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22nd October 2023

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. In Ireland, Missio Ireland is tasked with organising the Mission Sunday collection. Missio Ireland is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. He has chosen the theme for this year's Mission Sunday:

"Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move"



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**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY**

**22nd October
2023**

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Torn

We live our lives torn in many directions. From the moment we wake up there are a hundred and one claims on our time. We have to look after our homes and our families. We have to go



to work and deal with a whole range of tasks from the very important to the totally banal. We have to fill in forms, pay bills, make calls, answer emails, maintain the car, and pick up the shopping. If we're very lucky we might just squeeze in a bit of leisure time.

The Pharisees and the Herodians in today's gospel decided to set a trap for Jesus. "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor," they asked, "or not?" they were confident that they had put Jesus in a 'no win' situation. If Jesus said "taxes should be paid to Caesar, then this was something akin to treason. If however Jesus said that the taxes should be paid, he would be denounced by the strict Jews. Jesus replied, "Give to the emperor, the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's."

It is tempting to imagine that Jesus might have been talking about compartments. We imagine a compartment for things belonging to Caesar, and a compartment for things belonging to God. Of course there could be no such compartments, because as we know everything comes from God, so everything must belong to God. So had Jesus really answered the question, or merely sidestepped it?

Perhaps today we struggle with Jesus' answer as much as the Pharisees and Herodians must have done. Perhaps we see life as a conflict between God's claim on us and all life's other claims in just the way God's enemies were suggesting. Perhaps we try to put God into a Sunday morning compartment and even that will conflict with the children's football and the D.I.Y. What Jesus tells us today is liberating. Once we learn to allow God into every corner of our lives our lives become whole instead of torn and fragmented. Once we know that our only loyalty is to God there can be no conflict.

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.

**Annual Bereavement Mass
will take place on Thursday
2nd November at 7.30pm
in the Parish Church.**



We welcome into our Parish Community

Amalia Dunova, Rossvale

Grace O'Callaghan, Wellview Terrace

Who was baptised last weekend.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday is one of the most special days in the global Catholic Church. It unites Catholics all over the world in prayer, mutual friendship and support; both spiritual and material.

Annually, on the penultimate Sunday of October, Mission Sunday is celebrated in every parish around the world. On this day the Universal Catholic Church joins together, through prayer and sharing, in support of dioceses and parishes too poor or young to support themselves.



**Today
is Mission Sunday
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Thank You
for your continued
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Twenty Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

**Isaiah: 45:1, 4-6 Psalm: 95:1, 3-5, 7-1022
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21**

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Thursday, 26th October

6.30pm

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*South Leinster Citizens Information Service,
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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.

Monday 23rd; Bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

Tuesday 24th; Older person's council meeting in Castletown, 2pm to 5pm, 30 seater bus has been booked leaving the Parish Centre at 1.15pm. If the bus is full we will car pool. Guest speaker on the day is Anna May McHugh, after meeting there is refreshments and music with Martin Delaney.

Wednesday 25th; No club that day as we will have been to Castletown on Tuesday.

Thursday 26th; Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

29th November; We are putting on a bus to Shamrock Lodge hotel in Athlone for Christmas dinner and Brendan Shine show, cost €60, €10 for bus and €50 for show, places limited, deposits taken now.

For further information call Sheila at 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 17th October

Top Score: Mary Gowing | **1st Lady:** Sadie Chester | **2nd Lady:** Frances Chester | **1st Gent:** Tom Gowing
2nd Gent: Sheila Duff | **1st Half:** Angela Brennan | **2nd Half:** Theresa Mulhare | **Raffle:** 1st Maureen Fitzpatrick
2nd Liam McCartney | 3rd Mary Gowing | 4th Mary Dunne | 5th Tom Jacob | 6th Agnes Holland



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

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share stories, and thank you in person for your commitment, dedication, and unwavering support.

To RSVP for this event, please e-mail rsvp@concern.net before 31st October.



Ballinakill/Knock Parish Fundraiser - Michael English Christmas Church Concert:

Sunday 3rd December in St. Brigid's Church, Ballinakill. Doors open 7pm. Tickets €25. Raffle on the night.

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Portlaoise Library's Adult Book Club are one of the longest running adult groups. They meet every first Wednesday of the month and read a broad range of books and always extend a warm welcome to new members. If you would like to find out more about the book club please call us on 057-8622333 or e-mail; portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie

RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

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

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.

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community: Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat, Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Saturday 28th October 10am to 1.30pm. Holy Mass at 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre from 10.45am to 1.30pm. Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P. All welcome. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

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THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

What is the 'Missionary Spirit?' Pope John Paul II said 'It is still true today to say that charity begins at home, but home today is all the world' In the Gospel we are asked to 'go out to all nations and spread the Word of God'. So, what is mission? Is it a place? Is it a thing? No..... Mission is YOU! You are the life you live is a testament and powerful example God's love,

to the Word of God working in our World. Your life should be a reflection of God's love for everyone. Years ago missionaries left Ireland and went all around the world to spread God's love. This is called evangelisation. They went out and helped people who were suffering and lived among them through all their troubles. Missionaries stayed with the people and the people saw this and wondered why they did it. Their lives were a testament to God's love and their lives made people want to listen and learn. Can you be a missionary at home in your community and family? Can your actions spread a message of love?

Today is World Mission Sunday

Today we remember those who work as missionaries. We also welcome those that have moved from other countries and from other parts of our own country. There is a special mission rosary which has different coloured beads than the Traditional rosary. The coloured beads symbolise the missionary efforts of the Church in each of the five continents.



The beads of each decade are as follows:

Green for Africa
Red for America
White for Europe
Blue for Oceania
Yellow for Asia

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass for the boys and girls from Portlaoise Parish will take place in the Parish Church next Saturday (28th October) at 5pm. We look forward to seeing you and your family at this Mass.



Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among 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.



OUR MISSION TOGETHER

The Theme this year 'Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move'

There are many individuals, lay organisations, and religious communities that are involved in missionary work throughout the world and even in Ireland. Missionaries share the tasks of all Christians; to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and to serve the needs of the world by using the hands. Missionaries, following the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, leave their homes and often travel great distances and enter cultures foreign to the own in order to follow God's call.



YOUR CHALLENGE FOR THE MISSION MONTH OF OCTOBER.

- ♦ To pray daily for people around the world
- ♦ To put into practice the Gospel message: Love your neighbour as yourself
- ♦ To make a difference, no matter how small, in your parish or your school.



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

What does it mean? It's a very simple concept, it means basically that you talk to and treat people as you would like them to talk to and treat you! Here are a few ideas to help you on your way.

When someone hurts your feelings: Try not to retaliate with anger. Take a moment, think about why you are feeling hurt. Talk to the person who has hurt you, tell them how their actions or words have affected you. Accept any apology they give and try to move on and forget about it. Don't make

things worse by telling the world about it!



When you have hurt someone: A simple acknowledgment to the person and apology normally works wonders. Try to imagine how they are feeling and recognise the mistake you made.

Be polite: Practice saying 'please' and 'thank you' in shops and at home. You'll be amazed at how quickly this becomes a very good habit. You could move on from this by holding open a door for someone, or giving up your seat on the bus for an adult.

Smile: it's amazing how people react to someone who smiles at them. You'll feel much more positive about the world too as people will smile back at you!



Social Media: Always think twice before you post on any site. Ask yourself; will this hurt or offend? If you are always posting negatively, people will see you as a negative person. Be the one who makes people smile when they read your posts.



Bullying: No-one likes a bully and truth to be told the bully probably doesn't feel too good about themselves either! If you see someone being bullied, talk to an adult about it and ask them to deal with the situation.

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Sticks and stones may break my bones,
but names will never hurt me!!!



Mission Prayer

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever. Amen.





Time to Think!

Round Tables

The universal Synod, continues throughout this month of October in Rome. I find it refreshing, following the proceedings, with images of women and men actively engaging and discerning, around round tables, in a large auditorium. The round table, is an important symbol, one of inclusion, conversation, compromise and engagement. Gone are the days of high tables and tall hats, dictating and failing to connect with the ordinary folk, its rank-and-file members.

Participants (numbering 464 people) comprising clergy and laity will come from across the globe; 365 will be voting members. Over 90 others will attend as theological experts and advisors. Women will participate for the first time as voting members. (There will be 81 women present, albeit only 54 have voting rights.) Questions for discussion and further discernment include renewal of governance and decision making, and how to better include lay people. The role of women in the Church, which was raised at every Synodal gathering in dioceses throughout the world, is high on the agenda. The question posed thus: "How can the baptismal dignity of women, including their participation in governance, decision-making, mission and ministries at all levels of the Church, be better promoted." Participants will discuss the restoration of the female diaconate, a ministry in the early Church, which was discontinued in later centuries.

Clericalism was also a problematic issue, which featured consistently in the consultation processes. The burning issue is the way authority is exercised in the Church. Pope Francis has repeatedly condemned clericalism whereby those in authority abuse power. The relationship between priests and laity will have to be addressed. As one leading theologian pointed out, a priestly culture should not usurp the roles entrusted to each and every baptised person by the Holy Spirit.

The Synod marks a defining moment for the current papacy. Pope Francis is endeavouring to embed a culture of Synodality in the worldwide Church; he firmly believes that this is the only way forward, the only possibility for renewal in a Church whose credibility is deeply undermined by the sexual abuse crisis.

There is, however, a growing threat from within the Church. The authority of Francis is being undermined by bishops and cardinals totally opposed to the whole Synodal process. They are co-opting support from many activists who in turn are manipulating Church doctrine to further their own populist agendas: opposing immigration, denying climate change and promoting fiscal policies which favour the wealthy.

The editorial in the Tablet magazine reminded us that the Synod requires "humble, open, and prayerful minds to hear what is being said". It cannot be that decisions will be made by one side outvoting the other. The editorial cites the example of the General Synod of Church of England when it voted to ordain women in 1992; the motion was carried by two votes. The losing side felt marginalised and the wound still festers in the Church of England today.



By contrast, we are reminded that the documents of the Second Vatican Council were passed almost unanimously. That is because every effort was made to arrive at a consensus before a vote was taken. Open honest dialogue, frank discussion and fearless exchange of views is surely the only way to discern the guidance of the Spirit today. All voices must be heard. St John Henry Newman argued in the 19th century that sometimes the voice of the laity can be nearer the truth than the Magisterium of the Church.

The Synod assembled in Rome, is engaging in a process of transformation of ecclesial culture, which Pope Francis hopes will enable the Church to fulfil its mission: to be a symbol and sacrament of hope, peace and unity for the world, to be a field hospital where the wounded and weary find comfort and solace. He asks us all to pray for its success.

As I write this article I am deeply conscious of the brutality and desperation being felt by millions of people in the Middle East. An all too familiar war and deadly conflict, has awakened deep polarisation and hatred between different cultures and creeds. The vast majority of innocent decent civilians are the ones who suffer most. History has a cruel habit of repeating itself and we are yet again all left deeply vulnerable, in a growing volatile environment where a World War seems a continuous threat. I warmly welcome President Higgins, recent insightful comments, regarding the fundamental need to protect innocent civilians in this brutal conflict, particularly millions of people, fleeing war seeking refuge and new beginning. I pray that those whose hearts are hardened, will be softened, by the prayers of all creeds seeking peace and reconciliation at this time.

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 30,900 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles



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Tipperary



Christy Hutchinson
Killamuck, Abbeyleix



Maureen Healy née Kenny
Ballinakill



Peadar Ivory
Ballinakill

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

**In Loving Memory of
SHANE MOORE**

62 Rossvale, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 19th October 2023



*Loving memories of you
Shane*

*No longer in our lives to
share, but in our hearts
you are always there.*

**Loved and missed
everyday by**

Mam, Dad, Marian, Ross, nephew Shane
and all your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Shane

**Fondest Memories
Of a much loved
Husband and Father
MARTIN RAFTER**

34 The Hermitage, Borris Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 25th October 2023



*As I journey toward life's
sunset, mourning you who
went before,
Faith assures me I'll be with
you, when I reach the other
shore.*

**Missed forever and a day
Love Betty xxx**

My Wonderful Dad

*A garden of beautiful memories,
Sprayed with a million tears.
Never forgotten and missed everyday
Daddy*

Love always, John, Martina and Craig xxx

Grandad

*A little tribute, small and tender,
Just to say we will always remember.*

**Forever missed, love Stefan, Amy, Jennifer
and great-grandson Daithí xxx**

Dad

*Your painful days are over Dad,
Your restless nights have passed,
God gently closed your eyes,
And gave you peace at last.
Will those who think of Dad today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

**Fondly remembered by Jimmy, Claire and
family xxx**

Rest in Peace Martin

You will shine in the
world like bright stars

Ph 2:15-16

***In Loving Memory of
WILLIE LYNCH***

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 22nd October 2023.*

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



Some days we can hear your voice
and we turn to see your face, yet
in our turning it seems the sound
has been erased.

Who will we turn to for answers
when life doesn't make sense?
Who will be there to hold us close
when life seems tense?

Oh if we could turn back time and
once more hear your voice,
I'd tell you that out of all the men
in the world, you'd still be our first
choice. Please always know we

love you and nobody can take your place, years may
come and go but memories won't be erased.
Today Jesus as your listening in your home up above,
please go find our one true love and give him all our
love.

Greatly missed by his beloved wife Kathleen, children
Tara, Katie, Nicole, Shannon, Dylan, Aaron, Shane, his
adoring grandchildren, also friends Perry and Louise.

Remembering Willie

Words we write will never say, how much we miss you
everyday, although we smile and make no fuss, you are
dearly missed by all of us.

Remembered by Mam, Patrick, Noel, Kevin, Damien,
Keith, Lisa and Ann-Marie x

Rest in Peace Willie

***In Loving Memory of
MARTIN STOKES***

Abbeyleix

2nd Anniversary away from home occurs 20th October.



*My heart has been left broken,
Since the day you had to go,
And the memories that I treasure
dearly, are in the tears that still flow.*

*I think about you daily,
And that's how it will always be,
For you may be up in Heaven now,
But you will always be with me.
If only I could have the chance,
To see your face once more,*

*Or to hear your voice one final time, just like it was before.
The day that Heaven calls me home, will be relief from all
my pain, I'll run to you with open arms,
And we will meet again.*

*Sadly missed and forever cherished by his daughters
Sinéad, Lisa, Aishling, Siobhán and Lorraine,
his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Daddy

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

***Remembering A Special
Son and Brother
JOSEPH O' SHEA***

Missing you on your 3rd birthday away from home.



As we visit your resting
place, upon this special day,
Once more we feel the
sadness that will never go
away.

For ever since you've gone,
life has never been the
same, yet it comforts us to
know that one day we'll meet again.

Until that day arrives we will relive every memory
of the happy times we shared together
- us and you.

For we miss you so very much and words never
could convey the extent of the joy that you
brought to every day life.

Love and missing you always, Mam, Caroline & Boys,
children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews.

Rest in Peace Joseph

***In Loving Memory of
BIANCA RUMEU - Zimbabwe***

10th Anniversary occurs at this time. Died 19th October 2013.



*I hide my tears when I say your name,
but the pain in my heart is still the same.
Though I smile and seem carefree,
There is no one who misses you more
than me.*

*Your presence I miss,
Your memory I treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.*

May your Dear Soul

Rest In Eternal Peace Bianca.

*Sadly missed by your mum Patricia Murambinda, sister
Sandra Murambinda, cousins, nieces and nephews.*

***In Loving Memory of
NORA MURPHY (née Beere)***
6 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise

*60th Anniversary occurs on
25th October 2023*



*60 years on from the worst
day of my life, you have rarely
been out of my thoughts.*

*Sadly missed & always
remembered by Anthony.*

May Nora Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert**

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary away from home occurs 29th October 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 29th October at 10am.
Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom,
daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula,
grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and
Willow and great-granddaughter Grace.
Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Mam

In Loving Memory of

**Our Mother
ELIZABETH CULBERT**
Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurs 25th October.



Also remembering her Daughter and
our Sister

ANGELA CLEARY née Culbert
Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 29th October.



*May the winds of love blow softly, for only you to hear,
We still love and miss you, as it dawns another year.*

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

Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family.

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY**

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 29th October 2023.



*A gentle smile,
A beautiful touch,
Of a dear friend I miss so much.*

From your forever friend Geraldine x

Rest in Peace Angela

**In Loving Memory of
SHEILA AND
RICHARD (Sonny) BROWN
AND THEIR SON STEPHEN**

2 Dublin Road Portlaoise
Richard's 31st Anniversary occurred 12th September 2023
Sheila's 14th Anniversary occurs 27th October 2023



*Your presence we miss, your memory we treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.*
Sadly missed by all their loving family, extended family
and friends and the Wright family.

May They Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
CLAIRE TAYLOR**
Pallas, Portlaoise.

Happy Heavenly 26th Birthday
which occurs 26th October 2023

Always in our hearts, sadly missed
by all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Claire



**In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH McENERY**

Ballyroan

8th Anniversary occurred
19th October 2023

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

Sadly missed by all his loving
family.

Rest in Peace Joseph



**In Loving Memory of
MARY (Maley) CONNELL**

57 Marian Place, Portlaoise.
19th Anniversary occurs 25th October 2023

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Wednesday 25th October at 10am .



*May you always walk in sunshine and
God's love around you flow,
For the love and happiness you gave us,
no one will ever know,
Forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed and loved by your loving family,
sons Dick, Pat and Kieran, daughters
Geraldine, Phil, Bernie, Nora and Teresa,
daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

Also thinking of our Dad at this time.

Rest in Peace Mary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

ROSE WALSH née Bonham

Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise. Died 2nd October 2023.



The family of the late Rose Walsh wish to express our gratitude to our extended family, friends and neighbours for all the kindness shown to us following our recent loss. Thank you for all the visits to Mam which she really appreciated and looked forward to.

Thank you to all who travelled to express their sympathies and to all who attended at the house.

A Special thanks to Msgr. John Byrne for celebrating the Requiem Mass which was a heartfelt tribute to our Mam.

Thank you to Fr. Ciprian Matei, Fr. Simon Jin, Fr. Adriano de Oliveira and to Fr. David for assisting with the Mass.

We thank Heather Fogarty for her beautiful singing at the funeral service. Thank you to Anna and John Davidson for the lovely musical tribute to Mam.

Thank you for all the flowers, Mass Cards and condolences on R.I.P. Our thanks also to Matthew Keegan and David Goode for their professionalism and kindness to the family during this difficult time.

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

Months Mind Mass for Rose will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sat. 11th November at 6.30pm.

Loved and never forgotten by Deirdre, Jacinta, Niall, Mark, Alan, Aisling, Ciaran, sister Nellie and all your loving family, friends and neighbours.

A Rose garden of beautiful memories

Sprayed with a million tears

Never more than a thought away.

Rest in Peace Mam

In Loving Memory of NED PARKINSON

Cromogue, Kilbricken.

3rd Anniversary occurs 12th October 2023

And his brother FINT

Formerly of Cromogue, Kilbricken and Kent, England.

6th Anniversary occurs 24th October 2023



*You're not just a memory
silently kept,
You are both part of a
family that will never forget.*

*Deeply missed and always
in our hearts.*



*Remembering at this time all deceased members of the
Parkinson & Campion families*

May Ned and Fint Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

Aaron Jordan Kelly Gorman

5th birthday away from home occurs 21st October 2023.

Happy 23rd Birthday Son

If I could have one wish in life, that wish would have to be, that God would take away my pain, and send you back to me. Your birthday's here today my son, and I just wanted you to know, how much I deeply love you and that I miss you so. On days like this we should celebrate, but for me that proves hard, for unlike other Mothers, I cannot send a birthday card.

No kisses can I give you, or birthday gifts to buy, only flowers I now can give you, which I place down where you lie.

Two other things I send you, are my thoughts and all my love, So hold them close and keep them safe, in Heaven up above.

And please wait for me, my darling, until my days are through, And then I'll come and spend all time in Heaven just with you.

*Loved and eternally missed by Mammy, Mudasar, brothers
Brandon, Noah and Junaid and sister Aisha xxx*

Rest in Peace Aaron

In Loving Memory of SEAN & PEGGY O' BRIEN

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

Sean's 43rd Anniversary and

Peggy's 27th Anniversary occur at this time.



Miss Me But Let Me Go
*When I come to the end of the
road, and the sun has set for
me,*

*I want no rites in a
gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too
long, and not with your head
bowed low,
Remember the love that we
once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me but let me go.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all
your loving family and friends.*

Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ROCH (Rocky) SCULLY**

Late of 174 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
19th Anniversary occurs 23rd October 2023.



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

Daddy:

You'll never be forgotten,
That simply cannot be,
Because something will remind us,
We never know just when it might be,
Something someone says, and it all comes back again,
The time we spent together, the happiness, the fun,
Once again we feel the pain of life without you Daddy.

Loving you always, forgetting you never.

From John, Patrick, Peter, Roch, Teresa, Jacinta,
Margaret and Kathleen, sons & daughters-in-law
and grandchildren.

May Rocky Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL & FRANCES
WALSH**

Late of 48 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise, whose
Anniversaries occur at this time.



Although death has seperated us physically,
Faith and love have bound us eternally,
Though we cannot see you, we know you are
here with us, in our every thought,
As we think about you each day.
Though we cannot touch you, we feel the
warmth of your smiles,
As we turn the page to a new chapter in
our lives.

From all your loving family.

Mam & Dad Rest in Peace

You are the
Light
of the World



**In Loving Memory of
MARY BERNADETTE O' BRIEN**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 22nd October 2023



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

Sadly missed and always remembered
by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Bernadette

**In Loving Memory of
ANNE SMYTH**

Ballytegan, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs 9th November 2023



Thinking of you today
Forever loved, cherished and never forgotten by your
husband Joe and your children Gemma, Brian and
Joanne and your grandchildren Danann and Caiden.

May Anne Rest in Peace

**23rd BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
Aaron Kelly-Gorman**

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise, whose 23rd birthday
occurs 21st October 2023.



Today is filled with memories, with
happiness and tears,
Of birthday celebrations son, we shared
throughout the years.

And though I'll always miss you,
The endless joy you brought,
Warms my heart with gratitude,
And fills my every thought.

Wherever you are resting,

I hope that you can see, how precious and treasured,
your memory is to me.

I feel that you are with me, in everything I do, so I'll
celebrate your birthday Aaron, but I'll spend it missing you.

Gone but not forgotten, forever in our hearts, from your
loving father Michael, Brandon Kelly-Gorman and
Chloe Byrne, extended family, relatives and friends.

Rest in Peace Aaron

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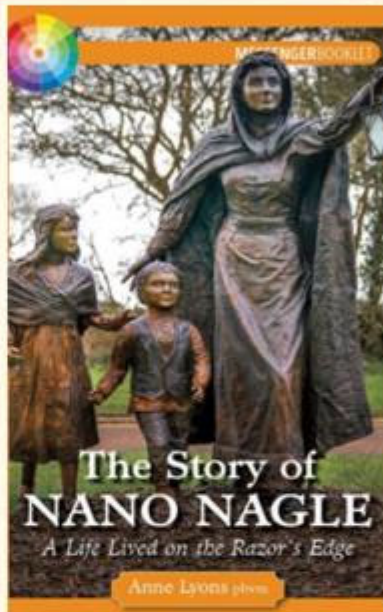
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Nano Nagle.

This Booklet, The Story of
Nano Nagle: A Life Lived
on the Razor's Edge
written by Sr. Anne Lyons,
is broken into nine
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of the background,
inspiration, and the key
moments in the life of this
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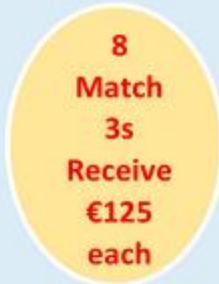
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