



The Jury's Out!

The barristers have presented their case. All the facts are on the table and every bit of evidence has been examined and re-examined. The jury is sent out to make a



decision, and if the decision is a difficult one, the jury can be out for some considerable time. Difficult decisions have something in common; there will always be a sticking point that will keep us dithering. Even if we know deep down what our answer should be, there is something stopping us from reaching it. Counsellors have a well-worn phrase that helps clients make decisions. "What," they ask, "would make our decision easer to make?"

In today's gospel Jesus' followers find themselves with decisions to make and sticking points to overcome. Jesus has presented all the evidence. He has healed the sick and worked many miracles. He has taught many lessons and promised everlasting life for those who choose the bread that endures. Now it's decision time, but there's a sticking point. The crowd find it difficult to believe that Jesus has come down from heaven. How will they deal with the sticking point? For some the sticking point is too great and they turn their backs on Jesus' teaching and walk away. Others doubtless would have liked more convincing, but Jesus doesn't seem to offer any. We too might have our sticking points. We too might look for extra evidence, but all the evidence is on the table. Peter employs his own inimitable way of surmounting the difficulty. "Master," he says, "to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..." In Peter's mind the decision as whether to follow Jesus or not is a bit of a 'no-brainer' because for him there is no alternative to the promise of eternal life. What would it take to make your decision easier to make?

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Saturday: 10am Sunday

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am CONFESSIONS

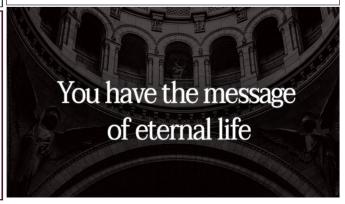
Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass.

The Beheading of John the Baptist 29th August

The death of St. John the Baptist is reported in varying amounts of detail



throughout the synoptic Gospels and Mark and Matthew report the event with the most detail. In Mark's Gospel, John was arrested and imprisoned because of King Herod's fear of him. But although Herod feared John, he would not kill him because he knew John was a righteous and holy man, and he liked hearing John speak. Herodias, Herod's wife, did not share his respect for John and looked for any chance to have him killed. Herodias' chance came when her daughter Salome's dancing so pleased the smitten Herod that he promised her anything she desired. Herodias prompted her daughter to ask for the death of John the Baptist. Herod granted her wish and John was killed.



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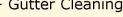
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Public Meeting; Elaine Mullally, an Independent candidate in the general election for Laois, will be hosting a public meeting at 8pm on September 3rd in Portlaoise Parish Centre. This gathering provides a platform for residents to share their concerns directly with Elaine. She is keen to listen and understand the issues that matter most to constituents. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend and engage in the discussion. For more details, visit Elaine's website; www.elainemullally.ie

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.



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. Bus to Knock; Stradbally, Timahoe and Vicarstown Bus to Knock, 8th September for Our Lady's Birthday. Contact; 085-7482558.

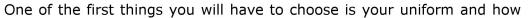
Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community - Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat; Saturday 31st August from 10am to 1.30pm in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise. Holy Mass 10am. Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Old Sacristy behind the Altar from 10.45am to 1.30pm. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P. For more information visit www.spioraidnaoimh.com or contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

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To Whom Shall We Go?

It is back to school time! Does that make you happy, or are you sad? Are you excited? Nervous? Afraid? You needn't be ashamed if you are a little bit nervous or afraid. After all, you will be facing a lot of new things. You will have to make a lot of choices.



you will look on the first day of school. That is pretty important, isn't it? After all, you want to look your best and make a good impression. When you get to your classroom, you will have to choose where you want to sit. Is it best to sit up front, at the back, or maybe somewhere in the middle?

Some choices you have to make are not very important, but others are very important. There will be rules in your classroom. You will have to choose whether or not you are going to follow the rules. That is very important! You will also be choosing who your friends will be. That is important, because if you choose the wrong kind of friends, you might find yourself in a lot of trouble. What if the teacher says something and you don't understand it? Will you pretend that you understand, or will you go to the teacher and ask for help? Those are some pretty important decisions you may be facing in the new school year.

The followers of Jesus faced some difficult decisions too. Sometimes, the teachings of Jesus were hard for them to understand. One day Jesus was teaching in the synagogue and he said to the people, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Anyone who feeds on me will live forever." When the people heard it, they said, "This is a hard teaching. How can anyone accept it?" Some of them quit following Jesus after that day.

Jesus knew that many people were grumbling and complaining, so he turned to the twelve whom he had chosen to be his disciples and said, "You don't want to leave too, do you?"

Peter answered him. "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." The disciples had answered the call to follow Jesus. They were not about to turn back now.

You and I face the same decision those first disciples faced. Will we follow Jesus, or will we look for another to lead us? It may not always be easy to follow Jesus, but to whom can we go? Who else offers eternal life?

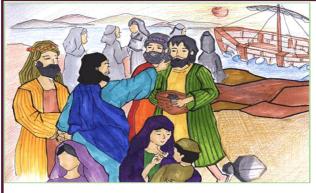
PRAYER

Father, we thank you for Jesus, the only one to whom we can go for the gift of eternal life. In his name we pray.





Amen.



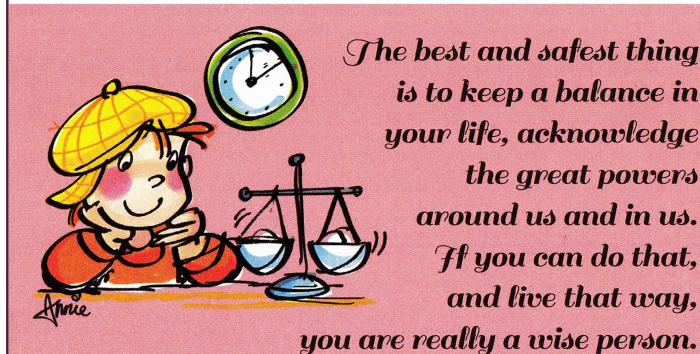
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"You do not want to leave too, do you?"

Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter
answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we
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Puzzle is based on John 6:67-69

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Time to Think! Meditation.....Food for the Soul

It is not God, but our false images of God we need to challenge ourselves about. God is not a puppeteer who is pulling the strings on everything that happens in our world. God is three persons in one being. John's Gospel tells us that God is love, three persons madly in love with each other, and that their love has been shared with us human beings. Jesus prayed to the Father that 'the love, with which you loved me, may be in them, so that I may be in them' (Jn 17:26). And that divine love has been given to us so that we can share it with others and so witness to the presence of God in our world today. So where is God in the midst of war, violence and human suffering? God is not the cause of such devastation, but God is the response to the challenges often by heroic resilient and courageous people. God is present in the love, kindness and caring of people for those who have suffered. Jesus, after the Resurrection, sent the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The Holy Spirit is now. Jesus, in his life, witnessed to the love of God by healing the sick, feeding the poor and eating with those who were rejected by his society. Today, we, through the Holy Spirit acting in us, are called to witness to the love of God in the world.

"A Hundred Roads to Here", is a wonderful read, by a Dominican priest, Donagh O'Shea. The book, Donagh informs us in the introduction, was written in response to requests for brief inputs at the beginning of meditation sessions. They are not, he insists, points to ponder during meditation or suggestions for further reflection. They are simply 'doors to meditation'. Meditation (or what is sometimes called 'contemplation'), he says, is a simple matter, though few find it so. Probably because we don't keep it simple by bringing so much baggage with us from our own experience of prayer and praying. And this book is for dipping into as we find our way along the road to silence.

In an early key to meditation, Donagh writes: 'Many years ago my cousin was so seriously ill - and for so long - that no one expected her to live. Her weight had dropped to an alarming 30 kilos, and she began to resemble a corpse. But every day her boyfriend came and sat by her hospital bed for hours. She lived, regaining her health very slowly. She left the hospital and was convalescent for almost a year. Every day he came to visit and sit with her. A few years later they were married. Fifty years later she died, aged 75. He had a headstone erected over her grave, and a limestone seat beside it. Every day, until he died aged 93, he came and sat by her grave.' That reflection helps to situate if not explain key features of meditation. As with 'He came and sat', there is little else to say. 'A human relationship', Donagh says, 'that could not endure silence would be exceedingly shallow'. It is the same - but more so - with our relationship with God. We won't lose contact with God if we stop praying with words.

Meditation is about sitting in silence in God's company. It's about saying nothing, doing nothing, adding nothing. It's about waiting and listening for a rumour or even a whisper of God, that if it ever arrived would be regarded as 'unexpected and undeserved'.



The spiritual writer, Sr. Ruth Burrows, who has written more than a dozen books on prayer, including mystical prayer, admitted that despite a lifetime of meditation she never felt the presence of God – yet she never regretted the time spent in contemplation.

Here is a rough summary of what's involved in meditation. You sit in silence 'as if you were to sit forever'. You are alert to the busy-ness of your mind, and you try and leave your ego 'outside the door with your shoes'. You settle yourself by becoming aware of your breathing. You remind yourself that you are in the presence 'of a God who will not desert you'. Don't use words - apart from a few simple one -word mantras to keep a focus on God: 'Mercy', 'Jesus', 'Come Holy Spirit'. You are sitting with God and meditation is about the holy grail of patience. Don't force anything. Let things be. For God there is no past or future - just the present moment. And inside the act of contemplation, you are conscious only of God. Recently I discovered a poem by Edwina Gateley, Let Your God Love You, which explains meditation in a simple prayer-poem: Be silent/Be still/ Alone/Empty/Before your God/Say nothing/Ask nothing/ Be silent/Be still/Let your God look upon you/That is all/ God knows/God understands/God loves you with an enormous love/God only wants to look upon you/ With love/Quiet/Be still/Let your God love you.

Part of our difficulty is that for many, prayer was caught in a fear-trap. The God that Edwina Gately depicts (above, in Let Your God Love You) is the complete opposite. God's love is not something we have to earn or else! It's a gift. It's given to us to enjoy and all we have to do in prayer is to sit still, keep our egos from distracting us, and let our God love us.

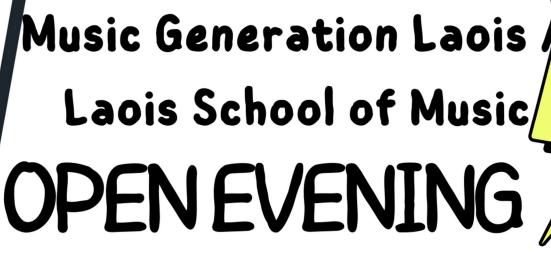
So many kind and good and loving people have lived their lives with this burden of a false God-image weighing them down with guilt and with an infantile faith that is a caricature of a healthy life-enhancing friendship with a God who loves us beyond all expectation or imagining. God's love is not a bounty we have to earn, but a gift that's offered to us that's life-enhancing, liberating and often a sheer joy. In Edwina Gateley's words, all we have to do is to be silent, be still, say nothing, ask nothing. Just let your God love you.

(Donagh O'Shea, A Hundred Roads To Here, Introductions to Meditation (Dominican Publications), €12)

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 32,950 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles





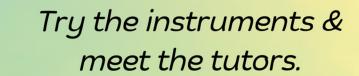


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Also remembering her loving husband,
PETER KEEGAN

who died 18th February 1992.

Fondly remembered and always in our thoughts, from all your loving family.



May They Rest in Reace



Treasured Memories of CHRISTOPHER DWANE

28 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. 18th Anniversary occurs 27th August 2024.



We did not know that morning,
What sorrow the day would bring,
When a heart of gold stopped beating,
And we couldn't do a thing,
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.

Always remembered by his loving mother and family.

May Christy Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of STELLA PHELAN

Cois na Habhann, Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurs 24th August 2024



Every day in some small way, Memories of you come our way, Though absent, you are always near, Still loved, missed and always dear.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your daughter Edel, Kevin and your grandchildren Darra and Ryan.

Rest in Reace Stella





In Loving Memory of MICHAEL DALTON

4 Borris Little, Portlaoise, 4th Anniversary occurs 27th August 2024.



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

Sadly missed by his loving wife Margaret, family and friends. Rest in Reace Michael



Birthday Remembrance In Loving Memory of A Loving Husband & Dad EUGENE McLOUGHLIN

63 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. D.O.B. 23/8/1949 2nd Birthday away from home occurred 23rd August.



Precious are the Memories of Eugene (Hughie) Unseen, unheard, but always near Still loved, still missed, still very dear. Thinking of you on your Birthday

Missed but not Forgotten From your wife Patsy & son Eugene x

Daddy A Heavenly Birthday

I think of him as living in the hearts of those he touched, For nothing loved is ever lost and he was loved so much.

Miss you dearly Love Imelda, Danny & Family xxx

May the angels sing to you, the most joyous chorus of Happy Birthday today.

Forever in our hearts Dad Love Yvonne, Jamie, Ava-Jade, Dylan & Ellie xxx

Dad

I know you are watching me from over the sky I want you to know that you are very much alive in my heart and I'll never let your memories be faded away.

> Happy Birthday From your daughter Trisha.

Rest in Reace Sugene



In Loving Memory of EDWARD (Ned) McEVOY

Capoley, Portlaoise - 26th Anniversary (30th August)



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 25th August at 12:30pm.

Time unfolds another year, memories keep you very near. No need for words except to say you are loved and missed each passing day.

In God's care you rest alone, in our hearts you rest in love. Never more than a thought away, loved and remembered everyday by Sarahann, Ailish, Mary, Joe and Breda and families.

Also thinking of our Mother Madge at this time.

May Edward Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of ANDREW MORRISSEY

Chantiere Gate, Portlaoise. 1st Anniversary occurs 4th September 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 1st September at 12.30pm.

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

Much loved and missed by your wife Maeve and family.

Rest in Reace Andrew



In Loving Memory of MARY-EMMA FERGUS



A wonderful Mother and Grandma

5th Anniversary occurs 23rd August 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Saturday 24th August at 6:30pm.

Deep are the memories, Precious they stay, No passing of time can take them away.

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by her husband Bryan, daughters Siobhán and Bebhinn, grandson Lorcán and and her newest granddaughter Clodagh Bebhinn Tucker.

We know you are looking down on them from above.

Rest in Reace Mary-Emma



In Loving Memory of PATRICIA LaCUMBER

1 Parnell Crescent, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurred 22nd August 2024



Patricia's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 24th August at 6.30pm.

Our thoughts are ever with you, Though you have passed away, And those who have loved you dearly, Are thinking of you today.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her loving family.

Rest in Reace Ratricia



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND MONTHS MIND

In Loving Memory of

PHILOMENA (Phil) COUGHLAN

"Curragha", Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.



We the family of Phil Coughlan would like to thank all those who supported us when our Mam passed away.

To those who helped take care of Phil during her short illness, Maria, Angela, Sarahann, Jayne and Sakina. The Community Care Team, especially Joanne and The Palliative Care Team, special thanks to Anna.

To Dr. Sinead Burke from the Cedar Clinic for her care and help and the staff of Hughes Pharmacy for all their help. In a special way we would like to thank Doreen and Mary for being there for us all the time.

Thank you to all Mam's friends, neighbours, and family for their visits, messages, cards, gifts and prayers during her illness, they gave her a great lift.

Thank you so much to all the people who called to the house or came to Keegan's funeral home to give their condolences and attended the funeral in such numbers, your support meant so much to us. You really helped us get through this terrible time.

To Matthew and David of Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors for your professionalism, you made it very easy for us by arranging everything. Thank you.

Thank you to Monsignor John Byrne for visiting Mammy and for a beautiful funeral Mass enhanced by the music and singing by Heather Fogarty.

Thank you all so much for your friendship and support.

Mammy's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 31st August at 6.30pm in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise.

Rest in Reace Phil



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of ARON GING

Formerly 51 Borris Little Whose 5^h Birthday away from home occurs 28th August.



Thinking of you always 💎 It is especially difficult today not to

have you here, To celebrate the happy times we shared over another joyful year, We wish we had just one more chance to see your happy smile, To laugh and celebrate with you,

just for a little while, We'll hold you close forever, deep within our hearts, And though you are not here with us,

know that we'll never part,

This day was always special, so we just want to say, That we are thinking of you with lots of love, On this, your Birthday.

Happy Heavenly 28th Birthday Aron

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts. Loved and remembered by all your loving family.

Rest in Reace Aron



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE ARON GING

5th Birthday away from home occurs 28th August 2024



While you celebrate your birthday in Heaven, I'll celebrate in my heart. I miss and love you. Heaven holds you this birthday, and we hold you in our sweet memories.

Loved and remembered dearly by Dad, sisters Lisa & Emma, brother Ross and nephew Michael J.J.

Rest in Reace Aron



In Loving Memory of CHRISTOPHER CON CARROLL

26 Beladd Upper, Portlaoise. 19th Anniversary occurs 29th August 2024



Chris, you always had a smile to share, A time to give, a time to care, A loving nature, a heart of gold, One of the best this world could hold, God came himself and took you, because he thought it best, To save you further suffering, He took you home to rest.

Sadly missed by your loving wife Sheila. May Christopher Rest in Reace





In Loving Memory of PETER KEOGH

Late of Borris Rd. Portlaoise. 29th Anniversary occurs 27th August 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 25th August at 12:30pm and Tuesday 27th August at 10am.

Gone are the days we used to share Peter, But in my heart you are always there, The gates of memory will never close, I miss you more than anyone knows, With tender love and deep regret, I who loved you will never forget.

Lovingly remembered today and forever. Deeply missed by your loving Julie xxx

May Reter Rest in Reace Forever



In Loving Memory of CAROLINE KHANDKER

22/02/62-25/08/82

42nd Anniversary occurs 25th August 2024.



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Love Samantha, Papa, Shabil, Gonul, Nash, Cinzia and families x

Rest in Reace Paroline





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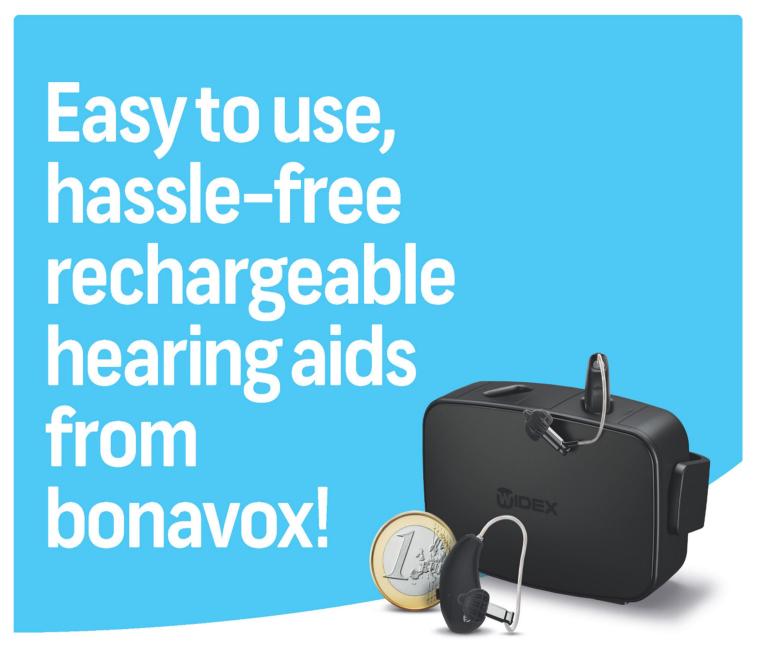
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