAOIS BUSINESSES. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT **MARY BUTLER 087-6323269**