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During the month of November we pray for all our deceased family members and friends. We aim to remember how they helped and loved us whilst they were with us and we commit to keeping their memory alive by adopting the qualities we most admired in them. We also pray for those who have died that have fought for our way of life and our religious freedom, and we pray for those who have died alone who have no one to remember them.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on:

Monday at 7.30am
Wednesday at 7.30pm.



### Pope Francis's Prayer Intention for November 2023

This month Pope Francis tells us, "Your prayer gives me strength and helps me to discern and to accompany the Church, listening to the Holy Spirit."

Knowing that popes are often "judged harshly" and will have to render "a serious account" of their ministry to God, Pope Francis asks his listeners "to judge benevolently" and "pray that the Pope, whoever he might be may receive the help of the Holy Spirit, that he may be docile to that help."

We are asked to join in prayer, "...We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit."

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

Monday to 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.



We welcome into our Parish Community Bendito Capela Nianga, The Springs, Kilminchy Finn Peter Tuohey, Mountrath Road. Who was baptised last weekend.

## St. Martin of Tours

November 11th

One winter's night, while Martin was serving with the army, he met a beggar, cold and half starved to death. Having already given away all his money and food rations, Martin had on-



ly what he stood up in! He took off his thick army cloak, cut it in two and gave half to the beggar. That night in his dreams, Martin saw Jesus, surrounded by angels, wearing the half cloak he had given to the beggar, and he heard Jesus say, "See, this is the cloak which Martin has given me." In 371 the Christians of Tours, chose him as their new bishop and he remained there for twenty -six years, proving himself a champion of the under-dog and an unflagging and courageous missionary.



#### Thirty First Week in Ordinary Time

Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10 Responsorial Psalm: 130 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.9.13 Matthew 23:1-12

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Monday 6th Nov.; Bowls in St. Marys Sports Hall at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

Wednesday 8th Nov.; An afternoon with Ann and Maureen, exercises with Ann and an educational talk with Maureen. Thursday 9th Nov.; Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

The bus to the Christmas dinner and Brendan Shine Show that will be held on 29th November is booked out and we already have two on the waiting list, if anyone else wants to put their name on the waiting list, please contact any of

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre on Tuesday, 31st October;

Top Score: Liam McCarthney | 1st Lady: Veronica Kearns | 2nd Lady: Kit Farrell

1st & 2nd Gent: Tom Jacob, Frank Keenan and P.J. Cahill | 2nd Gent: Tom Kearns | 1st Half: Mary Downey 2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Sadie Chester | Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Frances Gleeson | 2<sup>nd</sup> Liam McCarthney | 3<sup>rd</sup> Veronica Kearns 4<sup>th</sup> Paula McEvoy | 5<sup>th</sup> Veronica Kearns | 6<sup>th</sup> Tom Kearns | 7<sup>th</sup> Angela Brennan | 8<sup>th</sup> Maureen Fitzpatrick.

the committee members. For any further information please contact P.R.O., Sheila 087-6204617.

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

Anam Cara Midlands, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 8th November at 7:15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01-4045378.

Free Science Week Event Exploring Climate Change with Met Eireann and others; Friday November 17th at 7pm at the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise, register on www.midlandscience.ie

Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix; Míle Buíochas - Many thanks to everyone who supported our 'Tractor, Truck and Vintage Day' fundraiser which took place on Sunday, 1st October. A grand total of €5,577, was raised on the day, and as a school community we are extremely happy with this amount. The money raised will be used to purchase wellbeing and sports related resources for our pupils. Your support for our school is very much appreciated. Le gach dea-ghuí, the organising committee of the 'Tractor, Truck and Vintage Day' fundraiser in Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix.

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.

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.

#### 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 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.

Legion of Mary; Paying Respect to Our Fallen Legionaries - Our hearts and minds unite in honour and deepest condolences to the fallen Legionaries. We offer collective prayers for their loved ones, seeking comfort during this time. We extend our gratitude for their unwavering dedication and sacrifice, which has left an indelible mark on our Legion and our hearts. As we come together in unity, we pay tribute to their memory, honour their spirit and recognise the legacy they have left behind. Let us commemorate them with reverence, love, and sincere appreciation for their contribution to our Legion and the world. May their souls find eternal peace and rest, and may their memory live on.

The Annual Mass for deceased members and family members of the Prison Service in Portlaoise, will be celebrated on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Church.

Laois County Council notice to all staff, former staff, members and their families; You are invited to attend the annual prayer service in memory of deceased staff and members of Laois County Council, Tuesday 7th November at 6pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please note that people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends. Looking forward to seeing you there - Social Club Committee.



#### Irish Countrywomen's Association

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Congratulations to **Isabel Delaney** and **Shane Dowling**, who were married in the Parish Church, Portlaoise, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Celebrant; Fr. Paddy Byrne.

Also pictured; Róisín Delaney, bridesmaid and Steven Rainsford, best man.

Portlaoise Cemetery; Please note, from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November the gates will close at 4pm for Winter.

Christmas Craft Fair, Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow; Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 11am to 5.30pm. Crafts people from far and wide will present their unique Christmas gifts at affordable prices. Admission is free. Come browse and buy. For more info. contact Mary 087-2200199 or e-mail durrowcraftfairs@gmail.com

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Emmanual House, Clonfert; Day of Prayer including first Saturday Fatima devotions, led by Eddie Stones and team, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 11am. Talks, Adoration, Music, Rosary, Confessions, Healing Service and Mass.

Day of Prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory led by Eddie Stones and team, **Sunday 12**<sup>th</sup> **November**, 11am to 5pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto, Market Square; This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 2.30pm. This month we will pray for peace in the world and November is the month of the Holy Souls, we will remember all our dearly departed family and friends. Booklets for Holy Souls release will be available on the day. All are welcome to join with us in prayer.

## A November Prayer before Bedtime

O my God,
As the evening falls
I come to you in prayer.
I thank you for being with me
in every moment of this day,
guiding me and protecting me,
keeping me from harm.

On this November night
I bring before you in prayer
all those dear to me who have died.
(Name those for whom you wish to pray)
Remember them God
in your loving kindness.
May they now rest in your eternal peace.

May all of us who still miss them and grieve for them find comfort in our belief that we will one day see them again in the kingdom of heaven.

I remember in my prayer this night all those who have died and who have no one to pray for them.

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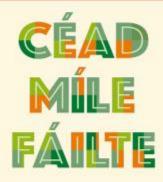
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## Don't be a Show Off

Do you know anyone at your school that everyone thinks is a show off? How does that person act? Do they act like a "know it all"? Do they act like they are better than everyone else? Do they want everyone to think they are cool? When they talk, is it all about "me, me, me"? Why do they act like that? Maybe they think it will make them popular, but it is usually just the opposite. Nobody likes a show off.

Does that mean you shouldn't try to do your very best? No, there is nothing wrong with working hard to be good at something and we all like to be recognised when we do something well. But, if

you show off and act like you are better than everybody else, that may hurt their feelings, and when you hurt others, that is never a good thing.

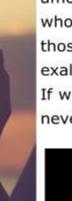
Did Jesus have anything to say about being a show off? Yes, he did. He didn't use those exact words, but in the Gospel today, Jesus was speaking to his disciples and a large crowd of people and he spoke to them about a group of people called Pharisees. The Pharisees were a religious group in Jesus' day who tried to obey all of God's laws. Often, they acted like they were better than everyone else.

"Don't be like the Pharisees," Jesus warned. "Everything they do is done for other people to see. They love to sit in the place of honour at banquets and in the most important seats in the synagogue; they love to be called 'teacher' by others."

What did Jesus say then about how we should act? Listen to what he said. "The greatest

Father, help us to avoid the temptation of being a show off, but rather help us to be humble in your sight.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



among you will be your servant. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

If we expect others to look up to us, we must never look down on them.



Task for today!

Go to the Church today and light a candle for those who have no one to pray for them.

## All the Saints of Ireland

Monday November 6th is the Feast Day of all the Saints of Ireland. This poem gives us an insight into the Saints we meet in our daily O Lord, lives.

I know a lot of Saints, I do! So let me mention just a few: I know someone who runs a team And teaches kids to play and dream, Who stands in cold and wind and rain on days they play and nights they train; Someone who's there when we are sad, The best and gentlest friend we've had, Someone who says, 'Just do your best' When I am sacred to take the test: A friend who takes the time to show how things are done when I don't know, A teacher who just always knows where that comma always goes; And others who are kind and good, who try to act as Jesus would, Who shows God's love in all they do. I know a lot of Saints, don't you?

Christy Kenneally.



Dear Jesus,
please look after people who live in
countries where there is fighting.
Help their leaders work for peace.
Help us all to have peace in our hearts so that

we can be called children of God. Amen.





# IN NOVEMBER,



## WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In November we remember all those who have died.

If you have anyone belonging to you who has died, a
grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or even a good friend. You
can put the name of that person on the one of the
Remembrance Trees in the Parish Church.

## **Prayer for November**

Honour the wisdom of those who went before you.

Bind it ever to your heart

Tie it around your neck.

When you walk, it will lead you,

When you lie down, it will watch over you,

When you wake it, it will talk to you!

(Proverbs 6:20-22)





# Time to Think!

## The Gift of Prayer

It's hard to believe that this time, three years ago, we were in the heart of a national lockdown. The second lockdown was harder than the first. Nature seemed so comforting throughout the first lockdown. Ireland enjoyed splendid weather and as we became more mindful and less hectic, most of us discovered mystery and beauty in the environs around us. The second lockdown was far more dramatic, because no doubt it was accompanied by the harsh reality, of winter darkness. As we move through the month of November I'm conscious, that for many, this is a time, when often winter I love this short simple poem and what it points to darkness, can weigh heavily on our mood and energy. Ultimately we all respond to the light, we all need light, and its absence can affect our mood.

One of the benefits, if any regarding the pandemic It doesn't have to be the blue iris, times, was that people felt less pressurised, It could be weeds in a vacant lot, or a few small involuntarily we were all forced to take a deep stones; breath to move and live in a different gear. Time is Just pay attention, then patch a few words together a sacred gift, time seemed to be more abundant and don't try to make them elaborate, and one could be present and aware of our sense of This isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, place, often fuelled with deep gratitude for things and a silence in which another voice may speak. we may take for granted.

Gratitude is a great starting point when it comes to prayer. Prayer, by its very nature, is the language of the soul. Prayer engages us with a higher power, something beyond just the tangible and in that sacred space, we tap into a spiritual conversation whereby we can find strength, meaning and purpose in our lives. For many prayer is a challenging endeavour, so many other realities, can compete for our attention, yet by discipline and human desire to nourish our prayer life, we can grow and indeed become the best version of our unique selves. There are many formulas regarding traditional prayer, and all are helpful but often the most profound prayer can be in the silence and comfort of simply realising we are not alone, that God is very close to us, as Saint Paul prays, "In him we live and move and have our being".

#### A Poem on Prayer, by Mary Oliver

The poem is written by Mary Oliver, who was an American poet who won the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize. In 2007 The New York Times described her as "far and away, this country's best-selling poet."



in prayer. I hope and pray it would be a blessing to you.

#### Praying

#### The Sacrament of Waiting

Slowly she celebrated the sacrament of letting go. First she surrendered her green, then the orange, yellow, and red, finally she let go of her brown. Shedding her last leaf she stood empty and silent, stripped bare.

Leaning against the winter sky she began her vigil of trust.

Shedding her last leaf she watched its journey to the ground.

She stood in silence wearing the colour of emptiness, her branches wondering; How do you give shade with so much gone? And then, the sacrament of waiting began. The sunrise and sunset watched with tenderness. Clothing her with silhouettes they kept her hope alive.

They helped her understand that her vulnerability, her dependence and need, her emptiness, her readiness to receive, were giving her a new kind of beauty.

Every morning and every evening they stood in silence and celebrated together the sacrament of waiting.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 31,000 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles



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Nonie Wallace née Gorman Chapel Street, Ballinakill

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

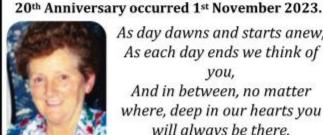
## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE Our sympathy to their families.

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## In Loving Memory of CECELIA MULHALL





As day dawns and starts anew, As each day ends we think of you,

And in between, no matter where, deep in our hearts you will always be there.

Always remembered by your loving family x

May Pecelia Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of FR. GREGORY BROPHY





19th Anniversary occurs Thursday 9th November.

"For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end"

Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of TOMMY SKELLY



St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Remembering you on your 1st Anniversary which occurs 12th November 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 12th November at 11.15am.

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 today and always by your loving wife Laura, daughter Anita, sons Thomas and Jason, grandchildren, son-in-law Joe, daughter-in-law Helen.

Rest in Reace Commy



## Cherished Memories of Our Beloved Sister



BREDA WALSH (née Keogh)

Late of Chelmsford Essex and Ridge Rd., Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 6th November 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 5th November at 12:30pm.

Beautiful memories are wonderful things, They last till the longest day, They never wear out or get lost, And can never be given away. To some, you may be forgotten, To others a part of the past,

But to us who loved and lost you, your memory will always last.

Always loved and sadly missed by your sisters, brothers and extended family.

Rest in Reace Breda



## In Loving Memory of MARY TAAFFE

Late of Droimnin and Ballymanus. 4th Anniversary occurs 6th November 2023



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

> Remembered by Kathryn and family.

Rest in Reace Mary



## In Loving Memory of GERARD (Gerry) GORMAN

11 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2023



He put His arms around you, And lifted you to rest, God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

Sadly missed by your loving family and extended family.

May Gerard Rest in Reace



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## In Loving Memory of JOHN PAUL KIRWAN

Anngrove, Kilbricken, Mountrath, Co. Laois. 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon.

Quickly and quietly came the call,
Without farewell you left us all,
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you we'll always
keep.

Also remembering at this time
John's daddy Martin (Murt) Kirwan.
Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Reace John Raul



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## In Loving Memory of DANNY O' CONNELL

The Rock of Dunamaise, 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023



12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

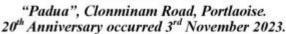
Sadly missed along life's way, Quietly remembered everyday, No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you're always there.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Mary and all his family, extended family and friends.

May Danny Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of JIM SEXTON





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

Always loved and remembered by Pat, Mary, Frank, his daughter-in-law Hilda, grandsons, great-granddaughters, extended family and friends.

Anniversary Mass to remember Jim and his late wife Bridget, whose anniversary occurs 24th November, will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 25th November at 6.30pm.

Rest in Reace Sim



## In Loving Memory of KEVIN BOWE

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 5th November 2023.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 6:30pm.

Quietly remembered everyday, No longer in our lives to share, but in our hearts you're always there.

Sadly missed by your wife Marie, children
Suzanne, Kevin, Robert, Sandra, Paul and Kenneth,
grandchildren, sisters Betty L. Patty and brother
Frank and extended family.

Rest in Reace Xevin



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## In Loving Memory of NICOLA DOLLARD

née Kelly

Rathevan View and late of Hawthorn Drive. 4th Anniversary occurs 9th November 2023



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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.

Your resting place we visit,

And flowers we place with care, But no one knows our heartache, As we turn and leave you there.

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by her husband Damien, son Andrew, parents Gerard and Carmel, sister Michelle, brother John, nieces Chloe, Rebecca, Sophie and Grace, extended family and friends.

Rest in Reace Nicola



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## In Loving Memory of TONY PHELAN

Santa Maria, New Rd., Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs 12th November 2023

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 12th November at 12:30pm



A Prayer for My Dad; Dear God, I gratefully thank you for giving me my dad, You must really love me, 'cause you gave the best you had, Watch over him and bless him Lord, and keep him in your care, And may he feel my love for him, In my humble heartfelt prayer.

Sadly missed by; Zelie, Ger, Ray, Bosco and Brigid, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and your fourteen grandchildren. Lots of love xxx

May Tony Rest in Reace



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## In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Paddy) REDDIN

4 Dr. Murphy Place. 11th Anniversary occurs 14th November.



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

Your smile was made of sunshine, Your heart was made of gold, We thank you for the love you gave, And the memories that we hold.

No matter how we spend our days, no matter what we do, No morning dawns, no evening falls, Without a thought of you.

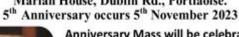
Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all his loving family.

May Ratrick Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of WILLIAM (Bill) O'REILLY







Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 11.15am.

Those we love don't go away, They walk beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard but always near, Still loved, still missed and forever dear. Thinking of you today and always.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Maura and family.

May Bill Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of CARMEL KEALEY

Sheffield, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs 4th November 2023



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

It was a sudden parting, too bitter to forget, those who love you dearly are the ones who cannot forget, The blow was hard, the shock severe, to part with one we loved so dear.

Sadly missed by your loving children Pauline, Carmel, Francis and Breda, grandchildren, extended family and friends.

Also remembering her dear husband Frankie recently deceased R.I.P.

May Garmel Rest in Reace



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of PADDY BRENNAN

Pallas, Ballyfin.



We, Paddy's family, wish to express our deepest gratitude to all who supported us and sympathised with us, both online, and in person, at the time of his departure from this life, and all who stood out along the road, those at the cemetery and everyone who sent Mass cards and words of comfort.

A special word of thanks to the staff at Portlaoise Hospital, paramedics and ambulance service, the Cedar Clinic, Laois Pharmacy and especially to the carers, community nurses, and

palliative team, who looked after Paddy with kind and professional care.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Brophy and Fr. Fitzgerald for their visits to Paddy at home, in hospital and in his final hours. Many thanks to Keegan Funeral Directors for their support and professional service and our sincere thanks to the gravediggers at Ballyfin cemetery for preparing Paddy's final resting place.

We would also like to thank most sincerely his nephew, Fr. Brian Kavanagh for a beautiful funeral Mass and all who contributed to both the Mass and the removal, as well as the Priests of Portlaoise and Ballyfin Parishes who said prayers and officiated at the Mass.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Paddy - sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

Rest in Reace Raddy



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of DECLAN BERGIN

Grenville, Portlaoise, formerly Cullohill. Died 17th April 2023



The family of the late Declan Bergin would like to thank everybody who sympathised with them on the sudden death of Declan. The Ambulance crew, the fire brigade, the Gardai, the Priests, Keegan Funeral Directors, Declan's neighbours and friends, especially his co-workers at the Midlands Park Hotel. All who attended the funeral and sent

Mass cards and those who wrote kind letters to us.

Your kindness and generosity shown to us at that time will not be forgotten by John, Vincent, Aidan, Paschal, Ursula and Louise. A mass will be offered for all. Thank you.

Rest in Reace Declan



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## In Loving Memory of *GRETTA KELLY*



Kellbyrne House, Rathevan, Portlaoise. 10th Anniversary occurs 8th November 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

If we could visit heaven, on this our saddest day, maybe for a moment our pain would go away. We'd put our arms around you and

whisper words so true, that living life without you is so very hard to do. We cannot bring the old days back when we were all together, but loving thoughts and memories will stay with us forever.

Loved and remembered always by Christy, Adrian & Rebecca.

Rest in Reace Gretta



# In Loving Memory of





15th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday

4th November at 6.30pm.

If tears could build a stairway, And heartaches could make a lane We would walk to Heaven and bring you home again.

Sadly missed by your wife Chris, children, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, sisters and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Sean Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of **VIOLET & PETER** McNULTY



Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise. 8th and 13th Anniversaries occur at this time.



Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered everyday. Their spirits live on.



Missed by all their family and friends.

May Wielet & Reter Rest in Reace





## In Loving Memory of TOMMY & BRIDGET *FRIEL*

Late of 75 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

Tommy's 36th Anniversary and Bridget's 18th Anniversary occur at this time.



In our minds a constant thought, in our hearts a silent sorrow.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your daughter Marie & family.

May They Rest in Reace



## In Loving Memory of DENIS KAVANAGH

Pallas Little, Portlaoise. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm.

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Reace Denis



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Late of Portlaoise and Bower View, Athlone.



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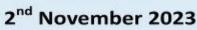


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