

13th October 2024

Twenty—Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

C'MON THE TOWN



Portlaoise v Portarlinton

In both Football finals

2pm - Minors

4pm - Seniors

O'Moore Park

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RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE

There were long queues all day as thousands came to venerate the relics of St. Bernadette in our Parish Church last Tuesday. And thousands attended our evening Mass with the anointing of the sick. It was a blessed occasion for our Parish—thank God.

More photos on page 15

SECOND READING
1 Corinthians 1: 16-31

A meeting took place last evening at 5.45, based on the Epistle to the Corinthians. Catherine gave over calling, but many of you were away for through circumstances, but many were present, not only those of local faith, but also those of the Russian of the week to share the word, and told about the work of the word to share the word, and told

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The Midas Touch

Remember the story of King Midas? He was invited to make a wish, and he wished that everything he touched be turned to gold. At first the king had a whale of a time turning pots, vases, and simple household utensils into valuable objects. It didn't take him long however to work out that his love of gold was about to destroy everything most precious to him, as he turned food, butterflies and finally his beloved daughter into solid lumps of metal.

In many ways we are just as foolish as Midas. How many people do you know who won't go anywhere unless it's safe to park their brand new car? How many of us watch the aid agency adverts and sympathise, yet decide we can't part with any cash right now? How many of us cannot get up and get involved in worthy causes because our work commitments come first? We are just the same as Midas. Our material concerns stand in the way of what is really important.

The man in today's gospel story was not a bad man; he had kept all God's commandments. This makes the story all the sadder, that he couldn't follow Jesus because of the one thing that stood in his way, his wealth. The man turned away, because he had much wealth and couldn't let go.

Today's gospel invites the question, 'Do we own our possessions, or do our possessions own us?'



Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday
Envelopes in Development Boxes.
Thank You for your continued support.

Saint Luke - Friday 18th October

We learn the most about St. Luke from his own writing. Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Through Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy. Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who respected women, and saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.



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.

October Collection for the Priests of the Parish

Envelopes for the October Collection for the priests of the parish are in the Development Boxes or in the Church porches. **Thank You for your support.**



We welcome into our Parish Community

Layla Tilly Hyland, The Heath
 Mollie Bridget Doyle, Goldencroft
 Harper Maria Callaghan, Clonroosk Abbey
 Andrei Pantua, Glendale Drive
 Tabitha Maldonado, Ashewood Walk

Who were baptised last weekend.

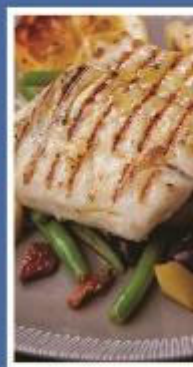
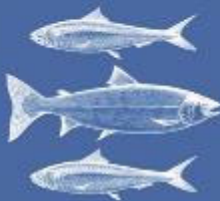
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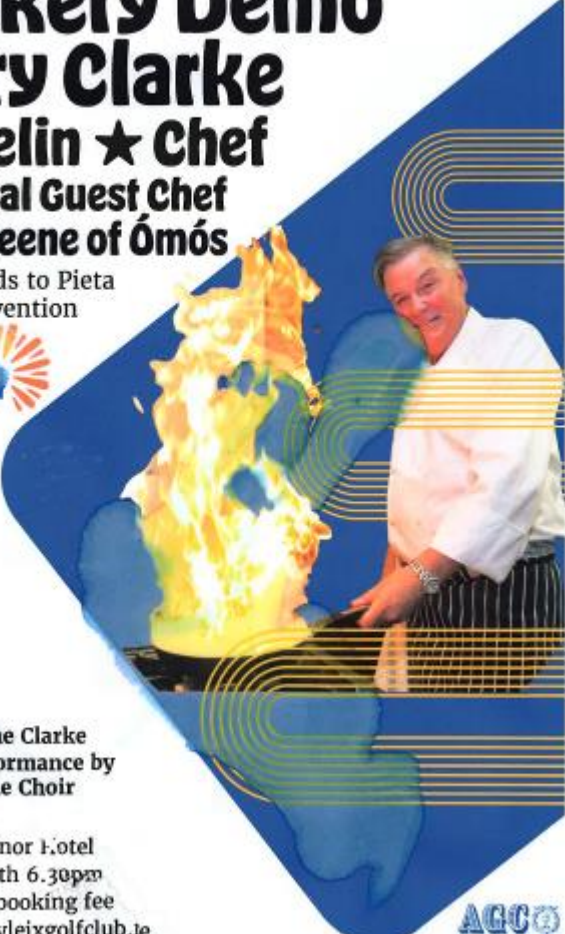
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Pictured Below: Sr. Phyllis Behan, Sr. Barbara Kenny and Sr. Pat Kenny from the UK pictured with Fr. Ciprian, Fr Nick, Fr. Erick and Fr. Simon



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.

Frances Black with Monasterevin Gospel Choir; Thursday 17th October 2024 at 8pm in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church. Tickets €25. In aid of Sts. Peter & Paul's Church and Monasterevin Day Care Centre. For bookings contact Parish Office 045-525346, Earley's Fashion Shop 045-525395. Concert will NOT be Live Streamed on the Night.

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Wednesday 16th Oct: Aqua Aerobics, Maldron Hotel at 11am. Club in Parish Centre at 3pm. Fun and games with Andy and Noel

Thursday 17th Oct: Chair Pilates in St. Mary's at 11am. Cards in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilmichy at 3pm. New members welcome. Tuition given.

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greatly appreciated.*





ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH?

Is there something that you do really well? Some of you may play a sport like soccer. If I were to ask you, "Are you a good soccer player?" you might say, "Yes, I am a really good soccer player." But are you good enough to make the "All Star Team" at your school? All of us are probably good at something, but the question is, "Are we good enough?"



One day a young man came running up to Jesus and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked. "Only God is good. But to answer your question, you know the commandments, don't you? 'Don't kill, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't tell lies, don't cheat anyone, honour your father and your mother.'"

"I'm pretty good," he answered. "I've obeyed the commandments since I was just a little boy."

"That's good," Jesus said, "but not good enough, There is still one thing you must do. Go and sell everything you have and give the money to the poor."

When he heard those words, the young man was very sad, because he had many possessions. Most people would say that the young man was a good man, but being good wasn't good enough to get him into the Kingdom of God. As the young man walked away, Jesus turned to his disciples and said, "It is very hard to enter the Kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed. "Then who can be saved?" they asked.

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but with God anything is possible."

How about me? Do you think I'm good enough to get into heaven? How about you? Are you good enough? Is anyone good enough? The answer to all of those questions is, "No!" Not one of us is good enough to get into heaven on our own.

Then how can we be saved? How can we have eternal life? With God, anything is possible. The Gospel tells us that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son so that whoever believes in him will have eternal life. It isn't our goodness that will get us into heaven. It is our faith in Jesus. We are not good enough, but Jesus is!

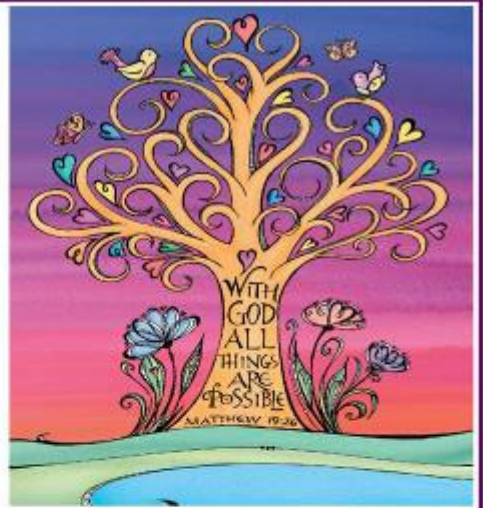
My Prayer



Dear Father, help us to remember that it is not our goodness that will get us into heaven. It is our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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FATHER **ADULTERY**

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)



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.



Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace,
 The Lord is with thee.
 Blessed art thou among women
 And blessed is the fruit of thy
 womb, Jesus.
 Holy Mary,
 mother of God,
 Pray for us sinners,
 Now, and at the hour of our
 death. Amen.





Time to Think!

Medjugorje A Way of Life

Medjugorje, located in present-day Bosnia and Herzegovina, is where the Virgin Mary has allegedly revealed herself on a regular basis to six local children since the 1980s. The site has become a major pilgrimage destination, as an estimated over 50 million people have visited since the alleged apparitions began. Under the Prefect, Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, a recent affirmation on this holy place was issued from the Vatican doctrinal office. The recognition, from the Vatican came in the form of a "Nihil obstat," which is Latin for "nothing hinders." In this case, it means the faithful are "authorized to give it their adherence in a prudent manner" but they are not obligated to believe it. Following a new process instated by the doctrinal office in May, the Vatican will not declare whether an alleged apparition is of "supernatural origin," but will simply point out if there are serious doctrinal flaws.

While this new document on Medjugorje recognizes that many of the alleged messages from the Virgin Mary are both positive and fruitful, it also urges the faithful to be cautious about them. It says "...some people believe that certain messages contain contradictions or are connected with the desires or interests of the alleged visionaries or others. It cannot be ruled out that this may have happened in the case of a few messages. The document also emphasizes that its conclusion does not "imply a judgement on the moral life of the alleged visionaries." As the alleged apparitions at Medjugorje have been ongoing for 43 years, this is far from the first time the Vatican has spoken out about it. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI established a commission to investigate the phenomena but the official report was never released.

For over 40 years, thousands of Irish people continue to make pilgrimage to a tiny village in a mountainous and remote part of Bosnia in search of something that, when discovered, is truly wonderful. Medjugorje, for so many, is not just a place. It is a way of life. It tells so many stories of human conversion, healing, forgiveness and most importantly brings God's people to a place of peace. A peace celebrated by thousands of addicts who now live lives freed from the chains of addiction because of a spirituality that builds inner confidence and renews faith and hope in life. Medjugorje began with the story of young people who claimed to have had a real experience with the Mother of God. As they shared their experiences, millions of pilgrims throughout the world every year travel to Medjugorje in search of its fruits and to experience its greatest gift – a sense of peace and hope in life.

Ever the subject of debate, this contentious site of mystery and prayer continues to be controversial. The Church continues to observe and reflect on what is a place of prayer and sign of resurrection. I have visited Medjugorje many times and I have always benefited greatly as a result. Medjugorje points us to our God, present and available to us wherever we find ourselves to be. Perhaps one of the greatest fruits is the joy that millions of people discover when they experience true reconciliation in this place. It is in the letting go of hurts and wounds that are often buried and alive in all our stories that so many are afforded with a renewed sense of opportunity and



enthusiasm of life.

The simplicity of life in this very poor place offers pilgrims an invitation to avail of the wealth of God's presence in abundance. Life is difficult, it is not easy and so many are overwhelmed and burdened. God seeks us out, not where we are comfortable and in control; instead our God visits us in the places where we are wounded and broken. This is the spirituality of Medjugorje, a way of life that offers renewal every day when we focus on our own poverty and acknowledge in the midst of all our limitations our God is available as a source of nourishment and sustenance. Personal conversion is our life journey. That is, an inner movement that connects us deeper to our God. There are many fruits associated with Medjugorje, the late Pope John Paul II called it the "confessional of the world" when he considered the importance of reconciliation in all our lives. Many young addicts now are living lives of contentment and fulfilment because of a real encounter with God's love. Medjugorje is the home of the Cenacolo communities that accompany, through prayer and fellowship, young people whose lives were once destroyed by addiction to harmful substances. The testimonies of healing and recovery by these good people are truly inspirational and life giving. In a time when so many are struggling and are burdened I think of this great gift given to inspire and heal. Millions have experienced grace and peace in this sacred place including many from our own communities. In a time when war and violence affects so many lives, may the prayers, of The Queen of Peace, Pray for Us.

Prayer to the Queen of Peace

Mary, Mother of God and Our Mother, Queen of Peace!
You came to us to lead us to God.

Obtain for us the grace

not only to say:

"Be it done to me according to Your will!",

but to live it, as You did.

Into Your hands we put our hands,
so that You may lead us to Him
amidst these afflictions and woes.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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*Visit of the Relic of
St. Bernadette to
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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

12th ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
FRANCES COOKE

*12 Fielbrook & formerly of Rathevan, Portlaoise.
Died 16th October 2012.*



12th Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this
Saturday 12th October
at 6.30pm

It's been a lonely time without you,
And nothing is the same,
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame,
We travel to your resting place,
And flowers we place with care,
But no-one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed by your loving daughter Margaret, son-in-law
Ger, grandsons Edward & Gearóid, Katie & Rachel &
great-granddaughters Madison, Ailbhe and Autumn.

May Frances Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE (Kate) BROPHY

Market Sq. Portlaoise. 47th Anniversary occurs at this time.



"A loving Mother with a Heart of Gold"

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

Lovingly remembered by your son John
and Rita, daughter Phyllis and Peter
and grandchildren.

May Catherine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
EOIN FINGLETON

*Sallins and formerly of Ballytegan, Portlaoise.
Died 11th October 2019*



5th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 13th October at 12.30pm.

*Never more than a thought away,
Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

Sadly missed by his Dad, Mam, sisters Aoife and Ciara,
brother Brian, nephew Cillian, nieces Aine and Eabha,
extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Eoin

Birthday Remembrance THERESA WHELAN

23 Coote Street, Birthday 11th October 2023



*Missing You on Your Birthday
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 your loving husband Paddy and sister Olive.

May Theresa Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory of WILLIAM (Billy) Kelly

59 Newpark. 13th Anniversary occurred 8th October 2024



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church this
Saturday 12th October at 6.30pm
Your gentle face and patient smile
with sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each and
died beloved by all.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

May Billy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of DANIEL THOMPSON

60 St. Brigid's Place. 12th Anniversary occurs at this time.



*12th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on
Sunday 20th October at 12.30pm.
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.*

Sadly missed by his wife Maureen and Family

May Daniel Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of CATHERINE PENNEY

Ballsbridge and formerly Togher



*12th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 20th October at 10am.*

*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.*

Sadly missed by all her loving family & friends.

May Catherine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of MICHAEL LACUMBER

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Died 15th October 2011. 13th Anniversary away from home.



*13th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Sunday
13th October at 11:15am.*

*Our lips cannot speak how much
we love you, our hearts cannot
tell them what to say,*

*Only God knows how much we miss you, every hour
of every day.*

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

May Michael Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of NED PARKINSON

Cromogue, Kilbricken.

4th Anniversary occurs 12th October 2024

And his brother **FINT**

Formerly of Cromogue, Kilbricken and Kent, England.

7th Anniversary occurs 24th October 2024



*You're not just a memory
silently kept,
You are both part of a
family that will never forget.
Deeply missed and always
in our hearts.*



*Remembering at this time all deceased members of the
Parkinson & Campion families*

May Ned and Fint Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of ANN HOGAN

Mayfield, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurred 12th October 2024.



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin this
Sunday 13th October at 10am and in
the Parish Church, Portlaoise this
Sunday 13th October at 12.30pm.*

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

*Remembered by her husband Vinny, son Liam and
daughters Clare, Denise and Alice & extended family.*

May Ann Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

PHYLLIS (PHIL) CULLETON née Bowe
St. Martin's, Rossleighan, Portlaoise



The family of the late Phyllis Culleton, her husband John, sons John, Shane-Paul and Philip-Anthony, grandchildren, Aislinn, Saoirse, Setanta and Kjartan, her brothers, sisters and extended family would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and express our

gratitude to those who shared in our loss.

We sincerely thank Fr. Thomas O'Byrne for celebrating Phyllis' Requiem Mass, with the assistance of Monsignor John and the Priests of the Parish and Sister-Sacristans.

In particular we would like to thank all of our relatives, neighbours and friends, the staff of the Ballard Lodge Nursing Home, and the Critical Care staff of Midlands Regional Hospital in Portlaoise and Hughes Pharmacy for their care and kindness to Phyllis, all those who called to the house, who sent letters, messages of sympathy and Mass Cards and left messages of condolences on RIP.IE

Thanks also to Michelle Bartley for her assistance in preparing Phyllis' Mass and to Heather Fogarty for the wonderful music and singing

We offer our heartfelt gratitude to all who attended Phyllis' wake, her Requiem Mass and her burial.

It was wonderful to hear all of the lovely stories from so many people whose lives Phyllis touched and to know that she was held in such high regard.

Thank you to Gerard Rochford for the recital of the Rosary and prayers at Moloney's Funeral Home. We would also like to thank Moloney Funeral Directors and Undertakers, John Maloney and Tom Fox, for their courtesy and professionalism with the arrangement and conduct of Phyllis' funeral.

Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our heartfelt appreciation and deepest gratitude to you all. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all of your intentions.

May Phyllis Rest In Eternal Peace

In Loving Memory of **CHRISTY KEENAN**

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs 11th October 2024.



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

**Sadly missed by Pat, Ger and Claire
Scully, neighbours and friends.**

Rest in Peace Christy

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
SHANE LYNCH

110 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise



*Today is filled with memories
With happiness and tears
Of birthday celebrations we've
shared throughout the years.
And though I'll always miss you
The endless joy you brought warms
my heart with gratitude
And fills my every thought
Where ever you are resting, I hope
that you can see*

How precious and uplifting, your memory is to me.

I feel that you are with me in everything I do

So I'll celebrate your Birthday

But I'll spend it Missing You.

Happy Heavenly 24th Birthday

Missed by Mammy, your sisters Tara, Katie, Nicole,
Shannon, your brothers Dylan and Aaron and your
nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace Shane

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
ANNE CLOONEY

Lower Boley, Abbeyleix

whose birthday occurs on 24th October 2024



*Anne as your first birthday
away from us is here,
We miss your laughter,
song and cheer,
Your greetings were a
handshake and a hug,
which made us feel safe,
warm and snug.*

*This year blow out your candles in Heaven above,
With Dad and Mam and send all our love,
You gave us years of love, laughter and fun,
Now we have memories second to none.*

*"Snowdrops and Daffodils, Butterflies and Bees, early
morning dew, all kinds of everything
remind me of you"*

*Happy Birthday our Darling from family down below
How much we love and miss you, you'll never know.*

Happy Heavenly Birthday Anne xxxxx

Sending hugs and love from Catherine, Bernie,
Geraldine, Patricia, Rosie, Gemma, William, Fint & John
and all your family and friends. Rest Easy

Rest in Peace Anne

In Loving Memory Of

ELIZABETH LEAHY née Delaney

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise

1st Anniversary occurs on 13th October 2024



1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on

Saturday 12th October at 6.30pm.

*Just a prayer from your family
who loved you*

*Just a memory fond and true
In our hearts you will live forever*

*Because we thought the world of you
On our minds and in our hearts today and everyday
Sadly missed by all your loving family*

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

In Loving Memory of our Dad

PATRICK DOYLE

Formerly 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

Died 7/10/1978.

46th Anniversary occurred 7th October 2024

Dad

*Those we love can never be more
than a thought away*

*For as long as there's a memory
They live in our hearts to stay*

*Loved always, never forgotten by
your loving daughters Ellen, Guggie,
Mary and son Joe and families xxx*

Rest in Peace Dad

In Loving Memory of DES CARROLL

Beladd, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 23rd October 2024



1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 20th October at 11.15am

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

Sadly missed, deeply loved and always remembered by your loving wife Margaret, daughters Gwen, Yvonne, Deirdre and Tracey, sons in law, grandchildren and extended family and friends.

Rest In Peace Des

In Loving Memory of

MARIA LOURDES GARCIA-GOMEZ

Cherrygrove, Knockmay Portlaoise

& formerly from Salamanca Spain who passed away in Tullamore Hospital

Sunrise 27/08/1968, Sunset 27/09/2024



*Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every
day*

*Unseen, unheard, but
always near*

*Still loved, still missed
and very dear.*

Maria is sadly missed by her loving family, her sister and brothers, nieces, nephews and relatives in Spain. Maria was loved by her family and will be united with her late parents and late sister. Maria will be sadly missed by all her friends in the community.

*Its not a goodbye Maria, I will see you
again, Your forever friend Susan*

Rest in Peace Maria,

In Loving Memory of PHYLLIS FITZPATRICK

14 Borris Road, Portlaoise. Died 14/10/2004.

20th Anniversary occurs 14th October 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 19th October at 6.30pm

Feel no guilt in laughter, she knows how much we care

Feel no sorrow in a smile that she's not here to share

You cannot grieve forever she would not want you to

She'd hope that you would carry on the way you always do
But trust in God to meet again

*Always remembered by your loving husband Mick,
sons James, Thomas and Damien, daughter Theresa,
daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and
great-grandchildren.*



Also remembering at this time

Her loving granddaughter

LEONA CUDDY

Meelick Road, Portlaoise

May They Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

KATHLEEN GRANT née Delaney

Colt, Ballyroan



The family of the late Kathleen Grant who passed away on the 20th September 2024 would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised and supported them on their very sad loss. Kathleen is remembered, loved and greatly missed today and everyday by her loving sons P.J., Martin, Cathal, Carl and Michael Daughters Sheila, Nicola, Cathariona and Annette sons in law Tommy, John and Enda, daughters-in-law Deirdre, Geraldine and Lisa, sister-in-law's Mamie and Sheila and brother-in-law Martin, nieces, nephews, grand children and great grand children, .

Thank you to all our relations, friends, neighbours and colleagues who attended and helped out over Kathleen's funeral. All who sent mass cards, letters, calls, texts and floral tributes, we found great comfort in all the condolences and kind words we received from these.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the ambulance crews, fire brigades, and Staff at Portlaoise General Hospital who assisted Mammy in her time of need.

Our sincere thanks to Anne, Liz, Martina and Lisa who were so kind and helpful to Mammy as her Carers.

Our sincere thanks to Fr Petru, for such a lovely ceremony and Damien, Tina, Viki and Tina Fitzpatrick for their beautiful singing. Thanks to Bourke's funeral home for the help, kindness and professionalism shown to us.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude.

Kathleen's Months Mind Mass will be in St. Fintan's Church, Raheen on Saturday 19th October at 7 p.m.

Gone from us that smiling face,

The cheerful pleasant ways,

The heart that won so many friends,

In bygone, happy days,

A life made beautiful by kindly deeds,

A helping hand for others needs,

To a beautiful life, comes a happy end,

She died as she lived, everyone's friend

May Kathleen Rest In Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

DARREN BREEN

1st birthday way from home.

45th birthday - 19th October 2024



*Thinking of Dar on
his 45th Birthday .*

You will be loved and
missed forever.

Love from Ma and all his
loving family xxxxxxxx

Rest In Peace Darren



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application to the office with
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Our Lady of Aparecida

Our Lady of Aparecida, the Black Madonna and patroness of Brazil illuminates our path like the brightest star in the firmament of faith. On October 12th, the entire country awakens in prayer, celebrating the faithful intercessor who guards the nation with maternal love and care.

In the calm waters of the Paraíba do Sul River, where three fishermen found her statue, the story of a people who, amid trials, discovered in Mary an inexhaustible source of strength began to unfold. Small and simple, the statue of Our Lady of Aparecida carries the vastness of a love that welcomes, protects, and guides. She

embodies and exemplifies a faith that remain unshaken, even in the face of the greatest storms.

In every gaze directed towards Our Lady of Aparecida, there is a silent prayer, a supplication filled with hope. On October 12th, when the bells ring in unison and the altars are adorned with flowers, Brazil kneels in reverence and gratitude. This is a day of celebration but also spiritual renewal. The hearts of the faithful open to receive the blessings of the one who is the refuge of the afflicted, the hope of the desperate, and the comfort of those who suffer.

Under the blue mantle of Our Lady of Aparecida, the dreams and pains of an entire nation are sheltered. She inspires us to walk the path of peace, justice, and solidarity, always reminding us that in her love, we find the strength to move forward.

May the maternal care of Our Blessed Mother continue to guide us, and may Brazil, under her protection, walk united in faith and fraternity. Our Lady of Aparecida, patroness of Brazil, intercede for us today and always. May your presence be a light in our dark nights and a hope in times of uncertainty.

Pray for us, Mother of Aparecida, so that we may always find in your embrace the peace we so deeply seek



Pictured from left: Fernando, Ravih, Ricardo, Janine and Sofia Brayner.

Janine Meira

Portlaoise Parish



Results for
10th October 2024



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WINNERS

Maureen Breen
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 7:7-11 | Psalm 89:12-17
Hebrews 4:12-13 | Mark 10:17-30

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