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#### Feast of the Holy Innocents 28th December

The feast of the Holy Innocents recalls the boys aged under two whom Herod killed in order to try and remove Jesus from the

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### Mary, The Holy Mother of God Monday 1st January

The first day of the year is the day the Church sets aside for honouring Mary. Mary represents true discipleship. Mary exhibits a life of hearing, seeing, and telling of God's marvellous deeds. Mary inspires us to consider deeply the

significance of events in our own lives. Do we journey through life oblivious to the world around us, or do we resolve to make some kind of impact? Maybe instead of making new year resolutions to lose weight or make more money, we should resolve this year to be more like Mary. Mass times over the Christmas Period (Parish Church or otherwise stated) TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> to SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER Parish Church 10am

SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER (THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH) 6.30pm (vigil Saturday), 8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm The Heath: 9.30am Ratheniska: 10am

MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> to THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY Parish Church 10am FRIDAY (FIRST FRIDAY) 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY Parish Church 10am & 7.30pm

SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY (THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD) 7.30pm (vigil Friday), 8.30am, 10am & 12.30pm The Heath: 9.30am Ratheniska: 10am SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY (THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD) 6.30pm (vigil Saturday),

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm The Heath: 9.30am Ratheniska: 10am MASSES WILL RESUME AS NORMAL FROM

MONDAY 8th JANUARY



Christmas Collection for the support of the Priests.

The Christmas

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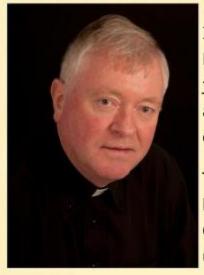
Envelopes are in the Development Boxes or you can pick up an Envelope in Church porches.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Priests of the Parish would like to wish all our parishioners a Blessed Christmas.



We welcome into our Parish Community Holly Eleanor Holmes, Morette, Emo Who was baptised last weekend.



I take this opportunity on behalf of the priests and all at Portlaoise Parish Centre to wish our parishioners, those who join in our Masses via webcam, parish radio and Shalom World and all who read this a very happy Christmas filled with the joy of this blessed season.

That joy is so manifest at Christmas time when we open our hearts to receive again the greatest of all gifts - the gift of Christ among us and within us to lead us, lift us up and enable us to face a New Year with hope and joy.

Again we have so much to be grateful for. The support we receive and the involvement of so many in the life of the Parish, the 100's involved in our various ministries and the many groups and organisations that serve our community. We had hoped to have Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska reopened in time to celebrate Christmas. Alas, it was not to be, but we will celebrate early in the New Year in a refurbished and renewed Church. It is the oldest of our three Churches opened in 1800 and when this work is completed our three Churches will have the benefit of recent major work. Made possible only by the support of our parishioners. Our thanks to the Ratheniska Hall Committee who have accommodated our Sunday Mass celebrations during the work. We are truly grateful.

We are also very fortunate for the dedication and work of our Parish staff. The Parish Centre continues to be the hub of our Parish and it is great to see it back to something like its pre-pandemic days. I express gratitude on behalf of the priests and all at the Parish Centre. I wish you a Christmas where you will know in your heart the peace and joy that our Saviour brings. Let us make the song of the angels our own: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace to people of goodwill'.

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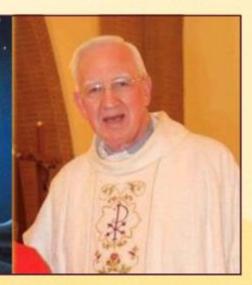
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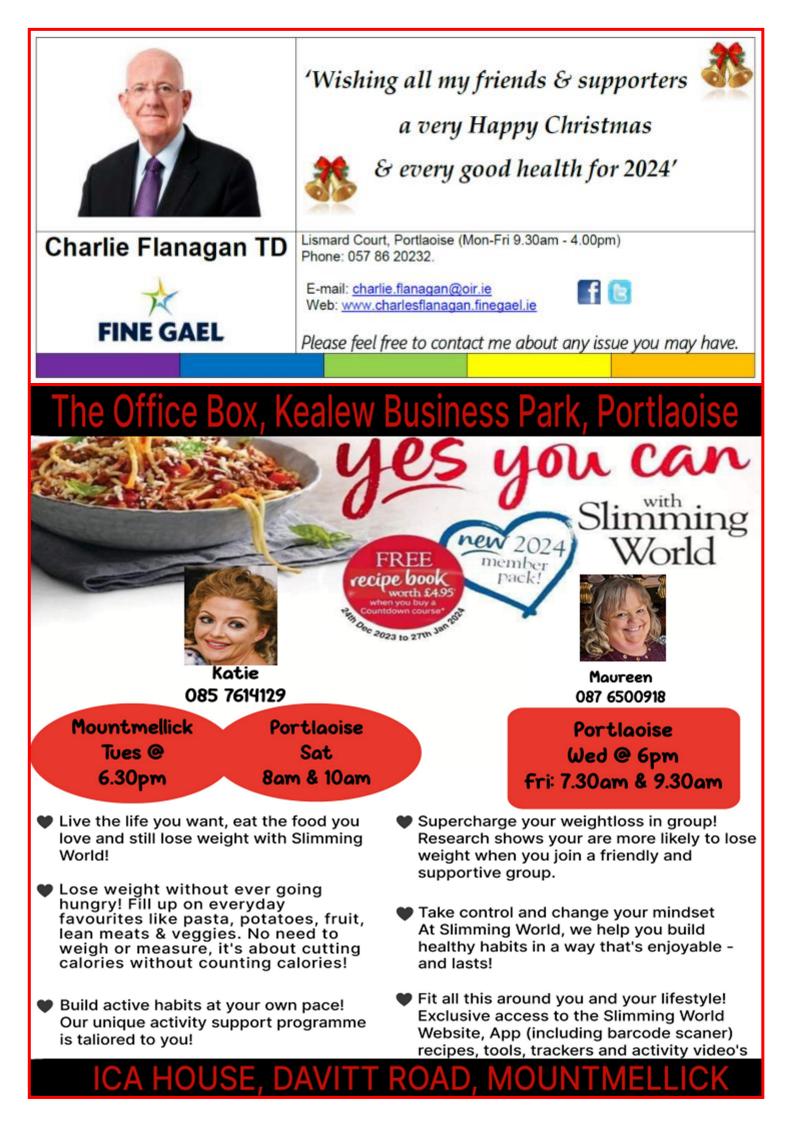
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Our Parish Lotto draw will continue as usual Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in the Parish Centre and may be viewed on facebook. Tickets may be dropped into the Parish Centre between 2pm and 4:30pm or in Brown's shop on the Dublin road.

Results for Thursday's draw, 28<sup>th</sup> December, may be viewed online at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/lotto or via our facebook page.

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LEVEL 6 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT	MONDAY & WEDNESDAY	11:00 - 13:00 13:30 - 15:30	LEVEL 4 WORD PROCESSING TUESDAY 10:00 - 13

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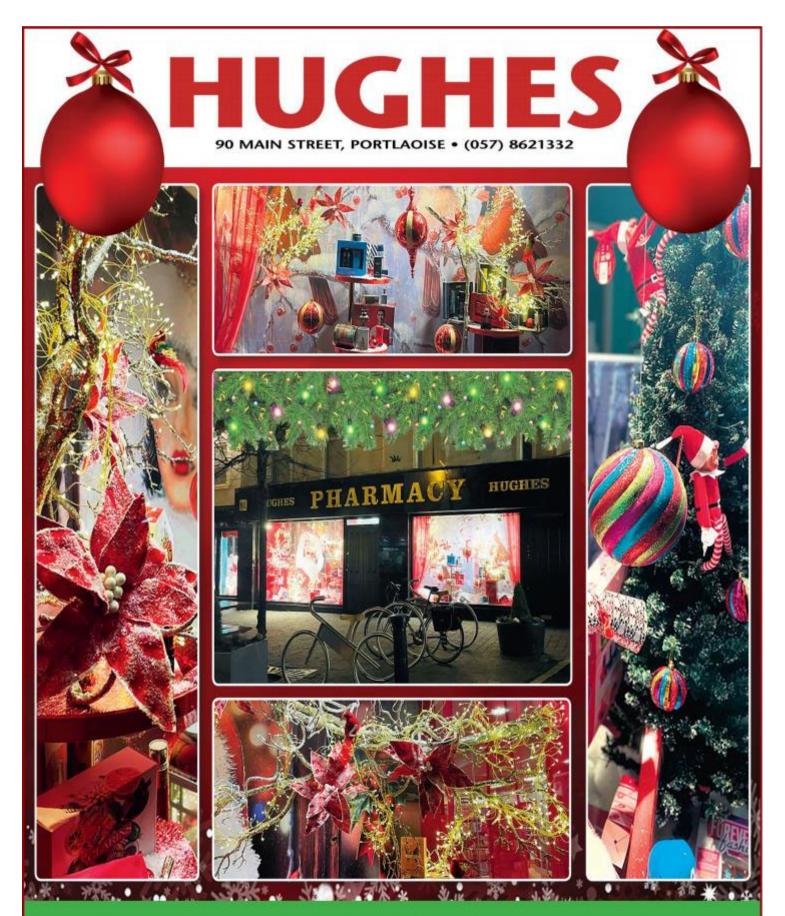
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The Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed or supported our pilgrimage and fundraising events for 2023. All your help is greatly appreciated and we are looking forward to 2024. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and New Year. In thanksgiving a Mass has been offered by Fr. Ciprian for all your intentions and for our past pilgrims and deceased past pilgrims. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for all in grateful appreciation.





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Adverts and memorials for our first publication of 2024 (7<sup>th</sup> January) may be e-mailed to linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie

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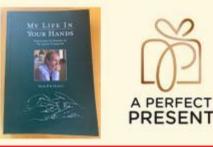
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#### Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre on Tuesday, 19th December;

Top Score: Margaret Flanagan | 1<sup>st</sup> Lady: Sadie Chester | 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady: Bernie Cahill | 1<sup>st</sup> Gent: Angela Brennan 2<sup>nd</sup> Gent: Austin Kavanagh | 1<sup>st</sup> Half: Liam McCarthney | 2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Sean Langton

Longest Sitters: F. Mulhare, F. Gaynor, R. Arrigan | Lowest Score: C. Fitzpatrick

Raffle: 1st Veronica Kearns | 2nd Ann Marie Farrell | 3rd Theresa Mulhare | 4th Meabh Morrissey

5<sup>th</sup> Michael O'Brien | 6<sup>th</sup> Rita Arrigan | 7<sup>th</sup> Paraic Dowling | 8<sup>th</sup> Susan O'Brien

Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist will resume on Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2024, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Happy Christmas to all.

#### RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

**Rosary in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath:** Daily 2pm (Monday-Saturday) and Sunday 3pm (Adoration). Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage 2024 Sponsorship Application: The Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee would like to advise that a box is available in the Parish Church on the right hand side of Our Lady statue, for anyone wishing to apply for full or partial sponsorship on our 2024 pilgrimage. If your application is for medical reasons, a doctors clearance for you to travel must accompany your application. If you are nominating another person please make the person aware before you place their name in the box. All applications must include a name and current telephone number. This box will remain open for applications until 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

Parish Lourdes Committee Savings Scheme will resume on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January in the Parish Centre, 3-4pm. Rosary will be prayed at the grotto on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January at 8pm and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm.



End of Year Rosary At The Grotto

### New Years Eve, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 8pm

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# Time to Think! Peace and Joy - Christmas 2023

An absence of peace is not the only lack the world and indeed all our communities suffer. As pastors, we are aware of many other ills plaguing our people. The shortage of homes, impacts on many in our congregations, and we can never forget the homeless men, women and children on our streets. Financial pressures also afflict many families, with more and more finding it hard to make ends meet, as charities, here in Laois, such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Portlaoise Action for the Homeless and St. Claire's hospitality Graiguecullen, among many - regularly report. All these external pressures afflict people inwardly also, causing much anxiety and stress. To these ills, add the loneliness afflicting many older people, and the not-so-old also. Social media often leave people isolated and even more vulnerable.

In the face of all these challenges, Christians might be tempted to give up. But we never do. We pray for deeper faith and meaning in those who search for it, for harmony and peace for all, even when it seems to be slow in coming. And we work for justice and compassion, as the Christ whom we serve keeps whispering challenging words in our ears: "When I was hungry, you fed me ... when I was a stranger, you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35ff)". We have no option but to try to put these challenging words into action, particularly by welcoming strangers and making sure they feel at home in our midst. We do not give up when our prayers seem to be in vain. For we know that, behind the scenes, in a divine and mysterious way, the Spirit calls even the most belligerent fighters to thoughts of peace, working patiently and delicately to end wars everywhere.

As you journey through the Christmas season and into the New Year, my prayer for you is that you will be blessed with the peace of Christ in your life, the greatest gift of all - and that this will spur you on, to share in the work for "peace on earth and goodwill to all". The birth of Christ, which is the true heart of Christmas, is a call to each of us to renew our respect for the dignity and life of every person on earth, irrespective of their state of health or life. Only in this way will we lay strong foundations for a peace that will last. The Holy Family knows, and we know, that war is not about abstract principles and rights it's deeply personal.



family whose life is forever changed. Remembering this too increases the pressure on believers never to abandon their work for peace. The work of peace includes the work of aid agencies, seeking to help those who suffer in war torn lands, to bring light in the midst of darkness. Their efforts to provide a safe-haven for refugees from the war in the Holy Land is a sad echo of the flight into Egypt by the Holy Family with the new-born Christ-child.

I love visiting the cribs in various churches this time of year. Many of you, have by now placed your crib, in a sacred place at home. Saint Francis of Assisi, was the first to introduce visually displaying the crib. He did so in a deliberate portrayal of the deep poverty and yet great love, the Christ child, was born into. A young mother and father, placing a tiny little baby in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes. There was no room for this baby in the inn, his birth was extra dramatic where eventually Mary and Joseph, found shelter in a lowly stable. The first to be made aware of this tremendous new life were the outsiders. Shepherds, by their very nature lived on the outside. Their lives were nomadic and hardship was the norm. I have no doubt, that when the angels appeared, with the melody of hope, their hearts were instantly lifted. When they went to examine and validate what they had been told, their immediate response was one of wonder and awe, in the presence of Emmanuel "God among us". Their silence, was a prayer filled by God's grace. The birth of Jesus Christ surrounded by cattle and sheep, was and continues to be such a powerful encounter, God became one of us. "The word became flesh and dwelt amongst us".

May you all be blessed with a Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Every person left dead or injured belongs to a

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## Call his name Jesus

Think about all the children in your class and what their names are. Or you can look up a book of names. If you don't have a book handy, you can use the Internet to find the meaning of names.

One of the most exciting times in any couple's life can be when they find out they're going to have a baby. And there are many things to do to get ready, but choosing a name for the baby is one of the most important things they'll do. Parents choose their

babies' names carefully because it'll be the person's name for his or her whole life. Sometimes couples buy a book, go to the library, or look online for baby names. That way they

can choose a name with a special meaning. Listen to the meanings of these names. Read aloud the names and their meanings below, or choose names that are popular in your area. Also invite kids to share the meaning of their names, if they want to.

John - God gave Mary - the perfect one Caleb - faithful, bold Alex or Alexis - helper Michael or Michaela - one who is like God Elizabeth - God's promise Daniel or Danielle - God is my judge

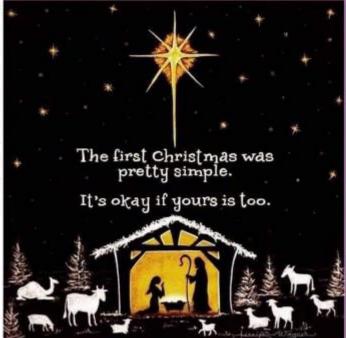
When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't get a book to help them choose a name for Mary's baby. They didn't even choose the baby's name at all! God chose it for them; He sent an angel to tell Mary what to name her baby. The angel said to Mary, "You will have a Son, and you will call His name Jesus" The name Jesus means "the Lord saves." Jesus' name was very important because the Bible says in Acts 4:12 that there's no other name that can save us from our sin.

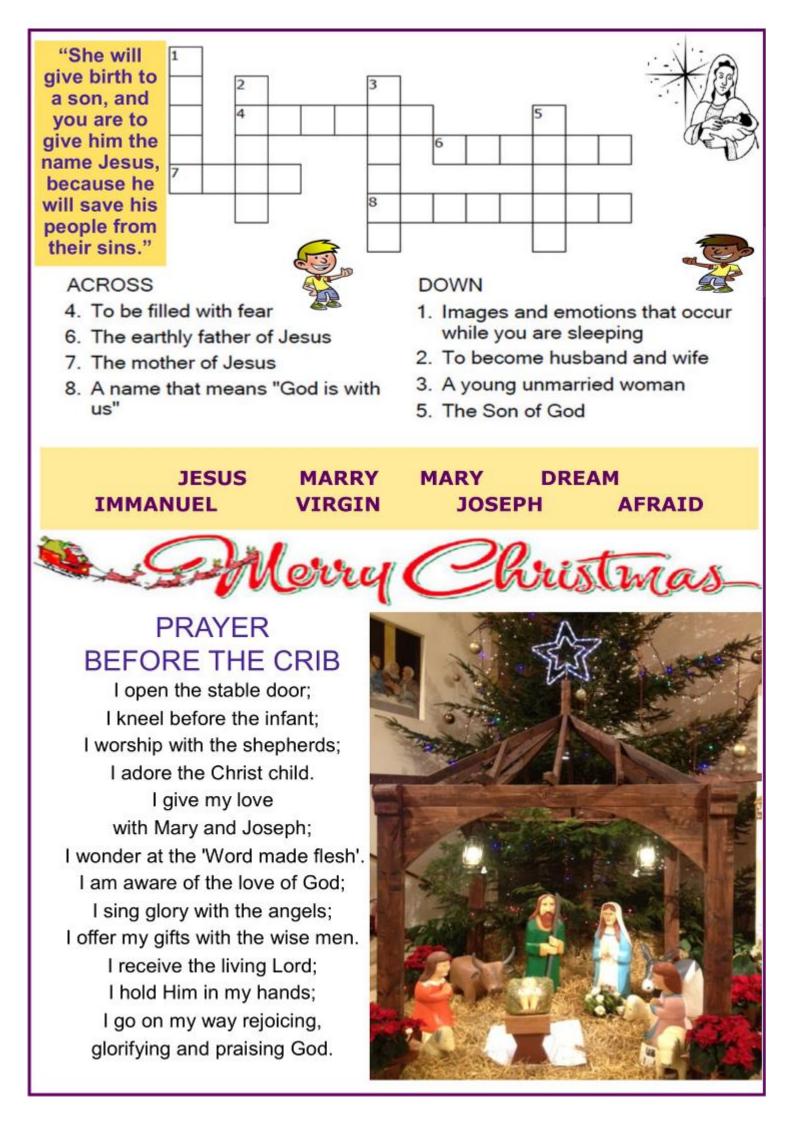
Dear God, thank You for sending Your Son. During this season when we celebrate His birth, help us to remember there's salvation in the name of Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Happy Christmas to all our young Parishioners.

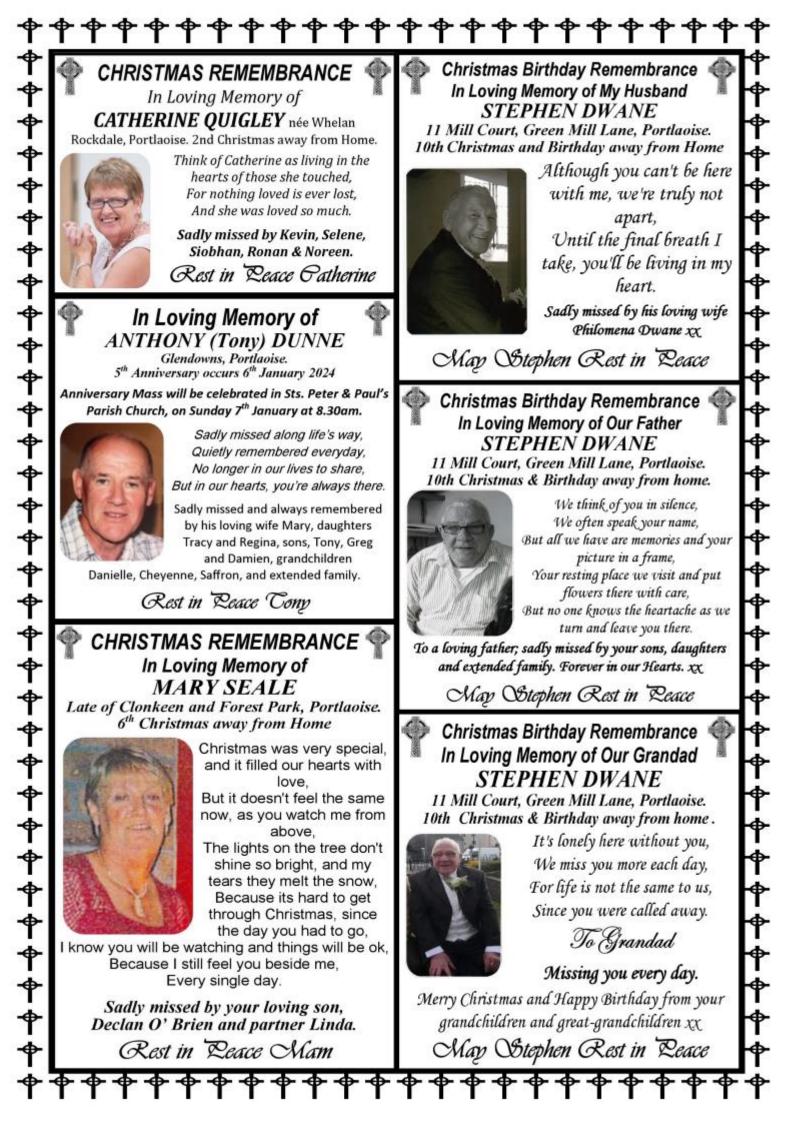
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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of My Wonderful Husband at Christmas BRIAN LARKIN 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Heaven



This time of year was always such a special time for me, I loved to share its warmth with you beside the Christmas tree.

But without my lovely husband I feel lost and all alone, And everything seems pointless, now that I'm on my own.

But each time I see your picture, you seem to smile and say, Don't cry for me, I promise, that we'll meet again someday.

So until that perfect moment, we'll be just a thought apart,

And at Christmas time, as always, you'll be here inside my heart.

Sadly missed by your loving wife, Fiona x

### Loving Memories of a Special Dad at Christmas. 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Heaven

Remembering the happiness and the feeling of good cheer, when we celebrated Christmas, in the days that you were here.

For at special times like this one, almost everything we do, seems to bring back precious memories, of those moments spent with you.

But your smile lives on forever and your voice we often hear,

And on Christmas day this year, we will shed a silent tear.

And we'll think of all those good times, and the special bond we had,

For we never will forget you, our devoted, dearest Daddy.

Happy Christmas, Daddy in Heaven

Loved and missed always by Ethan, Damon, Oisin and grandson Odhrain.

Rest in Reace Brian

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of BRIAN LARKIN Snr. 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Heaven Grandad



When all the decorations are placed upon the tree, that's when Christmas memories come flooding back to us. The countless celebrations you lovely prepared and all the happy Christmases that we all have shared.

We miss you every moment Grandad since you went away and how we wish that you were here, to welcome Christmas day.

Happy Heavenly Christmas Grandad We love and miss you everyday. From your daughter-in-law Fiona, grandsons Ethan, Damon and Oisín and great-grandson Odhrán.

Rest in Reace Brian

### Christmas Remembrance OLIVER & ELIZABETH BARTLEY

91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise Oliver's 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home. Elizabeth's 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from home.



We look back in fondness every day at the joyful times we had, no one could wish for such a perfect pair as our special Mam and Dad. We are grateful for what you taught us and we're grateful for all your love, and we know that you will watch over us from Heaven up above.

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Although you're missed so dearly and so many tears we've cried, it is so sweet and fitting that you sleep softly side by side. You shared your love, you shared your life, many precious times together, now you will spend eternity hand in hand forever.

Sadly missed and forever remembered by their daughter Monalisa, son-in-law Donal and grandsons Darryl and Stefan.

#### Missing you at Christmas

Every day without you since you had to go, is like summer without sunshine and Christmas without snow. I wish that I could talk to you, there's so much I would say, Life has changed so very much, since you went away. I miss the bond between us and I miss your kind support, You're in my mind and in my heart and every Christmas thought.

I'll always feel you close to me and though you're far from sight, I'll search for you among the stars, that shine on Christmas night.

Loved and missed by their sons John, Oliver, Shay and Darren, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and the Conroy & Bartley families. Rest in Reace Mam and Dad



We never could have said goodbye, To one we loved so well.

His charming ways and smiling

face are a pleasure to recall,

He had a kindly word for each,

And died loved by all.

From your Mother Catherine, brothers Michael and Alan and sister Denise.

Rest in Reace Brian

From your loving wife Catherine, sons Michael, Brian jnr. (R.I.P.) and Alan and daughter Denise.

Rest in Reace Brian

In Loving Memory of

BRIAN LARKIN Jnr.

In Loving Memory of

A Cherished Father, Brother and Mother

PATRICK, WILLIAM AND

BRIGID MILLS

come true, we'd be celebrating this Christmas,

once more again with the three of you.

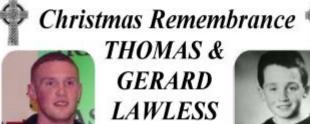
Patrick, Teresa, your 12 grandchildren,

Obleep in Aceavenly Reace xxx

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May Gretta and Soe Rest in Reace



Every day in some small way, memories of you come our way.

Though absent, you are always near, Still loved and missed & always dear.

Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends. Also remember baby harris

May Thomas and Gerard Rest in Reace

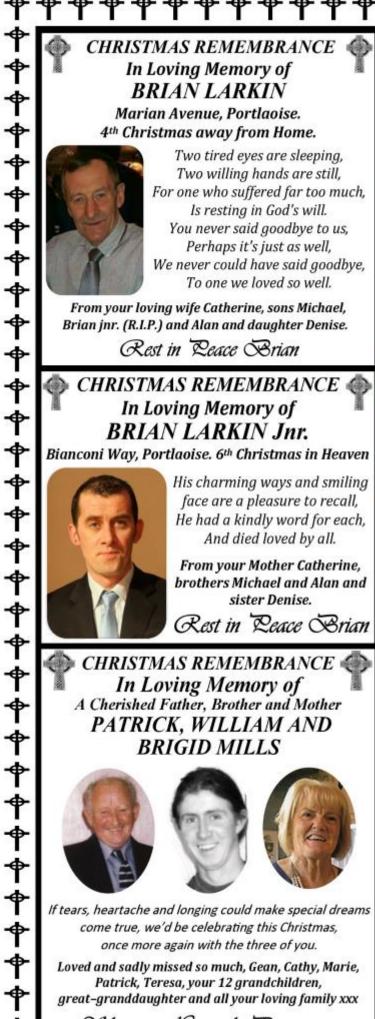
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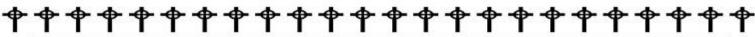


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It's sad that you're not with us at this special time of year, but we have precious memories of when you were still here. We'll always feel you close to us and though you're far from sight, we'll see you in the stars above that shine on Christmas night.

Deeply missed and always in our hearts, Samantha, Shabil, Nashad and families. May They Rest in Reace







of when you both were here. It is the perfect place in my grief, for me to go, for words could not explain, how very much I miss you so. You were the dearest Mam and Dad,

I know that I was blessed and I pray that Christmas angels bring you sweet eternal rest.

#### Thinking of you today and always

Loved and missed today and everyday, Mammy and Daddy, from your daughter Mary, grandson Keelin, sister Ellie and the Greene family.



Rest in Reace Mammy and Daddy





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KERRY Jnr

MICHAEL KERRY Snr



KERRY KERRY If I could have a life time wish a dream that would come true,

I'd pray to God with all my heart for yesterday and you, A thousand words can't bring you back,

I know because I've tried,

And neither will a million tears.

I know because I've cried,

memories too.

But I never wanted memories I only

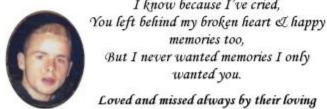
wanted you.

Loved and missed always by their loving

families & friends.

May They Rest in Reace

AGNES GLEESON



JOHN-PAUL MITCHELL



### Christmas away from home

Christmas time brings back memories that are still painful to bear, you were such wonderful brothers, I dearly miss you not being here. Brothers, since you passed away Christmas just hasn't felt the same.

I would move Heaven and earth just to see you both again. This Christmas I will miss you no end, you were more than just my family, you were kind and loyal friends.

### Happy Christmas Michael and Tony

Loved and missed dearly by your sister Mary, brothers Christy, Joe, Paul and aunty Ellie, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.



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May They Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE For a much loved and cherished Wife, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother

> MARY LALOR Ballycarroll, Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas away from Home

Those we love never go away, They walk beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Forever in our Hearts, Paddy, Patricia, Jennifer, Seamus, Carol, Padraig, Mary and families.

Rest in Reace Mary

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of NED (Edward) & MADGE McEVOY Capoley, Portlaoise. 26th & 6th Christmas away from home.



You never lose the ones you love, They walk beside us everyday, Unseen unheard but always near, a Father and Mother we loved so dear.

Forever in our hearts, loved and missed by Sarahann, Ailish, Mary, Joe, Breda and families.

May Ked & Madge Rest in Reace







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Son it is so difficult to understand why you're no longer here, yet sometimes when I close my eyes, you feel so very near.

You left me with warm memories and they are mine to keep, we will never be apart, the bond is way too deep. If I could have one Christmas wish, just one that could come true, then I would wish with all my heart, just to spend Christmas with you.

HAPPY HEAVENLY CHRISTMAS P.J.

Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by his mother Mary, father Joe, sister Denise and family, brother Adrian and family, aunts and uncles, extended relatives and friends.



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We will never forget you. Gone but never forgotten. Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving husband James, sons, daughters,

Mother, who we love and miss at Christmas time.

We miss you and think of you everyday,

grandchildren and extended family. Rest in Reace Margaret

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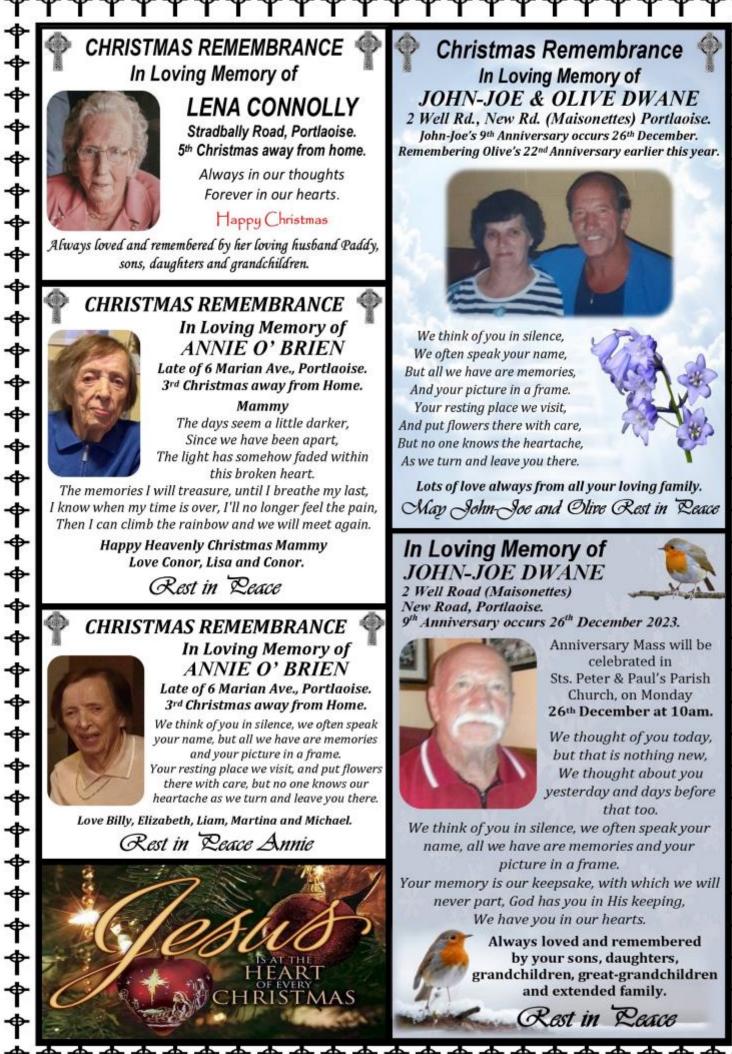
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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of PATRICIA GING Formerly 44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home And her Son ARON GING 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home



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This Christmas you're in a different place, and though we seem apart, we're closer than we ever were, you're both here in our hearts.

You are with us as we greet each day and while the sun shines bright, you're here to share the sunsets

too and we feel your presence each night. We feel you close when times are good, sharing a laugh or two, and if a tear should start to fall, that's when we are thinking of you.

Because those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday, unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear.

And when that day arrives, that we are no longer apart, we will smile and hold you close to us, safely forever in our hearts.

Thinking of you in Heaven today and always

Loved and missed by all their loving family.



In Loving Memory of JOHN KEENAN 51 Marian Place, Portlaoise. Whose 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. Those we love remain with us for love itself lives on, cherished memories never fade, because one loved is gone. Those we love can never be more than a thought apart, for as long as there is a memory, they live on in our hearts. Sadly missed and always remembered by his wife Lify, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Rest in Peace Sohn

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of CHRISTOPHER & ELIZABETH GING 8 New Road, Portlaoise.



It's sad that you're not with us at this special time of year, but we have precious memories of when you both were here.



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You made Christmas special, the way it's meant to be, filled with love and kindness and generosity. You were the dearest Mam and Dad, we know we were truly blessed, and pray that Christmas angels, bring you sweet eternal rest.

Always in our thoughts. forever in our hearts.

Loved and always remembered by their sons, daughters and all their loving family.

Rest in Reace Christopher & Elizabeth

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ANTHONY & KAY WALSH Late of 1 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise. Anthony died 15/7/2015 - 8th Christmas away from home

Kay died 30/9/2020 - 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home





When everyone is busy at this festive time of year, Thoughts so often turn to you, wishing you were here, We shared so much together, that memories abound, And you're remembered fondly, when Christmas comes around,

May you know you're thought about, wherever you may roam, and may the stars shine brightly, To light your Heavenly home.

Always remembered by your loving daughter Catriona, sons John and Tony, daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren Luke, Nicole, Cayden, Anna, Eoin and Maeve.



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### Christmas Remembrance MARY, ALO and ALAN M<sup>c</sup>EVOY

Late of St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Alo's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> December '23



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It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide,

And though we cannot see you, You are always by our side. Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

Alo's 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's

Parish Church on

Thursday 28th December, 10am.

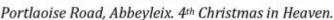
Remembering especially their Son **ALAN MCEVOY** Who sadly passed away on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from Home



And their Grandson **DARYL DARGAN** 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home

Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends. May They Rest in Reace

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of SEAN BUCKLEY





We miss you in so many ways, We miss the things you use to say, And when old times we do recall, It's then, we miss you most of all.

Loved and remembered by Lisa, Sarah, Patrick and Daniel

Rest in Reace Obean

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#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of BILLY LYNCH R.I.P.

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. And his son WILLIE LYNCH Jnr. Died October 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from home Bill

As I sit alone in our home of happy Christmas past, <del>የ</del> ቀ ቀ

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No more to have you in your chair, It is so lonely there, But God called you for a rest,

We know that God just takes the best. Loved always and missing you this Christmas From your loving wife Betty and family xxx

May They Rest in Reace

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of WILLIE LYNCH 3rd Christmas away from Home.

Remembering our Husband & Father at Christmas



This should be a happy time, Without you life is sad, Because there is a space once filled by you, the worlds best Dad. You always made this time of year the best time to remember, The joy you gave to everyone was special in December, But you've left so many memories that

will always spring to mind and bring enormous comfort to the ones you've left behind.

At Christmas time we look above to see that shining star, which brings an understanding of exactly where you are, Your presence lingers all around, a whisper on the breeze, And knowing that your love remains will help the pain to ease.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Kathleen, children Tara, Katie, Nicole, Shannon, Dylan, Aaron and Shane and grandchildren Kaylum, Kian, Tyler, Emily, Brooke, Nadine, Kayden, Teegan, Ivy, Willow & Teirna.

Rest in Reace Willie





CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE Of a Dear Friend TERESA KHANDKER London and formerly Portlaoise. 5th Christmas in Heaven



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

Missed today and everyday, a true friend. Your pal Frances and Tom xx

Rest in Reace Ceresa x

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ELLEN BYRNE Forest Park, Portlaoise and Dublin.

4<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from Home.



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 your family and friends.

Rest in Reace Ellen

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of JOHN & MARY (née Colton) O' NEILL St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise, Stradbally and Wexford.

> We hope this Christmas is extra special for you both as you are now reunited in Heaven. We will miss you dearly Mam and Dad.

Forever in our thoughts Love always your son Tommy, daughter-in-law Jennie and your grandchildren

Ger, Amy, James, John and Mandy xxx



CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE Father and Son RAYAND DEAN BERGIN 14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 5th and 6th Christmas away from home.



Missing you both this Christmas As we look up at the stars, We search for the brightest ones, And we know that's where ye are.

All our love, missing you always. From your wife and mother Mossie, Martina, Lisa, Sandra, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Rest In Reace Ray and Dean

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MARGARET HARDING née Conrov JOHN-JOE CONROY GER YOUNG







We never need a special day to bring you to our minds, for days without a thought of you are very hard to find,

We cannot send a Christmas Card, but God will take our greetings to the one's in Heaven that we love and that we are all missing.

Loved, missed & forever remembered by David, Paul, Ray, Jennie, Tracy and families. XXXXX

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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE Of My Partner JIM DOYLE 133 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Missing you this Christmas and abrays





While strolling through a lovely garden, as day was drawing to a close, My eyes behind a tragic story, *I saw teardrops on a rose.* 

Standing on those rose bushes were two Robin red breasts, As soon as I laid my eyes on them, tears welled up from my chest. It should have been tears of gladness, but deep inside the sorrow shows, A trusting heart had just been broken,

I saw teardrops on a rose.

I knew they were my loved ones, who were sent from Heaven's gate, To let me know they're still around, since to the promise land they went. They were singing a sweet song with a twinkle in their eyes, Then they flew on to a small roof and flapped their wings to say goodbye. A sobbing tear that follows parting, holds all the pain that sorrow knows, A false goodbye, a life is shattered,

There lies a story on a rose.

My tears will dry, the rose will wither, when spring and winter comes and goes, I loved, I lost, my story ended with just *teardrops on a rose*. But I know they will be back again, when I am feeling down, They will be singing their sweet song again to me, as if to say, don't be sad, we are always around.

Remembering you Jim at Christmas and always

Never forgotten

Happy Christmas rom Bridget and extended families xxx



Sadly missed by her husband Walter, son Colm, sister Phyllis and all her loving family.





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Now you are in a better place, your soul is laid to

Safe with all the angels, They only take the best. And though you are in our thoughts throughout the

At special times like Christmas, we all wish

Happy Christmas. Always remembered by

Rest in Reace Dan

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of MARY JO McDONNELL née Maher

Late of Shanahoe, Abbeyleix. 4th Anniversary occurs 30th December 2023.





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#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MARTIN (Bunny) CARROLL Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurred 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.



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Though your smile is gone forever, and your hand I cannot touch, I still have so many memories, Of the one I loved so much. Your memory is now my keepsake, Which with I'll never part, God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.

#### Sadly missed, but never forgotten. Love your wife Chris x

Your life was a blessing ,your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure.

Love and miss you everyday, Sinead & Jack x

In loving memory of A Dear Brother, Uncle and Friend May the winds of Heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear, how much we love and miss you and wish that you were here.

Love always Mary, Michael, John & families x

Not a day passes by dad that you don't cross my mind, not all of you departed when you left our earth behind.

For in my heart there is a place that only you can hold, filled with lovely memories far more priceless than gold.

I know that you still hear me dad so please know this is true, that everything I am today is all because of you.

Remembering you is easy, I do it everyday, But missing you is a heartache that never goes away.

#### Love you always and forever, Karen x

When God was making fathers, he must have made a fuss, he spent a lot of time on one and gave that one to us.

Of all the gifts in life, however great or small, to have you as our daddy was the greatest gift of all. Loved and missed dearly, Louise, Jamie and Aaron x

Also remembering Martins brothers Ned Henry and Bill and sister Sheila Loved and missed dearly

Rest in Reace Martin

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#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ORLA CONROY-KELLY 25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise. 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home



Everyday without you since you had to go, is like a summer without sunshine and Christmas without snow. We wish that we could talk to you, there's so much we would say, life has changed so very much, since you went away. We miss the bond between us and we miss your kind support, you're in our minds and in our hearts and every Christmas thought.

We'll always feel you close to us ,and though you're far from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.

#### Happy Christmas Orla

You are always on our minds. Missed and loved by everyone, especially Orla-Mae & Emmy.

From your heart broken parents, brother Brendan, sisters and partners, Sharon & Jim, Lorena & Shane, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian, Geraldine & Rocky and your nieces and nephews. Also lovingly remembered by your adored children Lydian and partner Sean, son Paddy and granddaughters Orla Mae & Emmy.

#### Also remembering Orla's Grandparents MICHAEL & EILEEN GRIFFIN 19 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

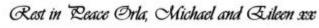




#### Remembering you both at Christmas and always

Also remembering Eileen who would be celebrating her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday on New Years Eve.

#### From all your loving family.



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### **CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE** of a Special Son and Father JAMIE-LEE MOORE & FRANCIS MOORE

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With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near, What a lovely time we'd have if only ye were here, We'd spend so many happy hours, the way we did before,

Christmas is for loved ones and I couldn't miss ye more, When I wake on Christmas Day, I'll look to Heaven above, And I'll remember every smile and think of ye with love, It warms my heart to know ye are together for all eternity.

#### Love and Miss ye always Jamie Lee and Daddy

Christmas Remembrance of a Precious Brother On your 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home Jamie-Lee

Thinking of you and missing you more than words could ever say, For life seemed to change forever on the day you went away, And this season has lost it's sparkle now that you're no longer here, Gone is all the warmth and laughter and those feelings of good cheer. But each night there in the distance, shines a brilliant Christmas star, which is Heaven's way of showing just exactly where you are, And on Christmas Day as always and on each day yet to come, You'll be loved, missed and remembered for you meant the world to us dear brother.

Love and miss you always, Tanya, Tirna, Jake, Taylor and your nieces Kyra-Mae, Nelly-Rae and Jamie-Lee & Loran xx Christmas Remembrance of a Nephew and Dad Looking back to Christmas past and happy times gone by, Remembering both with laughter and always asking *"Why"*? For there are just so many things that no one can explain, Why both of you were taken but the rest of us remain,

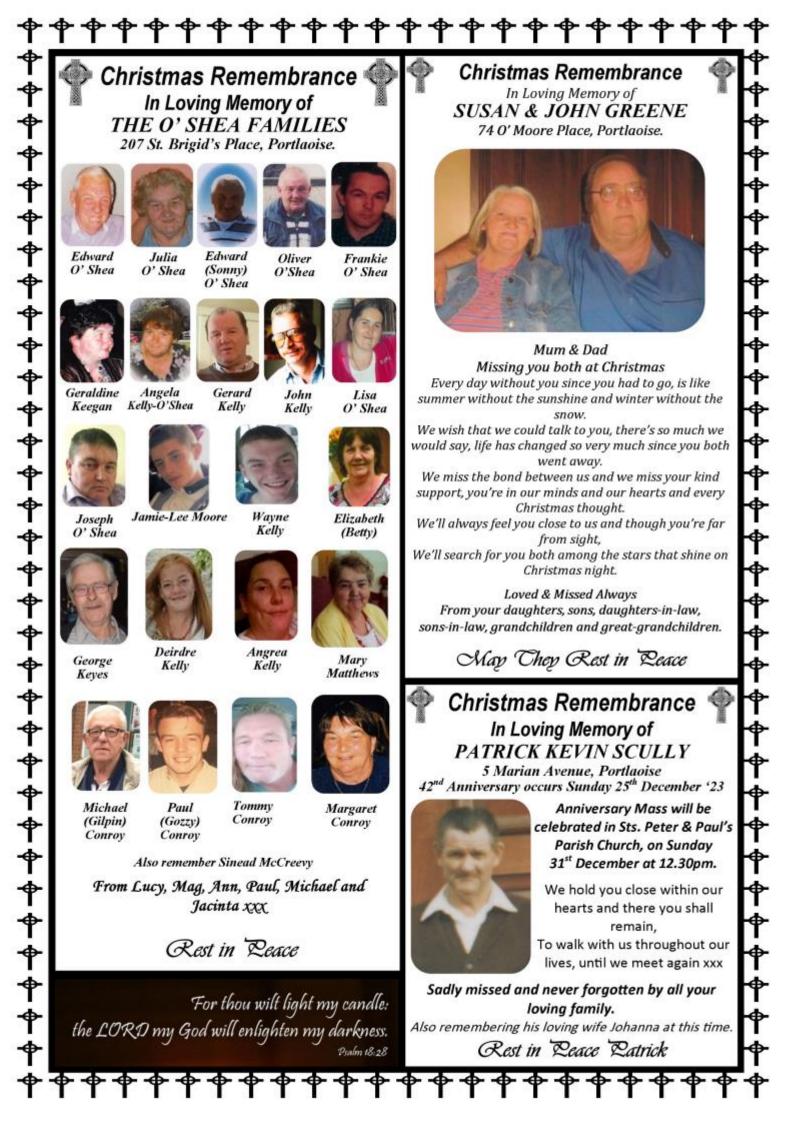
And why a special time like this should be a time to grieve, to wish you both were still here and wonder why ye had to leave,

Because you're missed at Christmas and on each and every day, For ye both were someone special, who meant more than words can say

Love and miss ye Always, Sharon, James and family xxx

May Jamie and Francis Rest in Reace

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#### In Loving Memory of TOMMY CLEAR 17 Liogard, Portlaoise

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

> It is not what we write or even what we say, It is what we feel inside as we think of you today.

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

May Commy Rest in Reace

#### BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE Of My Wonderful Daughter SAMANTHA MOORE

Triogue Manor, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurred 19th December, on her 8th Christmas away from home.



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I miss you so my heart is sore, As time goes by I miss you more, Your gentle smile, your loving face, No one can fill your vacant place.

So dearly loved and so greatly missed, your heartbroken Mam, Aunts, Uncles and Cousins x

Rest in Reace Bamantha

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE Our Dear Mother and Brother HANNAH and PA TUOHY 10 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



Our family chain is broken and nothing is the same, but as God calls us one by one,



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The chain will link again. We didn't always tell you, but we always hoped you knew, how much we truly loved, and thought the world of you.

You are both so missed by all your family.



## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of My Wonderful Mum ELIZABETH (Mary) McEVOY née Rvan

64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise. You are the light that shines in my heart forever 9th Christmas away from Home

#### Missing you every Christmas Mum No longer by my side but forever in my heart.

While the world rejoices and sings with family and friends, Christmas time will never again be quite so magical for me. But as the night sky is filled with choirs of angels singing, I know that you are

one of them and the jingle bells are ringing. As I hang decorations on the tree and I tuck into fresh mince pies, I raise my glass to toast my angel in Heavens high. This time was so special for me so I just wanted to say, that I am thinking of you with love this year on Christmas Day.

#### Missing you Mum at Christmas

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It's not just because it's Christmas that you are very much in mind, for days without a thought of you are so very hard to find, but the lights, the decorations and the happy atmosphere only make it so much harder to accept that you're not here. For at this time of year, your love and kindness really shone and the seasons warmth and magic have all faded since you've gone. If tears, heartache and longing could make special dreams come true, we'd be celebrating Christmas, once again dear Mum with you.

#### A big piece of my heart lives in Heaven

Christmas is a time of joy, but now without you Mum, your memories surround me and it's easy to be sad, but knowing you'll be watching with a Mothers gentle pride, I'll celebrate the happiness those memories provide.

Your love is here to guide me, in everything I do and I give thanks at Christmas time in memory of you.

#### Thinking of you at Christmas

When everyone is busy at this festive time of year, My thoughts so often turn to you, wishing you were here, We shared so much together, that memories abound, and you're remembered fondly, when christmas comes around. May you know you're thought about, wherever you may roam, and may the stars shine brightly to light your Heavenly home.

I miss you every moment since you went away. This Christmas, all the memories of celebrating Christmas with you are remembered. Love James xxx

Happy Christmas Mother

MAY YOU MY DEAREST ELIZABETH AND MUM REST IN PEACE

In Loving Memory of EOGHAN FRIEL Derry and Portlaoise 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home



You never said I'm leaving You never said goodbye You were gone before I knew it and only God knew why. A million times I needed you, A million times I cried, If love alone would have saved you You never would have died.

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Loved and missed today and forever your son Cillian and daughter Niamh

Rest in Peace Eoghan

### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of

Patrick (Bumper) Whelan 16 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise



And his daughter Caroline Moore née Whelan

13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home.

The sadness never goes away, the silent tears still flow, You're thought of and so sadly missed, more than you'll ever know,

But now you're with the angels, safe and sound in Heaven above, we hold onto the memories and treasure them with love, Yet special times like Christmas often make us wonder why, God took you from this world, it was too soon to say goodbye, But memories are precious, they will last a lifetime through, We know God has chosen you to be his angel too.

Happy Christmas to a wonderful Dad and Sister

From your loving wife Kathleen, Patrick, Chris, Mag, Jackie, Mary, Samantha, Paul, Niall and Gavin xxxxx

May Patrick and Paroline Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of RAYMOND (Ray) BYRNE 113 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2023



Call Ray's name out softly Lord and when he looks your way, tell him that we love him and miss him everyday.

Loved and missed always Mam, Lilly, Angela, Ken, Trevor, Gordon, Evan, Megan, Laurna, Gavin and families.

May Raymond Rest in Reace

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SHANE MOORE 62 Rossvale, Portlaoise. 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home



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 Reace Oshane

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of DECLAN DOOCEY

Formerly of Castletown, Colt and Abbeyleix 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home



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

Sadly missed by Helen, Mark, Paul, Conor, Doireann, Éadaoin & Grandchildren Ella, Mia, Noah and Ceol x

Rest in Reace Declan

Christmas Remembrance Of our beautiful daughter MARIA GREENE St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 7/2/09-15/3/14 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Heaven



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#### Happy Christmas

Love from Daddy, Mommy, brothers Stephen and Denis, sister Natalie, grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins.

We'll always feel you are close to us and though you are far from sight, we'll search for you among the stars that shine on Christmas night.

Also remember Our Loving Mother JOSEPHINE (Josie) GREENE Kilimy, Emo. 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Heaven



#### Happy Christmas

Love from your sons, daughters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of CHRISTINE CONROY

Hillview Drive, Knockmay. 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> January in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church at 6.30pm

We hold you close within our hearts and there you shall remain, to walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.

Loved and remembered by your sons John, Christy, Paul, daughters Mary and Siobhan, sons-in-law Martin and Niall, daughters-in-law Sinead, Nicola and Avril, grandchildren and great grandchildren

Always in our hearts Mam. May Christine Rest in Reace

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MARY MCEVOY (Houlihan) Ridge Road, Portlaoise, formerly 43 St. John's Square. 3rd Christmas away from Home.



I close my eyes and see your face, smiling from a beautiful place. You say that you're not far away and that we will meet again someday. I ask if you will stay a while, I miss your laugh, I miss your smile. Then you whisper in my ear, I never left, I was always here. Our precious bond was priceless, You were my sister and my friend. ╋ ♥ ♥

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A friendship that meant the world to me, I'll cherish till the end. I hold the memories that we made of times we spent together, I'll keep them deep within my heart, For Christmas and forever.

#### Thanks for a lifetime of friendship Sis. Tina x

Also remembering The Houlihan Family

#### (formerly of St. John's Square, Portlaoise.)

It saddens me to remember, the Christmases we once knew, So this year I will celebrate in memory of you. I will put aside my sorrows, with every unshed tear, I'll concentrate on all the love, we shared when ye were here.

Life as a family together, taught me what Christmas time was for, that's what I will remember, until we meet once more.

Always loved and remembered, Tina x *Rest in Peace* 

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of THE MURPHY FAMILY







Margaret Murphy Thomas (Dawn ) Murphy Thomas (Tommylad) Murphy Rose Murphy Patrick Delaney and sister Helena John Naughton And all our extended family

Will those who think of them today a prayer to Jesus say. Missed always by your loving families. May They Rest in Peace





Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of WILLIAM & KATHLEEN MARUM and our Brother BILLY 63 O' Moore Place & St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



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We often sit and think about the years that have passed by, And of the happiness and joy that was shared by you and I. We think of all the laughter, the smiles and all the fun, And before we even know it the tears have once again begun. For although it brings us comfort to walk down memory lane,

It reminds us how without you, life has never been the same.

Loved and remembered by brothers Daniel & Richard and sisters Catherine, Breeda, Tina and Mary. May They Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of our Parents JANE AND PADDY SHIELS And our Sister BRIGID (Sissy) MILLS Late of Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.





They say it's a beautiful journey from the old world to the new, some day we'll make that journey, which will lead us straight to you. And when we reach that garden in which there is no pain, we'll put our arms around you and never part again.

Loved and forever remembered by your sons and daughters, son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren



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Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of WILLIAM (Billy) MARUM 171 St. Brigid's Place Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas away from Home



Look around your Garden Lord, and when he turns and smiles, put your arms around him Lord, and hold him for a while. ╋ ╋ ╋

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Sadly missed by his loving wife Phyllis, daughters Susan, Samatha, Sawnya

and Sabrina, son William, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren May William Rest in Peace

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of SEAN PHELAN



Fisherstown 1st Christmas away from Home

You were always there when we needed you, no task too great or small, With a loving heart and willing hands, For us you did it all. In God's garden now at rest, Peacefully sleeping lies one of the best.

Sadly missed by your loving family, partner Bridín, sons Denis and Trevor, their mother Marie, daughters-in-law Danielle and Avril, grandchildren Jordan, Mia and Senan, sisters Mary and Margaret, aunt Stella, nieces and nephews.

Rest in Reace Bean

Christmas Remembrance For A Loving Father and Son PADDY & PATRICK DOYLE Lakeglen, Portlaoise. And Sister-in-Law VIRGINIA DOYLE



Deep within our hearts, wrapped in the purest gold, Are happy Christmas memories, spent with you at home.

Loved and missed by all the Doyle family. May Thep Rest in Reace









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Christmas Remembrance Of Our Dear Parents and Grandparents Our Dear Mammy PATRICIA O' BRIEN née Rice 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home. And Our Dear Daddy CHRISTY O' BRIEN 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from Home.

66<sup>th</sup> Birthday occurs 28<sup>th</sup> December 2023.



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Missed and loved beyond words by your girls Yvonne and Sandra, also John and your grandchildren Gordon, Evan, Teagan and Grace.

Rest in Reace Mam and Dad

#### Christmas Remembrance THERESA WHELAN 23 Coote Street, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home



We hold you close within our hearts, and there you shall remain, To walk with us, throughout our lives, until we meet again. So rest in peace dear loved one and thanks for all you've done, We pray that God has given you, the crown you've truly won.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving husband Paddy and sister Olive.

Rest in Reace Theresa

#### Christmas Remembrance MICHAEL DEEVY Cashel, Ballyroan. Died 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 R.I.P. You dwell in that safe place in our hearts, where no storm or night or

pain can reach you. Forever remembered by your loving family and friends. Rest in Reace Michael

#### Christmas Remembrance MARGARET BERGIN Millhouse, Boley, Abbeyleix. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from Home



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,

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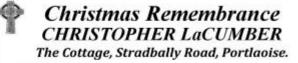
But no one knows the heartache, as we turn and leave you there.

Loving you is easy, we do it every day, Missing you is a heartache that never goes away.

#### Happy Christmas in Heaven Mags

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







Many the thoughts I give to you, As the long hours go by, Thinking of the things we used to do and say, just you and I. Sometimes they make me smile, Sometimes they make me cry, But are precious to me alone, Memories of You and I.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his loving wife Bridie, family, grandchildren and brother Jim.

May Christopher Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance KATHLEEN CLEARY



St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Nothing can ever take away, The love a heart holds dear, Fond memories linger everyday, Remembrance keeps you near. Loved and remembered by the

Lambe family and the Lalor family. Rest in Reace Kathleen

Christmas Remembrance WILLIAM CONROY O' Moore Place. Anniversary occurred 1st December. NANCY CONROY O' Moore Place and 1 Maisonettes. Anniversary occurs 14th January. ESTHER CONROY

O' Moore Place. Anniversary occurs 7th March.



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Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered everyday.

Missed by all your loving family & relatives.

Rest in Reace

Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN DOYLE

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas away from Home.



when you lose someone you love, You gain an angel you know.

Sadly missed by Anne, Mick, Karen, Rachel and Eoin.

Rest in Reace Kathleen

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ALAN McEVOY 1st Christmas away from Home.

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.

Remembering you at Christmas Love Molly and your son Calvin

Rest in Reace Alan

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MICHAEL CONROY Cooltoran, Ridge Rd, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home.



Though your smile is gone forever, And your hand we cannot touch, Still we have so many memories, Of the ones we loved so much. Your memory is our keepsake, With which we'll never part, God has you in His keeping, And we have you in our hearts.

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Loved and missed today and always, your loving wife Margaret, daughters Louise and Denise, son Michael and your adored grandchildren Leila, Eve and Charlie.

Rest in Reace Michael

### In Loving Memory of JIMMY MORRIN R.I.P.

45 St. John's Sq., Portlaoise, formerly New Road. 19th Anniversary occurs 24th December 2023.

Also remember our Dear Mother Annie who died on 26th March 1962 aged 38 years.

Dad, as long as our hearts keep beating, As long as our eyes shed tears, We will always love and miss you, No matter how many years. Never more than a thought away,

Loved and remembered everyday. Mass offered

Sadly missed by Joe, Anne, Mick and granddaughters Karen and Rachel.

Rest in Reace Simmy

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of WESLEY O' BRIEN

47 Heather Lane, Esker Hills, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary away from Home.



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 Wesley. 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 by Mam, Dad, brother Lorcan, son John and extended family and friends.

Rest in Reace Wesley

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE For our loving Husband, Father and Grandfather EUGENE (Hughie) McLOUGHLIN 63 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 23/8/1949-31/10/2022 Missing you this Christmas



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Will those who think of Hughie today, A little prayer to Jesus say. Sadly missed by your loving wife Patsy and son Eugene xxx

Your life was a blessing, Your memory a treasure, You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure.

Sadly missed by Imelda, Danny, Danielle, Shane, Aaron, Tamzin, Jack, Amber, Emily and Anna xxx

#### Missing you at Christmas

While the world rejoices and sings, with friends and family, Christmas time will never again be quite so magical for me. But as the night sky is filled with choirs of angels singing, I know that you are one of them, and the jingle bells you're ringing. As we hang decorations on the tree and tuck into fresh mince pies, we raise our glasses to toast our angel in Heavens high. This time was so special for us, so, I just wanted to say that I'm thinking of you with love this year on Christmas Day. Love Trisha and Mark xxx

Dad, Christmas without you, a quiet space, Miss your laughter, your warm embrace, In our hearts your love forever stays. Love from Yvonne, Jamie, Ava-Jade, Dylan and Ellie xxx

Rest in Reace Eugene

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of DOLORES GRENNAN Woodgrove, Portlaoise. 3rd Christmas away from home.



Looking back to Christmas past and happy times gone by, remembering your laughter and as always, asking why? For there are just so many things that no one can explain, why one of us is taken, while the rest of us remain, and why a special time like this should be a time to grieve, to wish you were still here and wonder why you had to leave,

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Because you are missed at Christmas and on each and every day, for you were someone special, who meant more than words can say.

Loved and missed dearly by Aisling, John, Liam, Jason, Clodagh and Jay xxx

Rest in Reace Dolores

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of FERGUS BEERE Clonkeen, Portlaoise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from Home.

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

Lovingly remembered at this time especially at Christmas

From your loving wife Ailish, nephews, nieces and friends xxx *Rest in Reace Sergus* 

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of FRANK RODDY

3 Well Road, Portlaoise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from Home. As day dawns and starts anew,

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're always there. A smile for all, a heart of gold, one of the best this world could hold, Never selfish, always kind, Beautiful memories left behind.

Sadly missed and loved by your loving wife Mary, family and friends.

May His Gentle Boul Rest in Reace

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CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of THE CONROY FAMILY O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. Michael (Gilpin) Conroy - Died 07/09/'20 aged 72 3rd Anniversary occurred in September Margaret (Mag) Conroy - Died 14/12/21 aged 70 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time Eugene (Tommy) Conroy - Died 09/06/'17 aged 45 6th Anniversary occurred in June Paul (Gozzy) Conroy-Died 11/02/23 aged 49 1st Anniversary occurs in February

#### **Christmas Greetings**



#### Mammy, Daddy, Tommy, Paul and **Baby Christopher**

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The Christmas star shines brightly upon all those missing loved ones in Heaven. Like freshly fallen snow, our tears fall in the reminder of those we miss in Heaven this holiday season. The only wish on our Christmas list is to meet again in the great beyond. We miss you more than ever. In the still quiet of a cold Christmas night, We feel your spirit warming our hearts. A picture of you I carry in my heart, I close my eyes to see it when the world gets dark. A memory of you I carry in my soul, I wrap it close around me when the nights get cold. If you ask how I am, I'd say just fine, but the truth is, if you could read my mind, not a day goes by that I don't think of you all. Loving you is easy, we do it every day, missing you is a heartache that never goes away. 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. Missing all of you.

Love from Jimmy, Theresa and Andrew Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of **IOHN BYRNE** Ridge Road, Portlaoise. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from Home.



Those we love never go away, They beside us everyday, Unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Loved and sadly missed by your loving wife Helen, children John, Sharon, Ivan, Ian, Martin, daughters-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren.

Rest in Reace John

#### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE THE BUGGY FAMILY

Mary







12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

I'm writing this poem from Heaven, Where we will dwell with God above, Where there's no more tears or sadness, There's just eternal love. When you are walking down the street, And you've got us on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps, only half a step behind, and when it's time for you to go from that body to be free, Remember you're not going, You're coming here to me.

Always in my thoughts, love Phyllis x May They Rest in Reace

George 32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary George 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ESTHER SZWAGLIS and her Daughter VANDA RAFTER Late of 170 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 24<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from home.



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Christmas without You Although it's sad to reminisce on Christmases we knew, this year I shall celebrate in memory of both of you.

I will put aside my sorrow with every unshed tear, and concentrate on all the love we shared when you were both here.

Our time together taught me what Christmas time is for, and that's what I'll remember, Until we meet once more.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your loving husband and father Les, Philomena, Rita, Les Jnr. and Clive, Esther's daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and Vanda's sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

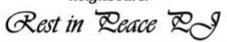
Also remembering Esther's sisters Alice and Mary May They Rest in Reace

#### Christmas Remembrance PJ WALSH Borris Road, Portlaoise 3rd Christmas away from Home



Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in Heaven, where the love of our lost loved ones, pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy.

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



Christmas Remembrance DAVID and VANDA RAFTER

4<sup>th</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas away from Home



We miss you now, our hearts are sore, As time goes by we miss you more, Your loving smile, your gentle face, No one can ever fill your vacant place. <del>• • • • • • • •</del>

Loved and missed today and forever by your daughter Amy, son Stefan, his partner Jennifer, grandson Daithí and your faithful friend Teddy xxx

Rest in Reace Mam & Dad xx

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of GERRY O' CONNOR Snr. MARY O' CONNOR GERARD O' CONNOR Jnr.





Dad, Mam and Brother Gerard Another Christmas without you When someone becomes a memory The memory becomes a treasure

Loved, missed and remembered everyday by your loving family.



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### CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory



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Of my much loved Husband MARTIN RAFTER You were my favourite hello and my hardest goodbye No longer by my side but forever in my heart Loved and missed everyday, your wife, Betty xxx

My dearest son David and wonderful daughter-in-law Vanda A day that was filled with sadness is here with us to stay, To mark the time you left us in such a sudden way, To us you were so special, what more is there to say, We only wish with all our hearts, you were here on Christmas day. Missed forever and a day, Mam xxx

Dad you're missed so very much, in each and every way But today much more than usual, for today is Christmas day Thanks for all the memories Daddy, love John, Martina and Craig xxx

My darling brother David and dearest sister-in-law Vanda

I miss the bond between us, and I miss your kind support You're in my mind and in my heart and every Christmas thought. *Missed more than words can say, John, Martina and Craig xxx* 

Do you think there is a Christmas in Heaven, because we have loving family up there?

We can no longer give them special gifts, but we want them to know we still care, so we will send them our love forever, and send prayers that they are doing just fine, and our thoughts will always be with them, forever till the end of time.

Merry Christmas to all of our family, who are resting in Heaven above. Although you are no longer with us, we still send you all of our love.

Loved and missed, Jimmy, Claire and family xxx

May They Rest in Reace

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Loved and missed today and forever by Jason, Vanessa, Sienna and Christian.

Rest in Reace Sharon & XX

#### In Loving Memory of SHARON CREAN 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from Home



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Two tired eyes are sleeping, Two willing hands are still, For one who suffered far too much Is resting in God's will. You never said goodbye to us, Perhaps it's just as well, We never could have said goodbye, To one we loved so well.

Loved and missed by your brother Nigel, friend Leanne, nephews Thomas, Leo and Calvin and your loving mother Catherine xxx

Rest in Reace Sharon

#### In Loving Memory of SHARON CREAN 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas away from Home

The moment that you died, My heart was torn in two, One side filled with heartache, The other died with you. From your much loved son Lorcan xxx

It broke our hearts to lose you, But you did not go alone, For part of me went with you, The day God called you home.

Loved and missed by Nicola, Dylan, Nicole, Conor, Shane and Leah xxx



As we turn and leave you there. Loved and missed today and always, Martin, Carmel, Shauna, Liam and Aine, your son Fintan, daughter Bridie, all your grandchildren and extended family and friends.

And put flowers there with care,

But no one knows the heartache,

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Rest in Reace William

In Loving Memory of MICHAEL LEECH

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise and formerly Kellystown, Wolfhill. 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023



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Til the shadows lengthen, And the evening comes, And the busy world is hushed, And the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in His mercy,

May He give us a safe lodging and holy rest and peace at the last.

With much love, Anne, Elizabeth, Colette, Geraldine, Michelle and families.

Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, on Sunday 31st December at 10am.

Map Michael Rest in Reace

God gave His greatest gift to us on that first Christmas Day and may the wonder of it always guide and light your way...

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of MARGARET MURPHY 68 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 18th Anniversary occurs 24th December 23' Also remembering her Son-in-Law

> DAVE WALSH 68 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from Home.



Thinking of you always From Catherine, Marguerite and families

> Rest Sn Reace Margaret and Nave

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of DARYL DARGAN 56 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 7th Christmas away from Home To a special Son, Brother and now Uncle

We remember you this Christmas, just like every other year since you passed. We remember your smile, we remember your laugh, but most of all we remember your wittiness and sense of humour. There will be an empty chair again this year, but we know you are always near.

Love Mammy, Daddy, Lee, Stuart, Jade, Jody and Noah xxx

Rest in Reace Daryl

In Loving Memory of My Mother CATHERINE KEOGH Borris Rd. Portlaoise. 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Will those who think of Catherine today, A little prayer to Jesus say. Also remembering; Her father Garrett and grandson Kevin at this time. Afways loved and remembered by

Margaret, Oliver and grandchildren.



Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of MAURICE & KATHLEEN (Kitty) KERRY 1 Harpurs Lane and New Rd., Portlaoise. 9th and 11th Christmas away from home.



You left us such happy memories, that can make us laugh and cry, the memories we have together, no money in the world can buy. There's this place within our hearts that no one else can

fill, we miss you both so very much and we always will. Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends. Rest in Reace Maurice and Kathleen

Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of LARRY McDONALD

Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 12th Christmas away from home.

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 anyone knows. With tender love and deep regret, we who love you will never forget.



Sadly missed by your loving wife Margaret, sons and grandchildren and great-grandchild.

May Karry Rest in Reace

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of TOM TIERNEY Tierman, Ballydavis, Portlaoise. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Time slips by and life moves on, But in our hearts, you'll always live on. Loved and remembered by your loving wife Paula, sons Séamus and Ruaidhrí.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis





BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE To a cherished Mother and adored Nannie NUALA BEALE Glenbrook, Ballyroan.

1st Birthday away from Home occurs 24th December 2023.



Your loving smile and gentle air, Your vacant place no one can fill, We miss you Mam and always will. She was a Mam so very rare, Content in her home, and always there, In Heaven vou rest, God Bless vou Mam,

We miss you from your fireside chair,

You were one of the best.

Always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Reace Nuala

Christmas Remembrance @ In Loving Memory of AMY DUNPHY Marian Ave, Portlaoise. 1st Christmas away from Home.





We hear your voice floating on the wind, catch your scent upon the breeze, We wish we had you here to guide us through mourning's stormy seas, We miss your smile, we miss your laugh, we miss the times we shared, We even miss the times we cried, just because you were there. The ache we feel inside our chest is so

deep and so profound, that we feel as though we have lost our hold, upon the solid ground, In our darkest moments we can feel that you are near, Keeping your watch over us, always and forever here.

Loved, missed and always remembered by Mammy, Daddy, your little man Brody, Gemma, Gary, Ava, Noah and all your loving family and friends .xxx

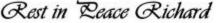
Rest in Reace Amy

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of my dear Husband RICHARD ANDERSON

The photographs I cherish, that surround me everyday, help to keep you close to me, although you are far away. Now Christmas time is dawning, and although you're in my heart, it's just the hardest time of all, for us to be apart, But memories will bring me strength, and love will see me through,

My tears will all be fleeting and I'll smile again for you.

Loved and missed always, your loving wife Cecilia and family x



#### ACKNOWLEDGEMEN In Loving Memory of PEGGY WALSH Cloosecullen, Raheen



We, the family of Peggy Walsh, late of Cloosecullen, Raheen would like to extend our thanks to all who sent their condolences following recent bereavement, our especially those who attended Peggy's funeral, sent floral tributes, Mass cards and messages of sympathy.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to the funeral celebrant, Fr. Paddy Byrne and the members of the choir who sang on the day, Kelly Funeral Directors, Abbeyleix, the medical staff in the Oncology and ICU units Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore and the staff at the Cuisle Centre Portlaoise.

Peggy's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm.

Rest in Reace Reggp

#### Christmas Remembrance In Loving Memory of LIZ AND PASCHAL FARRELL

4<sup>th</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> Christmas away from home. Missing you both always, especially at Christmas time.



With all the celebrations and Christmas drawing near, What a lovely time we'd have, If you both were here, We'd spend so many happy hours the way we did before, Christmas is for loved ones, and we couldn't miss you both more. When we wake on Christmas day, we'll look to Heaven above, and we'll remember every smile and think of you both with love.

Lots of love always from Frank, Michael, David, Kenneth, Regina and family.

Granny

I don't need an angel on top of my tree, I already have one in Heaven looking down on me.

Missing you always, Jennifer, Stephen, Ava, Saoirse, Leon and Jaxon xxx

May They Rest in Reace

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We would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas & New Year

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