

# Twenty—Ninth Week in Ordinary Time



The Holy Father's Message for World Mission Day 2024



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#### World Mission Sunday

Mission, we see, is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him. Tireless! God, great in love and rich in mercy, constantly sets out to encounter all men and women, and to call them to the happiness of his kingdom, even in the face of their indifference or refusal. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd and messenger of the Father, went out in search of the lost sheep of the people of Israel and desired to go even further, in order to reach even the most distant sheep (Jn 10:16). Both before and after his resurrection, he told his disciples, 'Go!', thus involving them in his own mission (Lk 10:3; Mk 16:15). The Church, for her part, in fidelity to the mission she has received from the Lord, will continue to go to the ends of the earth, to set out over and over again, without ever growing weary or losing heart in the face of difficulties and obstacles.

Let us not forget that every Christian is called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context, so that the whole Church can continually go forth with her Lord and Master to the 'crossroads' of today's world. 'Today's drama in the Church is that Jesus keeps knocking on the door, but from within, so that we will let him out! Often we end up being an 'imprisoning' Church which does not let the Lord out, which keeps him as 'its own', whereas the Lord came for mission and wants us to be missionaries'

Pope Francis, Message for Mission Sunday 2024



Those who died in our Parish during the year and their families will be remembered at our Mass on 4th November. A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory. If we have a photo of the deceased it will accompany their name on the screen in the Parish Church.

Also there are parishioners who have lost loved ones, parent or siblings, and also natives of our Parish, whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere. If you would like them to be remembered by name at our bereavement Mass please give the details to the Parish Centre by calling in or email

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(A photograph may also be displayed if you wish to provide one). Please have this into the Parish office by Friday 1st November.

Thank you.

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
Cian Michael O'Neill, Mountrath Road
Ollie Gerry Duffin, Boughlone Way
Kaia Acostachioaie, Hawthorn Way
Who were baptised last weekend.



#### Thank You

We thank all those who donated to the new statue of St Bernadette who were on the recent Lourdes Pilgrimage. Their fundraising efforts were also used, together with the

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Bitesize

A man is usually more careful of his money than of his principles.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.,



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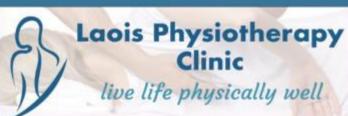
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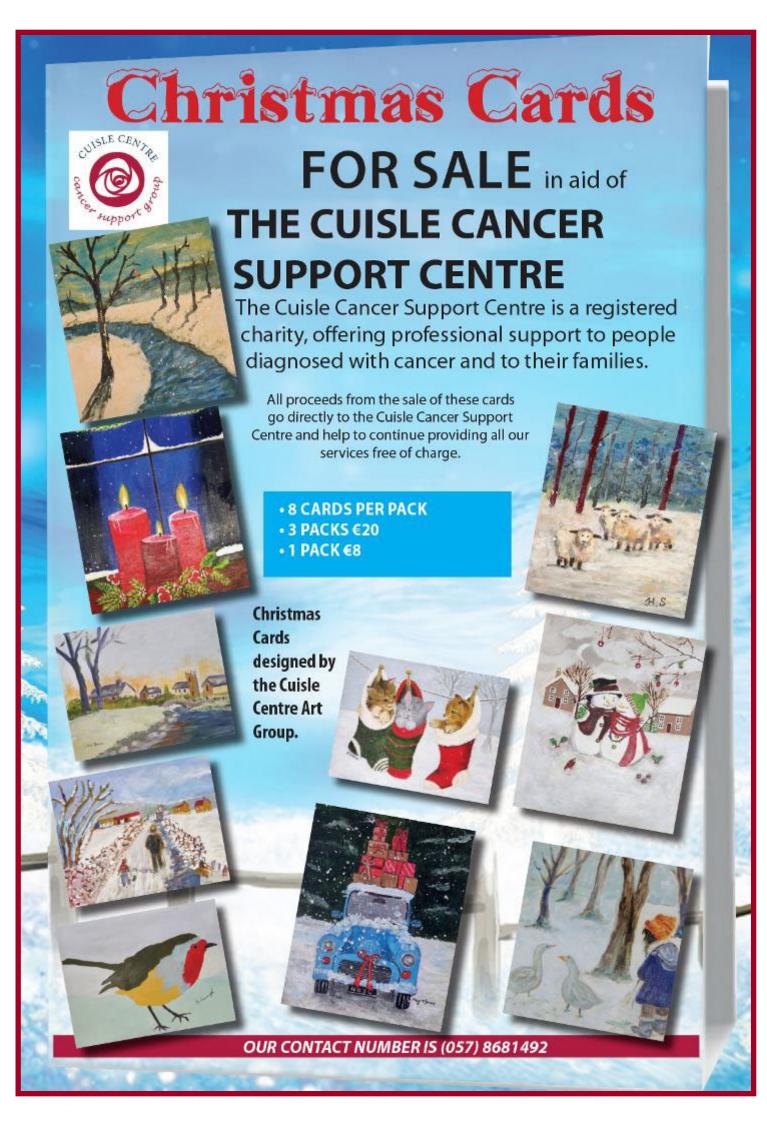
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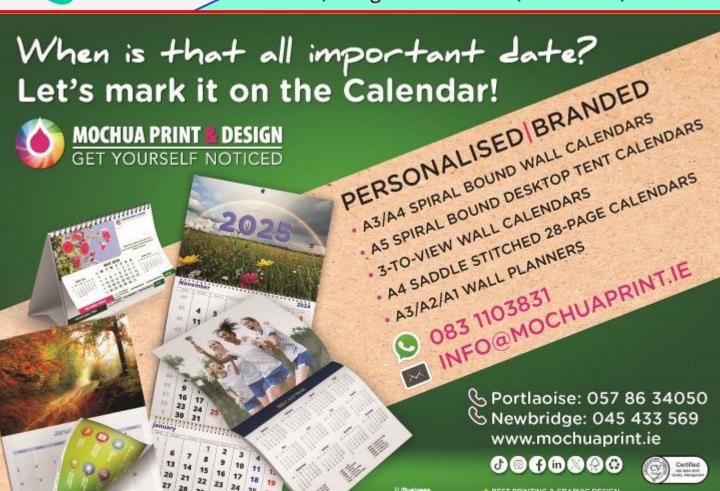


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<u>Portlaoise Active Retirement</u> meet every Wednesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre for an afternoon of friendship, fun and activities. New members always welcome.

Monday 21st Oct: Bowls in St. Mary's hall 2pm to 4pm new members always welcome tuition given

Wednesday 23rd Oct: Guest speaker Sergeant Graham Kavanagh crime prevention.

Thursday 24th Oct: Cards in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy at 3pm, New members always welcome, tuition given.

\*The Christmas show and dinner on November 20th deposits need to be paid now.

28th November: 65 Kitchen Choir in The Dunamaise Theater. For further information please call pro Sheila at 0876204617.

Scoil Mhuire, Ballyroan Rd, Abbeyleix are now accepting Enrolment Applications for Junior Infant Classes from Fri 25th October to Fri 15th November. Parents who wish to enrol their children for Junior Infants beginning September 2025 are invited to submit their applications for enrolment during this period. We recommend that pupils are at least 4.5 years old by September 2025. Enrolment applications are available from:

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<u>Laois Bridge Club</u> Laois Bridge Club has began on Wednesday mornings 10am—12:30pm at Portlaoise Enterprise Centre R32 DW97. New members welcome, all ages welcome, refreshments provided, For more information please contact **William: 0870929898** 

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#### Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre Tuesday, 15th October

Top score: Kit Farrell 1st Lady: Theresa Mulhare 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady: Catherine Galvin 1<sup>st</sup> Gent: Billy O'Keeffe 2<sup>nd</sup> Gent: Tom Gowing 1st Half: Leslie Hunter 2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Mary Gowing Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> Bernie Cahill, 2nd Catherine Fitzpatrick, 3<sup>rd</sup> Paric Dowling, 4<sup>th</sup> Tom Gowing, 5<sup>th</sup> Mary Dunne. 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.

#### **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).

Vocations Society of St. Joseph: Holy Hour, Adoration, Prayer for vocations, 3pm Friday in the Parish Church.

<u>Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community</u>; Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise Saturday 26th. September 2024 [ 10.00 am to 1.30 pm] Holy Mass @ 10.00 am - Confessions available Retreat continues in Parish Centre after Mass from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm

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Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025 The Pilgrimage for 2025 is from 19-22 July (3 Nights) for one year only. We will stay at the Hotel Sainte Rose and be accompanied by a spiritual director. Price is €595pp Sharing and single room supplement of €105. Travel Insurance not included in the price. For more information or to request booking form information phone Francés 0858142666 or Sean 0863633785. €100 non refundable deposit pp plus completed booking forum to secure your seat. An open night to accommodate booking will be held in the parish centre on the 24th oct from 7-9pm. There are 120 seats available on a first come first serve basis. You can complete the booking form on the night. A savings scheme will also commence on the 31st oct in the parish centre from 3-4pm to accommodate anyone who wants to save their fare weekly to participate in this scheme a booking form + €100 deposit pp must be paid first. This savings scheme will continue each Thursday and conclude on 1st may 2025.

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# WELCOME

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Pictured Left: John Warmann, Catherine Warmann from Ghana with Msgr. John who have been virtual parishioners since the early days of the pandemic.





### To Be Like Jesus

When I was a little girl, the best thing about having chicken for dinner was the "wishbone." After we finished eating, my brother and I would each hold one side of the wishbone, close our eyes and make a wish. Then we pulled on the wishbone until it broke apart. The one who got the biggest piece was supposed to have their wish come true.

Have you ever wished for something? Sure you have. We all have. Sometimes we make a wish without thinking about what would happen if our wish really came true.

Have you ever planned to have a picnic and it rained? Perhaps you sat and watched the rain and grumbled to yourself, "I wish it would stop raining." What if that wish came true and it really stopped raining FOREVER? There would be no grass, no trees, no flowers. Rivers, lakes, and streams would dry up and all life would begin to disappear. This world would be a miserable place if it stopped raining, wouldn't it?

James and John were two brothers who were disciples of Jesus. One day, the two of them came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus replied.

"In your glorious Kingdom, we want to sit in places of honour next to you, one at your right and the other at your left." You see, they thought that Jesus was going to set up an earthly kingdom, and they wanted to sit beside him on the throne. They wanted to share in his greatness.

Jesus answered them and said, "You don't know what you are asking." Then he explained that whoever wants to be great must be a servant of all. He said, "For even I, the Son of Man, came here not to be served but to serve others, and to give my life as a ransom for many." Jesus was right! I don't think that being a servant was exactly what James and John were wishing for!



Sometimes you and I may say, "I wish I could be more like Jesus." Is that really our wish? If we really want that wish to come true, we must give our lives in service to others.

### My Prayer





Dear Father, help us to mean it when we say,
"I wish I could be more like Jesus."

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.





What is the 'Missionary Spirit?' Pope John Paul II said 'It is still true today to say that charity begins at home, but home today is all the world' In the Gospel we are asked to 'go out to all nations and spread the Word of God'. So, what is mission? Is it a place? Is it a thing? No.... Mission is YOU! You are the life you live is a testament and powerful example God's love,

to the Word of God working in our World. Your life should be a reflection of God's love for everyone. Years ago missionaries left Ireland and went all around the world to spread God's love. evangelisation. They went out and helped people who were suffering and lived among them through all their troubles. Missionaries stayed with the people and the people saw this and wondered why they did it. Their lives were a testament to God's love and their lives made people want to listen and learn. Can you be a missionary at home in your community and family? Can your actions spread a message of love?

### Today is World Mission Sunday

Today we remember those who work as missionaries. We also welcome those that have moved from other countries and from other parts of our own country. There is a special mission rosary which has different coloured beads than the Traditional rosary. The coloured beads symbolise the missionary efforts of the Church in each of the five continents. The beads of each decade are as follows:





Green for Africa **Red for America** White for Europe Blue for Oceania Yellow for Asia

The Theme this year

'Go out and invite everyone to the banquet'.

Pope Francis says that mission is like going on a never-ending adventure to meet and help all people — boys, girls, men, and women so they can discover God's love.

#### OUR MISSION TOGETHER

#### YOUR CHALLENGE FOR THE MISSION MONTH OF OCTOBER.

- Pray: To pray daily for people around the world and pray for peace. Talk to God.
- Bullying: No one likes a bully, if you see someone being bullied, talk to an Adult.
- Sorry: When you have hurt someone, 'Apologise'. Ask yourself why you did this?
- Make a difference: no matter how small, at home or your school.
- Smile: it's amazing how people react to someone who smiles at them.
- Be Polite: saying please and thank you in shops, at school or at home.
- Love: Share your love, give someone a hug today.





Share friendship and live

In the peace Of God's love

Now and forever. Amen.





## Time to Think!

## **Economics and Justice**

The Gospel, has a very challenging relationship with economics. Justice, is at the heart of the Gospel message. In growing and vibrant economy those who have, benefit most. The gospel speaks counter culturally to this reality. We live in a thriving economy. Billions and billions of euro in surplus, makes for extraordinary responsibility, regarding how best to spend, or prudently safeguard, for our future. Jesus had a clear preferential option to enhance the quality of lives for those who were on the periphery. I wonder how he would spend the billions of euro recently received from Apple. Pope Francis highlighted a central theme from his Evangelii Gaudium: the need to address the problems of the poor by rejecting the absolute autonomy of markets and financial speculation. He pointed out that "we all depend on the poor, even the rich."20 Sept 2024

Here's a question. If you won the Lotto what would you do with, say, a €4 million euro prize? It's a question with multiple possible answers falling somewhere between twin possible extremes – spend the lot on a party or put some away for the rainy day. In other words, the short view or the long view. The answer depends on where you're coming from – between the extremes of someone who needs a house for their family and an investment banker in thrall to one particular form of economic wisdom.

Two realities impinge on deciding what to do with the Apple money. One is that there are now polls of every description almost every few days depicting the latest popular preference of the every-increasing demands of a fussy electorate. There is now a constant wealth of information on voters' intentions with clear indications about what they want, expect or demand the new government to do. At least for today or this week!

It's the price we pay for our modern communications and media networks, internet, social media, radio and television and, of course, the mass opinion-polling we take for granted today. Now everyone's opinion – regardless of common sense (or other mitigating factors) – receives attention (sometimes, maybe often) beyond its due.

When Abraham Lincoln memorably proposed government 'of the people, by the people, for the people', communications and media networks were basic and ineffective with no facility for the mass opinion-polling we take for granted today.

The difficult truth now is that while 'of the people' and 'for the people' seem to make democratic sense, the notion of direct government 'by the people' makes no sense at all because the obvious truth is that the public is notoriously fickle, changing their minds and, with respect, many are incapable of even understanding some of the choices that government financial experts are faced with.

What did people want from the recent budget. Some wanted lower taxes. Others wanted better services. And some wanted lower taxes and better services, even when it's clear that you can't have both. Some wanted a stringent response to climate change but believed that



farmers, for example, shouldn't have to change their practices. Others wanted more housing but would be eunhappy if they were pressurised into selling land or even if a new housing estate was proposed near them. And there are some who wanted everything and some who clearly didn't know what they wanted.

There is a point at which governments have to make decisions, not based on the often contradictory demands of a volatile electorate because, as Matthew Parris wrote recently in the London Times, 'public demand is evanescent, often unrealistic, even contradictory, and frequently plain daft'.

An example of this daft madness is the often vacuous outpourings of self-styled leaders of the anti-immigrant movement who spout the greatest nonsense and imagine that the louder they shout and the more obnoxious they are in confronting politicians the more people will cheer them. What they don't seem to understand is that spouting political simplicities and presuming they can speak for the people — 'Ballydehob says NO to immigrants' (even though the people of Ballydehob said no such thing) — simply convinces those they are trying to impress that such self-appointed 'leaders' need to be given as wide a possible berth as possible.

Politicians who try to bring such extremists with them are effectively giving a public platform and an undue status to malcontents who will never be satisfied no matter how politicians twist and turn to appease them. And while politicians will instinctively always try to 'run with the hare and hunt with the hound' in the interests of maximising their vote, appeasing discontents is, what a Northern politician once controversially described as, 'the dangerous practice of feeding the crocodile'.

What is needed is an adult response to the present windfall of the Apple tax with a responsible allocation based on need, not least the long-term implications that the mixed benefit the windfall brings with it – including the inevitable damage to the country's reputation (deserved or undeserved) for dodgy forms of tax relief. Strident populist voices encouraging the equivalent of a booze-up need to be stoutly resisted.

With the Apple €14 billion dangling before political parties now framing their election manifestos, we need sensible and responsible leadership in our prosperous times.

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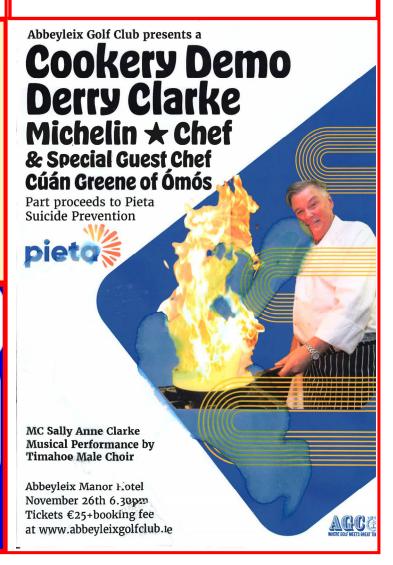
### LAOIS ALZHEIMER CAFÉ



**Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise** Thursday 24th October, 11am-1pm

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> For further information please contact Grainne Roche Duff 087-6075037 grainne.rocheduff@alzheimer.ie



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#### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

### In Loving Memory of SHANE MOORE

62 Rossvale, Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary occurs 19th October 2024



The years are passing quietly with pride we your name. Our lives go on without you, its never been the same.

Loved and remembered always

Mam, Dad, Marian, Ross, nephew Shane, niece Rubi and all your family and friends.

Rest in Reace Shane



## In Loving Memory of

A Cherished Father, Grandfather, Great-Grandfather and Brother *JOSEPH PAISLEY* 

8th Anniversary occurs 20th October 2024



Life is a beautiful memory, Death is a silent grief, You sleep now in God's beautiful garden, in sunshine and perfect peace. We miss you oh so very much, But trust that God knew best, He let us have you for many years, and then gently let you rest.

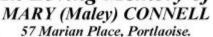
#### We will love and miss you always From all your loving family

Also remembering at this time, Joseph's wife Kathleen, his brother-in-law Bill Doyle, his nephew Gerard Brennan, Virginia Doyle, Liam Doyle, Christopher (Chap) Paisley, Catherine Farrell and all deceased members of the Paisley and Doyle families.

> Will those who think of them today, A little prayer to Jesus say.

May They Rest in Reace

#### In Loving Memory of MARY (Maley) CONNELL



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 26th October at 6.30pm

May you always walk in sunshine and God's love around you flow, For the love and happiness you gave us, no one

> will ever know, Forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed and loved by your loving family, Also thinking of our Dad at this time.

Rest in Reace Mary

### In Loving Memory of ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary away from home occurs 29th October 2024.



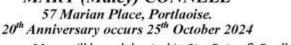
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 26th October at 6.30pm

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom, daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula, grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and Willow and great-granddaughter Grace. Always in our hearts.

Rest in Reace Mam











The Cottage, Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.



If I could have a lifetime wish
A dream that would come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart,
For yesterday and you.

A thousand words can't bring you back
I know because I've tried,
And neither can a million tears,
I know because I've cried.
You left my heart broken and happy

memories too, but I never wanted memories.

I only wanted you

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his loving wife Bridie and family and brother Jim.

May Christopher Rest in Reace



# In Loving Memory of ANN HEFFERNAN

Clonboyne, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurred 16th October 2024



We are sad within our memory, Lonely are our hearts today, For the one we loved so dearly, Has forever been called away. We think of her in silence, No eye may see us weep, But many silent tears are shed, When others are asleep.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30pm.

Loved and never forgotten by all your loving family.

May Ann Rest in Reace



#### In Loving Memory of P.J. O' BRIEN

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 8th Anniversary occurred 16th October 2024.

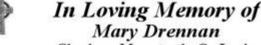


God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put His arms around you, and whispered "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away, and although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best.

Never forgotten by your loving wife Teresa, daughters, sons, grandchildren, brothers and sisters and a large circle of friends.

May R. A. Rest in Reace



Clonban, Mountrath, Co Laois. 1st Anniversary occurred 15th October 2024.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Brigid's Church, Shanahoe



on Sunday, 27th October at 12 O' Clock. Also remembering her late husband, Tim Drennan,

her brother, Jack O'Toole and deceased members

of the Drennan and O'Toole families at this time.

Loved and remembered by her family and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.



### BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of Aaron Jordan Kelly Gorman

6th birthday away from home occurs 21st October 2024



Happy 24th Birthday Son

If I could have one wish in life, that wish
would have to be, that God would take
away my pain, and send you back to me.
Your birthday's here today my son, and

I just wanted you to know, how much I deeply love you and that I miss you so. On days like this we should celebrate, but for me that proves hard, for unlike other Mothers, I cannot send a birthday card.

No kisses can I give you, or birthday gifts to buy, only flowers I now can give you, which I place down where you lie.

Two other things I send you, are my thoughts and all my love, So hold them close and keep them safe, in Heaven up above. And please wait for me, my darling, until my days are through, And then I'll come and spend all time in Heaven just with you.

Loved and eternally missed by Mammy, Mudasar, brothers Brandon, Noah and Junaid and sister Aisha xxx

Rest in Reace Aaron



# BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of DARREN BREEN

1st birthday way from home. 45th birthday - 15th October 2024



Thinking of Dar on his 45<sup>th</sup> Birthday .

You will be loved and missed forever. Love from Ma and all his loving family xxxxxxx

Rest On Reace Darren



### ACKNOWLEGMENT AND MONTHS MIND MASS

In Loving Memory of DARREN (HAGI) BREEN



Hagi's wife Olivia, family and extended family, wish to sincerely thank all those who sympathised, sent mass cards, floral wreaths and supported us on the sad loss of Hagi.

Thanks to all who sent kind messages of support, special thanks to all medical staff of

Portlaoise, Tullamore and St. James hospital, the palliative care team and public health nurses, Dr. John Nurney, Dr Simon Honan and Breslins Pure Pharmacy for their care and kindness, Derek (coco) Lawless for constant supply of everything, Browns Gala, Stapo Brown for the afters.

Friends and neighbours, St Marys C.B.S for guard of honour alongside Hogi's fishing friends. A heartfelt thank you to James O' Connor for beautiful music and singing. It would be impossible to thank everyone individually, thanks to Fr. Ciprian Motei and Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors. Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to all.

Months Mind Mass will be celebrated Sunday 26th October 2024 at 12:30pm, St. Peter and Pauls church.

Rest in Reace Hagi



### In Loving Memory of MICHAEL WHELAN

Colt, Ballyroan. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024



Mass will be celebrated in Raheen Church at 7pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October.

The world changes from year to year, Our lives from day to day, But the love and memory, Shall never pass away.

Sadly missed by his wife Patricia, son William, family and friends.

Rest in Reace Michael



# h BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of Aaron Kelly-Gorman

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise, whose 24th birthday occurs 21st October 2024



Today is filled with memories, with happiness and tears,
Of birthday celebrations son, we 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.
Wherever you are resting,

I hope that you can see, how precious and treasured, your memory is to me.

I feel that you are with me, in everything I do, so I'll celebrate your birthday Aaron, but I'll spend it missing you.

Gone but not forgotten, forever in our hearts, from your loving father Michael, Brandon Kelly-Gorman and Chloe Byrne, extended family, relatives and friends.

Rest in Reace Aaron



## In Loving Memory of DARREN (HAGI) BREEN

I<sup>st</sup> Birthday away from home occurred 15<sup>th</sup> October



I lost my loving husband
My partner in my life
He was one of a kind
I was proud to be his wife
I have the memories of times
we shared together
That will live inside my heart
this day and forever

He was one of a kind A husband like no other He was my best friend, my soulmate, my lover

Happy 45th Birthday Hagi

I want you to know how much I miss you and much I love you.

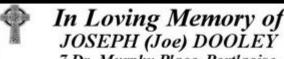
Your heartbroken wife Olivia, kids and grandkids xx

Map Darren (Hagi) Rest in Reace



**May They Rest In Peace** 

let His light shine.



7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise. 11th Anniversary occurs 17th October 2024.



Deep are the memories, precious they stay, no passing of time, Can take them away.

Always remembered by all his loving family

Rest in Reace Joe

### In Loving Memory of ELLEN BYRNE

Forest Park, Portlaoise and Dublin. 4th Anniversary occurs 23rd October 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 20th October at 12:30pm.

> We think of you in silence, We often speak your name, But all we have are memories, And your picture in a frame. Your resting place we visit, And put flowers there with care,

But no one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your family and friends.

Rest in Reace Gllen

### In Loving Memory of ANGELA CLEARY

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 6th Anniversary occurs 29th October 2024.



A gentle smile, A beautiful touch, Of a dear friend I miss so much.

From your forever friend Geraldine x

Rest in Reace Angela



### In Loving Memory of ROCH (Rocky) SCULLY

Late of 174 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 20th Anniversary occurs 23rd October 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 20th October at 12.30pm

#### Daddy:

You'll never be forgotten, That simply cannot be, Because something will remind us, We never know just when it might be,

Something someone says, and it all comes back again, The time we spent together, the happiness, the fun, Once again we feel the pain of life without you Daddy.

Loving you always, forgetting you never.

From John, Patrick, Peter, Roch, Teresa, Jacinta, Margaret and Kathleen, sons & daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

May Rocky Rest in Reace



### In Loving Memory of CAROLINE MOORE

(née Whelan) Cois Na hAbhainn, Portlaoise 13th Anniversary away from home occurred 16th October



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 19th October at 6:30pm.

#### Caroline

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new, I thought of you yesterday and days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name,

Now all I have are memories and your picture in a frame.

Your memory is my comfort with which I shall never part,

> God has you in His kingdom now. But you will always be in my heart.

Much loved and sadly missed by your mother, sisters and brother.

May Paroline Rest in Reace

# Fondest Memories Of a much loved Husband and Father MARTIN RAFTER

34 The Hermitage, Borris Road, Portlaoise. 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024



The years are passing quietly with pride we speak your name, our lives go on without you but nothing is the same.

Loved & Remembered everyday.

-Your loving wife Betty xxx

Daddy Moments come & go, but Memories last forever. Missed beyond words, -Love Martina, John & Craig xxx

Grandad

A little tribute, small and tender, Just to say we will always remember. Forever missed, love Stefan, Amy, Jennifer and great-grandson Daithí xxx

#### Dad

I often sit and think about the years that have passed by and of all the happy days that was shared by you and I. For although it brings me comfort to walk down memory lane, it reminds me how, without you Dad life has never been the same.

-Jimmy, Claire and family.

Rest in Reace Martin



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- \* Making your offering in the boxes at the entrances
- \* Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
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