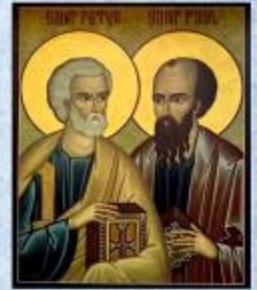


Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time



St. Peter & Paul
Feast Day 29th June

On Friday 16th June a gathering of recently confirmed young people from across the Diocese gathered in Carlow Cathedral. There were 34 from our parish and they were accompanied by 8 teachers. (photo below). They enjoyed a day of music and interviews from fellow young people who are practicing their faith. Please God our young people will be inspired to continue to take their place in the tent of the Church.

More photos on page 13.



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We are capable of doing great things, but most of us don't come anywhere near meeting our potential. We are afraid to step out of the comfort zone of our well-worn lifestyles, jobs and homes. We are afraid of the unknown, of failure, disruption and discomfort. In short, we lack the necessary courage. In the face of a sometimes hostile and sceptical world, Jesus asks us to have the courage of our convictions. The Church today is built on the courage of those who have refused to compromise their beliefs. Today's gospel urges us to be courageous. "Fear no one," Jesus advises us. Why fear those who can make life temporarily uncomfortable when God has our everlasting interests at heart?

Today's gospel teaches us an important lesson; courage is all to do with self-worth. If you feel you are worthless you are easily intimidated, but if you feel you do have worth, your conviction will lend you real courage. So do we appreciate our worth? Jesus convinces us that even the sparrows that are two a penny have worth in God's eyes, so how much more worth have we. We have an individual worth to God who has counted each and every hair on our heads. We all have great potential. We all have something to offer no excuses, no exceptions.

Peter's Pence Collection takes place next Sunday

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

Monday to Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 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.

Summer Schedule for Vigil Masses

Saturday Evenings 6.30pm

From next Saturday, 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.



Fáilte

We welcome into our Parish Community

Myla Matilda Logue, Rinuccini

Caiden Henry Smyth, Dun Masc

Finn Darragh McMahon, Rathevan Heights

Who were baptised last weekend.

Saints Peter and Paul Thursday 29th June

Peter and Paul represent two strikingly different approaches to discipleship. Peter had to learn slowly, making many mistakes along the way. Paul, on the other hand, came to the Faith immediately and never backed away from his zeal for Christ after that. We aim to imitate these two great apostles in our own lives. Like Peter, we know we are likely to fail and to get things wrong, yet we aim to persevere. Like Paul, we must always be on fire for the Lord, and proclaim Him to everyone and in every situation, no matter how difficult it can sometimes be to do so.

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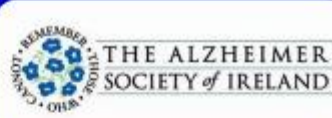
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The presentation is open to members of the Pioneers who joined in Portlaoise Parish and those who may be living outside the parish now; and for Pioneers now living in Portlaoise Parish but who joined in another parish.

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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Tuesday
27th June
7pm

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Monday 26th; Bowls in St. Mary's Sports Hall at 3pm.

Wednesday 28th; End of season day party.

Thursday 29th; Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm. New members always welcome, tuition given.

For further information please contact P.R.O. Sheila at 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 20th June;

Top Score: Liam McCartney | **1st Lady:** Betty Murphy | **2nd Lady:** Paddy Purcell | **1st Gent:** Tom Gowing

2nd Gent: Angela Brennan | **1st Half:** Breda Fitzpatrick | **2nd Half:** Frank Keenan | **1st Quarter:** Mary Gowing

3rd Quarter: Sadie Chester | **Raffle:** 1st D. Carter | 2nd Norah Delaney | 3rd C. Galvin | 4th Molly O'Brien

5th Betty Murphy, Ann Marie Farrell. 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.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

Friday Morning Reflections on Sunday readings will recommence early September D.V.

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.

Emmanuel House Clonfert, Co. Galway: Day of Prayer with Healing Service, Saturday 1st 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 28th 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 16th 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 3rd July. Please do not put money in the envelope with your petitions.





His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Are you ever afraid? Do you ever worry? Are you ever discouraged? Here are some things that might cause worry, fear or discouragement:

- Loneliness
- Feeling neglected
- Feeling that you don't have any friends
- Failure in school or other activities
- Illness or injury
- Criticism from others

Today I want to tell you a story about a woman named Civilla Martin who wrote a song about overcoming fear, worry, and discouragement. Mrs. Martin and her husband were visiting a couple named Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle who lived in Elmira, New York. Mr. Doolittle was crippled and had to move about a wheelchair. Mrs. Doolittle had been confined to bed for over twenty years. Despite the problems they faced in life, they always seemed to have a cheerful outlook on life. Mr. Martin asked Mrs. Doolittle, "How do you manage to remain so joyful when you face so many problems?" Mrs. Doolittle's reply was simple. "If God has his eye on the sparrow, then I know he is watching over me."

Mrs. Martin was so touched by Mrs. Doolittle's reply that she wrote a poem that was to become the basis for a song that has brought peace and comfort to people for over a hundred years.

"Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart feel lonely, and long for heaven and home? When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is He. His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches over me. His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me. I sing because I'm happy. I sing because I'm free! His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me. His eye is on the sparrow; and I know He watches me." The next day Civilla Martin mailed the poem to Charles Gabriel, a gospel songwriter, who wrote a tune for it. "The rest," as they say, "is history."

The truth of the message of the song, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" is found in our Gospel today. In Matthew chapter 10, Jesus was teaching his disciples that even though they were going to be facing some difficult times as his followers, they should not be afraid. He said to them, "Two sparrows are sold for one copper coin, but not one single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. So don't be afraid, you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows."

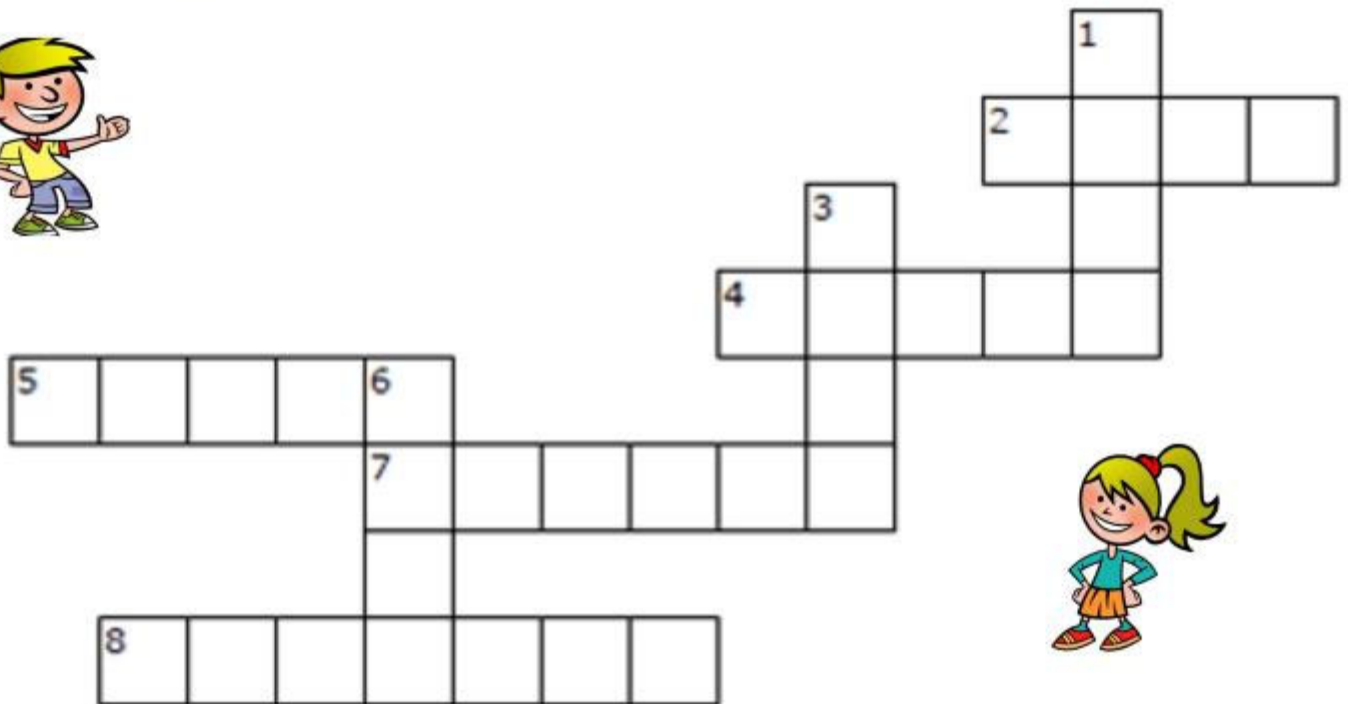
Isn't that amazing? God knows everything that we go through. Nothing that happens to us that he doesn't know about. When we feel lonely and totally abandoned, when it seems that our prayers are unanswered, when everything seems hopeless, God knows and God cares.



Father, we know that your eye is on the sparrow, and we know that you are watching over us. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

YOU ARE PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31.



ACROSS

2. The spiritual part of a person
4. A small copper coin
5. The value of something
7. To be fearful or anxious about something
8. A common, small, grey-brown bird

DOWN

1. The physical part of a person
3. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears and the brain
6. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person.

WORTH

SOUL

SPARROW

HEAD

HAIR

PENNY

AFRAID

BODY

**Don't
forget!**

You are a child of God.

You are wonderfully made, dearly loved,
and precious in his sight.

Before God made you, he knew you
There is no one else like you.





Time to Think!

Dorothy Day - An Inspirational Lady

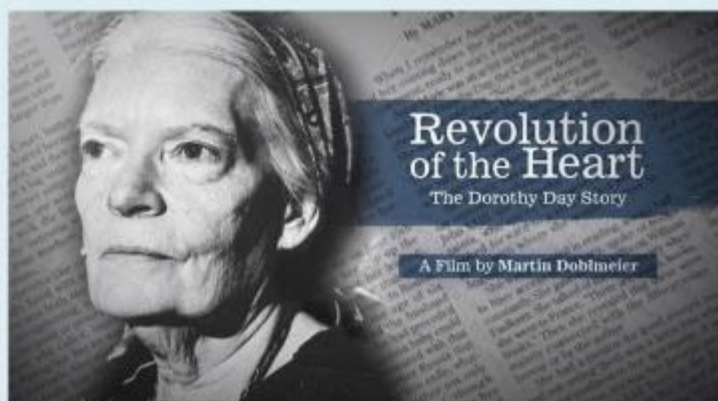
Recently, Cardinal Dolan of New York celebrated Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral to mark the end of the diocesan phase of the cause for the canonisation of Dorothy Day. The box of documents containing the evidence to support her cause, collected over a 23 year process, which included interviews with those who knew her and a thorough scrutiny of her published work in books and articles was placed before the altar. It was bound by a red ribbon which was stamped with a hot wax seal to be forwarded to the Vatican congregation for Saint's Causes. Dorothy Day died in 1980 in New York.

Pope Francis, in an address to a joint session of Congress in Washington in 2015, named Dorothy Day, along with Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr. and Thomas Merton as examples of American citizens who embodied the best of American culture and history. Francis concluded his speech thus: "a nation can be considered great when it strives for justice and the cause of the oppressed as Dorothy Day did by her tireless work..." He said that Day's social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed were inspired by the Gospel, her faith and the example of the saints.

The story of her spiritual journey is utterly fascinating. It is captured beautifully in the latest documentary on her life entitled, "Revolution of the Heart: the Dorothy Day Story", which has just been released. It was produced by Martin Doblmeier. She was a radical atheist, committed to the ideal of socialism, dismissing as superstition the doctrines of the Christian faith. She suffered the heartache of failed love affairs, including a divorce and procuring an illegal abortion.

She hung out with radical socialists, communists and literary figures such as Eugene O'Neill in Greenwich Village in New York in the 1920s. Her reputation for alcohol consumption was legendary. Reputedly, she could hold her liquor "better than any gangster" at the time, drinking until dawn in famous bars such as "Hell Hole". But she was unsettled. One occasion, during an all-night session, she remembers Eugene of O'Neill reciting the famous poem by Francis Thompson, "the Hound of Heaven," which depicts God as a hound relentlessly pursuing the soul, offering peace and mercy, prompting reflection on her own destiny. Strangely, she often found herself slipping into Mass at 6am in St Joseph's Church on Sixth Avenue after a night's drinking.

After the birth of her child, Tamar, she faced a major crisis in her life. This was a decisive moment for her. She was overjoyed, and sensing almost immediately that the "incomprehensible emotions of motherhood must connect to a supernatural source." "No human creature could receive or contain so vast a flood of love and joy as I often have felt after the birth of my child," she claimed. "With this came the need to worship, to adore." No doubt the Christmas story of the birth of the Christ-child to Mary would have resonated in her soul. She decided to have her baby baptised, even though she herself had not yet converted to Catholicism.



"I felt it was the greatest thing I could do for a child," she claimed, as it would ground the baby's life in purpose and meaning. But Dorothy felt that she too should be baptised and join the Church. "I felt Catholicism was something, rich, real and fascinating but I felt outside," she wrote in her memoir. Unfortunately for Day, her common-law husband, Foster Batterham, whom she deeply loved, was totally averse to institutional religion. Dorothy felt she had no option but to leave him if she were to be baptised into the Church. Separating from him broke her heart. In her memoir, "The Long Loneliness," she wrote of her love for him: "I loved him in every way, as a wife and as a mother... It was killing me the thought of leaving him."

She was baptised Catholic in December 1927.

She wanted the practice of her faith to be expressed in practical ways. She had no time for the pious who prayed and attended service on Sunday but failed to respond to the social needs of their neighbour. One line in the Christmas story which reads "there was no room for them at the inn," offered a profound challenge to Dorothy throughout her life. She was co-founder of the Catholic Worker Movement, which according to many commentators became the most successful lay movement in the history of the modern Church. Houses of hospitality were established to take care of the poor and homeless, or anyone stricken by illness or the trials of modern life. Nobody was turned away.

The Christmas story which grounds the fundamental doctrine of the Christian faith, The Incarnation, the Divine embracing our humanity and our history, was the fundamental principle which inspired Dorothy throughout her life. She believed that Christ appeared in every human situation, but especially in the faces of the poor... "that they are Jesus, and what you do for them you do for him. It is the only way of knowing and believing in our love." Jesus identified with the least, and so, for Day, Christ appeared in every poor person who came to share a meal at a house of hospitality. She lived with the poor and the destitute in the House of Hospitality in Manhattan in New York, embracing a life of poverty. Dorothy

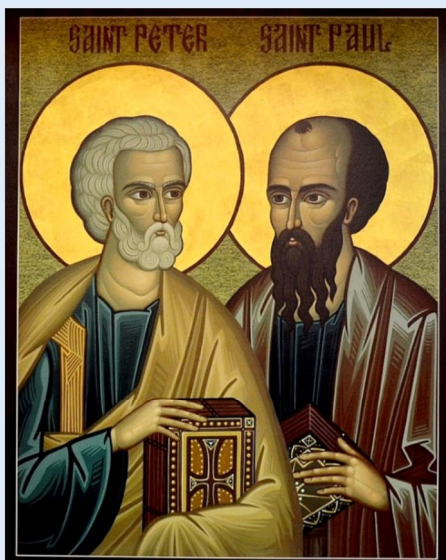
Day is a saint for our time and a great inspiration for us all. Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future.

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

'Taking Our Place in the Tent' Gathering



Some more photos from the celebration on Friday 16th June in the Cathedral. Pictured below is Veronika Onuorah from our own Parish who was interviewed together with Bishop Denis, Karl Lennon (Naas) and Ruth Pirie (Graiguecullen & Killeshin) by Colm Flynn, a broadcaster who works with EWTN and the BBC.



St. Peter and St. Paul Patrons of our Parish 29th June

*O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, intercede for us.
Protect, O Lord, your people who trust in the
patronage of your Apostles, Peter and Paul, and by
their constant protection protect your people.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



*Fatima Pilgrimage
June 9th 2023*

Fatima Pilgrimage 2023

Photos from the recent parish Pilgrimage to Fatima. Sr. Sybil lighting a candle in our sacred space where all the petitions were placed during the week and where we especially remembered our deceased loved ones, those who are sick and all those who have asked for our prayers. Pictured also is the Fatima Committee with Fr. David (Spiritual Director).



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



Bride Reilly
née McDonald
Rathmoyle
House,
Abbeyleix

*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 SHE REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to Bride's family.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to
the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

**In Loving Memory of
OLIVER BARTLEY**

*91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 27th June 2023*



Dad, I miss you everyday,
You were so precious and
unique, a guiding light
throughout my life,
You were my strength when
I was weak.
Happy memories flood my
mind whenever I think of you,
but you can never be replaced,
that much is sadly true.

The fact that you're no longer here still fills my
heart with pain, I wish I had just one last chance
to talk with you again.

I shall always remember the closeness we had,
I love you and miss you so much,
My kind and thoughtful Dad.

*Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by his
daughter Monalisa, son-in-law Donal and
grandchildren Darryl and Stefan.*

No special time is needed for us to think of you,
To us you were someone special and we thought
the world of you,

Your memory is our greatest treasure,
To have, to love, and keep forever,
Time slips by, life goes on, but in our hearts you
are never gone.

*Loved and missed by his sons John, Oliver, Shay
and Darren, daughters-in-law, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren and the Bartley family.*

Oliver's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 1st July at 6:30pm in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church.

May Oliver Rest in Peace

No Tomorrows

Somewhere beyond the heavens
I know that's where you are.
I see you when the sun sets
You are that shining star,

When stormy days surround me
You're the rainbow that appears.
And the gently falling rain
I know they are your tears.

They'll be no more tomorrows
You're all my yesterdays.
But those memories we both made
Will stay with me always.

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN O' DOWD**

*Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.
20th Anniversary occurs 28th June 2023.*



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Sunday 25th June at 10am.*

*Peace is the serenity of the soul,
The tranquillity of the mind,
And the simplicity of the heart.*

Sadly missed by all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Kathleen

**In Loving Memory of a wonderful
Sister and Aunt
ANNA MAY DUNNE**

*Clonkeen.
5th Anniversary occurs 29th June 2023.*



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

Always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Anna May

**Anniversary Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
SEAN BUCKLEY**



Portlaoise Road, Abbeyleix. 3rd Anniversary; 23rd June



*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
NUALA McNAMARA**

*née Deevy
Ross, Ballyfin, Portlaoise.*

3rd Anniversary occurs Sunday 25th June 2023



Three years ago to this day, we had to do the hardest thing in the whole world,
Say "goodbye" for the last time,
To a wife, mother and grandmother who had a huge heart,
So many memories are our keepsake,
For which we hold them close in our hearts.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Saturday 24th June at 8pm and can also be viewed on the Ballyfin parish webcam.

Loved and always remembered by Dan and family, Mary, Liam and Una, Marguerite and John, John, Pauline and Eddie and her loving grandchildren xxxxx

May Nuala Rest in Eternal Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PAULINE FLANAGAN**

*Dunamais House, Stradbally.
31st Anniversary occurred 19th June 2023.*



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

Sadly missed by Joe and Anita, Seamie, Alicia, Minnie, Riley, Eamonn, Lauren and Shauna.

Rest in Peace Pauline

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL CONROY**

*Beladd, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 1st July 2023.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 1st July at 6.30pm.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his loving wife Claire and family.

Rest in Peace Michael

This Week's Legion Prayer Intercession

May the month of the Sacred Heart be a time of renewal and deepening of our faith. May it inspire us to live with greater love, compassion and mercy, reflecting the heart of Christ in all that we do. And may the flame of love burning within the Sacred Heart, illuminate our lives and guide us towards eternal communion with God.

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**In Loving Memory of
JOHN DOWLING**

*Derrydavy, Mountmellick.
1st Anniversary occurs 28th June 2023.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Thursday 29th June at 7.30pm.

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

John is sadly missed by his sister, brothers and extended family.

Rest in Peace John

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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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*The Spirit of truth will
bear witness to me, says
the Lord, and you also
will be my witnesses*



- John 15:26, 27

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Jeremiah 20:10-13 | Psalm: 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35
Romans 5:12-15 | Matthew 10:26-33

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