



**Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Fr. Eddie Lalor

Requiescat in Pace

Born 17th September 1939

Ordained 29th March 1964

Kenya 1964 - 2013

Portlaoise 2013 - 2020

Died 9th January 2024

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Great Expectations

Have you ever had to live up to someone else's expectations? At first it can feel daunting, but the strange thing about great expectations, is that very often they have the

power to transform us. Living up to raised expectations can make us into better people.

In today's gospel, Jesus meets Andrew's brother Simon. He looks at him and says, "You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas, meaning Rock." The new name must have filled Peter's friends with astonishment. "A rock" Peter certainly wasn't. Peter we know was a bit of a hot head. He was impulsive, rash, sometimes misguided and often passionate. To describe him as a 'rock' was surely inappropriate. Yet slowly and surely, Peter starts to live up to Jesus' expectations, and slowly but surely, Peter changes from a hot headed fisherman, into a steadfast leader of the Church. As we see so often in the Bible, Jesus' expectations have the power to transform.

By comparison, we seem to live our lives with fairly banal expectations. Our greatest ambition, as we wake each morning might be to pay a phone bill or get the car through an N.C.T. Are we missing something? Is God calling us to greater things and we simply aren't listening?

For each of us God has a job to do. Of each of us God has great expectations. How do we hear God's calling? Do we listen to the world and the people around us? How do we respond to our calling? What are God's expectations of us? How must we change?

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

Monday to Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

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CONFESSIONS

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



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**Week
of Prayer
for Christian
Unity
18th-25th
January 2024
Go and
Do Likewise**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
CHRISTIAN UNITY - 2024

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Lord your God
...and your neighbor
as yourself"**

(Luke 10:27)

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Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir The Heath, Portlaoise, Co.Laois Junior Infant Enrolment 2024-2025 school year

The school is accepting applications for junior infant enrolment for the school year 2024-2025 from Monday 8th January 2024.

Application forms are available from the school website www.heathns.ie or from the school office.

Closing date for receipt of completed application forms is **Friday 2nd February 2024**.

For any further information you may require please contact the school Principal Mr. David O'Brien on 057-8646658 or e-mail: office@theheathns.com

Ratheniska National School Junior Infant Enrolment September 2024/2025

The school are currently accepting applications for admission until Monday January 22nd 2024. Enrolment forms are available by e-mailing ratheniskans@eircom.net or Ratheniska National School, Ratheniska, Stradbally, Co. Laois R32HW50 or via our website, www.ratheniskans.ie. Please return Enrolment application to the office with a copy of your child's Birth Certificate on or before January 22nd.

Scoil Mhuire, Abbeylax on the Ballyroan Road, Abbeylax is accepting enrolment applications for Junior Infant classes from Monday 8th January until Friday 26th January 2024. Parents who wish to enrol their children for Junior Infants beginning September 2024 are invited to submit applications for enrolment during this period. We recommend pupils are at least 4.5 years old by September 2024. Enrolment forms are available from the school secretary at 057-8731051 or e-mail scoilmhuiabbeylax@gmail.com, from MerryMornings Preschool, Gort na Nóir, JellyTots Playschool, Ballyroan Crèche and The Children's House. All completed forms must be returned on or before Friday 26th January 2024. Those accepted for enrolment in Junior Infants will be notified by post by Wednesday 14th February 2024. For any further information you may require please contact the school Principal Margaret Slevin or Fiona Hynes, Deputy Principal, on 057-8731051 during school hours.

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Portlaoise Active Retirement returned after the Christmas break last Wednesday 10th Jan. and we hope that everyone had a nice peaceful and enjoyable break and are back now and ready for more fun, friendships and activities. This is the time table for next week;

Monday 15th; Bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

Wednesday 17th; Dance, fun and exercises with Moez.

Thursday 18th; Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchy at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

Our **A.G.M.** will be held 31st January. If anyone has any motions to put forward please bring them along on that day.

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

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).

Reader required for Ratheniska Mass; Would you like to read at Mass for the month of February?

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Reflection/Meditation on Sunday's Gospel with Martina Lehane Sheehan (*Ruah* Retreats). Join us for free online weekly sessions to strengthen our hope and nourish the soul. Sunday Evenings 6.45pm. (Online via Zoom).

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Term 1 2023-2024

Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix Applications for Admission 2024-2025

The school will be accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants for the school year 2024-2025 from Monday, 8th January to 29th January 2024. Our Sonas Autism Class is currently at capacity and as a result a waiting list for places in the class will be in operation.

Parents can forward an 'Application for Admission Form' for the Sonas class should they wish for their child to be placed on the waiting list.

All information regarding admission can be found on the admissions section of the school website www.shanahoens.weebly.com under the 'Parents' tab.

'Application for Admission Forms' can also be obtained from the school by e-mailing shanahoens@gmail.com, by phoning (057) 87 39715 or by writing to The Principal, Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix, Laois R32 F899.

In addition you can also follow us on Facebook at 'Shanahoe National School', Instagram at 'shanahoe_ns' and Twitter/X at 'ShanahoeNs'.

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 18th-25th January

The theme of this year's week of prayer for Christian Unity is **'You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself'**. This theme comes from the story of The Good Samaritan, a story that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. Jesus told this story in response to a question 'Who is my neighbour?' It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.



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Jesus said to them: "Come and see." So they went and saw where he lived and stayed with him.

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We choose to follow Him when we proudly say and show that:

- **we believe in Him,**
- **we wish to talk to Him in prayer,**
- **we choose to be loving people...**

IN THE FIRST READING TODAY (1 SAMUEL 3:3-10.19)

Samuel thought his teacher, Eli, was calling him, but he was not. He was being called by God but needed a teacher to explain this experience and tell him how he should respond.



IN THE SECOND READING TODAY (1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-15.17-20)

God created our bodies, they are the annunciation of his goodness. Therefore, our rights over them cannot be absolute. Because God speaks our bodies into existence they must be treated with respect.



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY (JOHN 1:35-42)

The greatest of all revelations of God is Jesus and by staying close to him we allow it to enter our hearts. By staying with Jesus, Andrew grew in appreciation. At first meeting Jesus was just 'Teacher' but the next day he was 'Messiah'.



Liturgy of the Word

The **Gospel Acclamation** is read or sang before the Gospel. We stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

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We always stand when listening to the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read by the Priest we make the **sign of the cross** on our forehead, our lips and our heart. This means *"may the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart"*.



Glory



to you



Lord

At the end of the Gospel the Priest says: **'The Gospel of the Lord'** and we all respond with the words, **'Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ'**.



The Homily: After the Gospel we sit down and listen to what the Priest has to say about the readings and how we might be able to put this into practice for us.



Time to Think!

Reflect on the Past... Focus on the Future

As we continue to make early footprints into 2024, already we see signs of brighter evenings and earlier mornings. The small stretch, offers hope, early snowdrops and green shoots awakens a positive energy that soon, the new spring will be our reality. Beginning again, is something that always awakens opportunity and hope. I pray that every day in 2024 we will prioritise our desire to find God, in the bits and pieces, of our daily lives.

God seems to work with us slowly and patiently through different experiences, and we to take time to reflect or look back, to recognise this. As Danish philosopher Kierkegaard says, "Life can only be understood backwards but must be lived forwards".

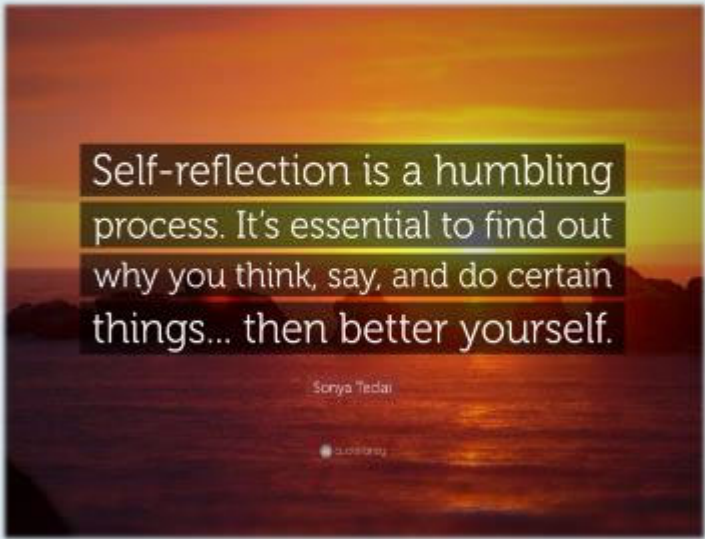
The end of one year and the beginning of another is a really good time to look back and evaluate the experiences of a whole twelve months. It can be easy to write the year off as being 'past' or over. We may want to just focus on moving on but there are surprising discoveries to be made in following a simple reflective process. Undoubtedly there will be ups and downs, laughter and tears, light and darkness. But a bit like getting to a mountain top, you can see the path you have walked from the summit, and that helps you work out the best way of getting down.

This moment of taking stock or looking back over your life journey for the last year can yield surprising results. You can see more clearly and it helps you to travel forward. Key to the process is connecting yourself to the 'light' or God, which allows you to see and uncover the darkness that only obscures things.

The 'Examen' is a helpful tool in reviewing how you have been during the year. It can help you to discover where God has been in it all. It is much easier to see looking back. Often we can put a negative slant on our memories of the past and it is important to try to balance that. Find a quiet space and try to put aside an hour for reflection. Some people find a lighted candle helpful as a reminder to 'live in the light'.

The five steps are:

1. Ask God for light in order to see what stands out from the past year. (Try to see the year through God's eyes, not merely my own).
2. Give thanks: get in touch with gratitude for the year you have just lived is a gift from God. This can be a struggle again as negativity can dominate, but there are always some gifts to focus on.
3. Review the year chronologically, being guided by the Holy Spirit. In going back through the year, it can be helpful to use a diary or even photos on your phone, often you can be surprised about all the



Self-reflection is a humbling process. It's essential to find out why you think, say, and do certain things... then better yourself.

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things you did, people you met, and may have forgotten much.

4. Face your mistakes or shortcomings. Accept you may have done wrong, acknowledge mistakes, and work out what you would do better to improve.
5. Look toward to the year ahead and ask God for help to live it better.

It can be helpful to write your observations or insights in a diary or journal to get them clear in your head. The desire to look at the coming year naturally flows from this exercise. What kind of year do you want it to be? What would you like to happen and what do you want to avoid? It is worth taking time to look at this carefully, maybe as a separate exercise. Begin by looking at what you *really* want – what is going to satisfy your soul? It's all about tuning into this experience of a God who is near, who wants the best for us, and who is trying to communicate with us through reflection and prayer.

The Prayer of Abandonment, written by Blessed Charles de Foucauld, is one of the most beautiful prayers of faith, trust and surrender in the Christian spiritual heritage. Memorise it, pray it often, and share it with others!

Father, I abandon myself into your hands; do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me, and in all your creatures. I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul: I offer it to you with all the love of my heart, for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself, to surrender myself into your hands without reserve, and with boundless confidence, for you are my Father.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 31,600 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

CV of Fr. Erick, SVD



Allow me to introduce myself. I am Fr. Yulius Krisdianto Ebot, a member of Divine Word Missionaries or SVD (Societas Verbi Divine). You can call me Fr. Erick. I was born in Manggarai-Flores (Indonesia) in 1990, the second child in my family of three children. My parents are both alive, thank God, and retired. My older brother has two children and so does my little sister. They live in Manggarai close to my parents home. My family has been a great support system for me.

At the age of 18, I entered the SVD noviciate. Two years later I took my first vow as a temporary member of The society of Divine Word. As part of my formation I spent time in the Philippines for my English course (2015), and our overseas Training Programme in Taiwan (2016-2018). In 2018 I returned to Indonesia and had my final profession as a member of the society of Divine Word Missionaries.



On October 5th 2019 i was ordained priest and got my first mission to Ireland.

After ordination, I worked in three different parishes and dioceses in Flores while waiting for my visa to Ireland. It was such an enriching and eye-opening experience for me as a young priest. After three years waiting for the visa in Indonesia (2019-2023), on 6th of July 2023, I came to this beautiful and lovely country.

Before getting my appointment to Portlaoise, I did an English course for 5 months in Maynooth while acclimatising and learning more about this beautiful country.

It is such a great pleasure for me to get my first appointment here in the parish of Portlaoise as a curate under the guidance of Msgr. John Byrne and working with others fellow priests, all from different countries. I am really looking forward to work with you all. Let us pray for each other and May the Almighty God Bless us all. See you around.

Fr. Erick

Blessing of Babies Ceremony



Last Sunday we had a lovely ceremony for newly baptised babies.

We pray for all children "May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



Fr. Eddie Lalor
Kiltegan Fathers
Former
C.C. Portlaoise and
native of Raheen



Peter Culbert
Dr. Murphy Place,
Portlaoise



Joseph (Joe) Delaney
Athy, Kildare and
Newpark, Portlaoise



Christopher Reddy
Chestnut Avenue,
Foxburrow, Portlaoise

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to
the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

We pray for the family of

Small Jimmy McInerney, 24 Dunamase View
Portlaoise, now resting with the angels.

We will keep them in our prayers

**BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE**

In Loving Memory of
A Cherished Husband, Father and Grandfather
WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY
28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
6th Birthday away from home (13-1-24)



*A light went out on earth for us, the day we
said goodbye, and on that day a star was
born, the brightest in the sky.
Reaching through the darkness with its
rays of purest white, lighting up the
Heavens as it once lit up our lives.
With beams of love to heal the broken
hearts you left behind, where always in our
memory, your lucky star will shine.
The sadness never goes away, the silent
tears still flow, you're thought of and so
sadly missed, more than you'll ever know.*
Happy 77th Birthday Daddy



Loved and missed always
*Your loving wife Anne, sons and daughters,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and all your
grandchildren xxx*

**In Loving Memory of
DAVID RAFTER**

**"Ardville" Glenside, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 15th January 2024.**



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, this Sunday
14th January at 11.15am.

*If we could have a lifetime wish,
one dream that could come true,
We would pray to God with all
our hearts just to see and speak
to you.*

*A thousand words won't bring you back,
We know because we've tried,
And neither will a million tears,
We know because we've cried.
You've left behind our broken hearts,
And precious memories too,
But we never wanted memories,
We only wanted you.*

**Missed beyond words by your daughter Amy, son
Stefan and partner Jennifer and grandson Daithí x**

*David; Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in my life to share,
But in my heart you are always there.
Sadly missed by your loving Mam xxx*

*My Darling Brother Daithí
Days will pass and turn into years,
But I will always remember you with silent tears.
Missing you so much today and always
Love John, Martina and Craig xxx*

*Time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you very near.
Will those who think of David today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Loved and missed dearly, Jimmy, Claire & family xxx*

Rest in Peace David

**In Loving Memory of
TOM & NUALA HOLMES**

**Formerly of "Sally Gardens", Main St. Portlaoise
and Chantiere Gate, Portlaoise.
Nuala's 11th Anniversary occurred 1st December 2023
Tom's 23rd Anniversary occurs 11th January 2024**



*Will those who think of them
today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Always loved and never forgotten
by all their loving family,
extended family and friends xx*

May Tom and Nuala Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
DAVID RAFTER**

**"Ardville" Glenside, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 15th January 2024.**



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

**Always thinking of you, always remembered by
your father-in-law Les, brothers-in-law,
sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.**

Rest in Peace David

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET HOULIHAN**

**14 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 18th January 2024.**



*The Day You Went Away
Today's the anniversary of the day
that we lost you,
And for a time it felt as though our
lives had ended too.*

*But loss has taught us many things,
And now we face each day,
With hope and happy memories,
To help us on our way.*

*And though we're full of sadness, that you're no longer
here, your influence still guides us,
And we still feel you near.*

*What we shared will never die, it lives within our hearts,
Bringing strength and comfort, while we are apart.*

**Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving
husband James, sons, daughters, sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren and extended family.**

May Margaret Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **DAVID RAFTER**

'Ardville' Glenside, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 15th January 2024



Death leaves heartache,
No one can heal,
Memories are treasures,
No one can steal.
Some may forget you,
Now that you are gone,
But we will remember,
No matter how long.
You will always stay loved and
remembered, in every way.

No tears, no verse, can ever say, how much we miss
you every day.

**Love always bro, forever and a day,
Jack, Jennifer, Cian and Hollie xxxx**

My dear Brother now that you are gone, you're no
longer here to share the bond we had together,
A bond of love and care.

Yet, somehow something tells me you are watching
over me, now that from worldly cares you finally
are free.

I miss you so very much, and my tears I cannot hide,
Yet, within my heart, I feel you are always by my
side.

Ever since you went away, life has never been the
same, yet it comforts me to know,
That one day we'll meet again.

Love always Adrian, Leonie and Anna xxx

Rest in Peace David

In Loving Memory of **FRANK & MAY WHITE**

Late of 26 Newpark, Portlaoise.

May's 1st Anniversary occurs 17th January 2024.

Frank's 2nd Anniversary occurs 16th January 2024.



Anniversary Mass will
be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on
**Sunday 21st January
at 10am.**



In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day dear Mum and Dad
That we do not think of you.

**Loved and remembered by Tomás, Timothy, Declan,
Sinéad, grandchildren and extended family.**

Rest in Peace Frank and May

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

TONY GREENE

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Died 16th January 2023.



As we remember our brother Tony,
on his first anniversary, as a family
we wish to take this opportunity to
thank the following people; Msgr.
John Byrne, Fr. David Vard and the
Priests of the Parish, Sr. Aoife for her
wonderful singing during Tony's
Mass, our great neighbours, friends
and relations who sent Mass cards,

text messages, phoned and sent flowers, those who
attended Tony's wake, Mass and burial.

To the staff of Brown's shop and the Parish Centre for
their support and kindness during such a difficult time; to
Mossy and Declan for organising the food on the day;
to our aunt Ellie Foran for her kindness and care; to the
ambulance crew who attended to Tony and Portlaoise
General Hospital; to the funeral directors Matthew
Keegan and David Goode for their professionalism and
support and to the gravediggers Brendan and Googie
Dunne.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please
accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere
appreciation and deepest gratitude. The Holy sacrifice of
the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Tony's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter
& Paul's Parish Church, on Tuesday 16th January at 10am

Rest in Peace Tony

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Paddy) CONNELL**

Late of 57 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs 21st January 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Saturday 20th January at 6:30pm.

*The rolling stream of life goes on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the voice, the smile, the love,
Of a Dad who once sat there,
Loved and missed beyond compare.*

Missed and loved everyday by your sons Richard, Pat and
Kieran, daughters Geraldine, Philomena, Bernadette,
Nora and Teresa, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thinking of our dear Mam, Mary at this time.

Rest in Peace Paddy

You are the
Light
of the World



In Loving Memory of MARTIN BRENNAN

54 Borris Little, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 14th January 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday, 13th January at 6.30pm.

*Along the road of suffering, you found a
little lane, that took you up to Heaven
and ended all your pain,
You may be out of sight, we may be
worlds apart, but you are always in our
prayers and forever in our hearts.*

Sadly missed by your loving wife Ann, Helen, Mark & Eve.

Rest in Peace Martin

In Loving Memory of FRANCES DUNNE

Late of Silverdale, Abbeylax Rd. Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurs 14th January 2024.



Mammy

*A loved one never leaves you,
They're never far away,
They watch you from a distance,
And guide you every day.
They do become your angel,
And look down from above,
A loved one never leaves you,
Because you always have their love.*

Missed by her loving family xx

May Frances Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PATRICK & ELLEN MAHER

Grange, Stradbally whose anniversaries occur at this time.
Also remembering Eileen, MaryAnn, John
Margaret and Mary.



*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.*

Lovingly remembered by all your family.

May They Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of PETER LALOR

Late of 4 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



*If I could write a story,
It would be the greatest ever told,
Of a kind and loving father,
who had a heart of gold.
If I could write a million pages,
I'd still be unable to say,*

*Just how much I love and miss you, every single day.
I will remember all you taught me, I'm hurt but I
won't be sad, because you will send me down the
answers and you will always be my Dad.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
daughters, brothers, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law,
grandchildren, relatives and friends.*

Rest in Peace Dad

In Loving Memory of PAT DRENNAN

Cool-na-Carrig, Ratheniska.
Died 15th January 2014 - 10th Anniversary



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Holy Cross, Ratheniska this
Sunday 14th January at 10am.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving
wife Peggy and family.*

May Pat Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of ROSANNA KERRY née Phillips

61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary away from home occurred
12th January 2024



*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 by your sons, daughters, grandchildren,
great grandchildren & extended family xx*

May Rosanna Rest in Peace

Speak Lord your servant
is listening

1 Samuel

**In Loving Memory of
JOSEPHINE O'REILLY**

Marian House, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.
Anniversary occurs 13th January.



A sudden call from God on high,
We had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell you fell asleep, but
memories of you we will always keep.

From your sons Martin and Jas, daughter Eileen,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May Josephine Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PADDY RANKIN**

Kiloughan, Stradbally, Laois.

4th Anniversary occurs Monday 15th January 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska,
this Sunday 14th January at 10am.

Thinking of you today and always.

*Sadly missed by his loving family
and friends.*

Rest in Peace Paddy

**In Loving Memory of
PADDY "Patrick" McEVOY**
Capoley, Portlaoise. 15th Anniversary.



15th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 13th January at 6:30pm.

*Also remembering Paddy's sister Niamh,
whose birthday occurs at this time.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends

May Paddy Rest in Peace



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1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 | Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10

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