

**PORTLAOISE
PARISH**

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30th July 2023

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska
Work on our oldest Church (1800) set to begin.

(See page 13)



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A full job description giving Qualifications / Experience needed and details of how to apply can be accessed on the Diocesan Website:

<https://www.kandle.ie/diocesan-director-of-safeguarding/>



Points to Ponder

The demands of the Gospel seem so total: to obtain the kingdom one has to sell everything. Yet it is also a process, a journey. What is most important is the movement and the direction of my life. Only the one who searches can find, those

who are happy with where they are will never find anything worth giving their life for. Am I in a stagnant phase or am I still searching, digging deeper in the field of my heart?

Selling everything to obtain what they really desired so deeply filled both men in the parables with deep joy. This seems a contradiction, but this is what our experience tells us. As the prayer of St. Francis puts it, it is in giving that we receive. I ask for a heart full of freedom, freedom to give all and to receive all. Have I found the pearl of great value, for which I am ready to sell all I have to buy it? Am I still looking for it, or am I resigned to a life of mediocrity in my relationships with others, with God in my prayers, in my work life? If I have found it, am I ready to sell all that I have to obtain it? Jesus compares this pearl to the Kingdom he came to proclaim and inaugurate, and this gives me joy and hope.

The parable is not inviting you to think about someone else—some random trespasser. Jesus is inviting you to recognise where your heart is. For whom or for what would you go without everything else.

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

Monday to Thursday: 7.30am & 10am
Friday (First Friday): 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm
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 6.30pm Mass.

We welcome into our Parish Community

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*Signed; Mary Delaney
Chairperson, Laois Hospice Foundation*

thank you ☺

many thanks!



How can I sum up the last six years? They have been the most challenging, yet simultaneously the happiest years of my life. The seven years in the seminary could never have fully prepared me for them, nor would I have desired such preparation.

It may sound cliché to say that words fail me, but truly, I struggle to find adequate expressions of gratitude for the people of Portlaoise Parish. You have shaped me into the priest I am today and the priest I aspire to be in the years to come. It is within this community that I have encountered numerous firsts; my inaugural funeral, my first wedding, my initial experiences guiding our younger parishioners in their preparations for First Holy Communion, Confession and Confirmation, among many other significant moments. Your unwavering patience and acceptance have touched me deeply, and for this, I offer my heartfelt thanks. Thank you for enduring my shortcomings and forgiving my mistakes. I am grateful for the privilege of entering your homes and being a part of your lives during both sorrowful and joyful times.

A very special word of thanks goes to the staff in the Parish Office and the Parish Centre. You truly are the worker bees of the parish, and we would all be lost without you. Your tireless dedication to the people of Portlaoise and to the priests is endless, and we are all truly blessed to have you. To my fellow priests, the current team, and all with whom I have ministered with during these six years, thank you. You have helped me become a better person and priest. To Monsignor John, thank you for your leadership, guidance, support, and patience. I could not have asked for a better mentor in my early years of priesthood and look forward to working together in the future... all the way from Stradbally!

The people of Portlaoise, The Heath, and Ratheniska and everywhere in between, will forever hold a special place in my heart and in my prayers. Although my new assignment in Stradbally is not far in distance, it represents a significant change in my ministry. I humbly request your continued prayers as I embark on this new chapter. Rest assured, I will keep you all in my prayers, and once again, I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you.

Fr. David Jones O.C.

Fr. David will celebrate his last Mass as a curate in Portlaoise Parish, on Wednesday 2nd August at 10am with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

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2nd Gent: Peter Stevenson | **1st Half:** Catherine Galvin | **2nd Half:** Tom Jacob & Mary Downey

Best of 3: Paddy Purcell | **Raffle:** 1st Kit Farrell | 2nd Theresa Mulhare | 3rd B. Kennedy | 4th S. Duff

5th Mary Downey | 6th Michael O'Brien | 7th Paddy Purcell

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.

Volunteers Required: Jack and Jill are currently looking for volunteers in their warehouse and online store. If you could give your time and wish to help out or learn a new skill, please contact Julie on 087-4312219.

Emmanuel House, Clonfert, Co. Galway: Day of Prayer, including first Saturday Fatima devotions, led by Eddie Stones and team, 5th August, commencing at 11am with Adoration, Word of God, Music, Confessions, Healing Service and Holy Mass. Also Day of Prayer, Wednesday 9th August at 11am including blessing with the first class Relic of St. Philomena. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee provided.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

Petition Wall in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church: Please pray for all petitions and you are welcome to place a petition on the wall at any time.



Thought

of the week

Strength doesn't come from what you can do.

It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't - Rikki Rogers



X Marks the Spot

There was a time, when someone who had something of great value would often bury their treasure so that no one could find it and take it away. Of course, there was always the risk that one might forget where their treasure was buried, so to make sure that they would remember where it was, they would often make a map. Usually they would mark the spot where the treasure was with an "X". That is where we get the expression, "X marks the spot."



Have you ever dreamed of finding an old map and following it to a spot where a pirate had buried a chest full of glittering gold? I want to tell you about a treasure that is more valuable than a chest full of gold - and I will even tell you how to find it.

Jesus once said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and then hid again; in his joy he went and sold all that he had and bought that field." If you would like to find the treasure that Jesus was talking about, perhaps the Bible could be the map that leads us to that treasure. The Bible has a lot of information in it, but it is sometimes hard for us to understand, so how do you know exactly where the treasure is? That's easy, because "X marks the spot." Jesus died on the cross so that you and I could enter into the kingdom of heaven. When you look to the cross and put your trust in Jesus, the treasure will be yours.

To enter the kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure one could ever desire. It is more precious than silver, gold, or jewels. That is why Jesus calls us to give up all that we have and follow him.

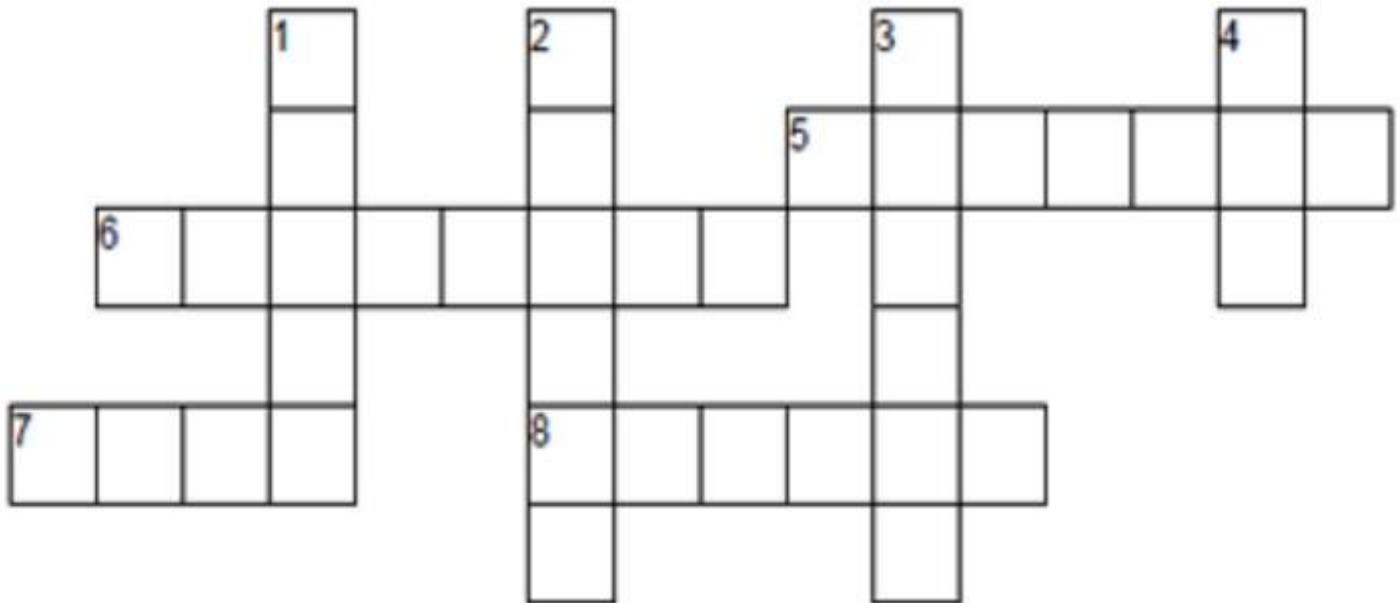
Dear Jesus,
Nothing we have can compare to life in the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to place our trust in you, so that we may find that priceless treasure.
In your name we pray.
Amen.



THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field." Matthew 13:44

Complete the activity below



ACROSS

5. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
6. Something of great value such as silver, gold, or jewels
7. Gave something in exchange for money.
8. The place where God is

DOWN

1. An open area of land without buildings on it.
2. Purchased something by paying money for it
3. To be kept out of sight so no one can find it.
4. A feeling of great happiness.

KINGDOM	HIDDEN	HEAVEN	TREASURE
FIELD	SOLD	BOUGHT	JOY



Peace



We pray to You, Lord,
 God of life and God of those who hope!
 Listen to our prayer for the whole world:
 for peace among all peoples,
 for prosperity in all lands.
 We pray to You that evil may be overcome
 and that all wars may end.



Time to Think!

The Month of August

This week we begin the month of August, traditionally the harvest season. Weather has been a huge focus on conversation and contemplation in recent times. July, on our island was one of the wettest in decades and in contrast southern Europe, has been roasting in extreme temperatures, manifesting in inferno conditions. Our climate crisis truly is being felt and with it demands a sense of urgency, in the many challenges to try to heal our wounded planet. I pray, that the month of August, on our island will be both pleasant and healthy for us all. May all who gather that what has been planted be blessed and may we be grateful for what promises to be a bountiful harvest.

There is something very fulfilling about eating fresh vegetables that you have nurtured and cultivated with your own hands. As we celebrate the beginning of August, once again we are reminded of God's bounty, when it comes to the harvest. In Celtic times, this season of Lunasa was an occasion of thanksgiving. The Celtic people burnt huge fires, danced and celebrated many rituals, as they thanked God, for the food and sustenance that nourished them as they faced the darker and more vulnerable months of the year. Harvest time is indeed a time of rich blessing, a time to gather all that has been planted and cared for since the early spring. There can be no harvest without all the necessary tilling, planting, pruning, weeding and nourishing that accompany any fruit that ripens into something good and nourishing.

Perhaps this harvest time is an opportunity for us all, to acknowledge the fruits that we all have in the depth of our being. Fruits that take a lot of time to grow and mature into the beautiful personality and unique qualities that are particular to all our stories. The gift of grandparents who embody the story of every harvest. Parents who respond so generously to the needs of their children. Parenting I'm sure in many ways could be likened to tending the needs of the vineyard, it is constant, demanding, most challenging and in many ways totally dependent on the unconditional generosity and reservoir of love, that provides for the needs of family life. I am often truly inspired by the time and indeed sacrifices that so many wonderful parents, so often make for their children, in order to allow them to grow and realise the best possible harvest for their family. No fruit or talent can realise its potential without effort and work.

The story is told of a blind girl who hated herself just because she was blind. She hated everyone, except her loving boyfriend. He was always there for her. She said that if she could only see the world, she would marry her boyfriend.



One day, someone donated a pair of eyes to her and then she could see everything, including her boyfriend. Her boyfriend asked her, "now that you can see the world, will you marry me?" The girl was shocked when she saw that her boyfriend was blind too, and refused to marry him. Her boyfriend walked away in tears, and later wrote a letter to her saying "Just take care of my eyes dear."

I suggest the following poem be read often.

Life is a Gift

Today before you think of saying an unkind word -
think of someone who can't speak.
Before you complain about the taste of your food -
think of someone who has nothing to eat.
Before you complain about your husband or wife -
think of someone who is crying out to God for a
companion.
Today before you complain about life -
think of someone who went too early to Heaven.
Before you complain about your children -
think of someone who desires children but they're
barren.
Before you argue about your dirty house, someone
didn't clean or sweep -
think of the people who are living in the streets.
Before whining about the distance you drive -
think of someone who walks the same distance with
their feet.
And when you are tired and complain about your job -
think of the unemployed, the disabled and those who
wish they had your job.
But before you think of pointing the finger or
condemning another - remember that not one of us
are without sin and we all answer to one maker.
And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down
- put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive
and still around.

Life is a Gift – Live it, Enjoy it, Celebrate it, and Fulfil it.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 30,200 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

RATHENISKA

Delayed works set to begin



The proposed and postponed work to Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska is about to commence at last. McBride Construction, Edenderry, have been appointed as the main contractor and are scheduled to begin the work on the 8th August. It is hoped that the work will be completed before Christmas.

Mass will be celebrated in the Church on next Sunday, 6th August. From the 13th August onwards until the work is complete, Mass will be celebrated in the Hall each Sunday at the same time of 10am.

We hope this arrangement doesn't inconvenience anyone and look forward to returning to a renewed and resplendent Holy Cross Church on the completion of the works.

PORTLAOISE PARISH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Following on from this year's Pilgrimage, donations have been made to three different charities voted overwhelmingly by the Pilgrims; The Kolbe Centre Portlaoise, Cuisse Centre Portlaoise and Sosad Laois.



W E L C O M E



This week we welcomed to our Parish, James and Barbara Weingartner from Stuttgart, Germany, originally from USA (Chicago, Illinois and Holland, Michigan). James and Barbara are members of our virtual congregation.

THE PRIESTS IN CONCERT



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*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
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*To a Dearest Mother
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On this our saddest day,
Maybe for one moment,
Our pain would go away.
We'd put our arms around you,
And whisper words so true,
That living life without you,
Is so very hard to do.
We cannot bring the old days
back, when we were all together,
But loving thoughts and memories
will stay with us forever.*

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Wednesday 2nd August at 10am.**

*Sadly missed and loved dearly by your son William,
daughter Marie and granddaughters Teagan & Keiva x*

Rest in Peace Sheila

**In Loving Memory of
JOE CAMPBELL**

*Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
22nd Anniversary occurs at this time.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 30th July at 11:15am.

Our thoughts are ever with you though you
have passed away, and those who have
loved you dearly are thinking of you today.

Loved and remembered by all his loving family.

Rest in Peace Joe

**In Loving Memory of
AGNES LAWLESS**

*29 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
25th Anniversary occurred 28th July 2023*



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

*Always remembered and
never forgotten by Mick xxx*

May Agnes Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

ANN BERGIN

née Holohan

20 Parnell Crescent, Portlaoise.

1st Birthday away from home.



Thinking of you today and always x

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her husband Tom, sons Darren, Jayson and Tristian, daughters-in-law Kimberley and Ashling and her sister Vera.

Rest in Peace Ann

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of TOMMY SKELLY

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

1st Birthday away from home; 30th July 2023



*We hold you close within our hearts,
And there you shall remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives,
until we meet again.*

Missed and loved everyday by his devoted wife Laura, daughter Anita, sons Tom and Jason, son-in-law Joe, daughter-in-law Helen and grandchildren Grainne, Niamh and Ciaran.

Rest in Peace Tommy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of NOEL BRACKEN

Beladd, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 5th August 2023



The family of the late Noel Bracken would like to sincerely thank all those who sympathised with us on our loss over the last year.

We would like to sincerely thank the paramedics who attended to Noel with professionalism that morning and the Gardaí for their assistance.

We would like to thank Matthew Keegan and David Goode of Keegan Funeral Directors for their help, support and professionalism with the funeral arrangements.

In addition, we would like to thank Msgr. John Byrne P.P.V.G. for calling to the house and celebrating Noel's Requiem Mass, Fr. Ciprian Matei C.C. for his help with the arrangements for the Requiem Mass and Fr. Simon Jin for saying prayers at the funeral home.

Thanks to Fiona Kelly and Sarah Troy for the beautiful singing and music at Noel's Mass.

A heartfelt thanks to all our friends, neighbours and relatives who called to the house, brought food and flowers, sent Mass cards and messages, and helped us through the difficult time last August. Thanks also to Noel's golfing friends and former colleagues in the ESB for the guard of honour at the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Loved and remembered always Noel by your loving wife Elsie, children Brendan, Fintan and Noelle, daughters-in-law Janice and Jenny, son-in-law Mick, grandchildren Hannah, Cormac, Conan, Cahir, Eoin, Cian and Aidan, brother Donal and sisters Marjorie, Anne and Mary.

*Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 5th August at 6.30pm.

Rest in Peace Noel

In Loving Memory of DEAN BERGIN

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 1st August 2023



Dean's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Tuesday 1st August at 10am.

*To a Son, Brother, Uncle
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 knows best,
He let us have you for many years and then gently let you rest.*

Loved and sadly missed by your Mother Mossie, sisters Martina, Lisa and Sandra, nieces, nephews and friends.

Also remembering your father Ray at this time xxxxxxxxx

Rest in Peace Dean

In Loving Memory of BRIGID LEWIS née Whelan

"Inch" Stradbally, formerly 3 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurred 28th July 2023.



*Time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you very near,
No need for words except to say,
You are loved and missed each passing day.*

Sadly missed by your Mam, husband Henry, family and friends.

Rest in Peace Brigid



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
BRIGID (Bibi) CONROY
Craydon Court, Portlaoise.



The family of the late Bibi Conroy would like to thank everyone who called, text and attended the house and funeral, many of who travelled long distances to be with us. To Fr. David for Mam's beautiful requiem Mass and for his regular visits and chats that she thoroughly enjoyed, your kindness to her will never be forgotten.

To Dr. White and his staff, for the excellent care and respect they showed Mam.

Also the staff of the Day Care Centre in Portlaoise and Abbeyleix Community Hospital for her care.

Also Naas General Hospital for the excellent care they gave Mam in her final days.

To Matthew Keegan and staff for their professionalism, care and attention.

To the 65 Kitchen Choir who sang exactly her wishes at her Mass.

Thank you to M&M Catering for providing the food and helping out at the wake and to the staff of the Parish for their help and providing the venue.

And finally to all her neighbours and close friends for all their friendship and kindness throughout the years.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, we hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted with our sincere appreciation.

Rest in Peace Mam xxxxx

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK CONROY Jnr.**

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.

40th Anniversary occurs 3rd August 2023.



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

*Remembered always by
his loving family.*

Rest in Peace Patrick



In Loving Memory of **DANNY O' LOUGHLIN**

152 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 2nd August 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Wednesday 2nd August at 10am.

*I think of things you used to say,
And all that you would do,
At some point, every single day,
My thoughts will turn to you.*

*I know I can't be with you now, and you can't be with me,
But safe inside my heart you'll stay,
That's where you'll always be.*

Sadly missed by your loving wife Margaret x

*Daddy; To us you were precious, a gift most rare,
Content in your home and always there,
As long as we live we will always be glad,
That we were your children and you were our Dad.*

*Granddad; Of all the special gifts in life, however
great or small, to have you as our granddad was the
greatest gift of all.*

*Sadly missed by your loving sons, daughters,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren, extended family and many friends x*

Rest in Peace Danny

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
FINTAN KEEGAN

2 Green Road, Portlaoise. Died 31st July 2022.



The family of the late Fintan Keegan wish to thank everyone who attended his funeral, sent cards and messages of condolence following his passing.

Thanks to the staff of Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise, who cared for Fintan so well in his final weeks.

To the staff of the Cedar Clinic, Chemco Pharmacy Stradbally and

Fintan's home carers especially Bernie. Thank you to Mary Conroy for all her help getting messages.

Many thanks to the Priests of Portlaoise Parish, and to Aishling Rohan for the beautiful music and singing at the funeral Mass.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors for their kindness and professionalism.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, this Saturday 29th July at 6.30pm.

Rest in Peace Fintan

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Before my lips before I pray,

That my prayers may be purified,

Before they ascend to your divine Altar.

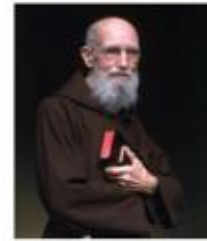
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Blessed Solanus Casey



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-Blessed Solanus Casey- The Doorkeeper

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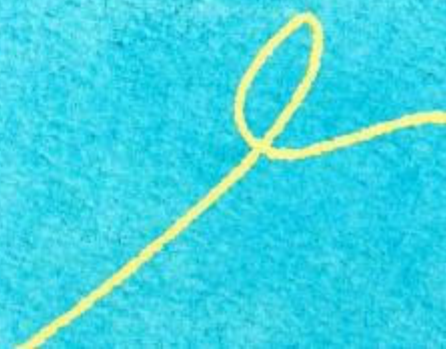
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1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Psalm: 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

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