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6th October 2024

**Twenty—Seventh Week
in Ordinary Time**

We are looking forward
to hosting the relic of
St. Bernadette in our
Parish Church on
Tuesday, (8th October).

See back page for full
programme.



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It's easy to make promises in the first flush of romance. "I'll love you forever" and "I've only eyes for you," trip off the tongue easily. When we're young the idea of marriage is romantic and highly desirable. The vows we make when we marry don't seem too difficult. In sickness and in

health? We don't imagine that our spouse might become an alcoholic or succumb to a disability. For richer or poorer? We don't think that our partner will lose his or her job or become swallowed up in bad debt. For better or worse? We don't think for a moment that our loved ones will fall out of love with us and look elsewhere. So what happens when things go wrong? Does God really expect us to stay in abusive or loveless marriages?

This week's gospel text is one of the most heatedly debated passages in scriptures. "What God has joined together, no human being must separate." These are tough words for those who cannot make their marriage work. Yet the gospel is more about the hardness in man's heart than an instruction on marriage and divorce.

At the time Jesus spoke these words divorce was permitted. It was a man's prerogative to 'dismiss' his wife for little reason. The wife was very much a disposable possession. It was this attitude that Jesus abhors in his answer to the Pharisees. In a world where marriage was taken lightly because divorce was managed easily, Jesus condemned the hardness in men's hearts and called them to look at God's plan that from the beginning of creation male and female should become one.

Of course we don't hold the same attitudes today, or do we? Sadly the answer is yes. We are surrounded by quick fix relationships, couples that only stay together while the going is good; couples that promise nothing and make no commitment; couples that are in it only for what they can get.

Marriages fail for all sorts of reasons, not always anyone's fault - this is a reality. It is hard to imagine that God would want us to stay in a marriage where we were the subject of abuse or real misery, but what we know for sure is that we shouldn't enter into the sacrament of marriage with the attitude that it is simply a contract with a let out clause if things go wrong. We enter marriage believing it to be a relationship in which we can love and cherish.

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

Monday

7.30am & 10am

Tuesday (Visit of the Relic of St. Bernadette)

7.30am, 10am & 7pm (with the anointing of the sick)

Wednesday - 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.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for October 2024 For a Shared Mission

In urging co-responsibility, Pope Francis clarifies that priests "are not the bosses of the laity, but their pastors," and stresses how Jesus calls upon us all to complement one another. With this spirit, the Holy Father calls on all baptized people in the Church at all levels to remember how the Church is their home, and therefore, reminding them of their responsibility to take care of it.



Pope Francis invites us to join in his prayer intention for October, "... **That the Church continues to support a synodal way of life, under the sign of co-responsibility, promoting participation, communion, and shared mission among priests, religious, and laypeople.**"

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We welcome into our Parish Community

Evie Higgins, Newpark
Derek John Gorman, Rath Gailine

Who were baptised last weekend.

October, Month of the Rosary

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is because the liturgical Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Pray the Rosary this month for world peace.



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and the First
Sunday of
every month
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All are
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Wednesday 9th October: Aqua Aerobics, Maldron Hotel at 11am. Club in
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THEY ARE PRECIOUS IN HIS SIGHT

We often place a welcome mat outside the front door to our house. What is the real purpose of a welcome mat? I think that sometimes it means, "Please wipe your feet before you come into my house," but the word welcome really means to greet someone in a warm and friendly way. When someone comes to our house, do we really make them feel welcome? What if it is someone whose skin is a different colour from our own? What if it is someone who doesn't dress as nicely as we do?



Sometimes I wonder if people feel welcome when they come to our church. Does the homeless person feel welcome in our church? Do people from different races feel welcome in our church? Here is a question you might want to answer. Are children made to feel welcome in our church? What if they don't know how they are expected to act in the worship during Mass? What if they whisper and pass notes to their friends? What if they wiggle and squirm and disturb other people?

This is nothing new. Even in the day in which Jesus lived some people were not made to feel welcome. Even Jesus' own disciples sometimes didn't understand that everyone was welcome in the Kingdom of God. One day Jesus was teaching and people were bringing little children to have Jesus touch them. The disciples criticised the parents and told them to quit bringing their children to Jesus. When Jesus heard what his disciples were saying, he was very upset. **"Let the children come to me and don't stop them!"** Jesus said. **"The Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children. Anyone who doesn't come like a little child will never enter."** Then Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them.

Wow! Jesus sure knew how to make a child feel welcome, didn't he? Can you imagine how those children must have felt when Jesus took them up in his arms and blessed them? Shouldn't you and I make everyone feel welcome like Jesus did?

My Prayer



Dear Father, we want to learn the lesson that Jesus taught us. Help us to make everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, feel welcome in our homes, in our church, in our schools, and in our circle of friends.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



Let the Children Come

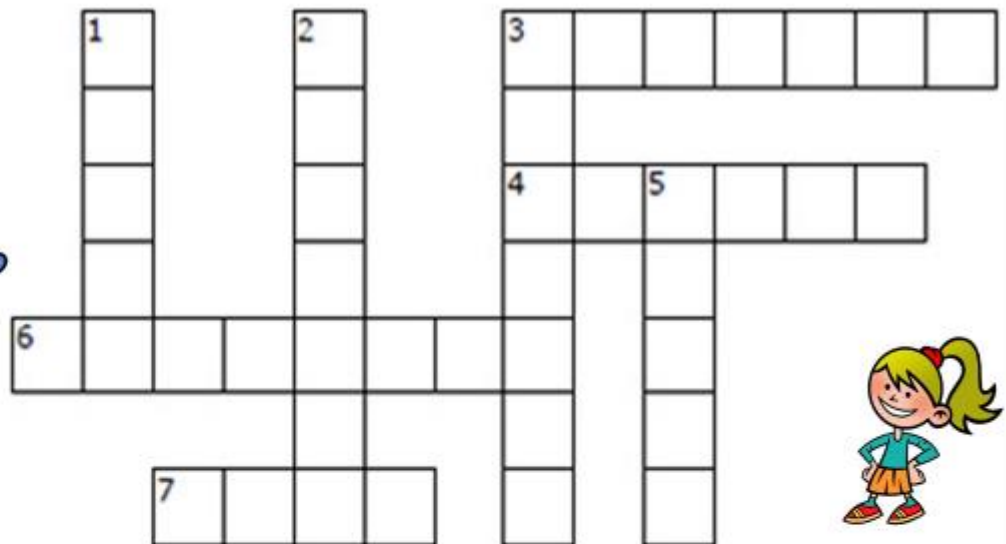
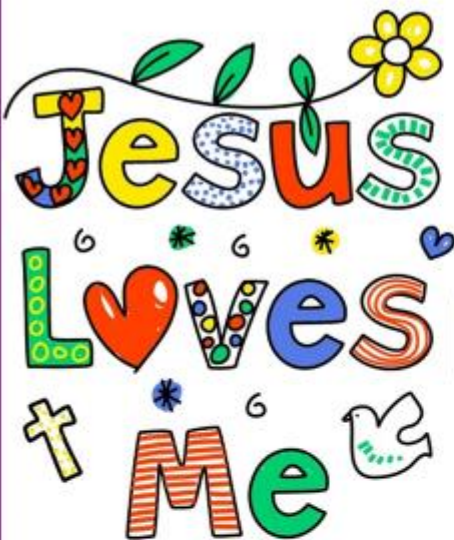
He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belong to such as these. Mark 10:14

Write the words in the blanks in A B C order.

1. _____
2. _____
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TRUTH	CHILDREN	TOUCH	KINGDOM
ARMS	BELONGS	LITTLE	BLESSED



ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connects the hands to the

DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen.
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organisation.
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers



LITTLE	TOUCH	KINGDOM	BLESSED
CHILDREN	TRUTH	BELONGS	ARMS



Time to Think!

St. Francis of Assisi

Throughout this month of October, the universal Synod of the Church continues in Rome. This is a wonderful process, where discernment, reflection and pragmatic evaluations have taken place, regarding how best the Church, can embrace the Gospel message in 2024. This Synod is a time of deep hope and I invoke the spirit of St. Francis to inspire those gathered. The gospel is a radical message of love, inclusion and compassion. These are necessary and relevant values. Saint Francis of Assisi, pray for us

Recently we celebrated the Feast of St. Francis in Abbeylax, Sunday 6th of October, to mark the occasion we had the blessing of pets and animals. St. Francis is among the most beloved and most familiar of all the saints of western Christianity. He remains as popular today as he was in his lifetime. His love of animals and of God's creation have made him an icon of the environmental movement. His joy, playfulness, and child-like faith offer an alternative to a Christianity that often seems to take itself too seriously.

Francis was born in a time of rapid social change. Italian towns were growing and the monetary economy was emerging. Then as now, the church was finding it difficult to respond quickly to these changes. Francis grew up like many boys in urban settings. His father was a cloth merchant but Francis participated in a number of military campaigns and enjoyed the sorts of things that young men typically do. In his early twenties, he began to take a deeper interest in spiritual matters, and had a number of religious experiences that culminated in a vision of Christ, in which Christ told him to "repair my Church."

Key to Francis' devotion to Christ was his desire to imitate him. A common phrase used of him was "naked to follow the naked Christ." When he finally organized his followers into an order (that was ultimately recognized by the church), he took as his model Jesus' words when sending out his disciples two by two. So as Jesus said in Matthew, they were dressed in tunic and sandals with a rope for a belt. They had no money or possessions. Imitation of Christ ultimately became identification with Christ. Near the end of his life, after he had given up control of the religious order he had founded and retreated into a life of solitude, he is believed to have received the stigmata - he bore on his hands and feet the wounds Jesus Christ received on the cross. It is the first recorded example of that phenomenon in the history of Christianity. His reception of the stigmata is evidence of his total identification with his Lord. It is also an example of another trend to which Francis gave impetus. Although the suffering of Christ was already an important focus of Christian piety by the time Francis came on the scene, his devotion to it helped make it wildly popular in the later Middle Ages.

Upon his election in March 2013, Pope Francis said: 'Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation.

Since then, the Pope's Franciscan "accent" has become increasingly evident. His manner of living is both faithful to the teachings of Jesus and illuminated by the spirit of the "poor little man" from Assisi. The title of Pope Francis'



encyclical on the environment *Laudato si* is taken from the first line of St Francis' *Canticle of the Creatures* which is one of the best insights into the saint's vision for life. It is crucial to grasping how St. Francis understood the message of the gospel — and may offer a glimpse into Pope Francis' own vision for the world.

After his election as pope, it was revealed that Pope Francis had been the runner-up in the previous conclave in 2005 that elected Pope Benedict. But in 2013 it was generally thought that Jorge Bergoglio was too old to be considered again, and he must of thought so himself, he bought a round-trip ticket from Buenos Aires to Rome for the election.

Yet, as the conclave proceeded, Bergoglio had to think again what being pope could mean, and what name he would choose if he were elected. By becoming Pope Francis, he managed to express in that name much of what he hoped to accomplish during his papacy. St. Francis of Assisi was synonymous with themes Pope Francis quickly made his own: He was devoted to the poor, he preached God's mercy, he sought to reform the church and he was passionate about caring for Creation. I pray, as we enter a new Season of late Autumn, we all will be inspired to live simply and be nourished by the rich gift, which is life itself. St. Francis of Assisi is best known for his celebrated prayer for peace. In a troubled and bruised world, the devastation of violence is painfully felt. I pray sincerely for peace.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;

Where there is hatred, Let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy;

And all for thy mercy's sake.

O divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

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



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

Sing for Joy Choir As part of Laois Connects Week all are invited to join Sing for Joy Choir in St. Mary's Hall, Dublin Road, Portlaoise on Wednesday October 9th at 11am and witness how group singing contributes positively to our physical, emotional and mental wellbeing. We sing many well known songs so feel free to join in.

Church Gate Collection in aid of Special Olympics Winter Games will take place in Abbeyleix and Portlaoise on the weekend of 12th & 13th October. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Rosary at the Grotto at Parish Church in honour of Our Lady of Rosary on Monday 7th October at 8pm



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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN DEEVY**

24 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Whose 12th Anniversary occurs 6th October 2024.



*It's an everlasting sadness, that
you're no longer here,
But every year on this day, we like
to think you're near.*

*Your love for us was constant,
Your devotion had no end,
You filled our lives with sunshine,
as a Mother and a friend.*

*So may you know forever, that to us you were the best,
And may you find a gentle peace in sweet eternal rest.*

In our hearts you will live forever.

Because we thought the world of you.

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

*Sadly missed by her sons Pat and Brendan, daughter
Hannah, daughters-in-law Sylvia and Maura,
son-in-law Paddy and grandchildren Craig, Rebecca
and Paddy.*

Also remembering her dearly departed husband Patsy at this time.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

ANN BERGIN

*2nd Anniversary occurs on
7th October 2024*



Also Remembering

KEITH BERGIN

*23rd Anniversary occurs on
12th November 2024*



NIALL BERGIN

*13th Anniversary occurred on
3rd October 2024*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Monday 7th October at 10am

*Sadly missed and remembered by her husband Tom,
sons Darren, Jayson and Tristian, daughters-in-law
Kimberley and Ashling and her sister Vera*

May They Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory of

our Brother **JOHN BYRNE**,

Late of Ridge Road, Portlaoise

and our Sister **ANNE CHAPMAN**,

late of Mountrath Road Portlaoise and Fermanagh

whose anniversaries occur at this time



Two gentle hearts stopped beating,
Hard working hands at rest,
God broke our hearts to prove to
us, He only takes the best.

Sadly missed and never forgotten
by their sister Phyllis and brothers
Raymond and Oliver.

May They both find Eternal Rest and Peace

In Loving Memory of **BERNADETTE KELLY**

Parkside Apartments and formerly Capoley.

6th Anniversary occurs 5th 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, that
He only takes the best.

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

Sadly missed by her loving daughters Joan and Thelma,
son-in-law, grandchildren and all her loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Bernadette

In Loving Memory of **LIAM (Bill) HORAN**

23 Grattan St., Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs 8th October 2024.



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

Daddy/Grandad

Just a prayer from the family who
loved you,
Just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.

*Always loved and missed by Hannah, Andy, Cian,
Pat, Fiona, Jason and Rachel.*

May Liam Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

HELEN & PHILIP ROWNEY

53 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

Died 20th September 1991 and 19th October 2012. R.I.P.
33rd and 12th Anniversaries occur at this time.



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

Always remembered by all
your loving family.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Saturday 12th October at 6:30pm.

May Helen and Philip Rest in Peace

Birthday Remembrance

SEAN PHELAN Fishertown,

1st birthday away from home - 8th October 2024



I miss you so my heart is sore,
As time goes by I miss you more,
Your gentle smile,
Your loving face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

Sadly missed by your loving sons Denis and Trevor
and their families

Rest in Peace Sean

In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL GAYNOR**

Whose 50th Anniversary occurs 4th October 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 6th October at 12.30pm

You are with us dad when the morning
breaks and as the day departs,
For God has left a special gift of footprints
in our hearts.

Lovingly remembered Dad today and forever, by all your loving family xxx

May Michael Rest in Heavenly Peace

In Loving Memory of **WILLIAM BOHAN**

34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 24th Anniversary occurs 9th October.



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.

Always remembered, Billy, John, Michael, Maurice, Eugene, Dermot,
Brian, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters-in-law and
brothers-in-law.

May William Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PATTI DONELLAN

Glenside, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs 15th October 2024

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



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

Sadly missed by all her loving family
and friends.

Rest in Peace Patti

In Loving Memory of PATTI DONELLAN

Glenside, Portlaoise.

So many things have happened
Since you were called away
So many things to share with you
Had you been left to stay.
Every day in some small way
Memories of you come our way
Though absent, you are ever near
Still missed, loved and always dear.

Sadly missed by the Jacob family, Glenside.

Rest in Peace Patti



In Loving Memory of PATRICK (PADDY) BYRNE

St. Brigids Place, Portlaoise.

34th Anniversary occurred 30th September 2024.



You were always there when
we needed you
No task to great or small
With loving heart and willing hands
For us you did it all.
Loved and missed today and every day.

From your loving wife Mary, children Lilly,
Angela, Ken, Trevor, Gordon, Evan and families.

Rest in Peace Paddy

In Loving Memory of MARGARET CULLEN

Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 9th October 2024

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



Just a prayer from the family that loved
you, just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.

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

Rest in Peace Margaret

In Loving Memory of JOHN FAHY

55 Beladd, Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurs 15th October 2024



Dad;

Although you sleep in Heaven now
You're not that far away
Our hearts are full of memories
and you're with us everyday
You lived your life with meaning
and with a smile upon your face
A world that was full of happiness
is now an empty place

People say that only time will heal our broken hearts
But just like us and you Dad
it has been torn apart

We know that you are at peace now
And in a place where you are free
Meet us at the pearly gates Dad
When Heaven calls for us.

Love you always Dad

James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dor, sons-in-law, daughter-in-law,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Sunday 13th October at 12:30pm.

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of DAMIEN CONNOLLY

Springfield, Ballyfin, Co. Laois.

13th Anniversary occurs 4th October 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin this
Saturday 5th October at 8pm

If I could have a wish come true,
A dream that's come to pass,
I'd ask to spend a day with you,
And pray that it would last.
I'd run to you and hold you close,
We'd laugh and smile again,
I'd listen so intently, as you told me
how you've been.

When time was up I'd hold you close, not wanting to let
go,

You'd smile and tell me, "see you soon", and somehow I
would know, that while it's very hard to wait,
One day the time will come.

I'll join you there forevermore, when I too am called
home.

My wish may go ungranted, but it will always be true,
I'd trade many tomorrows, for one yesterday with you.

Miss you so much, your wife Jacinta, your children
Jack, Katie & Paul and your grandchild Ruairi

Rest in Peace Damien

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND MONTHS MIND

In Loving Memory of
THOMAS (TOM) LAWLESS
Newpark, Portlaoise



We, his family and extended family wish to sincerely thank all who sympathised, sent mass cards, floral wreaths and supported us on the sad loss of Tom. Thanks to all who travelled long distances, who sent kind messages and words of support. Our sincere thanks to all the medical and nursing staff and all hospital staff who cared for Tom throughout the years. Special thanks to Dr. White and Hughes Chemist for their care and kindness.

A heartfelt thanks to Henry Rankin Funeral Directors for their empathy and professionalism during this difficult time. A word of thanks to Fr. Adriano de Oliveira, Priests of the Parish and singers for a beautiful funeral service.

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

Tom's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 12th October at 6.30pm in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise

Rest in Peace Tom

In Loving Memory of JOE LAFFAN

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
25th Anniversary occurred Friday 4th October 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church this Sunday 6th October at 11.15am

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