

Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Assumption Day commemorates our belief that when Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, died, her body was "assumed" into heaven. And as the preface of the feast says 'for today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people'. So it is most appropriate that the cemetery Mass at the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, is celebrated on this day.



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Wisdom's Banquet

Wisdom and Folly are personified in the book of Proverbs. Each has laid on a banquet and we are invited to choose which to attend. Those who share the bread and wine offered at Wisdom's banquet will learn from the Lord and gain wisdom and life. Those who choose Folly's banquet

will learn nothing more than to live by one's own thoughts and desires. The drama provides a backdrop for today's gospel reading.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." Jesus is describing a spiritual diet in which we can achieve a union with him. We are what we consume. If we consume a diet of pulp fiction, junk television, consumer catalogues and gossip, our heads will end up full of trivia and poor priorities. If we consume a diet of thoughtful conversation, prayer selective reading and action based on faith we will be worthier people as a result. So too when we celebrate the Eucharist, we become what we consume. We become God's people.

The invitation to eat Jesus' flesh and drink his blood was too much for some of Jesus' earliest disciples. They turned their backs and walked away. Today we are given the same choice. The banquet is set and the guests are invited. We can choose between Wisdom and Folly. We can accept the invitation to spiritual nourishment through the Eucharist, or we can find our sustenance elsewhere.



Saint Bartholomew Saturday 24th August

St. Bartholomew was one of the twelve apostles. He is mentioned in the three synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke, and was also a witness of the Ascension in Acts of the Apostles. He is often mentioned in these gospels along with Phillip. However, he is not mentioned in the Gospel of John, but Nathaniel is often mentioned in this book in conjunction with Phillip. Nathaniel was also born in Galilee, the region where Jesus found all twelve of his apostles. Therefore, scholars believe that Bartholomew was not his given name, but rather his family name.

St. Bartholomew is believed to be the same person as Nathaniel, who is mentioned in more of the books of the Bible.

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.

Exam Results

For those of our young parishioners who have just received exam results or are just about to receive them,



remember that our prayers are with you now. For those who feel they could have done a little better, take heart from the life and words of Sir John Lubbock. Sir John Lubbock was a wise and tender-hearted man whose works and ideas have had profound effects on education through his scientific discoveries and through the textbooks that he wrote. He was also keen to challenge people to better themselves and to help shape a better society. His words of advice to you right now would be to remember

"Those who have not distinguished themselves at school need not on that account be discouraged. The greatest minds do not necessarily ripen the quickest."

Best of luck to all Leaving Cert students who are expecting their results next Friday.

ANYONE WHO EATS THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER
JN 6:51



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1st Half Tied: PJ Cahill & Paddy Purcell | **2nd Half:** Billy Jackson | **13 Tricks:** Billy O'Keeffe

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Whist continues every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm, new players welcome.

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Clonkeen Graveyard Mass: Final Reminder: **Wednesday the 21st of August at 7pm** next is the date and time of the annual graveyard mass in Clonkeen. Hoping to see as many people as possible attend and celebrate this very special graveyard mass along with Fr. Paddy Byrne Abbeyleix P.P. Let us pray for everyone that is laid to rest in this centuries old church graveyard. People from both Christian Denominations have been laid to rest in this sacred place throughout it's long history. Let us also celebrate the fact that we have been offered a grant of 120,000 euros from the National Monument Fund that will be spent on the conservation of this medieval old church situated at this Heritage site in Clonkeen and thereby safeguard the church building and it's history for the generations to come.

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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 Friday in the Parish Church.

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Conservation work 2nd phase will resume during the first week in September 2024.

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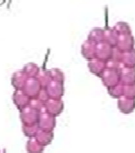
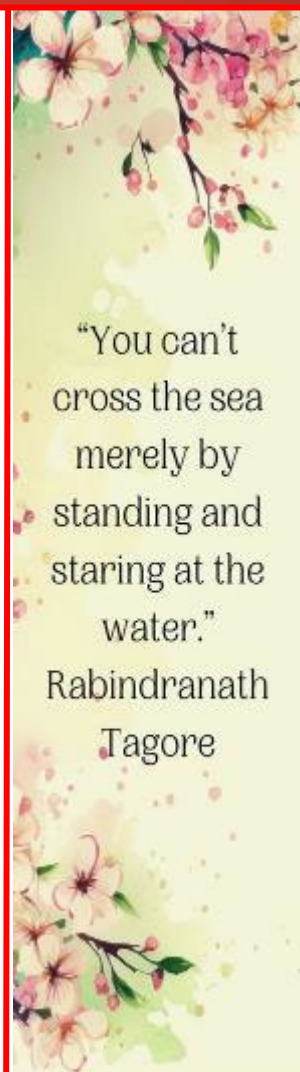


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Come Along and Bring a Friend!

"You can't cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water."

Rabindranath Tagore



"This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate; they are dead"

Today's Gospel is about the life that the Father communicates to the Son comes to the faithful through the Eucharist. If we do not partake of this heavenly food and drink we will not have eternal life. The Lord's promise is that anyone who eats this bread will live forever.



IN THE FIRST READING TODAY

Wisdom invites us to a special meal. In the same way, Jesus, who is the true wisdom, invites us to share in His special meal by eating the bread and drinking the wine. When we do this, it helps us to make better choices and follow the right path.

IN THE SECOND READING TODAY

In today's Second Reading, we learn about a special message given to the Ephesians. They are encouraged to stop making bad choices and instead make wise decisions. They should not waste their time but instead try to understand what God wants them to do. When they gather together for a special celebration called the Eucharist, they should show their thankfulness by singing songs, or hymns together.

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.



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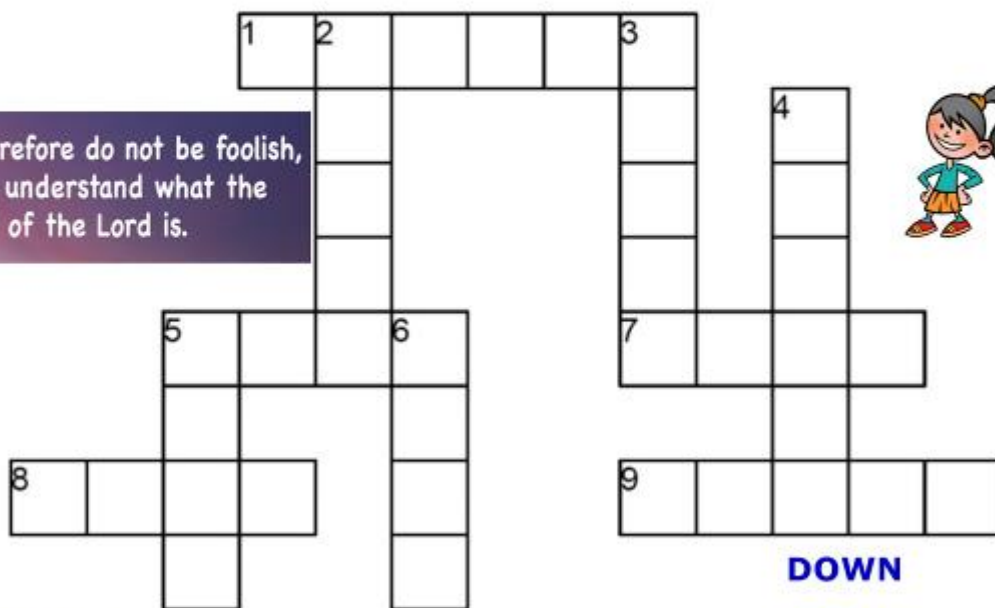
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O Be Careful!

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. **Ephesians 5:15-17**

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.



ACROSS

1. To express appreciation for something
5. Having good judgement or common senses.
7. To make music with the voice
8. A drink made from fruit, especially grapes
9. Beautiful sounds made by the voice or instruments.



DOWN

2. Songs of praise to God
3. A short musical composition with words.
4. To express appreciation for something.
5. A drink made from fruit, especially grapes
6. Something that causes great harm

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WINE

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EVIL

MUSIC

DAYS

HYMNS

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WISE



Time to Think!

Blessed Carlos Acutis relics visit Portlaoise Parish Church

This September a relic of blessed Carlo Acutis will be brought to Ireland by 3 Franciscan friars from Assisi where his mortal remains repose. Portlaoise Parish Church is privileged to be one of the places chosen to host this visit. We look forward to this on the 11th, 12th and 13th Sept. This soon to be the first Millennium Saint is extremely popular and indeed relevant for our times. His youthful statue differs from the traditional ones, a young man dressed in jeans holding an iPhone in his hand. His relatability has made him extremely attractive especially to young people who are all too familiar with the challenges of social media. This will be a blessed occasion for the people of Laois and beyond, to gather and venerate the relics of such an iconic holy young man, soon to be canonized.

I am also greatly taken by the life story of Carlo Acutis, a young, talented and deeply spiritual teenager whose life story is a real example of Christian Hope. Carlo was born in London May 3, 1991, to Italian parents who soon returned to Milan. He was a pious child, attending daily Mass, frequently praying the rosary, and making weekly confessions. Exceptionally gifted in working with computers, Carlo Acutis, developed a website which catalogued Eucharistic miracles. This website was the genesis of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, an international exhibition which highlights such occurrences. Acutis died of leukaemia in Monza, near Milan, Oct. 12, 2006. Acutis stated that "To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan. I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God. He also said that "our aim has to be the infinite and not the finite. The Infinite is our homeland. We have always been expected in Heaven," and he called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven". Carlo Acutis died at the age of 15 of a galloping leukaemia, leaving in the memory of all those who knew him a great feeling of emptiness and great admiration for his brief but intense testimony of authentic Christian life. From the day he received his First Communion at the age of 7, he never missed an appointment with daily Holy Mass. He always tried, either before or after the Eucharistic celebration, to pause before the Tabernacle to adore the Lord, always truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Our Lady was his great confidant, and he never failed to honour her by reciting the Holy Rosary every day. Carlo's modern and up-to-date ways combined perfectly with his profound Eucharistic life and Marian devotion, which helped to make him that very special boy who everyone admires and loves. To quote Carlo's own words: "All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies". To move towards this goal and not "die as photocopies" Carlo said that our compass must be the Word of God, that we have to measure up to constantly. But to reach such a lofty goal very special measures are necessary: the Sacraments and prayer. Carlo was very gifted with everything related to the world of computers so that both his friends and adults with computer engineering degrees considered him a genius. Everyone was amazed at his ability to understand the secrets of computers that are normally only accessible to those who have specialized university degrees. Carlo's



interests involved computer programming, film editing, website creation, editing and laying out small publications, to helping those most in need especially children and the elderly. This young believer of the Diocese of Milan was a mystery, who before he died was able to offer his suffering up for the Pope and the Church. "To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life". These few words Carlo Acutis, the boy who died of leukaemia, said outline the distinctive feature of his short life: living with Jesus, for Jesus, in Jesus. (...) "I am happy to die because I lived my life without wasting even a minute of it on anything displeasing to God". And Carlo asks of us the same thing: he asks us to spread the Gospel through our lives, so that each of us can be a beacon to light the journey of others. Carlo, like many adolescents of our time was busy at school, with his friends, and for his young age was an expert in computers. In the midst of all his commitments he encountered Jesus Christ.

This teenager sociologically similar to his school mates, was an authentic witness that the Gospel can be lived fully even by a teenager. In his short life, oriented to that encounter with Jesus, was like a light not only to shine on the path of those who knew him, but also of those who will come to know his story. I am sure that this first biography of Carlo Acutis, edited by Nicola Gori, with his well-known ability to involve the reader, will help today's adolescents, so problematic and so conditioned by the Mass Media, to reflect on the meaning of life and on the Gospel values to realize it fully. Looking at this teenager as their peers, who felt attracted by Christ's friendship, and for this very reason experienced a truer joy, our children will be put in touch with a life experience that has not taken anything away from the wealth of young teenage years but has enhanced them even more. Carlo's witness to the Gospel is not only an incentive for today's adolescents, but it also helps Parish Priests and teachers to question themselves about the value of the formation they give to young people of our parish communities and how to make this formation effective and incisive.

Prayer to Blessed Carlo

*Oh Father, who has given us the ardent testimony,
of the young Blessed Carlo Acutis,
who made the Eucharist the core of his life
and the strength of his daily commitments
so that everybody may love You above all else,
let him soon be counted among the Saints in Your Church.
Confirm my faith, nurture my hope,
strengthen my charity, in the image of young Carlo
May all young people be blessed with courage and hope.*

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 32,700 followers or @AbbeyleixP
or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles*

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



Kathleen Fogarty
(née Keogh)
Ridge Road



Thomas (Tom) Fenlon
Woodlawn & Emo



Robert Bowe
Ballinakill & formerly
Marian Avenue



Joseph (Joe) O'Neill
Ballybrittas
(Father of Fr. Joe O'Neill)



Tony Dunne
St. Brigid's Place



Patrick Joe Carroll
Abbeyleix

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



***In Loving Memory of
CAMILLUS DUNNE***



formerly Dr. Murphy Place
Memorial Mass for Camillus
will take place on **Thursday,**
22nd August at 2pm in St. Peter
& Paul's Church, Portlaoise.

Rest In Peace Camillus



***In Loving Memory of
ALICE O'REILLY***



46 Borris Road, Portlaoise.

26th Anniversary occurs 16th August 2024



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

Fondly remembered by her family;
John, Tom, Margaret and all her
grandchildren.

Also remembering our Dad and sister Ella.

Rest in Peace Alice



***In Loving Memory of
TOM BERGIN***



66 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

25th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this **Sunday 18th August at**
12:30pm.

*Time passes, memories stay,
Quietly remembered everyday.*

From his loving wife Mary & family.

Rest in Peace Tom



***In Loving Memory of
ANNA O'BRIEN***



59 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 21st August 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 17th August at 6.30pm.

*Always cherish your wife and Mother,
Because ours is gone forever,
And we miss her everyday.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her
loving husband Paddy and family.*

Rest in Peace Anna



***In Loving Memory of
PATRICK TIMMONS***



Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

Anniversary occurs 19th August 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Monday 19th August at 10am.

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free,
I'm following the path God laid for me,
I took His Hand when I heard Him call,
I turned my back and left it all.*

Sadly missed by Marian and family.

Rest in Peace Patrick

**In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE (KITTY) SIDES**

6 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
18th Anniversary occurs 14th August 2024.



Your presence we miss,
Your memories we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.

**Sadly missed and always remembered
by her daughter Ann, son-in-law Noel
and granddaughters Aoife and Áine.**

Also remembering her husband Dick at this time R.I.P.

May Kitty Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DOYLE**

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 17th August 2024.



The pain I feel inside today,
Is the pain I try to hide,
No one will ever know,
The tears I hide inside,
It seems like only yesterday,
The wound is still so sore,
For every hour of every day,
I miss you more and more Kathleen,
Place a kiss upon her cheek Lord and tell her we
miss and love her always.

Loved and remembered by your loving husband Joe
and sisters-in-law Ellen, Mary, Guggie & families.

Rest in Peace Kathleen

**In Loving Memory of
ANN WHELAN**

Late of 85 St. Brigid's Place. 23rd Anniversary
Sister;



We lost a sister with a heart of gold
How much we miss her can never
be told
Once in a lifetime an angel is sent
To bring joy love and light
You shone over every life you touched

Rest Softly Sister

Loved, missed, never forgotten. From your loving sisters
Ellen, Guggie, Mary, and brother Joe xxxx

May Ann Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DOYLE**

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 17th August 2024.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Saturday 17th August at 6.30pm.



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

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

Miss you always and forever
Anne, Mick, Karen, Rachel, Eoin and girls xxx
Rest in Peace Cait

**In Loving Memory of
MARY FARRELL née Maher**

20 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs 21st August 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in the Church of the Assumption, the
Heath, Sunday 18th August, 9.30am.
Loving you is easy, we do it every day,
Missing you is a heartache,
That never goes away.

**Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her
loving husband Patrick, daughters Martina,
Mary, Sheila, grandchildren and extended family.**

Rest in Peace Mary

**In Loving Memory of
HUGH ROCHFORD**

12 Roselawn, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 15th August 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 18th August, 11:15am.

It's hard to believe you're no longer
here, we think of you, you feel so near,
In some small way every single day,
Memories of you come our way.

Thinking of you Dad on your 3rd year away from
home.

Love Colin, Laura, Callie, Lana and Laila x
May Hugh Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
MAURA SHEERAN

26 Balladine, Abbeyleix and formerly of
Graceswood, Durrow.

7th Anniversary occurs 18th August 2024.



Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the one we loved so much,
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
And we have you in our hearts.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
son Joe Jacob, relatives and friends.*

Rest in Peace Maura

GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH
that he gave HIS ONLY SON
JOHN 3:16

In Loving Memory of
FRANCES WALSH

48 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise

16th Anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Church this **Saturday 17th August at 6.30pm**



*There is always a face before me
A voice I would love to hear
A smile I will always remember
Of a mother I loved so dear
Deep in my heart lie a picture
More precious than silver or gold
It's a picture of my mother
Whose memory will never grow old*

*Sadly missed by your daughter Martha,
grandchildren Sharon, Michael, Leona, Eugene,
Alan and Colin.*

May Frances Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL BOWE

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

24th Anniversary occurs on 20th August 2024



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this **Sunday**
18th August at 12:30pm.

*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Each of us in our own way
Have special thoughts of you
today*

Always remembered by Paula, Mary & families.

Rest in Peace Michael

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL BOWE

42 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

24th Anniversary occurs on 20th August 2024



*To us you were someone special
Someone set apart
Your memory will live forever
Engraved within our hearts*

*Sadly missed and always
remembered by Sean,
Patricia, grandchildren
and great grandchildren*

Rest in Peace Michael

In Loving Memory of
My Kind, Caring, Funny Mother
ANNIE GREENE

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
 8th Anniversary occurs 21st August 2024



You were always the perfect Mammy,
 In each and every way
 So caring, loving and kind,
 You're missed so much each day
 The pain of losing you never passes
 And I miss our time together
 But on special days like this,
 I feel it deeper than ever.
 I'll never forget the love you showed
 And the way you cared for me,
 You truly gave me everything
 The best Mammy there could ever be

So this anniversary message comes filled with all the love in
 my heart, to say you're never, ever forgotten even though
 we are apart

I miss you so much, Ma.

Also remembering my Dad
THOMAS GREENE

15th Anniversary occurred 12th July

From your heartbroken daughter
 Annmarie, son-in-law Peter, grandchildren
 Tanya and Courtney and great-grandkids
 Kelsie and Kayla.

Rest in Peace Mammy & Daddy



In Loving Memory of
AOIFE HUME

The Downs, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 20th August 2024.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
 on **Saturday 24th August, 6.30pm.**



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 and always remembered by your
loving parents Rose & Noel, sisters Aisling & Niamh,
brother-in-law Damien, nephews Robert & Malachy,
family & friends.

Rest in Peace Aoife

YOUR LIGHT WILL
SHINE LIKE THE DAWN

ISAIAH 58:8



In Loving Memory of
A Kind, Funny, Loving Mother,
Nanny & Sister
ANNIE GREENE

74 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary away from home occurs 21st August.



What she suffered she told but few
 She did not deserve what she went
 through

Tired and weary she made no fuss,
 But tried so hard to stay with us.

Two tired eyes are sleeping,
 Two willing hands are still;

The one who worked so hard for us,
 Is resting at God's Will.

Our lips cannot speak how we loved her,

Our hearts cannot tell what to say;

But God only knows how we miss her;

In our home that is lonely today

She bade no one a last farewell,

She raised her hand to none;

Her spirit flew before she knew, that she from us had gone

Your life was love and labour,

Your love for your family true;

You did your best for all of us,

We will always remember you.



Love and miss you today and always
from your daughter Mary, grandson
Keelin, sister Ellie and the Greene
family.

Also remembering our father
THOMAS, whose 15th Anniversary
 away from home occurred 12th July.

Rest in Peace Mammy and Daddy

In Loving Memory of
MARY CLOONEY

Shanahoe Rd, Ballytarsna, Abbeylax.

11th Anniversary; 20th August 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the
 Most Holy Rosary, Abbeylax, Sunday 22nd Sept at 11am



Your memory is a keepsake from
 which we'll never part.

God has you in His arms;
 we have you in our hearts

Always remembered never forgotten
by her loving daughters Anne &
Patricia, sons-in-law Eamon & Aidan
and grandchildren Roisin Tommy,
Sean & Conall.

Also remembering her beloved husband Paddy

Rest in Peace Mary

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
ANNE CLOONEY
Lower Boley, Abbeylax



Anne's Month's Mind Mass will take place on **Sunday, 25th Aug at 12 noon** in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe.

The family of the late Anne Clooney, who passed away peacefully on 24th July 2024 surrounded by her family, would like to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all those who sympathised with us on the sad loss of our lovely sister.

Sincere thanks to our neighbours and friends who without thought, came and gave our family support in the days prior to Anne's passing, for the generosity shown by all those who called to our home and brought food and refreshments. We appreciate all the kind and thoughtful messages, cards, and words from everyone who visited and, the beautiful floral wreaths from home and abroad.

Thank you to Fr. Paddy and Fr. Peter for their prayers and support for Anne and our family in our time of need and the celebration of the beautiful mass and to Mary Delaney, Sacristan. Thank you also to Damien Bowe for his amazing singing and also to Tommy Ferns who recorded the mass and can be seen on YouTube.

We would also like to thank Dr. Kemple for his kindness and understanding of Anne and the staff and nurses at Health Centre, Abbeylax, and O' Donnell's chemist and also to all HSE staff. We also send our heartfelt thanks to Bluebird Care for all the years with Anne and to Comfort Care and Palliative Care in her last few days, it was very comforting to all the family to have them in the home. We also have to thank all volunteers who helped with traffic control and parking and to Danny Cass for use of his field, also to anyone who made teas and helped out in many ways leading up to the funeral.

Our special appreciation to Eamon Kelly, funeral director and staff. We would also like to thank Eddie and Maura Phelan for providing catering and refreshments after funeral in Shanahoe Hall.

As it is impossible to express thanks to everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our heartfelt appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Rest in Peace Anne

In Loving Memory of **BARBARA LAWLOR (née Breen)**

Formerly Dr. Murphy Place & Dublin

3rd Anniversary occurs 23rd August 2024.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church, on **Friday 23rd August at 10am.**



*No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye.*

*You were gone before we knew it,
And only God can tell us why.*

It broke my heart to lose you

But you didn't go alone,

For part of me went with you,

The day God called you home.

*Always loved & remembered by
Moira, Vera, Liam & Tom and*

her Nieces & Nephews and Families.

Rest in Peace Barbara

In Loving Memory of **LIAM LYNCH**

Abbeylax



Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeylax on **Sunday 18th August, 11am**

I arise today

*Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the*

Trinity,

Through belief in the

Threeness,

Through confession of the

Oneness

Of the Creator of creation

*Sadly missed by his wife Eileen, his children
and their spouses, his grandchildren,
extended family and friends.*

May Liam Rest in Peace



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*The last will be first,
and the first last*

Matthew 20:16



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In Loving Memory of
ESTHER (BABS) WHELAN

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise

who entered eternal life on 24th July 2024



As we remember our Mam, Esther (Babs) Whelan, we as a family wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all those who shared in our sad loss.

We wish to thank all of those who were part of Mam's long and wonderful life, in particular her extended family, friends, wonderful neighbours,

especially Kitty, Mary, Garry and Paul Dooley.

We acknowledge with gratitude those who looked after Mam's health and wellbeing in her final years: Her wonderful team of carers, Daniela, Deborah, Louise and Nikki, doctors, nurses and receptionists at the Cedar Clinic, public health nurses, the staff of Hughes Chemist, medical teams and carers of MRHP, The Residence Portlaoise, the palliative care team, Mary McCabe and Cathy Wright.

For the welcomed visits from Priests of the Parish and Eucharistic Ministers, we are sincerely thankful.

We are truly grateful to everyone who sent messages, condolences, mass cards and flowers, those who visited our home with much welcomed refreshments, those who travelled long distances and those who attended the wake, the removal or funeral, either personally or virtually.

Thank you to Mons. John Byrne, Fr. Adriano, Fr. Tom O'Reilly, Fr. Frances Mitchell and Fr. Stapleton for concelebrating Mam's beautiful Requiem. To Franzita, Antoinette, Zoe, Alan, James and Aisling for enriching the Mass with lovely music and songs. Also, to our sister sacristans for preparing the Church for Mass.

Heartfelt thanks to Matthew and David of Matthew Keegan's Funeral Directors for the kindness shown to our family and for their professionalism in carrying out all the funeral arrangements. We also acknowledge the work of the grave diggers in preparing Mam's final resting place beside her husband and our Dad, Paddy. For the help of the Garda Síochána in ensuring our uninterrupted journey to St. Peter and Paul's Church.

We hope that this acknowledgement will be accepted with huge gratitude for your help and support.

Esther is sadly missed, forever loved and will always be remembered by Willie, Sean, Mary, Anne, Geraldine, Martina, her late daughter Brigid's family, Christine, Aisling, in-laws, grandchildren, greatgrandchildren and her extended family.

Esther's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 24th August at 6.30pm in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise.

Rest in Peace Mam



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