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7th January 2024

**The Baptism
of the Lord**



**Blessing of Babies
Ceremony
today after
12.30pm Mass**



*We pray this biblical
prayer for the babies.
"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

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The Past Doesn't Have to Equal the Future.

What does Jesus' baptism say to us? Jesus' thirty years of preparation before his public baptism remind us that it takes time to get ready for God's mission. How many countless hours did Jesus spend in prayer? What study, what thought, what vision must he have undergone

before appearing in front of John asking for baptism? What do we learn from Jesus' baptism? January is a time for new beginnings and fresh resolution. John the Baptist was an expert on this. John's ministry was all about repentance and reform ... that's what his baptism was all about. But anyone who has ever seriously tried to change themselves will know how difficult change really is. We all fondly imagine that change is just beyond our reach, and all we have to do is reach that little bit further. Perhaps we would be more giving if we had more money. Perhaps we would be more helpful to others if we could manage our time better. Perhaps we would manage to be tidier if we had a home extension. Perhaps we could be happier if we found a perfect partner. Perhaps we could feel better fulfilled if we changed our job, passed a few more exams, moved to the country, lost weight, got a promotion, had a baby... the list goes on and on. Yet every January we find ourselves in much the same situation as the previous year. Those who were baptised by John were baptised as a sign of their intent to change from their old ways, but knowing how difficult change can be, we can't help wondering how successful they must have been. Perhaps John appreciated this too when he said "I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

When we look for change in our lives, perhaps we are looking in all the wrong places. Perhaps all we need to do is to ask the Holy Spirit for help. We are told that the same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus at the outset of his ministry, is the same Holy Spirit that is given to us in our baptism. Validating our baptism anew every day, knowing that we are filled with the Holy Spirit perhaps change isn't just beyond our reach after all. The past doesn't have to equal the future.

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

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

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



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Sienna Kate Rochford, Killeen, Stradbally

Emily Rose Winchcombe, Mell Street, Kilminchy.

Who were baptised during Christmas.

Baptism of the Lord and New Year's Resolutions



If we remember daily to ask the Holy Spirit for inner strength, then change will not be beyond our reach after all, and world will be a better place because of it.

If you haven't made any resolutions yet, here are a couple of ideas!

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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, Abbeylax, Laois R32 F899.

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Term 1 2023-2024



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January is an exciting time. It is the beginning of a brand new year. Some people like to make New Year's resolutions or promises to themselves about what they plan to accomplish in the new year. The number one resolution that people make is, "I am going to lose weight." I don't think too many people succeed, since it seems to be the number one resolution year after year. I know that it usually makes my top ten list of things I would like to accomplish in the new year.

Even if you don't make any New Year's resolutions, this is an exciting time. It is a time that we can forget our past mistakes and look forward to new opportunities that lie ahead of us. It is a time of new beginnings.

Jesus experienced times of new beginnings in his life too. One of those times was when he was baptised. There were a couple of very important things that happened when Jesus was baptised. First of all, the Bible tells us that the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove and landed upon him. The second thing was that God spoke and said, "You are my Son. I love you and I am well-pleased with you."

This event marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Up until that time, he had not performed any miracles, but with God's stamp of approval and with the spirit of God upon him, Jesus began to perform great miracles. From this new beginning, many people began to understand that Jesus was truly the Son of God and they began to follow him.

Our own baptism represents a new beginning for us as well. When we are baptised, it shows the world that just as Jesus rose from the dead through the glory of God the Father, we also live a new life in him. (Romans 6:4) God may not always be well-pleased with us, but I think that He looks down with an approving smile when he sees us trying to walk with Jesus.

New beginnings — God gives us opportunities for new beginnings. Let us make the most of them as we live a new life in Christ through the power of his Holy Spirit.



OUR PRAYER

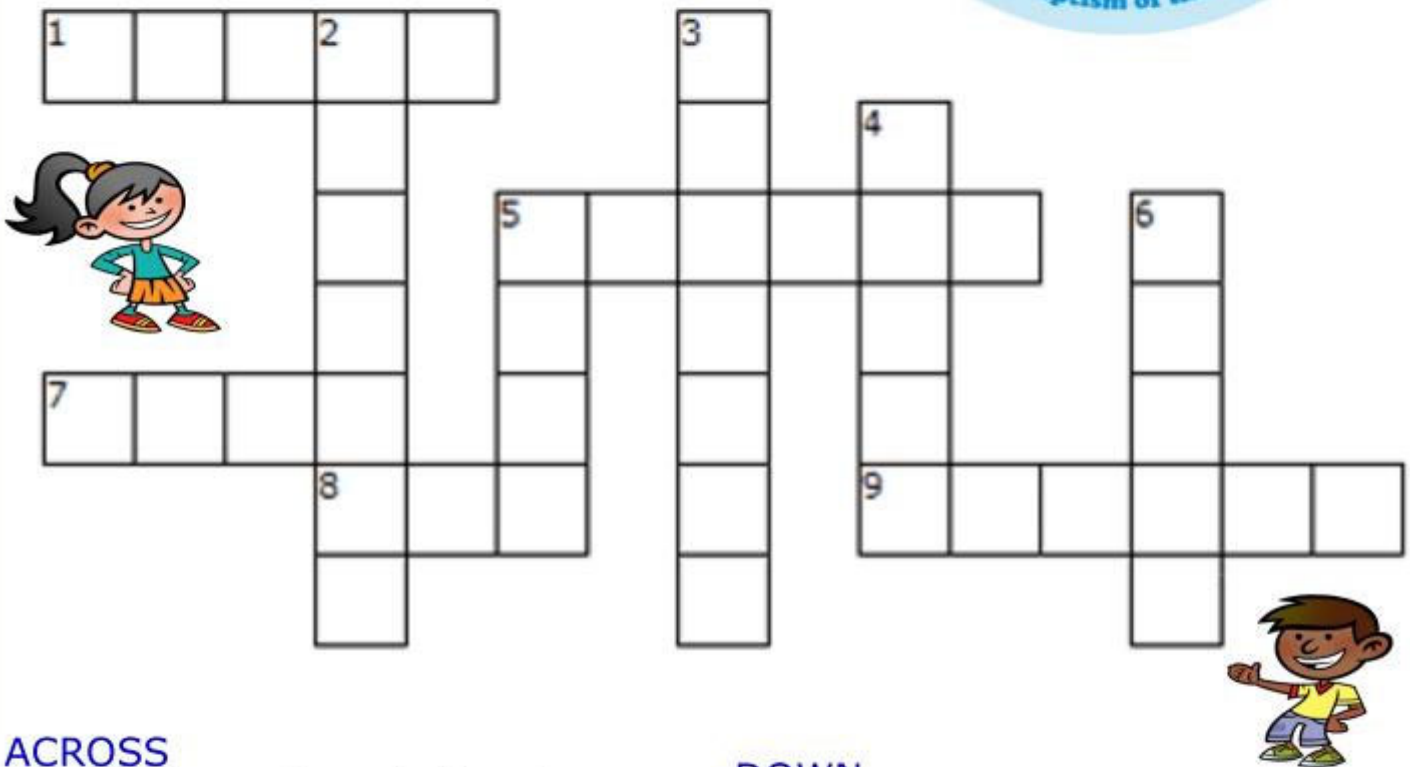
Dear Father, thank you for new beginnings. Help us to make the most of them — not through our own strength — but through the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. Amen.



*Children's Liturgy Group resumes this Sunday at 10am Mass.
Looking forward to seeing our young parishioners!*

The Baptism of Jesus

*As Jesus was coming up out of the water,
he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit
descending on him like a dove.
And a voice came from heaven:
"You are my Son, whom I love;
with you I am well pleased."
Mark 1:4-11*



ACROSS

1. What was heard when Jesus was baptised.
5. The river where Jesus was baptised
7. The Spirit cam down from heaven like a _____.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

DOWN

2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptise someone.
5. Name of the man who baptised Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.

FORGIVE

JORDAN

JOHN

DOVE

REPENT

CONFESS

WATER

SIN

VOICE

HONEY



Time to Think!

Happy New Year

I pray that 2024, will be a blessed and healthy one for us all. Every New Year brings with its expectation, uncertainty, hope and a degree of anxiety. 2024, invites us to begin again. The greatest gifts are really only appreciated when they are made vulnerable, particularly our health and well-being. This time when we make resolutions and prioritise, a fitting New Year's resolution, is to safeguard our physical, mental and spiritual health. Making time for ourselves, being good to ourselves, fuels our ability to reciprocate and share with generosity our gifts and talents. Already the green shoots in our gardens and pathways celebrate that sense of new beginning. Christmas isn't just something that happened, but its effects linger throughout the year. I was greatly taken by the huge amount of people who made priority to coming to visit Church this Christmas. I pray that the Lord will truly bless you all with what's good throughout 2024.

New Year is often seen as an opportunity to improve ourselves or what we have. But while this can be a healthy practice, it is also beneficial to reflect on the blessings that we already have.

On New Year's Eve, people around the world watched their clocks strike midnight and brought in the New Year with fireworks, celebrations, and time with loved ones. It seems like, at least for a little while, we were all united in our gratitude for another year of life. For many, a new year brings hope because it represents a chance for a new start. All of us need a new beginning, a fresh start. The good news is that Jesus is with us along the way and turning our eyes to Jesus renews us every time. As we begin a new year, we often desire change like weight loss or having a better work/life balance. These things are good; however, the change Jesus brings, impacts this life and the life to come.

He can change us on the inside in such a way, that everything becomes new. He brings a new beginning to how we see God and ourselves. He brings a new beginning to our purpose. He may not change our problems, but he can help us



overcome our troubles. He may not change the way you look, but he will make you confident in the skin you are in. He may not bring back the person you lost, but he will comfort you so you can comfort others. He is the Light and he knows how to chase away the darkness. We have a new beginning in Jesus. We do not have to wait another year to get our fresh start. Our Jesus knows how to make everything new. This New Year 2024, let us open our hearts and ears and receive what God has already given us. Let us experience his grace and love and deep peace. Happy New Year.

New Year's Prayer

As we begin a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, colour or creed. Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right. Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful 2024.

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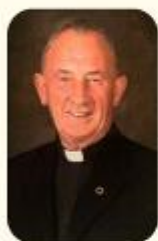
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Dan Duggan
Dublin Rd., Portlaoise



Shane Lynch
St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise



Frank O' Loughlin
St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise



Mary Donovan
née McLoughlin
Liogard, Portlaoise



Jim (James) O'Connor
Ballyroan



Ellen Costigan née Doyle
Clonad, Portlaoise



Jim (James) Bonham
Raheenabrogue, Ballyroan

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

Christmas Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

MICHAEL KERRY

*Cois na hAbhann, Greenmill Lane,
Portlaoise.*

2nd 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.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered
by your loving wife Tina, son Declan
daughter Rebecca, daughter-in-law
Catriona, son-in-law Ciaran and
grandchildren, Leah, Eoghan, Alana, Ava and Hannah.*

Rest in Peace Michael

In Loving Memory of

JOHNNY O' BRIEN

Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 7th January 2024

*Also Birthday Remembrance & Wedding Anniversary
7th January 2024*



*Our love is forever and although
we are apart,*

*Our love only grows stronger,
deep within my heart.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered
by your loving wife Maura, sons
Richard, John and Tony, daughters
Christina and Maureen, sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Johnny

New Year Remembrance

In Loving Memory of



TOM & NORA MEAGHER
*Lawrence Grove,
Howth Road, Dublin 3*



PADDY & NORA PHELAN
*Cullenagh
Portlaoise*

*Remembered by Eamonn and Mag, Pat, Angela
and Gerry, Patrick and Mark xx*

May They Rest in Peace

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR
REMEMBRANCE**

In Loving Memory of
A Dear Husband, Father & Grandfather
WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY
28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
6th Christmas away from home.



*With all the celebrations of Christmas
and new year,
What a lovely time we'd have, if only you
were here,
We would spend so many happy hours,
The way we did before,
This time of year is for loved ones and we
couldn't miss you more,
Throughout this Christmas season, as we
begin each new day,
We will look to Heaven above, and we
will remember every smile and think of
you with love.*

**Happy Christmas
and New Year
We miss you more
than words can say.**



*Always remembered by your wife Anne, sons
and daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
and all your grandchildren xxx*

Rest in Peace William

40TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of a Precious
Son and Brother*

DEAN BERGIN

6th Birthday away from home; 6th January



Today is your birthday in Heaven
above, our blessings we send on the
wings of a dove, not just for today,
but everyday here'of, we think of
you always with all our love.

Always missed, love forever,
your Mother Mossie, sisters
Martina, Lisa, Sandra,
nieces and nephews xxxxxx



May Dean Rest In Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KEVIN O' BRIEN**

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 6th January 2024



1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 6th January at 6.30pm.

*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 and remembered by his loving wife Grainne,
parents Seamus and Bernie, brothers Paul and Brendan,
extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Kevin

**In Loving Memory of
JANE SHIELS**

Formerly Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.

24th Anniversary occurs 5th January 2024.



*Though her smile has gone forever
and her voice we cannot hear,
Her smile brought warmth like
sunshine from above,
Not a minute goes by when we are
not thinking of her,
Even though we are far part,
Her love lies in our hearts.*

*Loved and remembered by your sons, daughters,
son-in-law, grand-children and great grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Mammy

**In Loving Memory of
STEPHEN CONROY**

34 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2024.



*Memories of you we will keep and
treasure,
In our hearts they will live forever.
Sadly missed today and always by his
loving wife Pauline, sons, daughters,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren & great-grandchildren.*

May Stephen Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
JANE BYRNE** née Dempsey

Old Knockmay Rd. Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 8th January 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 7th January at 12.30pm.

*Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last forever.
Sadly missed by her husband Joseph,
sons Joe, John and James and
daughters-in-law Aisling and Sinead.*

Granny

*Remembering you is easy, we do it every day;
Missing you is a sorrow that never goes away.*

*Loved & missed every day,
Robyn, Oran, Caoimhe, Oisín, Aoibheann.*

Rest in Peace Jane

**In Loving Memory of
JANE BYRNE** née Dempsey

Old Knockmay Rd. Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 8th January 2024.



*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.
In loving memory, your son John and
daughter-in-law Sinead.*

*Time slips by and life goes on, but from our hearts you
are never gone.*

*We think about you always, we talk about you too, we
share so many memories, but we wish we still had you.
Missed everyday by your grandkids, Caoimhe, Oisín
and Aoibheann.*

Rest in Peace Jane

**In Loving Memory of
MARY MAHER**

42 Borris Rd. Portlaoise and formerly of Eyne.



*It's your first anniversary in
Heaven granny. We miss you more
than you could know.*

*We are thinking of you always.
Love Julia, Bonnie, Martha
and Dickie X*

*On your First Anniversary
The year has passed, the season have
changed, loving thoughts and memories of
you remain.*

*Missing you always, not just today.
With all of our love, Gerry, Geraldine and
Caitriona x*

Rest in Peace Mary

**In Loving Memory of
MARY MAHER**

42 Borris Rd. Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 8th January 2024



*Some people just can't help
making a difference in our lives,
By simply being who they are,
they make the world;
A little brighter,
A little warmer,
A little gentler.*

*And when they're gone, we realise how lucky we
are to have known them.*

*Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by
Mam, brothers, sisters and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Mary

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Pat) BOWLER**

6 The Cottage, New Road, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this Sunday 7th January, 11.15am.

*Time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you very near.
Will those who think of Patrick today,
a little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Missed by his loving wife Maureen, sons,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren and relatives.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

In Loving Memory of **MARTIN BRENNAN**

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



Remember Martin with a smile today,
For he would not want our tears,
Reflect instead on memories of all his
happy years.

Sadly missed by your loving mother
Nellie, brothers and sisters.

Rest in Peace Martin

In Loving Memory of **JAMES DEMPSEY**

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 1st January 1997.



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

A loving husband and father so true,
No one on this earth we'll find like you,
For us you always did your best,
God grant your soul eternal rest.

Also remembering our mother Sadie at this time.

From all your loving family.

Rest in Peace James

In Loving Memory of **LILY BYRNE**

Late of Capoley, Portlaoise. (Died 7th January 1981)



Each time we look at your picture
You seem to smile and say;
"Don't be sad, but courage take and
love each other for my sake"

Sadly missed by your son Martin,
daughter-in-law Jacqueline,
grandchildren Lorraine, Michelle, Sarah
and her great-grandchildren Danny,
Joe, Maeve and Rosie.

May Lily Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **JOSEPH O' SHEA**

20 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 10th January 2024.



Loved and missed dearly by
Mam, Caroline, John, Paul,
Patrick and William,
his children, grandchildren,
nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace Joseph

In Loving Memory of **AGNES CARROLL ROONEY**

43 Liogard, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Mammy, you left us beautiful
memories, your love is still our
guide,
Although we cannot see you,
you're always at our side.

Always in our Minds
Forever in our Hearts

Sadly missed and always remembered by all
her loving family.

May Agnes Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
LILY (Elizabeth) McEVOY
Kilminchy, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.



Lily's family, her sister Meta Cooke
and sister-in-law Kathleen McEvoy,
nieces and nephew would like to
express their sincere gratitude to all
who sympathised with them, sent
Mass cards, flowers and wreaths and
uploaded messages online.
We would like to thank all those who
attended the funeral home and
requiem Mass, either in person or via
the Parish Webcam.

A special thank you to Msgr. John Byrne for celebrating
the requiem Mass and to the Priests of the Parish for all
their support to the family at such a difficult time.

Thank you to Heather Fogarty for providing such
beautiful music at Lily's Mass.

We would like to thank the carers who attended Lily
over the last year. Thanks to the Palliative Care team,
Nursing staff and Medical staff in MRH Portlaoise for all
their assistance and kindness to Lily in her final days.

Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode for
the most professional and compassionate manner in
which they carried out Lily's funeral arrangements and
also to the gravediggers for preparing Lily's final resting
place.

Heartfelt thanks to our family, friends and work
colleagues for all their support and kindness during this
time.

Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of
our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude.

Thanksgiving Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Lily's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 14th
January 2024 at 12:30pm in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church Portlaoise.

May Lily's forever gentle soul Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & FIRST ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of
DECLAN BRACKEN

Block Road, Portlaoise and Earlsfield, London.

1st Anniversary occurs 5th January 2024



The family of the late Declan Bracken, Block Road, Portlaoise and Earlsfield, London wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following Declan's untimely passing.

To our relations, neighbours, wide circle of friends and to Declan's friends and colleagues, your presence and expressions of sympathy and kindness, both in person and online were a huge source of comfort to us. Many thanks to everyone for your Mass cards, letters, phone calls and messages of support.

We send our sincere thanks to those who called to our houses, brought food, helped with catering and with general planning and support to us in every possible way. We extend our sincere gratitude to all those who attended Declan's wake, funeral Mass, and burial particularly those who travelled long distances.

We greatly appreciated everyone's messages of condolence on RIP.ie, especially those expressing gratitude to Declan, from his past patients and work colleagues at St. John of God's in Stillorgan, Basingstoke Hospital and St. George's Hospital in London and all other hospitals where Declan served as a caring nurse and colleague.

Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode of Keegan's Funeral Directors for their support and professionalism. To Colm Dunne and The Heath Cemetery Committee, thanks for your work and empathy. Heartfelt thanks to Msgr. Byrne and all the Priests of the parish for their support, comfort and beautiful celebration Mass, which was also kindly facilitated by the sister sacristans.

Thanks are also extended to Michelle and the staff of The Parish Centre for their support and assistance, and to Harte's florists for the beautiful floral arrangements.

Thanks to Declan's brother-in-law Tony Norton for organising and partaking in the music throughout the service.

A special thanks to the emergency services in London and the nursing staff in St. George's Hospital, London for your assistance and support.

Declan's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 6th January 2024 at 6.30pm in Sts. Peter & Paul's, Parish Church, Portlaoise.

Suaaimhneas Dé ar d'anam dílis

In Loving Memory of **MARY TYNAN**

Rathevan, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2024



*There is no night without a
dawning, no winter without
a spring,
And beyond death's dark
horizon, our hearts once
more will sing.
For those who leave us for a
while, have only gone away,
Out of a restless careworn world, into a
brighter day.*

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 7th January at 12.30pm.**

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
her husband Luke and family.*

Rest in Peace Mary

In Loving Memory of **MARTIN (Murt) KIRWAN**

Anngrove, Kilbricken, Mountrath.

2nd Anniversary occurs 17th January 2024



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, on
Sunday January 14th, at 12 noon.**

*God saw you were getting tired,
When a cure was not to be,
He closed his arms around you,
And whispered "Come to Me".*

*In tears we watched you sinking,
We watched you fade away;
And though our hearts were breaking,
We knew you could not stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest,
It broke our hearts to see you go, God only takes the best.*

*No matter how life changes, no matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts, is always kept for you.*

Also remembering Murt's son John Paul at this time.

*Just a prayer from the family who loved you,
Just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.*

**Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered
by his loving wife Ann and his sons Martin, Anthony,
James, daughters Mary, Martha, Noirin, his adoring
grandchildren and extended family.**

Rest in Peace Martin



In Loving Memory of **FERGUS PATRICK DUNNE**

8th Anniversary occurred 4th January 2024



Our memories build a special bridge when loved ones have to part, to help us feel we are with them still and soothe a grieving heart.

Our memories span the years we shared, preserving ties that bind, They build a special bridge of love and bring us peace of mind.

Rest in peace Fergus. Dear Jesus, thy Heavenly home above with Sacred Heart of Jesus in his own eternal love.

Sadly missed by your loving partner Esther, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends.

May Fergus Rest in Peace



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Isaiah 55:1-11 | Psalm 12:2-6
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