

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

C'MON THE TOWN


 Sunday
 3.30pm
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We hope the men can do what the Ladies team did last Sunday. Congratulations and Well done!
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We congratulate our neighbours Abbeyleix on their great achievement of being crowned Ireland's Tidiest Town. But congratulations are also due to Portlaoise who for the first time has won a Gold Medal. This reflects the great work of our Tidy Towns group - some members pictured below. Thank you and well done!



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Must Try Harder!

Do we fondly imagine that people ought to love us just the way we are? We are told often enough that God loves us warts and all.

But do we carry this belief through life with not much thought of betterment?

In today's parable a king invites guests to his son's wedding. When the guests refuse to turn up, the king extends the invitation to a different set of guests, both good and bad. The guests fill the wedding hall, but as they do so, the king notices one man not wearing a wedding robe and he has him bound hand and foot and thrown out into the darkness! The consequences for not wearing the right outfit seem overly harsh as far as this poor guest is concerned, but of course the parable has not really very much to do with wedding receptions and even less to do with wearing the right tie. The overriding theme in this story is to do with standards.

Jesus explains that the Kingdom of God is open to all but that doesn't mean that anyone and everyone can stroll into heaven. Just as guests make an effort to be correctly dressed for a wedding, so too must we put in the preparation and effort to be accepted into God's Kingdom.

The guest who was thrown out of the wedding feast for his cavalier 'accept me just the way I am' attitude presents a warning for us all. Too often we go about our daily routines not feeling any need to live life better. Far too often we look on our Christianity as making choices between good and evil, and we are confident that we rarely choose evil. But Jesus is asking more of us than simply choosing between right and wrong, he is asking us to choose between good and an even greater good. What we imagine is our 'best' very rarely is.

Just as the guest in today's parable did little more than turn up to the wedding, so we live life going through the motions but not much more. Accepting God's invitation to join him is only the first step, it's how we live out that acceptance that really matters.

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

Éabha Lily Lawless, The Springs, Kilminchy

Daniel Jose, Aghnaharna Drive

Who was baptised last weekend.

Annual Bereavement Mass

Thursday 2nd November at 7.30pm

Those who died in our Parish during the year and their families will be remembered at our Mass on 2nd November. A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory. If we have a photo of the deceased it will accompany their name on the screen in the Parish Church. Also there are parishioners who have lost loved ones, parent or siblings, and also natives of our Parish, whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere. If you would like them to be remembered by name at our bereavement Mass please give the details to the Parish Centre by calling in or email michelle@portlaoiseparish.ie (A photograph may also be displayed if you wish to provide one).



Saint Luke

18th October

In Luke's account of the Gospel, we find an emphasis on the human love of Christ, on his compassion for sinners and for suffering and unhappy persons, for outcasts such as the Samaritans, tax collectors, lepers, shepherds, and for the poor. The role of women in Christ's ministry is more emphasized in Luke than in the other Gospel writings.

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Isaiah: 25:6-10 Psalm: 22

Phil 4:12-14. 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14



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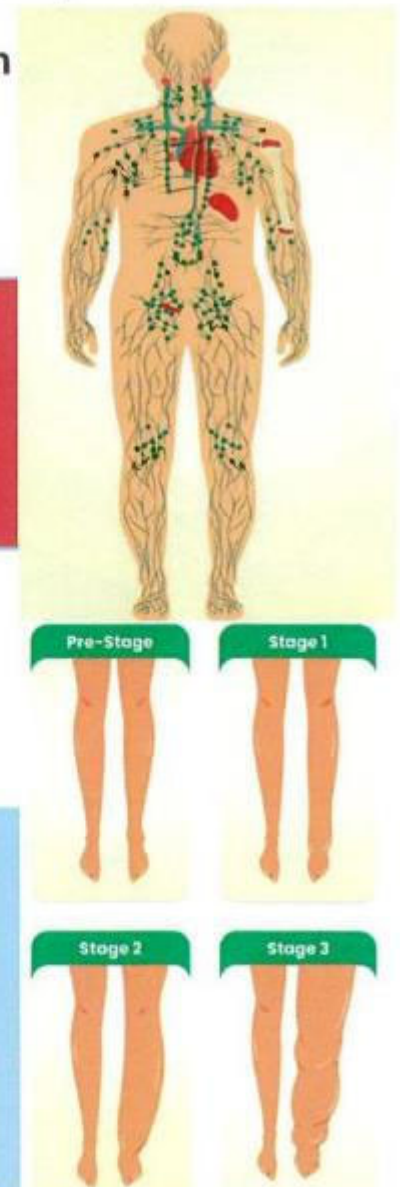
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Portlaoise Active Retirement meet every Wednesday afternoon at 3pm in the Parish Centre for an afternoon of friendship, fun and activities. New members welcome.

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Wednesday; Club day with fun and exercises with Moez.

Thursday; Cards in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchy at 3pm. For further information call Sheila at 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 10th October

Top Score: Mary Delaney | **1st Lady:** Theresa Mulhare | **2nd Lady:** Molly O'Brien | **1st Gent:** Angela Brennan

2nd Gent: Catherine Gavin | **1st Half:** Margaret Flanagan | **2nd Half:** Norah Delaney

Raffle: 1st and 2nd Miriam Fitzpatrick | 3rd Angela Brennan | 4th Norah Delaney | 5th Padric Dowling

6th Leslie Hunter | 7th Norah Delaney | 8th Theresa Mulhare

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.

Variety Concert Cancellation: Variety concert on Thursday 19th October in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel is cancelled until further notice.

Laois ARCH Club: Thank you to all who contributed generously to the recent Laois ARCH Club Church gate collection. Laois ARCH Club is a friendship Club for adults with an intellectual disability. For further information contact Trish Carroll 087-6756955 or Kim Hanniffy 087-4124843.

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RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto at 8pm on the first Friday of every month.

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.

Monastic Vocations weekend for women at St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co Cork, 28th-29th October. For more info. contact Mother Prioress 021-4811354 or e-mail; cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com.

Special Mass in honour of "The Little Flower" will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Ballyadams, Co. Laois on Friday 27th October at 7.30pm. There will be individual blessings with The Little Flower Bone Relic after Mass.

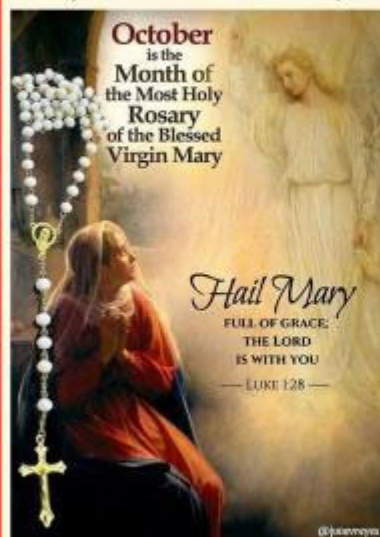
Legion of Mary; October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

As we welcome a new month, we embrace the sacred devotion of the Holy Rosary with joy and reverence. Padre Pio once reminded us that the Rosary is our powerful weapon against the challenges of our world, and it is through the Blessed Mother that God's grace flows. Rosary is a form of prayer and devotion within the Catholic faith, while the Legion of Mary is a lay Catholic organisation dedicated to promoting devotion to the Virgin Mary and engaging in apostolic works and service. Both have a strong connection to the Virgin Mary and are important aspects of Catholic spirituality and service. The Feast of the Rosary, celebrated on 7th October, marks the beginning of a tradition that designates the entire month of October as a time to deepen our commitment to praying the Rosary. It's an invitation to make the Rosary a daily practice, if possible.

But why did Mother Mary emphasise the importance of the Rosary in her apparitions, such as at Fatima? The answer lies in the Rosary's potency as both a prayer and a spiritual weapon. Pope John Paul II highlighted that it fosters contemplation of the Christian mystery, allowing us to fix our gaze of faith upon Jesus and Mary's role in our salvation. It's not just a vocal prayer; it's a meditative journey.

Dating back to the 16th century, Catholic tradition has dedicated entire months to special devotions. Pope Leo XIII initiated the practice of dedicating October to the Rosary. In a letter dated September 1, 1883, he recognised the Rosary's power to fortify faith and promote virtuous living. He urged the faithful to dedicate this month to the Blessed Virgin by daily recitation of the Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Through her intercession, we seek God's grace to console and defend His Church during its times of trial.

Don't worry if you haven't prayed the Rosary in a while or if you're new to it. It's never too late to start anew. Everyone deserves to experience the profound power and grace that the Rosary brings. Join us in this sacred journey of prayer and devotion this October.



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Have you ever planned a party and sent out the invitations, but no one showed up? Oh, I hope not! If that happened, how do you think it would make you feel? Would you be angry? Would your feelings be hurt? What do you think you might do?

Jesus once told about a king who threw a party, but none of the people he invited showed up for his party. In Jesus' story, the king was going to have a party for his Son who was getting married. Since he was a king, and this was his only son, you can imagine that it was going to be quite a celebration and it was a tremendous honour to be invited!

All of the plans had been made, the food was prepared, the invitations had been sent. The day of the celebration came, but no one showed up! The king sent his servants to see where the people were and why they had not come to his celebration. The people all began to make excuses about how busy they were.

The king was very upset, so he told his servants to go out into the streets and invite everyone they saw to come to his son's wedding celebration. They did exactly what the king told them to do and the Bible tells us that the wedding hall was filled with guests.

In this story, the King is God and, of course, Jesus is His Son. God is going to have a great celebration for His Son in Heaven and we have all been invited. I can't imagine why, but some people will turn down God's invitation. You've been invited -- I hope you will accept God's invitation.



The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Prayer

Dear Father, thank you for inviting us to join you in your heavenly celebration. If there are any here today who have not accepted your invitation, we pray that today will be the day.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

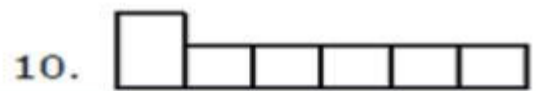
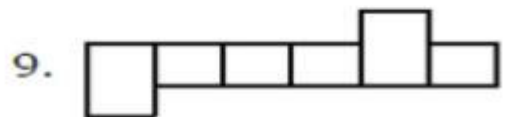
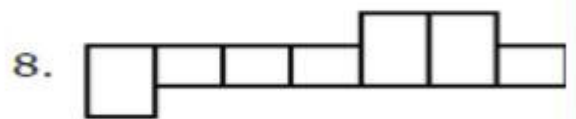
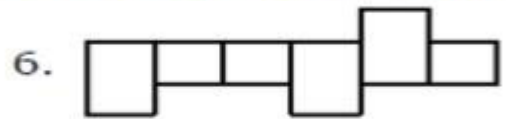
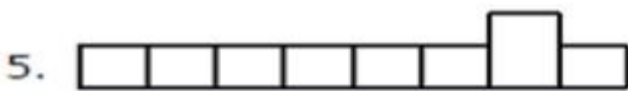
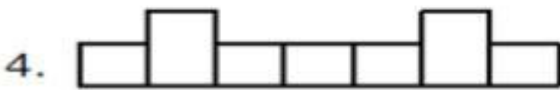
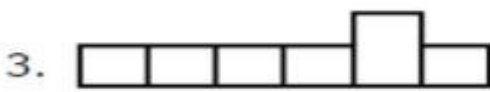
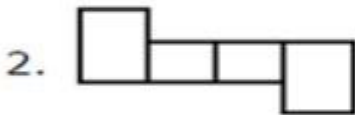
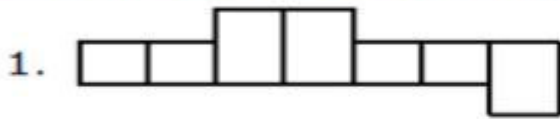


The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10



Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



people

servants

invite

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The Angelus

*The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,

Your Grace into our hearts;

that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,

your Son by the message of an angel,

so by His passion and cross

we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ, our Lord.





Time to Think!

Reflections from Asia

Recently, I enjoyed the enormous privilege, visiting Asia, for the first time. It was a wonderful and unique experience, to engage in a very different culture and tradition. My initial flight was to Dubai and then on to Saigon, Vietnam. The flight from Dublin to Dubai was predominantly filled by young Irish people, emigrating for the first time, or returning to Australia, after a visit home to Ireland. While their mood was upbeat and hopeful, I felt a sense of loss for our own Country. Talented, educated teachers, nurses, carpenters.... All leaving because of a common mantra... "Ireland has become too expensive". The cost of rental accommodation and general living, leaves little space for saving and achieving what so many young professional adults desire, their own home.

In Saigon, I met a marvellous group of young Irish teachers who gained employment in an international school. I was taken by their confidence, adaptability and how this small Irish community in a city of 12 million people can support and celebrate their identity including a growing and vibrant Saigon GAA Gael's club.

I was truly humbled and inspired by the gentleness and kindness, I experienced, while spending time in Cambodia. A country so bruised by violence and death of 3 million people in recent history. Cambodia, is predominantly a Buddhist country, with just a tiny Christian minority. I was taken by the local Catholic Church in the city of Siam Reap. The only one in a city of 1.5 million people. The Church had no pews. Those who gathered sat on the ground and worshipped with great sincerity and rich faith.

The average wage in Cambodia is 200 dollars a month, there is no social welfare, healthcare and education are often the reserve for the wealthy. I kept thinking with all of the challenges why are these people so happy, engaging and at peace.

On a boiling hot Saturday afternoon, I took shelter in a local park, where many of the locals make a picnic during the weekend. I observed how the entire family sat, laughed, spoke and listened to one another. The elderly are particularly respected and I included at all such family gatherings. A kind man, tapped my shoulder and with the gentle gesture of welcome, offered me some of what his family were eating. Me a foreign redhead, invited to be part of his hospitality and welcome. A Buddhist practicing



charity and reminding me a Christian....How do I welcome the stranger? how do I greet the foreigner? Wi-Fi connected me to home. The absolute joy and pride that Abbeyleix has been awarded Ireland's tidest town. Like all the communities I have the privilege of serving I have had time to process how privileged I am to live and feel so much part of the life and energy that defines a community who cares, takes time to listen and celebrate the rich blessing and sense of belonging. As I write this article I'm very conscious that for the first time in 74 yrs. Abbeyleix are about to play in the senior county final, not to mention that the minors reached the final also. Congratulation to Shanahoe ladies winning intermediate county final, the recent Ryder Cup and World Cup Rugby, makes us feel we belong, we are part of a team. Sport brings us together. This is the heart of what community, parish is all about. Together we are stronger.

Outside the parish church in Siam Reap Cambodia, was a beautiful statue of the Lord washing the feet of the stranger. The kind Buddhist, who welcomed me a stranger, exemplifies this gesture. Let's get busy washing feet!!!

Rivers do not drink their own water, trees do not eat their own fruit, the sun does not shine on itself and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is..... Life is good when you are happy, but much better when others are happy, because of you....

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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.

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the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

I MADE IT HOME

I just wanted to let you know that
I made it home.

Everything is so pretty here,
so white, so fresh, so new,
I wish that you could close
your eyes so you could see it too.

Please try not to be sad for me.
Try to understand,
God is taking care of me...
I'm in the shelter of His hands.

Here there is no sadness,
and no sorrow, and no pain.
Here there is no crying,
and I'll never hurt again.

Here it is so peaceful,
when all the angels sing,
I really have to go for now ...
I've just got to try my wings.

PS... I'll be the first face
you see when you get here!



**In Loving Memory of
CAROLINE MOORE**

(née Whelan)

Cois Na hAbhainn, Portlaoise

12th Anniversary away from home occurs 16th October



**Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Saturday
14th October at 6:30pm.**

Caroline

*I thought of you with love today
but that is nothing new,
I thought of you yesterday and
days before that too.*

*I think of you in silence, I often speak your name,
Now all I have are memories and your picture
in a frame.*

*Your memory is my comfort with which I shall
never part,*

God has you in His kingdom now.

But you will always be in my heart.

**Much loved and sadly missed by your mother,
sisters and brother.**

May Caroline Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOHN FAHY**

55 Beladd, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs 15th October 2023



Dad;

Today's the anniversary
of the day that we lost you
And for a time it felt as though
our lives had ended too
But loss has taught us many things
and now we face each day
With hope and happy memories
to help us on our way

And though were full of sadness
that your no longer here
Your influence still guides us
and we still feel you near
What we shared will never die
It lives within our hearts
Bringing strength and comfort
while we are apart.

Love and miss you so much Dad

*James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dorothy, sons-in-law, daughter-in-
law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx*

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Sunday 22nd October at 12:30pm.**

Rest in Peace John

11th ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
FRANCES COOKE

12 Fielbrook & formerly of Rathewan, Portlaoise.
Died 16th October 2012.



11th Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this
Saturday 14th October
at 6.30pm

It's been a lonely time without you,
And nothing is the same,

All we have are memories and your picture in a frame,

We travel to your resting place,
And flowers we place with care,
But no-one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Margaret, son-in-law
Ger, grandsons Edward & Gearóid, Katie & Rachel &
great-granddaughters Madison, Ailbhe and Autumn.

May Frances Rest in Peace

11th ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
FRANCES COOKE

Rathewan, Portlaoise. Died 16th October 2012.



*A Loving Mother, Grandmother and
Great-grandmother.*

*You gave us years of happiness,
Then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories,
We will treasure through the years.*

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Bridie, son-in-law
Stephen, grandchildren Deirdre, Karen and Eamonn and
great-grandchildren Ciara, Oisín, Abbie, Hayley and Lily.

May Frances Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ANN HOGAN

Mayfield, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurred 12th October 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin this
Sunday 15th October at 10am and in
the Parish Church, Portlaoise this
Sunday 15th October at 12.30pm.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you today.*

Remembered by her husband Vinny, son Liam and
daughters Clare, Denise and Alice & extended family.

May Ann Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE PENNEY

Ballsbridge and formerly Togher



11th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 22nd October at 10am.

*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.*

Sadly missed by all her loving family & friends.

May Catherine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
CHRISTY KEENAN

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurred 11th October 2023.



Anniversary Mass was celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Wednesday 11th October 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 Pat, Ger and Claire
Scully, neighbours and friends.

Rest in Peace Christy

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL LACUMBER

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Died 15th October 2011. 12th Anniversary away from home.



12th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Sunday
15th October at 11:15am.

*Our lips cannot speak how much
we love you, our hearts cannot
tell them what to say,*

*Only God knows how much we miss you, every hour
of every day.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

May Michael Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH (Joe) DOOLEY**

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 17th October 2023.



There is a corner in our hearts,
you visit everyday,
A special place that is yours alone,
And there you always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.
Dearly loved and sadly missed
by all his loving family.
Rest in Peace Joe

**In Loving Memory of
KEVIN GRAHAM**

Ballydavis North, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 18th October 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 21st October at 6.30pm.

*Just a prayer from the family who loved you,
Just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.*

Always remembered & sadly missed by all his loving family.

May Kevin Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
A Cherished Father, Grandfather,
Great-Grandfather and Brother
JOSEPH PAISLEY**

7th Anniversary occurs 20th October 2023



*Life is a beautiful memory,
Death is a silent grief,
You sleep now in God's
beautiful garden, in sunshine
and perfect peace.*

*We miss you oh so very much,
But trust that God knew best,
He let us have you for many
years, and then gently let you
rest.*

**We will love and miss you always
From all your loving family**

Also remembering at this time, Joseph's wife Kathleen,
his brother-in-law Bill Doyle, his nephew Gerard Brennan,
Virginia Doyle, Liam Doyle and all deceased members of
the Paisley and Doyle families.

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

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
P.J. O' BRIEN**

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs 16th October 2023.



God saw you getting tired and a cure
was not to be, so He put His arms around
you, and whispered "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you, and
saw you pass away, and although we
loved you dearly, we could not make
you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

*Never forgotten by your loving wife Teresa, daughters,
sons, grandchildren, brothers and sisters and a large
circle of friends.*

May P.J. Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL HENRY**

Leeds and Kilkee, Clare
who passed away suddenly on 21st August 2023



Memorial Mass for Michael will be
celebrated in the Heath Church on
Saturday 21st October at 12 noon.

All are welcome
Also remembering
in Mass Michael's
mother,

MAURA HENRY
(nee Lalor),

Ballycarroll and Leeds
on her 7th anniversary on 18th October 2023

Fondly remembered by Caroline, Michael's children Nell,
Brandon, Teagan, Finley, his sisters Melinda and Fiona
(Leeds) and their families, his uncle Paddy Lalor,
Ballycarroll and cousins; Lalor's Ballycarroll and
Kellegher's, Cavan



May Michael Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
HELEN & PHILIP ROWNEY**

53 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
Died 20th September 1991 and 19th October 2012. R.I.P.
32nd and 11th Anniversaries occur at this time.



*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you
both today.*

Always remembered by all
your loving family.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Saturday 21st October at 6:30pm.

May Helen and Philip Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ANN HEFFERNAN

Clonboyne, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 16th October 2023.



*We are sad within our memory,
Lonely are our hearts today,
For the one we loved so dearly,
Has forever been called away.
We think of her in silence,
No eye may see us weep,
But many silent tears are shed,
When others are asleep.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 21st October at 6:30pm.

Loved and never forgotten by all your loving family.

May Ann Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of our Dad
PATRICK DOYLE

Formerly 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

Died 7/10/1978.

45th Anniversary occurred 7th October 2023.



Dad

*It's an everlasting sadness,
That you're no longer here,
But every year on this day,
We like to think you're near.
Your love for us was constant,
Your devotion had no end,
You filled our life with sunshine,
As a father and a friend.*

Loved always, never forgotten by your loving son Joe and daughters Ellen, Guggie, Mary and families xxx

Rest in Peace Dad

69TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
ANTHONY EGAN

New Road, Portlaoise. 17-10-54.



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

Rosary will be prayed in the Parish Church, on Tuesday 17th October at 8pm in celebration of Anthony's life. All are welcome.

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ANDREW MORRISSEY

Chantiere Gate, Portlaoise. Died 4th September 2023



The family of the late Andrew Morrissey wish to express our gratitude to our families, friends and neighbours for all the kindness shown to us following our recent loss, especially with visits to our home, Mass cards and many thoughtful letters. A huge thanks to all the health agencies involved in Andy's care including the Cedar Clinic, POLL, Laois Pharmacy, Comfort Homecare, Abbeyleix Nursing Unit, Sacred Heart Nursing Home and Kilminchy Nursing Lodge.

A special thanks to Fr. Adriano for a lovely Mass and to Heather Fogarty for her beautiful music.

To Matthew Keegan and David Goode for their compassion and professionalism.

To members of both Mountrath Golf Club and Portlaoise Active Retirement for their lovely guard of honour which was much appreciated.

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 your intentions.

Months Mind Mass for Andrew will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 14th October at 6.30pm.

Those we love will always be in our hearts
Maeve and all the Morrissey and Phelan families

Rest in Peace Andrew



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The event features the presence of the cherished flag that belongs to Michael Fitzpatrick, adding an extra layer of significance to our procession.

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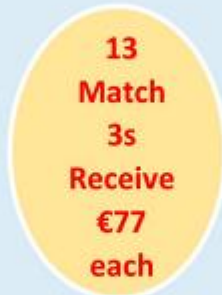
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Parish Centre during office hours
Tel: 057 8621142
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Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can be viewed on our website and our Church Porches.
Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
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Parish Centre



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Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

All Masses and services from the Parish Church and the Heath Church are live streamed
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Monday to Thursday

11am to 1pm & 2.15pm to 5pm

057-8692154

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Subject to availability of space

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PARISH SHOP

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ALTAR SERVERS

Do you want to become an **Altar Server**?

Were you an **Altar Server** before?

Or are you currently an **Altar Server**?

Are in third class and upwards?

If so, you and a parent/guardian
are welcome to a brief information meeting
in the **Parish Church**
on **Wednesday** 18th of October at **3pm**.



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