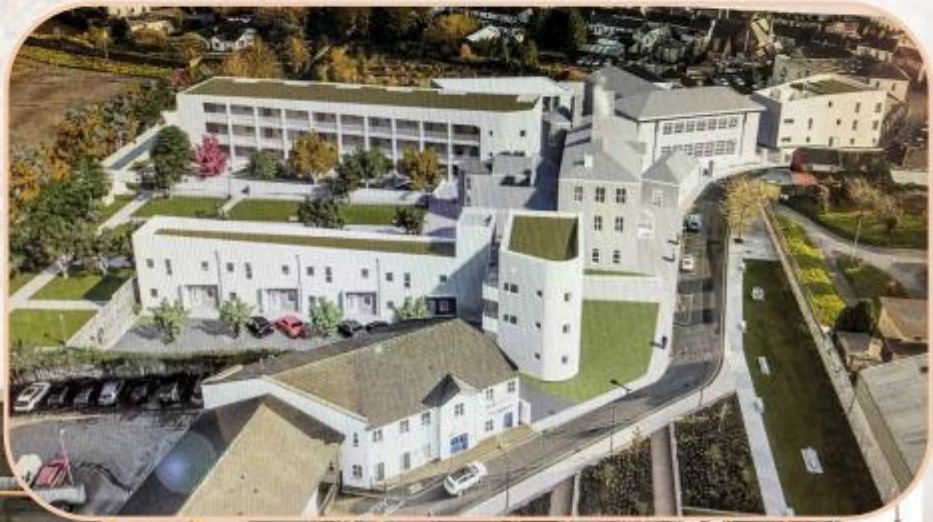


Sixth Sunday of Easter

The contribution of the Presentation Sisters and the Parish was acknowledged at the cutting of the sod ceremony at the town centre site last Thursday. The project is underway and will, when completed provide 52 quality homes and in addition public parkland, a plaza, community gardens and play areas which will breathe new life into this important town centre site.

In 1950 Sr. Muriel (pictured) began teaching at Sacred Heart School and was present on Thursday 25th April with fellow Presentation Sisters, Msgr. John and others at the cutting of the sod by Minister Darragh O'Brien T.D. marking another step in the development of the Old Convent site.



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Young couples in love promise each other that their love for each other will never die. Older onlookers may urge caution. Of course, there are lots of older couples in our community who are still very much in love after years and years of marriage, but for every marriage that succeeds another falls by the

wayside. The problem with our love for each other is that subconsciously it can be conditional. We can love a partner who is young and beautiful, but will our love survive when that partner is old and toothless and out of shape? We can love a partner who is successful and dynamic and rich, but will our love stagnate when that same partner is out of work, weary and penniless? We might love a partner who is always cheerful and makes us smile, but will our love fade if that partner becomes clinically depressed or seriously ill? When problems rear their head, does love walk out of the door? We wouldn't like to admit it at the outset of a relationship, but human love can be conditional.

God's love of course is unconditional ... or is it? In today's gospel Jesus says, "If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love..." does that sound like a condition? Are we being told that whilst we are keeping God's commandments God will love us, but as soon as we are sinful that love will be withdrawn?

The important thing for us to understand is that God's love cannot be fickle in the same way that ours is. Human love, especially if we are a little immature, can be something we simply bestow on each other. God's love is a state of being. God's love is simply there and doesn't go away. It's us that chooses whether or not to accept or reject God's love by the way we choose to live our lives. We can choose to live good lives and by doing so we will remain in a loving relationship with God, or we can make poor decisions and step out of that loving relationship. Living by God's commandments isn't about following a list of strict rules in return for God's love, it's about sharing the joy God plans for us by living in a certain way.

Those of us who have fallen out of that loving relationship with God haven't done so on purpose. Few of us consciously make poor decisions... we are all human after all, and we all make mistakes. For those of us who are in danger of losing their way in life, Jesus give us one important guideline "This I command you ... to love one another." The next time you have a tricky decision to make or a dilemma to solve, ask yourself the all-important question. "Is God's love for me, and my love for neighbour pointing out the answer?"

Mass times for the coming week
(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday (Bank Holiday): 10am

Tuesday - 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.



**Pope Francis Prayer
Intention for May**

**For the formation of
religious and
seminarians**

One of the most disconcerting aspects of a family member or friend leaving the well-worn track of education, career and marriage to follow a religious vocation can be the loss of familiar points of reference. Family and friends worry that they can't offer advice or that important life decisions are being made according to criteria that they don't understand. The best policy in these situations is to try to listen carefully and without criticism. There is no need for family or friends to express support for a possible vocation until they are ready to do this sincerely. It's fine for family and friends to be honest about their worries as long as they make it clear that their love, acceptance and support will always be there. This month we are invited to join in Pope Francis' prayer intention that **"...that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel."**



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Correction to Whist results 23rd April

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I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you.....



Heavenly Father, we know that you love your Son and that your Son loves us.

Help us to remain in his love so that we will be filled with joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

This is my command..

John 15:12

What did Jesus command us to do?

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Time to Think!

Mary - Queen of the May

The month of May, traditionally is associated with devotion to Mary mother of Jesus. Mary holds such an important role not just in the life of Jesus, but in the tradition of our Christian culture. Her courageous "Yes" when invited to partake, in one of the great mysteries in the history of our salvation, continues to resonate with a deep sense of hope and grace. Mary is an iconic woman, courageous, contemplative and deeply empathetic to all humanity. Mary knew the vicissitudes of what it is to rear a family. Her kindness and empathy is close to us especially in this beautiful month of May.

Mary shows us how to listen;

Mary was a young girl living in a culture where she could have been stoned to death for having a child out-of-wedlock. She knew the cultural and societal consequences of her "yes." She knew what could happen if Joseph didn't understand. She had reason to fear her parents' reactions. When the angel appeared to Mary, we read in scripture how she was deeply troubled. Somewhere deep within she found the courage, inner strength, and grace to respond with full assent, "Let it be done to me according to your word." Mary showed us what it means to listen with full intensity to what God is asking, God's invitations may very well demand everything of us. Deep pondering, heart-centered attentiveness, and courageous listening are required of us, too.

Mary shows us how God's word must be shared;

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, they did not simply exchange a simple greeting, but one of deep faith. God's word is meant to be shared. It cannot be contained within us if we are to be filled with the life it offers. We must share it with others, we are invited to ponder the word of God so that we might share it joyfully with others.

Mary shows us how to live in God's word;

Mary lived moments of profound joy as well as profound sorrow. From losing Jesus in the Temple to the journey to Calvary, Mary lived these sorrows and anguished deeply. Mary formed and raised Jesus from the simplicity of her daily life. She was a person in conversation with God, with the Word of God, and also with the events through which God spoke to her. From the Annunciation to Pentecost, Mary appears as someone whose freedom is completely open to God's will and shows us how to live in God's word. In this month of May, may we turn to Mary in our times of joy and sorrow and ask her to continue to show us the way to her Son. As we strive to grow in faith and live more fully in God's word, may we, like Mary, bring Christ to others.

Pope Francis has talked about this devotion and how Mary's faith "unties the knot of sin." We, too, can be bound by our own disobedience, Pope Francis explained. When we do not follow God's will for our lives, "a kind of knot is created deep within us." These knots take away our peace and serenity. They are dangerous, since many knots can form a tangle which gets more and more



painful and difficult to undo. What are these "knots of our soul"? Knots of financial stress, wayward children, addiction, illness, depression, divorce, unemployment. Most of us are dealing with at least one large knot. Not all of them are the result of our own sin. Some are simply the painful situations that come from living in a fallen world. But we know one thing: nothing is impossible for God's mercy! Even the most tangled knots are loosened by his grace. And Mary, whose yes opened the door for God to undo the knot of the ancient disobedience, is the Mother who patiently and lovingly brings us to God, so that he can untangle the knots of our soul by his fatherly mercy.

Pope Francis Prayer to Mary...

Dearest Holy Mother, Most Holy Mary, you undo the knots that suffocate your children. Extend your merciful hands to me. I entrust to You today this knot [mention your request here] and all the negative consequences that it provokes in my life. Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exist in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exists in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of his children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone.

Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. [Mention request here] I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once and for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge! Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me.

Amen.

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*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.*



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**We too should love
one another**

1 John 4:11

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FR. EDDIE LALOR

St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow
And late of Raheen, County Laois, Dioceses of Eldoret,
Nakuru and Nairobi, Kenya
And former curate of Portlaoise Parish



The family of Fr. Eddie Lalor would like to express our sincere thanks for all the expressions of sympathy and kindness following our great loss.

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to all who attended Eddie's wake, Requiem Mass and burial. It was wonderful to hear all of the lovely stories from so many people whose lives Eddie touched and to know that he was held in such high regard.

We sincerely thank Monsignor John Byrne for the use of the Parish Church for the wake and for his kind support and assistance who went above and beyond for us at such a difficult time, for his very kind words about Eddie at the funeral Mass, together with the priests of the Parish and the staff of the Parish Centre.

We thank Fr. Paddy Byrne for his help and support prior to the funeral and for organising the Mass and burial.

A special thanks to all the Priests of the diocese who attended the funeral and his confrères from St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan.

A word of thanks to Bishop Denis Moriarty for his kind support and for his message of condolence and celebration of the Months Mind Mass.

Special thanks to those who sent Mass cards and sent messages of condolences both in Ireland and abroad, we are very grateful.

A special word of thanks to his family at St. Patrick's Missionary Society for their great care and support to Eddie over the years. We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks all of the staff at St. Patrick's, Kiltegan who looked after Eddie so well especially during his illness. We also thank all of the staff of St. Vincent's University Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin who looked after Eddie with such great care, kindness and dignity.

Thank you to John Halligan Funeral Directors, Rathvilly, Co. Carlow and to Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors and David Goode for their professionalism, courtesy and kindness to us.

Our sincere thanks to Heather Fogarty and to Louise Kavanagh and the choir for the beautiful music and singing. We also wish to thank the gravediggers for preparing Eddie's final resting place.

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbanus for the Guard of Honour and support.

Thank you to Doogue's Bar, Raheen for providing refreshments after the funeral.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude and appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Rest in Peace Eddie

In Loving Memory of JOHN DOLLARD

32 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
34th Anniversary occurs 4th May 2024.



*Life is a beautiful memory,
Death is a silent grief,
You sleep now in God's
beautiful garden,
In sunshine and perfect peace.
We miss you oh so very much,
But trust that God knew best,
He let us have you for many
years, and then gently let
you rest.*

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by your
loving family.*

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of Our Dear Mother EVELYN KEHOE

Late of Main Street, Stradbally, Co. Laois
2nd Anniversary occurs 11th May 2024

Also Our Dear Dad CLEMENT KEHOE

9th Anniversary occurs 10th May 2024



*When ties of love are
broken and loved
ones have to part, it
leaves a wound that
never heals, in an
ever-aching heart.*

*Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture we tenderly hold,
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, never to forget.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 11th May at 10am.*

*Sadly missed by your children Paul, Niall, Mark,
Nessa, Clem and Nicola.*

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & FIRST ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

TOM BRACKEN

Ardanure, Block Road, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 9th May 2024



Tom's wife Nancy and family wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following Tom's passing.

To our relations, neighbours, wide circle of friends and to Tom's customers your presence and expressions of sympathy and kindness both in person and online were a huge source of comfort to us.

Many thanks to everyone for your Mass cards, letters, phone calls and messages of support. We send our sincere thanks to those who called to our houses, brought food, helped with catering and with general planning and support to us in every possible way.

We extend our sincere gratitude to those who attended Tom's wake, funeral Mass and burial, particularly also those who travelled long distances. We greatly appreciated all the messages of condolence on RIP.ie.

Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode of Keegan's Funeral Directors for their support and professionalism.

To Colm Dunne and The Heath Cemetery Committee, thanks for your work and empathy. Heartfelt thanks to Msgr. Byrne and all the Priests of the Parish for their support, comfort and beautiful celebration Mass, which was also kindly facilitated by the Sister sacristans.

Thanks are also extended to Michelle and the staff of The Parish Centre for their support and assistance, and to Harte's florists for the beautiful floral arrangements. Thanks also to Tom's son-in-law Tony Norton for organising and partaking in the music throughout the service and to the members of The Active Retirement Group for your roll in the service.

A special thank you to the staff of Portlaoise General Hospital who nursed Tom with care during his time with you, and for the kindness and attention shown to all the family during that period. We would also wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all the carers who cared for Tom in the months prior to his passing and to Doctor Booth and the staff at The Cedar Clinic for your kind attention to Tom over the years.

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

Tom's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, Saturday 11th May at 6.30pm.

Tom will also be prayed for at 9.30am Mass at The Heath Church on Sunday morning 12th May 2024.

Suaímhneas Dé ar d'anam dilis.

In Loving Memory of
KAY HEAVIN née Conlon

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 4th May 2024



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

Sadly missed loved and remembered by
Sean, Mary, Brenda, Eamon, Delia,
Patrick and extended families.

Rest in Peace Kay

In Loving Memory of
CLAIRE LOUISE
TAYLOR

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.



24th Anniversary occurs 8th May.

Always in our hearts

Sadly missed, love Daddy, Mammy,
Alison, Cian and Sean-Luke xxxxx

May Claire Louise Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
OLIVE BRENNAN née Lawlor

51 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
28th Anniversary occurs 7th May 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Tuesday 7th May at
7.30am and 10am.

Missing you always Mam

Another day goes by without you,
Another day to reminisce,
About all the times we shared together,
And everything we miss.

Flowers by your graveside, photos in a frame,
We still feel you all around us, but nothing feels the same.

If we could see you for a minute,

We know what we would do,

We'd freeze that moment in a heartbeat,

So we could stay with you.

*We know someday we'll be together, in a place not far
away, and our hearts will not be broken, like it is today.*

*Dearly missed and loved so much by your loving
sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

May Olive Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
*A Cherished Mother, Grandmother,
Great-Grandmother and Sister-in-Law*
KATHLEEN PAISLEY

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurred 28th April 2024



*If we could visit Heaven,
If only for a day,
Maybe for a moment,
The pain would go away.
We would put our arms around
you and whisper words so true,
That living life without you,
Is the hardest thing to do.
No matter how we spend our
days, no matter what we do,*

*No morning dawns, or evening falls,
That we don't think of you.*

*We will love you forever and miss you always.
From all her loving family, extended family
and many friends.*

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

*Also remembering at this time;
Kathleen's late husband Joe, whose birthday
occurred 1st May, her brother Bill Doyle and all
deceased members of the Doyle & Paisley families.*

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

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pray for Us

ANNIVERSARY AND BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE

Of our daughter

AGNES MILLIS GLEESON

26th Anniversary and Birthday away from home.
Late of O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.



*Deep in the heart
lies a picture, of a
loved one laid to rest,
In Memories frame we
keep it, because she
was one of the best.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Saturday 4th May at 10am.

Also remember our brother **JOE KERRY**
6th Birthday away from home.
Late of 148 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

*Love and miss you always
From all your loving family.*

May Agnes and Joe Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
DANIEL (Dan) RAFTER
 Ballymacken, Portlaoise, Laois.



Dan's wife Annette, daughter Mary and son Daniel would like to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with them on the sad loss of Dan. Thank you to those who attended the funeral home, Requiem Mass and burial, sent Mass cards, letters of sympathy and posted messages of condolence online.

Our thanks to Fr. Ciprian for celebrating Dan's Requiem Mass.

A special word of thanks to the staff in the Suir Ward of St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny who attended to and treated Dan with such care and dignity in his final weeks and for the kindness and support shown to us as a family. Thanks also to the staff in CCU, Slieve Bloom and Emo Court wards of the Midland's Regional Hospital, Portlaoise, who looked after Dan in the early days of his illness. Thanks to Dr. White, G.P., for his kindness and support.

Thanks also to the care team from Comfort Homecare who looked after Dan between May and August last year. Many thanks to Henry Rankin Funeral Directors for the most professional and compassionate manner in which they carried out Dan's funeral arrangements and to the gravediggers for preparing Dan's final resting place.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

May Dan's forever Gentle Soul Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA (Patty)
O'HALLORAN
 Carlow Road, Abbeyleix.
 2nd Anniversary occurs 11th May 2024.



2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, on **Saturday 11th May at 5pm.**

*Sadly missed by her family and friends.
 To love is to remember.*

Rest in Peace Patricia

In Loving Memory of
JAMES REUBEN GEOGHEGAN
 1 Bridle Walk, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.
 3rd Anniversary occurred 3rd May 2024.



*You are near,
 even if I don't see you,
 You are with me,
 even if you are far away,
 You are in my heart,
 In my thoughts,
 In my life, always.*

Sadly missed by his loving son Sean, daughter Elaine, daughter-in-law Colette, grandchildren, family & friends.

Rest in Peace James

In Loving Memory of
DAVID McEVOY

22 Rossvale, Portlaoise. 25th Anniversary occurred 3rd May.



*It broke our hearts to lose you Dad,
 but you did not go alone,
 Resting now with Mam in
 God's eternal home,
 Those special years will not return
 when we were altogether,
 But memories within our hearts
 will stay with us forever,
 Only God knows how much we
 miss you, every hour of every day.*

Miss and love you always, from all your loving family.

May David Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOHN EGAN

Caragh House, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.
 7th Anniversary occurred 30th April 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 5th May at 12.30pm.

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
 But you did not go alone,
 For part of us went with you,
 The day God called you home.*

*Rest in peace Dear loved one, thanks for all you've done,
 We pray that God has given you the crown you truly deserve.*

Sadly missed by his loving wife Anne, daughters Jennifer, Deborah, and Stella, grandkids Corey and Tamin and all his loving family and friends.

May John Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET BREEN**


Fountainside, Abbeyleix.
12th Anniversary occurs 4th May 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in the Church of the
Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix,
this Saturday 4th May at 5pm.
Sadly missed and never forgotten by your
loving family.

Rest in Peace Margaret

**In Loving Memory of
RAY BERGIN**


14 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 
5th Anniversary away from home - 7th May 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Tuesday 7th May at 10am.

*We speak your name with love and pride,
We smile with tears we cannot hide,
We thank you for the years we shared,
We love you gave, the way you cared.*

So rest in peace dear Ray, love and miss you always.

*From your wife Mossie, daughters Martina, Lisa and
Sandra, grandchildren and extended family xxxx* 
Also remembering his son Dean at this time.

Rest in Peace Ray

**In Loving Memory of
PETER FENNEL**

Grattan Street, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 7th May 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on **Sunday 5th May at 10am.**

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

*Always remembered and loved by the
Walsh and Fennell families.*

Rest in Peace Peter

**In Loving Memory of
MAIREAD MAHER**

Market Square, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 5th May 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on
Saturday 11th May at 6.30pm.

*As time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you ever near,
Silent thoughts of time together,
Hold memories that will last forever.*

Loved and missed always by your brothers
Nicky and Joe, sisters Ann and Norah,
nieces and nephews, family and friends.

Rest in Peace Mairead

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Billy) BERGIN**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurred 29th April 2024.



*You were always someone special,
Someone kind and true,
Who will never be forgotten,
For we thought the world of you.*

*Missed dearly by his loving wife
Detta, son John and family.*

Rest in Peace William

**In Loving Memory of
Our Parents**

ANNE & THOMAS HILLIARD

23 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
41st Anniversary



Deep in our hearts you both will stay, missing you
both is a heartache that never goes away.

Sadly missed by all their loving family.

May Anne and Thomas Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
DENIS (Dor) WHELAN**

Kilmurray, Stradbally, Co. Laois
2nd Anniversary occurred 29th April '24



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
the Church of the Assumption, the
Heath, this **Sunday 5th May, 9.30am.**

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
his brother Michael, nieces & nephews.*

Rest in Peace Denis

In Loving Memory of
MARK DUNNE

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise.

20th Anniversary occurs 1st May 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 4th May at 10am.

*Thinking of the thoughtful things,
That you have said and done,
And loving you a little more,
Dear Mark, for every one.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your Mam,
brother, sisters and all your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Mark



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