

Twenty—Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

"God Walks With His People".

**Pope Francis' theme for the 110th World Day
of Migrants and Refugees for this year.**

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The Jealousy Club!

It's human instinct to form groups, organisations, sects, clubs, societies, associations, guilds, unions and fellowships. Being in a club is good. Clubs give us a sense of belonging and a sense of purpose. In a club we can draw strength from other like minded people; we benefit from mutual support, shared ideas and pooled resources. But being in a club is not without pitfalls. Within a club we can begin to behave in an odd way. We can become so loyal to our club that we instinctively set up barriers between ourselves and outsiders. We can become wary of newcomers to the point of discrimination. As part of a group we can become very competitive towards other groups, even groups that are trying to achieve exactly the same things as us. When we see an outsider on our patch we can feel threatened and indignant, but if that outsider is doing what we have been trying to do all along, and worse, doing it successfully, then we can become quite frankly green with jealousy. Today Jesus' disciples have had their noses pushed well and truly out of joint. They have witnessed an exorcist unknown to them, working miracles in Jesus' name. Worse, he is doing it very successfully. Maybe the disciples are hoping that Jesus will order the newcomer off their patch, but he doesn't. "Whoever is not against us," he replies, "is for us." In other words, if someone is working towards the same end, it doesn't matter whether or not they are in the same club. Over the centuries there have been many disputes between different religions. The disputes arise when the followers of a particular religion focus on differences between religions instead of similarities. That isn't to say we should write off our differences as unimportant, but what we should never forget is that God is bigger than any 'club', and by following Jesus' example we are working for each other and not against.

Feast of the Guardian Angels 2nd October

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."



Fáilte

We welcome into our Parish Community

Allison Ugochi Anumudu, Stradbrook
Andrew Anthony Connors, Fielbrook Lawns
Bridie Bridget Connors, Fielbrook Lawns

Who were baptised last weekend.

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

Monday - Thursday: 7.30am & 10am

Friday (First Friday): 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm

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.

Communion Rounds

The priests of the parish will attend their rounds during the week.



Visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette to Portlaoise Parish Tuesday 8th October

The Relics of St. Bernadette will be with us for the 7.30am Mass. We will also have our usual 10am Mass and an evening Mass at 7pm during which the Anointing and Sacrament of the Sick will take place. A number of ceremonies will be organised throughout the day. The Relics may be visited throughout the day in the Parish Church, a full programme will be in next week's linkup.

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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.

Sequence Dancing with Laois Sports Partnership and teacher Maureen Culleton has now commenced every Monday at 11am in Portlaoise Parish Centre...a time to enjoy dance, music, friendship, fun, gentle exercise and learning in a relaxed inclusive atmosphere. Looking forward to a great occasion. Come alone or bring a partner. Contact Catriona at Laois Sports Partnership or Maureen 087-6482038.

Grow Mental health Free talks in Mountmellick Development Association Centre October 2nd at 7.30pm: Living a content life with John Lonergan, Author and former Governor of Mountjoy Prison & Caroline Crotty Psychotherapist. **October 9th at 7.30pm:** Let's talk about suicide with Josephine Rigney (NOSP) HSE Resource Officer for suicide prevention & Shauna Williams - Social Prescriber for HSE & What is Social Prescribing with Shuan Williams Laois social prescriber. **October 16th at 7.30pm:** Understanding and managing depression with Psychotherapist and Counsellor Brian Walsh (MIACP) for Midlands Counselling Service. For more information contact Michelle McCormick michellemccormick@grow.ie or phone 086-4183805

RELIGIOUS NOTES

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm every Sunday in the Parish Church.

Rosary in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath: Daily 2pm (Monday to Saturday). Sunday 3pm (Adoration).

Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto on **Friday 4th October**, First Friday after evening Mass.

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Monday 30th Sept: Bowls in St. Mary's Sports Hall, 2-4pm. New members always welcome. Tuition given.

Wednesday 2nd Oct: Club in Parish Centre at 3pm, sing along with Caroline.

Thursday 3rd Oct: Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy 3pm. New members always welcome.


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

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre Tuesday, 24th September:

Top Score: Bernie Cahill | 1st Lady: Margaret Flanagan | 2nd Lady: Sadie Chester | 1st Gent: Ann Marie Farrell | 2nd Gent: Theresa Mulhare | 1st Half: Tom Jacob | 2nd Half: Catherine Brennan | 13 Tricks: Sadie Chester & John Bennett, Tom Jacob & Lena Kelly. Raffle: 1st P. Billy O'Keeffe, 2nd P. Kit Farrell, 3rd Bridie Kennedy, 4th Bridie Kennedy, 5th Billy O'Keeffe, 6th Margaret Flanagan, 7th Tom Kearns. 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.

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food taste sweeter by reducing bitterness. But it only takes a pinch because you don't want your cookies to be salty tasting, do you?

Well, you may remember that Jesus, in his Sermon on the Mount said, **"You are the salt of the earth."** In the Gospel today, Jesus talked about salt again. In today's memory verse, Jesus said, **"Salt is good for seasoning. But if it loses its flavour, how do you make it salty again? You must have the qualities of salt among yourselves and live in peace with each other."**

You may be thinking, "I am just a child, how much good can I do in the world?" Remember, most recipes call for just a "pinch of salt." That isn't very much salt, but it changes the taste of an entire batch of cookies. If you don't have that little bit of salt, you will definitely notice that there is something missing in your cookies!

There is a lot of hatred and bitterness in our world today. If you and I will show the love of Jesus in all that we do, we can be the salt of the earth like Jesus called us to be. Just a pinch of salt can do much to reduce bitterness and bring peace to our world.



My Prayer

Heavenly Father, we are only children, but we ask you to help to be that "pinch of salt" that will flavour our world with your love.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



The Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary but in October we also remember all those who work as missionaries. While reciting Prayers, you think about certain stories in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These stories are called Mysteries: A Mystery is a story about God. Rosary beads are used to keep count of the Prayers and Mysteries. The word Rosary means garland of roses. The complete Rosary consists of five decades. There are four sets of mysteries and five stories in each set.

The Mysteries are:

- ♦ **The Joyful Mysteries** (Prayed Monday and Saturday)
- ♦ **The Sorrowful Mysteries** (Prayed Tuesday and Friday)
- ♦ **The Glorious Mysteries** (Prayed Wednesday & Sunday)
- ♦ **The Luminous or Light Mysteries** (Prayed Thursday)



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

Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again?

This may help us understand Sunday's Gospel

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A MORNING PRAYER



Lord, in the morning I start each day,
 By taking a moment to bow and praise
 I start with thanks, and then give praise

For all your kind and loving ways.

Today if sunshine turns to rain,

If a dark cloud brings some pain,

I won't doubt or hide in fear

For you, my God, are always near.

I will travel where you lead;

I will help my friends in need.

Where you send me I will go;

With your help I'll learn and grow.

Hold my family in your hands,

As we follow your commands.

And I will keep you close in sight

Until I crawl in bed tonight.



Time to Think!

Angel of God My Guardian Dear

This week we begin the month of October. October is the time when leaves fall and darkness begins to be felt, nature produces beautiful colours this time of year. The month of October begins with the celebration of the Guardian Angel. Angels are very popular with most people. Their core essence is the source of protection and guidance. The following very lucky escape is attributed to a guardian Angel.

Steve Montgomery was headed home from a painting job when something crazy happened. As he drove down the interstate, he noticed what looked like a pipe rolling around in the road. A tow truck drove over the pipe, sending it flying straight through the windshield of Steve's truck. It should have hit him in the face, but somehow missed him. He then couldn't see where he was driving, but somehow still managed to pull over to the side safely. "I think an angel was driving the truck," Steve said. "When I was down and I couldn't see the highway to keep it in the road, somebody else was driving that truck."

Steve was even more sure of the angelic presence when he snapped some photos following the accident. In one, a "V" shaped cloud formation represents angel wings to Steve.

Our guardian angels are around us, ready to help out in any way that they can. They are here; sent from God, ready to help us when things are looking bleak. When we choose to trust in them and God, we allow them into our lives so that they can help us. Thank your guardian angel for all the help they have given you throughout your life.

Here is a riddle for you: I am always with you, but you never see me. I am not God, but I was created by God. I protect and guide you. Who am I? Wednesday October 2nd is the feast of our Guardian Angels.

God gave us guardian angels to protect and guide us. Saint Jerome wrote that the human soul is so valuable in heaven that every human person has a guardian angel from the moment the person comes into being. These pure spirits, which we can neither see nor feel, play an important role in our lives. Jesus refers to them when he says, "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven" (*Matthew 18:10*).

Angels are messengers from God. The word angel comes from the Greek word for "messenger." In a very real way, these powerful spirits point out to us the ways of God. Guardian angels assist us in work or study. In times of temptation, these spiritual beings direct us to do good. Thomas Aquinas said that angels are the most excellent of creatures



because they have the greatest intelligence next to God.

Perhaps the guardian angels are best known for protecting us from physical danger, but their main role is to care for the salvation of our souls. It is wonderful to know that God has promised to love, protect, and be with us always. One way he does this is through the care of the angels.

Whenever you meet with danger or discouragement, your guardian angel is your personal, heavenly bodyguard. The angels also offer prayers to God for us. Because angels always see and hear God, they can intercede for us. We should love our guardian angels, respect them, and pray to them.

In early Christianity there was no feast for the guardian angels, just one for the archangels. But in the 15th and 16th centuries, the feast of the Guardian Angels was unofficially celebrated in Austria, Spain, and Portugal. In 1608 Pope Paul V made it a universal feast. In doing so, he helped to make us aware of the guardian angels, not just one day in October, but every day of our lives.

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

Angels

You might see an angel anytime and anywhere. Of course you have to open your eyes to a kind of second level, but it's not really hard. The whole business of what's reality and what isn't has never been solved and probably never will be. So I don't care to be too definite about anything. I have a lot of edges called Perhaps and almost nothing you can call Certainty. For myself, but not for other people. That's a place you just can't get into, not entirely anyway, other people's heads. I'll just leave you with this. I don't care how many angels can dance on the head of a pin. It's enough to know that for some people they exist, and that they dance.

Mary Oliver (1935 – 2019)

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Pictured Right: Dennis and Janice Hudson, Lansing, Michigan with Fr. Ciprian & Fr. Nick



Pictured Right: Dennis and Janice Hudson, Lansing, Michigan with Msgr. John



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(Née Harvey)
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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Our sympathy to their families.



**In Loving Memory of
JOHN BYRNE**



St. Martins, Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 6th October 2024



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on
Sunday 6th October at 10am.

*God saw you getting tired, and
so it was to be.*

*He put his arms around you and
whispered, "Come to Me."*

*With tearful eyes we watched you and saw
you pass away, and although we loved you
dearly, we could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
working hands at rest.*

*God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
your loving family.*

Rest in Peace John



**In Loving Memory of
MARTIN GORMAN**



11, St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
61st Anniversary, 3rd October, 2024



A silent grief is in our hearts,

No human eye can trace,

For many a broken heart is hid,

Beneath a smiling face.

*Sadly missed by your loving family
and extended family.*

May Martin Rest in Peace



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
My Nephew
ROBERT MYERS**



2nd Anniversary occurred 23rd September 2024



*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 by your Aunty Anne Marie, cousins Katie,
Rachael & Róisín*

May Robert Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory of
ROSE WALSH née Bonham

Late of Summerhill, Portlaoise

1st Anniversary occurs on 2nd October 2024



Anniversary Mass for
 Rose will be celebrated
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church, on
Wed. 2nd October at 10am.



*Of all the special gifts in life
 however great or small,*

To have you as our Mum was the greatest gift of all

*May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in
 your ear*

*"We love and miss you Mum and wish that you were
 here"*

*Deep in our hearts, your life is kept, to love and to
 cherish, not forget*

*No more tomorrows we can share but yesterdays
 are always there.*

*A silent thought, a secret tear, keeps you memory
 ever near*

In our hearts forever xxx

*Never forgotten by your loving children Deirdre,
 Jacinta, Niall, Mark, Alan, Aisling, Ciaran,
 grandchildren, greatgrandchildren, sister Nellie,
 sisters in law, sons and daughters in law John,
 Alison, John, Geraldine, John, Carmel, Gail,
 nephews, nieces, relatives, neighbours, friends
 and former colleagues in St. Fintan's Hospital.*

Also remembering our late Dad Son at this time R.I.P

Rest in Peace Mam xx

† In Loving Memory of †



Frances Conroy

Late of 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
 Who died 27th September, 1996 R.I.P.
 28th anniversary.



William McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
 Who died 19th September, 1985 R.I.P.
 39th anniversary.



John (Johnny) McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
 Who died 29th September, 2001 R.I.P.
 23rd anniversary.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time

*Time may pass and fade away,
 But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

*Loved and always remembered
 by all your family*

† In Loving Memory of †
SARAH DEMPSEY

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurred 25th September 2024



Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church, at 6:30pm this
 Saturday, 28th September.

*There are some we meet in passing,
 And forget as soon as they go,
 There are some we remember with
 pleasure and feel honoured and
 privileged to know,*

*You were that kind of person who left beautiful memories behind,
 And there are many days which bring fond memories of you to mind.*

Forever in our hearts Mam, from all your loving family.

We also remember her husband James at this time

May Sarah Rest in Peace

† In Loving Memory of †
WILLIAM (Joe) FITZPATRICK

The Hermitage, Borris Rd. Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary away from home - 2nd October 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Parish Church this Saturday 28th September at 6.30pm



We hold you close within our hearts,

And there you shall remain,

To walk with us throughout our lives

Until we meet again xxx

*Sadly missed so much by your sons
 Mark and William, daughter Julie,
 grandsons Colin and Craig,
 granddaughters Emma and Amy and
 daughters-in-law Elaine and Mary.*

*Also remembering Mammy's first year in Heaven on
 Daddy's anniversary. We love and miss you both
 so much. xx*

May Joe Rest in Peace

† In Loving Memory of †
WILLIAM MARUM

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 3rd October 2024.



*Look around your garden Lord,
 and when he turns and smiles,
 Put your arms around him, and
 hold him for a while.*

*We cannot bring the old days
 back, when we were all together,
 The family chain is broken now,
 But memories live forever.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your wife
 Phyllis, daughters Susan, Samantha, Sawnya,
 Sabrina, son William and extended family, relatives
 and friends.*

Rest in Peace William

Birthday Remembrance

ANNIE O'BRIEN

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise



Missing You on Your Birthday Mum.

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still missed, still loved and always dear
*Always in our Thoughts
Forever in our Hearts*

*Sadly missed and always remembered
by her loving husband Billy,
daughters and sons; Elizabeth, Liam, Martina and Michael.*

Rest in Peace Annie

In Loving Memory of

MARGARET (Pearl) WALSH

née Dempsey

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary occurs 5th October 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 5th October at 6.30pm.

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

*Sadly missed by her loving husband Jim
and all her loving family.*

May Margaret (Pearl) Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

Our Dear Cousin

TOMMY MOYLAN

121 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.

14th Anniversary occurs 27th September 2024



A little tribute small and tender

Just to say we still remember

*Sadly missed, lovingly remembered
by The Tuohy Family*

Rest in Peace Tommy

In Loving Memory of

PATRICIA (Trish) PHELAN

Straboe, Portlaoise and Vancouver B.C.

10th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this
Sunday 29th September at 11:15am.

We think of Trish as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days or years

Fondly remembered by her brother and sisters.

May Trish Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

A Dear Father & Mother

SEAN & TERESA CONROY

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

Sean's 20th Anniversary occurred on 24th May 2024

Teresa's 4th Anniversary occurred on 26th September 2024



*We hold you both within our hearts and there you shall
remain,
To walk with us throughout our lives, until we meet again.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by their son
Brendan, daughter Mary, daughter-in-law Anne, son-in-law
Joe, grandchildren David, Benny, Mark and Chloe*



Sean & Teresa's Anniversary Mas will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church on Sunday 6th October at 11.15am

*Also remembering their Son John, whose
52nd Anniversary occurs 31st December.*

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

ETHNEA COSTELLO

Guileen, Stradbally and Kilminchy, Portlaoise.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 29th September at 11.15am

*One day a beam of light shone through a
crevice that had opened wide,
The rose bent gently towards its warmth,
then passed beyond to the other side.*

*Lovingly remembered by her son Kevin
and her family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Ethnea

In Loving Memory of

PATRICK RYAN

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 28th September 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Saturday 28th Sept at 10am.

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

Loved and missed Da by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Patrick

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of ANNIE O' BRIEN

6 Marian Place, Portlaoise - 27th September
Mammy,



This heartfelt message is for you
Each word is meant sincerely
Losing someone irreplaceable
causes pain that's hard to bear
My heart feels truly broken
Knowing you're no longer here

Love on your Birthday
Conor & Lisa

Granny

I will never ever be able to truly comprehend the fact
that you are no longer here

Love you and miss you always Granny
Happy Birthday. Love Conor

Rest in Peace Annie

In Loving Memory of KEVIN CULLETON

Brittas Lodge, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 10th October 2024
Forever in our thoughts



Anniversary Mass for Kevin will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Saturday 5th October at 6.30pm
Loved and missed by Gemma, daughters
Ailbhe and Eve, sons Kevin and John,
grandchildren Aoife, Páidí and Peigi,
sons-in-law Gearóid and Keith,
Kevins's partner Sandra and John's partner
Jodie, brother Mike, sisters Mary, Ber and
Monica, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law,
extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Kevin

In Loving Memory of MARGARET GING née Houlihan

Borris Road, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurred 30th September 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Sunday 29th September at 11.15am



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.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
her husband Tommy, sons Damien and
Dermot, granddaughter Leah and all her
loving family and many friends.

Rest in Peace Margaret

In Loving Memory of PETER LANHAM

Late of Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise
22nd Anniversary occurs 5th October 2024



We often come and visit you
just to say hello
We touch the stone where we
laid you, can you feel it?
we don't know,
we wonder can you see us,
when we are at your resting
place
can you tell how much we miss
you,
by the look upon our face,
we tell you all that's happened,
and just before we go
we tell you that we miss you, as if you didn't know,
and as we walk away from you feeling very sad
we turn around and take one more look,
and say we love you Dad.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Church on Saturday 5th October at 10am

Always loved and remembered by his children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren

May Peter Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory of KEVIN MULHALL

85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.
Died 29th September 1985
39th Anniversary occurs at this time.



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

Sadly missed and remembered by all his loving family.


Rest in Peace Kevin

The Spirit of truth will
bear witness to me, says
the Lord, and you also
will be my witnesses



- John 15:26, 27

Death Is Nothing at All



Death is nothing at all,
I have only slipped away
into the next room.
I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were
to each other,
that we still are.

Call me by my old
familiar name, speak to me
in the easy way
which you always used.
Put no difference
in your tone,
wear no forced air of
solemnity or sorrow.

Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes
we enjoyed together.
Let my name be ever the
household word
that it always was.

Let it be spoken
without effort,
without the trace of
a shadow in it.
Life means all that
it ever meant,
it is the same as it ever was.

There is unbroken continuity,
why should I be out of mind
because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you,
somewhere
very near,
just around
the corner.
All is well.



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