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12th May 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

Also World
Communications Day



It is appropriate that World Communication Day coincides with the Feast of the Ascension - when Jesus gave the command to 'go out to the whole World'.

Covid especially made us aware of how small the World is and how Universal the Church is as so many from all over the globe join us around the Altar in St. Peter & Paul's Church via the transmission of our 10am Mass via Shalom World., who tell us that over 5,000 people access our Mass daily.

"Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News"

Mark 16:15-20

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Wanted People to Spread a Little Love

In our current situation of pandemic and climate change, we are probably all feeling in need of a little love. Across the globe there is

unprecedented need. There are millions in need of a little love. Today Jesus is telling us that it is up to us all to spread that love in as many practical and prayerful ways that we can think of. Are we up for the job?

Today we hear of Jesus' prayer for us. As Jesus was sent, so too we are sent to continue his mission and spread his love. Key to continuing Jesus' mission we are told that although we are of this world we must not to be possessed or tied down by worldly concerns.

How should it feel to be entrusted with such an important job? Well for most of us, it is something we don't think about nearly enough. We are told not to let the world tie us down, but that's most definitely easier said than done. In truth we are very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's very hard to rise above worldly concerns. In fact for most of us it just seems impossible.

On this Sunday we celebrate World Communication Day, and it feels a timely opportunity to consider the task we have been set. The first disciples continued Jesus' mission without planes, trains, without a postal service, without TV or radio and without the internet. Yet thanks to these early disciples we know Jesus' name throughout the entire globe two thousand years down the line. We have a much easier job than the early disciples had. Now all we need is a little bit of their drive and passion. So how can we capture some of that motivation?

For most of us, the day to day job of putting meals on the table takes up more of our time than the vital job of continuing Jesus' mission. Yet we all know someone who manages to strike that all important balance. We all know at least one person who sets a shining example. Perhaps it's here that we will find our motivation. Perhaps the people we most admire provide us with a model of who we ourselves would like to be. With a good example to emulate and our twenty first century means to spread God's love, the job is not beyond us.

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.

Thank you Agnieszka

Regretfully this week we bid farewell to Agnieszka Kaczmarek who has been part of the Parish and Parish Centre staff for the past 10 years.



Agnieszka has been a great asset to our Parish. Apart from her many skills as Secretary, photographer, (her photographs regularly appeared in the Link Up), power point creator, sacramental coordinator, her pleasant demeanour, good humour and cooperative spirit endeared her to priests, work colleagues and parishioners alike. We will miss her.

She is returning to her native Poland. We wish her and husband Piotr every good wish and blessing as they return home and we will be forever grateful to Agnieszka for her contribution to our Parish.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Freya O'Looney, Ballytegan

Heidi Pearson, Fairgreen

Jude Shenton, Ballydavis

Kate Ryan, Ballycarroll

Faye Gaffney, Bellingham

Rebecca Duffy Flanagan, Harpurs Crescent

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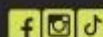
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Monday 13th; Bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

Tuesday 14th; Our choir will be singing in the new nursing home in Harpers lane at 2pm with Caroline, all welcome.

Wednesday 15th; Club with Moez for fun and exercises at 3pm.

Thursday 16th; Cards in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchy at 3pm, new members always welcome.

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

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, May 7th;

Top Score: P. McEvoy | 1st Lady: R. Arrigan | 2nd Lady: K. Farrell | 1st Gent: T. Jacob | 2nd Gent: K. Keenan

1st Half: A. Holland | 2nd Half: Margaret Flanagan | 13 Tricks: M. Fitzpatrick and C. Galvin

Raffle: 1st M. J. Dunne, 2nd T. Kearns, 3rd F. Gaynor, 4th P. McEvoy, 5th B. Murphy.

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

Whist Abbeyleix; Every Sunday night at 8pm in Abbeyleix Community Hospital. All are welcome.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 14th May in St. Fiacc's Hall at 8.30pm;

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Helping your Child to Transition from Primary to Secondary School Free Parent Webinar

Monday 13th May 2024 from 7pm to 8.30pm. Facilitator: Aideen Flynn, Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist

Registration: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_gPGGnEiRH2q-LK17I2WiA

From endings to beginnings – Change can be difficult in any circumstance. Even though the transition from primary to secondary is an *anticipated transition* there is still an impact on familiar roles, relationships and routines. Your child is moving from the familiar to the unfamiliar and how the transition changes the relationships, roles and routines can impact the emotional wellbeing of your child either positively or negatively. This workshop aims to help you to understand the impact of transitions and learn ways of empowering your child to make the change and also to respond to any feelings arising from the transition in a non-judgemental, child-centred, playful way. Learn strategies to facilitate and celebrate a conscious ending of Primary and a hopeful beginning to Secondary.

Fourth Wall Laois Theatre Group present "The Country Boy", a romantic comedy by John Murphy, in the Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise, Fri. 24th & Sat. 25th May at 8pm. Tickets at the Box Office, 057-8663355 or online.

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).

Vocations Society of St. Joseph; Holy Hour, Adoration and Prayer for vocations, every Friday at 3pm in the Parish Church.

Padre Pio's Glove; St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy, Co. Kildare on Saturday 1st June from 11am to 5pm. Items of St. Pio will be available on the day. For info. call Ann 085-1696189.



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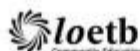


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An exciting new initiative is starting soon in Portlaoise, that will appeal to people of all ages and stages of life, who love to sing. Music Generation Laois, in partnership with Portlaoise Family Resource Centre, LOETB Community Education and Age Friendly Laois, are launching a new Community Choir for a pilot 8-week period, and have put the call out for members from all communities in the town and surrounding areas to join.

A team of MGL Musician Educators, led by Nuala Kelly and James O'Connor, will facilitate the sessions, with a focus on enjoyable and easy-to-sing repertoire from a wide range of musical genres. Nuala Kelly says 'There are so many benefits to singing with others, and the aim of the choir is to promote well-being, integration, literacy and inclusion, particularly among newer communities to Portlaoise, who will be most welcome. Community Choirs are thriving across the country and we are thrilled to start this initiative in Portlaoise where there is a real appetite for this kind of musical and social outlet.'

The choir is open to age 16+ with no upper age limit and will take place in two locations, giving the option to attend either a day or evening session :

**Laois Music Centre, Church Avenue, Portlaoise (R32Y074)
commencing Tuesday 21 May at 7-8.30pm.**

**Portlaoise Family Resource Centre, Knockmay, Portlaoise
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The Bible doesn't tell us exactly when to pray, but it does teach us how to pray. One day, Jesus' disciples asked him to teach them how to pray. I am sure you know what he said. In fact, we can probably all say it by heart.

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

We usually call that "The Lord's Prayer," but it is really a model prayer that Jesus taught so that we would know how to pray to the Father. I like to think that the real "Lord's Prayer" is the prayer that Jesus prayed the night before he was crucified. Jesus knew that he would be returning to heaven and that his disciples would be left behind. He prayed that as they lived in the world, they would not become part of the world. He did not want them to become stained by the wickedness and evil that was in the world. He wanted them to remain faithful to God and to what they had learned while Jesus was with them on earth. He wanted them to know his love and to share that love with others.

Here are the things that Jesus prayed for his disciples:

- That they would be one as he and the Father were one
- That God would protect them from the evil one
- That they would be made holy by the truth of God's Word



The prayer that Jesus prayed for his disciples is for us too. He said, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message." That's you and me! We must live in this world, and Jesus prays that we might remain faithful to his teaching so that the world will know that God sent his Son and that God loves them.



Our Father, as we live in this world, help us to remain separate from the world. Help us to be faithful to your Word and, in so doing, to show your love to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples..

I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. John 17:9



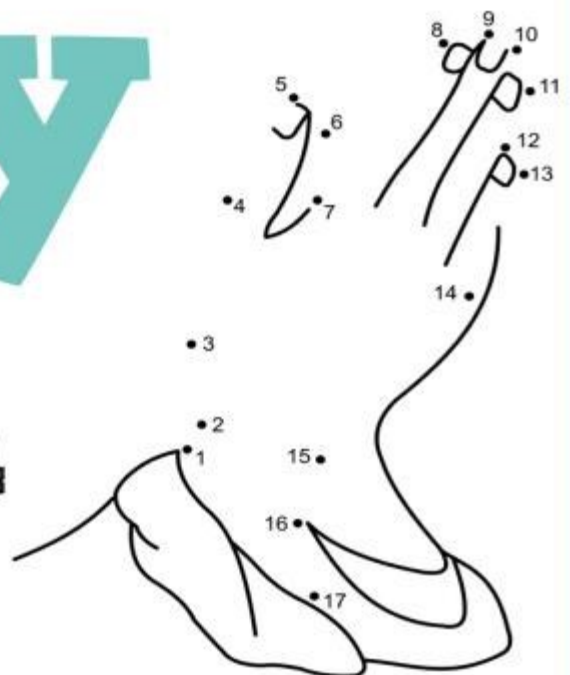
- ___1. To place in the hands of someone
A. take B. give C. protect D. word
- ___2. A combination of letters that represent a thought or idea
A. protect B. pray C. word D. holy
- ___3. To speak to God
A. listen B. pray C. give D. holy
- ___4. That which belongs to you
A. mine B. ours C. yours D. theirs
- ___5. To be a single unit, object, or living being
A. one B. protect C. word D. pray
- ___6. To keep from being injured or harmed
A. give B. pray C. accept D. protect
- ___7. Deserving special respect or reverence; worthy of worship
A. Yours B. holy C. give D. protect
- ___8. To receive something
A. Protect B. pray C. accept D. give



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Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.





Time to Think!

Darkness into Light

The recent walk celebrating "Darkness into light" has an important message in all our lives. Whilst "Darkness into light" raises significant funding towards those seeking healing regarding mental health, it also suggests that light brings hope and healing. The Christian story, is a celebration of how our God blesses us with resilience, courage and hope, even in times of challenge. As we move through the month of May, nature responds magnificently to the blessing of light and warmth. The dawn chorus, these days, sings a beautiful hymn, proclaiming that indeed God's light, is brighter than any darkness, God's hope is greater than any despair. These days we celebrate in the liturgical calendar Jesus returning to his father following his ascension into Heaven. Ascension essentially is returning home to where all of us feel a deep sense of belonging and inclusion. The Ascension of the Lord, celebrates the moment when forty days after His Resurrection, our Lord Jesus Christ ascended in glory into Heaven, to return to His Home, triumphant and victorious in the sight of all of His disciples who witnessed the events and testified about it on their missions and passed down the truth to us through the Church.

On this day, we remember that moment when the Lord was no longer physically present among His disciples and followers, when they can no longer directly see Him or touch Him as they had been able to during their approximately three years of following Him throughout His works and ministries. But this did not mean that the Lord abandoned or left His disciples, or ignored them and did not care about them anymore. On the contrary, the Lord Himself specifically mentioned that He went to prepare the places for His faithful ones, and that He would also send a great Helper to assist all of us, the Holy Spirit, whose birth at Pentecost, we celebrate next Sunday. The Holy Spirit is the source of strength and hope for all the faithful, the font of wisdom and truth for them during their works and ministries. And the Lord would fulfil this promise as in ten days after His Ascension, the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles as they prayed in a room, an event known as the Pentecost, and which also marked the birth of the Church.

Recent research shows that levels of mental illness, anxiety, and depression are at an all-time high, especially among younger people. I recently came across these Ten Tips for keeping balance and good Mental Health.

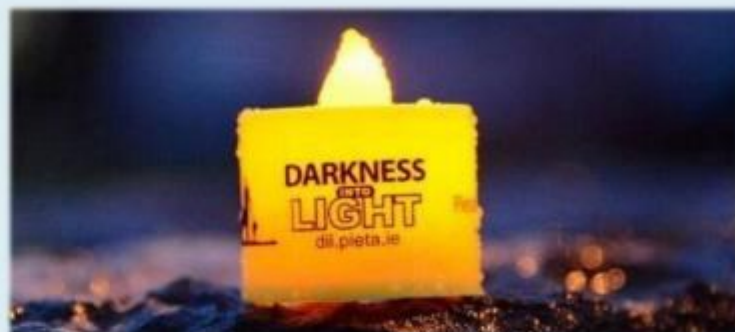
1. Life is tough and feelings can be the toughest things of all. Learn to befriend them, understand them and realise that you are much more than your feelings. Everything in life passes – savour the good and let go of the bad. Feelings come and go. Learn to watch them like clouds coming into your life, and remember just as you can't hold onto a cloud, your job is to let your feelings go too. A simple meditation on this is: stop, find a quiet place, and even pretend to be listening on headphones. Ask yourself how you feel. Notice that there is a small gap between you and your feelings. Stay with that gap. In it, all is quiet and empty – full of possibilities. Rest in this gap for a few minutes each day. Train yourself to watch your feelings come and go, like clouds do, no matter how strong they are. This will help you when you hit a crisis and may even save your life.

2. Technology is a gift for communication with others but it is a terrible boss; learn to switch off and enjoy off line activities that build you up: hike a hill, learn a skill, take a risk, and talk to someone face to face. TV, games, videos and Internet are not the real world, but they pretend to be friends. Use them as the gift they can be and take control of them. Otherwise you are a slave and it's a cruel master.

3. "If it feels good do it" can sound great but it can bring you to some dark places. Everyone has hidden strength and the ability to put off immediate pleasures. Find that steel inside yourself that allows you to go outside your comfort zone, build bridges and reach out to others. The irony is that when we reach out to help and include others, we're also taking care of ourselves.

4. You have something unique within you. You are a one-off gift to the world. And that gift is for you to give away, not to hide away. The greatest happiness is found in truly being yourself and helping others; it can be challenging at first but there is a slow burn feel-good factor that lasts for a long time.

5. You are not responsible for all the ills of the world. Trying to save the world can be overwhelming. Trying to solve all of your own and everyone else's problems all at once would be equally overwhelming.



If you get into that way of being, it's time to stop. Press pause. Get some space and remember that you just have to do your bit. There is some small thing that you can do in almost every situation you face. It is like building a jigsaw. You will have a piece to contribute. It will be uniquely you, and which will help. Build it one piece at a time.

6. Anxiety and fear are not good reasons to do things. In fact, most of the time, decisions made out of anxiety and fear are not good long-term decisions. Anxiety and fear often keep us locked in a narrow room with narrow options that see the worst in others and ourselves. Imagine what it would be like to trust in the world and people, and to act without fear (not without caution though). There is a middle road to be walked that is manageable and achievable.

7. Idealism is a great thing but set the bar too high and nothing or no one can measure up. The perfect is the enemy of the good; work out what the good thing to do is and just do it. A cluttered life doesn't give you a chance to see what's going on. And when we don't see what's going on we can be fooled into thinking that things are terrible, even when they are not.

8. Travel light; de-clutter. Start by clearing out your room of things that you don't need. You are a traveller through life and you have to travel light, otherwise you will get weighed down by things and come to be chained to them. Remember that people are not things to be acquired and disposed of according to your feelings. Take this de-clutter as a chance to evaluate what is really going on and what is really valuable to you.

9. Accept the things you cannot change and change the things you can (and know the difference). Don't waste your time trying to change things that are given: your family, face, body, friends, and locality. There is some rare beauty in them that can only be seen in a certain light. Find it and encourage it. If it won't be encouraged, know that you've done your best and can be content with that.

10. Happiness is an inside job – you know instinctively that having things and comparing yourself to others is empty and futile, and yet we all get caught up in it. Take a moment in the quiet. Go back to that gap you found in the meditation above; that gap between you and your feelings. In the gap, imagine a bright white light. See the light as a good thing, bright and warming. Now realise that this light is the goodness, brightness and warmth you have at the core of you. You are good and bright and warm inside. Dwell in this light for as long as you like. Find happiness in these thoughts.

Slow Me Down Lord

Slow me down Lord

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace with a vision of the eternal march of time.

Give me amid the confusion of the day, the calmness of the eternal hills.

Break the tension of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music of the singing streams that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking MINUTE vacations, of slowing down to look at a flower, to chat with a friend, to pat a dog, to read a few lines of a good book.

Slow me down Lord and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

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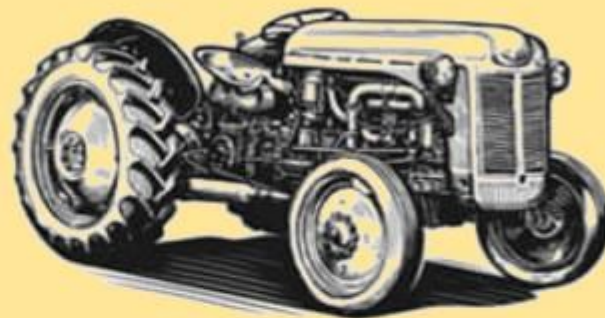


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Cathal Lalor

Sandyford, Dublin, whose burial takes place in
Ratheniska on Monday

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

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the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL (Mick) McDONALD**

"The Gateaux Man"
St. Jude's, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.



Months Mind Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on
Saturday 18th May at 6.30pm.

*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.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
loving family, extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Mick

In Loving Memory of

*A Wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather
and Great-Grandfather*

JOHN (Johnnie) PRESTON

*Late of 28 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.
30th Anniversary occurs 18th May 2024.*

I treasure every moment that you
spent in life with me,
I hoped to have you longer,
but it was not meant to be,
I know you're in a better place,
I know you're happy there,
I know one day I'll join you,
But the wait is hard to bear.

*Deeply loved, sadly missed,
your loving wife
Eileen xxx.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 18th May at 6.30pm.

DAD;

We treasure every moment we spent in life with you,
We are thinking of the thoughtful things that you have
said and done, and loving you a little more for every thing
you have done.

There comes a time for all of us when we must say
goodbye, but memories of you Dad will live on and
never die.

*Loved always and never forgotten by your loving
sons, daughters, son-in-law and daughters-in-law
xxx*

GRANDAD;

Look around your garden Lord and when Grandad turns
and smiles, put your arms around him and hold him for a
while.

*Missed and loved always from your loving
grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx*

May John Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PHYLLIS (Phil) CULLETON**

née Bowe
St. Martin's, Rossleighan, Portlaoise.
Months Mind occurs 15th May 2024



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 19th May at 12.30pm.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
her loving husband John, sons John,
Shane-Paul and Philip-Anthony.*

Rest in Peace Phil

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS née Buggy
The Heath, Portlaoise.

5th Birthday in Heaven occurs 13th May 2024.



Wishing you were here today for just a while, so we could say happy birthday and see your loving smile.

But we will gaze upon your picture and think of you with all our love, and hope you are celebrating in Heaven above.

Never forgotten by your loving family; Daddy, Mammy, Sean, Valerie, Edel and families xxxx

Also remembering Geraldine's father-in-law, Ted Lewis, whose 2nd Anniversary occurs at this time.

Rest in Peace Geraldine

In Loving Memory of **EDWARD (TEDDY) LEWIS**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 16th May 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 18th May at 6.30pm.

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.

Sadly missed by your loving wife, Patricia (Pat), sons, Frank, Derek, Keith & Gavin, daughters, Yvette & Avril, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandson.

Also remembering his daughter-in-law Geraldine Lewis, The Heath, whose birthday occurs at this time and Carol Ann Kearns, Dublin whose 1st Anniversary occurs at this time.

Rest in Peace Ted

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS née Buggy
The Heath, Portlaoise.

5th Birthday in Heaven occurs 13th May 2024.



Today is your birthday in Heaven above, My blessings I send on the wings of a Dove,

Not just for today, but everyday here of, I think of you always with all my love.

Always loved, forever missed by your loving husband Derek, children Serena, Rachel and Darragh and grandchild Killian.

Rest in Peace Geraldine

In Loving Memory of **ALICE PARNELL**

"Avondale", Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 16th May 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on
Thursday 16th May at 10am.

We will never forget you, We don't even try, We just miss you more, as time goes by.

Loved and remembered by her husband Kieran, son Michael, daughter Lisa, daughter-in-law Ann, son-in-law Peter, grandchildren Aoife, Rachel, Adam, Laura, Conor, Amelia, relatives and friends xxx

May Alice Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **MARGARET LEECH**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise, formerly of Kellystown Wolfhill.
11th Anniversary away from home.



May the winds of Heaven blow softly, And whisper in your ear, How much we love and miss you, And wish that you were here.

Forever in our Hearts
Anne, Elizabeth, Colette, Geraldine, Michelle and families.

Margaret's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, Sunday 19th May at 10am.

Rest in Peace Margaret

In Loving Memory of **TERESA KHANDKER**

London and formerly Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 13th May 2024



Your memory is my keepsake, with which I'll never part, God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.

Loved and missed always by your friend Frances and Tom xx

Rest in Peace Teresa

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET (Peggy) GORMAN**

Borris Great, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 17th May 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Sunday 19th May at 12:30pm.

*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 Peggy,
And thanks for all you've done,
We pray that God has given you,
The crown you've truly won.*



**Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your
husband Marty, son Kevin, daughters Sinéad and
Sarah and grandchildren.**

Rest in Peace Peggy

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

Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs 15th May 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Saturday
18th May at 6.30pm.

**Sadly missed by his loving
wife Jane and family.**

Rest in Peace Kevin

**In Loving Memory of
JULIE LaCUMBER (née Carroll)**

Triogue Court, New Road, Portlaoise.

**6th Anniversary occurs
12th May 2024**



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this
Sunday 12th May at 11:15am.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*



**Sadly missed by her loving sons, daughters,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
extended family and friends.**

May Julie Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
BRIDIE HOLLAND**

Borris Little, Portlaoise

15th Anniversary occurs 15th May 2024



*It's hard to forget someone
who gave us so much to
remember.*

*The loss is immeasurable
but so is the love left behind.
We honour and cherish your
memory Mum, your spirit
lives on forever in our hearts.*

*You are gone but not
forgotten.*

*Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure
You are loved beyond words and missed beyond
measure*

**Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your
loving family, relatives and friends.**

Rest in Peace Mum

**In Loving Memory of
DANNY BRENNAN**

41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

20th Anniversary occurs 14th May 2024



*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.*

*Loved and remembered always by your
wife & family.*

May Danny Rest in Peace

Go out to the whole world
proclaim the good news

In Loving Memory of
MARY (Moirra) DOWLING

Borris Rd., Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs 11th May 2024.



You are near even if we don't see you,
You are with us even if you are far away,
You are in our thoughts and in our lives
always.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
her sons and daughter and their families.*

Rest in Peace Mary



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