



## Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

Congratulations to Fr. Frank Hoare who celebrated the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination. Fr. Frank lived in Portlaoise at his family home on the Mountrath Rd. in 1973 when he was Ordained. He has spent most of his ministry as a Columban missionary in Fiji and the Mass last Saturday incorporated some of the traditional Liturgical practices of the Island. The photo captures the incensing of Fr. Frank at the beginning of the Mass. He was joined by 10 Columban colleagues and family and friends for the Mass and celebrations. Ad multos Annos Fr. Frank. More photos on page 18.



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For some, Father's Day is a chance to celebrate the love they have been given by the men who raised them. For others it is a reminder of lost loved

ones, lost hopes and dreams for a family they cannot have, or painful memories of men who were not able to offer a good model of loving care. In all its nuances both happy and sad, a day for us all to reflect on fatherhood.

### *A Father's Day Prayer*

*Bless all the fathers in the world.*

*Father, we ask that you guide them to be good role models and loving to their children.*

*We also ask that you help them to be a father like You are.*

*Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.*

*Amen.*

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**

Ciara Lily Maher, Esker Hills

Jacob James Delaney, St. Brigid's Place

Clodagh Mary Christie, Aghnaharna Drive

**Who were baptised last weekend.**

## **The Birth of John the Baptist - 24th June**



John's mission had two facets. First of all he called people to repentance and baptism. Secondly he prepared the way for Jesus. In a way he was God's spokes person. But that's not where it all ends. God's project of salvation is still to be carried out and it doesn't necessarily take a great profit like John. A prophet is simply a spokesperson, a job each of us could undertake to varying degrees. The ministry of John the Baptist continues in us. St. John's motto was, "Jesus must become more and more. I must become less and less." He said that he was not even worthy to loosen the strap of Jesus' sandal.



## **Saint Thomas More 22nd June**

In 1534, Thomas More, with his close friend, St. John Fisher, refused to render allegiance to the King as the Head of the Church of England and was confined to the Tower. Fifteen months later, and nine days after St. John Fisher's execution, Thomas More was tried and convicted of treason. He told the court that he could not go against his conscience and wished his judges that "we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together to everlasting salvation." And on the scaffold, he told the crowd of spectators that he was dying as "the King's good servant-but God's first." He was beheaded on July 6, 1535.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> June to **085-1354959** or **portlaoisepioneers@gmail.com**

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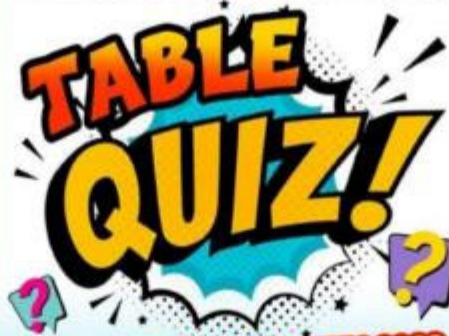
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**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**; Bowls are back in Sports hall at 3pm, new members always welcome.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**; 3pm Parish Centre - Activities and fun with Moez.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**; Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm, new members welcome, tuition given.

For further information please phone PRO Sheila at 087-6204617.

**Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June;**

**Top Score:** F. Gleeson | **1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** M. Swaine | **2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:** M. Delaney | **1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** L. McCartney

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** M. O'Brien | **1<sup>st</sup> Half:** S. Chester | **2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** M. Harte | **13 Tricks:** F. Gleeson & Tim Dunne

**Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> M. Delaney | 2<sup>nd</sup> C. Galvin | 3<sup>rd</sup> N. Delaney | 4<sup>th</sup> M. O'Brien | 5<sup>th</sup> P. Dowling, B. Fitzpatrick

Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday night, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Anyone interested in learning to play, classes in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays from 10am to 11.30am.

**Results of Special Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>;**

**Top Score:** P. Purcell | **1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** S. Chester | **2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:** A. Farrell | **1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** F. Keenan | **2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** L. Kavanagh

**1<sup>st</sup> Half:** L. McCartney | **2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** P. Quinn | **Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> P. Dowling, 2<sup>nd</sup> L. Kelly, 3<sup>rd</sup> M. Gowing, 4<sup>th</sup> P. Purcell,

5<sup>th</sup> R. Cunningham, 6<sup>th</sup> B. Fitzpatrick, B. O'Keefe. Thanks to everyone for their support and all who made the occasion possible.

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> July. Bus will leave Roscrea at 9am. To book a seat (€20), please contact Angela at 089-4339592.

**Emmanuel House Clonfert, Co. Galway:** Day of Prayer with Healing Service, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July with first Saturday devotions led by Eddie Stones and Team, starting at 11am to 5pm. Talks, music, confessions, adoration and Holy Mass. Please bring a packed lunch.

**PORTLAOISE PARISH LOURDES IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**An Information Sharing Evening and Ticket Distribution** will take place in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm, for all pilgrims who are travelling to Lourdes. It is important that everyone or at least one member from each family travelling attend this meeting to be aware of all the relevant information necessary.

**Lourdes signed Mass Bouquets** will be available from 16<sup>th</sup> June for anyone wishing to purchase them for a relative/friend or an ill person and they will be included in our Masses on our pilgrimage. These signed Mass Bouquets are available from Pat 086-3293068 or Teresa 087-2922787. Bouquets will also be available on the night of ticket collection for pilgrims who prefer to get them prior to travelling, please bring your list.

**Petitions;** A box will be available in the Parish Church (beside Our Lady) for anyone wishing to place a petition that they would like brought to Lourdes. No petitions will be collected after 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Please do not put money in the envelope with your petitions.





## The Three B's

Today is a very special day. It is Father's Day. I am sure that all of you gave your fathers a nice gift and a Father's Day card this morning. This is the day when we tell our father that we love him and say, "Thank you" for all of the things he does for us each day.

I was thinking of my father today, his name was John too. Even though he is now in heaven with Jesus, I still have wonderful memories of him. I have three things this morning that remind me of my father. All of these things start with the letter B and remind me of something that my father did for me when I was growing up.



The first "B" that reminds me of my father is bread. In the prayer which we call the Lord's Prayer, we always ask God to provided us with our "daily bread." All of my life, God has provided food for the table at our house. When I was a child, God provided that daily bread through a hard-working father who made sure that our needs were provided. There is a Scripture verse that says, "If a son asks bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone?" The answer, of course, is, "No." I am thankful that I had a father who took his responsibility to provide our daily bread seriously.

The second "B" is that reminds me of my father is a ball. When I was a boy, my father and I used to go out and play ball together. My father always took the time to do special things with me. Some fathers get too busy and don't have time to do things with their children. I am glad that I had a father who loved me enough to take the time to do things with me.

The third "B" that reminds me of my father is the Bible. The Bible reminds me of my father because he read the Bible to me and taught me about God's love and about how Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Of all the things my father did for me, this was the most important. I am glad that I had a father who loved me enough to teach me about God's love.

I hope that you have a father who loves you enough to provide your daily needs. One who will take the time to play with you. Most of all, I hope that you have a father who loves you enough to teach you about God's love. If you do, be sure to thank God for him today.



Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for our earthly fathers. Help us this day to show our love and appreciation to our fathers, and may we always remember to show our love for you, our heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Happy  
Father's  
Day



# Today we celebrate Father's Day



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- HOME
- GOD

**Happy Father's Day to all Fathers!**



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*Joke of the day!!*



**Teacher (on phone): You say Michael has a cold and can't come to school today? To whom am I speaking?**

**Voice: This is my father!**



# Time to Think!

## Summer Solstice

This week we celebrate the summer solstice. The past few weeks we have all enjoyed magnificent weather. The summer brightness awakens within us a deep sense of gratitude and hope, we smile more frequently, and we all live better in the light.

Hope Horton, a great spiritual writer shared her summer solstice reflections:

"The Summer Solstice reveals the sun in all her glory in the northern hemisphere. She will never be higher in the sky nor grant more daylight than at the moment she stills above the Tropic of Cancer, just before earth's angling pushes her south to her winter rendezvous with the Tropic of Capricorn. This is the range of expression of life on earth. Everything that has evolved over billions of years comes alive, creates, and expires within this measured frame. Without the sun (at its precise distance from us) there would be no life on earth. Without the tilt of our axis, there would be no seasons. These are the cosmic truths within which we have our life, our breath, our being. All that occurs within the course of a year is but an outworking of this relationship with the light of life. Her waxing warms the leaf out of its winter home in spring, her fullness swells the fruits of summer, and her waning drains the grass of its green in the fall. July's melon becomes January's frozen turf, light gone dark by its dying only to shape -shift as spring disposes come March or May."

Before reading any further I knew I needed to be outside in order to fully connect to the meaning of the words being shared. I needed to sit in the morning light, with my bare feet on the surface of the earth, and allow myself to appreciate the sacred relationship that all life has with the light of the sun. In the past weeks there has been so much darkness, fear, and pain cast upon humanities morally righteous paths that we have been getting through each day with heavy hearts, often not sure of what occurrence will bring the next sorrow. I think especially of war in Ukraine and the devastation caused recently, by exploding a public dam. It is our faith that guides us through these times, grounded in love and hope, and today, especially today, we must practice our call to Care for Creation by honouring the summer solstice, a highly spiritual time.

As I grounded myself in my backyard to finish reading the rest, I thought about Jesus as the divine Son, born in the winter solstice, died and resurrected at the spring equinox, and how the summer solstice represents the ascension. This brought me comfort and healing to my life, knowing that God loves us and that the summer solstice is a time to celebrate



the light of consciousness within ourselves and to reflect upon the potential for consciousness to awaken.

My skin began to warm as I sat in my back garden with my feet touching the earth and my spirit grew stronger as I read the last paragraph of Hope's message:

"The sun deserves our most profound and total gratitude for the fact of our continued existence on this blue dot. But life does not come with a promise or a guarantee for more. Whatever matters most to you this Solstice season, start now by saying thank you for this day. Then feel it all light up."

### Choices

I CHOOSE to TRUST in God and leave it in His hands.

I CHOOSE to LOVE my neighbour and treat them with respect.

I CHOOSE to RESPOND like Jesus when anger starts to rise.

I CHOOSE to FORGIVE others because Christ first forgave me.

I CHOOSE to Live in God's peace when I give Him my concerns.

I CHOOSE to BE LED by God's Spirit and walk in His power each day.

I CHOOSE to BECOME more like Jesus and walk in His victory.

I CHOOSE to OFFER praise to God when my soul is overwhelmed.

I CHOOSE to SET my mind on Christ, not on worldly distractions.

I CHOOSE to BE OBEDIENT to God even when I don't understand.

BECAUSE...

I CHOOSE to LIVE a surrendered life to the one who does understand.

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 29,900 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)*



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With that in mind we would encourage everyone who sees this notice to consider contacting us. This application process is open to all students in our local community including families that may be on a low income and have possibly been declined state funding by being slightly over the threshold.

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***Ratheniska 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Mass which was celebrated on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June in Stradbally Woods Mass Rock.***

Pictured above are the students with Fr. Ciprian and Fr. Aurel Herciu, visiting priest.

Also present at the Mass were principal Pauline Dunne, their 6<sup>th</sup> Class teacher and a number of parents.

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



**Pat Redmond**

Blackpool, UK and  
formerly Portlaoise  
(Son of Terry & Eenie  
Redmond)

*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 HE REST IN PEACE**  
*Our sympathy to Pat's family.*

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to  
the death notice at [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)

**In Loving Memory of**  
*A Cherished Husband,  
Father and Grandfather*  
**WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY**  
*28 Lakeglen, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.*  
*6<sup>th</sup> Father's Day away from home; 18-6-2023*



*Daddy*

*A light went out on earth for us,  
The day you 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 our lives.  
With beams of love to heal,  
The broken hearts you left behind,  
Where always in our memory,  
Your lucky star will shine.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories and your photo in  
a frame,  
Your resting place we visit and flowers we place  
with care, but no one knows the heartache as we  
turn and leave you there.*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARGARET RYAN**

*33 Newpark, Portlaoise. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 18<sup>th</sup> June.*

*9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 12.30pm.*



*Just a prayer from the family who  
loved you,  
Just a memory fond and true,  
In our hearts you will live forever,  
Because we thought the world  
of you.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family.*  
*May Margaret Rest in Peace*



**Happy Father's Day**

*Never more than a thought away, sadly missed by  
your wife Anne, sons and daughters, sons-in-law,  
daughters-in-law and grandchildren xxx*  
*Rest in Peace William*

**In Loving Memory of  
ANTHONY DUNNE**

Clonad, Portlaoise.

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



No special day is needed for us to think of you, for you were very special and we thought the world of you. It's been 20 years since you slipped away, that day seems just like yesterday.

Also remembering his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday which occurred 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

90<sup>th</sup> Birthday wishes Dad, sent to Heaven  
Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.  
From your loving family.

Also remembering our Mam ETHNA at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Raheen on  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

*Rest in Peace Anthony*

**Fathers Day Remembrance**

**In Loving Memory of our Daddy  
KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR**

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

10<sup>th</sup> Father's Day away from home - 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



The day you left and gained your wings, our heart just broke in two, we wish you could have stayed with us, but Heaven needed you.

You left us with the memories, and we love you dearly still, No matter how much time goes by, you know we always will.

You were a very special person, with kindness in your heart, and the love we had together grows stronger now we're apart.

We know we cannot bring you back although we wish it everyday, but a piece of us went with you,  
The day you went away.

*Happy Father's Day Daddy*

*Forever in our thoughts.*

*Lots of love Becky and Dylan xx*

**In Loving Memory of  
BRENDAN O'BRIEN**

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023



No words can tell, no tears express,  
The love, the loss, the emptiness,  
You are not just a memory or part of the past,  
You are ours to remember as long as life lasts.

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

*Rest in Peace Brendan*

**In Loving Memory of  
JOHN DUNNE**

St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.

5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

*Rest in Peace John*

**In Loving Memory of our Brother  
WILLIAM (Willie) MILLS**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



Time slips by  
But our memories stay  
We only wish with all our hearts  
You were still here with us today

Sadly missed everyday since, with love your brother and four sisters xxxxx

**Father's Day Remembrance of our Daddy  
PATRICK MILLS**

To the world you were our Father  
But to us you meant the world

Sadly missed so much today, with love your son and four daughters xxxxx

*May They Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
JOHNNIE ALLEN**

Eyne, Portlaoise. 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 13<sup>th</sup> June.



Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,  
To love and cherish and never forget.

Sadly missed and fondly remembered by your loving family xx

*Rest in Peace Johnnie*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARY (Maisie) DOLLARD**

32 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



*Life is a beautiful memory,  
Death is a silent grief,  
You sleep now in God's beautiful  
garden, in sunshine and  
perfect peace.*

*We miss you oh so very much,  
But trust that God knew best,*

*He let us have you for many years,  
And then gently let you rest.*

***Always in our hearts and never forgotten  
by your loving family.***

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, this  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10am.**

*Rest in Peace Maisie*

**Father's Day Remembrance  
In Loving Memory of  
SEAN BUCKLEY**

Portlaoise Road, Abbeyleix.



*We miss you in so many ways,  
We miss the things you use to say,  
And when old times we do recall,  
It's then, we miss you most of all.*

**Loved and remembered by  
Lisa, Sarah, Paddy and Daniel xx**

*Rest in Peace Sean*

**In Loving Memory of  
SEAN (Jack) DUNNE**

Summerhill, Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

**Sadly missed by all his  
loving family.**

*Rest in Peace Sean*

**In Loving Memory of  
NOREEN COSS**

26 Grattan Street, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm.

*A few more steps along life's road,  
Perhaps a few more years,  
Then by God's grace we'll meet again,  
Beyond the vale of tears.*

**Fondly remembered by your loving family, much loved  
grandchildren, extended family and many friends.**

*Rest in Peace NoREEN*

**In Loving Memory of My Beautiful Daughter  
SAMANTHA MOORE**

2 Triogue Manor, Portlaoise.

8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.



*The next time that I meet you will be at  
Heaven's door, you'll be there to meet  
me and I will cry no more.*

*I'll put my arms around you and kiss  
your lovely face, and then this broken  
heart of mine will fall back into place.*

**Miss you so much my baby girl, from  
your broken-hearted Mam xxx**

*Rest in Peace Samantha*

**In Loving Memory of  
PADDY BRACKEN**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise whose Anniversary occurs at this time.



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

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

**Loved always by the Dunne family  
Also remember Mary and Larry Dunne**

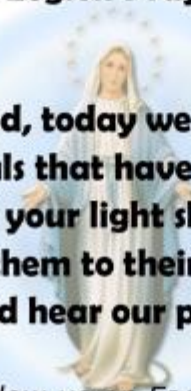
*Rest in Peace Paddy*

**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 SEAMUS O'ROURKE

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 20<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.**

*Deep in our hearts you will always stay,  
Loved and remembered everyday.*

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Evelyn,  
son Eamon, daughters Geraldine, Anne,  
Claire and Gillian, grandchildren and  
great-grandchildren*

*May Seamus Rest in Peace*



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# Fr. Frank Hoare Golden Jubilee



## Portlaoise Parish



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Romans 5:6-11 | Matthew 9:36-10:8

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