

## The Most Holy Trinity Sunday



St. Peter & Paul's  
Cemetery Mass  
Today (Sunday) at 1pm



The lovely weather during the Month of May added to our wonderful First Holy Communion Masses. Our congratulations to the over 400 girls and boys who received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time in our Parish this year. Please God it will be the first of many and that He may always be close to you and enrich your lives.

Again a great big 'thank you' to our teachers and schools, parents and guardians and to all who helped prepare the children for the reception of the Sacrament of Penance and First Holy Communion.



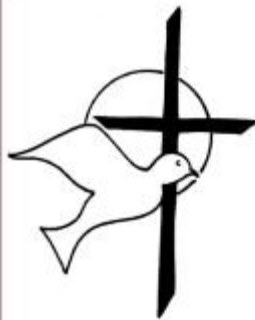
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## A God Who Doesn't Condemn

We only have to switch the TV on to know there is plenty of evil in the world, but in today's Gospel John reminds us that if we know and believe in God we can stand up to that evil and that we will never be condemned. If we believe in God we will be saved. But how do we even begin to know God? Do we think of a God who created the world billions of years ago but has been pretty quiet since? Do we think of God who sent his Son to save us, but only know it because the story sits in a bible up on the bookshelf? Or do we think of a God who made us, a God who sent his Son to teach us, and a God who sent his Spirit to guide us through each day of our lives and through each generation that walks the earth?

The Trinity might be a bit of a theological mystery to us, but that doesn't mean to say that we are not able to understand anything of God. We understand God in three ways; as Father and creator, as Son and redeemer, and as God's Spirit left to guide and strengthen us.

God the Father is all around us. God's miracles are in front of our eyes when we wake up in the morning and in the night skies before we go to sleep. We live on the only planet able to support life in our universe. God's miracles are there for all to see in our breath-taking landscapes, in our oceans teeming with life and in mankind itself. How often do we stop to praise God's creation or appreciate the miracles that surround us?

God the Son came to teach us with stories and signs. He came to reveal God's plan for us. God the Son came to show us the way to God the Father. God's Son came to us in a great manifestation of God's love. "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

The Spirit of God is the part of God left to guide us and lead us. The Holy Spirit is something we can completely forget about ... or something we can call on every day, in every choice and in every decision we make.

Believing in God means that we are never condemned. Belief begins with knowing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit in every part of our lives.

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.



**A Mass for Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students will be celebrated in the**

**Parish Church at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th June.**

## Month of the Sacred Heart

June is traditionally the month when Catholics are urged to show special devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is the



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

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

Anyone wishing to avail of a Jubilee pin, please forward your details before Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June to **085-1354959 or [portlaoisepioneers@gmail.com](mailto:portlaoisepioneers@gmail.com)**

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Pictured Left; Michael Sullivan, Richmond, Virginia with Msgr. John in the Parish Centre, during the week.

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## **Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> May;**

**Top Score:** Ann Healy & Sadie Chester | **1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** Veronica Kearns & Mary Downey | **1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** Ann O'Rourke  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** Betty Fox | **1<sup>st</sup> Half:** Mary Gowing & Margaret Flanagan | **2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** Molly O'Brien

**Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Downey | 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Dunne | 3<sup>rd</sup> Bernie Cahill | 4<sup>th</sup> Sheila Duff | 5<sup>th</sup> Frances Gleeson

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.



**Pioneer News;** Committee meeting to organise the Jubilee presentation will be held Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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.

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

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** continues this Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church, Graiguecullen, Carlow. Guest Speaker; Dr. Nicola Brady - Chair of the Steering Committee of the Irish Synodal Pathway.

**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.

**St. Joseph Prayer;** O' Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. Through Christ our Lord.



## The Most Holy Trinity

What do you remember from today's reading?

This story is part of Jesus' farewell conversation to the disciples before he dies on the cross.

Jesus says to the disciples that after he has gone, the Holy Spirit will guide them. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when he was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name.

Who teaches you and guides you? Teachers, parents, friends and family all teach us and guide us. And the Holy Spirit is there to guide us too.

God is made up of three parts: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Trinity. Trinity means three. Their relationship is a relationship of being together but each having different tasks to do. This is like our families - we have mums and dads, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins and grandparents. Whatever the size of our family, we know there are different people in our family who are of different ages, have different relationships and jobs, and live in different places, but they are all connected to us through our family bond.

Who do you live with? Do you live with lots of people or just a few? Do all your friends and family live close by or are they spread far apart?

We are also all part of one big global family that includes everyone in the world. We are all God's children. We are all special, and even though we are all different we are all equally important. We all have our own job to do depending on our talents.

We are all called to care for one another and for the earth that we live in. But how we do this depends on who we are and our own gifts.

We believe that Jesus' promise to the disciples - that the Holy Spirit would be with them and guide them, is still true for all of us today and all people after us. The Holy Spirit can guide us to do what is right and to use our talents in the best way to help others.

Can you listen to the Holy Spirit in the coming week, and see how the Spirit guides you, especially in the way you treat those you live with and the members of our global family throughout the world?

Let us all do our best this week to listen to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and try to live as he asks us to.



Loving God, you are with us always. Send us your Spirit to teach and guide us to live in peace with each other every day. Amen.



# Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13

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# Time to Think!

## *The Strangest Dream*

People meeting with people, discussions held round tables decorated with flowers, microphones adjusted for clarity of sound and a fine meal together in the evening. The formal setting of the art of the diplomatist.

Ed McCurdy's song, first recorded in 1950 and since covered by many well-known singers including Joan Baez, Simon and Garfunkel and Johnny Cash reflects on this theme. The song became the anthem of the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century peace movement.

Last night I had the strangest dream I ever dreamed before  
I dreamed the world had all agreed to put an end to war  
I dreamed I saw a mighty room, the room was filled with men  
And the paper they were signing said they'd never fight again  
And when the papers all were signed and a million copies made  
They all joined hands and bowed their heads and grateful prayers were prayed  
And the people in the streets below were dancing round and round  
And guns and swords and uniforms were scattered on the ground  
Last night I had the strangest dream I ever dreamed before  
I dreamed the world had all agreed to put an end to war

We all have dreams and aspirations, and these five verses reflect on our long sought-after dream of peace among the people of our common planetary home. Promises are made, treaties and agreements signed, hands shaken and elbows grasped against a background of national flags, ready made for television news. Until the next time. Promises made, promises ignored, distrust sown. The never-ending request for more sophisticated weaponry echoes round our houses as the international insecurity is spoken of again and again. Alliances are made, only to be broken with the first light of dawn.



It is somewhat ironic that on arrival in a foreign country the Pope is often greeted with an armed guard. Since 1945 there has scarcely been a week go by when war was not being waged somewhere on this earth. Our respect for the prince of peace wears thin with the passing years. The current G7 talks have taken place at the rebuilt city of Hiroshima in Japan, the site in August 1945 of mankind's first nuclear outrage. We can only hope and pray that our strangest dream is reality as the build-up continues on the plains of Eastern Europe threatening further conflict and loss of life.

### Peace Prayer

St. Francis of Assisi, Peace Prayer  
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



# for Offaly Centre Independent Living

## **PERSONAL ASSISTANTS/HCAs/CARERS NEEDED**

Offaly Centre for Independent Living are currently looking for Personal Assistants/Healthcare Assistants to join their Relief Panel in the Portlaoise and Laois area.

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### ***The ideal candidate:***

- At least 6 months related experience providing quality care is essential.
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First Holy Communion in our Parish last weekend - Holy Family Jnr School







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



**Anne Fennell  
née Foyle**  
Grattan Street,  
Portlaoise



**Mary O' Mahoney  
née Keyes**  
Ballycarnan,  
Portlaoise

*Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff - they comfort me.*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**  
*Our sympathy to their families.*

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

**This Week's Legion Prayer Intercession**

**We pray for those sitting or preparing  
for examinations, that the Holy Spirit  
may guide their efforts and renew  
their hope.**

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**AGNES MORTIMER** *née Hade*  
*Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise. Died 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.*



As we remember our Mother on the first anniversary of her passing, Aidan, Esther, Declan and our families wish to take this opportunity to thank the following; The wonderful Health Care Staff and residence of St. Vincent's Community Nursing Unit, Mountmellick, especially those in St. Mary Theresa's Ward who took such outstanding care of Mam in the four years while she was there. To Fr. David Vard who prayed the rosary and celebrated Mam's Mass for us. To Nuala Kelly for her beautiful singing. To Seamus Burke, undertaker and Matthew Keegan for facilitating us with the use of his funeral home for Mam's wake. To the gravediggers in Camross where Mam is reunited with our late father Paddy Mortimer. To the Camross Inn for their hospitality and Eddie Phelan who took care of the catering. To our wonderful neighbours, friends and relatives for their continued support to us all. To everyone who attended Mam's wake, Rosary and funeral and all those who phoned, sent texts, left messages online and sent Mass cards. Thank you all so much. As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions. Mam's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

*Rest in Peace Agnes*

**In Loving Memory of**



The committee of Portlaoise Old Peoples Association (P.O.P.A.) deeply regret the sad passing of founder member and friend Dickie Byrne.

Dickie was integral to the success of the annual dinner which ran for 55 years with the very first event taking place on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1966. Dickie's dedication to POPA, in particular his exceptional fund raising skills, had a significant impact on its success - his kindness and great sense of humour will be fondly remembered by all the committee.

*The committee extends its deepest sympathies to Jane, Irene and all the family.*

The POPA committee member also Paddy Reddin at this time, another founding member R.I.P.

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
GER, JOHN & SÉAMUS DUNNE**

Late of 6 Borris Little, Portlaoise, whose anniversaries occur at this time.



Wonderful memories of ones so dear, treasured still with a love sincere,  
In our hearts they are living yet, we loved them too dearly to forget.



Loved and remembered by Geraldine, Tony and family.

*Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
GERARD DUNNE**

Braccas, Ballacolla, and formerly Borris Little, Portlaoise.

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home occurs 8<sup>th</sup> June.



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

We begin to remember, not just that you died, but that you lived, and that your life gave us memories too beautiful to forget.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Kathleen and family xxx

*May Gerard Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of our Son  
DAVID CARROLL**

37<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023



Your life was a blessing,  
Your memory a treasure,  
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Loved and missed always,  
Dad, Mam, sister and brothers xxxx

Also remember David's Grandad

**JIM CARROLL**

Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> June

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

Always remembered,  
Jimmy, Maureen and grandchildren  
xxxx



*May David and Jim Rest in Peace*

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

47 Heather Lane, Esker Hills, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary away from home; 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023



Along the road to yesterday  
That leads us straight to you  
Are memories of the happy days  
Together we once knew  
And always every evening  
We seem to have a way  
Of wandering back to meet you  
On the road to yesterday

Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, brother Lorcan,  
son John and extended family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Wesley*

**In Loving Memory of  
LAURA KILKENNY**

Pallas, Portlaoise.

2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurred 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023



A bright light sadly missed from our lives.  
You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

*I close my eyes and see your face,  
Smiling at me from a beautiful place,  
You tell me you are never far away,  
And that we will meet again someday.  
I ask if you could stay a while,  
I miss your laugh, I miss your smile,  
Then you whisper sweetly into my ear,  
I never leave you, I am always here.*

Love always, your loving family.

*Rest in Peace Laura*

**In Loving Memory of  
BERNADETTE KELLY**

11 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise whose Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
But all we have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your resting place we visit and put flowers there with care, but no one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.

Always remembered by Sean, Donal and Joan.

*May Bernadette Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN**

*On your 9<sup>th</sup> birthday away from home*



Wishing you were here today,  
for even just a while,  
So we could say happy birthday  
Craig xx and see your smiling  
face.

The only gifts today will be, your  
sweet memories left behind,  
of laughter, joy and happiness,  
They echo on in our minds.

We'll gaze upon pictures,  
We'll think of you with love,

And hope you are doing fine, in Heaven up above.  
May angels hold you closely and sing you a happy song,  
And we'll be sending wishes today and all year long son.

Happy birthday in Heaven Craig  
Love and miss you always

*Sadly missed and loved always, Mammy, Mudasar, your  
brothers Brandon, Noah and Junaid and sister Aisha  
and extended family.*

*May Craig Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
Aaron Kelly-Gorman**

*Knockmay and Millbrook, Portlaoise.  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

*Wonderful memories woven in gold,  
This is a picture I tenderly hold,  
Deep in my heart a memory is kept,  
To love, to cherish, never to forget.*

*Sadly missed and always loved and remembered by your  
heartbroken Mum, Mudasar, brothers Brandon, Noah and  
Junaid and sister Aisha xxx*

*Rest in Peace Aaron*

**In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK (Paddy) CARROLL**

*25 Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise  
41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurred 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023.  
Also 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance; 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023.*



A Dad's love is special,  
A gift beyond compare,  
You only know the meaning,  
When he is no longer there.  
A special time, a special face,  
A special Dad we cannot replace,  
With an aching heart we whisper low,  
We miss you Dad, and love you so.

*Love Micky, Tommy, Ann, P.J., Eileen and John, sons-in-law,  
daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*May Patrick Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
CRAIG AND AARON  
GORMAN-KELLY**

*105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.  
Birthday Remembrance for Craig; 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Aaron; 7<sup>th</sup> June*



We think of you  
in silence,  
We often speak  
your name,  
But all we have  
are memories,  
and your picture  
in a frame.



Your resting place we visit,  
And put flowers there with care,  
But no one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.

*From your loving father Michael, brother Brandon  
and sister Chloe, baby Grace, extended family  
and friends.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**Remembering Our Parents  
CATHERINE & JOHN  
PHELAN**

*Straboe, Portlaoise.  
Catherine's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
John's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*



*Those we love don't go  
away,  
They walk beside us  
everyday,  
Unseen, unheard but  
always near,  
Still loved, still missed  
and forever dear.*



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

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
DANIEL (Dan) CONROY**

Glenfield, Portlaoise.  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



Dan's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

*Sadly missed and always remembered  
by your loving nieces and nephews.*

*Rest in Peace Dan*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**In Loving Memory of  
PHILOMENA (Phil) CARROLL**

Beechlawn, Portlaoise. Died 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023.



Phil's brother Eddie, along with his family, would like to express their very sincere thanks to all those who sympathised in the sad loss of Phil.

We offer our deepest thanks to the many people who attended at the rosary, funeral Mass, burial, or who watched or sympathised on line.

Our grateful thanks to Ballard Lodge Nursing Home where Phil spent her

last years in the care of Bernie and the wonderful staff and carers.

We wish to thank Fr. David Vard C.C., Priests and staff at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church Portlaoise, for celebrating the funeral Mass in such a personal and heartfelt manner.

A special thank you to Sarah King Delaney and her daughters Isabel and Sophia who sang and played beautifully at the funeral Mass.

We would also like to thank Matthew Keegan and David Goode undertakers for their kindness, professionalism and support in organising Phil's Funeral. A special word of thanks also to the grave diggers.

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

Phil's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15am and can be viewed online, [www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie)

*Rest in Peace Phil*

**7<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
JIM  
FITZPATRICK**

Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise.

*Jimmy, Suaimhneas Dé  
ár d'anam dílis, le grá ó  
do chlann go léir*



**In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK (Paddy) SHIELS**

Formerly Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.  
14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023.



*We sat beside your bedside,  
Our hearts were crushed  
and sore,*

*We did our duty to the end,  
'Til we could do no more.*

*In tears we watched you  
sinking, we watched you  
fade away,*

*And though our hearts were  
breaking, we knew you  
could not stay.*

*You left behind some aching hearts,  
That loved you most sincere,  
We never shall and never will, forget you,  
Father dear.*

*Sadly missed by your loving sons, daughters,  
son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Patrick*

**In Loving Memory of  
COLEY CONNELL**

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise whose 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occur at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6:30pm.

*You still live on in the hearts and minds of  
the loving family you left behind.*

*Always remembered and sadly missed by your  
loving husband Liam, son Philip, daughter  
Orlaith, son-in-law John and grandchildren  
Holly and Saran.*

*May Coley Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
TERRY CONNELL &  
JOHN (Rinty) CONNELL**

Whose 36<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries occur at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6:30pm.

*Dearer still as the years depart,  
They live forever in our hearts.*

*Always remembered and sadly missed by Liz, Liam, Noreen, John,  
Mary, Domo & Freda.*

*May Terry & John Rest in Peace*



**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**  
 In Loving Memory of my Beautiful Son  
**JAMIE-LEE MOORE**  
 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home occurs 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.



If I could have one wish in life,  
 that wish would have to be,  
 That God would take away my pain,  
 and send you back to me.  
 Your birthday's here today, my son  
 And I just wanted you to know,  
 How much I deeply love you and that  
 I miss you so.

On days like this we should celebrate,  
 But for me that now proves hard,  
 For unlike other mothers, I cannot send a simple birthday  
 card.

No kisses can I give you or birthday gifts to buy,  
 Only flowers I now can give you which I place down where  
 you lie.

Two other things I send you are my thoughts and all my love,  
 So hold them close and keep them safe in Heaven up above,  
 And please wait for me, my darling son, until my days are  
 through, and then I'll come and spend all time in Heaven just  
 with you.

Happy Heavenly 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jamie  
 Love and miss you always, Mummy xxxxxxxx

**Brother**

You were the centre of our world, a brother held so dear,  
 But now that world is shattered and you're no longer here,  
 But all you need to know today is how much joy you brought,  
 You brightened every moment though your life was far  
 too short,

You were loved completely from the day you were born,  
 And no one could imagine such a dreadful day would dawn,  
 But memories are wonderful and though they still bring pain,  
 They give us hope and keep us strong until we meet again.

Happy Heavenly Birthday brother  
 Loved and missed always  
 Tanya, Tírna, Jake & Tayler xxxx

**Uncle**

Holy Angels up above, give our Uncle Jamie-Lee a great big  
 hug. From all your nieces;  
 Kyra, Nellie, Jamie, Lorren, Darla xxxxx

**Nephew/Grandson**

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,  
 But all we have are memories and your picture in a frame,  
 Your resting place we visit and put flowers there with care,  
 But no one knows the heartache,  
 As we turn and leave you there.

Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Jamie-Lee  
 Loved and missed always Aunty Sharon, James,  
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 Nanny Mag, Caroline & Boys xxxxxxxx

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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.

## Portlaoise Parish



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Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9 | Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3:52-56  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13 | John 3:16-18

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