

Second Sunday of Lent



COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" (Martin Luther King Jnr.)
Volunteers enrich our community and we are blessed in Portlaoise to have so many groups and organisations with men and women who give of their time. It was our Tidy Towns group that were singled out for this years award in recognition of their outstanding efforts to enhance the environment we all share and enjoy. Thank you and thank you to People First Credit Union who sponsor these Community Champions Awards.

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Quick Fix Remedy?

Do you bound out of bed each morning eager to get to work enthusiastic about all the challenges that lie ahead? Well probably not! Life



is a series of highs and lows, but we all know that the 'highs' are few and far between. For most of us life is a series of chores and we can often feel burdened by drudgery and frustration.

In today's gospel reading, Peter James and John are feeling demoralised and fearful about talk of Jesus' imminent death. Perhaps the disciples felt that the goal they had been working towards was not the goal of which Jesus is now talking. We have all felt like this at some time. Even the most motivated amongst us will slump from time to time. We might all have felt at some point debilitated by fear and anxiety, or overwhelmed by tiredness. At times like these, a life mentor might advise us to re-visualise our goals. We might be advised to find inspiration and get excited. We might be advised to focus on our most important priorities and not set too many goals which will eventually sap all our energy. Funnily enough, two thousand years before the terms 'life mentor' or 'life coach' were coined, these were exactly the strategies that Jesus used to motivate Peter James and John in this difficult period of their discipleship. Jesus leads them up a high mountain where they see a vision of a transfigured Jesus in dazzling white accompanied by Moses and Elijah.

Peter, James and John had a moment of revelation that day on the mountain top, and although they could not capture that moment by erecting tents as Peter proposes, they had that glimpse of glory to remember and keep with them forever through the testing times ahead.

Christians do not have a quick fix remedy for making problems in life go away, but we share the same motivating vision of God's kingdom as we struggle with life's 'lows'.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday - Thursday

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Friday (First Friday)

7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

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



Stations of the Cross

Friday evenings during Lent
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Wednesday 28th Feb.; Sing along. **Thursday 29th;** Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm, new members welcome, tuition given. For further information please contact P.R.O. Sheila at 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre on Tuesday, 2th February;

Top Score: Tom Kearns | **1st Lady:** Maureen Fitzpatrick | **2nd Lady:** Mary Gowing | **1st Gent:** Tom Gowing
2nd Gent: Angela Brennan | **1st Half:** Catherine Fitzpatrick | **2nd Half:** Bridie Kennedy

13 Tricks: Bridie Kennedy and Peter Stevenson | **Raffle:** 1st L. Cooper, 2nd P.J. Cahill, 3rd Tom Gowing,
4th T. Mulhare, 5th M. Delaney, 6th T. Kearns. Whist continues every Tuesday in the Parish Centre, 7.30pm.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 27th February in St. Fiacc's Hall at 8.30pm; Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,260.
Double number €1,090. Lotto €600.

Tea Dance; Monday 4th March 11am-12.30pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre. Free admission, refreshments, Sequence Dances, Waltz, Quickstep, Foxtrot "to your heart's content", all are welcome. For further information e-mail Maureen seanchistin@gmail.com or cslattery@laoissports.ie

Thank You; A big thank you from Pro-life campaign for our collection at the Heath Church last Sunday, which raised €330. Also thanks to our two collectors Oliver and Colm.

PORTLAOISE LIBRARY - Climate Change - What you need to know and why? Europe Direct Portlaoise and Portlaoise Library are delighted to welcome Dr. Darren Clarke Assistant Professor at the School of History & Geography at Dublin City University, for a fascinating and informative talk, 'Climate Change - What you need to know and why?' Taking place on Thursday 29th February from 6.30pm.

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).

Stations of the Cross; Friday evenings during Lent at 7pm in St. Bridget's Church Shanahoe, Abbeyleix. R32AH90

Spioraid Naomh Praying Community - Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat; Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Saturday 2nd March, 10am to 1.30pm. Holy Mass at 10am, Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre from 10.45am to 1.30pm. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P. All are welcome. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

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Playing for Keeps

When I was a child, one of my favourite games was the game of marbles. I don't see children playing marbles any more. Some of you may not even know how to play marbles. Let me explain how we used to play marbles when I was a child.

First, you draw a big ring in the dirt. Then each player puts the same number of his own marbles into the ring. The players then take turns shooting a marble, trying to knock the other marbles out of the ring.

When a shooter knocks a marble out of the ring, he picks it up and puts it in his pocket. If his shooting marble stays inside the ring, he was allowed to keep shooting. If not, the next shooter takes his turn. When all the marbles have been knocked out of the ring, they are counted and the one with the most marbles is the winner.

Before a game of marbles begins, one player will sometimes ask the other players, "Are we playing for fun, or are we playing for keeps?" If you just play for fun, when the game is over, the winner gives the marbles back. But if you play for keeps, the winner gets to keep all of the marbles he has won.

Some people live their life as if it were a game of marbles. They spend their whole life trying to be the one with the most marbles. They think that the one with the biggest house, the fanciest car, and the most money in the bank is the winner. They think they are playing "for keeps," but when they come to the end of their life, do you know how many of their marbles they get to take with them? None of them! They spend their whole life trying to win all of the marbles, but in the end, they are left with nothing!

Jesus said that if we want to be real winners we must be willing to give up everything and follow him. When we follow Jesus, we may not have a lot of the things that some people think are important. We may not live in a big house or drive a fancy car, but we will have something that is much better than that, we will have treasures laid up for us in heaven. When we get to heaven, there will be a mansion waiting for us to move in and we will walk around on streets of gold. Best of all, we will have everlasting life with Jesus. You see, when we give our lives to Jesus, HE "plays for keeps."

Some people will give anything to get more marbles, but Jesus asked "What good will it do them if they gain the whole world, but lose their soul?"



My Prayer

Dear Father, help us to realise that the only life that lasts is a life lived for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.




SOME OF THESE SUGGESTIONS WHAT YOU MIGHT DO FOR LENT:

I will share a smile.
I will pray for those who are hungry.
I will help my mammy.
I will put some money in the Trócaire Box
I will pray for those who have died.
I won't eat sweets.
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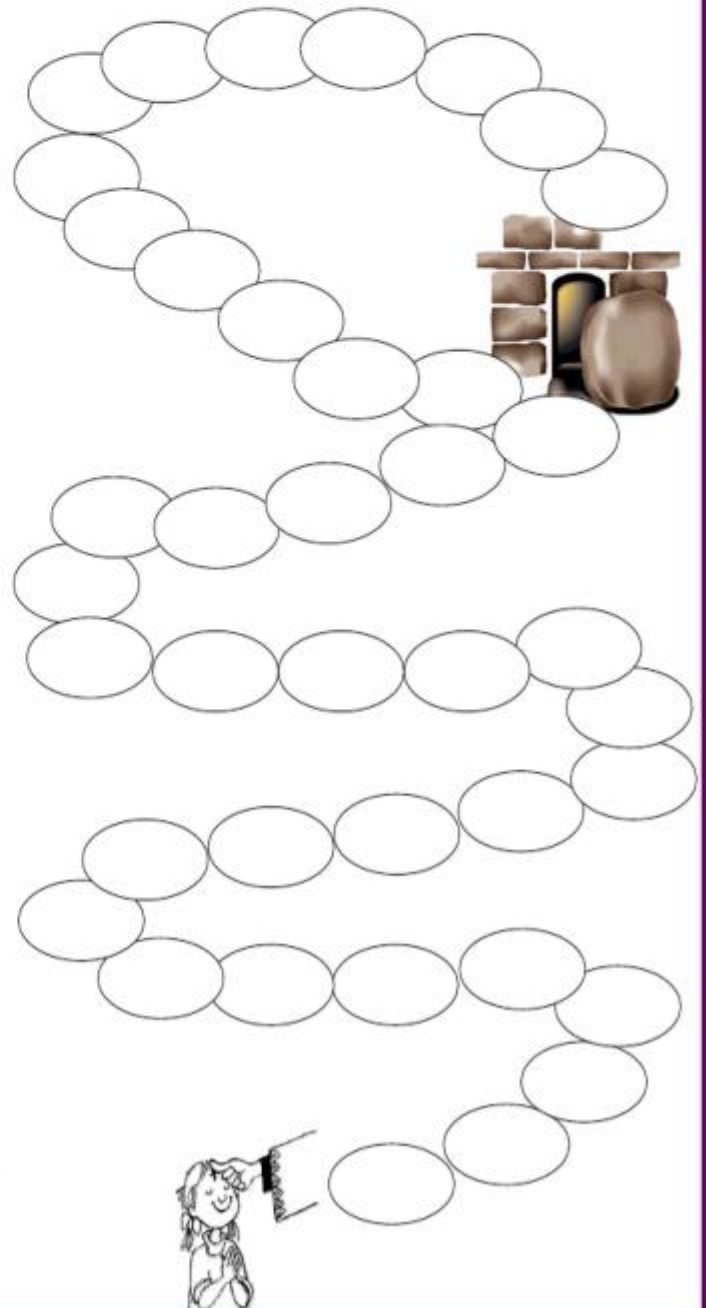
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I will write a letter to my nana.
I will clean my room without complaining.
I will be kind to someone.
I will go Mass.
I will give my daddy a hug.
I will make a card for my granddad.
I will say I am sorry when I am wrong.



A Children's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I
should give up for Lent
And when I've given it up
Remind me to pray to You instead
 To thank You
To love You
To hear from You
Each and every day in Lent.
Amen.

LENT





Time to Think!

God's Dream

We can wait no longer. Martin Luther King's Letter to White Church Leaders

In 1960, Martin Luther King was imprisoned after leading a civil rights march. His dream seemed a long way off. Criticised by white church leaders, he responded with his famous "Letter from an Alabama Jail", which included this section:

We have waited for more than 340 years for our constitutional and God given rights. The nations of Asia and Africa are moving with jet like speed toward gaining political independence, but we still creep at horse and buggy pace toward gaining a cup of coffee at a lunch counter. Perhaps it is easy for those who have never felt the stinging darts of segregation to say, "Wait." But when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim; when you have seen hate filled policemen curse, kick and even kill your black brothers and sisters; when you see the vast majority of your twenty million Negro brothers smothering in an airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society; when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your six year old daughter why she can't go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see tears welling up in her eyes when she is told that Funtown is closed to coloured children, and see ominous clouds of inferiority beginning to form in her little mental sky, and see her beginning to distort her personality by developing an unconscious bitterness toward white people; when you have to concoct an answer for a five year old son who is asking: "Daddy, why do white people treat coloured people so mean?"; when you take a cross county drive and find it necessary to sleep night after night in the uncomfortable corners of your automobile because no motel will accept you; when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading "white" and "coloured"; when your first name becomes "nigger," your middle name becomes "boy" (however old you are) and your last name becomes "John," and your wife and mother are never given the respected title "Mrs."; when you are harried by day and haunted by night by the fact that you are a Negro, living constantly at tiptoe stance, never quite knowing what to expect next, and are plagued with inner fears and outer resentments; when you are forever fighting a degenerating



sense of "nobodiness"—then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait. There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair.

Faced with injustices like these, it would be understandable if King had become stuck in "the abyss of despair". His letter oozes a compassion for the suffering of his fellow African-Americans and a smouldering anger at the injustices heaped upon them. But his movement aroused violent opposition. Even the white church, which he had hoped would side with his cause, opposed what he was doing. At times the challenge must have seemed too big, the forces of oppression too powerful, and the future fated to be an endless rerun of the past. But to his compassion and anger King added hope. He was convinced that his dream was in fact God's dream; that God too had.

An Inspirational Prayer

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow;

The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.

Either He will shield you from suffering, Or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then.

Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually;

"The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him."

St. Francis de Sales

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 31,850 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles

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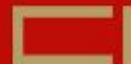
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CAKE SALE

Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee would ask you to please support their upcoming cake sale in the Parish Centre on Saturday March 9th at 6.30pm Mass, Mother Day, March 10th at 11.15am and 12.30pm Mass only.

Your support and any donations of cakes etc. would be greatly appreciated.



Portlaoise Parish
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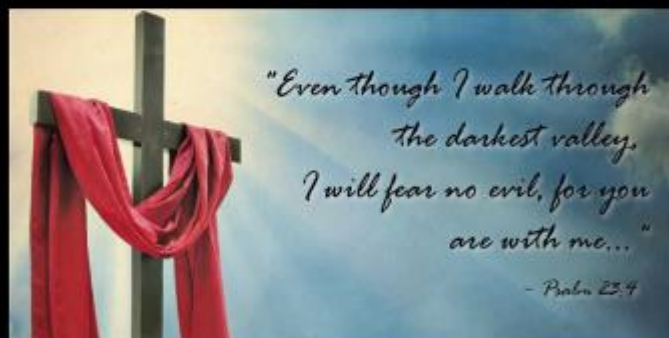


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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Our sympathy to their families.

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née Walsh

1 Borris Little, Portlaoise.

Died 28th February 2012; 12th Anniversary



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

*Always remembered by her sisters
Mary, Dolores, Veronica and her
brothers Oliver and Joe.*

Rest in Peace Josephine

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
ORLA CONROY-KELLY**

25 Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.

8th Birthday in Heaven occurs 25th February 2024



Are there birthdays in Heaven?
Does the angel blow his horn?
Announcing to everybody, that this
is the day you were born.
Can the stars be your balloons and
angel food your cake?
Presents wrapped in moon beams,
all the angels helped to make.
Birthdays meant so much to you,
They were always a big deal,
Birthday presents, lots of friends
and perhaps a special meal.

So we'll whisper a little prayer today, asking everyone up
above, to sing you a happy birthday song and give you all
our love.

Happy birthday Doll, loved and missed more everyday.

Lots of love from Mammy & Daddy, Sharon & Jim,
Lorena & Shane, Brendan, Lynda & Damien, Olivia & Brian,
Geraldine & Rocky, adored nieces and nephews,
your daughter Lydian and husband Sean, your treasured
son Paddy and grandchildren Orla-Mae and Emmy.

May Orla Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH (Lil) GALLAGHER**

Mosse Lane, Portlaoise. Died 25th February 1999.
25th Anniversary occurs at this time.



*O far the touch of a vanished
hand,
And the sound of a voice that is
still.*

*Always loved and remembered by
Frank, George and Mary.*

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Billy) O' SULLIVAN**

Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 9th March 2024



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

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 2nd March at 6.30pm.

Sadly missed by all his loving family.

May William Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
STEPHEN O' SULLIVAN**

151 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on **Saturday 2nd March at 6.30pm.**

*They say that memories are golden,
Well, maybe that is true, but we never
wanted memories, we only wanted you.*

*Sadly missed and always
remembered by your wife Sheila
and your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Stephen

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT &
FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL GREENE**

Well Road, Portlaoise. Died 2nd March 2023.



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

neighbours, friends and relations; those who sent
Mass cards, text messages and flowers; those who
attended Michael's wake and burial; the staff in
the Parish Centre for their support and kindness
at this difficult time; Bosco for organising the food
on the day; our Aunt Ellie Foran for her kindness
and care; Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise
who looked after Michael; Portlaoise G.A.A. Club
for their Guard of Honour; the funeral directors
Matthew Keegan and David Goode for their
professionalism and support and the gravediggers
Brendan and Goggie Dunne.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually
please accept this acknowledgement as a token of
our appreciation and deepest gratitude.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for
your intentions.

Michael's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise,
Saturday 2nd March at 10am.

Rest in Peace Michael

**In Loving Memory of
CONCEPTA PHELAN**

née Breen

Attanagh, formerly Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

*4th Anniversary and Birthday away from home;
28th February 2024*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Wednesday 28th February at 10am.



... Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you
will always bring a smile,
If only I could have you back,
For just a little while.
Then we could sit and talk again
just like we used to do –
You always meant so very much
And always will do too.

The fact that you're no longer
here, will always cause me pain,
But you're forever in my heart,
Until we meet again.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Moira,
Vera, Liam and Tom, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law,
sisters-in-law, grandnieces and grandnephews.*

Concepta - Forever in our Thoughts

**In Loving Memory of
MARIAN ROCHFORD**

12 Roselawn, Portlaoise.

19th Anniversary occurred 20th February 2024



*Think of her as living in the hearts of
those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost, and she
was loved so very much.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered
by her sons Eoin and Niall.*

Rest in Peace Marian

Also remembering her husband Hugh at this time R.I.P.

In Loving Memory of **ANNIE TARLETON**

Late of Rossleighan, Portlaoise, who died 27th Feb. 2001.

R.I.P. Masses offered.

23rd Anniversary occurs at this time.



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

*Loved and remembered always, your nephews Jim
and Eddie, and their families.*

May Annie Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **ESTHER HEFFERNAN**

née Tynan

Esker Hills, Portlaoise.

Months Mind occurs 28th February

Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 25th February at 12.30pm.

*Silently we grieve and brush away our
tears, but the beautiful memories you
left behind Esther, will last throughout
the years. You will never be forgotten.*



*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all her loving
family and large circle of friends.*

Rest in Peace Esther

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of **WILLIE LYONS**

Borris Little, Portlaoise and Castleisland, Kerry.

1st Anniversary occurred 21st February 2024



Willie's sisters and family would like to extend their sincere thanks to all those who sympathised with them on their recent loss. To his Kerry cousins who were so much part of Willie's life, his good friend Derry O'Connor and to all those who travelled from near and far to attend the funeral, sent Mass cards and flowers, we will be forever grateful.

Throughout his life Willie was fortunate to meet many people who cared for him and added to the quality of his life. We extend our deep appreciation to the staff of KARE Foundation, to Willie's work colleagues in Dunnes Stores in Newbridge, and to the staff of Oakdale Nursing Home where Willie spent his later years. In particular we are grateful for the care and friendship extended to Willie by Valerie Moore, the late Matt Moore and Joe O'Dea.

We extend our thanks to the Priests of the Parish for their attendance on Willie in his final days and to Fr. Ciprian and Fr. John Clifford for the beautiful celebration of the funeral liturgy.

Willie's infectious good humour and interest in people brought him into contact with many who showed great kindness to him. We thank all such persons, both known to us and unknown, for their goodness.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Willie's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated this Sunday 25th February at 11:15am in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise.

Rest in Peace Willie

In Loving Memory of **PADDY SAUNDERS**

Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurred 24th February 2024.



*God saw the road was getting rough,
The hill was hard to climb,
He gently closed your weary eyes,
and whispered; "peace be thine".*

Also remembering
Paddy's wife Joan
at this time.



*Sadly missed always by all their
loving family and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **PAT REGAN**

Tea Lane, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 28th February 2024

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

*Will those who think of Pat today,
A little prayer to Jesus and Mary
say.*



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

Rest in Peace Pat

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT &
FIRST ANNIVERSARY**
In Loving Memory of
BREDA DUNNE (née Whelan)

Capoley, Portlaoise. Died 3rd March 2023.



As we remember Breda on the first anniversary of her passing, we as a family wish to take this opportunity to thank all neighbours, friends, and relations who sympathised with us, sent Mass cards, phoned, sent messages of condolences, and floral tributes. Thanks to all who came to the funeral home and funeral Mass.

Thanks to Fr. David Vard for celebrating Breda's funeral Mass, Fr. Peter, for reciting the rosary at the funeral home, the Priests of the Parish for all their support, and to the staff of the Parish Centre for all their help. Thanks to John Hosey for the wonderful singing and music at the funeral Mass and to Breda's friends in Clonad ICA for the lovely guard of honour. Thanks to Breda's Carer Bernie for all her kindness. Thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise, and to all the doctors and staff of Clann Medical Centre, and to Marcus Breslin and staff of Breslin's Pharmacy. Special thanks to Dr. Anna Gullane and Dr. Jay Sharma for their care over the years. Thanks to the ambulance and fire & rescue services who were so helpful. Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode, funeral directors for their professionalism and guidance, and thanks to the gravediggers.

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.

Breda's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Sunday 3rd March at 11.15am.

May Breda Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
BREDA DUNNE (née Whelan)

Capoley, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 3rd March 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, on
Sunday 3rd March at 11.15am.

*You were called away so suddenly,
We did not say goodbye,
But sisters can never be parted,
Fond Memories never die.*

Sadly missed by her sister Mary, Tom and family.

May Breda Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
SHARON TOBIN

9 Elm Lawn, Portlaoise.

2nd Birthday away from home occurs 27th February.

2nd Anniversary occurs 6th March 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.*

*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 truly won.*

Love always Mammy

Love from Victoria, Lennon and Noah xxxxxxxx

Rest in Peace Sharon

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
TOM WALSHE

Died 24th February 2023



The family of the late Tom Walshe wish to express their appreciation to all who sympathised with them in person or online with cards and flowers, on Tom's death. Our sincere gratitude to Fr. David Vard for visiting Tom many times both at home and in hospital, we are truly grateful, and for celebrating his requiem Mass. Thanks also to Monsignor John and all the Priests for their support.

To the doctors and nurses in Portlaoise Hospital and the Beacon Hospital for their care and support during Tom's illness. We are forever grateful to Dr. Simon Honan, all the palliative care team and to the very helpful staff in Chemco Pharmacy for their care and support.

Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode of Keegan Funeral Directors for looking after Tom's funeral in a very caring and professional manner.

It would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude.

Tom's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Saturday 24th Feb. at 6:30pm.

May Tom Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of WILLIE GING

Late of 70 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Who died 29th February 2008



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.

Loved and missed today & everyday.

From Liam and Helena and all your loving family.

May Willie Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of EAMONN KELLY



Eamonn's wife Eileen, daughters Anne and Edel, Son Martin and grandchildren together with his brothers and sisters and extended Kelly and O' Connor families wish to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy received on the sad and untimely loss of Eamonn. Thank you to those who visited our home, attended the funeral Mass and burial, sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and posted messages of condolence online.

Our sincere appreciation to Monsignor Byrne for celebrating Eamonn's requiem Mass and to Fiona and Sarah for their lovely singing and music. A heartfelt thanks to our neighbours and all who helped in and around our home at the time of the funeral.

A special thanks to Dr. Sharma and Dr. Ali in Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise who looked after Eamonn since his diagnosis in October 2023. To all the staff on EMO Court Ward in Portlaoise who cared for Eamonn exceptionally well in his final days. To Dr. Fitzpatrick in Beaumont Hospital and Dr. Cuffe, St. James' Hospital who treated Eamonn with such empathy and respect. Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan, Funeral Director, for his professionalism and guidance in which he carried out Eamonn's funeral arrangements.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude.

Eamonn's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise on Sunday March 3rd at 12.30pm.

May Eamonn Rest in Peace



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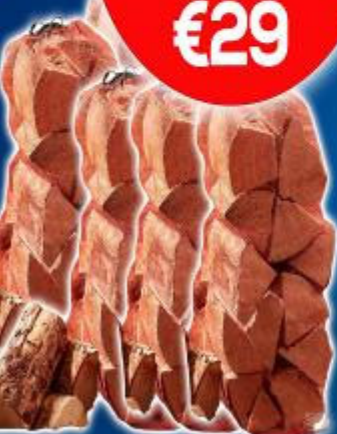
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