



Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time

PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

The act of placing a candle for a departed loved one on the cross brings together two essential parts of our faith: the hope and light of Christ and the remembrance of those who have gone before us. The candle's flame becomes a beautiful symbol of the eternal light of God, illuminating the darkness of death. And placing it on the cross we venerate on Good Friday draws a direct line to Christ's own sacrifice, reminding us that, through His love and resurrection, death has been transformed into a pathway to new life. In that small yet powerful gesture, we reaffirm our hope in the resurrection and the communion we share with those we've lost.

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Giving Our All

Jesus sits down opposite the treasury, and watches the crowd putting money into the collecting boxes. Many rich people put in large generous looking sums, but nevertheless large sums that they can easily afford.

Then along comes a poor widow and puts in two small copper coins, doubtless all she has. Jesus points out that because she has given her all, her contribution is worth far more than the rich people's contribution. Jesus teaches us a difficult lesson in generosity.

We have to give until it hurts, whether it's a giving of our money or of our time and energy. If we only give a small part of ourselves then the question we have to ask is, what is it that we are holding back, and more importantly, why? Do we only give a fraction of our resources because we lack faith? Do we hold back from giving because we imagine that the money we give might not reach its intended destination, or that it might not make any difference? Do we hold back because we lack empathy, or have become immune to the plight of the disadvantaged? Do we hold back because we feel we have better ways to spend our money and our time? Do we hold back because we imagine there are plenty of other people better fixed to help out than us? Or do we simply hold back because we feel our own needs should come first?

It would be useful if God advised exactly what percentage of our money and time we should give, but the only clue we are given in today's gospel is that we are judged not by our outward show of generosity, but by what is in our hearts.

Thought for the day

Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.

-Oscar Wilde

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday — Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm.

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday) Mass in Portuguese at 7.30pm
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.



Fáilte

We welcome into our Parish Community

Kayla Esther Wallace, Aghnaharna Drive
Adam Martin Grehan, Rosssdaragh Hill

Who were baptised last weekend.

Throughout the Month of November Masses will be celebrated for those whose names are inscribed on our 'Dead List'. If you wish to have your loved ones included envelopes are available in the Development boxes, in the Church porches and at the Parish Centre. You are also invited to place the names of your own dear faithful departed on the memorial trees in the Sanctuary of the Parish Church.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on:

Monday at 7.30pm

Wednesday at 7.30am

Friday at 7.30pm.



St. Martin of Tours - November 11th

One winter's night, while Martin was serving with the army, he met a beggar, cold and half starved to death. Having already given away all his money and food rations, Martin had only what he stood up in! He took off his thick army cloak, cut it in two and gave half to the beggar. That night in his dreams, Martin saw Jesus, surrounded by angels, wearing the half cloak he had given to the beggar, and he heard Jesus say, "See, this is the cloak which Martin has given me." In 371 the Christians of Tours, chose him as their new bishop and he remained there for twenty-six years, proving himself a champion of the under-dog and an unflagging and courageous missionary.



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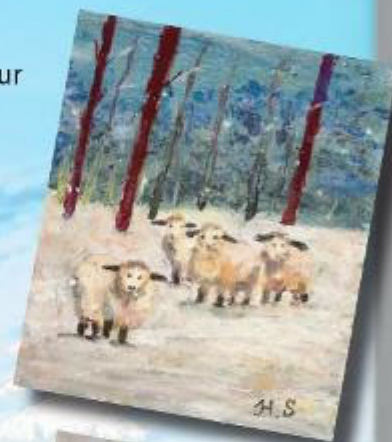
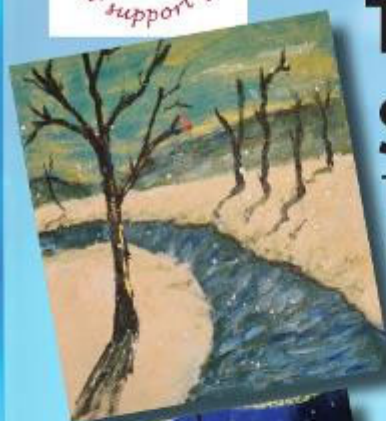
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Sequence Dancing each Monday 11am, Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Tuesdays 11am Line Dancing, Sean Chistin, Ballyfin R32 AY99. Wednesdays 8pm, Set Dancing, Sean Chistin, Ballyfin. All are welcome. Contact Maureen on 087 - 6482038.

Portlaoise Active Retirement meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre at 3pm

Monday 4th Nov. bowls in St. Mary's sports hall 2-4pm New members always welcome , tuition given.

Wednesday 13th Nov. Activity with Moaz.

Wednesday 20th Nov. Christmas dinner and show.

For any further information please contact pro Sheila at 087-6204617.

Free Line Dancing For "Winter Wellness" of body, soul and mind come Line Dancing in St.Mary's Hall, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise, every Monday, with Maureen Culleton, commencing on Nov.11th from 11a.m.-12...Dance to all your favourite songs....all abilities welcome...FREE...register with Catriona @ Laois Sports Partnership or just come along next Monday.

Concern One Day Collection 29/11/24, Anyone interested in giving some time to collect, please contact Helen Corbett 0872299070. Funds will go to the war torn areas of the world. Thanking you - Helen Corbett Portlaoise Concern Group.

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Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre Tuesday, 5th November

Top score: Molly O'Brien

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1st Gent: Tom Dunne (Mountmellick) 2nd Gent: Tom Kearns

1st Half: Catherine Galvin 2nd Half: Tom Dunne (Clonad)

Raffle: 1st Mary Dunne, 2nd Theresa Mulhare, 3rd Kit Farrell, 4th Billy O'Keeffe, 5th Bridie Kennedy.

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.

Night Vigil to Knock Saturday 7th December, Seats to be booked by Maura 0871210263/Helena 0879611331. Bus departing Lyster Square 7:30pm 7th Dec.

Laois SPCA Church Gate Collection will take place on the weekend of November 9th & 10th November. We would like to thank the people of Portlaoise for their generosity and continued support. We always have a great collection in Portlaoise and people tell us lovely stories about how all our different volunteers helped with different situations over their year. We really have a great team of amazing volunteers in Laois SPCA. 2024 has been a very busy year for us and we are on track to have rehomed 400+ cats and dogs this year. As we reach year end this collection will be a critical fundraiser for us. Thank you for your support. We are always looking for new fosters. We provide all the equipment and supplies you require, you just need to love them and get them to their vet appointments. The more foster spaces we have the more animals we can take into care. If you feel you can foster or help out in anyway please fill out the volunteer form at <https://www.lspca.ie/application-forms/volunteer-application-form>. We will find a spot for you!

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Ballyfin NS Parents Council We're excited to announce an upcoming event titled "Helping Children and Teenagers Build Resilience and Self-Esteem" with Dr. David Coleman, a speaker known for his engaging style and practical advice for parents.

Details:

Location: Ballyfin NS

Date: Thursday, 21st November 2024

Time: 7:30 PM

This talk will explore how we, as parents and guardians, can support our children and teens in building emotional resilience and self-esteem. David will offer insights and practical strategies to help young people navigate challenges with confidence. Plus, there'll be a Q&A session at the end!

Tickets available at: <https://buytickets.at/ballyfinnspc/1384603>

Don't miss this opportunity to learn valuable skills that will make a difference in your child's life. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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.

Annual Prayer for Deceased Staff and Members of Laois County Council; You are invited to attend the annual prayer service in memory of deceased staff and members of Laois County Council which will be held on: Wednesday 13th November at 6.00pm, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please note that people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends.

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Nov 7th Thursday Nov 28th Thursday
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The Parish and Parish Centre Accounts have been considered by the Parish Finance Committee and submitted to and examined by the Diocesan Accountant and audited by the Diocesan external Accountants. They form part of the Diocesan consolidated accounts which are reported to the Charity Regulator in October each year. Our Parish Finance Committee: Justin Brown, John Dunne, Betty Brophy, Bridie O'Reilly, Imelda Monahan and Philip Moran have approved their publication.

There was also considerable capital expenditure during 2023. 4 Bridge Street (Fr. Ciprian's House) €228,210 and Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska, €271,907 (a further €302,903 in 2024 in total €574,810)).

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Sundry Income	25,114.00	25,433.00
Rental Income	161,488.00	138,237.00
	€674,437.00	€552,966.00
RECURRING EXPENDITURE		
Wages and salaries	72,531.00	75,354.00
K&L Retired Priest Fund	4,000.00	4,000.00
Insurance	17,317.00	17,443.00
Light and heat	80,133.00	79,151.00
Telephone, Broadband & Internet Related Expenses.	8,631.00	8,628.00
Computer Hardware/Software & Servicing Costs	6,956.00	4,565.00
Repairs and maintenance	27,945.00	27,477.00
Postage, Stationery and Office exes	12,332.00	8,998.00
Collection Envelopes & Missalettes	2,551.00	1,952.00
Rates- Water, LPT, Waste Collection	4,664.00	3,564.00
Altar and Shrine Requisites	45,175.00	37,182.00
Pastoral Programme Expenses	3,066.00	2,982.00
Youth and Community Expenses	550.00	903.00
Diocesan Levy	48,000.00	48,000.00
Legal & Professional Fees	10,549.00	7,893.00
Accountancy Fees	345.00	313.00
Bank charges	3,813.00	2,617.00
Sundry Expenses	4,102.00	3,307.00
	€352,660.00	€334,329.00
Ordinary Income v Expenditure 2023 Surplus	€321,777.00	€218,637.00

The complete accounts for the Parish & Parish Centre may be inspected at the Parish Centre by arrangement.

Supporting the Parish

We have got used to not passing 'the baskets' for the Offertory and Development fund collections and would like to be able to establish this as the way forward. We can do that because of your generous support and please God that will continue. Elsewhere in the Link Up the various ways to support the parish is outlined. You choose - we feel this is a more adult way of dealing with each other in the matter of supporting the Parish. As St. Paul tells us *'each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver'* (2Cor.9:7). We are grateful to those who support us and encourage everyone to play their part. How the money is spent is outlined in our annual accounts published on the previous page and also in the work to our Churches and other parish properties. All due to your support!

Payments to priests:

Collections for the support of the priests are separate from payments made to Parish Funds. There are 4 collections for the support of the Priests taken up during the year. Christmas, Lent, Easter, and October. They are lodged to the Parish Clergy Fund from which the priests are paid an agreed salary. If there is a surplus in the Clergy Fund at the end of the year (which invariably there is) it goes to the Diocesan Retired Priest Fund. The priests thank you for your continued generous support.

Parish Centre:

The Parish Centre is at the heart of the Parish and its services are vital to our vibrant parish. Like many organisations and hospitality operations it has experienced the effects of the pandemic, inflation and reduced income. The 2023 accounts show a deficit of €69,000 in its running costs. It has taken a long time to recover from the damaging effects of the Pandemic. But in recent months it has been as busy with meetings and functions etc. as it has ever been. So we look forward to reducing that deficit in this current year. The Link Up, which prints 2,800 copies each week, contributes to the deficit - efforts will be made to bridge this gap.

Parish Lotto:

The Parish Lotto, our regular weekly fund raiser, continues to be a very important contributor to the financial wellbeing of the Parish. Our thanks to all who support it and a special 'thank you' to our promoters. It has a very attractive prize fund structure. Yearly and half yearly membership gift cards are available at the Parish Centre. An ideal gift for Christmas, birthdays etc. You may also participate on-line via our website.

Our Parish:

I take this opportunity to thank the many people who help to sustain Portlaoise Parish. Our generous parishioners and contributors; our Lotto promoters and members; our parish staff — those employed by the parish as well as our community employment scheme personnel and volunteers. We are truly blessed in the support and good will we experience. Long may it continue.

THANK YOU



What's in Your Heart?



Do you ever walk to school? Or the shops? Sometimes when I take a walk, I will find a coin in the street. If it is a cent, I might not even bother stop to pick it up. After all, a cent isn't worth much. If I find some other coin that is worth more than a cent, I will probably stop, pick it up and put it in my pocket. If I am lucky enough to find a Euro, do you think I would stop and pick it up? You know I would!

You and I sometimes look at other people and form an opinion about them by how much money they have. If there is a child in your class at school whose parents have a lot of money, is that child treated better than others in the class? If there is someone who doesn't have much and can't afford to wear nice clothes, are they treated the same as those who have a lot of money? When we see a homeless person on the street, do we look at that person the same way we look at someone who lives in a big, fancy house?

In the Gospel today, we will see the way Jesus looks at people and hopefully, it will change the way we look at people as well.

One day, Jesus and his disciples were sitting at the temple, watching people drop their money in the offering box. As they watched the pass come by, they saw some who were rich people put in large amounts of money. The disciples were very impressed to see the large offerings the rich people gave. Then along came a poor widow. She put just a small amount into the box. When Jesus saw her, he called his disciples together and said, "This poor widow has given more than all the others have given. For they have given a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she has."

When we give our offerings of money or time or talent to God, he doesn't compare our offerings to those of other people. Some of us have more time or more money than others to begin with. God looks at what we have to start with, and God looks at the attitude we have about giving. When we give with a generous and thankful heart, God is pleased with us and happy. I am glad that God doesn't judge us by how much money we have, aren't you?



Dear Jesus,
Heavenly Father, we are thankful that you judge us by what is in our heart
and not by what is in our purse.

We pray that we will look at others in the same way that you look at us.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



GRANDPARENTS fill the world with LOVE

*My Grandparents
From early in the morning,
Until I go to sleep each day,
I know my grandparents love me,
In a very special way.
Sometimes it's tea and crackers,
Sometimes a walk in the park,
Sometimes it's just a hug
when I'm scared and in the dark,*

*I love to hear their stories,
About the past and where they're from,
And I know their hearts are filled for me,
With never ending love.*



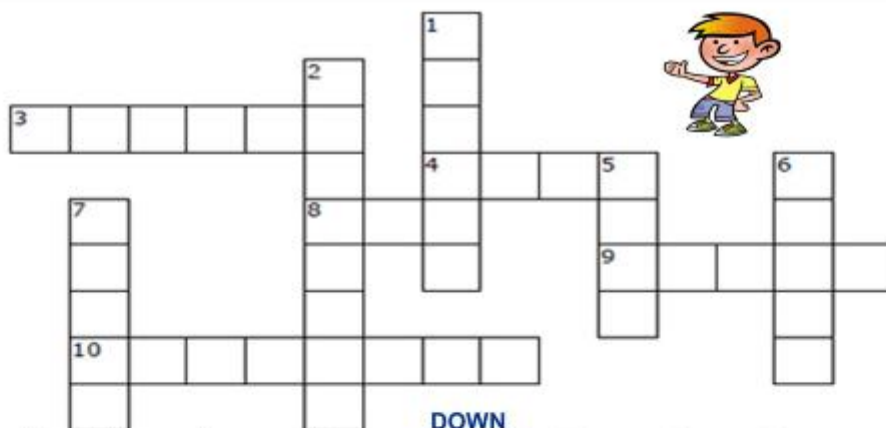
Thanks Grandma
and Grandpa



Confirmation Candidates

There will be a special Mass for all the boys and girls who will receive their Confirmation in February/March next Saturday 16th November in the Parish Church at 5pm.

Reminder!



**POOR
COINS
TREASURY
COPPER
TEMPLE
ALL
WIDOW
OFFERING
MONEY
RICH**

ACROSS

3. A reddish-brown metal which is sometimes used in making coins
4. Having little or no wealth
8. The entire amount; everything
9. A small piece of flat, circular metal, used for money
10. A contribution or gift made at a religious service.

DOWN

1. A building used for worship
2. A place where funds are received, kept and dispensed
5. Having great material wealth
6. The official currency issued by a government
7. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried.



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.

In November we remember all those who have died. If you have anyone belonging to you who has died, a grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or even a good friend, you can put the name of that person on the Remembrance Tree in the Parish Church.

IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER.



Time to Think!

November a Challenging Time...

A motivational speaker walked confidently around the room holding a glass of water while leading a seminar on stress management. Everyone guessed she was going to ask the ultimate question, 'Half empty or half full?' She fooled them all. "How heavy is this glass of water?" she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 oz. to 20 oz.

She replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm.

If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes."

She continued, "And that's the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on."

"As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up again tomorrow if you must.

And remember;

1. Accept the fact that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue!
2. Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3. Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
4. Drive carefully... It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5. If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6. If you lend someone €20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7. It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
8. Never buy a car you can't push.
9. Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
10. Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
11. Since it's the early worm that gets eaten by the bird - sleep late.
12. The second mouse gets the cheese.
13. When everything's coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
14. Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
16. Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
17. We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colours, but they all have to live in the same box.
18. A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

19. Save the earth..... It's the only planet with chocolate!

We all know that life is the best educator. Simply its never to late to begin again. Every day the challenge is for us all to see the glass half full.... The more we grow in our inner journey the greater we will notice the beauty and gift that is this moment.. I love the following poem "Begin". These November days are short and winter darkness brings its own challenge so be positive, calm and mindful....

Begin Again

Begin again to the summoning birds

to the sight of light at the window,

begin to the roar of morning traffic

all along Pembroke Road.

Every beginning is a promise

born in light and dying in dark

determination and exaltation of springtime

flowering the way to work.

Begin to the pageant of queuing girls

the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal

bridges linking the past and the future

old friends passing through with us still.

Begin to the loneliness that cannot end

since it perhaps is what makes us begin,

begin to wonder at unknown faces

at crying birds in the sudden rain

at branches stark in the willing sunlight

at seagulls foraging for bread

at couples sharing a sunny secret

alone together while making good.

Though we live in a world that dreams of ending

that always seems about to give in

something that will not acknowledge conclusion

insists that we forever begin.



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



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THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



Patrycja Majewska
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Portlaoise



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Morette,
Emo



Josephine Guinan
Dunamaise



Sheila Guidera
Raheen,
Laois



Kathleen McEvoy
Sunberry,
Abbeyleix

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

***In Loving memory of
John Mullhall***

Coolnacarte, Mountrath, Co. Laois
16th anniversary

John's 60th Birthday will occur on
14th November

*We hold you close Within our hearts
And there you Shall remain,
To walk with us Throughout our lives
Until we meet again*

*Anniversary Mass for John and his mother
Lillie Mulhall will be held on Saturday 16th November in
St Fintan's Church,
Raheen at 7pm.*

Rest in Peace John



***In Loving Memory of
EILISH HEARNS***



Colt, Ballyroan. 7th Anniversary occurs 17th November '24.



*Anniversary Mass for Eilish, her son-in-law
John, and the deceased members of the
Hearns and Delaney families will be
celebrated in St. Fintan's Church Raheen, on
Saturday 16th November at 7pm.*

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved and missed and very dear.*

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

Rest in Peace Eilish



***In Loving Memory of
GERARD (Gerry) GORMAN***



*11 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary, 6th November, 2024*



*Along the road to yesterday,
That leads me straight to you.
Are memories of happy days,
Together once we knew.*

*Sadly missed by your loving family
and extended family.*

May Gerard Rest in Peace



***In Loving Memory of
PATRICK FENNELLY***



*30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 15th November 2024*



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Friday 15th November at 10am.
As each day dawns, we think of you,
As each night falls, we pray for you,
And throughout our lives, no matter where,
In our hearts you are always there.*

*Sadly missed and loved always by Mary, Eugene,
Sean and Ronan.*

Rest in Peace Patrick



***In Loving Memory of
PATRICK FENNELLY***



*30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 15th November 2024*



*No matter how life changes,
No matter what we do,
A special place within our hearts is
always kept for you.*

*Always remembered by
Bee and family.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Paddy) REDDIN**

4 Dr. Murphy Place. 12th Anniversary occurs 14th November.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 16th November at 6.30pm

*Your smile was made of sunshine,
Your heart was made of gold,
We thank you for the love you gave,
And the memories that we hold.*

*No matter how we spend our days, no matter what we do,
No morning dawns, no evening falls,
Without a thought of you.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all his loving family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace

**11th Anniversary of my Grandson
SHANE FINAN**

10 New Row, Green Rd. Portlaoise and also
Canices Terrace, Borris in Ossory

Shane's 11th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 9th November at 6.30pm.



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 by your Nana Mary and Brian,
Louise, Jake, Steven, Shirley, John & Conor.*

May Shane Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
DAN RAFTER**

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.

1st anniversary occurs 17th November 2024



1st Anniversary mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church
on Sunday 17th November at 10am

*Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear*

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Annette, daughter May,
son Daniel, son-in-law Brian and daughter-in-law Kathy*

May Dan Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
SEAN & PEGGY O' BRIEN**

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
Sean's 44th Anniversary and
Peggy's 28th Anniversary occur at this time.



Miss Me But Let Me Go
*When I come to the end of the
road, and the sun has set for
me,*

*I want no rites in a
gloom-filled room,
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little-but not too
long, and not with your head
bowed low,
Remember the love that we
once shared,
Miss me-but let me go.*

*For this is a journey that we all must take,
And each must go alone,
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
Go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me but let me go.*

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

Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
TONY PHELAN**

Santa Maria, New Rd., Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary occurs 12th November 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
Sunday 17th November at 11.15am



A Prayer for My Dad;

*Dear God, I gratefully thank
you for giving me my dad,
You must really love me, 'cause
you gave the best you had,
Watch over him and bless him
Lord, and keep him in your care,
And may he feel my love for him,
In my humble heartfelt prayer.*

*Sadly missed by; Zelig, Ger, Ray, Bosco and Brigid,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law and your fourteen
grandchildren. Lots of love xxx*

May Tony Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
NICOLA DOLLARD
née Kelly

Rathevan View and late of Hawthorn Drive.
5th Anniversary occurs 9th November 2024



It's lonely here without you,
We miss you more each
day,
For life is not the same to
us, since you were called
away.

Your resting place we visit,
And flowers we place with care,
But no one knows our heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.

Deeply loved, sadly missed and always
remembered by her husband Damien,
son Andrew, parents Gerard and Carmel,
sister Michelle, brother John, nieces
Chloe, Rebecca, Sophie and Grace,
extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Nicola

In Loving Memory of
SEAMUS HENNESSY

Dublin Road, Portlaoise
10th Anniversary occurred on 6th November 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 all your friends
in Portlaoise*

May Seamus Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ANN PAISLEY

41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
31st Anniversary occurs 13th November 2024.



Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last
forever.

*Sadly missed and remembered
always by all her loving family.*

May Ann Rest in Peace

Cherished Memories of
Our Beloved Sister

BREDA WALSH (*née Keogh*)

Late of Chelmsford Essex and Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurred 6th November 2024



Beautiful memories are wonderful things,
They last till the longest day,
They never wear out or get lost,
And can never be given away.
To some, you may be forgotten,
To others a part of the past,
But to us who loved and lost you,
your memory will always last

*Always loved and sadly missed by your sisters,
brothers and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Breda

In Loving Memory of
TOMMY SKELLY

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
2nd anniversary occurs 12th November 2024



Every day in some small way,
Memories of you come our way,
Though absent you are always near,
Still loved, missed and forever dear

*Loved and remembered by your loving
wife Laura and family*

Rest in Peace Tommy

In Loving Memory of
ANNE SWEENEY

Late of 26 Coote St. Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurs 16th November 2024.



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

*Sadly missed by her daughter Olive and
sons-in-law Frank and Paddy.*

Lord have mercy on her soul.

May Anne Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
John Walsh,

Loughteague, Stradbally.
MONTHS MIND REMEMBRANCE



*John's Months Mind Mass will be
celebrated in The Church of the
Holy Cross, Ratheniska on Sunday
November 17th 2024 at 10am*

May John Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **EILEEN RYAN**

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurs 13th November 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Wednesday 13th November at 10am.

*When God was making mothers,
He must have made a fuss, He spent a lot of
time on one and gave that one to us. Of all
the gifts in life, However great or small, to
have you as our Mother was the greatest gift of all,
Because you were so special, No words could ever say how
much we love and miss you, Today and Every day.*

*Loved and missed always Mam
May Eileen Rest in Peace*

26th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE In Loving Memory of **WESLEY O' BRIEN**

47 Heather Lane, Esker Hills, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
5th birthday away from home - 8th November.



Look for me in rainbows, way up in
the sky. In the morning
sunrise when all the world is new,
Just look for me and love me, as you
know I loved you.

Time for me to leave you, I won't
say goodbye; Look for me in
rainbows, high up in the sky. In the
evening sunset, when all the world
is through, Just look for me and love
me, and I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come and then, My
loving arms will hold you, when we meet again.

Happily heavenly 26th birthday,
It's the 5th away from home

Sadly missed by Mam, Dad, brother Lorcan, son John and
extended family and friends.

Rest in Peace Wesley

In Loving Memory of **VIOLET & PETER McNULTY**

Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.
9th and 14th Anniversaries occur at this time.



*Deep in our hearts you
will always stay,
Loved and
remembered everyday.
Their spirits live on.*



Missed by all their family and friends.

May Violet & Peter Rest in Peace

Acknowledgment In Loving Memory Of **Damien Doheny**

Liogard, Portlaoise
Died - 17th September 2024



Damien's wife Edel and family would
like to sincerely thank all those who
sympathised with us on our recent loss.

Our heartfelt thanks to the many
relatives, neighbours and friends for
your support over the last number of
years. Thank you to everyone who
called to the house, attended the Rosary,

attended the Funeral Mass either in
Person or via the Parish webcam, sent cards and
messages of condolences following Damien's passing.
Also a note of thanks to Damien's work colleagues at
Tesco's Portlaoise who formed a Guard of Honour on
the day of the funeral, it was greatly appreciated.
A very special note of thanks to Dr Sinead Cuffe & all
the Oncology Team in St James's Hospital. Also thank
you to all the wonderful staff at St Lukes Hospital
Rathgar, Naas General Hospital, Portlaoise General
Hospital and the staff at St Brigid's Hospice, the
Curragh, Co Kildare for all their care and help during
Damien's illness.

Thank you to Mountrath Health Centre and to Sonya &
the Palliative Care Team for their guidance.

Thank you to Msgr Byrne for Damien's beautiful Mass
and to Aisling Rohan for the wonderful singing. Also
thank you to Matthew Keegan & David Goode for their
outstanding support and professionalism with
Damien's Funeral Arrangements.

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

In Loving Memory of **BERNADETTE SCULLY**

3 New Road, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 15th November 2024



6th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Saturday
16th November at 6.30pm.

We miss you from your fireside
chair,
Your loving smile and gentle air,
Your vacant place no one can fill,
We miss you mother and
always will.

*Loved and missed by your daughters Mary and Bernadette,
grandsons Senan and Cillian son-in-law John,
extended family and friends.*

Also remembering her loving husband Timmy at this time.

May Bernadette Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **JOHN PAUL KIRWAN**

Anngrove, Kilbricken, Mountrath, Co. Laois.
20th Anniversary occurs 6th November 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe,
this **Sunday 10th November**
at 12noon.

*Quickly and quietly came the call,
Without farewell you left us all,
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you we'll always
keep.*

*Also remembering at this time
John's daddy Martin (Murt) Kirwan.
Your life was love and labour,
Your love for your family true,
You did your best for all of us,
We will always remember you.*

*Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by your
loving family.*

Rest in Peace John Paul

In Loving Memory of **TOMMY & BRIDGET FRIEL**

Late of 75 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
Tommy's 37th Anniversary and Bridget's 19th
Anniversary occurs at
this time.



*In our minds a constant
thought, in our hearts a
silent sorrow.*



Sadly missed and always
remembered by your
daughter Marie & family.

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **KATHLEEN O' REILLY**

27th Anniversary - Died 12/11/1997



*A sudden call from God on High,
We had no chance to say goodbye,
Without farewell, you fell asleep,
But memories of you we will always keep.*

Sadly missed by your loving husband
James, son James, daughters Catriona, Anita and Louise,
daughters-in-law, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory Of **Bosco Bartley**

2 Well Road, Portlaoise

Bosco's family would like to express their sincere
thanks to all who sympathised with them on their
recent sad loss of Bosco.



We thank everyone who sent
Mass Cards, Letters of
Sympathy, Floral tributes
and all who attended the
Rosary, Funeral Mass and
Burial. Thanks to the doctors
and nurses of Tallaght
General Hospital and also the
doctors and nurses of
Portlaoise General

Hospital. Also special thanks to Dr Simon Honan
and all the staff of Maryborough Clinic, Hughes
Chemist and Olive & the Palliative Team. We
would also like to thank The Residence Nursing
Home. We sincerely thank Monsignor Byrne for
celebrating Bosco's Requiem Mass, John Delaney
for Rosary recital, Michelle Bartley for her
assistance in preparing the Funeral Mass and
Sarah Troy for the beautiful singing. Our thanks
to Keegan's undertakers for their care &
professionalism in handling the Funeral
Arrangements. Many thanks to gravediggers
Brendan & Adrian Dunne. Thanks also to M&M
catering and the Parish Centre who provided
refreshments after the Funeral Mass.
As it would be impossible to thank everyone
individually we trust this acknowledgment will be
accepted by all as a token of our sincere
appreciation and gratitude.

**Bosco's Month Mind Mass will be held in
St Peter & Paul's Church
on Sunday 10th November at 11.15am**

Rest in Peace Bosco

In Loving Memory of **MARY NOLAN**

27th Anniversary - Died 14/11/1997



*"She has gone no further from
us than to God and
God is very near"*

Sadly missed by her husband
Michael and family.

May Mary Rest in Peace

Portlaoise Parish

Results for

7th November 2024



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No €20,000 Jackpot Winner

WINNERS

Eoin Lalor
Margaret Walsh
Jackie Kelly
Lauren Kieley
Mary O'Carroll
Maura Hyland
Eddie Dunne
James Doran
Shirley Houlihan
PJ & Anne Tierney
Benny Dargan
Carmel Dempsey
Peggy Delaney
Leo Collins
James Moore
Mary Tierney
Michael Holohan
Noel Tobin
Maura Phelan

MATCH 3s €1,000

**19
Match
3s
Receive
€53
each**

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Richard Phelan
Betty Lynch
Browns Shop
Anthony Preston
Jas Reilly
Maura Hyland
Mary Dunne
Mary Doran
Lucy Kelly
Anne Tierney
Peter Ryan
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Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

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Monday to Thursday

11am to 1pm & 2.15pm to 5pm

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1King 17:10-16 | Psalm 145:7-10

Hebrews 9:24-28 | Mark 12:38-44

Support for the Parish

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.

* **Making your offering in the boxes at the entrances**

* **Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations - boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre**

* **Direct payment by cheque or cash**

* **Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church**

* **Donation facility on our website**

* **Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre**

* **Or Transfer directly to our Account**

Portlaoise Parish Account:

IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

Portlaoise Parish Clergy Fund Account:

IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

The BIC for both accounts is AIBKIE2D

THANK YOU



In November, We Remember



*Last Monday we celebrated
our Annual Bereavement
Mass in the Parish Church
for all who have died in the
past year.*

Photos, courtesy of Pat Ahern

