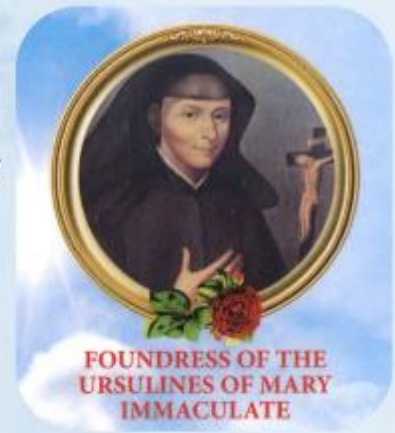


Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



On Thursday 31st our Sisters celebrated the feast day of Sister Brigida Morello, the foundress of their congregation, Ursuline Sisters of Mary Immaculate and after Mass continued the celebrations in the Parish Centre.

In the photo Msgr John with Sr. Vinaya, Sr. Sybil, Sr. Mareena, Sr. Jasmin and Sr. Jooly cutting a cake that was enjoyed by everyone in the Parish Centre.

Prayer cards with prayer to Blessed Brigida available in Church porches.



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God's Round Table



It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be.

Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different. Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means that understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.

Mother Teresa Of Calcutta

Tuesday 5th September

Mother Teresa's life sounds like a legend. The Albanian girl who entered an Irish order to go to India as a missionary and became an "Angel of the Poor" for countless people.



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Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass.



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Teidí Jaden Hyland Cross, Dr. Murphy Place

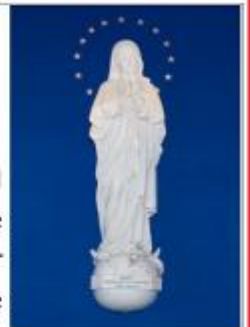
Darla Mae Mary Nevin, Parnell Crescent.

Who were baptised last weekend.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8th September

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8th date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier). Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth....the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.



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Saint Teresa of Calcutta,

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Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday night, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

Classes in Parish Centre on Tuesdays have finished for this season.

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Fourth Wall Laois Theatre will hold their AGM on Thursday Sept.14th at 8pm in Doogues Bar, Raheen. All new members welcome. Contact Kevin Lalor Fitzpatrick 0879614235.

Portlaoise Active Retirement Club is back next Wedn. 6th September at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Monday 4th September - bowls in St.Mary's Sports Hall at 3pm. Thurs. 7th - Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm (new members welcome). Bad news - Trip to Dundalk is cancelled due to insufficient numbers. Paid money will be given back. For further information call Sheila at 0876204617.

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Does that sound harsh to you? Where is that narrow door that we must find and how do we enter in? You may remember that Jesus once told a story about the good shepherd. In that parable, Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he will be saved." (John 10:9) There is only one door to enter into heaven and that door is Jesus. Who can enter that door? Anyone! If we put our faith and trust in him, we won't be left standing outside knocking and crying, "Let me in."



Back to School Prayer



Dear Lord, use my eyes to **see** new friends.

Open my ears to **hear** my teacher.

Open my mind to **learn** new things.

Let my heart **remember** You are near when I'm afraid

Help me to **love** others like you do.

I want to **shine** your light so bright in my school.

Amen.



"Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to."

Luke 13:24



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- DOOR
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September — some facts

September is the only month with the same number of letters in its number and name. It is the ninth month and has nine letters in its name.

September 2nd 1666: The Great Fire of London was started, completely destroying the old city located within the ancient Roman Walls. It was believed to have started in a bakery and took three days to put out.

September 8th: Our Lady's birthday. We celebrate the birth of Mary and we wish Mary a happy birthday.

September gets its name from the Latin septem, meaning seven, because it used to be the seventh month of the year under the Roman calendar.

The Harvest Moon is the name given to the full moon that falls nearest to the autumnal equinox around 22nd September.

September is the month of apples, as apple-picking becomes a common weekend pastime during the month.

September 29th is the Feast Day of Saint Michael the Archangel; he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.



Time to Think!

September... a time to harvest..

Imagine that you had to employ a gardener. You ask around among your friends and neighbours, and eventually you hear of two gardeners who are available. From people who have employed them, you are able to draw up the following profiles of the two.

The first gardener plants a variety of vegetables and flowers. Periodically he comes along and inspects them. Whenever he sees a plant or a flower that is not doing well he pulls it up and throws it on the compost heap or into the bin. He has planted plenty of seeds and plants, so this practice does not greatly affect the yield or the appearance of the garden. Small, stunted and yellow cabbage plants, wallflowers that slugs have had a feed on, frost-bitten blossoms, all of these go out. There are a lot of advantages in this approach. The appearance of the garden is always pretty and healthy. And diseased plants do not get a chance to infect other plants.

The second gardener also plants a variety of vegetables and flowers and periodically inspects them. But his approach is different. He is on the lookout for plants that are not doing well to see what he can do to make them more healthy. If a cabbage is looking yellow, he gives it more feed. If a flower is attacked by slugs he puts down extra slug-killer. If some of the blossoms are frost-bitten he puts a glass cloche over them to protect them and give them a chance to recover. He hates to see any plant or flower dying. His gardens are not as pretty as those looked after by the first gardener, as some of the plants are clearly ailing.

If you wanted to employ a gardener, you would almost certainly choose the first. The first strikes us as an efficient, practical, no-nonsense gardener. The second gardener seems soft-hearted, and is plant-centered rather than garden-centered. Except in the case of very rare plants, few of us would want to pay good money so that sickly specimens would be nursed, and perhaps the overall condition of the garden neglected.

One of the great benefits, of cultivating a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is his unending life giving, grace-filled presence.



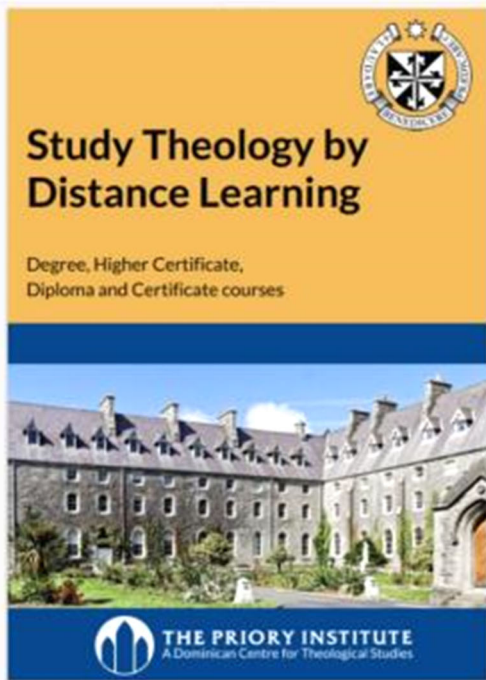
In a world and culture, where so much emphasis is on perfection, achievement, excellence, it's a great blessing that in faith, our God, loves us as we are. All our gardens like our lives, have both flowers and weeds.

Saint Paul, once acknowledged, "When I am weak then I am strong". As we give thanks for the gift of harvest, let us be fueled with a spirit of gratitude. May this new month of September be a blessed one for us all. Be mindful that each one of us produces rich fruits, often as a result of patience, endurance, resilience and courage. May we celebrate that the rich diversity, that is the garden of life, there is room for everyone, as the melody sings... All God's creatures has a place in the choir.

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 realize the best possible harvest for their family. No fruit or talent can realize its potential without effort and work. May the Lord bless all our lives with health of body and peace of mind...

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 30,400 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

Shining Christ's Light In Our World Today



Parishioner, Ellen Momo, who has completed a Theology course with the Priory in Tallaght shares her experience with us and encourages anyone who can to take such a course.

Have you ever pondered your life's purpose? What does your Christian faith mean to you?

In the greatest sermon ever told Jesus tells his disciples "You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world" (Matt 5: 13-16). Jesus describes himself as the light of the world and he instructs His followers to be His light in the world. Jesus tells us not to hide our light but to be beacons of light and hope. The purpose of our lives therefore is to be the salt and the light. In his letter to the Philippians 2:15, St. Paul writes "Believers, you are to

shine as light in the world". Our lives are to be an on-going witness to Christ's presence in our world. Like salt we must preserve and enhance what's good in the world and like light we must illuminate the way for others. When salt loses its savour and lights are left hidden the world becomes dark and unsavoury. Pope Francis insists on the missionary dimension of synodality, in which all baptised share their responsibilities like Jesus's disciples did. "Now is the time" for the laity to take a step forward in carrying out the Church's mission of evangelisation. With the decline in vocations and dwindling numbers attending Masses, it is fair to say our current model of church is in crisis. However, we must not become despondent instead we must see this as an opportunity for growth and renewal. Trusting the guidance of the Holy Spirit we must work together to be beacons of light and hope in our world.

No greater time to study theology

As a lay woman my experience of studying theology has deeply enriched my faith and understanding of God. Studying theology with the Priory Institute has been a very rewarding and positive experience. The professionalism and dedication of the lecturers to deliver expert material and their prompt response to emails has been exceptional. The blended learning allowed me to work while studying, attending lectures one Saturday per month. I feel blessed to have journeyed with like-minded people in my studies over the past four years. The support and encouragement I received from fellow-students and staff got me to the finishing line! I am more confident in my faith and feel more equipped for my role in bearing witness to Christ. I would encourage anyone contemplating studying theology to consider the Priory Institute which is an apostolate of the Irish Dominican Friars based in Tallaght, Dublin.

Ellen Momo

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This year's launch will take place on Friday 1st September. For the month of September, See Change will roll out their social media campaign and will be supporting workplaces, organisations and the general public across Ireland to start having open and honest conversations about mental health. (There will also be an event at Electric Picnic from 1st – 3rd September).

Wearing the Green Ribbon symbolises an openness to have conversations about mental health. Ribbons can be ordered from the See Change website seechange.ie.



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Welcome



We welcome to our parish community and the Catholic Church Dana and her mother Lija who were baptised and confirmed in our Parish Church last weekend. Celebrant, Fr. Ciprian.



This week we welcomed to our Parish:

Chinomso Ejiogu from the Bronx, New York.

And pictured on the right Alan, Audrey and Clotilda Colkers from Australia, Perth.

We are always happy to meet members of our virtual congregation.



Children's Choir



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Pallas Big,
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Portlaoise

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"Let the little children come to me"

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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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
MARY MAHER



The family of the late Mary Maher wish to express our gratitude to our extended families, friends and neighbours for the kindness and love that you showed to Mary both in life and after her passing. There are too many people to mention personally but we wish to extend our gratitude to all of those who offered support and help to us in their own personal way.

It was gratefully received and very much appreciated. To those who sent heartfelt tributes on RIP.ie, mass bouquets and cards, we thank you. To those who sent personalised letters and cards, they were a source of comfort to us. As we read them they evoked both tears and smiles.

Many thanks, Gerry, Geraldine, Caitriona & the Allen & Maher families.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

First birthday in heaven 5th Sept 2023

In loving memory of a wonderful Mother and Wife,
On your birthday, we celebrate the beautiful moments we shared and the love that continues to fill our hearts. Your memory lives on, reminding us to cherish each day.

*Forever in our thoughts,
Gerry, Caitriona, Geraldine, John & grandchildren
May Mary Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of
OWEN McDONALD

16 Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs at this time.



2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on Wednesday 6th Sept. at 10am.

You always had a smile to share, A laugh, a joke and time to care, A good life came to an end, You died as you lived.... everyone's friend.

Always loved and remembered by your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Owen

**In Loving Memory of
TOMMY KEOGH**

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise
23rd Anniversary occurred 1st September 2023



Deep are the memories,
And precious they stay,
No passing of time can take them away.
We miss you more than anyone knows, but
close to our hearts you will always remain.
Loved and always remembered by all your
family.

May Tommy Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
TOMMY BREEN**

Formerly Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
25th Anniversary occurs 7th September 2023



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

Sadly missed & remembered by
Moira, Vera, Liam, Tom and families.



Also we remember his daughter,
BARBARA LAWLOR on her
2nd Anniversary and his son **NEVIN**
whose 6th birthday away from
home occurs 6th September.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Thursday 7th September at 10am.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

May Tommy, Barbara and Nevin Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOE CARROLL**

35 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 3rd September 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 3rd September at 10am.

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

Sadly missed by Mary, Marie, Tracy, Liam, Des and all
his loving family.

Rest in Peace Joe

60th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
RAY BERGIN**

14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
5th Birthday away from home and 60th birthday
on September 8th



Remembering you is easy,
we do it every day,
missing you is the heartache
that never goes away,
especially on your birthday Ray.

Love from your wife Mossie,
daughters Martina, Lisa, Sandra,
grandchildren and friends.

Rest in Peace Ray

son Dean xxx

**In Loving Memory of
MARY O'BRIEN (Neé Kealey)**

Knocknabrahier, Stradbally.
1st Anniversary occurs at this time



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
The Church of the Sacred Heart, Stradbally
on Sunday 10th September at 11.30am

Sadly missed, quietly remembered
No longer in our life but always in our
hearts

Loved and remembered by all her loving
family

May Mary Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH DOWLING**

Dublin Rd. Portlaoise. 24th Anniversary occurs 7th September.



Somewhere beyond the sunset where loved ones
never die, she rests in a beautiful garden beneath
God's golden sky, so fly to her little robin and
whisper to her that we love her.

We also remember her husband Martin
at this time.

With love Martina, Mary, Anna,
Claire and families.

May Elizabeth & Martin Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JAMES (Jim) FLANAGAN**

Dunamais, Stradbally.
10th Anniversary occurred 29th August 2023



Your presence we miss,
Your memory we share,
Loving You always,
forgetting You never.

Loved and remembered by
Joe & Anita, Seamie, Alicia, Minnie
& Riley, Eamonn, Lauren & Shauna.

Rest in Peace Jim

I am the Way,
the Truth & the Life
John 14:6

**In Loving Memory of
JULIA (Peg) HOLOHAN**

12 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurred 1st September 2023



*You're not just a memory silently kept,
You're a part of our family,
we will never forget,
Gone from our sight and from our touch,
But in our memories, loved so much.
Loved always and remembered by
Liz, Peter & family and niece Lorraine.*

*Gone from home that smiling face,
Those cheerful happy ways,
The heart that won so many friends,
In by gone happy days.
From P.J., Ann & family.*

*It's not the tears that are shed at the time, that tell of the
hearts that are broken,
But the silent tears in the after years, when our loved
ones name is spoken.
Sadly missed and remembered by Mary, Liam & family.*

*Thinking of you today and always.
From James & family.*

May Julia (Peg) Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
Birthday occurred 2nd September 2023.



*Happy Birthday in Heaven
Is there a party up in Heaven to celebrate
today? Did angels frost a cake for you?
Or sing to start your day?
We're celebrating down here, as they must be
above, I truly hope your special day is filled
with peace and love.*

*This day was always special, as we
gathered 'round you here, we'd sing and
laugh and celebrate your day with so much cheer.
I miss those special moments, that we shared throughout
the years, it's hard to find that on this day,
my eyes now fill with tears.
I'm trying hard to smile for you, but ohhh...that empty chair,
I turn around and find myself still shocked that you're not there.
Please know I'm thinking of you, as I go throughout each day,*

*This day is very special, because it's your birthday.
Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters, extended
family and friends.*

*For Your Birthday in Heaven
Still loved, still missed and very dear
Your birthday's here, but you aren't,
We would send a gift but we know we can't,
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To carry our love to where you are.
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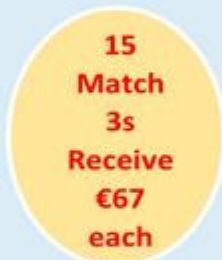


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Jeremiah 20:7-9

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- * Essential Oils/Incense
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