



# Easter Sunday

## The Resurrection of the Lord

# ALLELUIA!

*Happy Easter  
To You All  
May this joyful season of Easter  
Fill your heart with renewed  
hope, love, and peace.*



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## Approaching the Empty Tomb

Traditionally at this time of year thousands of new Christians are baptised all over the world. A young man baptised recently was asked, "Do you feel different

now that you are baptised and a Christian?" "Yes," he replied, "I went from believing nothing to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey."

Easter is a good time to reaffirm our faith. The Resurrection is the culmination of Christ's journey on this earth, and the beginning of our journey in faith. Our journey begins with belief in the Resurrection, but approaching the 'Empty Tomb' isn't easy. Who moved the stone we wonder. Why were the linen wrappings removed, and why was the cloth that wrapped Jesus' head rolled neatly and placed separately? In our modern day times of detective stories and forensic science there is an inclination to turn the empty tomb into a crime scene, but the problem with looking at the empty tomb from an investigative point of view is that we're in danger of missing a greater truth, and the amazing implications of a Resurrection that was after all predicted.

If we were to fully embrace the reality of the Easter story we would pour out of church bouncing with a newfound enthusiasm for life. So how do we embrace the reality of a story for which there is no proof? Jesus promised all along that death couldn't contain us, and the empty tomb points to this not necessarily as proof, but as something that was promised. Why therefore, in the context of everything else that Jesus did and said, should this surprise us?

The empty tomb gives our life purpose. Belief in the resurrection means we can live life boldly and well, looking forward to eternal life. The empty tomb gives us a means to deal with pain and suffering, it means that death is not a meaningless end of life, but the door to the fullness of life with the risen Christ.

## Trócaire

Please bring any remaining Trócaire boxes to Mass next Sunday or leave them into the Parish Centre. Do NOT leave Boxes in the Church at any time. Trócaire boxes are still available in Church porches or in the Parish Centre.

Mass times for the coming week  
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### Easter Sunday

Vigil 9pm & Dawn Mass in the Heath at 6am  
8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

**Sunday:** 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

**Sunday:** 10am

**Easter Monday to Easter Friday:** 10am

**Easter Saturday:** 10am

**7.30am Mass will resume on Monday 8th April**

### CONFESSIONS

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



### We welcome into our Parish Community

Iarla Peter Duignan, Garoon  
Éabha Kate Binions, Castleway, Kilminchy  
Casey Leigh Considine, St. Brigid's Place.  
**Who were baptised recently.**

## Easter Collection

### For the support of our Priests

Easter Collection for the priests of the parish takes place over the Easter period. Envelopes at the Church porches for those not using an Envelope Box. You may also donate to this collection via our website [www.portlaoiseparish.ie](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie) or directly to our Clergy Account, details inside the back cover. The Easter Collection is one of four collections that take place during the year to support our priests.

**The Priests of the parish thank you for your support and take this opportunity to wish you all the joys and blessings of this great Feast.**



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*Thanks as always for your support*

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# John Joe Fennelly

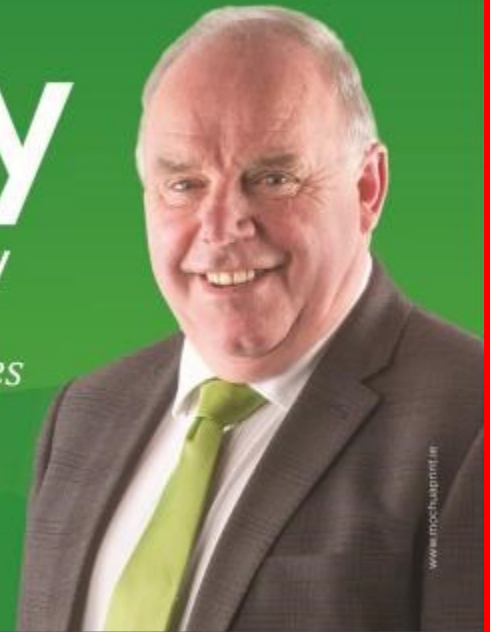
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## Practical Information Evening for 5th & 6th Year Students and their Parents

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The Killeshin Hotel



Guest Speaker  
Louise Cantillon

### Speakers



#### Guest Speaker

**Louise Cantillon** is a TV and radio presenter with Today FM. Podcast host of 'How to Gael', Junior Eurovision host and former P.E. and Gaelige secondary teacher to name a few of her success stories. Louise will inspire exam students by discussing her life journey and detailing the choices she made to reach her current success, offering valuable insights for their own paths ahead.



**Donnchadh O Mahony** is a secondary school guidance counsellor and runs the popular Leaving Cert Guidance podcast and social media pages. He is a regular educational contributor to the Today with Claire Byrne Show, Ireland AM and the Irish Independent. Donnchadh is on hand to answer all your questions on the CAO, Leaving Cert and life after school.



**Carol Murphy** is the Marketing Manager for People First Credit Union. Carol has seen first-hand in all offices the stress that comes with students and parents worrying about how they will pay for their child's education. 'We are hosting this evening to educate both parents and students about how to plan for the future, and how to cope with the emotional daunting change in both the students and parents life'. Carol will discuss:

- Student Loans
- Grant Payments and Current Accounts
- Students & their Credit Union in the 21st century.



**Cian Power** is The Union of Students in Ireland Vice President for Welfare. Cian will share his knowledge of securing accommodation, coping with college life, protecting yourself from fraud and the SUSI Grant.

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**Portlaoise Active Retirement** meet every Wednesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre for an afternoon of friendship, fun and activities. We are celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of our club and have a lot of things planned for this year. The first is a dinner and fun afternoon in the Killeshin Hotel, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm, some tickets still available for members.

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April;** Bank holiday, no bowls | **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April;** Fun with Moez

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April;** Cards in Sue Ryder at 3pm, new members always welcome, free tuition given.

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

**Results of Whist Drive held in Portlaoise Parish Centre on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>;**

**Top Score:** Sadie Chester | **1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** Margaret Flanagan | **2<sup>nd</sup> Lady:** Nora Delaney | **1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** Christy Fitzpatrick

**2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** Angela Brennan | **1<sup>st</sup> Half:** Tom Kearns | **2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** P.J. Cahill

**Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Mary Killeen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Flanagan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sadie Chester, 4<sup>th</sup> Rita Arrigan, 5<sup>th</sup> Mary Delaney

Whist continues every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

**Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, Auto-jumble Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 from 8am in the Community Hall.**

**Ballyfin;** Strictly vintage, veteran and artisanal related stalls and traders. Pre-registration and approval for stalls required. Proceeds in support of local charities. For queries or information on the Ballyfin Vintage & Veteran Club, please message, text or call 086-3101822.

**Laois Traditional Singers' Circle** will have its third night of singing on April 4<sup>th</sup> in Shelly's Bar, Main St. Portlaoise, 9pm start.



## Divine Mercy Sunday



**When:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Where:** Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise

**Devotions:** Starting 2.45pm followed by Holy Mass

**Celebrant:** Fr. Adriano Oliveira

**Music by:** Louise Kavanagh and Elaine Walsh

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**Hope Foundation Church Gate Collection;**

Sophie McDonagh, granddaughter of John and Martina Sinnott from Raheen, will be travelling to India in April 2025 to volunteer with the Hope Foundation. Sophie will then be a transition year student in Colaiste Dhunmasc Portlaoise. In order to participate in the programme, Sophie must raise funds to go directly to the Hope Foundation. Sophie will be holding a Church gate collection in all local Churches (Abbeyleix Parish), on the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**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).

**St. Joseph's Prayer Group;**

Holy Hour, Adoration & Prayer for vocations, every Friday at 3pm in the Parish Church.

**Emmanuel House, Clonfert, Co. Galway;**

Day of Prayer including first Saturday Fatima Devotions, Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 11am, led by Eddie Stones and team. Adoration, Confessions, Talks, Healing Service and Holy Mass.

Divine Mercy Sunday Celebrations Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11am, led by Eddie Stones and team. Please bring a packed lunch.

**Bus to Knock National Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage in Knock**

**Basilica;** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm to 9.15pm, speaker Fr. Brendan Walsh SAC. Pilgrimage Day Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 9.45am to 5pm. Booking for Sunday bus essential. Cost €25 Adults, €10 Students. Pick-up Sunday Points; Ballylinan 8am, Ballyadams 8.10am, Stradbally 8.23am, Portlaoise 8.38am (Stradbally Rd. side of Church). For further information contact 086-2590366.

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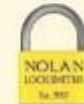


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## I've Just Seen Jesus

Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb where Jesus had been buried. She found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She ran and found Simon Peter and another disciple, whose name was John. She told them, "They have taken the Lord's body out of the tomb, and I don't know where they have put him!"



Peter and John started out for the tomb. They were both running, but John outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He stooped and looked in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn't go in. Then Simon Peter arrived and went inside. He also noticed the linen wrappings, while the cloth that had covered Jesus' head was folded up and lying apart from the other wrappings. Then the disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in, and he saw and believed -- for until then they still hadn't understood the Scriptures that said Jesus must rise from the dead. Then they went home.

Mary stayed behind and stood outside the tomb weeping. As she knelt down and looked inside, she saw two angels dressed in white. They asked her why she was crying. She told them that someone had taken her master and she didn't know where they had taken him. Then, Mary turned and saw a man standing behind her. It was Jesus, but Mary did not recognize Him. She thought he was the gardener. Then Jesus called her by name and, when she heard his voice, she recognised Him. After she saw that it was Jesus, she went to the disciples and said to them, "I've just seen Jesus! He is alive!"

Some people, like Mary, Peter, and John can't see Jesus because they are looking for Him in a grave or on a cross. He isn't there! He is risen and is seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven. If you want to see Jesus, look in His Word, He will reveal Himself to you, just as He did to Mary!



## PRAYER



Father, we thank you that Jesus, our Saviour, is not in a grave. He is alive! We serve a risen Saviour! Hallelujah! In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

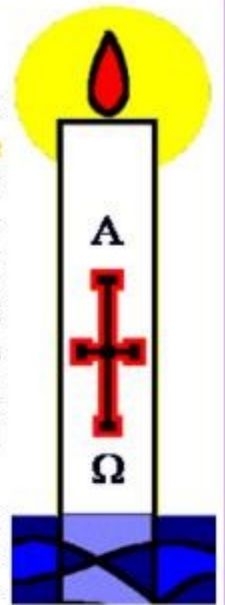


## *Easter Vigil Mass*

On Holy Saturday night we gather to celebrate that Jesus is risen from the dead. We light our Paschal or Easter Fire as a reminder that Jesus is **the light in the darkness**. From that fire a new Paschal or Easter Candle is lit, placed in a special candlestick and put where we can all see it, usually near the altar or ambo. The Paschal Candle will be lit at every Mass during the Easter Season. It is also lit during Baptisms and Funerals throughout the year. The Paschal Candle is different from other candles because it has special markings or symbols on it that remind us of how much Jesus loved us. Look at the coloured picture and see if you can make your own Paschal Candle.

First draw a **large red cross** on the candle. Now draw a Letter **A** at the top of the Cross and the **upside down horseshoe** at the bottom of the Cross. In Greek, the letter A is called **Alpha** and the upside down horseshoe is the final letter of the Greek alphabet. It is called **Omega**. This is to remind us that Jesus is the beginning and the end of everything.

The current year is placed in the four corners of the Cross, so now put the figures **2 0 2 4** in the corners. Go in a clockwise direction starting with **2** in the top left hand corner. Finally five pieces of incense are placed in the points and centre of the Cross representing the five wounds that Jesus got when he was crucified.



## *Easter Sunday*

Before daybreak Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb and found the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. She hurried to tell Jesus' friends Peter and John, who raced to the tomb. Peter went in and Jesus was not there. He had risen from the dead!

*On Easter Sunday*

*We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.*



*May your  
Easter basket be full of*

*Joy, Happiness & Peace*

*Today & Always!*

*Happy  
Easter*

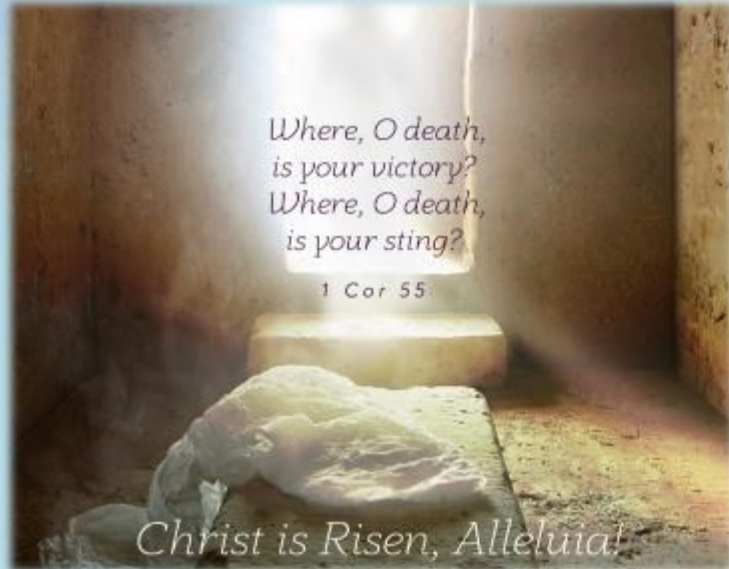






# Time to Think!

## Easter - A Time to Celebrate



"Did you not know what the Holy one can do with dust?"

It's a line from a poem for Ash Wednesday by Jan Richardson. In it she talks about how things and people, which can feel like dust and dirt, are made glorious and beautiful by what God does with them. God does amazing things with dust.

What must it have felt like on the Sabbath following the crucifixion? After all that life, energy, noise, hope? And now silence, disappointment, defeat, and death? We thought this Jesus was the one to save Israel! We thought He would bring release for those who felt held captive. We thought he would heal the broken hearted. Yet, here we are, the same old problems, the same old pain. Everything has changed, and yet nothing has changed. All our hopes turned to dust. But then, at dawn on Easter Day, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb and finds it empty. She meets Jesus in the garden and finds that he is risen! The silence of her grief is interrupted by her joyful cry of 'Rabboni' and she rushes to tell others that she has seen the Lord!

Hope breaks in again. Even in his weakest moment, taking upon himself all the brokenness and pain of the world, God has transformed it all. All the mess, pain and destructiveness of the world has not defeated him. As the song says, 'Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.'

In a world which is hurting, anxious and weary, which can sometimes feel as dirty as dust, we can say that God breathes new life into dust, making it glorious and beautiful. Even the bleakest and darkest situations cannot overcome him. Even in his own death, God defeats death and saves us.

So, we need never lose hope. Whoever we are - wherever we have come from - there is no entrance exam or qualifying test to God's hope and invitation. Whatever the challenges of today, God is good and can transform even the most difficult situation that we face.

No one, faltering or steadfast, has an easy journey to the risen Lord. We all take wrong turns. We all make mistakes. Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the Beloved Disciple were no different. This Easter, they continue to be our companions on our journey to faith in the risen Lord. They assure us that there is room for each of us - for one who sees and believes, for another who sees and is confused, and yet another who needs to hear her own name. These three companions give us hope that despite weaknesses and failings we too can come to fullness of life and proclaim the joyful news of the Resurrection.

This Easter, may we know that hope of God in Jesus Christ. May we know again what God can do with dust, as today we join with the defiant and hopeful song of the Church through all ages - Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!"

*An Easter poem by the English poet, Malcolm Guide.*

As though some heavy stone were rolled away,  
You find an open door where all was closed,  
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

Lost in your own dark wood, alone, astray,  
You pause, as though some secret were disclosed,  
As though some heavy stone were rolled away.

You glimpse the sky above you, wan and grey,  
Wide through these shadowed branches interposed,  
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

Perhaps there's light enough to find your way,  
For now the tangled wood feels less enclosed,  
As though some heavy stone were rolled away.

You lift your feet out of the miry clay,  
And seek the light in which you once reposed,  
Wide as an empty tomb on Easter Day.

And then Love calls your name, you hear Him say:  
The way is open, death has been deposed,  
As though some heavy stone were rolled away,  
And you are free at last on Easter Day.

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**In Loving Memory of**  
**DANIEL (Dan) FITZPATRICK**  
Ballydavis, Portlaoise.



1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 9.30am.**

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

*Rest in Peace Dan*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**Our Daddy**

**KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR**

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from Home - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024



*Tomorrow is the Anniversary of the day that we lost you, And for a time it felt as though our lives had ended too.*

*But your 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 are full of sadness that you're no longer here, your influence still guides us and we still feel you very near.*

*What we shared will never die, for it lives within our hearts, bringing strength and comfort while we have to be apart. They say that times a healer, but as the time goes on, we seem to find it just as hard to face the fact you've gone.*

*You'll never be forgotten and every year we'll shed a tear, but it's only because we love you and wish you were still here. Oh daddy if we could turn back time and once more hear your voice, we'd tell you out of all the daddys you'd still be our only choice.*

*Please always know we love you and no one will ever take your place, though the years will come and go, your memory will never be erased.*

*Today God as you're listening from your home in Heaven above, would you go and find our daddy and give him all our love.*

*Always just a thought away, loved and missed everyday. From Becky and Dylan xx*

*May Kenneth Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**SADIE BOHAN**

Late of 34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024



We cannot forget the face we loved or the memory of your smile or the countless things you did for us to make our lives worthwhile,

It has been lonely here without you and grows lonelier everyday,

The world has been a sadder place since the world took you away, but we know you walk beside us, and when our lives are through we pray that God will take our hands and lead us straight to you.

*Always remembered by her sons Billy, John, Michael, Maurice, Eugene, Dermot and Brian, daughters-in-law and grandchildren.*

*May Sadie Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
MICHAEL LEWIS**

Newpark, Portlaoise. 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> March.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church  
this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11.15am.

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

*Rest in Peace Michael*

**In Loving Memory of  
Our Beloved Mother  
BERNADETTE COYNE**

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day,  
Unseen, unheard but always near,  
Still loved, still missed and very dear.  
May God continue to watch over you  
and shower you with blessings, Mom.*

*Missed by all her loving family  
and friends xxx*

*May Bernie's gentle soul  
Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of  
ANN and BILLY  
O'CONNOR**

Beechlawn Portlaoise, whose Anniversaries occur at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
Church, this  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11.15am.

*Will those who think of Ann & Billy today,  
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
Our Beloved Sister  
BERNIE COYNE-LALOR**

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.  
9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



*No special day is needed for us to  
think of you,  
For you were someone special, and  
we thought the world of you.  
Loved and remembered always by  
your loving sister Kitty,  
brother-in-law Donie and family  
and also Mary, Peggy and Trish xx*

*May Bernie's gentle soul Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
PATRICIA GING**

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary away from home - 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10am



*You left us without warning  
Not even a goodbye, and  
seven years on, we still can't  
seem to stop asking the  
question "why?".  
We didn't see this coming, it  
hit us by surprise, and when  
you left for Heaven, a small  
part of us died.*

*Your smile could brighten anyone's day,  
No matter what they were going through,  
And everyday for the rest of our lives, we will be*

*Missing You*

♥ Thinking of you in Heaven today and always ♥

*Loved and missed by all her loving family,  
extended family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Patricia*

**Birthday Remembrance  
MARGARET BERGIN**

Millhouse, Boley, Abbeyleix.

2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday away from home occurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April



*It's especially difficult today, not to have  
you here, to celebrate the times we've  
shared, over another year.*

*We wish we had just one more chance,  
to see your happy smile, to laugh and  
celebrate with you, just for a little while.*

*We will hold on to you forever,  
Deep within our hearts, and though you are not here  
with us, know that we'll never part.*

*This day was always special, so we just want to say,  
We are thinking of you with love, on this your birthday.*

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

*Rest in Peace Margaret*



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND  
FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**CATHERINE DEVOY**  
Raheenabrogue, Ballyroan.



On this her first anniversary, Catherine's husband Martin and family wish to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to family, neighbours and friends who attended the wake, funeral Mass and cremation and those who sent Mass cards and messages of condolence.

A special word of thanks to Nora, and Fr. Paddy Byrne who concelebrated in the funeral Mass.

Many thanks to Des and Carmel Moran, Funeral Directors, for their kindness and professionalism. We are grateful to the staff of the Stroke Unit in Tallaght Hospital and Portlaoise Hospital.

To the staff of the Cuisle Centre for all their work and kindness to Catherine over a number of years. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude and appreciation.

Catherine's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 11am.

*Rest in Peace Catherine*

**29th ANNIVERSARY**

In Loving Memory of Our Father & Grandad

**MICHAEL KERRY**

Late of 48 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 10am

*Though your smile is gone forever,  
And your hand we cannot touch,  
Still we have so many memories,  
Of the one we loved so much.*

*Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part,  
God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Dad*

**In Loving Memory of our Brothers  
MICKEY & JACK DOYLE**

Late of 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
Mickey's 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024.  
Jack's 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



*Just a prayer from the family  
that loved you, just a memory  
fond and true, in our hearts you  
will live forever, because we  
thought the world of you.*

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

*Always remembered, never forgotten by your loving  
sisters Ellen & Guggie and brother Joe.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
LILLIAN O'NEILL CORCORAN**

Late of Clontyglass, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick, on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

*We cannot have the old days back  
when we were all together,  
But silent tears and loving thoughts  
will be with us forever.*

*Sadly missed by your husband Richard, children  
Darragh, Sean, Rory and Kate, parents Tony, Eilish  
and family.*

*Rest in Peace Lillian*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
SARAH THOMPSON**

29 Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.

35<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from Home occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April.



*Time may pass and fade away,  
But silent thoughts and memories  
stay,*

*No longer in our lives to share,  
But in our hearts you are always  
there.*

*Missed, loved and remembered always by your loving  
Mam and Dad, your sisters Carrie and Tammy,  
your brother Joseph, nieces Abbie, Emily and Poppie  
and nephew Noah.*

*Rest in Peace Our Angel*



**70<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
GERARD DUNNE**

Braccas, Ballacolla, formerly Borris Little, Portlaoise.



*When ties of love are broken,  
And loved ones have to part,  
It leaves a wound that never heals,  
In ever aching hearts.*

*Sadly missed and always  
remembered by his loving wife  
Kathleen and family xxx*

*Rest in Peace Gerard*

**In Loving Memory of  
JOHN, ESTHER AND  
JOE O'LEARY**

Rathleague, Portlaoise.



John's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024  
Esther's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024  
Joe's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

*Your presence we miss, your memories we treasure,  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.*

**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday  
31<sup>st</sup> March at 11.15am.**

*Also remembering John's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday which occurs  
16<sup>th</sup> April 2024*

Loved and remembered always by your brother  
Tim, Joyce, Nicole, Joseph, Robyn, Sean, Brooke,  
Alishia, David, Taidgh, Eimear and family.

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
Our Dear Mother**

**MOIRA WALSHE**

Laurel Court, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024



*You left us special memories,  
Your love is still our guide,  
And though we cannot see you,  
You are always by our side.*

*Loved and missed by all her loving  
family, extended family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Moira*

**In Loving Memory of  
JERRY LODGE**

'Curradubh', Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024



*No farewell words were spoken,  
No time to say goodbye,  
You were gone before we knew it,  
And only God knows why.*

**Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10am.**

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal*

**In Loving Memory of  
BERNARD DEVANEY**

Newpark, Portlaoise. Died 28<sup>th</sup> March 2020

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs at this time



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12:30pm.*

*Greatly missed and fondly remembered  
by his family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Bernard*

*The angel said to the  
women, "Do not be  
afraid; for I know that  
you are looking for Jesus  
who has been crucified.  
He is not here,  
for He has risen,  
just as He said.*

Matthew 28:5-6a



*In Loving Memory of*  
**SEAN FENLON**

19 Liogard, Portlaoise.  
18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.

*A day without a thought of you is very hard to find,  
I'm always thinking of you and you are always on  
my mind, all the things we did together,  
I'll remember them forever.*

*Always remembered by his loving wife Bridie, daughters Mary and  
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*Rest in Peace Sean*

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