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7th April 2024

**Second Sunday of Easter**  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*



*Thank you to all who helped make our Holy Week and Easter celebrations very special. And as we continue our celebration of this great feast may we be filled with Easter joy and be able to say with Thomas 'My Lord and my God'. Alleluia!*

*Photos of our Triduum and Easter ceremonies on pages 12-13.*

*Christ  
is Risen!*

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## Doubt and Disbelief

The story of 'Doubting Thomas' is aimed at all those generations of people who will not see the risen Lord, yet are asked to believe. So are we really being asked to believe in what we cannot see or hear or touch, when even those closest to Jesus had problems in accepting what was happening?

In today's gospel we see Thomas struggling with a problem that many of us still struggle with today. Thomas desperately wanted to believe in the risen Jesus, but he wasn't the sort of person to pretend he understood something when he didn't. He wasn't the sort of person that could pretend that he didn't have doubts when he did. There are many of us today who desperately want deeper meaning in our lives. There are those amongst us who have become disillusioned with the Church and wish they could embrace what it once meant. There are many of us who would like to find a deeper faith but have found only stumbling blocks. Like Thomas, we find that the gap between faith and doubt too big a leap.

For those who find belief elusive, there is an uncomfortable beatitude in today's gospel. "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." This can feel like a reproach to those of us who harbour doubts, but the important thing to remember is that doubt isn't the same thing as disbelief. Doubt can be a good thing even. Doubt means that we are still questioning something that we care about. Doubt means that we are still looking for answers ..... that we are still learning and growing. Doubt is a tool that we can use to carve a mature faith. Belief isn't something we either have or haven't got ... belief is a process, and the end product of that process, is one's own spiritual self.

## Trócaire

Please bring any remaining Trócaire Boxes to Mass next Sunday or you can leave them into the Parish Centre. Do **NOT** leave Boxes in the Church at any time please!

## Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

**Monday - 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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## Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 117:2-4, 22-27

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19 -31



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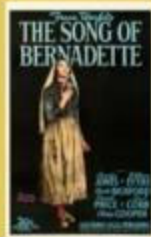
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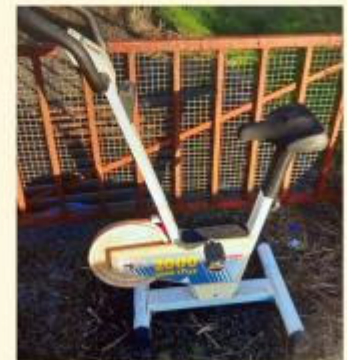
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**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>;** Club in the Parish Centre at 3pm, new members always welcome.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>;** Cards in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchy at 3pm, tuition given, new members always welcome for cards and chat. The final money for our mini-break to Arklow to be completed by the 10<sup>th</sup> at the latest. Training for Go For Life games in D.C.U. will take place in St. Marys Sports hall on 25<sup>th</sup> April, 9am-1pm. Maximum of 20 to take part. For any further information please contact P.R.O. Sheila at 087-6204617.

**Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>;**

Top Score: Lena Kelly | 1<sup>st</sup> Lady: Norah Delaney | 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady: Paraic Dowling | 1<sup>st</sup> Gent: Angela Brennan & Frank Keenan  
1<sup>st</sup> Half: Tom Gowing | 2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Liam McCarthney | 13 Tricks: Tom Jacob & Lena Kelly

Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Bernie Cahill, 2<sup>nd</sup> Liam McCarthney, 3<sup>rd</sup> Betty Murphy, 4<sup>th</sup> Paraic Dowling, 5<sup>th</sup> Sheila Duff

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

**Pair of Glasses Found** on the Triogue Park walk on Greenmill Lane, found Holy week. Contact; 086-3132858.

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## 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.





## Checking the Roll

What is the first thing a teacher does at the beginning of the school day? I don't know about your teacher, but the very first thing many teachers do each day is to check the roll. The teacher opens the roll book and begins to call out the names... Johnny, Susie, Aoife, Mary, James. As the student's names are called, they raise their hand and answer, "Here!" If the teacher calls Ciara's name and she is not there, the teacher marks in the roll book that she was absent. Why is it important for the teacher to know that Ciara is absent? It is important because she needs to be told what she missed when was absent.



That's similar to something that happened in the gospel today. It was the Sunday after Jesus was crucified and his disciples had gathered together in a locked room. They were together in that locked room because they were afraid. They were afraid of what Jesus' enemies might do to them. The Gospel tells us that, even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood there with his disciples. When the disciples saw Jesus, they were very happy.

One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not there with the others in that room when Jesus appeared to them. I don't know why Thomas wasn't there. Perhaps he was sick, or maybe he just decided to stay at home that day. The next time the other disciples saw Thomas, they told him what he had missed when he was absent. They said, "We have seen Jesus. He is alive!" Thomas didn't believe them. He said, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it,"

The next week the disciples were in the house again, and this time Thomas was with them. The very same thing happened again. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among his disciples. He turned to Thomas and said, "See my hands; put your fingers here. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas didn't need to touch the wounds where the nails had been or put his hand into his side. He fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!"

One of the great promises Jesus made was when he said, "Where two or three gather in my name, I am there with them." Each week we come together in the name of Jesus to worship and to praise him. So, what do we miss out on if we are absent? We miss out on the same thing that Thomas missed out on when he was absent -- the chance to be with Jesus!



**Father, we have come into this house and gathered in your name today because we want to be with you.**

**We have come to worship and praise your name.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# Jesus Appears to His Disciples

**Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.**



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for the fear of the Jews, \_\_\_\_\_ came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Now \_\_\_\_\_, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see \_\_\_\_\_ marks in his hands and put my where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not \_\_\_\_\_ it."



A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.

<b>believe</b>	<b>finger</b>	<b>Jesus</b>	<b>nail</b>	<b>side</b>
<b>Doubting</b>	<b>hands</b>	<b>locked</b>	<b>seen</b>	<b>Thomas</b>

## Portlaoise, The Heath & Ratheniska

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	2pm	Educate Together, St. Francis and other Schools
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	12noon	Scoil Bhride group A
	2pm	Scoil Bhride group B
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	2pm	Gaelscoil
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	12noon	Heath NS & Ratheniska NS
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	2pm	Holy Family group A
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	12noon	Holy Family group B
	2pm	Holy Family group C
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	12noon	Kolbe School



**Abbeyleix, Raheen, Shanahoe and Ballyroan**  
Saturday 20th April



# Easter 2024 in our Parish







# Time to Think!

## Wisdom of Life!

George Carlin on age 102, offered the following wisdom that is deeply relevant for us all.

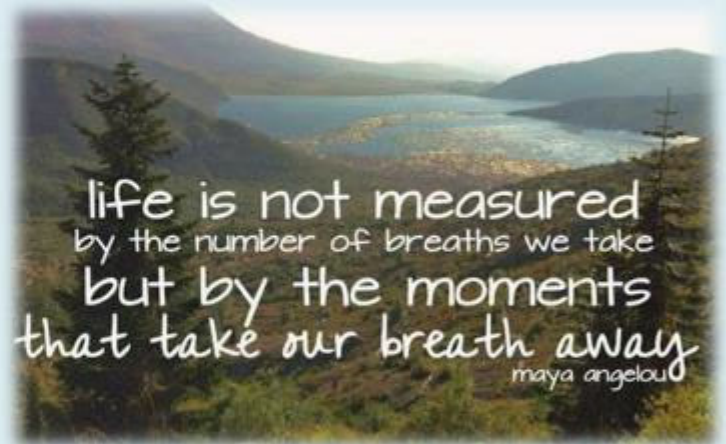
If you don't read this to the very end, you have lost a day in your life and when you have finished, reflect and put it into practice.

George Carlin's views on Ageing. Do you realise that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we are kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about ageing that you think in fractions. 'How old are you?' 'I'm four and a half!' You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key. You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead. 'How old are you?' 'I'm going to be 16!' You could be 13, but hey, you're going to be 16! And then the greatest day of your life, You become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony. You become 21... YESSS!!!!

But then you turn 30. Ooh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He turned, we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed? You become 21, you turn 30, then you're pushing 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you reach 50 and your dreams are gone. But wait!!! You make it to 60. You didn't think you would! So you become 21, turn 30, push 40, reach 50 and make it to 60. You've built up so much speed that you hit 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you hit Wednesday! You get into your 80's and every day is a complete cycle; you hit lunch; you reach bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; 'I was just 92.' Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. 'I'm 100 and a half!' May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

### How to stay young

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be alive while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.



9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

And always remember: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

### A Prayer for Acceptance

Dear Gracious and Loving God, As I take this time to be still, help me to let go of anxiousness and feel your peace. Your Word says that you are love and where there is love there can be no fear. Help me to let go of fear and receive your perfect love.

I come before you with heaviness because of being hurt by others. Help me to accept the effect that their actions have had in my life and to let go of this hurt. Holding onto past hurts – holding onto resentments and judgments weighs me down.

I release this hurt. I release this weight on my body and spirit. I ask your love to carry me.

I let go of hurt, resentment and judgment.

I forgive those who have hurt me.

Because I practice awareness in all areas of my life, I am aware of self-criticism or poor choices.

I accept my actions. I forgive myself and let go of poor choices or self-criticism.

To receive or accept love, I let go of building walls of self-protection.

Help me to receive and accept love.

Help me to freely give love.

Help me not to strive for perfection but to make progress each day.

I accept the choices I make.

I can trust myself. I make good choices.

Each day, help me to step into the glorious person you created me to be.

I accept and find comfort in knowing – I am completely loved with your divine, perfect love.

In the name of your Son whose example lights our way, Amen

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



**Patricia Downey**  
Cherrygarth,  
Portlaoise



**Clement Rice**  
Late of Abbeyleix Rd.  
Portlaoise and  
Tipperary



**John Sinnott**  
Borris Road  
Portlaoise

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod  
and your staff - they comfort me.*

**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](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)

**1<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
*In Loving Memory of Our Dear Mother*  
**NUALA BEALE**

*Glenbrook, Ballyroan.*

*1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.*



*We miss you from your  
fireside chair,  
Your loving smile and  
gentle air,  
Your vacant place no one  
can fill,  
We miss you Mam and  
always will.*

*She was a Mam so very rare,  
Content in her home, and always there,  
In Heaven you rest,  
God Bless you Mam,  
You were one of the best.*

*Always remembered by your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Nuala*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**CHRISTOPHER (Christy)**  
**CAHILL**

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



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm.**

Loved and sadly missed by his loving  
wife Lily and all his loving family,  
extended family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Christy*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARIA MORAN**

*Dr Murphy Place, Portlaoise.*

*7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024.*



7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
**Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.**

*Sadly missed by her loving husband  
and family.*

*May Maria Rest in Peace*

**Birthday Remembrance**  
**BREDA WALSH**

*(née Keogh)*

*Late of Chelmsford, Essex and Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.*



*Wishing you were here today  
for even just a while, so we  
could say Happy Birthday and  
see your loving smile.  
But we'll gaze upon your  
pictures and think of you with  
love, and hope you're  
celebrating in Heaven up  
above.*

**Forever Loved  
Never Forgotten  
Always Missed**

Matty, Jason, Helena, Emma,  
Shane, Viola and all the  
grandkids and extended  
family.

*May Breda Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**JOSEPH (Joe) COLBERT**

*Late of 49 St Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024*



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

*Always loved and remembered by you wife Maria,  
sons, daughters, daughters in-law, sons-in-law,  
grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

*May Dad Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARGARET SCULLY**

*19 Millbrook, Portlaoise. Died 9<sup>th</sup> April 2015*



**Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6.30pm.**

*Nine years have passed since that  
sad day when one we loved was  
called away, God took her home,  
It was His will, but in our hearts  
she liveth still.*

**Always remembered and loved by your  
husband Patrick.**

*Mam*

*There is a sad but sweet remembrance, there is a  
memory fond and true, there is a token of affection  
Mother and a heartache still for you.*

**Love you always, your daughter Sharon, Cliff and  
grandchildren Ryan, Emma and Kate.**

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*

*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

*Blessing with the Relic of St. Faustina on the day*

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conditions of Divine Mercy Sunday, where all sin is obliterated  
and all punishment to that sin is obliterated.  
What a great gift to mankind from Jesus!

*Receive the Holy Spirit*

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### In Loving Memory of **MARY DUNNE**

Glendowns, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.



The family of the late Mary Dunne wish to express their appreciation to all whom sympathised with them in person, with cards or online following Mary's recent death.

Our sincere gratitude....

To Fr. Simon for presiding over all parts of Mary's funeral, visiting her in hospital and in her home on regular occasions as her pastoral carer, neighbour and friend.

To all of the staff of Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise for their professional care of Mary throughout her last two weeks and on her occasional hospital visits.

To the staff of Annebrook Medical Centre for their care of Mary over the years and a special thanks to Dr. Anna Gullane.

To all of the Public Health Community care team and the numerous carers from Connected Health and Home Instead for supporting Mary in her wish to live independently at home.

To the staff of Hughes Pharmacy Portlaoise.

To Marzena, Donaldas, Monica and Betty for their care, help friendship and support.

To Mary's great neighbours and friends both old and new.

To the staff of Portlaoise Parish Centre, Church and Singer Elaine Walsh and accompanying Pianist. To Bosco Ramsbottom and Sharon and the rest of Bosco's catering crew.

To Ray and Dermot Duggan, Funeral Directors, Ballinakill, for looking after all aspects of Mary's funeral in a caring and professional manner.

To all the people not mentioned that helped out in any way both known to us or unknown, it's impossible to think of everybody that deserves thanks at this time!

As an expression of our appreciation and deepest gratitude to all, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*Rest in Peace Mary*

## In Loving Memory of **CHRISTINE MAHER**

28 Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska, this **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 10am.**

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

Loved and missed always by your loving husband Joe, sons, daughters, brothers, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Christine*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & FIRST ANNIVERSARY

### In Loving Memory of **MATTHEW (Matt) BROPHY**

Rathevan, Portlaoise.

1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11.15am.**

Pauline, Mark, Yvonne and Attracta wish to thank everyone who sympathised with them on the sad loss of Matt. We wish to thank all who attended the wake, requiem Mass and funeral service.

For those who travelled long distances, telephoned, sent Mass cards and posted messages of condolences online and watched the Mass online, we are very grateful.

Thank you to Monsignor John Byrne for celebrating Matt's life with a beautiful funeral Mass and also to Fr. David Vard and Michelle in the Parish Centre for their help and guidance. Thank you to Sarah Troy for the beautiful singing. Sincere thanks to John Maloney Funeral Directors for their professionalism, courtesy and kindness shown to us as a family. Sincere thanks to all at Portlaoise Cemetery for preparing Matt's final resting place with such care.

A most heartfelt thanks to the paramedics and the medical team at Portlaoise General Hospital. A word of thanks to the management and staff members of the Killeshin Hotel for providing a defibrillator and treating Matt with such kindness.

Thank you to the Prison Officers Association who formed a guard of honor on the day and for all their support. To those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more bearable.

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

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass has been offered all for your intentions.

*Rest in Peace Matt*

## In Loving Memory of **PATRICK (Paddy) CARRIGAN**

Capoley, Portlaoise, late of Ballyfoyle, Co. Kilkenny.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.**

*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, loved and remembered by his loving wife Lizzie and family.*

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of  
**PADDY DEMPSEY**  
Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.



Paddy's daughter Cora and son Cyril along with their families would like to extend their sincerest thanks for all the expressions of sympathy and kindness shown after Paddy's recent passing. They thank all those who attended the wake and the funeral Mass, especially those who travelled far to be with them, and also those who watched the funeral Mass online. Also to those who sent

Mass cards, flowers and posted condolences on RIP.ie Sincerest gratitude to Fr. Ciprian for the lovely funeral Mass and to Heather Fogarty for the beautiful music. Also to Fr. O'Sullivan of Boher Parish for the graveside prayers. Their deepest gratitude to the staff of Ballard nursing home for the care and compassion they showed Paddy during his time with them.

Thank you to David Goode and the staff at Keegan's Funeral Directors for their professionalism and guidance throughout the funeral.

The family would also like to extend their thanks to the neighbours of Marian Avenue that have shown great kindness and friendship to the Dempsey family throughout Paddy and his late wife Rose' lives there.

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

Paddy's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday  
6<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm.

*Rest in Peace Paddy*



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