

Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

"The Fort"

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Officially opened on Thursday 18th and featured a

debut performance of the

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The choir members, band and their director Nuala Kelly, seen here making the final preparations, ensuring every detail is perfect for their first public showcase at the opening of 'The Fort", Church Avenue, Portlaoise.













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Time Out

The younger generation are very good at telling us to "take a chill pill...." and there's nothing more infuriating. But funnily enough, "taking a chill pill" is something we're extraordinarily bad at. We are surrounded by twenty first century devices to save us time, such as emails, microwaves and disposable nappies, yet somehow we don't end up with hours of free time as a result. Quite the contrary, we work faster, travel faster, eat faster and take on more and more work. We feel that we need to fill every waking moment with an extra job. Yet sitting still for a moment in silence and solitude whilst the world rushes around us is very important. Today Jesus understands that his disciples are exhausted by the demands of the crowds and suggests escaping by boat to find a quiet place to rest, recharge and presumably take stock. Unfortunately, the crowds worked out where Jesus was off to and beat him to it. Jesus stepped out of the boat to be greeted by the same crowds he had just left behind. If Jesus felt any exasperation he didn't show it. Moved by compassion, because the people are like 'sheep without a shepherd' Jesus sets about putting their needs before his own. It might appear that Jesus was just about as bad at 'taking a chill pill' as the rest of us, but the story simply points to his level of compassion and discernment. Taking time out to recharge and take stock is often more important than fitting in that extra job. Have you ever got to the end of a very busy day and wondered what you have actually achieved? How much worse to get to the end of one's life and realise that we have achieved little of real importance. Take a chill pill. Remember to retreat from the world from time to time. Remember to regularly ask yourself those all-important life-enhancing questions.

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.



Ss. Joachim and Ann "Celebrating Grandparents" 26th July. Whether or not Joachim and Ann are the real names of Mary's parents, this date is a great opportunity to celebrate grandparents everywhere. It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come and it reminds the younger generation that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, takes place next Sunday 28th July.

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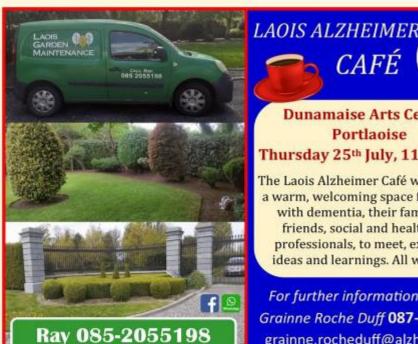


Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th July Sts. Peter & Paul's Church Portlaoise,

The Heath and Ratheniska Volunteers required. Contact

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CAFÉ

Dunamaise Arts Centre, **Portlaoise** Thursday 25th July, 11am-1pm

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PILGRIMAGE TO **KNOCK**

Sunday 18th August

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Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 16th July;

Top Score: Mary Gowing | 1st Lady: Margaret Flanagan | 2nd Lady: Patty Murphy | 1st Gent: Leslie Hauten 2nd Gent: Damien Carter | 1st Half: Frank Keenan | 2nd Half: Mary Kileen & Ann O' Dowd

Raffle: 1st Catherine Fitzpatrick, 2nd Ann O' Dowd, 3rd Bridie Kennedy, 4th Mary Kileen, 5th Catherine Galvin, 6th Mary Gowing, 7th P.J Cahill



Whist continues every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm, new players welcome, Lessons available, please leave your name and number at Parish Centre reception.

Graiquecullen Bingo Tuesday 23rd July in St. Fiacc's Hall at 8.30pm;

Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,000. Double number €1,790. Lotto €1700.

Found; Pair of Sunglasses found in Clonkeen. Contact; 087-6003122.

Alanon Family Group for family, friends or anyone affected by someone struggling with Alcoholism. Alanon meeting every Thursday night at 8pm in Portlaoise. For further info. contact; 086-8706017.

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

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise; Saturday 27th July 2024, 10am to 1.30pm. Holy Mass 10am, Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Old Sacristy behind the Altar from 10.45am to 1.30pm. Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P. All are welcome. Website; www.spioraidnaoimh.com



Thought of the Day!

Our greater weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to just try one more time.



SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD



I can still remember the days when as a small child, my mother read to me from a book of Mother Goose nursery rhymes. I'll bet someone read those poems to you as well.

Do you know the one about Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall? How about the one about the Three Blind Mice or Little Miss Muffet sat on a Tuffet? Those are all good ones! Do you know what my favourite was? It was Little Bo Peep. You know that one, don't you?

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep,
And can't tell where to find them;
Leave them alone, and they'll come home,
Bringing their tails behind them.



Wait a minute! "Leave them alone and they'll come home." Do you think that is good advice? If you had flock of sheep and they wandered off and got lost, would you just leave them alone and hope they would find their way back? No, of course not. You would go out and search until you found them and you would bring them back home.

Did you know that sheep are the one of the most frequently mentioned animals in the Bible? I searched the Bible and found more than 200 verses that mention sheep. Jesus quite often compared people to sheep and Jesus said of himself, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

In the Gospel today, we see that Jesus and his disciples had been working very hard. They had been travelling from town to town teaching and preaching. The Gospel tells us that they were so busy that they didn't even have a chance to eat. Jesus could see that they were tired, so he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they got in a boat and went away by themselves to a quiet place. But guess what? When they got there, they looked out and saw a great crowd of people waiting for them.

It would have been an easy thing for Jesus to say to the crowd, "You all go on your way. We are tired and need some rest. Come back some other time." But Jesus didn't do that. He looked at the crowd and "He was moved with compassion because they were like sheep without a shepherd." What does "he was moved with compassion" mean? Does that mean he felt sorry for them? No, it means more than that. It means that when Jesus saw that they were like sheep without a shepherd, he was moved to action. Remember what Jesus said about himself? "The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

"Leave them alone and they'll come home, bringing their tails behind them." Not Jesus! Not the "Good Shepherd!" He lays down his life for the sheep.

Prayer



Father, we thank you for sending Jesus. We are thankful that he never leaves us wandering, lost and alone, without a shepherd to guide us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sheep without a Shepherd

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. Mark 6:34

From the words provided for each clue, provide the letter of the word which best matches the clue.

__1. A small, usually white, woolly animal

A. cow

B. camel

C. sheep

D. dog

_2. Giving knowledge and skills to others

A. teaching

B. crowd

C. compassion

D. rest

Free from noise or activity

A. busy

B. teaching C. crowd

D. quiet

4. To take a break from activity

A. teaching

B. work

C. rest

D. crowd

_5. A large group of people

A. teaching

B. quiet

C. boat

D. crowd

A person who takes care of sheep

A. apostle

B. shepherd C. gardener

D. teacher

A small vessel for travel on water

A. wagon

B. auto

C. boat

D. airplane

To understand the suffering of others and want to do something about it.

A. shepherd

B. work

C. rest

D. compassion



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Time to Think! Doing the Little Things Well.....

We live in extraordinary times; our world seems to be coming increasingly polemical. Looking at live news commentary of Donald trump's attempted assassination seemed almost surreal. Extremism is part and parcel of life and indeed is very worrying. We must never become desensitised to the consequences of extremity. The plight of innocent children and vulnerable citizens in Gaza is horrendous. Recent escalation of brutal violence in Ukraine again highlights this reality. We may well be overwhelmed and humbly ask what we can do in order to change this complex culture.

Earlier in the summer, students at Trinity College in Dublin blockaded the library where the Book of Kells is displayed and set up an encampment of tents on the central lawn of the campus. They were protesting the College's connections to Israel, in the light of the ongoing slaughter in Palestine. The students were particularly upset that Trinity had invested some of its considerable wealth in firms associated with the onslaught on Gaza, including an engineering firm, a bank, and an electricity company that developed a site on occupied land in the Golan Heights. All three firms are on the UN blacklist. They were all delivering healthy dividends to the university, however. The protest attracted a lot of attention, but it was admirably peaceful and the students were articulate and convincing in their argument that there is no need for Irish universities to make such investments. Within a few days of setting up camp, they prevailed. The administration of the college agreed to reconsider its investment policy and the students agreed to pack up their tents and end the blockade.

This is an example of a new kind of social activism called 'divestment'. It uses the power of money to achieve just political change. The pop band Abba used to sing about how we live 'in the rich man's world'. Divestment tactics take that song literally and suggest that if we don't invest our money in firms that are causing harm, those firms will fail. And more importantly, competing firms will be put on notice that they must avoid grave injustice in their pursuit of profit.

Of course, Christians understand this principle as a biblical teaching Jesus said where our money is, there we will find our hearts (Mt 6:21). If our heart is for justice, then we will be sure to invest our money in companies that are on the side of good. The place where this strategy has been most effective is in environmentalism. Since Pope Francis published his groundbreaking environmental letter, Laudato Si'in 2015, there has been a concerted effort to remove investments from fossil fuel companies.



This is a global movement, but Christian Churches have been at the forefront of it including the Church of England, the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, many Catholic religious orders and dioceses have gone through the process of ensuring their wealth is dedicated only towards the production of sustainable energy.

Speaking about the need for a collective response for the greater good, St. John Paul 11, once said "Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all." Together we are stronger. It is in the spirit of unity and common purpose; wonderful results are manifested. We are all blessed in the communities we live in. The temptation is often to give too much credence to the negative and forget the overwhelming positive good things that happen every day around us. These evenings, I witness many local volunteers maintaining, in a voluntary capacity, the beautiful town of Abbeyleix, Ireland's tidiest town. This sense of volunteerism and contributing to our local environment is real and very positive. I pray that we all will error on the side of kindness and compassion. Do not be overwhelmed. In doing the little things well great things will follow!

A Prayer Confirming that All Things Will be Well
"[Jesus said to me] most reassuringly:
I am able to make everything well, and
I know how to make everything well, and
I wish to make everything well, and
I shall make everything well; and
You shall see for yourself that all manner of things shall be well."





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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE Our sympathy to their families.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of



Millview, Ridge Road, Portlaoise.



The family of the late Margaret Meredith, wish to express their profound gratitude for the kindness and support shown to us during this sad time. Sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy.

To all who called to the house, telephoned, sent texts and online condolences, sympathy and Mass cards and floral tributes.

To all who attended the Rosary, the Requiem Mass and burial and those who joined us virtually via webcam. Special thanks to those who travelled long distances to be with us, it was truly appreciated.

Thanks to Sr. Marina and Sr. Sybil for praying the Rosary with us and to the regular 10am Mass goers who were always so good to our mother.

Deepest gratitude to Msgr. Byrne, the Priests of the Parish and Deacon for celebrating Margaret's Requiem Mass and for all their support to our family.

Our thanks to Sarah Troy for the beautiful hymns and All Occasions for the beautiful floral tributes.

Sincere thanks to Matthew Keegan, David Goode and their team for the professional and compassionate way they carried out Margaret's funeral arrangements and to those who prepared our mother's final resting place with such care. Thanks also to Michelle in the Parish Centre.

Heartfelt thanks to Kilminchy Lodge for the gracious guard of honour. A special note of thanks to Breslin's Pharmacy for their caring service over the years.

Thanks to Bosco's catering and all the wonderful women who brought cakes, buns, sandwiches and more and especially to Vanessa and Mairead for ensuring a steady stream of clean cups and hot tea throughout.

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

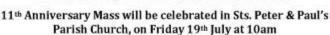
Margaret's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 28th July at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

Rest in Reace Margaret



In Loving Memory of THOMAS (Tom) KELLY

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I lost my life companion, a life linked with my own, and day by day I pray for you, As I walk through life alone.

The house you left is lonely and I am lonely too, those left behind are good and kind, but my heart still aches for you.

Always remembered by his loving wife Frances and family and friends.

Rest in Reace Tom





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

PATRICK (Paddy) KEANE Errill

(Staff of Portlaoise NCT Centre) 1st Anniversary occurs 21st July 2024



Paddy's wife Mary, Claudette and Joshua, Francis and Shauna, brothers Timmy (Portlaoise), Johnny (London), sisters Margaret Higgins (Wexford), Aggie Powell (Errill) and Martina Allen (London) and families, would like to thank all those who sympathised with them on the sad passing of Paddy.

To those who sent Mass and sympathy cards, floral tributes and expressed their condolences in person and online, we are truly grateful.

Also thanks to Paddy's colleagues in Portlaoise NCT Centre and indeed his many friends in Portlaoise.

Sincere thanks to Fr. Martin Delaney PP and Fr. Sylvanus, Rathdowney Parish and Fr. Jackie Robinson PP Borris-in-Ossory.

We would also like to thank sincerely, the staff of the Oncology Unit, Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore.

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 will be offered for your intentions.

Paddy's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of Our Lady, Queen of the Universe, Errill, this Sunday 21st July at 10am.

Rest in Reace Raddy



14th ANNIVERSARY Of our Mother and Grandmother ROSALEEN KERRY

Late of 48 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. Died 21st July 2010.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 21st July at 10am.

Heavy are our hearts today, Memory brings you back once more, To the time you were with us, To the happy days of yore.

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

May Rosaleen Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of BRIGID (Ciss) MILLS



Formerly St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 6th Anniversary occurs 25th July 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 20th July at 6.30pm.

Mammy; We think of you as present, You're not part of the past, For in life we loved you dearly, And in death it still can last. Sadly missed by all your loving family.

Nanny; When tomorrow starts without you,
We know we're not far apart,
For every time we think of you,
You're right here in our hearts.
With love from your 12 grandchildren.

Rest in Reace Oiss



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of



28 Main St./42 Kylebrook, Portlaoise. Months Mind occurs 21st July 2024



Vera's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 21st July at 11.15am.

Vera's family would like to sincerely thank the large number of people who offered condolences and attended Mums funeral.

The huge support we received has shown us the power of community and the importance of coming together during times of loss. Mum touched many lives.

Our thanks especially to Mum's neighbours in Kylebrook and many friends for their kindness; to the staff of Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise; Abbeyleix Transitional Care Unit; carers; the Priests of the Parish; Matthew Keegan and David Goode Funeral Directors for their compassion and professionalism.

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

Mum we know you are reunited with our loving father PJ. You both left us beautiful memories.

Grace was in your every step, In every gesture, Dignity and love, A mother, and a Lady. So sadly missed.

Rest in Reace Mum





In Loving Memory of JULIA GORMAN

11 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary, 21st July, 2024



A light is from our household gone, A voice we loved is gone, A place is vacant in our home, That never can be filled. Sadly missed by your loving family

and extended family. May Julia Rest in Reace



20TH ANNIVERSARY ANTHONY (Tony) SAUNDERS 40 Borris Road, Portlaoise.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 21st July at 8.30am.

Wherever we go, whatever we do, Memories of your love keeps us near to you. From your loving wife Christina, daughter

Eilís, son-in-law Ger and grandchildren, George, Clare, and Trevor.

Rest in Reace Cony



Thus says the Lord, the God of your ancestor David: have heard your prayer, have seen your tears; indeed, I will heal you. 2 Kings 20:5





Inner Healing Retreat - Portlaoise

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In Loving Memory of FRANCES CARROLL

72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise 6th Anniversary occurs 17th July 2024

Frances' Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 20th July at 6.30pm.



God looked around His garden and found an empty place, He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest, God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best. He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain,

He knew that you would never, get well on earth again. He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb, So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, 'Peace be thine'. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Loved and sadly missed by Maria, Dermot, Fiona, Aidan, Fergal and Christine, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law & grandchildren.

May Frances Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of My Dear Father GARRETT KEOGH



Borris Rd., Portlaoise. 54th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Always Loved and Remembered

Your daughter Margaret and son-in-law Oliver and grandchildren xx

Rest in Reace Dad



Annebrook House, Portlaoise. 5th Anniversary occurs 20th July 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in S.S. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 21st July at 6.30pm and Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska on Sunday 22nd July at 10am.

> It's lonely here without you, We miss you more each day, For life is not the same to us, Since you were called away.

To your resting place we visit, Place flowers there with care, But no one knows our heartache, when we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed and remembered by your loving wife Maureen, your daughters Anne and Mary, son-in-law Trevor and grandchildren Ben and Anna.

May Des Rest in Reace







In Loving Memory of JULIA MARGARET "BELL" DOHENY

23 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurs 23rd July 2024.



Mother: A mother like ours is more than a memory, she is a living presence.

Our mother is always with us, she's the whisper of the leaves as we walk down the road; she's the smell of bleach in our freshly laundered socks; she's the cold hand on our brow when we're not well.

Our mother lives inside our laughter and she is crystallised in every tear drop.

She's the place we came from - our first home, and she's the map we follow with every step we take.

She's our first love and our first heartbreak, and nothing on earth can separate us, not time, not space - not even death.

Always remembered and never forgotten.

From her daughters, sons, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, relatives and friends.

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

May Julia Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of MARY HORAN née Colbert

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 27th July, 6.30pm.

Lovingly remembered by your brothers & sisters.

Rest in Reace Mary



In Loving Memory of LARRY HEARNS

Church View, Abbeyleix. 20th Anniversary occurs 22nd July 2024



Your life was one of kindly deeds, A helping hand for others needs, Sincere and true in heart and mind, Beautiful memories left behind.

Sadly missed by Mary and family.

Rest in Reace Rarry





In Loving Memory of GERRY ALLEN

Eyne, Portlaoise. 40th Anniversary occurs 26th July 2024.



No space of time, no lapse of years can dim the treasured past, A loving memory keeps it dear, Affection holds it fast. Though Heaven and earth divides us, we are never far apart,

God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

Forever loved and missed by Mam and all your family x

Rest in Reace Gerry



In Loving Memory of DIANA ADAMS

Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurs 27th July 2024.



A thousand times we needed you,
A thousand times we cried,
If love alone could have saved
you, you never would have died.
A heart of gold stopped beating,
Two twinkling eyes closed to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
to us, He only takes the best.

Sadly missed by your loving husband Dickie, daughters Elizabeth and Julie, sons Richard, Joseph and Paul, sons-in-law Raymond and Tony, daughter-in-law Catherine.

Nanna; I feel a warmth around me,
Like your presence is so near,
And I close my eyes to visualise,
Your face when you are here.
I endure the times we spent together and
they are locked inside my heart,
As long as I have those memories,
We will never be apart.

Always remembered by your loving grandchildren Lauren, Aaron, Donnacha, Jessica, Carina & little Sean.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 28th July at 12.30pm.

Rest in Reace Christine



In Loving Memory of OLIVER CLEAR

Late of 32 Liogard Portlaoise. 25th Anniversary occurs 23rd July 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 28th July at 11.15am.

Now God has called you to His home above, There to protect you with eternal love, Often at night when we pray for you, I hope you look down and pray for us too.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family. May Oliver Rest in Reace





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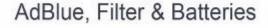






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