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Where Else Should We Go?

Jesus tells us that he is the bread of life, that he provides the only food which truly nourishes, that he gives us his own self to sustain us on our journey, that we are to eat his flesh and blood in order to abide in him. For many of

Jesus' disciples this was just too hard to understand and they walked away.

It would be too easy for us to write these lapsed disciples off as fools, as lacking in faith, or as lazy and stupid. We have to remember that up until this point, these men and women had been faithful disciples. To have found a stumbling block too great to overcome must have been a sad and painful moment for them. It would have been interesting to know how many of them might have returned to Jesus at a later date, or how the lapsed had found an alternative way to fulfilment. The real point is that the stumbling block that finally proved too great for those early disciples could face any one of us, and what we need to address, is how we as disciples should cope with the same kind of difficulty.

Key to loyal discipleship is to ask what made Peter and his fellow disciples different from the ones that gave up. They were just as human as the others; they probably had just as many doubts as the others and no more in the way of courage or intellect. The answer has to lie in Peter's simple, "Lord, to whom shall we go?" The 'twelve' might have struggled with doubts and understanding, but they never doubted where they should be looking for answers. Quite simply, they didn't take their eye off the ball. They knew that they should trust Jesus even if some of his teachings were over their heads.

Every day we are faced with the same decisions. Do we follow Jesus' blueprint for living exemplary lives? Do we look to Jesus as the Son of God and the key to eternal life? Do we join in Holy Communion believing in Jesus' real presence.... or do we turn our backs and look for answers somewhere else?

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

& Cemetery Mass at 1pm Today (Sunday)

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.

Summer Schedule for Vigil Masses

Saturday Evenings 6.30pm

As and from 1st July our Vigil Mass in the Parish Church will be at 6.30pm. 5pm Mass will not be celebrated during the remainder of the Summer.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Robert Séan O'Sullivan, Pallas

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Matthew Mokom, French Church Street

Penny Leah Colohan, Mount Stewart.

Erin Geraldine Kenrick, Aghnaharna Drive

Tommy Finn Walsh McCormack, Forest Park

Who were baptised recently.



**The Feast of the Sacred Heart
16th June 2023**

The heart has always been seen as the "centre" or essence of a person ("the heart of the matter," "you are my heart," "take it to heart," etc.) and the wellspring of our emotional lives and love ("you break my heart," "my heart sings," etc.) Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in particular it is a chance for us to remember all the manifestations of His love for us.

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**Friday 30th June 2023 in
Portlaoise Parish Centre.**

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**

Any person wishing to join as a Probation Member or Full Member of the Pioneer association can also forward their details to the above number or email.



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Wednesday 14th; Rest day - no club

Thursday 15th; Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

For further information call our PRO, Sheila 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 30th May:

Top Score: Frank Keenan | **2nd Lady:** Rita Arrigan & Mary Gowing | **1st Gent:** Catherine Galvin

2nd Gent: Christy Fitzpatrick | **1st Half:** Frances Gleeson | **2nd Half:** Kit Farrell

Raffle: 1st A. M. Farrell | 2nd Kit Farrell | 3rd Catherine Galvin | 4th A. Holland | 5th Frank Keenan, P. Stevenson

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 Alzheimer Society have vacancies on their Community Employment Scheme for Home Care Workers / Carers. Applicants welcome from all areas in Laois. For further information please ring Ann Munnely 086-8372168.

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

Jack and Jill Childrens Foundation are looking for volunteers for our online shop. Volunteers will need to have good English and be comfortable using a smart phone. Please contact Julie on 087-4312219.

Relay for Life is a unique and beautiful opportunity to celebrate those that have survived cancer, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and to stand shoulder to shoulder with those battling cancer. Relay For Life is a celebration of solidarity. We are happy to again be hosting this event in Laois for 2023. The event will be held on the grounds of Emo Court and Parklands from 1pm Saturday 29th July 2023 to 1pm Sunday 30th July 2023. We are looking for teams from the Laois area to get involved. For info. please e-mail laoisrelayforlife@gmail.com or call Caroline 087-4499903 or Alan 086-1222227.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

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.

Bus to Knock Shrine: The National Mary's Meals Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday 1st July. Bus will leave Roscrea at 9am. To book a seat (€20), please contact Angela at 089-4339592.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Final night this Monday 12th June at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow. Guest Speaker; Anne McClean - Retired HSE Director of Nursing and currently a visiting Director with Manresa, Jesuit Centre of Spirituality, Clontarf.





The Feast of Corpus Christi: Food for the Journey What We Are Celebrating

On the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, the Church celebrates The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast commemorates the immense gift of the Eucharist in our lives and in the Church.

In Latin, *Corpus Christi* means *Body of Christ*. On Holy Thursday, we remember the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist, the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the betrayal of Judas and the beginning of the Passion of Christ. It is easy to become lost in so many beautiful things to remember. Corpus Christi Sunday allows us to focus solely on celebrating the real presence of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the bread and wine.

A Feast Begins



The origins of the Feast of Corpus Christi date back to the Middle Ages!



During the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun named Sister Juliana, had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Through visions, Our Lord told her to establish a Feast dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. Through the influence of Sister Juliana, the importance of spreading devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reached the future Pope Urban IV. Sister Juliana died in 1258 and is now recognised as a Saint.

In 1263, a German priest by the name of Father Peter, stopped to celebrate Mass in Bolsena, Italy while he was on his way to Rome for a pilgrimage. Father Peter was having doubts at the time as to whether the Eucharist was truly the Body and Blood of Christ. However, as he celebrated Mass, when he prayed the prayer of Consecration, blood emerged from the consecrated host, spilling onto the altar.



Father Peter reported the miracle to Pope Urban IV, who sent delegates to investigate the miracle. Today, the Cathedral of Orvieto, Italy, is the resting place of the relics from this Eucharistic miracle.

The message of Sister Juliana and the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena, greatly affected Pope Urban IV. In 1264, through a papal bull called *Transiturus de hoc mundo*, Pope Urban IV instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi after Pentecost. Under Pope Clement V, Corpus Christi became a universal Feast. However, under Pope John XXII, devotion to the Holy Eucharist spread widely.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi otherwise known as The Body and Blood of Christ

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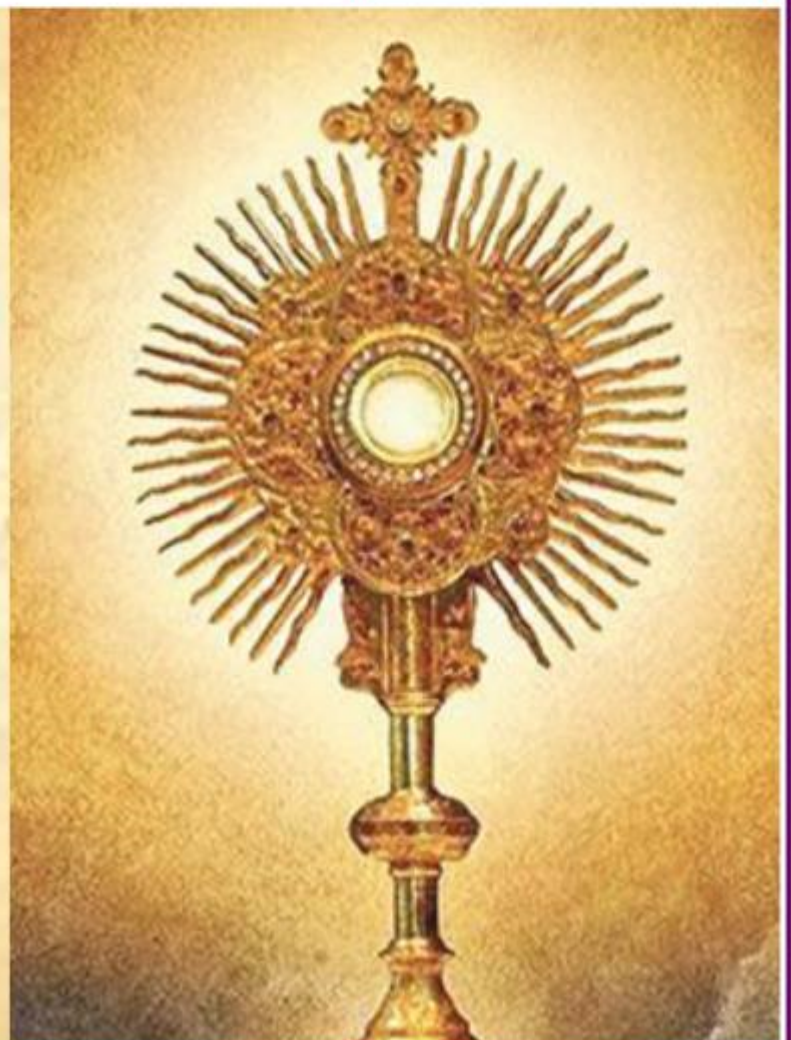
Prayer for Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
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of your life and the way it
strengthens us
to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.

May we never take the gift
of your presence for
granted.

Amen.





Time to Think!

All God's creatures have a place in the choir

I recently came across this inspirational story.....

A shop owner placed a sign above his door that said: "Puppies for Sale." Signs like this always have a way of attracting young children, and to no surprise, a boy saw the sign and approached the owner; "How much are you going to sell the puppies for?" he asked. The store owner replied, "Anywhere from €30 to €50." The little boy pulled out some change from his pocket. "I have €2.37," he said. "Can I please look at them?" The shop owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of his shop followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "What's wrong with that little dog?" The shop owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and had discovered it didn't have a hip socket. It would always limp. It would always be lame. The little boy became excited. "That is the puppy that I want to buy." The shop owner said, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you." The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger, and said; "I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for." The shop owner countered, "You really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies." To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the shop owner and softly replied, "Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!"

I believe that all "God's creatures have a place in the choir". Too often we may well find ourselves overwhelmed in our pursuit for perfection and success. Acceptance comes with life. The more we are at home within ourselves the more we can be at home and loving to those we encounter on our daily journey. We are much greater than what we can do or give, rather we are gift by the very nature of our being. This insight and gift is in stark contrast to many attitudes in our secular world.

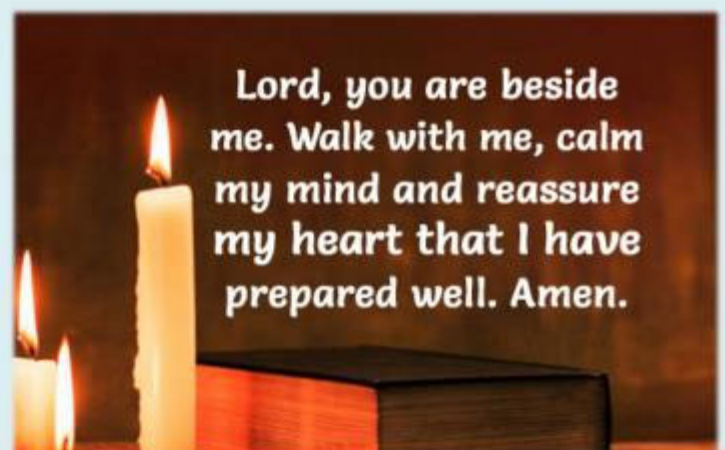
Continued thoughts and prayers for students. Exam time brings with it many mixed emotions and feelings. Exams can be stressful occasions when young people can feel pressure and anxiety. The Leaving Certificate is an important milestone in the lives of our young people, the vast majority sit this state exam, which in many ways itself, is a rite of passage, into a more adult and responsible life. These days candle shrines burn brightly in many of our churches, representing the prayers

offered by parents and students at this time.

St Paul once said: "With God on our side who can be against us?" Essentially being open to the love of God in all our lives is surely a great gift. The life that this young generation now enter more fully is a vibrant one, full of energy and yet very challenging. I don't think it is easy to be a young person in the present culture we find ourselves in. All of these young students will now experience the competitive environment that is the point's race, finding the right college course and career path in a global economy where so often only the fittest and leanest survive. The 'burden of youth' at times can be tragic, manifesting in addiction, anxiety and mental health issues. However, the enthusiasm, resilience and sense of hopeful optimism that is so real for young people will carry them through difficult weeks ahead.

I believe faith in the living God is a great source of strength and love for our young friends. Yes, there will always be difficulty and disappointment in life, but faith gives us a confidence and inner peace, that allows us all to live life to the full. God invites us to manifest our hopes and dreams into the realities of our day to day lives. Faith is grounded, in the knowledge that our God abundantly loves us for who we are, not for who we may like to present ourselves as. Faith allows us to hope even in the face of adversity and human struggle. Essentially faith informs us that we are not alone. Our God resides in depth of our human experience, even in the stress of getting ready for the state exams. Over the coming weeks pray for young people that the good Lord will bless them with strength, happiness and peace. A prayer I always prayed as I faced exam time and never let me down was, '*Holy Spirit, send your power, help me to remember all that I have learnt, inspire me with the gift of Knowledge*'.

"O great St. Joseph of Cupertino who, by your prayers, obtained from God to be asked at your examination only the propositions which you know, pray that I, like you, may succeed in the examination which lies before me".



Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 29,800 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

Our Annual Cemetery Mass



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**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



**Frank (Frankie)
Kealey**
Sheffield, Portlaoise



Theresa Whelan
née Sweeney
23 Coote Street, Portlaoise



Liam (Billy) Peters
Mountain View, Portlaoise
and Abbeyleix



Patricia Lambe
née Lanham
Ballydavis, Portlaoise



Colm Dunne
Togher, Portlaoise and
Clonaslee



Gabriel Ennis
Portlaoise and
Walkinstown, Dublin

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
MAIREAD MAHER
Market Square, Portlaoise.
Died 5th May 2023.



Mairead's brothers Nicky and Joe, and sisters Ann and Norah, as well as the extended Maher family, would like to thank all of those who sympathised with them over the sad loss of Mairead.

We would like to thank those who came to the house, the Mass and the burial.

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support since Mairead's passing.

We wish to thank the staff of the ICU department in the Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise who cared for Mairead during her short illness. The kindness and compassion shown was next to none and we will be forever grateful.

A very special thank you to Msgr. John Byrne for celebrating the funeral Mass and for the kind words spoken about Mairead. Thank you to Sarah Troy for the music during the ceremony.

Thank you to David and Matthew from Keegan's funeral directors for their professionalism and care shown while handling Mairead's funeral arrangements.

It is impossible to thank everyone individually for their help and support throughout this time.

Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of gratitude.

Mairead's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, Saturday 10th June at 6:30pm.

Rest in Peace Mairead

In Loving Memory of
**EILISH KINSELLA
HENNESSY**

1st Anniversary; 30/1/55-12/6/22



We wish to thank our friends, neighbours, relatives and the community for their love, support and genuine acts of kindness. In lieu of memory cards, we have given a donation to the Irish Cancer Society.

Rest in Peace Eilish

**In Loving Memory of
ELLEN GAYNOR**

36th Anniversary occurred
6th June 2023

Mass has been offered

Wonderful memories of Mam so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts you are living yet,
We loved you too dearly to ever forget.

Lovingly remembered today and forever by your loving
daughters, son-in-law, granddaughters,
great-granddaughters and great-grandson xxxx
Rest in Heavenly Peace Mam forever



**In Loving Memory of
MARTIN DOWLING**

"Audville", Dublin Rd., Portlaoise and
formerly Colt, Ballyroan.

2nd Anniversary occurs 14th June 2023

Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on
Sunday 11th June at 11.15am.

"We lost a father with a heart of
gold, how much we miss him can
never be told, he shared our
troubles and helped us along,

If we follow his footsteps we can never go wrong.
He was a father so very rare, content in his home
and always there.

On earth he toiled, in Heaven he rests.
God bless you father, you were one of the best.

"Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts"

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your
daughters Martina, Mary, Anna & Claire, sons-in-law,
grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Remembering also our Mother Elizabeth, whose
24th anniversary occurs this year.

Rest in Peace Martin



**In Loving Memory of
IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL**

Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 14th June 2023.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Wednesday 14th June at 10am.

You can shed tears that Ian is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he
will come back, or you can open your
eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you
can't see him, or you can be full of the
love you shared.



You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him only that he is gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what Ian would want;

Smile, open your eyes, open your heart, love and carry on.

Deeply loved and missed by his mother Annette, brothers Owen,
Paul and Wayne, sister Gemma and brother-in-law Fahad,
niece Sara, nephew Sameer, extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Ian

**In Loving Memory of
BILLY LYNCH R.I.P.**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. (7th Anniversary)

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Saturday 10th June at 6.30pm.

Bill

Although you can't be here with me,
we're truly not apart,
Until the final breath I take, you'll be
living in my heart.

Loved always and missing you,
from Betty xxx

Dad

Nothing can ever take away,
The love a heart holds dear,
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps him near.
Loved always from your sons xxx



Dad

Every year gets harder, since you were taken away,
A Dad so very special, in our hearts you'll always stay,
We think about you always and miss you everyday.

Love always Lisa and Ann-Marie xxx

Grandad

You're never far from mind Bill and spoke of everyday,
You left us many memories that will never go away.

Missing you grandad Bill.

Love from your grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx

Also remembering his son Willie at this time

May Billy Rest in Peace

This Week's Legion Prayer Intercession

**Almighty God, today we pray especially
for those souls that have no one to pray
for them, let your light shine upon them
and lead them to their eternal rest.**

Lord hear our prayer.

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In Loving Memory of WILLIAM (Willie) MILLS

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
26th Anniversary occurs 17th June 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Saturday 17th June at 6.30pm.

Brother

I thought of you today,
But that is nothing new,
I thought about you yesterday,
And will tomorrow too.
I think of you in silence,
And make no outward show,

For what it meant to lose you, only those who love you know.
Remembering you is easy, I do it every day,
It's just the heartache of losing you, that will never go away.

Sadly missed by all your loving family.

Rest in Peace William

In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Pat) PAISLEY

Formerly of St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurred 9th June 2023



*Treasured memories keep forever
of times when we were together,
Each of us in our own way, have
special thoughts of you today.*

*Also remembering at this time;
Patrick's Parents Christopher and
Kathleen, his brothers Mike and
Christy and sister-in-law, Sylvia.*

Will those who think of them today

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Loved and sadly missed by all their loving families
and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put
within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)



PRAYER GATHERING

14 JUNE 2023 (WEDNESDAY)

Venue: The Church of Assumption,
The Heath Portlaoise R32 TN 88

LED BY: Br. Saju Varghese

Time: 12.00pm to 3.00pm

Contact: Margaret Jacob - 086 314 9610

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Three Day Pilgrimage
Mon 17th – Wed 19th July 2023

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Portlaoise Parish Church at 8am
on
Monday 17th July 2023



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abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your
God, and you shall be my people." (Leviticus 26: 11-12)*

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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're still here in my heart.



*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.*



**Sunflower Day
Launch & Appeal
for help for
Hospice**

Sunflower Day in aid of Laois Hospice was officially launched last week in the Cuisle Centre in Portlaoise.

Pictured at the Cuisle Centre, for the launch were:

Front: Irene Murray, Bishop Niall Coll, (Bishop of Ossory), Mary Delaney (Chairperson Laois Hospice), Bishop Adrian Wilkinson (Bishop of Cashel and Ossory) and Mary Finlay (Treasurer, Laois Hospice)

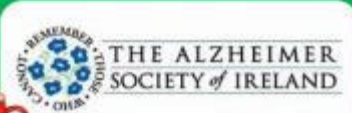
Back: Helen Kavanagh, Enda Thompson Phelan, Msgr. John Byrne PP, Anne Buggie, Liam Holohan and Jennifer McKay, all Laois Hospice Committee members.

(Photo courtesy of Michael Scully Photography)



Cheryl and Joaquim Gracias, London who are part of our virtual congregation, came to visit us in the Parish during the week.

**LAOIS ALZHEIMER
Family Support
Group Meeting**

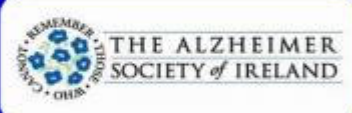


**Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise
Tuesday 20th June at 6.30pm**

This meeting is a support for carers and families who are living with someone with dementia in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

*For further information please contact Ann Munnelly
086-8372168 | amunnelly@alzheimer.ie*

**LAOIS ALZHEIMER
CAFÉ**



**Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise
Thursday 29th June at 11am**

The Laois Alzheimer Café will provide a warm, welcoming space for people with dementia, their family and friends, social and health care professionals, to meet, exchange ideas and learnings. All are welcome.

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8th June 2023

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Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: 147:12-15, 19-20

1 Corinthians 10:16-17 | John 6:51-58

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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.

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- * Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations - boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
 - * Direct payment by cheque or cash
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