

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

Throughout the Month of November Masses will be celebrated for those whose names are inscribed on our 'Dead List'. If you wish to have your loved ones included envelopes are available in the Development boxes, in the Church porches and at the Parish Centre.

You are also invited to place the names of your own dear faithful departed on the memorial trees in the Sanctuary of the Parish Church.

On the feast of All Souls
Thursday 2nd November
7.30pm

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November, Month of the Faithful Departed IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

That time of year again - when we remember all those who have gone before us. Ours is not an empty remembering but is filled with hope. Hope in him who said 'I am the resurrection and the Life'. If you wish to enrol your loved ones in our November list of the dead to be remembered at Masses during the month, envelopes are available in the Church Porches or at the Parish centre.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on: Thursday at 7.30am & Friday at 7.30pm.



You are also invited to place the names of your loved ones on our memorial tree which will be in the Sanctuary of the Parish Church on Wednesday (All Saints Day).

All Saints - 1st November

Would we really want to be a saint? Would we really want to be one of those 'impossible to believe' 'too good to be true' sort of people?

When something seems too difficult, we have a tendency to 'switch off'. If something is seemingly beyond our reach, we don't even try. Following in the footsteps of the saints, for most of us is like attempting rocket science or brain surgery it's just simply not for us. But following in the footsteps of the saints is not about becoming a saint overnight. Saints are just real people who have struggled through crisis and frustration to live their faith. Like the concert pianist who began his career with simple scales, so following God's blueprint for discipleship is about starting out with small steps. Take one element from the Beatitudes and practice it. You might choose to be more patient with your relatives, gossip less at work, or heal a family rift. Today, take one small step towards making the Beatitudes your way of life.



Don't forget to put your clocks back one hour on Saturday night! Mass times for the coming week (Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday (Bank Holiday) 10am Tuesday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm (Vigil) Wednesday (All Saints)

8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm and 7.30pm.

The Heath: 9.30am Ratheniska: 10am

Thursday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Friday (First Friday): 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm

Saturday: 10am

Sunday: Mass times as per usual.

CONFESSIONS

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



We welcome into our Parish Community
Michael Joseph Gillen, Charlesland Park
Daniel Stephen Christopher Ward, Colliers Court
Who were baptised last weekend.



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

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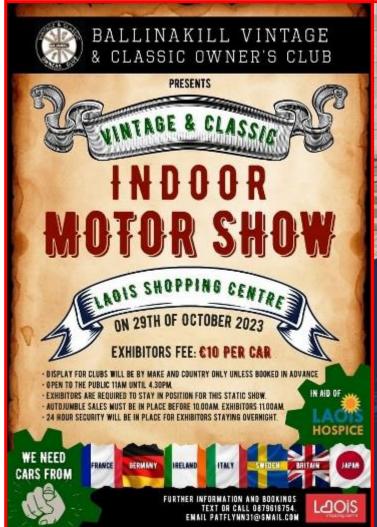


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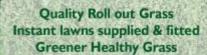
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Thursday 2nd Nov.: Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm, new members welcome, tuition given.

The bus to Athlone on the 29th is full, if anyone is interested in going they could put their names on the waiting list. For further information please call Sheila (PRO) at 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 24th October

Top Score: Mary Dunne | 1st Lady: Frances Gleeson | 2nd Lady: Breda Fitzpatrick | 1st Gent: Agnes Holland 2nd Gent: Tom Kearns | 1st Half: Angela Dunne | 2nd Half: Tom Dunne | Raffle: 1st Breda Fitzpatrick | 2nd Christy Fitzpatrick | 3nd Leslie Hunter | 4th Kit Farrell | 5th Mary J. Dunne | 6th Pauline McEvoy | 7th Sheila Duff 8th Margaret Flanagan. Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues Tuesday nights, 7.30pm, Parish Centre. Sean Nós Dancing Class every Thursday at 8pm in Seanchistin, Irey, Ballyfin, R32X5D6. For further information contact Maureen 087-6482038 or e-mail; seanchistin@gmail.com. Fáilte roimh gach duine idir óg agus aosta.

<u>Christmas Market</u> in O'Gorman's Beer Garden, Kilminchy, Saturday 9th December from 12 noon to 4pm. Please support local. Thank you.

HSE Staff; Mass will be celebrated in Mountmellick hospital chapel on Wednesday 8th November at 2.30pm. All HSE retired staff welcome to attend. Refreshments served afterwards. Names to B. Cooley 086-8812228, M. Costigan 087-6219253 or C. Griffin 087-2068974.

<u>Concern Worldwide</u> is holding a volunteer appreciation event with the new CEO of Concern Worldwide, David Regan in the Portlaoise Parish Centre on Friday 3rd November at 3pm. We would like to invite Concern volunteers and supporters for a coffee, where we can come together, 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. Tickets can be purchased from Claire in the Parish Shop, Portlaoise Parish Centre, Abbeyleix Parish Office, McGraths and Brennan's Ballinakill or by contacting us on Ballinakill & Knock Parish Facebook page.

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.

Visit of the Relics of St. Thérese of Lisieux; Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November 2023 in St. Brigid's Church, The Curragh Camp, Kildare. Saturday 4th - Arriving at 6pm for Mass at 7pm and Veneration until 9pm.

Sunday 5th – Mass at 10am and 11.30am with Veneration until 3pm. For further information, contact 085-8887549 or Curragh Parish Office 045-441369.

A Sacred Journey: The Legion of Mary's Rosary Procession in Portlaoise

On Sunday last, the faithful of Portlaoise gathered for a remarkable and prayerful event, a Rosary procession led by the Legion of Mary Portlaoise, all in honour of Rosary Month in October. This spiritual journey brought together Parishioners, our beloved Parish Priests, Rev. Father Ciprian, Rev. Father Simon, and the devoted Sisters of Ursuline, creating a beautiful expression of faith and unity embarked on a spiritual journey from the Parish Church grotto to the Market Square grotto. The procession made its way through the town and concluded at the Market Square grotto. Along the way, the participants gathered together and recited the Rosary. Adding a special touch to the event, a symbol of the Legion of Mary, the flag that belongs to Micheal Fitzpatrick, was proudly carried through the town, symbolising the Legion's commitment to serving the community. The presence of Rev. Fr. Ciprian and Rev. Fr. Simon, along with the gracious nuns from the Sisters of Ursuline, imparted a sense of sacredness to the procession. Their spiritual guidance and blessings deepened the atmosphere of reverence and devotion. Fr. Ciprian, addressing the crowd, shared words of wisdom and offered blessings that left a lasting impact on all who were present. Micheal Costello, the President of the Legion of Mary, took a moment to extend his heartfelt gratitude to every participant. He emphasised the significance of their presence and the power of their shared prayer. In this spirit of gratitude, the Legion of Mary would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to everyone involved, including the Parish Priests, the Nuns, the dedicated parishioners, and the Legion members. The Legion of Mary warmly invites anyone who wishes to join our devoted community, partaking in prayers and community service. If you feel the call to be a source of comfort, support, and service in Portlaoise, please do not hesitate to reach out to Una 086-2392997.





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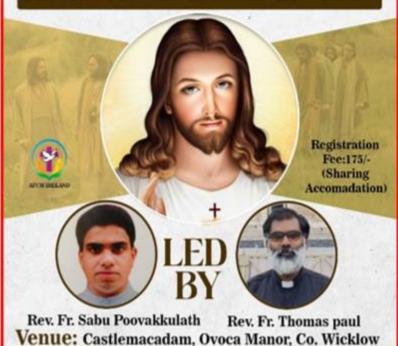
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Congratulations to Jamie and Laura, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on Thursday 12th October. Celebrant; Fr. Ciprian Matei



I don't know for sure, but I think that there have probably been more songs written about love than about anything else in the world. Here is a list of some of my favourites: "Love Makes the World Go Round," "Love and Marriage," and "When I Fall in Love." Oh, I almost forgot one the best love songs ever written. I am sure all of you know this song! It goes like this:





Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
They are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.



What a wonderful song about Jesus' for love us. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches another very important lesson about love.



People were always amazed at the teachings of Jesus. One day a crowd was gathered around Jesus when a man who was an expert in religious law tried to trap him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment?"

Jesus answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,' this is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, Jesus was saying that if we could keep these two commandments, we would not have any trouble keeping the others.

You know, that reminds me of another love song, "All You Need Is Love." Let's pray and ask God to help us to love as we ought. Maybe today tell your Mammy, Daddy, brothers, sisters and grandparents that you love them.



Dear Father, help us to love you with all of our heart and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

In November We remember

November 1st

On November the 1st we celebrate the feast of All Saints when we remember all those ordinary people who lived their lives in an extraordinary way.

November 2nd

On this day we remember, give thanks and pray for all who have died. Many people like to visit the cemetery or light a candle in their local Church to remember their loved ones.



Halloween Jokes

Why don't angry witches ride their brooms? They're afraid of flying off the handle

Who won the skeleton beauty contest? No body

What do witches put on their hair? Scare spray

Where do mummies go for a swim?

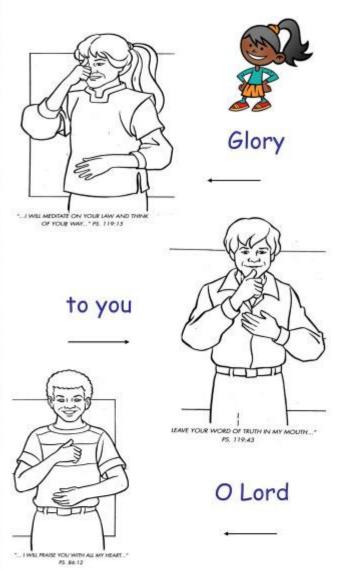
To the dead sea

When does a skeleton laugh?

When something tickles his funny bone!

The Gospel
We hear the word of God in the Gospel. Whenever we hear the word of God we pray, "May the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart."

We make the sign of the cross on our forehead, our lips and our heart before we listen to the Gospel at Mass.



The Eucharist is another name for the Mass. It means "thank you". We come to Mass to Praise and thank God.





Time to Think!

Remembering loved ones gone before us

This week we begin the new month of November. Traditionally this is the time of year, in the Christian liturgical calendar, when we remember the souls of the faithful departed. The season, begins with the Feast of All Saints, Women and Men over countless generations who inspired, engaged, and personified the Christian values, of faith, hope and love. This great feast, is followed by All Souls day. A day, when we remember our loved ones, who have gone before us. Many people on this special day, also visit their family plots, sacred places, where the mortal remains of loved ones lie buried. Death is a very difficult reality and yet is very part of all our human experiences.

Death points us to the ultimate mystery in relation to our meaning and purpose in life and to our final journey, of which Saint Paul consoles in his remark "Our true home is in Heaven". It is always a deep privilege to celebrate with family and friends the passing of their loved one from this life. Funerals are those moments, when gathering together, we ritualise the life of someone, we loved and whose memory we will cherish forever. We should take great pride in how we celebrate funerals in our local parishes. There is a tremendous sense of community solidarity and support which offers rich sympathy to those carrying the burden of loss and grief.

Halloween did not come from Hollywood but rather its origins are strongly connected to ancient Celtic roots. In Celtic Ireland, about two millennia ago, Samhain was the point between the lighter (summer) and darker halves (winter) of the year. At Samhain, the gap between this and the other world was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. People's ancestors were honoured and invited home, while harmful spirits were warded off. People wore costumes and masks to disguise themselves as spirits to avoid harm. Bonfires and food played a large part in the festivities. The bones of slaughtered livestock were cast into a communal blaze, household fires were extinguished and started again from the bonfire. Food was prepared for the living and the dead and was ritually shared with the less well-off.

Christianity incorporated honouring of the dead into the Christian calendar with All Saints (All Hallows) on 1st November, followed by All Souls on the following day. The wearing of costumes and masks to ward off harmful spirits has survived as Halloween customs. The Irish emigrated to America in great numbers during the 19th century, especially around the time of famine in Ireland during the 1840s. The Irish carried their Halloween traditions to America, where it is now one of the major holidays of the year. November is the time of the year when we remember the souls of loved ones who have gone before us. November is a difficult time of year. The beginning of winter brings long nights and cooler days. This can be a time of loneliness and anxiety, especially for those who live alone. In our Celtic tradition, we have a great sense of our own mortality and vulnerability during this month. The Celtic festival of Samhain was a time to remember all who had gone before. Death is difficult and painful. It strips us of the familiar and often leaves us naked and vulnerable with our bereavement and painful losses, which we all



have experienced when a loved one dies. The death of a loved one often leaves many unanswered questions as we attempt to carry on without a husband or wife, sibling or friend.

Perhaps the two most powerful lines in the entire Gospel describe the human emotion felt by Jesus when his friend Lazarus died: "Jesus wept." Jesus knew the pain and hurt that comes when a loved one dies. And for God to fully embrace the human condition, he also had to embrace death itself through his son. The humiliating and brutal manner of Christ's death united God with all types of suffering and persecution. The final words that came from our dying God was a prayer of welcome and wonderful invitation: "Today, you will be with me in paradise." We know from our experience that the leaves will blossom again, that spring will come. Christ's death was the ultimate demonstration of love by his father. As he was awoken to new life and resurrection, so, too, are all of us who believe in him. As we remember our loved ones who have died and pray for them, we do so with great hope in our hearts.

May all our loved ones enjoy the eternal promise of life and peace in the happiness and joy of God's presence. Jesus tells us: "I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you, too, shall be." And despite the pain that comes when a loved one dies, in faith we are encouraged to hope in the reality that God's love is even brighter than death itself. Pádraig Pearse once told a beautiful story to demonstrate our Christian hope regarding death. In the month of September, the little boy asked his mother where do all the swallows go? She replied: "To the land where it is always summer."

The dead are not distant or absent. They are alongside us. When we lose someone to death, we lose their physical image and presence, they slip out of visible form into invisible presence. This alteration of form is the reason we cannot see the dead. But because we cannot see them does not mean that they are not there. Transfigured into eternal form, the dead cannot reverse the journey and even for one second re-enter their old form to linger with us a while. Though they cannot reappear, they continue to be near us and part of the healing of grief is the refinement of our hearts whereby we come to sense their loving nearness. When we ourselves enter the eternal world and come to see our lives on earth in full view, we may be surprised at the immense assistance and support with which our departed loved ones have accompanied every moment of our lives. In their new, transfigured presence their compassion, understanding and love take on a divine depth, enabling them to become secret angels guiding and sheltering the unfolding of our destiny.

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



Prayer for Peace 27 October 2023

O God, Creator of all,
of Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael,
hear the cries of your people throughout the world
who hunger for peace and for justice.
We pray to you for an end to the violence and injustice
in Israel and the Palestinian territories.
We pray that weapons be silenced,

that those who wage violence against the innocent turn away from the evil of their actions, I that leaders in the international community and local

and that leaders in the international community and locally work tirelessly to find a pathway to lasting peace in the Holy Land. God of love,

comfort those who grieve terrible losses, console and heal the injured, be close to and protect the children and all those living in fear, give courage to those who have been captured and strength to their families who await their safe return.

God of peace,
rise up the peace makers the world needs,
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28th/29th October 2023



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Sunday 29th October 2023

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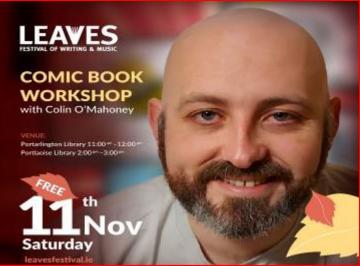
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Fairgreen, Portlaoise



Jack Lyons Ballyroan



Carmel McEnery

née O'Connell Ballyroan



Mary Drennan

née O'Toole Shanahoe

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 EUGENE (Hughie) McLOUGHLIN

63 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 23/8/1949-31/10/2022

1st Anniversary away from home occurs 31st October 2023



Your name is softly spoken,
We talk about you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
And you know you never will.
Sadly missed by your loving
wife Patsy and son Eugene
xxx

Masses offered.

A daily thought, a silent tear, A constant wish that you were here.

Love Trisha and Mark xxx

Today is the anniversary of the day that you went away,

And I'm standing here at your graveside and believe me when I say,

You'll never be forgotten and every year I'll shed a tear,

But it's only because I love you and wish you were still here.

All our love from Yvonne, Jamie, Ava, Dylan and Ellie xxx

As day dawns and starts anew,
As each day ends I think of you,
And in between, no matter where,
Deep in my heart, you are always there.
Love Always, Imelda, Danny, Danielle, Shane,
Aaron, Tamzin, Jack, Amber, Emily & Anna
xxx

A smile for all and a heart of gold,
One of the best this world could hold,
Never selfish, always kind,
Beautiful memories left behind.
Sadly missed, never forgotten by Christy,
Geraldine, Martina, Siobhan and Caroline
xxx

Rest in Reace Eugene



In Loving Memory of ELSIE BOWE

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise. 14th Anniversary occurs 29th October 2023.



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

> Always remembered by Mary, Paula and families.

Rest in Reace Elsie



In Loving Memory of BRIGID WALSH

Ballyking, Ballyroan, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurred 25th 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 her family and friends.

Rest in Reace Brigid



In Loving Memory of CHRISTY PAISLEY

27 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 30th October 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 29th October at 11:15am.

The years we spent together,
We keep within our hearts,
They hold precious memories that will
never let us part,
Unspoken thoughts, no outward show,
But deep inside we miss you so.

Each one thought the world of you, for us you did your best, And now we pray the Lord will grant your soul eternal rest.

Sadly missed, always loved and remembered by your wife Rose, daughters Catherine and Noelle, sons-in-law Rob and Jeff and sister Marie.

Grandad, those special memories of you will always make us smile, if only we could have you back for just a little while, Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do.

We miss you more than words can say,
And love you more each and every day.

Love always and forever Sam, Carla and Rachel.

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

Rest in Reace Christy



In Loving Memory of ELSIE BOWE

42 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise. 14th Anniversary occurs 29th October 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 29th October at 12.30pm.

We think of you in silence, We often speak your name, But all we have are memories, And your picture in a frame.

Your resting place we visit, and put flowers there with care, but no one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed and always remembered by Sean, Patricia and family.

Rest in Reace Elsie



In Loving Memory of NOEL BRENNAN

NOEL BRENNAN
Grenville, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs 1st November 2023
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 4th November at 6.30pm.



Noel, for though we will always miss you and it's dreadful being apart,

We haven't really lost you, You're forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed by Alice & Shauna xx

Rest in Reace Hoel



In Loving Memory of our dear Father and Husband DANIEL (Dan) NORTON

Sheffield Ave. Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 5th November 2023.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 4th November at 6:30pm.



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.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Margaret, daughters, sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Dan Rest in Reace







They say there is a reason

They say there is a reason, They say that time will heal, But neither time or reason, will change the way we feel. For no one knows the heartache that lies beyond our smiles, No one knows how many times we've broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something, so there won't be any doubt, you're so wonderful to think of, but so hard to be without.

We cannot bring the old days back, when we were all together, the family chain is broken now, but memories live forever.

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom, daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula and grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin & Willow and great-granddaughter Grace.

Always in our hearts.

Rest in Reace Mam

Also remembering Angela's Mother ELIZABETH CULBERT

Dr. Murphys Place, Portlaoise, whose 11th Anniversary also occurs at this time.

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 your son-in-law Tom, granddaughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula and great-grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and Willow and great-great-granddaughter Grace. Always in our hearts.

Rest in Reace Granny



In Loving Memory of *ADAM KENNEDY*



Kylebrook, Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 8th November 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, this Sunday 5th November at 9:30am.

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.

Sadly missed, cherished always, your loving family x Rest in Reace Adam



29th ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of SARAH CLARKE

Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise. Anniversary occurs at this time.



Will those who think of Mam today; A little prayer to Jesus say.

Always remembered by her loving son Bill, daughter Chrissie, grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx

May Sarah Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of GEORGE BREEN

137 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 3rd Anniversary occurs 4th November 2023 and George's Birthday occurs 2nd November.



The special memories of you will always bring a smile, If only we 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 will always do too.

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

Sadly missed by your loving family and friends. Rest in Reace George



In Loving Memory of MICHAEL WHELAN

Colt, Ballyroan 4th Anniversary occurs 28th October 2023.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen, on Saturday 4th November at 7pm.

We never need a special day to bring you to our mind, For days without a thought of you are very hard to find.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Patricia, son William, extended family & friends.

Rest in Reace Michael



In Loving Memory of MAUREEN O'CONNOR

3 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 1st November 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Wednesday 1st November at 10am.

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 and always remembered by your loving family and friends.

Rest in Reace Maureen



In Loving Memory of THOMAS (Tommy) McCARTHY

New Road, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 2nd November 2023



7th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 29th October at 10am.

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.

Sadly missed by the Egan family and all his friends.

Rest in Reace Commy



In Loving Memory of ELLEN BYRNE

Forest Park, Portlaoise and Dublin. 3rd Anniversary occurred 23rd October 2023



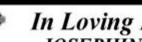
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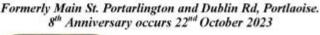
But no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your family and friends.

Rest in Reace Ællen



In Loving Memory of JOSEPHINE WATSON





Daily thoughts and silent tears, Always wishing you were here, Life goes on, we know that's true, But never the same since losing you.

Silently we grieve and brush away our tears, the memories you left behind, will last throughout the years.

Loved and remembered by all your loving family.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 29th October at 11.15am.

May Josephine Rest in Reace

In Loving Memory of MARY CARROLL

76 St. Brigid's Place Portlaoise. 47th Anniversary occurs at this time.



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 and always remembered by your loving brother Oliver and the Carroll family.

Rest in Reace Mary





In Loving Memory of ALAN McEVOY

12 Buttercup Avenue, Esker Hills, Portlaoise. Months Mind occurs 7th November 2023



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 4th November at 6.30pm.

Sadly missed, forever loved & remembered by partner Molly and son Calvin, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law,

mother-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family & friends.

Rest in Reace Alan



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In Loving Memory of CHRISTY FINNEGAN

126 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 10th Anniversary occurs 28th October 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Ballinagar, this Sunday 29th October at 10.30am.

Silent thoughts of times together, Hold memories which will last forever.

Sadly missed by his wife Mary, daughters Margaret and Anne, grandson Eoin and all his loving family.

Also remembering you on your 95th birthday on 1st November.

May Christy Rest in Reace



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In Loving Memory of PADDY BEERE

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 27th October 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on Sunday 29th October at 9:30am.

Never more than a thought away, Deep in our Hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered everyday.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Madge, sons and daughters and extended family.

May Raddy Rest in Reace



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