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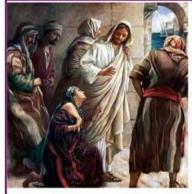
The event is the brainchild of Roisín O'Connell Hussey who has organised similar events in recent years. During Heritage Week in 2022 some €4,000 was raised for Ukrainian refugees.

See ad for the event on page 5

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Salvation for All?

Just when we thought that Jesus' love was all embracing and all compassionate, he shocks us by behaving in a way that can only be described as harsh and unfeeling. In today's gospel Jesus is approached by a Canaanite woman, who pesters

him to cure her daughter. 'Canaanite' was the name given to the older inhabitants of Israel who were dispossessed as unclean by Jesus' own people. Jesus would not have been expected to fraternise with such a woman. True to expectation, Jesus does not respond to the woman, explaining that he has been sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel ... this woman is therefore not his problem! Could Jesus really have held this harsh opinion, or was he testing his disciples?

The Canaanite woman continues to pester. She has great faith that Jesus will eventually give in and cure her daughter. Again Jesus responds harshly. "It is not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs..." In other words, only Jews had a right to be treated as 'children of God'. The Gentiles on the other hand are likened to 'dogs'. This opinion seems even less like the Jesus we know! Much more likely is the notion that Jesus is stretching his disciples' understanding of God's boundaries, or rather, lack of.

When we first read the Bible we get the feeling that God is simply there for the 'Children of Israel' or the Hebrew Nation, but the truth is that God does not limit his promises to just certain categories of people. The story finishes with Jesus rewarding the woman's faith with a cure. At first it might appear that Jesus is giving in to 'pester power', though it is much more likely that Jesus had decided from the very outset that he would help this woman. In awarding a cure, Jesus is showing his disciples and us, that faith has the power to melt boundaries and prejudice. Even today we probably imagine God's salvation is for a select few, but today's story teaches us that salvation is there for anyone and everyone who places their trust in God.

Jesus then answered the Canaanite woman:

'You have great faith. Let your wish to granted.'

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

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Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.

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The Queenship of Mary Tuesday 22nd May

During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as



queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the Memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's Queenship with the Assumption.

Saint Bartholomew - 24th August

St. Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles. He is mentioned in the three synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and was also a witness of the Ascension in Acts of the Apostles. He is often mentioned in these gospels along



with Phillip. However, he is not mentioned in the Gospel of John, but Nathaniel is often mentioned in this book in conjunction with Phillip. Nathaniel was also born in Galilee, the region where Jesus found all twelve of his apostles. Therefore, scholars believe that Bartholomew was not his given name, but rather his family name. St. Bartholomew is believed to be the same person as Nathaniel, who is mentioned in more of the books of the Bible.

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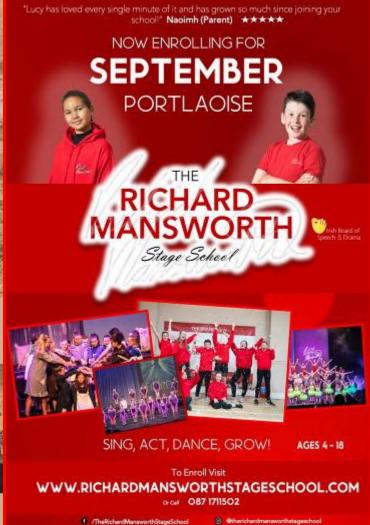
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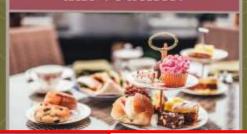
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(Prayed each day of the Novena)
Saint Teresa of Calcutta,
You allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross
to become a living flame within you, and so became
the light of His love to all.

Obtain from the Heart of Jesus (here make your request)

Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my whole being so completely that my life too, may radiate His light and love to others. Amen Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our Joy, pray for me.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta pray for me. Keep the joy of loving Jesus in your heart and say often during the day and night.

"Jesus in my heart I believe in your tender love for me. I love you." St. Mother Teresa



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Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois
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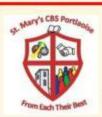
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Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday night, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in learning to play, classes in the Parish Centre on Tuesdays from 10am to 11.30am.

Exhibition: Take a step back in time with this years Heritage exhibition in Mountmellick Library, with plans and drawings from 1873 of the Railway line, stories and photos of life in old Mountmellick and follow the stunning trail of graveyards and cemeteries in a new artwork called "Between Stone and Shadow", all during library hours for the remainder of the month.

<u>Samaritans Co. Laois</u>: We need listening volunteers, will you join us? Information/Recruitment Evening in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm. Please come along to learn more.

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.

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat; Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Saturday 26th August, 10am-1.30pm. Holy Mass 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre, 10.45am-1.30pm. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry).

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Scripture: The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Matthew 15:26-27 (NIV)

Do you have a dog? What do you feed your dog? Canned dog food? Dry dog food? Do you ever feed him scraps from the table? Most vets say that you should not feed your dog table scraps. Why? They say that table scraps are not intended for dogs and may not provide the nutrients that a dog needs. That may be true, but just try to convince your dog of that as he sits by the table watching you enjoy a juicy steak. Maybe the meal was not intended for him, but that doesn't keep him from sitting by the table, begging for a little scrap, hoping that just one small bite might fall on the floor for him.



When Jesus came to earth, he came to preach and teach first to the Jews. That does not mean that He didn't love the other people of the world, but the first priority in his ministry on earth was to bring God's chosen ones to repentance.

When other people saw Jesus healing the sick and lame, they followed him wherever he went. One day there was a woman from Canaan who came to Jesus and asked him to heal her daughter. Jesus explained to the woman that his first mission on earth was to preach to the people of Israel.

The woman refused to give up. She came closer, knelt down, and begged, "Please help me, Lord!". Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."

The woman answered Jesus and said, "Lord, that's true, but even dogs get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."

Jesus was so touched by the faith of that woman that he told her that because of her faith, her daughter would be healed.

Even though Jesus came first to the Jew, he loved us so much that he shared his love with all of us. I guess we are a little bit like the dog -- even though the meal was not prepared especially for us, it doesn't keep us from enjoying it. We gladly sit at our Master's feet and thankfully receive whatever crumbs might fall from the table.



Prayer

Dear Father, thank you for loving us so much that you shared your Son with the whole world, so that through him we could be saved.

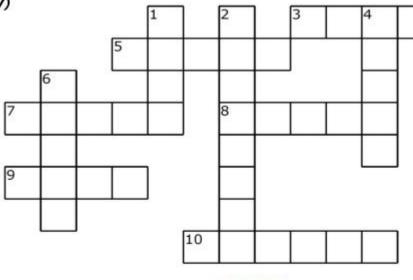
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE

"Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."





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- 3. To experience physical or mental pain.
- 5. An adult female human being.
- 7. The Son of God.

ACROSS

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- 8. A very large amount of something.
- 9. Unable to be found.
- **10.** Small pieces of bread or cake.
- 1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things.
- 2. A female child in relation to her parents.
- 4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone.
- 6. An evil spirit.

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> **ISRAEL** SUFFERING

WOMAN KNELT



Time to Think!

Be Kind to your Mind

I remember being very moved by Brendan O Connor's interview with Brent Pope some time ago. Brent spoke of his reflective time during the lockdown. He thought of his mother in New Zealand who had gone into a home. He thought of those 30 years in Ireland away from home and family. He realised what he had missed. He spoke of his father. He reminisced on his visits home. Holiday visits are less real - he missed the humdrum of ordinary family life. He spoke of his father's funeral. He spoke of not having a wife and not giving his family, children. He recalled why he left New Zealand. He was a well-known rugby player and a successful coach. He was paralysed by self-doubt, shyness; lack of confidence; mental health problems. A high-achiever couldn't admit to such problems in a macho-culture. He found a niche for himself in Ireland as a rugby pundit on the media and as a businessman. He now spends his time talking to men and helping them to speak about their inner stories.

It was a very moving programme. If such a successful person could be so nervous and riddled with doubt - how many more of us, might admit to feeling much the same? Would that be why many of our intelligent and articulate folk are so reticent in venturing into print? How little we know. People aren't only wearing masks these Covid days; we all wear masks. My own view is that the work in a Parish and in the Church, is primarily to give people confidence; to help people believe in themselves; to nurture the gift of God in everyone. We are all John the Baptists. We call out the wonder of God in every person. Mental health seems to be a major concern at present.

What is positive mental health?

Positive mental health is about reaching our potential and feeling like we always have the chance to give everything our best shot. Not just feeling positive, but also getting out there in the big bad world. Positive mental health not only prevents mental ill health, it also leads to greater enjoyment and satisfaction with one's life.

Tell Someone; This is the most important one. The biggest thing you can do to improve your mental health is talk to someone about how you are feeling. A friend, family member or counsellor if needed. You don't need to feel the way you do and there are lots of people willing to listen. So do your mind a favour and talk.



Be kind to your mind

Don't Judge; A Maths teacher in a class of 6-yearolds asked a boy named Adi, " Adi, if I give you two mangos and another two mangos, how many mangoes will you have? He answered mangoes". She was surprised by his reply but she tried again. Now this time she uses her fingers to make him count with her. "Ok Adi, look if I give you one, two, two mangoes and another one-two, two mangoes, how many mangoes will you have?" He again answered "five mangoes". This time she gets really annoyed by his answer but she controlled her anger and remembered that his mother once told her that he likes strawberries. So, she tried this. "Ok Adi, If I give you two strawberries and another two strawberries, now how many strawberries do you have?" "teacher, 4 strawberries". She felt relieved that he is back on track. So, again she asked him. "Now tell me, Adi, If I give you two mangoes and another two mangoes, how many mangoes do you have?" He answered " teacher, Five mangoes". The teacher outburst in anger " how can you have five mangoes if I give you four mangoes?" "teacher, because One mango I have in my bag". Complete silence. The teacher calms down and regrets her anger.

Moral of the Story:

Two sides to every story. Never judge others. We should not make a decision for others without knowing their point of view. We make the decision on the basis of what is logic rightness i.e. what is the obvious answer and didn't try to know the practical rightness i.e. what is the actual truth.

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Official Launch Night

Friday 25th August at 7pm in the Dunamaise Arts Centre











Sunday, 20th August 2023 @ 1:00 PM Vintage exhibits on field by 12:30PM



Vintage and Classic **lehicle Exhibits** including Tractors,

Cars, Lorries, Engines, Motorcycles

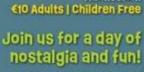
ts and Craft Stalls

Music . Dog Show Bread, Butter and Pancake Making Spit-Roast Pork

and Colcannon

Children's Entertainment

Food Stalls And More



Festival Field, Rosenallis

venue:

Admission:

Explore vintage vehicles, shop at craft stalls, enjoy a dog show, bread making, and indulge in delicious food.

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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY;



Conor Murray Parnell Crescent, Portlaoise



James Patrick (Jim)

Kennedy

Abbeyleix

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

An Angel's Hand



An angel whispered in my ear
Believe in me and have no fear
Come with me and take my hand
I will take you to another land
A place of peace, a place of light
Do not be afraid, just hold on tight
Your earth days are done but don't be sad
Remember all the good times that you had
Loved ones will join you, don't despair
You have many in Heaven waiting for you there
Your body died but your soul was set free
That's why you get to fly with me

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In Loving Memory of A Kind, Caring, Funny, Loving Mother, Sister and Nanny

ANNIE GREENE

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary away from home occurs 21st August.



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 Mother Dear. She was a mother so very rare, content in her home and always there, on earth she toiled, in Heaven she rests, God bless you Mother, you were one of the best.



Loved and missed everyday Mammy Love from your daughter Mary, grandson Keelin, sister Ellie and the Greene family.

Also remembering our father **THOMAS**, whose 14th Anniversary away from home occurred 12th July.

Rest in Reace Mammy and Daddy



In Loving Memory of My Kind, Caring, Funny Mother ANNIE GREENE

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 21st August 2023



You carried me as a child,
Held on to my hand,
Loved and treasured me everyday,
And taught me how to stand.
Of all the scary things in life,
That I could ever fear,
Nothing is so frightening,
As not having you here.
But you taught me to be strong,
And you taught me how to stand,
Even when you are not here to hold
on to my hand.

I am grateful for what you taught me, And I'm grateful for your love, And I know you watch over me, from the Heavens up above.

Also remembering my Dad THOMAS GREENE 14th Anniversary occurred 12th July

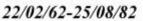
From your heartbroken daughter Annmarie, son-in-law Peter, grandchildren Tanya and Courtney and great-grandkids Kelsie and Kayla.







In Loving Memory of CAROLINE KHANDKER



41st Anniversary occurs 25th August 2023.



Forty one years since we've seen your sweet face.

We love and miss you Caroline. Rest in peace with Mommy now.

Your loving Papa, sister Samantha and brothers Shabil and Nashad xxx

Rest in Reace Paroline



In Loving Memory of *AOIFE HUME*

The Downs, Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary occurs 20th August 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 19th August, 6.30pm.

> 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 and always remembered by your loving parents Rose & Noel, sisters Aisling & Niamh, nephews Robert & Malachy, family & friends.

Rest in Reace Aoife



In Loving Memory of MAURA SHEERAN

26 Balladine, Abbeyleix and formerly of Graceswood, Durrow. 6th Anniversary occurred 18th August 2023.



Though your smile is gone forever, And your hand we cannot touch, Still we have so many memories, Of the 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.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your son Joe Jacob, relatives and friends.

Rest in Reace Maura



In Loving Memory of MARY CLOONEY

Shanahoe Rd, Ballytarsna, Abbeyleix. 10th Anniversary; 20th August 2023

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, Sunday 20th August at 11am.



Time has been a strange thing since you left. It's been ten long years, yet the impressions you left are as fresh as morning dew. We cherish the love and wisdom you've gifted us, your legacy lives on.

Always remembered never forgotten by her loving daughters Anne & Patricia, sons-in-law Eamon & Aidan and

grandchildren Roisin, Tommy, Sean & Conall. Also remembering her beloved husband Paddy on his 6 month anniversary.

Rest in Reace Mary



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of our Mam BRIGID (Cissy) MILLS

Birthday occurs 19th August 2023.



Mammy

Today is full of memories, Happiness and tears, Of Birthday Celebrations, We've shared with you throughout the years.

Sadly missed, with love your son and four daughters xxxxx

Nanny

We're sending these balloons to Heaven just to let you know, We wish you a Happy Birthday, and today we miss you so. With love your 12 grandchildren xxxxxxxxxxxx

Rest in Reace Mam



In Loving Memory of EUGENE McLOUGHLIN

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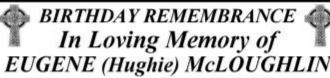
Missing you on your Birthday
A dad's love is special,
A gift beyond compare,
You only know the meaning when
he is no longer there,
A special time, a special face,
A special Dad I cannot replace,

With an aching heart I whisper low,

I love you Dad and miss you so.

Love always Imelda, Danny, Danielle, Shane, Aaron, Tamzin, Jack, Amber, Emily and Anna xx

Rest in Reace Eugene



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Precious are the memories of Hughie Unseen, unheard but always near Still loved, still missed, still very dear

Thinking of you on your 1st Birthday away from home.

Loved and always remembered by your wife Patsy and son Eugene xx

Happy 1st Birthday away from home Dad As I look upon your picture, sweet memories I recall, Of a face so full of sunshine and a smile for one and all.

> Missing you always from your loving daughter Trisha x

Dad, on your first birthday beyond the skies,
I send my love with tears in my eyes,
Though you're not here, your spirit's strong,
In my heart, you forever belong.
I'll celebrate you in my own way,
Remembering you on this special day,
With love and memories that never fade,
Happy birthday Dad, in the quiet shade.

Sadly missed and loved by Yvonne, Jamie, Ava,
Dylan and Ellie xxx

Rest in Reace Sugene



In Loving Memory of BRENDAN BURNS



Block Road, Portlaoise 6th Anniversary occurs 23rd August 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 20th August at 12:30pm.

We miss your smile, Your joking ways, We miss the things you used to say, And when old times we do recall,

It's then we miss you most of all,
You were always there when we needed you,
No task too great or small. With loving heart and
willing hands, for us you did it all.

Remembered by his daughters Margaret, Mary and Brigid, sons-in-law Pat, Seamus and Joe, grandchildren Megan, James, Sarah, Shane, Lauren, Joanne and husband Patrick, great-grandchildren Patrick and Jane Mai, Michelle and husband Conor and grandchild Conor Jnr. and grandchild Mark.

Rest in Reace Dad



In Loving Memory of ELIZABETH (Betty) KEEGAN

8 Beechfield and formerly Market Sq. Portlaoise, 6th Anniversary occurs 25th August 2023.



Though your smile is gone forever, And your hand we cannot touch, We shall never lose sweet memories, Of you, we loved so much.

Gone from our home your smiling face, Your cheerful pleasant ways,

The heart that won so many friends, In bygone happy days.

Your voice keeps whispering gently, Loved ones be brave and true, At the end of life there is sunshine, I'll be waiting and watching for you.



Also remembering her loving husband, Peter Keegan, who died 18th February 1992.

> Fondly remembered and always in our thoughts, from all your loving family

> > May They Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of PATRICK DUNNE

St. Michael's Park, Portarlington.

1st Anniversary occurs at this time.



Our thoughts are ever with you, Though you have passed away, And those who have loved you dearly, Are thinking of you today.

> Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Michael, Ann and family.

Rest in Reace Ratrick



In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN DOYLE

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



The pain I feel inside today,
Is the pain I try to hide,
No one will ever know,
The tears I hide inside,
It seems like only yesterday,
The wound is still so sore,
For every hour of every day,
I miss you more and more Kathleen,

Place a kiss upon her cheek Lord and tell her we miss and love her always.

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

Rest in Reace Kathleen



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of CHRISTINE ADAMS

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.



The family of the late Christine Adams would like to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy on their sad loss.

Thanks to all those who visited our home and attended the funeral Mass, to those who sent Mass cards and posted condolences online.

A special thanks to Fr. Ciprian Matei for the beautiful Requiem Mass and also Mrs Kelly for the music.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan, funeral director, for all his help, kindness and professionalism.

Sincere thanks to the staff in the Oncology ward at Tallaght hospital and the Palliative care team, Dr. White who looked after Mam so well right up until the end.

As we cannot thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Sadly missed by her loving husband Dickie, loving children Elizabeth, Julie, Richard, Joseph and Paul, grandchildren, her sisters, brother, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, nieces, nephews and friends.

Christine's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 27th August at 12.30pm.

Rest in Reace Christine





In Loving Memory of PATRICIA LaCUMBER

1 Parnell Crescent, Portlaoise.

th Anniversary occurs 22nd August 2023



Patricia's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 19th August at 6.30pm.

Our thoughts are ever with you, Though you have passed away, And those who have loved you dearly, Are thinking of you today.

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

Rest in Reace Ratricia



In Loving Memory of MAY LANHAM



6 Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise. 16th Anniversary occurs 18th August 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 20th August at 12.30pm.

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.

Miss you always and forever Your children Pat, Josephine, Elizabeth, Susan, Helena, Jacinta, Paul, Mary and all your grandchildren.

Rest in Reace May



In Loving Memory of ANNA O'BRIEN

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59 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 21st August 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 19th August at 6.30pm.

Always cherish your wife and Mother, Because ours is gone forever, And we miss her everyday.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her loving husband Paddy and family.

Rest in Reace Anna

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17th August 2023





28

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13

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35

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Kitty Walsh

Ber Murray

Noreen Byrne

Octavian Enache Adriano Olivera

Bridie & Darragh Swayne

Ealish Nolan

Ealish Nolan

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Joan McCarthy

Caroline Byrne

Tori Danny & Jamie McKeon

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Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 | Psalm: 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 | Matthew 15:21-28

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We have traditionally depended on the passing of collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support. Thank you to the many who have found new ways of continuing to support the Parish. The generosity of so many means we continue to be well supported. Please find your way to contribute.

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- * Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
 - * Direct payment by cheque or cash
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 - * Donation facility on our website
 - * Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
 - * Or Transfer directly to our Account

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