

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday next, 15th August, Cemetery Mass at the Church of the Assumption, the Heath. Please God we will have a fine evening enabling us to celebrate outdoors. Full Mass timetable page 3.



Last year's Mass: photo Agnieszka Kaczmarek

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Peter on the Sea

To the amazement of his friends, Peter climbed over the side of the boat. Before his feet even touched the water, he knew that it was really Jesus out there waiting for him. Afterwards he was never able to describe what it was like to walk on



water, and he needed the other disciples to confirm for him that it really had happened. He remembered a strange sensation of euphoria, a little bit like the first time his father, John, had taken him with him out onto the open water.

Jesus was not moving. Was he close? Was he far away? It was impossible to tell. It was as if the distance between him and the Lord varied according to the thoughts and feelings in his heart. And just when Simon started to feel proud of what he was doing, a gust of wind blew in between him and Jesus, and somehow in that moment he lost sight of the Master. Far from the boat, without Jesus in view, he suddenly found himself suspended above the restless lake. The only thing he could do was sink. And in fact, he felt himself plunge down, not only into the water, but also into the dark thoughts and doubts that had tormented him all night long. His anguish was complete: he realized that he was sinking not out of weakness but out of pride and that death would not seal his powerlessness but his rebellion.

At that very moment, he saw Jesus looking at him. It was a look that forgave everything, and Peter reached out for it with a cry that seemed to come from his inmost depths: "Lord, save me!" (Mt 14:30). At that same instant, a hand was grasping his own, firm and warm like a sunny shore.

*When Peter began to sink he cried to Jesus:
'Lord! Save me'.*

Jesus put out his hand and held him.

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

Monday: 7.30am & 10am
Tuesday 15th August
Feast of the Assumption
7.30pm (Vigil), 8.30am,
10am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm



Cemetery Mass Heath: 7.30pm
Wednesday 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.

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15th August

Tuesday's feast is a celebration of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven. Mary is a model of vocation and fidelity, a fidelity that demands self-



knowledge courage and sacrifice. For those of us who feel we have no vocation we could learn many lessons by studying Mary's brand of discipleship. Motivation is key. Mary's motivation was to support God's plan. Nothing Mary ever did or said was for her own glory. At the same time there can be few people who could claim to have led a more challenging or rewarding life than Mary's.

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Raffle: 1st B. Kennedy | 2nd F. Keenan | 3rd M. Harte | 4th M. Morrissey | 5th B. Murphy

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.

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.

Prayer for Life, Unity and Peace; The annual crossing of Ireland with a statue of Our Lady takes place on 15th, 16th and 17th August as in previous years. The southern leg, Tramore to Mullingar is divided into 6 sections, our section is from Abbeyleix to Killeigh. The statue will be transported on the roof of a car and visible for all to see.

Wednesday 16th August

11.30am; Abbeyleix - Rosary in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary

12.30pm; Portlaoise - Rosary at Our Lady's Shrine

2.30pm; Mountmellick - Rosary in the Parish Church

3.30pm; Killeigh - Rosary in the Parish Church

It is hoped that many will join us in the Rosary and accompany the statue on part of the journey, if not all the way. Rosary beads will be available.



The Fatima Candle will be lit at 10am Mass in the Parish Church, this **Sunday 13th August** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and for the intentions of all parishioners. Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto at 8pm.
All are welcome.



W E L C O M E

This week we welcomed to our Parish, Alexius and Malini Nadarajah from Sri Lanka, pictured left with Msgr. John Byrne and Fr. Ciprian Matei

Alexius and Malini are members of our virtual congregation.



*Grainne Fennelly
Manager Abbeyleix Parish Development.*



Clonkeen Graveyard Mass; Fr. Paddy Byrne will celebrate Mass on Thursday evening 17th August at 7pm at the Medieval Church and Graveyard in the Parish of Abbeyleix.

This will be the second time that a Graveyard Mass will be celebrated at Clonkeen Graveyard (aka Clonking in just over 700 years. This Mass is being celebrated for all of the souls that are buried there. People from both denominations have been buried in this Graveyard throughout it's long history.

An invitation to attend has also been extended to Rev. Patrick Harvey COI, everyone is welcome to attend. This Mass will be recorded for the benefit of future generations to come, so let's all make history together. Hope to see you all there.

We would like to acknowledge the help that we have received from Gráinne Fennelly, manager of the Abbeyleix Parish development company CLG. Gráinne and her team are ensuring that the Graveyard will be presented in a clean and tidy condition before the Mass. Directions to this Medieval Church and Graveyard, follow post code R32HX53. [<https://www.townlands.ie/.../abbey.../abbeyleix/clonkeen/...>]

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Scripture: Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Matthew 14:31 (NIV)

Has there ever been a time in your life when you needed someone to give you a helping hand? Of course, there has! Can you name some? How about when you first began to try to tie your own shoes, did you need someone to help you? It was probably your mother, wasn't it? She worked patiently with you until you were able to do it all by yourself. How about when you got your first bicycle, didn't your dad run along beside you and hold you up? When you began to learn to read, did you just pick up a book and start reading? Of course not, someone-probably a teacher-helped you learn. Did any of you need any help learning how to play soccer? There are always going to be times when you need a helping hand-even when you are grown!



Today's Gospel is about a time when the disciples of Jesus needed a helping hand, one in particular whose name was Simon Peter.

It had been a long, hard day for Jesus and his disciples. After the disciples had helped Jesus feed more than five thousand people with only five loaves of bread and two small fish, Jesus told them to get into their boat and go on ahead of him to the other side of the lake. Jesus then went up on a mountainside to be alone and to pray. Later that evening, the disciples were quite far out onto the lake when the wind began to blow and the waves began to bounce their boat around on the water.

Shortly before dawn, Jesus went out to the disciples, walking on the water. When the disciples saw him, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they cried.

Jesus immediately spoke to them: "Don't be afraid! Take courage. I am here!"

Peter spoke up, "Lord, if it is really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water."

"Yes, come," Jesus answered.

So, Peter climbed out of the boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus. But when he started looking around and saw the waves being blown about by the wind, he was afraid and he began to sink. "Lord, save me!" he cried.

Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. "Why did you doubt?" Jesus asked.

So, you see, even a grown-up fisherman like Simon Peter needed a hand from Jesus when it came to walking on the water. You and I may face some pretty rough times in our lives, but as long as we keep our eyes on Jesus, he will always be there to give us a hand.

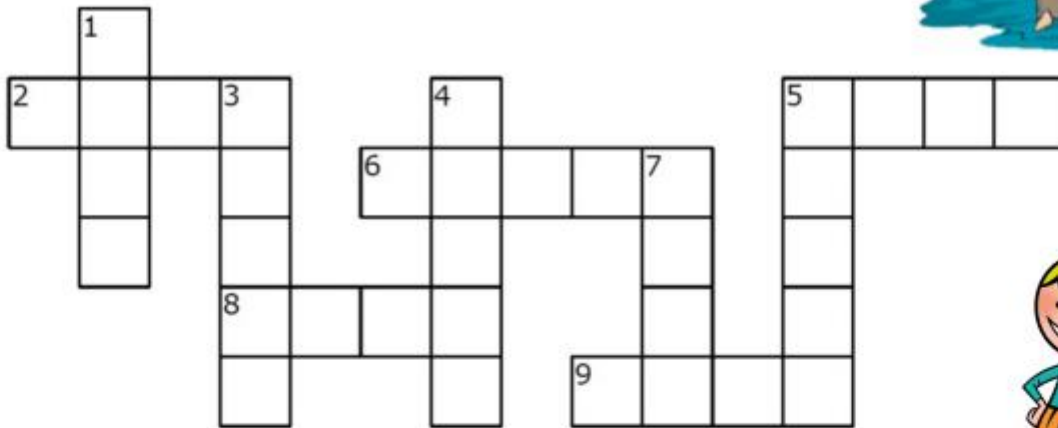
Prayer

Father, help us to remember that you are always there when we need a helping hand.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



JESUS WALKS ON WATER

"During the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake." *Matthew 14:25 (NIV)*



ACROSS

2. The natural movement of air.
5. To travel along on your feet.
6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea.
8. A small vessel for travelling on water.
9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger.

DOWN

1. To go downward in water.
3. A lack of confidence or belief in God.
4. A firm belief in God.
5. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain.
7. To rescue someone.

FEAR

FAITH

DOUBT

WAVES

WATER

SAVE

WIND

BOAT

WALK

SINK

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HAND

WAVES

AFRAID

SINK

WALKING

WIND

COME

ALONE



Time to Think!

Room in the Church for Everyone

At 86, Pope Francis, is the oldest Pontiff in over 120 years. Last June, he underwent serious surgery and has made a remarkable recovery. His words and actions, in recent weeks exemplify a man, who is on fire with the Holy Spirit. His recent visit to Portugal, where he encountered over 1,000,000 young people, in Lisbon, was a breath of fresh air. We belong to a Universal Church, rich in diversity, representative of so many cultures and traditions. It is a foolish mistake, just to focus on our island, when we reflect about what it is to be a member of the Church. It also helps us breathe with a wider context and inform our thinking in a richer and more positive vineyard.

Pope Francis major theme while speaking in Portugal, was one of welcome and inclusion especially to those on the periphery. "There is room in the church for everyone, everyone, everyone; not just the perfect but sinners too". He urged all of us to "Replace our doubts with dreams, none of us should remain hostages to our fears and insecurities but humbly we are commissioned to set about working to realise positive goals". He reminded Church leadership, that the radical Jesus of Nazareth, was one who led by example love and compassion. Challenging clergy present he said, "I do not like rigidity because it is a bad symptom of interior life the priest cannot afford to be rigid, the Priest must be ready for whatever comes along and most importantly keep the doors of the Church open to everyone".

Ten years ago Pope Francis was God's unexpected gift to his Church. His reforming spirit has become a heartening symbol of promise and possibility. In a mere decade, Francis has become a beacon of hope and joy in my life with his refreshing re-adoption of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. So with a Pope in a hurry to get things done, what can we expect from the synod in Rome in 2023-4? This is very much a synod that is based on a model of collaboration, discernment and representative of the people of God.

I suggest ten signs of change;

- 1. REFORM;** There's an ever-growing consensus that significant and wide-ranging reforms are not just advisable but essential to arrest what often seems like the terminal decline of the Catholic Church. In the developed world, vocations are down to a trickle and may effectively disappear; religious practice has decreased and continues to decrease; and the authority of the Church has been undermined disastrously by the sexual abuse scandals.
- 2. SYNODALITY;** The adoption of a Synodal approach to Church governance is now in hand, fuelled by the robust support of Pope Francis who regards it as 'the (only) way of being Church for the Third Millennium'. Whereas in the past, decisions were handed down from above by Pope, Bishop, Parish Priest and Reverend Mother, now a Synodal approach is proposed for the baptised to walk together - by together listening attentively to all voices, by together discussing issues, by together deciphering the direction God's Spirit is guiding and by together making decisions.
- 3. SYNOD;** The worldwide Synodal pathway of the last few years concluded with reports from each diocese summarised into national reports. These in turn were summarised into continental reports which led to the preparatory document for the Synod of 2023-4. The whole process of consultation has surfaced an extraordinarily similar worldwide programme for change: inclusiveness, accountability, transparency, the role of women in the church, LGBTQ+ issues, the ordination of married men, etc.
- 4. SYNOD-plus;** The working document for the October 2023 Synod is exceptional in that unlike previous synods it sets out the characteristics of a Synodal Church - welcoming, listening, locally focussed, humble, discerning and comfortable with tensions. It then presents a series of priorities that have already emerged not as teachings or assertions but simply as questions



to help the Church to discern the way forward. The October 2024 Synod declared intention is to make decisions on 'new paths to follow'.

- 5. CARDINALS;** Another sign of change is the timely announcement by Pope Francis of a consistory in which he will appoint 21 new cardinals this September bringing the number to 137, 70-plus% of whom Francis himself has appointed and who accept the need for change.
- 6. OPPOSITION;** An indication of the tide turning is the opposition to change coming from predictable quarters: church men of a certain perspective - conservative, ultra-conservative, traditional and ultra-traditional, are becoming progressively more shrill in their ritual condemnations of Pope Francis and his reforms. Just as Pope John XXIII was called a heretic for convening the Second Vatican Council, Francis is being subjected to the same abuse for seeking to implement it.
- 7. THEOLOGIANS;** The John Paul-Benedict years saw the diminishment of theologians into cheer-leaders for whatever enthusiasm was the signature tune of the then current pontificate. The oppressive control of those years was represented by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) now in the process of being reformed as part of the new Francis dawn. Theologians are now free to say what they think and no longer have to hold up a wet finger in the air to see which way the wind is blowing.
- 8. INCLUSION;** The heart of the Gospel is one of welcome and inclusion. A church that embraces all peoples but especially those who feel on the outside. The Holy Father says that "inclusion should be the first 'rock' on which to build our house". The Pope quotes his 2020 encyclical letter, Fratelli Tutti ("All Brothers"), to point out that inclusion must always be considered.
- 9. DEVELOPMENT OF DOCTRINE;** In the past a myth was carefully constructed to the effect that the teaching of the Catholic Church never changed and couldn't change. That approach no longer has substance thanks to theologians who were prepared to indicate that over the centuries the precise opposite was the case. It is clear that engaging with the changing world we live in, as Vatican Two suggested, means accepting inevitable changes in church teaching.
- 10. THE PEOPLE OF GOD;** It is clear now, both anecdotally and from a plethora of surveys, that Catholics generally are open to change and are becoming increasingly frustrated with the slow pace of change. Leadership in the movement towards a Synodal Church will come from 'lay' Catholics - if they are given the chance. If not, it won't happen.

Though Francis is 86, even after 3-hour surgery in June, he shows no sign of letting up. After a long winter, spring is coming. The oldest serving pope in 120 years is in a hurry to get things done before God calls him home.

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THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



Bridie Keenan
née Quigley
Marian Avenue,
Portlaoise



Joe Mallon
Kildare/Portlaoise



Ronan McNamara
Timahoe

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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Beechfield, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 16th August.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise,
Sunday 20th August at 11.15am.

*Even though you are not with us,
Your presence is still strong,
Because in your heart we'll always find,
The love for which we long.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Liam, Diarmuid,
Denise, Emma and Anna.*

May Margaret Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ALICE O' REILLY**

46 Borris Road, Portlaoise.

25th Anniversary occurs 16th August 2023



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

Fondly remembered by her family;
John, Tom, Margaret and all her
grandchildren.

Also remembering our Dad and sister Ella.

Rest in Peace Alice

In Loving Memory of



Ann Aird 22nd Anniversary 30th July 2023

Mark Aird 20th Anniversary 12th August 2023

Remembering our Dad **William (Billy)** whose
3rd Anniversary occurred 3rd March 2023

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 2nd September at 6.30pm.

*We often sit and think about the years that have passed by
and of the happiness and joy that was shared by all of us.
We think of all the laughter, the smiles and all the fun and
before we even know it, our tears have once again begun.
For, although it brings us comfort, to walk down memory
lane it reminds us how without you, life has never been
the same.*

*Love Ciara, Niall, Tara, Vanessa, grandchildren
and families.*

May They Rest in Peace

Precious Memories of Our Darling
MARTIN WALSH Jnr.

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
31st Anniversary occurred 11th August 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 12th August at 6:30pm.

*A whisper on an August evening,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus,
And gently left us all.*

*Thinking of you today and always, from your ever
loving Mammy Margaret, brothers Anthony and
Joseph, sisters Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia and
Colette, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces,
nephews and extended family.*

Also remembering Martin's Dad (Martin Snr.) at this time.

Rest in Peace Martin

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DOYLE

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 17th August 2023.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Thursday 17th August at 10am.



*Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories of
one we loved so much.*

*Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
And we have you in our hearts.*

*Miss you always and forever
Anne, Mick, Karen, Rachel, Eoin and girls xxx*

Rest in Peace Kathleen

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
BETTY PHELAN (née McLoughlin)
Ballytegan, Portlaoise / Roscrea, Tipperary
Died 20th July 2023.



The family of the late Betty Phelan,
would like to acknowledge all the
expressions of sympathy on their
sad loss of Betty.

Thanks to all who called to our home
and came to the funeral and those
who watched online.

We want to acknowledge all of the
lovely cards, flowers, kind messages
and caring words during our difficult time.

We would like to thank Matthew Keegan and David
Goode of Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors
Portlaoise for their compassion and care for Betty.

We would like to sincerely thank Msgr. John Byrne
for a lovely Requiem Mass and thanks to all the staff
of the Parish Centre. We would like to thank all
departments of Portlaoise General Hospital,
especially the psychiatric departments, Bridge St.
psychiatric centre and comfort care carers for all
your work and dedication for Betty.

We would like to thank Carmel Minogue for the
lovely music, Portlaoise GAA for the guard of honour
and car parking, all of our neighbours and friends for
your time and caring words of support.

Betty's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 20th
August 2023 at 12:30pm.

Rest in Peace Betty

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DOYLE

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 17th August 2023.



*A light from our household is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home that
never can be filled.*

*We think of you in silence,
We talk about you too,
We have loving memories,
But we wish we still had you.*

*Nothing can replace you, nothing ever will,
In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.*

*Loved and remembered by your loving husband Joe
and sisters-in-law Ellen, Mary, Guggie & families.*

Rest in Peace Kathleen

In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE (KITTY) SIDES

6 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
17th Anniversary occurs 14th August 2023.



*Your presence we miss,
Your memories we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered
by her daughter Ann, son-in-law Noel
and granddaughters Aoife and Aine.*

Also remembering her husband Dick at this time R.I.P.

May Kitty Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Of our Father **WILLIAM KERRY**
61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise.

24th Birthday away from home occurred 2nd August '23. Aged 89 yrs.

And our Mother **ROSANNA KERRY**

6th Birthday away from home occurred 9th August '23. Aged 82 yrs.



A picture of you I carry in
my heart, I close my eyes to
see it when the world gets
dark.

A memory of you I carry in
my soul, I wrap it close
around me when the nights
get cold.



If you ask how I am, I'd say just fine,
But the truth is if you could read my mind,
Not a day goes by that I don't think of you both.

Happy Birthday Mam and Dad, from your loving
daughter Annemarie and granddaughters Katie, Rachael
and Roisín xx

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

This Week's Legion Prayer Intercession

The Month of August is dedicated to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never
was it known that anyone who fled to thy
protection, implored thy help, or sought thine
intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come,
before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word-Incarnate, despise not my
petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.

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In Loving Memory of BREDA KEANE

Corrigreen, Stradbally.

1st Anniversary occurs 14th August 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in the Church of the
Assumption, the Heath,
Sunday 13th August at 9:30am.

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.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all her
loving family.

Rest in Peace Breda

In Loving Memory of TOM BERGIN

66 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

24th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this Sunday 13th August at 12:30pm.

Time passes, memories stay,
Quietly remembered everyday.

From his loving wife Mary & family.

Rest in Peace Tom

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of PATRICIA GING

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

7th Birthday away from home; 12th August 2023



*Missing You on your
birthday in Heaven*

Today would have been such a
special day, but now it brings
sadness and sorrow,
If we could share just one
more day, if there was one
more tomorrow.

But birthdays are a time for reflection, to look over
years past, and we can't believe another year has
gone by, the time just goes so fast.

But memories of more happier times, in our hearts
will always stay, we'll treasure each and every one,
until we meet again someday.

So we'll say goodbye for now Patricia and blow a kiss
to Heaven above, to wish you the happiest of
birthdays and send you all our love.

Loved and missed by all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Patricia





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In Loving Memory of
JIM QUIGLEY

Kilminchy, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.

Died 13th July 2023.



The family of the late Jim Quigley wish to thank and acknowledge the many gestures of kindness shown to us following our recent loss. To all those who visited our home and attended the funeral Mass, to those who sent Mass cards, floral tributes and uploaded condolences online, thank you.

A special thanks to Msgr. John Byrne, and the Portlaoise Parish Priests for the lovely requiem Mass. To Matthew Keegan Funeral Director. Thanks also to Aishling Rohan for the beautiful music.

Thank you to all the staff and management of Kilminchy Lodge Nursing Home, Dr. Sinead Burke and all the staff at the Cedar Clinic and Dr. Siddiqui and the Midlands Regional Hospital.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for you intentions.

Sadly missed and fondly remembered by your loving wife Maude and daughters Michelle and Anne, son-in-law Seamus and grandchildren Emma and David.

Jim's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 19th August 2023 at 10am in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church.

Rest in Peace Jim



In Loving Memory of **HUGH ROCHFORD**



12 Roselawn, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 15th August 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this **Sunday 13th August, 11:15am.**

It's hard to believe you're no longer here, we think of you, you feel so near, In some small way every single day, Memories of you come our way.

Thinking of you Dad on your 2nd year away from home.

Love Colin, Laura, Callie, Lana and Laila x

May Hugh Rest in Peace

"There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you..."
John 14:1-6



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📅 Friday 25th of August 2023



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10th August 2023

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Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:9.11-13 | Psalm: 84:9-14
Romans 9:1-5 | Matthew 14:22-33

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THANK YOU

An Exhibition and Concert in honour of Our Lady



A self portrait of the artist
Oksana Rohovska



Oksana Rohovska - a Ukrainian artist living in Portlaoise since the invasion of her country in February 2022 is decorating our Parish Church in honour of Our Lady next weekend in association with Tuesday's Feast of the Assumption. The exhibition will remain in places until 20th August. Also following the 12.30pm Mass on 13th August there will be a short Sacred concert in honour of our Lady. The theme of the display and the concert will be to pray for peace in all the troubled parts of the World and especially peace in Ukraine.

All are welcome.

