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in Ordinary Time**



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1st September - 4th October

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Once again we are reminded that things that count for so much in this world are turned upside down in God's world. We are taught not to think we are worth more as Christians than those who have found Christianity late in life. If we have lived life as God asks from the outset then we should simply count ourselves as lucky. For others, life's paths may have taken more difficult and painful twists.

The employer in today's parable pays his employees exactly the same amount regardless of the time they arrived at the vineyard. Jesus is telling us that there are no 'partial benefits' in God's kingdom. If we have earned a place in heaven we have earned a place, there won't be some places better than others. God's love is God's love. We are each promised the same measure of his grace.

"... So the last will be first and the first will be last." We would be foolish to expect some kind of pecking order at heaven's gates. We would be even more foolish to expect some kind of organised queuing system or loyalty cards for the longest serving. Those who arrive late should certainly not be regarded as somehow cheating the system. We must recognise God's generosity in giving a level field for all and emulate it. We must be happy for the latecomers, especially if we have played a part in attracting them by our shining example!

'My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you.' **Today's Gospel**

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.



We welcome into our Parish Community

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Robyn Hogan, Broomville

Who were baptised last weekend.

St. Michael, St. Gabriel And St. Raphael September 29th



Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

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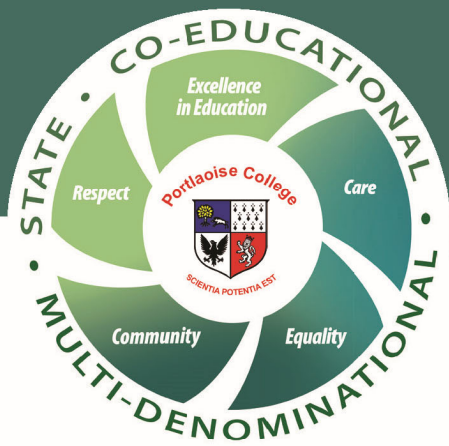
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- **2nd October 2023** – 1st Year Enrolment Opens
- **23rd October 2023 @ 5pm** for 1st Year Enrolment closes
- **Week of 15th January 2024** – Incoming 1st Year Aptitude Exam
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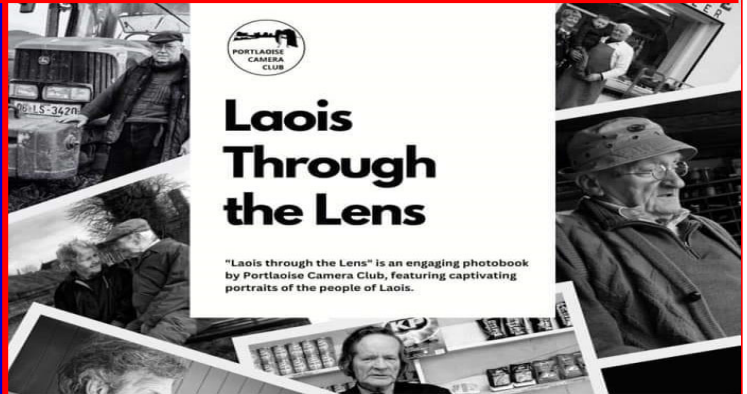


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Wednesday 27th; Survey

Thursday 28th; Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

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Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 19th September;

Top Score: Catherine Brennan | **1st Lady:** Rose Cole | **2nd Lady:** Molly O'Brien | **1st Gent:** Frank Keenan

2nd Gent: Sheila Duff | **1st Half:** Bridie Byrne & Betty Murphy | **2nd Half:** Tom Kearns |

Raffle: 1st Tom Gowing | 2nd Paraic Dowling | 3rd Therese Mulhare | 4th Betty Fox | 5th Mary J. Dunne

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

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

Laois Alzheimer Society have vacancies on their Community Employment Scheme for Home Care Workers/Carers. Applicants welcome from all areas in Laois. For further information please ring Ann Munnally 086-8372168.

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Laois Open Door Theatre holds it's A.G.M on Tuesday 26th September in Ballyfin Hall at 8pm. Past, current and new members are all welcome.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

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IS GOD FAIR?

"It's not fair!" Have you ever said those words? Be honest, now! Maybe your brother or sister was invited to go to the cinema with a friend and you weren't invited. What was the your reaction? "That's not fair! Why can't I go too?"

Perhaps you came home from school looking forward to watching your favourite show on TV and your mam says, "You can't watch TV until you have finished your homework."

"Aw mam, that's not fair! By the time I finish my homework my favourite show will be over!"

When we say, "It's not fair!" it usually means that

something is not going our way or we want something that someone else has.

In the Gospel today, Jesus told a story about a landowner who was hiring men to work in his vineyard. He hired some of them early in the morning, some in the middle of the day, and some he hired just before quitting time.

When it was time to pay the workers, he paid them all the same. Can you guess what the workers who were hired early in the morning said? Your right, they cried out, "Hey! That's not fair! You paid the workers who worked only one hour the same as those of us who worked all day."

The owner of the vineyard said, "I am not being unfair to you. I paid you what I agreed to pay you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Are you jealous because I am generous?"

The question for today is this: "Is God fair?" Of course he is! But do you know what else? The gospel tells us that he is more than fair, the gospel tells us that "God is love." Does God love us because we love him?" No, the Bible says, "This is real love-not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." Wow! That's not fair-that's love.

If we got what was fair, none of us would get to heaven. I'm glad that God doesn't give me what is fair, but gives me his love and grace, in spite of what I deserve!

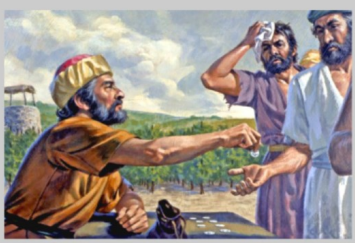
PRAYER



Father, we thank you for loving us so much that you sent your Son to give us everlasting life.

In his name we pray. **Amen.**





The Workers in the Vineyard

"These men who were hired last worked only one hour", they said 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' **Matthew 20:12**

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Time to Think!

Keep Life Simple

Once upon a time there was a businessman who was sitting on the beach in a small Italian village.

As he sat, taking a brief break from the stress of his daily schedule, he saw a fisherman rowing a small boat back into the harbour. In the boat were a few large fish. Impressed, the businessman asked the fisherman, "How long does it take you to catch so many fish?" To which he replied "Oh, not so long." The businessman was confused, "Why don't you fish for longer to catch even more?"

"More? This is enough to feed my entire family and even offer some to my neighbours," the fisherman said. "So what do you do for the rest of your day?" enquired the businessman. The fisherman replied, "Well, I would usually have caught my fish by late morning, at which point I go home, kiss my wife, and play with my kids. In the afternoon, I take a nap and read. In the evening, I go to the village to have a drink with my friends, play guitar, sing, and dance into the night!"

Putting his entrepreneurial hat on, the businessman offered a suggestion. "I have a PhD in business! I can help you become much more successful. From now on, you should spend longer at sea and catch as many fish as possible. When you've saved enough money, buy a bigger boat to catch even more fish. From there, you'll soon be able to buy more boats, set up your own company, build a production plant to can the fish and control distribution, and move to the city to control your other branches."

To this, the fisherman asks, "And after that?" The businessman laughs, "After that, you'll be able to live like a king, take your company public, float your shares and be rich!" "And after that?" Asks the fisherman once more. "After that, you can retire, move to a house by the sea, wake up early in the morning to go fishing, then return home to play with your kids, kiss your wife, take a nap in the afternoon and join your friends in the village to drink, play guitar and dance into the night!"



Puzzled, the fisherman replies, "But isn't that what I'm doing already?"

Be content with what you have. Do we really need to keep pushing for *more*? Stress is often a choice. There's joy and peace in simplicity.

Life is a sacred journey. Hopefully our pathways are level and smooth, but in our humanity, we know at times, we walk the mountainous and tough terrain. Our pathway, is a journey where we're not in control, ultimately, all we have is now. Living in the present is a very challenging but most rewarding and life-giving blessing. We all can feel at times weighed down and overburdened, this is very true, if we have not acknowledged or processed the wounds and scars that life can inflict upon us from the past. Resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness and genuine hurt can weigh us down. Similarly, another distraction on our journey is to worry about tomorrow. The mortgage repayment, the exam results, what will happen if?

The iconic Saint Padre Pio, had a very practical spirituality which empowered him to live in the present moment and experience the power of now. His celebrated prayer is one that offers deep relevance to all our lives. "My past life I give to your mercy O Lord, tomorrow I hand into your Providence, this day let me live in your love"

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 30,750 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles



We are so lucky in our parish to have so many dedicated people who volunteer in the ministries of the Church. There are a wide variety of ways to get involved, maybe as a reader at Mass, or even as an altar server for our younger parishioners. There are also some new ministry groups that will be formed in our Parish very soon, such as our reformed Funeral Ministry Team. We need people in all areas of our parish to help us make our parish a place for all.

There are a number of these ministries listed below and we would love to get more of you involved. If you are interested place tick one or more of the ministries and include your name, phone number and email address and we will be contact with you about upcoming training.

Please Tick

Reader at Mass	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Funeral Ministry Team	<input type="checkbox"/>
Altar Server (open from 3rd Class)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play and Pray Group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baptism Team	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

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I give Portlaoise Parish permission to contact me in relation to the relevant ministry activities

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For bookings, contact the Secretary on 057-8626153 or email secretary@mountstannes.com



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Sunday 24th Sept

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30th September 2023: Arriving at St. Brigid's Church, Kildare Town at 5.30pm.

Mass at 6.30pm. Veneration before and after Mass.

Sunday 1st October 2023 arriving to the Carmelite Church, White Abbey for 10am Mass. Veneration afterwards till 2pm, The relic will leave at 2pm to travel to Whitefriar Street, Dublin for Mass at 4pm with veneration afterwards. Further information can be obtained from the family of the late Pat Sweeney R.I.P on 085 - 8887549



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Sunday 24th September, 2023

Organised by Portlaoise Legion of Mary

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Pictured Above: Cara and Darby Brown, Boise, Idaho, USA with Fr. Ciprian, Fr. Nick & Fr. Simon.



Pictured Above: Brianna and Nicco Lombardo, Boston, Massachusetts with Fr Nick.



Pictured Above: John & Rosemary Mulgrew, Co. Down with Msgr. John.



Pictured Above: Joe and Janet Koch Parma, Ohio with Fr. Adriano.

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



Pat Doorley
Kilminchy Portlaoise
& Roscrea, Tipperary



Katie Donnelly
Portarlington &
Beechfield, Portlaoise



Gavin Young
London & Newpark
*Requiem Mass will take place in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on
Saturday 30th Sept at 12 noon*

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to
the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

John 14:1-11

1st Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust
in God; trust also in me. **2nd** In my Father's
house are many rooms; if it were not so,
I would have told you. I am going there
to prepare a place for you.

In Loving Memory of
BILL HOLLAND

Borris Little, Portlaoise
25th Anniversary occurs on 30th September 2023



*It's hard to forget
someone who gave us
so much to remember.
The loss is immeasurable
but so is the love left
behind.*

*We honour and cherish
your memory Dad, your spirit lives on forever in
our hearts.*

*You are gone but not forgotten.
Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond
measure*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday
1st October at 12.30pm

*Will those who think of our Dad today
A little prayer to Jesus say
Sadly missed and always remembered by your
loving family, relatives and friends.*

Rest in Peace Dad

† In Loving Memory of †



Frances Conroy
Late of 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
Who died 27th September, 1996 RIP.
27th anniversary.



William McCormack
Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 19th September, 1985 RIP.
38th anniversary.



John (Johnny) McCormack
Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 29th September, 2001 RIP.
22nd anniversary.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time

*Time may pass and fade away,
But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

† Loved and always remembered
by all your family **†**

In Loving Memory of
PATRICK RYAN

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 28th September 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Thursday 28th Sept at 10am.

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

Loved and always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Patrick

In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Cousin

TOMMY MOYLAN

121 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurs 27th September 2023



*Loving memories never die,
As years roll on and days pass by,
In our hearts a memory is kept,
Of one we loved and will never forget.*

*Think of you often Tommy
Sadly missed by The Tuohy Family*

Rest in Peace Tommy

In Loving Memory of
My Nephew
ROBERT MYERS

1st Anniversary occurs 23rd September 2023



*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 by your Aunty Anne Marie, cousins Katie,
Rachael & Róisín*

May Robert Rest In Peace

Birthday Remembrance
ANNIE O'BRIEN

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise



Missing You on Your Birthday Mum.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still missed, still loved and always dear
Always in our Thoughts
Forever in our Hearts*

*Sadly missed and always remembered
by her loving husband Billy,
daughters and sons; Elizabeth, Liam, Martina and Michael.*

Rest in Peace Annie

In Loving Memory of

**RICHIE
GRAHAM**

Ridge Rd, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs
24th September 2023



**And his wife
PHYLLIS
GRAHAM**

31st Anniversary
occurs 1st October 2023



Anniversary Mass was celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Friday 22nd September at 10am.

*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 and always remembered by Cora, John,
Ciara, Darragh, Seamus and all their loving family.*

May Richie & Phyllis Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
SARAH DEMPSEY

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 25th September 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, at 6:30pm this Saturday, 23rd September.

*There are some we meet in passing,
And forget as soon as they go,
There are some we remember with
pleasure and feel honoured and
privileged to know,*

*You were that kind of person who left beautiful memories behind,
And there are many days which bring fond memories of you to mind.*

Forever in our hearts Mam, from all your loving family.

We also remember her husband James at this time

May Sarah Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ALAN (Tom) RYAN

Kilminchy & late of Beladd, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurred on Tuesday 19th September

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 24th September at 11.15am



*Alan, may the winds of heaven
blow softly and whisper in your ear
How much we love and miss you
and wish that you were here.*

*Love always from your wife Kate,
son Tommy, daughter Lucy,
parents Angela & Tommy, sisters
Sharon, Linda and Tracey,
brother Mark extended family
and friends.*

May Alan Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
A Wonderful Son
CATHAL LALOR**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
23rd Anniversary occurs 29th September 2023*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 30th Sept. at 6.30pm

There is a face before us, a voice we would love to hear

A smile we will always remember of a son we loved so dear

Deep in our hearts lies a picture It's more precious than silver or gold

It's a picture of our son whose memory wont ever grow old

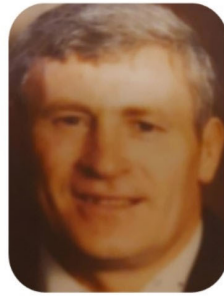
Sadly missed and loved forever

Mam (Kitty) Dad (Donie), brothers & sister. xxxxx

Rest in Peace Cathal

**In Loving Memory of
PAT KELLIHER**

*Newpark, Portlaoise
30th Anniversary occurs 29th September 2023*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 30th September at 6.30pm.

*Loved and always remembered
Órlaith, Patrick & Families*

May Pat Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN LYNCH**

Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise.



*29th Anniversary occurred
18th September*

*Thinking of you today
and always.*

From all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Mam

**In Loving Memory of
DENIS BRENNAN**

*Borris Little, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurs 30th September 2023*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 30th September at 6.30pm.

*Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure*

Loving you always, forgetting you never.

*Always remembered by your loving wife
Mary and all the family.*

May Denis Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ETHNEA COSTELLO**

Guileen, Stradbally and Kilminchy, Portlaoise.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 24th Sept at 10am & Wednesday 27th Sept at 10am

*One day a beam of light shone through a crevice that had opened wide,
The rose bent gently towards its warmth,
then passed beyond to the other side.*

*Loved and remembered by her family
and friends.*

Rest in Peace Ethnea

**In Loving Memory of
KAY WALSH**

*Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 30th September 2023*



Those special memories of you will always bring a smile, if only I could have you back for just a little while,

Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do, you always meant so very much and always will do too,

The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

*Sadly missed by your daughter Catriona, sons John & Tony,
daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren, brothers & sisters.*

Also remembering Kay's late husband Anthony R.I.P.

Rest in Peace Kay

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM READY**

*Formerly O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 23rd September 2023*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 24th September at 12.30pm

*Say not in grief 'he is no more'
but in thankfulness that he was.*

*Loved and missed dearly by William,
Marie, Teagan and Keiva.*

Rest in Peace William



In Loving Memory of WILLIAM (Billy) CARROLL

Late of New Rd. Portlaoise.

Whose 57th Anniversary occurred 17th September 2023



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

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

May William Rest in Peace



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Just because I am in heaven
Does not mean I do not care

I often see you crying
You often call my name
I want to hold you tight
I want to ease your pain

Its easy for me
For I know heaven is real
If you knew the truth
How much better would you feel

One day we will meet again
But only when the time is right
When you step out of the darkness
I will be standing in the light

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Pictured from left to right: Chris Lacey, Committee, Sr. Fahrib, John Egan Group Leader, Kitty Timmons Committee

The committee would like to thank everyone who supported us. We remembered all of you at ever Mass in all the Holy site.



MINDING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH

4 Week Community Education Program
Wednesdays, 7:30- 9:30 pm
Portlaoise Parish Centre, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise

October 4th- "How to Live a Happy and Content Life"
 John Lonergan, Author and former Governor of Mountjoy Prison and Caroline Crotty Psychotherapist

October 11th - "Suicide Alertness in Your Community"
 Josephine Rigney, HSE Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention




"What is Social Prescribing and What Can it Do for You?"
 Shauna Williams Social Prescriber for Laois

October 18th - "Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and Anxiety Management"
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Portlaoise Parish



Results for
21st September 2023

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Glen Bradshaw
Tom Coleman
Mrs Beere
Teddy Campbell
Assumpta Kelly
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Jane O'Rourke
Harry O'Connor & Mollie Haslam
John Joe Ging
Catherine Larkin
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Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm: 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20-24,27 Matthew 20:1-16

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