

We look forward to welcoming a Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to our Parish Church on next Wednesday 11th. The Relic will be accompanied by three Friars from Assisi where Carlo's body lies. A full programme of events will take place during the visit (11th to 13th) See more details on pages 17. And an explanation of the place of relics in our tradition on page 16.

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Opening New Possibilities

It seems the older we get, the more we learn to keep our mouths shut! Over the years we have learned that speaking from the heart can

get us into trouble. Perhaps saying what is on our minds might not earn us the reputation we would like. It might not fit in with our sophisticated image to admit that we are afraid, or neurotic, or in need of help. We tend to avoid issues that we've learned to keep private... money, relationships, and religion are possibly the top three subjects we have learned to keep to ourselves.

Today's gospel reading gives us at first impression a straightforward account of the healing of a deaf man. After a few more readings however, we realise that the point of the miracle is a sign that Jesus was the Messiah. It was a sign that the Jews of that time would have expected of a Messiah. It had long been prophesied that the ears of the deaf would be unsealed, and that the tongues of the dumb would sing for joy. More than this, by choosing a Gentile as the subject of his miracle, Jesus is telling us that there is no discrimination when it comes to Gods' salvation.

When it comes to matters of faith, many of us have a bit of a speech impediment. Sadly, in this day and age, people who talk openly about their religious beliefs can be viewed as odd, and so we keep our mouths shut. On matters of conscience that are difficult to speak out on, we become selectively deaf. Today's gospel points out the wrong in keeping our beliefs private. Time and time again, Jesus shows us that God's love is available to everyone without prejudice. Time and time again Jesus shows us that love and acceptance can open up whole new possibilities in broken lives. Our faith cannot be limited to one hour on a Sunday morning.

Triumph of the Holy Cross Saturday 14th September

We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by



removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are stepping-stones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.

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

Monday - Wednesday: 7.30am & 10am



Thursday and Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 11.30am Bishop Denis will celebrate the 10am on Thursday. The 11.30am Masses will be attended by our Confirmation Classes and schools. All are welcome.

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

Thursday and Friday 13th
After the 10am and 11.30am Masses.
Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass.

Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Oh God, Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a life example for the young and a message of love for everyone. You made him become enamoured with Your Son Jesus, Making of the Eucharist his "Highway to Heaven". You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother, and, with the Rosary, you made him a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us. Above all, gaze upon the poor, whom he loved and helped. Grant for me too, by his intercession, the grace that I need ... And make our joy fulfilled, placing Carlo among the Saints of your Church, so that his smile may shine again for us in the glory of your name.

Amen.

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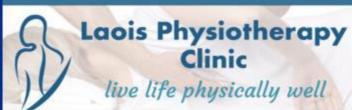
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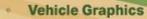


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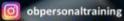
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RELIGIOUS NOTES

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).

Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto every First Friday after evening Mass. Also on Thursday 12th September at 8pm for the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary.

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Pictured left;

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All are welcome.

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre Tuesday, 3rd September;

Top Score: Tied - Christy Fitzpatrick, Catherine Galvin and Frank Keenan

1st Lady: Tied - Paula McEvoy, Kit Farrell and Betty Murphy

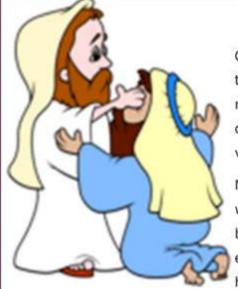
1st Gent: Tied - Mary Delaney and Catherine Bowe

1st Half: Lena Kelly | 2nd Half: Maureen Fitzpatrick

Raffle: 1st Ann O'Dowd, 2nd P.J. Cahill, 3rd Ann O'Dowd, 4th Christy Fitzpatrick, 5th Mary Dunne, 6th Pauric Dowling.

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.





JESUS HEALS A DEAF MAN

Can you imagine what it would be like to be deaf? Just imagine all of the things you would miss. You wouldn't be able to hear the voices of your mother, your father, your brothers and sisters, your friends, the barking of a dog or the meowing of a kitten. You might be able to feel the vibrations, but you wouldn't be able to hear the sound of music.

Many people who are deaf or hearing impaired are able to communicate with others through the use of sign language, but it is not perfect because everyone you meet does not know sign language. The deaf can enjoy going to the movies if they have subtitles or watch television if it has captions, but those are not perfect. If a person is not totally deaf,

hearing aids can help, but they aren't perfect either. I guess the best solution for a deaf person would be a total cure for deafness. That is what Jesus did for a deaf man in our Gospel today.

One day, Jesus was in an area of the Sea of Galilee called the Decapolis. (That means Ten Towns.) A man who was deaf and could hardly talk was brought to Jesus by some of his friends. They begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man and heal him.

Jesus led the man away from the crowd so they could be alone. He put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit on his own fingers and touched the man's tongue. He looked up to heaven and said, "Ephphatha," which means, "Be Opened!" What do you think happened? Immediately, the man could hear perfectly, and he could speak plainly!

The people who had brought the man to Jesus were totally amazed. They said, "Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."

Then Jesus did something unusual, he told the people not to tell anyone what they had seen him do. Do you think they followed Jesus' instructions? No! They told everyone about this man who did everything well.

These friends cared for the man so much that they wanted him to see Jesus. We, too, can help our friends to know Jesus.

My Prayer



Father, we are thankful for all that you have done for us. Help us to tell our friends about Jesus, the one who does everything well.

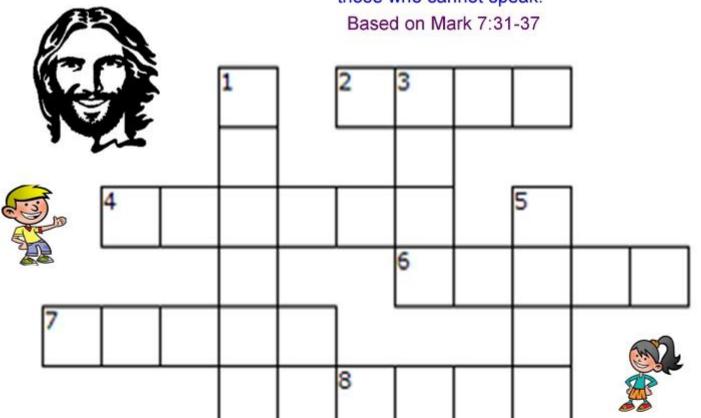
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



He does all things well!

"Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak."



ACROSS

- 2. Unable to hear
- One of the long, thin parts of the hand that bend and hold things
- 6. To use the voice to say words or converse with someone
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. To make healthy again

DOWN

- The fleshy part inside the mouth used in tasting and in speech.
- The two organs in the head by which people or animals hear sounds.
- 5. To say or to give information to someone; to report

HEAL DEAF SPEAK TELL

JESUS FINGER TONGUE EARS



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Time to Think! Dark chapter of Abuse

The recent publication of the Scoping Inquiry into historical sexual abuse in schools, details the horrific trauma inflicted by the abuse of young students. This dark chapter in Irish society continues to reveal systemic and unimaginable suffering of young students whose innocent lives were so violated consequently. We must never become desensitised to what seems like an endless list of reports, detailing abuse by those entrusted with leadership roles as religious and clergy. Teachers hold a sacred place in the life of every student, for this role to be so terribly undermined by such despicable behaviour seriously challenges the moral authority of church at this time. Survivors of this abuse have gone through terrible pain and suffering often in silence and shame. Now is the time for proper redress and indeed full cooperation by the many religious orders who will be held to account.

The scoping inquiry into allegations of abuse at schools run by religious orders has found that there were 2,395 allegations of sexual abuse in respect of 308 schools recorded by the religious orders that ran those schools. The allegations were made in respect of 884 distinct alleged abusers. The inquiry has recommended that the Government consider a redress scheme for survivors of historical sexual abuse in day and boarding schools. It has also recommended that the Government approach relevant religious orders about contributing to redress. The religious orders' records indicate that over half of the 884 people accused of historical sexual abuse are known to be deceased and there is a particularly high number of allegations in special schools. 17 special schools recorded 590 allegations involving 190 alleged abusers.

The number of schools with allegations of historical sexual abuse also shows that such allegations were not confined to schools in any particular geographic or social category. The report outlines how people were invited to register their interest in participating in the process, which was open to all former students of day and boarding schools run by religious orders. 205 people-the overwhelming majority of whom were men-completed questionnaires about their experiences. In their questionnaire responses, survivors spoke of experiences of historical sexual abuse in schools in at least 22 counties in Ireland, naming over 80 schools, run by 24 religious orders. The incidents of sexual abuse were, in the main, described as having occurred between the early 1960s and the early 1990s, with the highest number of reported incidents occurring in the early to mid-1970s. Of those completing questionnaires, 182 were assessed as falling within the scoping inquiry's terms of reference and invited to the second stage.

149 participants opted to take part in the second stage of the process, where they could choose to give an interview to a trauma-informed facilitator or provide a written submission.



137 participants completed in-person interviews, and 12 participants provided written submissions. Most survivors said that they wanted a statutory inquiry and most said an inquiry process that was the least adversarial possible was desirable. The view of the inquiry team is that any inquiry process should be as inclusive as possible. However, it pointed out that more court-like processes of a tribunal risk discouraging survivors from coming forward and would pose a greater risk of retraumatisation. "The procedural flexibility of a commission affords the least adversarial model of inquiry, and therefore the greatest prospect of reducing the risk of retraumatisation." It has recommended that Commission of Investigation pursuant to the Commissions of Investigation Act 2004 be established. It also recommended that, in early course, consideration be given by the Government to establishing a redress scheme for survivors of historical sexual abuse in day and boarding schools run by the religious orders.

Wisdom teaches, we are only as sick as our best kept secret. We can never fully move forward as church until every truth regarding people's pain from the past is truly recognised and listened to. Perhaps we try too hard to move forward because it's a deeply uncomfortable place to sit in the painful reality that overwhelms so many, regarding their past experience in schools or simply as members of the church. These reports seriously undermine the moral credibility and leadership of the church. Healing always takes place with fulsome acknowledgement and just redress. The current safeguarding procedures for best practice are as a consequence to the horrors of the past. Thankfully these safeguarding procedures truly make our school communities and pastoral ministry safe places where especially vulnerable children and adults can be guaranteed best practice at all time. Listening brings healing and discernment. I humbly pray that the process of listening to survivors of such historical abuse will be a time for healing. A Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse: "Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds, and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace in justice. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen".

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RELICS IN CATHOLIC TRADITION

With the visit of the relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis next week and looking forward to welcoming the Relic of Saint Bernadette on October 12th we take a look at the tradition of venerating relics.

Relics are a tangible reminder of the real, living person that was a saint and are venerated as objects which were very close to a person now with God.

The veneration of relics is rooted in our belief in the Communion of Saints. the saints, though deceased, remain spiritually connected to the faithful on Earth. Relics are not worshiped but are venerated as a means of drawing us closer to God through the saints.

Relics are often enshrined in altars, carried in processions, or placed in reliquaries for public viewing. Many Catholics believe that relics can mediate grace, and stories of miraculous healings are sometimes associated with them. The veneration of relics is particularly prominent on feast days of saints, and pilgrimages to places where relics are kept are common.

From early Christian martyrs to saints canonized more recently, relics have played a significant role in Christian history. Famous examples include the bones of St. Peter, the Shroud of Turin, and the True Cross fragments, which are believed to be from the cross on which Christ was crucified.

VISIT OF RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th September

Wednesday 11th 7pm:

Reception of the Relics with talk on the life of Blessed Carlo by Fr. Marco (Parish Priest of Assisi)

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th

Masses at 7.30am, 10am & 11.30am.

Bishop Denis will celebrate the 10am on Thursday.

The 11.30am Masses will be attended

by our Confirmation classes and Schools.

All are welcome.

Throughout Thursday and Friday there will be talks on the life of Blessed Carlo, streaming of a video on his life, periods of quiet prayer

and blessing with the relic.

3pm Friday 13th - Farewell

Sacrament of Penance
Confessions on
Thursday 12th and Friday 13th
after the 10am and 11.30am Masses



St. Peter & Paul's Church

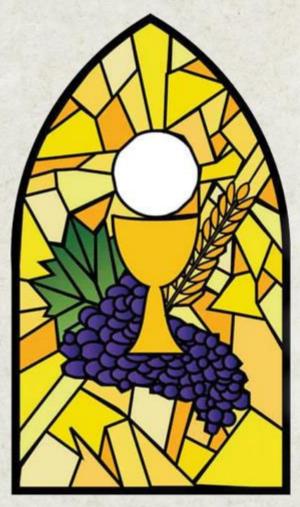
11th, 12th and 13th September 2024



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on Friday 13th of September at 4:30pm.



First Holy Communion and Confirmation dates for 2025



First Holy Communion Masses

Friday 9th of May

2pm Holy Family (Ms. Moore and Ms. Freeman's Classes)

Saturday 10th of May

12noon Holy Family (Ms. Gallagher and Ms. Healy's Classes)2pm Holy Family (Ms. Caraffi and Ms. Burbage's Classes)

Saturday 17th of May

12noon Scoil Bhríde (Mr. Young and Ms. Fitzpatrick's Classes)
2pm Scoil Bhríde (Ms. Delaney, Ms. Doheny and Mr. Bergin's Classes)

Friday 23rd of May

2pm St. Francis, Educate Together & other schools

Saturday 24th of May

12noon Heath NS (in the Heath Church)
12noon Ratheniska NS (in Ratheniska Church)
2pm Gaelscoil (in the Parish Church)

Confirmation Ceremonies

Friday 28th of February

12noon Holy Family

(Mr. Finlay, Ms. Moloney, Mr. Miller and Ms. Dooley's Classes)

2pm Holy Family

(Mr. Walsh, Ms. Duff and Mr. Malone's Classes)

St. Francis, Educate Together and other schools

Saturday 1st of March

12noon Heath NS, Ratheniska NS & Gaelscoil 2pm Scoil Bhride





OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY;



Fiona O'Callaghan Esker Hills Portlaoise



Ibironke Adebari née Aina Colliers Court Portlaoise

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

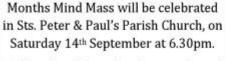
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE Our sympathy to their families.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by logging on to the death notice at www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

In Loving Memory of



8 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Reace Anthony



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



In Loving Memory of

ROBERT BOWE

Ironmills, Ballinakill.



Robert's wife Jean, daughters Kayleigh and Rhona, and his extended family would like to express their sincere gratitude to everyone who sympathised with them on their recent heartbreaking loss.

Thank you to everyone who called to the family home, attended the wake, removal and Requiem Mass. To those who sent Mass cards and messages of

condolence, your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the ambulance team, GP, Gardaí, and Duggan Funeral Directors for their professionalism and courtesy; to Fr. Sean Conlon, Fr. Paddy Byrne and Msgr. John Byrne who celebrated the Requiem Mass and offered support and prayers; to Amy Phelan and Brian Killeen for the beautiful music in the Church and to Julie-Anne for the floral arrangements.

A special thank you to all our wonderful neighbours and friends, including all who organised and took part in traffic management; who provided food and refreshments, help and support over such a difficult few days.

Thanks also to members of Irish Rail, TCU and Portlaoise Hospital, Firoda National School students and teachers and Erin's Own Camogie Club who came together forming a memorable Guard of Honour and to all the staff in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Robert's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Ballinakill on Sunday, 8th September at 11am.

Rest in Reace Robert



In Loving Memory of MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE GALVIN



Burnwood, Clonad Whose Anniversaries occur 10th September 2024 Michael (30 years) & Josephine (59 years)

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Raheen Church this Saturday 7th September at 7pm.

Sadly missed and remembered by Sean, Michael, Noel, Mary, grandchildren & greatgrandchildren.

Too dearly loved to be forgotten

May Michael & Josephine Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of MICHAEL BROPHY

Kylebrook, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 15th September 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.

Always remembered by your loving family, Nuala, Finn, Owen and Sarah.

Rest in Reace Rat



In Loving Memory of PADDY JOE CARROLL

Boston, Lower Boley, Abbeyleix



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, on Sunday 15th September at 12 noon.

Also remembering his late parents Michael and Brigid Carroll

Rest in Reace Raddy



In Loving Memory of JOE CARROLL

35 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 6th Anniversary occurred 3rd September 2024



Anniversary Mass was celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Tuesday 3rd September at 10am.

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, Marie, Tracy, Liam, Des and all his loving family.

Rest in Reace Joe

No Tomorrows

Somewhere beyond the heavens
I know that's where you are.
I see you when the sun sets
You are that shining star,

When stormy days surround me You're the rainbow that appears. And the gently falling rain I know they are your tears.

They'll be no more tomorrows
You're all my yesterdays.
But those memories we both made
Will stay with me always.



In Loving Memory of PETER CARROLL

Lyncar, Ballytegan, Portlaoise. 3rd Anniversary occurs 11th September 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 8th September at 11.15am.

A light from our household is gone, A voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our home that never can be filled. We think of you in silence, We talk about you too,

We have loving memories, but we wish we still had you. Nothing can replace you, nothing ever will, In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.

Loved and remembered by your loving wife Clare, sons and daughters and all your extended family.

Rest in Reace Reter



In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Pat) DOORLEY

Kilminchy, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 14th September 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Sunday 15th September at 12.30pm.

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

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your loving wife Carmel, Derina, Caragh, Edel and Pierce, extended family and friends.

Rest in Reace Rat



In Loving Memory of A Treasured Uncle WILLIAM (Bill) DOYLE

WILLIAM (BIII) DOYLE

New Road, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs 9th September 2024



Your name is often spoken,
We talk about you still,
You haven't been forgotten,
You know you never will,
No words or verse could ever say,
How much we miss you everyday,
Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
We love you too dearly to ever forget.

Loved and remembered today, yesterday and in all our tomorrows, from all his loving family.

Also remembering Bill's nephews Thomas, Patrick, Liam and Paul and all deceased members of the Doyle and Paisley families at this time.

Rest in Reace Bill



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of RITA LALOR

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise. Birthday occurred 2nd September 2024.



Happy Birthday in Heaven Is there a party up in Heaven to celebrate today? Did angels frost a cake for you? Or sing to start your day? We're celebrating down here, as they must be

above, I truly hope your special day is filled with peace and love.

This day was always special, as we gathered 'round you here, we'd sing and laugh and celebrate your day with so much cheer.

I miss those special moments, that we shared throughout the years, it's hard to find that on this day, my eyes now fill with tears.

I'm trying hard to smile for you, but ohhh...that empty chair, turn around and find myself still shocked that you're not there. Please know I'm thinking of you, as I go throughout each day, This day is very special, because it's your birthday.

Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters, extended family and friends.

For Your Birthday in Heaven

Still loved, still missed and very dear

Your birthday's here, but you aren't, we would send a gift but we know we can't, so we'll make a wish upon a star, To carry our love to where you are.

Happy birthday Nanny, hugs and kisses and lots of love from all your grandchildren xxx

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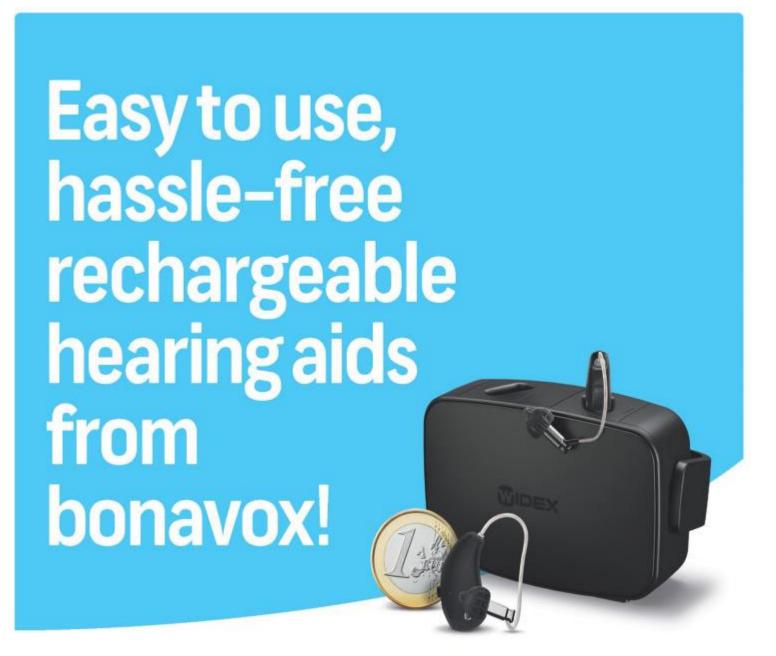
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