

Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

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27th October 2024

Don't forget to put
your clocks back one
hour on Saturday
night!



Fall, Leaves, Fall

Emily Brontë

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.
I shall smile when wreaths of snow
Blossom where the rose should grow;
I shall sing when night's decay
Ushers in a drearier day.

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the leaves

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Cry for Help

We all understand Bartimaeus' cry for help, after all, most of us have felt like that at some stage in our lives. How many of us have felt trapped in jobs we hate, in bodies that are weak or in relationships that are failing? The last thing we want is to accept our gloomy lot in life and suffer in silence, yet sometimes our options are limited. Praying to God for help is important, but how many of us secretly consider prayer a last ditch option in a world governed by science and practicality? Have we lost our sense of wonderment? Have we lost our belief in what we cannot see? Today Bartimaeus, the blind man, teaches us a lesson in prayer. He certainly wasn't ready to suffer in silence. He cried out and many rebuked him telling him to be silent, but he kept calling out all the more. The lesson is that the blind man's persistence and faith were rewarded.



In our modern day scientific world, faith is a stumbling point because it suggests believing in things of which there can be no proof - things we can't see. Of course this is true, but faith also means believing in things that are all around us. Sometimes we suffer in silence when we are surrounded by people who could help us given half the chance. Today we exercise our faith and ask for help. We remember that we have friends, neighbours, professional counsellors and medics who we can call upon. We remember to put our problems before God and ask for help.

All Saints - Friday 1st November

When something seems too difficult, we have a tendency to 'switch off'. If something is seemingly beyond our reach, we don't even try. Following in the footsteps of the saints, for most of us is like attempting rocket science or brain surgery. But following in the footsteps of the saints is not about becoming a saint overnight. Saints are just real people who have struggled through crisis and frustration to live their faith. Like the concert pianist who began his career with simple scales, so following God's blueprint for discipleship is about starting out with small steps.

All Souls - Saturday 2nd November Commemoration Of All the Faithful Departed

On this day we remember all those who have died. We remember their kind deeds, the things they did for us and for other people; we remember how we loved them and how they loved us, and we pray we will be united with them again on the last day. We also pray for those who have died that we never knew. We pray for those who have died for our freedom, and we pray for all those who have died alone with no one to remember or pray for them. By remembering those who were loved, they are never really gone from us.



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

Monday (Bank Holiday): 10am

Tuesday & Wednesday: 7.30am & 10am

Thursday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm (Vigil)

Friday (All Saints & First Friday)

8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm and 7.30pm.

The Heath: 9.30am

Ratheniska: 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.

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The priests of the parish will attend their communion calls this week.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Reggie Hudson Ryan, Parkside
Anna Eimear Cosgrave, Ard Brannagh
Ruby Buckley, Spa Hill, Mountrath

Who were baptised last weekend.

Annual Bereavement Mass Monday 4th November at 7.30pm

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 michelle@portlaoiseparish.ie (A photograph may also be displayed if you wish to provide one).

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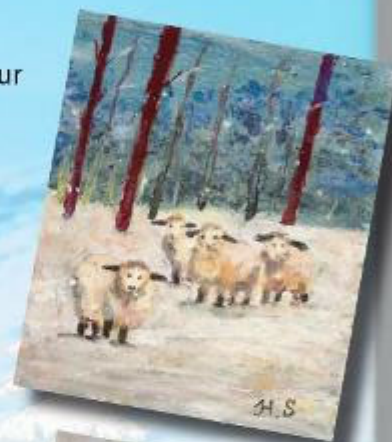
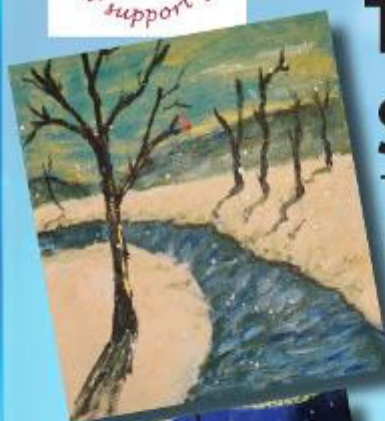
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I Want to See Jesus



Can you imagine what it must be like to be blind and never see the beauty of things such as beautiful flowers? The gift of sight is one of the most precious of all of God's gifts.

There is a story in the Gospel of a man named Bartimaeus. He had never seen the beauty of a bouquet of flowers, because Bartimaeus was blind. One day as he sat begging beside the road, he heard the sound of a large crowd of people coming his way. He asked someone what was happening and they told him that Jesus was passing by. Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and about how he had healed many who were blind. He began to call out to Jesus. Others in the crowd tried to get Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he would not be silent.

Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus calling out to him and he stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Teacher, I want to see!" said Bartimaeus. "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." The Bible tells us that immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight.

That is a wonderful story, isn't it? Unfortunately, stories about the blind don't always end that way. There are many blind people who want to see, and yet they are never healed. Fanny Crosby was one of those people. Fanny was born on 24th March 1820 and when she was only six weeks old, she was left blind by an illness. Even though she was blind for the rest of her life, Fanny was never bitter or complaining. Instead she made the most of her life by using the other gifts that God had given her. She had a wonderful gift for writing poetry and during her lifetime, she wrote over 8000 poems. Some of her poems were set to music.

One day a well-meaning minister said to Fanny, "I think it is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when He showered so many other gifts upon you."

"Oh no!" Fanny replied. "If I could have only one request, it would be to be born blind."

"Why?" asked the surprised minister. "Because," answered Fanny, "when I get to heaven, the first face that these blind eyes will ever see is the face of Jesus, my Saviour."

Some, like Bartimaeus, receive the gift of sight. Some, like Fanny Crosby, are blind their entire life. One thing is certain, when we get to heaven, we will all see Jesus.

My Prayer

*Dear Father, we thank you for the gift of sight,
but more than that, we thank you that one day
we will see you in heaven.*

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





Do you ever hear the
Church bells ringing at
12noon and 6pm?

This is the time that we
say our Thanksgiving Prayer
The Angelus

Do you know how to say the
Angelus?



The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

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 death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord

Be it done unto me according to thy word.

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 death. Amen.

And the Word was made flesh.

And dwelt among us.

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 death. Amen.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.



ALL. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



O 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.





Time to Think!

November a time to remember...

Time continues to move as we now have entered Winter Time. We begin this Season with Halloween. It's origins are strongly connected to ancient Celtic roots. In Celtic Ireland, about two millennia ago, Samhain was the point between the lighter (summer) and darker halves (winter) of the year. At Samhain, the gap between this and the other world was at its thinnest, allowing spirits to pass through. People's ancestors were honoured and invited home, while harmful spirits were warded off. People wore costumes and masks to disguise themselves as spirits to avoid harm. Bonfires and food played a large part in the festivities. The bones of slaughtered livestock were cast into a communal blaze, household fires were extinguished and started again from the bonfire. Food was prepared for the living and the dead and was ritually shared with the less well-off.

Christianity incorporated honouring of the dead into the Christian calendar with All Saints (All Hallows) on 1st November, followed by All Souls on the following day. The wearing of costumes and masks to ward off harmful spirits has survived as Halloween customs. The Irish emigrated to America in great numbers during the 19th century, especially around the time of famine in Ireland during the 1840s. The Irish carried their Halloween traditions to America, where it is now one of the major holidays of the year. November is the time of the year when we remember the souls of loved ones who have gone before us. November is a difficult time of year. The beginning of winter brings long nights and cooler days. This can be a time of loneliness and anxiety, especially for those who live alone. In our Celtic tradition, we have a great sense of our own mortality and vulnerability during this month. The Celtic festival of Samhain was a time to remember all who had gone before. Death is difficult and painful. It strips us of the familiar and often leaves us naked and vulnerable with our bereavement and painful losses, which we all have experienced when a loved one dies. The death of a loved one often leaves many unanswered questions as we attempt to carry on without a husband or wife, sibling or friend.

Edith Stein, a Jewess who converted to Catholicism and who subsequently became a Carmelite nun ended her life with thousands more in the deathly camp of Auschwitz. It was in this deathly place where innocent people were horrendously oppressed by their captors who did everything to break their human spirits before death met darkness. She, in the gift of both her faith and her experience and above all out of the abundance and richness of God's great love shares with us:

'And when night comes, and retrospect shows that everything is patchwork and much which one had planted is left undone, when so many things rouse shame and regret, then take all as it is, lay it in God's hands and offer it up to Him. In this way we will be able to rest in Him, actually to rest and to begin the new day like a new life'.

Perhaps the two most powerful lines in the entire Gospel describe the human emotion felt by Jesus when his friend Lazarus died: "Jesus wept." Jesus knew the pain and hurt that comes when a loved one dies. And for God to fully embrace the human condition, he also had to embrace death itself through his son. The humiliating and brutal manner of Christ's death united God with all types of suffering and persecution. The final words that came from our dying God was a prayer of welcome and wonderful



invitation: "Today, you will be with me in paradise." We know from our experience that the leaves will blossom again, that spring will come. Christ's death was the ultimate demonstration of love by his father. As he was awoken to new life and resurrection, so, too, are all of us who believe in him. As we remember our loved ones who have died and pray for them, we do so with great hope in our hearts.

St. Paul tells us that "our true home is in Heaven". May all our loved ones enjoy the eternal promise of life and peace in the happiness and joy of God's presence. Jesus tells us: "I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you too, shall be." And despite the pain that comes when a loved one dies, in faith we are encouraged to hope in the reality that God's love is even brighter than death itself. Pádraig Pearse once told a beautiful story to demonstrate our Christian hope regarding death. In the month of September, the little boy asked his mother where do all the swallows go to? She replied: "To the land where it is always summer." We all have "loved and lost"; May all we remember enjoy the light of an eternal flame.

Saint Brigid's Prayer.....Brendan Kennelly

I'd like to give a lake of beer to God,

I'd love the Heavenly Host to be tipping there for all eternity.

I'd love the men of Heaven to live with me, to dance and sing,

If they wanted, I'd put at their disposal, vats of suffering.

White cups of love I'd give them, with a heart and a half;

Sweet pitchers of mercy I'd offer to every man.

I'd make Heaven a cheerful spot, because the happy heart is true,

I'd make the men contented for their own sake, I'd like Jesus to love me too.

I'd like the people of Heaven to gather from all the parishes around,

I'd give a special welcome to the women, the three Mary's of great renown.

I'd sit with the men, the women and God, there by the lake of beer,

We'd be drinking good health forever, and every drop would be a prayer.

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 33,000 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles



Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe

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RESCHEDULED DATE

Monday 28th October 2024
Registration at 11.30am
in Shanahoe National School
€20 fee

Monies raised will help support our school



Portlaoise Parish Primary Schools

Enrolment 2025/26

Enrolment forms will be available from 25th October 2024

Enrolment forms are available directly from each school:

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Holy Family Junior School

Holy Family Senior School

Ratheniska NS

Scoil Bhride

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CLUB DAY

ACTIVITIES:

- Family Races
- Cross Bar Challenge
- Sheaf Throwing
- Colt G4 M&O vs Colt Lads
- Colt Shanahoe Juvenile Tournament
- Turf Stacking
- Sack Races
- Kiddies Corner
- History Of Colt Quiz
- Lots More Surprises on the Day

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Applications for Admission 2025-2026

The school will be accepting Applications for Admission to Junior Infants for the school year 2025-2026 from Monday, 4th November 2024 to Monday, 25th November 2024.

A waiting list for our **Sonos Autism Class** is currently in operation and you can forward an 'Application for Admission Form' should you wish for your child to be placed on that list.

All information regarding 'Applications for Admission' including 'Application for Admission Forms' for both Junior Infants and the Sonos Class can be found on the dedicated 'Parents' section of the school website www.shanahoens.net

'Application for Admission Forms' can also be obtained from the school by emailing shanahoens@gmail.com, by phoning the school office at (057) 87 39715 or by writing to Ms. Isobel Magner (School Secretary) at Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois R32 F899.

In addition to finding information about the school on our website, you can also follow us on Facebook at 'Shanahoe National School', Instagram at 'shanahoe_ns' and Twitter/X at 'Shanahoens'

There is now an independent after-schools facility namely 'Na Bléthanna Beaga' in operation in Shanahoe Community Hall which is adjacent to the school.

For further enquiries about admissions for the school year 2025-2026, please contact the school Principal Mr. Barry Whelan at principalshanahoens@gmail.com or at (057) 87 39715

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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 each Monday 11am, Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Tuesdays 11am Line Dancing, Sean Chistin, Ballyfin R32 AY99. Wednesdays 8pm, Set Dancing, Sean Chistin, Ballyfin. All are welcome. Contact Maureen on 087 - 6482038.

Portlaoise Active Retirement meets every Wednesday afternoon in the parish Centre for afternoon of friendship activities and fun new members always welcome

No bowls on Monday 28th Bank holiday.

Wednesday 30th fun and games with a touch of Halloween with Andy and Noel

Thursday the 31st Cards in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy at 3pm New members always welcome tuition given Names and deposits for Christmas dinner and show in Dunamase on the 20th of November needs to be given

For any further information please contact pro Sheila at 0876204617.

Laois Hospice would like to thank everyone who supported their recent Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre. A total of €787.66 was raised. Sincere thanks for your continued support.

Graiguecullen Bingo On Tuesday, St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm, Jackpot on 50 numbers €3,820 Double number €2,770, Lotto € 1000.

Sean Doyle Light Engineering, Ballacolla; 087-2068972 seandoylelightengineering; Clothes line poles, Rotary clotheslines, winders, pulleys, saw horses, bicycle stands.

HEATH HALL AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE AGM:

Tuesday 29th October

8pm, in the Church hall, The Heath.

All members please attend. New members welcome.

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre Tuesday, 22nd October

Top score: Margaret Flanagan

1st Lady: Mary Gowing

2nd Lady: Sheila Duff

1st Gent: Mary Dunne

2nd Gent: Michael Kennedy

1st Half: Ann O'Dowd

2nd Half: Paric Dowling

Raffle: 1st Tom Kearns, 2nd Liam McCarthney, 3rd Tom Jacob, 4th Tom Kearns, 5th Theresa Mulhare, 6th Peter Stevenson.

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.

Retired HSE staff annual mass: in hospital church Mountmellick on Wednesday 6th November 2024 at 2.30pm. All retired HSE employees welcome. Refreshments served & names taken for Christmas dinner



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Cherrygarth,
Portlaoise



Patrick Carroll
Derrykearn,
Abbeyleix



Joseph Ruth
St Johns Square,
Portlaoise

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

**In Loving Memory of
ADAM KENNEDY**

Kylebrook, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 8th November 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
the Church of the Assumption,
the Heath, next
Sunday 3rd November at 9:30am.

*You're not just a memory silently kept,
You're a part of our family,
We will never forget,
Gone from our sight and from our touch,
But in our memories, loved so much.*

Sadly missed, cherished always, your loving family x

Rest in Peace Adam

**Birthday Remembrance
In Loving memory of
Breda (Birdie) Langton**
21 The Glebe, Stradbally.

80th Birthday occurs on 27th October.



*As you celebrate among the angels
on your birthday high above, Please
know we miss you very much and
send you all our love.*

*Loved & always remembered by all
your family.*

May Breda Rest in Peace.

**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTY PAISLEY**

27 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 30th October 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Wednesday 30th October at
10:00am.

*The years we spent together,
We keep within our hearts,
They hold precious memories that will
never let us part,
Unspoken thoughts, no outward show,
But deep inside we miss you so.*

*Each one thought the world of you, for us you did your best,
And now we pray the Lord will grant your soul eternal rest.*

**Sadly missed, always loved and remembered by your
wife Rose, daughter Noelle, sons-in-law Rob and Jeff
and sister Marie.**

*Grandad, those special memories of you will always make us
smile, if only we could have you back for just a little while,
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do.
We miss you more than words can say,
And love you more each and every day.*

Love always and forever Sam, Carla and Rachel.
Also Remembering your daughter Catherine at this time.
*Will those who think of them today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.*

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
CHRISTY FINNEGAN**

126 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs 28th October 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Joseph's Church, Ballinagar, this
Sunday 27th October at 10.30am.

*Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories which will last forever.
Sadly missed by his wife Mary, daughters
Margaret and Anne, grandson Eoin and
all his loving family.*

Also remembering you on your 96th birthday on 1st November.

May Christy Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PADDY BEERE**

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 27th October 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
the Church of the Assumption, the Heath,
on Sunday 27th October at 9:30am.

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

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Madge, sons and daughters
and extended family.*

May Paddy Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In Loving Memory of
Edith Doyle
 58 St brigids Place, Portlaoise.



Edith's family wish to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all who sent messages of condolences attended the funeral home requiem mass or burial sent mass cards or posted messages of condolences online. Our thanks to Msgr. John Byrne for celebrating Edith's requiem mass. For Fr Ciprian and John Delaney for calling to Edith while she was in the nursing home. To Matthew Keegans funeral directors and the grave diggers. To the doctors and nurses & carers on The Emo ward of The General hospital Portlaoise. The doctors of the Cedar clinic and Edith's nurse Elaine. Thank you for your care and support. Special thanks to the staff of Hughes pharmacy. A very special word of thanks to Edith's palliative care Nurses Olive and Niamh. To the staff of the Residence nursing home Portlaoise especially Tracey and Fiona and showed such compassion kindness and dignity always. To Edith's neighbours and friends in St Brigids especially Peter and Breda Ryan for giving out the rosary. Thank you so much. As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our sincere appreciation and deepest gratitude.

The holy sacrifice of mass has been offered for your intensions.

Edith's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter and Pauls Parish Church on Saturday 26th Oct. at 6.30pm

Rest in Peace Edith

In Loving Memory of **BIANCA RUMEU - Zimbabwe**

11th Anniversary occurs at this time. Died 19th October 2013.



*I hide my tears when I say your name,
 but the pain in my heart is still the same.
 Though I smile and seem carefree,
 There is no one who misses you more
 than I do.*

*Your presence I miss,
 Your memory I treasure,
 Loving you always, forgetting you not.*

May your Dear Soul

Rest In Eternal Peace Bianca.

Sadly missed by your mum Patricia Murambinda, sister Sandra Murambinda, cousins, uncles, nieces and nephews.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Remembering A Special
Son and Brother
JOSEPH O' SHEA

Missing you on your 4th birthday away from home.



*As we visit your resting place, upon this special day,
 Once more we feel the sadness that will never go away.*

For ever since you've gone, life has never been the same, yet it comforts us to

know that one day we'll meet again.

Until that day arrives we will relive every memory of the happy times we shared together

- us and you.

For we miss you so very much and words never could convey the extent of the joy that you brought to every day life.

Love and missing you always, Mam, Caroline & Boys, children, grandchildren, nieces & nephews.

Rest in Peace Joseph

In Loving Memory of **THOMAS (Tommy) McCARTHY**

New Road, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs 2nd November 2024



8th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, next Sunday 3rd November at 10am.

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.

Sadly missed by the Egan family and all his friends.

Rest in Peace Tommy

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
 I do not give to you as the world gives.
 Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
 John 14:27*

You are the

Light

of the World



ACKNOWLEDGMENT And Anniversary Remembrance

*In Loving Memory of
William (Mac) McEvoy
Towerhill, Portlaoise*

1st Anniversary occurred 23rd October 2024



On the first anniversary of Mac's passing, his family would like to express our gratitude to all those who shared in our sad loss. Our sincere thanks to the community nursing team, the palliative care team, the Daffodil night nurses, and Dr. White and staff. You all provided

invaluable care and support to William and we will always be grateful.

Thank you to all who sent messages, condolences, Mass cards and to those who attended the wake, rosary and Requiem Mass. Our heartfelt and special thanks to our extended family, friends, neighbours and William's former colleagues in Irish Rail for your kindness, expressions of sympathy, refreshments and ongoing support over the past year. You have provided us with immense comfort during a very difficult time and it will always be appreciated.

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday.*

Sadly missed by your wife Ellen, your children, May, Albert and Leanna, And your grandchildren Micheal, Emily, Poppy, Gracie and Evie

Anniversary mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish church on Saturday 26th Oct. 6.30pm

Rest in Peace William

In Loving Memory of ELSIE BOWE

*42 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
15th Anniversary occurs 29th October 2024.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday **27th 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
Sean, Patricia and family.*

Rest in Peace Elsie

In Loving Memory of ANNE SMYTH

*Ballytegan, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 9th November 2024*



Thinking of you today

Forever loved, cherished and never forgotten by your husband Joe and your children Gemma, Brian and Joanne and your grandchildren Danann and Caiden.

May Anne Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of BRIAN LARKIN Jnr.

*Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary away from home; 29th October*



You're in our hearts, you're in our soul,
Now apart no hands to hold,
We won't forget the love you gave,
We still can feel it to this day,
We stand without you by our sides,
But know you're watching from way up high, we will meet again for sure, because our love will last and endure.

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

Sadly missed everyday by your loving wife Fiona, sons Ethan, Damon, Oisín and grandson Odhrán x

Rest In Peace Brian

Birthday Remembrance Christy Cahill

*65 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
1st Birthday away from home, 26th October 2024.*



*He left us quietly,
His thoughts unknown,
But left us a memory,
We are proud to own,
So treasure him Lord,
In your garden of rest,
For when on earth,
He was one of the best.*

Sadly Missed by his wife Lily, Sons, Daughters, Grandkids, Great Grandkids, Sons-In-Law, Daughters-In-Law, Extended Family, Relatives & Friends

May Christy Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory of
ANGELA CLEARY née Colbert

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

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



They say there is a reason

They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time or reason, will
change the way we feel.

For no one knows the heartache
that lies beyond our smiles,
No one knows how many times
we've broken down and cried.

We want to tell you something, so there won't be
any doubt, you're so wonderful to think of, but so
hard to be without.

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

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

Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Mam

Also remembering Angela's Mother
ELIZABETH CULBERT

Dr. Murphys Place, Portlaoise, whose
12th Anniversary also occurs at this time.

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 your
son-in-law Tom, granddaughters
Stephanie, Tracey and Paula and
great-grandchildren Craig, Ben,
Ryan, Roisin and Willow and
great-great-granddaughter Grace.*

Always in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Granny

In Loving Memory of

Our Mother

ELIZABETH CULBERT

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurs 25th October.



*Also remembering her Daughter and
our Sister*

ANGELA CLEARY née Culbert

Late of 37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 29th October.

*May the winds of love blow softly, for only you to hear,
We still love and miss you, as it dawns another year.*



**Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Saturday 26th October at 6:30pm.**

Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family.

May They Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
And Months Mind Mass

In Loving Memory of
Joseph (Joe) Murphy



The family of the late Joe Murphy
would like to thank
most sincerely all those
who sympathised with them on
their sad loss. We offer our
heartfelt thank you to his many
Friends, Neighbours,
Work Colleagues who visited our
home and attended his funeral
service. Also to those who

provided emotional and practical support for us at this
difficult time. Also thank you to those who telephoned,
travelled, and donated to the Irish motor Neurons
Association. To the medical staff in Tallaght
university Hospital, staff of Cedar clinic, Palliative Care
team. Public health nurses, motor Neurons nurses,
Thank you. Also thank you to Mall's Taxi, Brian Crean
taxi and Eamon Brown for the taxi escort from Joe's
home to his place of rest. To the funeral director
(Rankins) for their sensitive and professional handling of
arrangements and to the priest's and altar servers. Also
Regina, Breen and Jackie Kinsella, Thank you. It would
be impossible to thank everyone individually please
accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our
deepest gratitude, *The most holy sacrifice of the mass
will be offered for your intentions.*

**Months mind mass will occur in St. Peter and Pauls
Church on the 26th of October at 6:30pm**

Thank you from Paula, Andrew, Fergal and Jordan

Rest in Peace Joseph

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

And Months Mind Remembrance

In Loving Memory of

Teresa Shiels



The family of the late Teresa Shiels—her

sister Nancy, brothers Billy and Pat, nieces, nephews, godchildren and grand nieces and nephews would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and express our gratitude to those who sympathised and supported us in our very sad loss.

Thank you to all our neighbours, relatives and friends who attended and helped out over Teresa's funeral. All who sent messages of sympathy and mass cards and left messages of condolences and kind words received from these.

In particular we would also like to thank the staff of the Cedar Clinic and Kilminchy Pharmacy who took such good care of Teresa, all the staff in Portlaoise Regional Hospital (especially those on Emo Court) who treated Teresa with such kindness and allowed us to fill Teresa's last few days with so much love and laughter. Anne Marie and Dr. Basinaud in the Respiratory Clinic who both went above and beyond in their care of

Teresa. To Ellen, Mary and Bridgie your friendship meant the world to Teresa and she found great comfort having you there with her.

We sincerely thank Monsignor Byrne for celebrating Teresa's Requiem Mass, Michelle Bartley for her assistance in preparing the funeral mass and John Hosey for his wonderful singing.

Special thanks to Keegan's Funeral Directors, their knowledge and professionalism made such a difference at such a difficult time.

Special thanks also to the Gravediggers for preparing Teresa's final resting place.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks to you all.

Much loved and missed everyday by her loving family.

Teresa's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter and Pauls Parish Church on Sunday 2nd Nov. at 6.30pm

Rest in Peace Teresa

In Loving Memory of **WILLIE LYNCH**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurred 22nd October 2024.



The Sounds in the room,
The smell in the air,
The feel of the wind,
The warmth of the sun.
The colours around me.
The darkness descending,
The feelings of fear,
The things that were said,
The determined love
The unimaginable pain,
The details of that day
Forever engraved on my mind,
And my love for you forever
In my heart.

Greatly missed by his beloved wife Kathleen, his children Tara, Katie, Nicole, Shannon, Dylan and Aaron, his son in laws, his beloved mother, brothers and sisters, and also his friends Perry and Louise

Also Remembering Willie & Shane

Three years on,
and the absence of your laughter creates a void no time can fill, yet the warmth of your memory continues to comfort us

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **ELSIE BOWE**

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

15th Anniversary occurs 29th October 2024.



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

*Always remembered by
Mary, Paula and families.*

Rest in Peace Elsie



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my own peace I give you

John 14:27

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Jeremiah 31:7-9 | Psalm 125
Hebrews 5:1-6 | Mark 10:46-52

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We have traditionally depended on the passing of collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support but have not reintroduced them since Covid. **Thank you** to the many who have found new ways to support the Parish. The generosity of so many means we **continue** to be well supported and our liturgies are not interrupted - Please find your way to contribute.

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(Diploma in Pastoral Ministry, Level 7)

The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin is delighted to present our Lay Pastoral Ministry programme, developed in partnership with St Patricks Pontifical University, Maynooth (SPPU) & Mount Saint Anne's Conference & Retreat Centre. This comprehensive training initiative aims to equip Lay Leaders with the essential skills required to serve as Lay Pastoral Ministers within Parishes & Pastoral areas.

**To find out more please attend one of the
information evenings being held throughout the Diocese
All meetings start at 7.30pm, with Tea & Coffee from 7.15pm**

- Monday 4th November, Mount Wolesley, Tullow
- Tuesday 5th November, Westgrove Hotel, Clane
- Wednesday 6th November, Solas Bhríde, Kildare Town
- Thursday 7th November, Dolmen Hotel, Carlow
- Wednesday 13th November, Parish Centre, Leighlinbridge
- Thursday 14th November, Mt. St. Annes, Killenard

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