

# Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe



# JESUS AN CHRIST AND CHRIST AND OF GOD PRINCE OF PEACE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

An eternal and universal kingdom
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Love and Peace.

(from today's preface)

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Then the King will say to those on his right...' take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the World.

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you made me welcome...

As long as you did this to one of the least of my brothers or sisters you did it to me'

(Mt. 25 - today's Gospel)

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# **Being Accountable**

If we are honest none of us relish the idea of judgment or accountability. Perhaps we have this uncomfortable feeling that we are not really doing all we could or all we should. The even more frightening realisation is that if we suspect we are not doing all we could .... we probably aren't!



On the Day of Judgment humankind will be assembled and the good will be told "Inherit the Kingdom prepared for you .... I was hungry and you gave me food, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed

me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." The criteria for final judgement is crystal clear, we will be simply judged on very simple acts of love and compassion. We are asked to see Jesus in the beggar on the street, the starving children on our TV sets, the refugees in our city hostels and the sick or vulnerable people in our parishes and communities. It sounds easy, so why do we so often fail to respond?

We fail to respond to need, when we find it difficult to share our resources or our time. We fail to respond when we cannot recognise need or when we jump onto some kind of moral high ground. We fail to respond when we are so wrapped in our own lives that opportunities to recognise need in others simply passes us by. Worst of all, we fail to respond when we simply can't be bothered.

Today's gospel is like a sneak preview of an exam paper, but having a sneak preview isn't enough, if we want to pass the test, we need to respond to the needy on a daily basis in order to recognise Jesus in our lives.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated

on: Monday at 7.30am Tuesday at 7.30am Wednesday at 7.30pm Thursday at 7.30pm.



Mass times for the coming week (Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Thursday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm Friday (First Friday): 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

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.

### **Communion Rounds**

The priests of the parish will attend their communion calls during the week.



### We welcome into our Parish Community

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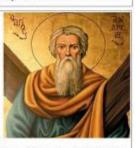
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Louisa Ita Harney McDonnell, The Maples, Forest Park. Who were baptised last weekend.

# Saint Andrew the Apostle

November 30th

As one of the twelve apostles, Andrew worked closely with Jesus during his public life.



He was present at the Last Supper, beheld the risen Lord, witnessed the Ascension and shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost.

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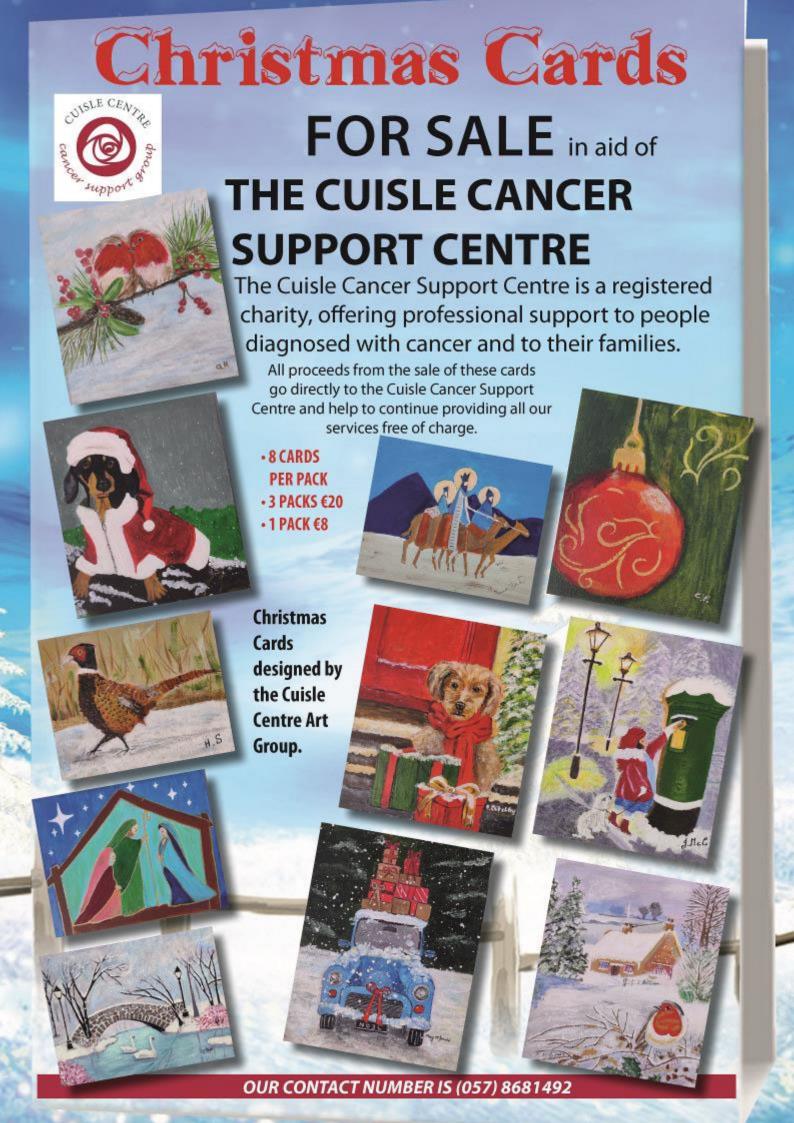
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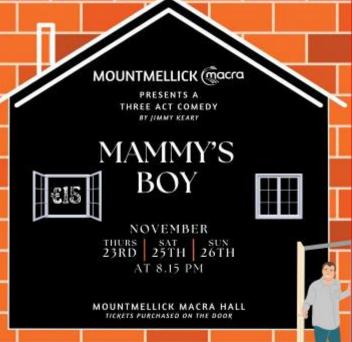


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Monday 27th November; Bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall at 3pm. New members always welcome, tuition given.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>**; Christmas dinner and Brendan Shine show in Athlone. Bus leaving the Parish Centre at 11am and returning at 6.30pm, any outstanding money to be paid now.

Thursday 30th; Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

**Coffee Morning** in the Parish Centre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December after Mass in aid of Autism, lots of goodies, our choir will be singing carols and there will be some lovely hampers in our raffle. Raffle cards, €2 line, available from any member. Please support this worthy cause.

13<sup>th</sup> December; Christmas dinner in the Parish Centre, €20 per member. Wine reception at 12 noon, followed by dinner at 12.30pm and music & dancing upstairs. money to be paid soon.

For any further information please contact P.R.O. Sheila at 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre on Tuesday, 21st November;

Top Score: Tom Dunne | 1st Lady: Theresa Mulhare, Ber Fitzpatrick and Sadie Chester

1st Gent: Peter Stevenson | 2nd Gent: Christy Fitzpatrick | 1st Half: Bridie Kennedy

2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Rita Arrigan and Ann Marie Farrell | Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Theresa Mulhare | 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Delaney (x2)

3rd Peter Stevenson | 4th Angela Brennan | 5th Ann Marie Farrell

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

Fourth Wall Laois Theatre Group Table Quiz; Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December in Doogue's Pub Raheen at 8pm. Table of 4 €40. All support greatly appreciated.

Retired HSE Staff Christmas Dinner at the Killeshin hotel, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. All retired staff welcome. Names to M. Costigan 087-6219253 or Charlotte Griffin 087-2068974 before Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

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Maura O' Brien and the Fatima Invalid Committee are holding a coffee morning in Portlaoise Parish Centre, on Friday 1st December after 10am Mass, all are welcome. We would be very grateful to anyone who would volunteer to bake cakes or scones for us. Please contact Maura at 087-1210263.

There are 10 places remaining for our 2024 Pilgrimage to Fatima (13th June)

### **RELIGIOUS NOTES**

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

Rosary in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath; Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto at 8pm on the first Friday of every month and for the month of November for the Holy Souls, daily, Monday to Saturday 2pm and Sunday 3pm. All are welcome to join with us in prayer.



Prayer Afternoon for Peace in the Holy Land in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe (R32AH90), Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2.45pm to 6pm;

Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Music Ministry.

Fr. Paddy Byrne will conclude our evening of prayer with Benediction. There will be a cup of tea afterwards in the adjoining community hall and all

An invitation to you to come and join us as we raise up these nations to God in prayer. As we gather, let us implore and cry out to God to bring comfort, and peace to our brothers and sisters in these troubled lands.

Emmanuel House Clonfert, Day of Prayer and Reflection including first Saturday Fatima devotions, led by Eddie Stones and team. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 11am. Talks, confessions, music, healing service and Mass. Please bring a packed lunch.

are most welcome.

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7<sup>th</sup> year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086-8760058.

Night Vigil to Knock; 7<sup>th</sup> December, Leaving Lyster Sq. carpark at 7.30pm. Seats must be booked with €10 deposit to Helena 087-9611331 or Maura 087-1210263.





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# **CROWN HIM KING!**

The crown is a symbol of power and authority. Who wears a crown? That's right! A king or queen wears a crown.

Being a king is different from being the president of a country. A president is elected by the people, but a king is not elected, he is born to be king.

Have you seen the movie "Lion King?" As a lion, Simba was born to be the "King of the Beasts." In one scene from the movie Simba sings, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." If you have seen the movie, you will remember that one reason why Simba was so anxious to become king was that he didn't want anyone telling him what to do. He didn't want to hear anyone saying, "do this" or "stop that." He wanted to be free to run around all day doing everything his way.

It wasn't just that Simba didn't want anyone to tell him what to do, he was also looking forward to telling everyone else what to do. Just listen to what he says! "I'm gonna be a mighty king so enemies beware! I'm gonna be the mane event like no king was before. I'm brushing up on looking down. I'm working on my ROAR! Oh, I just can't wait to be king!"

I think that Simba had a very poor idea of what it means to be a king. You see, the real role of a king is to look after the needs of his people. A good king is more concerned with caring for his people than he is in being served.

During his last days on earth, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. When asked if he was a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Yes, Jesus was a king, but he wasn't interested in running around free and doing things his way. He was only interested in doing the will of his Father. He was born to be king, but his kingdom is not on this earth - it is in heaven. He only came to earth to make a way for us to live with him in heaven.

Jesus "Just can't wait to be your king." He has invited you to enjoy eternal life in his heavenly kingdom. If you haven't already accepted his invitation, I hope you will crown him as your King today.



# Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son to be our Lord and King. Help us today, and every day, to honour him, obey him, and follow his will for our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# Christ the King



"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Christ Che King Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37

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# ACROSS

- Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
- 3. To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
- 5. A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
- To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done.

# DOWN

- Someone who commits a crime
- The Messiah, as foretold by the 2. prophets of the Old Testament
- The emotion you feel when you 4. are frightened or worried
- To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue

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# Children's Liturgy Group

All children, from the ages of 3 to 8, are welcome to join our new Children's Liturgy Group which will start next Sunday, (First Sunday of Advent) in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise during our 10am Mass.

Your child will be invited at the start of Mass to join this group where they will learn about the Liturgy of the Word for children and of course have lots of fun. Registration forms available in the Parish Centre during office hours.



# Time to Think!

# Waiting for the Christ-Child

Christmas seems to come earlier every year. Already we are well accustomed to Christmas songs, selection boxes have been on sale in our supermarkets since August!! Yet, the four weeks before Christmas, in the liturgical season, called "Advent" is an opportune time, to draw inspiration from the birth of the Christ Child over 2000 years ago. In an instant world, we don't do waiting well. Waiting with hopeful expectation, for new life and inspiration, may well be a rich spiritual opportunity for us all. It should be no secret to anyone that we do not know the date of Christ's birth, and so the Church baptised a Pagan feast. The Pagans saw the world as a great cosmic struggle between the powers of darkness, and the powers of light. They noticed that at different times, darkness seemed to be getting the better of the light. The sun, the light, was getting weaker. It was obvious that those fearful dark days were getting stronger and longer and the people were afraid that someday the darkness would kill the sun and the light altogether, and they shuddered in fear. But around the end of December, the people noticed that the tables had begun to turn. The sun was regaining its strength, and it began to push darkness off, and the light returned. When the Christians came along, they took over this Pagan notion of the light defeating darkness. They chose December 25th to celebrate the birth of Christ. So in the Christian scheme, within the great struggle between good and evil and light and darkness, this would be the time when the darkness of sin and death would now be overcome by the light of the world: Jesus, the son of God. The Christians called this time Christmas, and they made Advent the beginning of the end of darkness, a time of looking forward to the coming of the light. And that is what it has meant ever since.

Advent marks that time when darkness begins to grow weaker, and the sun becomes stronger. Advent is an invitation to break through the darkness into the light. It offers a challenge that comes to us very forcefully with a question: what darkness do you need to overcome? What darkness in your life and in your world would you like to see reversed? What breakthrough would you want for this New Year? I suggest that if you are looking for an Advent motif in order to roll-back some of the darkness, it might be the motif of light-beaming. We all contain within us the power to bring light: a gesture to make somebody feel better, a smile, picking up the telephone, an apology given, a reach outward. Very simple things, and yet with them we can heal hearts and souls, and often bodies. That could be our goal for the new church year, to be light bearers in the darkness.

There is a story of six people who froze to death around a campfire on a bitterly cold night. Each had a log of wood they might have contributed to the fire, but for reasons satisfactory to themselves, each person refused to give what they had. A woman would not give because she said she hated men. A homeless man would not give because there was a rich man in the group. The rich man would not give because he did not want to warm someone who was obviously shiftless, lazy, and drank. Another would not give up his log because he recognised someone not of his



race or religious faith. And the fire died, as each person withheld their piece of fuel for reasons justifiable to themselves, and so, they all died. This story was originally told in a poem that ends with these tragic lines: "six logs held fast in death's still hand were proof of human sin; they did not die from cold without, they died from cold within".

In the prayer 'Patient trust' Pierre Teilhard de Chardin SJ reminds us of the tension between our desire to grasp time as if it is something to purchase and our desire to cooperate with the time of God as if it is a gift. He knows it takes courage to 'let go and let God' because it comes with frustration and uncertainty. Teilhard wants us to trust that it is only God who knows how our life will pan out. To take the risk in following Jesus and to accept our unfinished state. If the doorkeeper is attentive and patient throughout his shift, he will "keep awake" and be ready to greet his master when he comes. He will be a model of mindfulness that is awareness that arises from paying attention, on purpose, in the present moment and non-judgmentally. Can we, like the doorkeeper, accept the frustration and uncertainty of being in waiting? Can we trust that God's hand is leading us - letting our thoughts and feelings come and go in a mindful way? Perhaps we can be in touch with the presence of Jesus while desiring an even closer relationship come Christmas day.

Patient Trust by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.

We should like to skip the intermediate stages.

We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.

And yet it is the law of all progress

that it is made by passing through some stages of instability and that it may take a very long time.

And so, I think it is with you;

your ideas mature gradually - let them grow,

let them shape themselves, without undue haste. Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on

your own good will) will make of you tomorrow. Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming

within you will be.

Give Our Lord the benefit of believing

that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ





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Pat Rogers
Ballymorris, Portarlington
and Portlaoise



Catherine Duff Fielbrook



Peggy Walsh Raheen

# 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 GERARD O'CONNOR

Berryridge Avenue, Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary away from Home



Our lives go on without you, But nothing is the same, We have to hide our heartache, When someone speaks your name.

Always in our hearts.
Loved, missed and remembered everyday by your loving family.

Rest in Reace Sterard



# In Loving Memory of ELIZABETH GING



8 New Road Portlaoise. Died 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm.

It's lonely here without you, We miss you more each day, For life is not the same to us, Since you were called away.

To your resting place we visit, Place flowers there with care, But no one knows our heartache, When we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your daughter Bernie, son-in-law Ivan, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

May Elizabeth Rest in Reace



# In Loving Memory of MICHAEL TWOMEY



Ballina, Portlaoise. 21st Anniversary occurs 28th November 2023



Ní imithe uainn atá siad, ach imithe romhainn. They are not gone from us, but gone before us.

Always in our thoughts, Nora and family.

Rest in Reace Michael



# In Loving Memory of JACK LYONS



Ballyroan Died 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023



Burial of Jack's ashes will take place at 1pm on Saturday 2nd December, in St. Patrick's cemetery, Ballyroan. Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 3nd December at 9.30am in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyroan.

Sadly missed by all his loving family. Rest in Reace Jack



# Birthday Remembrance In Loving Memory of THOMAS CLEAR

17 Liogard, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurred 21st Nov.



Time slips by and life goes on, But in our hearts you are always there.

From his loving wife Mary, sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

May Commy Rest in Reace



# In Loving Memory of PAT DWYER

20 Grenville, Dublin Road, Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary occurs 28th November 2023



Gone are the days we used to share But in our hearts you are always there. The gates of memory will never close. We miss you more than anybody knows. With tender love and deep regret, We who loved you will never forget.

Fondly remembered always by Joan, Martina, Paul, Isabel, extended family and friends.

Rest in Reace Rat



# In Loving Memory of JOE BYRNE

24 Liogard, Portlaoise. 9th Anniversary occurs 24th November 2023



Since Heaven has become your home, I always feel so alone, And though we are not far apart, You will forever hold a piece of my heart.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 26th November at 10am.

Always remembered by his loving wife Olive.

May Joseph Rest in Reace

We are currently accepting Christmas Remembrances for our Christmas edition.

The final deadline for receipt of Christmas Remembrances will be 12 noon Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Owing to print deadlines we will be unable to accept notices after this deadline.



# In Loving Memory of BRIDGET SEXTON

"Padua", Clonminam Road, Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurred 24th November 2023.



Anniversary Mass for Bridget and James will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

Our loved ones leave behind a light that will never dim or fade,

It's kept bright by the love we feel and the memories we made.

Sadly missed by and always remembered by Pat, Mary, Frank, daughter-in-law Hilda, grandsons, great-granddaughters, her sister Mary and extended family and friends.

May Bridget and James Rest in Reace



# In Loving Memory of MARGARET BERGIN

Millhouse, Boley, Abbeyleix.

1st Anniversary occurs 30th November 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12 noon.

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

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her loving husband Jimmy, sons James, John and Owen, extended family and friends.

Rest in Reace Margaret



# In Loving Memory of GERALDINE O'SHEA

née Marum

Glenbarrow, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

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

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all her loving family and friends.

May Geraldine Rest in Reace





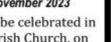


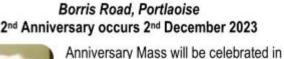
# In Loving Memory of JOHN BRENNAN

In Loving Memory of PJ WALSH



Rathleague, Portlaoise. 6th Anniversary occurs Tuesday 28th November 2023







Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Tuesday 28th November at 7.30pm.

Think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched, For nothing loved is ever lost, And he was loved so very much.

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving children, grandchildren, family and friends.

Rest in Reace Dad



Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6.30pm. You have gone no further from us than to God and God is very near.

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on

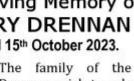
May Heaven be a place for you where you can dig and plant flowers of the humblest kind and those of the rarest scent.

Remembered and missed by your sisters Olive, Mary and Patricia. Nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and neighbours.

Rest in Reace



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of MARY DRENNAN Died 15th October 2023.





The family of the late Mary Drennan wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following our recent sad loss.

wonderful our relations, neighbours and friends, your presence was a huge source of comfort to us. We send our sincere thanks to those who called to the

house, brought food, helped with catering, car parking, provided lighting and general organisation. We extend our gratitude to all those who attended Mary's wake and funeral Mass.

We greatly appreciated the messages of condolences on rip.ie, Mass cards, letters, phone calls and flowers. Thanks to Shanahoe LGFA and Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe for the guard of honour.

A very special thank you to Fr. Paddy Byrne and Fr. Petru Medves for their spiritual guidance and comforting words to Mary and family during this difficult time. Thank you to Fr. Paddy Byrne who celebrated a beautiful funeral Mass for Mary, to Mary Delaney (sacristan) who prepared the church so well and to Damien Bowe and Tina Cuddy for the beautiful music and singing. We would like to thank Seamus Burke (Funeral Directors) for their support in organising Mary's funeral.

Sincere thanks to the staff of Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise and all those who cared for Mary. We will be forever grateful for the kindness and compassion shown to Mary and to us, as a family.

As it would be impossible to thank everybody individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our family's deepest gratitude. A Mass of thanksgiving will be offered for your intentions.

Rest in Reace Mary



# In Loving Memory of MARGARET BERGIN



1st Anniversary occurs 30th November 2023



We think about you always, We talk about you still, You have never been forgotten, And you never will. We hold you close within our hearts, And there you will remain, To walk and guide us through our lives, Until we meet again.

Missed every day by all your loving family. Rest in Reace Margaret



2 Upper Grattan Street, Portlaoise. Whose 33<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries occur at this time.





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

Sadly missed and remembered by your loving family. May Reter & Katie Rest in Reace



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Pictured above; Charlene Duff with her World Youth day host family from Panama when they visited recently. It was the family's first visit to Ireland and they were delighted to visit Portlaoise Parish and to attend Mass in our Church.

Left to right; Dr. Joaquin Chang, Rose-Mary Avila, Charlene Duff, Esther Clement, Msgr. John Byrne, Liliana Clement, Robert Dunn, Vladimir Valdespino, Amarilis Avila. (From the Parish of St. Cristobal, Rio-Abajo and Immaculate Conception Parish - Jorge Ramos, Panama)



# Portlaoise Parish

# **Results for**



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** 

Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 | Responsorial Psalm: 22:1-3.5-6 1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28 | Matthew 25:31-46

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- \* Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
  - \* Direct payment by cheque or cash
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    - \* Donation facility on our website
  - \* Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
    - \* Or Transfer directly to our Account

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