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11th May 2025

Good Shepherd Sunday
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Thought Word and Deed

Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' and we are his flock or are we? It's easy to call ourselves Catholics or Christians, but unless we act like it we are only Catholics in name. How can we call Jesus our shepherd or our role model yet not model our behaviour after the most basic of church teachings? How can we be a part of Jesus' flock if we condone violence, ignore poverty or harbour un-Christian attitudes? To be truly part of Jesus' flock we have to be Christians not just in name, but in thought word and deed.

Today Jesus tells us how to live our lives. "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Hearing Jesus' voice and following him is no easy task. Jesus asks us to follow him in many individual ways. Imagine how sad it would be to meet Jesus on Judgment Day, to hear him say, "Didn't you hear me? I was inviting you to travel the world, open a nursing home, research a new drug, become a campaign leader, make a film, write a book, adopt a child, raise funds for a well in a third world country or become a missionary. Weren't you listening?" How would we reply? "Well.... I thought I was listening... but perhaps I was spending too much time watching TV or following Facebook!"

Deciding to follow Jesus might take some radical thinking and a good deal of courage, but for those who make that decision, Jesus promises "... I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."



Our Lady of Fatima

The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on 13th May when the 'Lady' asked them to pray for sinners and an end to the World War. In the final apparition on 13th October, the 'Lady' identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and called for prayer and conversion. Rosary at the Grotto at 8pm.

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

Monday - Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption, The Heath

Sunday: 9.30am

Church of the holy cross, Ratheniska

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass.

Cemetery Mass

St. Peter & Paul's, Portlaoise
Sunday 1st June at 1pm.



**We welcome into our
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Fionn Cathal McNamara, Laurel Court
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Who were baptised last weekend.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations

"A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of

love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children."

"Nowadays, many young people feel dismayed as they look to the future. Often they experience insecurity about their prospects of employment and a profound identity crisis, a crisis of meaning and values, which the confused messages of the digital world only aggravate. The unjust treatment of the poor and vulnerable, the indifference of a complacent and self-centred society, and the brutality of war all threaten the hopes for a fulfilling life that young people cherish in their hearts. Yet the Lord, who knows the human heart, does not abandon us in our uncertainty. He wants us to know that we are loved, called and sent as pilgrims of hope."

Taken from the papal message for World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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7:00-8:00 PM (Beginners)

Clinic : Tuesday Morning: Senior Exercise Class – 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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National Guide Dog Day – Volunteers Needed : National Guide Dog Day takes place on May 23rd. If you would like to volunteer for Guide Dogs, contact **Paul at 087-725264 or Jim at 087 4746519**, or leave a message on WhatsApp at Laois Guide Dogs. Guide Dogs are also seeking puppy walkers—please visit the Guide Dogs website to register. Thank you for your support.

Line Dancing: Come join us for a free joyful line dancing celebration with Maureen Culleton at Portlaoise Library, Monday May 12th at 11a.m. All are welcome. Suitable for beginners and advanced dancers. No booking required. Let's enjoy this together as part of Bealtaine programme. **0876482038**.

Chime – National Charity for Deaf and Hearing Loss in Ireland : Laois Outreach Clinic held in Portlaoise Parish Centre, **Wednesday 28th May** (10.00am – 12.30 pm). Our free and confidential clinic provide one to one support, information and advice about deaf and hearing loss. For more information contact Chime **057-9351606 / text (086-1436476)**

ADHD Ireland Supports: ADHD Ireland hosts support groups in Portlaoise for parents and adults. Join us at Portlaoise Parish Centre on Tuesday 13th & 27th at 10am, or at Shamrock House (R32 AH51, beside the Garda Station) on Tuesday 27th — parents at 7pm, adults at 8pm. Drop in for a cuppa and a chat! **Call 01 874 8349** for details.

Social and Line Dance Party: Sunday 18th May from 3pm until 6pm. Location: Ballyfin Community Centre R32 P522. Admission is 10€ per person. Contact Moez on 0830538601 for more info.

Alzheimer's Tea Day: May 13, 2025 @ Community Centre, Kiln Lane, Mountrath. Join us for a cuppa on Tuesday, May 13 and help support those living with dementia and their families. Your support can make a real difference — every cup counts!

Portlaoise Active Retirement : The club meets every Wednesday at 3pm in the Parish Centre for an afternoon of friendship, fun, and activities — new members always welcome. Monday 12th: Bowls in St. Mary's Hall, 2–4pm (tuition available). Wednesday 14th: No club (holiday). Thursday 15th: Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy at 3pm (new members welcome, tuition given). For more info, contact Maria at 087 918 7157.

Parish Centre Whist Drive Highlights – May 6th : Top Score – Frank Keenan; **1st Lady** – Bridie Kennedy; **2nd Lady** – Margaret Flanagan; **1st Gent** – Mary Delaney; **2nd Gent** – Tom Jacob; **1st Half** – Liam McCarthney; **2nd Half** – Sheila Duff & Ann O'Dowd (tie). **Raffle winners: 1st** – Sheila Duff, **2nd** – Catherine Brennan, **3rd & 4th** – Margaret Flanagan, **5th** – Catherine Galvin. Thanks for your support—Whist continues Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m., all are welcome.



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).

Rosary will be recited in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church every evening at 7pm.

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

Legion of Mary invites you to join us every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Parish Prayer Hall as we come together in prayer and service to Our Lady.

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ADORATION - SS Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise

Adoration takes place Monday to Friday after 10am Mass until 7pm, Saturday 2-6pm, and Sunday 2-7pm.

We invite anyone who can commit to spending time in adoration each week to contact Helena (087 9611331) or Ray (089 2502878), to help ensure someone is present with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at all times.

"Could you not watch with me one hour?" - Mt 26:40



Portlaoise Pilgrimage to Fatima

A Mass for all pilgrims travelling to Fatima on 12th June will be celebrated in the Parish Church on 27th May at 7:30pm.

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ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

Rosary will be recited at the Grotto **every evening 8.00pm** for the month of May. *All are welcome.*



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Pope Francis

'Pilgrim Passport' Initiative for Jubilee 2025

Ireland's major pilgrimage sites—Lough Derg, Knock Shrine, and Croagh Patrick—are uniting for the 'Pilgrim Passport', a unique initiative marking Jubilee Year 2025, declared by Pope Francis as a time of spiritual renewal under the theme Pilgrims of Hope.

The 'Pilgrim Passport' is a bespoke booklet encouraging visitors to embark on a spiritual journey across Ireland, exploring its rich Christian heritage. Pilgrims who visit Croagh Patrick, Knock Shrine (Co. Mayo), and Lough Derg (Co. Donegal) can collect stamps, creating a lasting memento of their pilgrimage.

"We are thrilled to join forces to bring this initiative to life," said Monsignor La Flynn, Prior of Lough Derg. "Pilgrimage in a Jubilee Year invites individuals to slow down, reflect, and reconnect amidst Ireland's sacred landscapes." Fr. Richard Gibbons, PP, Rector of Knock Shrine, added: "This effort honours the legacy of pilgrimage while strengthening faith and community." Fr. John Kenny, Adm, Westport, noted: "Croagh Patrick is honoured to be part of this partnership, offering an inspiring way to explore faith and Ireland's natural beauty."

Throughout Jubilee Year 2025, the sites will host special events, including guided pilgrimages, retreats, talks, workshops, concerts, and exhibitions, complementing their regular offerings under the theme Pilgrims of Hope.



Taking Care of the Sheep

Do you know what a shepherd is? Of course you do. A shepherd is one who takes care of sheep. A shepherd uses a shepherd's crook. The crook is very useful to the shepherd in taking care of the sheep. If the sheep tries to go in the wrong direction, the shepherd can reach out with the crook and gently pull it back onto the right path. The shepherd also uses the crook to help protect the sheep from a wolf or some other wild animal that might try to harm them. You see, it is the

shepherd's responsibility to care for and protect the sheep.

How many of you know who the priests of the parish are? We have 5 priests in Portlaoise parish. Fr. John Byrne, Fr. Ciprian Matei, Fr. Adriano Oliveira, Fr. Simon Jin and Fr. Eric Ebot.

In Abbeylax, Raheen and Ballinakill we have Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. Sean Conlon and Fr. Petru Medves. The Parish priest of Portlaoise Parish is Fr. John Byrne and for Abbeylax, Raheen and Ballinakill is Fr. Paddy Byrne. Did you know that the word we use for the one who leads our church means the same thing as the word that is used for someone who takes care of sheep? So if Fr. John and Fr. Paddy and the priests of the parish are the one who takes care of the sheep, what do you think that makes us? Right! We are the sheep! It is the priest's job to take care of us just as it is the job of a shepherd to care for the sheep.

The priests in our parish doesn't use a shepherd's crook. The Bible is the priest's crook. When we stray away and go off on the wrong path, the priests uses the teaching of God's Word to reach out and gently pull us back and get us going in the right direction. The priests in our parish also uses the Bible to protect us from our enemies. When Satan attacks us and tries to get us to do things that would harm us, the priests uses the Bible to teach us what God wants us to do.

Fr. John, Fr. Paddy and the priests of the parish have a good guide to follow in knowing how to take care of the sheep. That guide is Jesus. Listen to what Jesus said about himself, "I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me -- just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. I lay down my life for the sheep."

The Bible also says, "The LORD is my shepherd," but God has also called the priests of our parish to help him in caring for his sheep. We are thankful for Jesus, "the Good Shepherd," and we are thankful for Fr. John and Fr. Paddy and the priests of the parish too!



Our Father, we serve a risen Saviour. He is alive! Help us to be witnesses of what he has done in our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28



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The Good Shepherd



Jesus said that he knows his sheep; they follow him and listen to his voice. They will live for ever and no one will snatch them away, because they are in the care of their Father — God.
 When you give your heart to Jesus and place you life in His hands, you have His promise that you are safe.

PRAYER



Jesus, Good Shepherd,
 you tend your flock and know our every need.
 May your crook and your staff always protect us
 and guide us through all the troubles of this life.
 We pray for all those who have lost their way
 that we may all come together
 into the glory of Your kingdom.
 Amen.





Time to Think!

Darkness into Light 2025



As I write this article, the cardinal electors, are currently in conclave. Their task, to select the 267th successor of Peter. I pray that the spirit of discernment and peace, will descend upon them and their choice will reflect the heart of Jesus. This weeks early morning walk celebrating "Darkness into light" has an important message to all our lives. Whilst "Darkness into light" raises significant funding towards those seeking healing regarding mental health, it also suggests that light brings hope and healing. The Christian story, is a celebration of how our God blesses us with resilience, courage and hope, even in times of challenge. As we move through the month of May, nature responds magnificently to the blessing of light and warmth. The dawn chorus, these days, sings a beautiful hymn, proclaiming that indeed God's light, is brighter than any darkness God's hope, is greater than any despair. These days we celebrate in the liturgical calendar Jesus Resurrection and soon Ascension into heaven. Resurrection and Ascension essentially celebrate returning home, to where all of us, are invited to feel a deep sense of belonging and inclusion.

Recent research shows that levels of mental illness, anxiety, and depression are at an all-time high, especially among younger people. I recently came across these Ten Tips for keeping balance and good Mental Health.

1. Life is tough and feelings can be the toughest things of all. Learn to befriend them, understand them and realise that you are much more than your feelings. Everything in life passes – savour the good and let go of the bad. Feelings come and go. Learn to watch them like clouds coming into your life, and remember just as you can't hold onto a cloud, your job is to let your feelings go too. A simple meditation on this is: stop, find a quiet place, even pretend to be listening on headphones. Ask yourself how you feel. Notice that there is a small gap between you and your feelings. Stay with that gap. In it, all is quiet and empty – full of possibilities. Rest in this gap for a few minutes each day. Train yourself to watch your feelings come and go, like clouds do, no matter how strong they are. This will help you when you hit a crisis and may even save your life.

2. Technology is a gift for communication with others but it is a terrible boss; learn to switch off and enjoy off line activities that build you up: hike a hill, learn a skill, take a risk, talk to someone face to face. TV, games, videos and Internet are not the real world, but they pretend to be friends. Use them as the gift they can be and take control of them. Otherwise you are a slave and it's a cruel master.

3. "If it feels good do it" can sound great but it can bring you to some dark places. Everyone has hidden strength and the ability to put off immediate pleasures. Find that steel inside yourself that allows you to go outside your comfort zone, build bridges and reach out to others. The irony is that when we reach out to help and include others, we're also taking care of ourselves.

4. You have something unique within you. You are a one-off gift to the world. And that gift is for you to give away, not to hide away. The greatest happiness is found in truly being yourself and helping others; it can be challenging at first but there is a slow burn feel-good factor that lasts for a long time.

5. You are not responsible for all the ills of the world. Trying to save the world can be overwhelming. Trying to solve all of your own and everyone else's problems all at one go would be equally overwhelming. If you get into that way of being, it's time to stop. Press pause. Get some space and remember that you just have to do your bit. There is some small thing that you can do in almost every situation you face. It is like building a jigsaw. You will have a piece to contribute. It will be uniquely you, and which will help. Build it one piece at a time.

6. Anxiety and fear are not good reasons to do things. In fact, most of the time, decisions made out of anxiety and fear are not good long-term decisions. Anxiety and fear often keep us locked in a narrow room with narrow options that see the worst in others and ourselves. Imagine what it would be like to trust in the world and people, and to act without fear (not without caution though). There is a middle road to be walked that is manageable and achievable.

7. Idealism is a great thing but set the bar too high and nothing or no one can measure up. The perfect is the enemy of the good; work out what the good thing to do is and just do it. A cluttered life doesn't give you a chance to see what's going on. And when we don't see what's going on we can be fooled into thinking that things are terrible, even when they are not.

8. Travel light; have a de-clutter. Start by clearing out your room of things that you don't need. You are a traveller through life and you have to travel light, otherwise you will get weighed down by things and come to be chained to them. Remember that people are not things to be acquired and disposed according to your feelings. Take this de-clutter as a chance to evaluate what is really going in and what is really valuable to you.

9. Accept the things you cannot change and change the things you can (and know the difference). Don't waste your time trying to change things that are given: your family, face, body, friends, locality. There is some rare beauty in them that can only be seen in a certain light. Find it and encourage it. If it won't be encouraged, know that you've done your best and can be content with that.

10. Happiness is an inside job – you know instinctively that having things and comparing yourself to others is empty and futile, and yet we all get caught up in it. Take a moment in the quiet. Go back to that gap you found in the meditation above; that gap between you and your feelings. In the gap, imagine a bright white light. See the light as a good thing, bright and warming. Now realise that this light is the goodness, brightness and warmth you have at the core of you. You are good and bright and warm inside. Dwell in this light for as long as you like. Find happiness in these thoughts

Slow Me Down Lord

Slow me down Lord
Ease the pounding of my heart
by the quieting of my mind.

Steady my hurried pace
with a vision of the eternal march of time.
Give me amid the confusion of the day,
the calmness of the eternal hills.

Break the tension of my nerves and muscles
with the soothing music of the singing streams
that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking MINUTE vacations,
Of slowing down to look at a flower,
to chat with a friend,
to pat a dog,
to read a few lines of a good book.

Slow me down Lord
and inspire me to send my roots
deep into the soil of life's enduring values
that I may grow toward the stars of my greater destiny.

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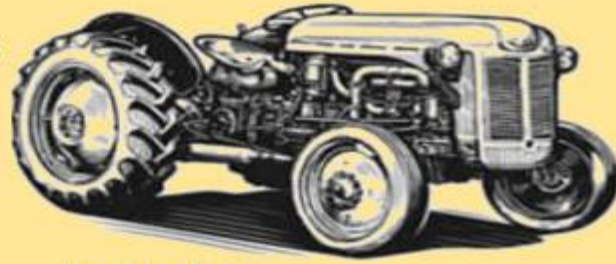
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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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**In Loving Memory of
ALICE PARNELL**

"Avondale", Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 16th May 2025



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Portlaoise, on
Saturday 17th May at 10am

We will never forget you,
We don't even try,
We just miss you more, as time goes by.

*Loved and remembered by her
husband Kieran, son Michael, daughter Lisa,
daughter-in-law Ann, son-in-law Peter,
grandchildren Aoife, Rachel, Adam, Laura, Conor,
Amelia, relatives and friends xxx*

May Alice Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Our Dear Mother
EVELYN KEHOE**

Late of Main Street, Stradbally, Co. Laois
3rd Anniversary occurs 11th May 2025

**Also Our Dear Dad
CLEMENT KEHOE**

10th Anniversary occurred on 10th May 2025



When ties of love are
broken and loved
ones have to part, it
leaves a wound that
never heals, in an
ever-aching heart.

Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture we tenderly hold,
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, never to forget.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 11th May at 8.30am.

Sadly missed by your children Paul, Niall, Mark,
Nessa, Clem and Nicola.

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

**Months Mind
In Loving Memory of
HANNAH KIRK (née Gibbons)**

Boley, Abbeyleix, Laois / Dungarvan, Kilkenny.



Hannah's Month's Mind Mass will be
celebrated at **12 noon on 18th May in
St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe.**

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

**Much loved & sadly missed every
day by your heartbroken family.**

May Hannah Rest in Peace

"My Presence will go with you and I will give you rest."
Exodus 33:14



**In Loving Memory of
DANNY BRENNAN**

41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
21st Anniversary occurs 14th May 2025



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

Loved and remembered always by your
wife & family.

May Danny Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
EDWARD (Teddy) LEWIS**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 16th May 2025



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in St. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, on
Friday 16th May at 10am.

Wonderful memories woven
in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly
hold,
Deep in our hearts, your
memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, to never
forget.

Sadly missed by your Loving wife, Patricia (Pat),
sons Frank, Derek, Keith & Gavin, daughters Yvette &
Avril, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren
and great grandson.

Also remembering his daughter in law Geraldine
Lewis, The Heath, who's birthday occurs at this time
and his cousin Carol Ann Kearns, Dublin who's
Anniversary occurs at this time.

Rest In Peace Ted

**In Loving Memory of
KEVIN O'ROURKE**

Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 15th May 2025.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Saturday
17th May at 6.30pm.

Sadly missed by his loving
wife Jane and family.

Rest in Peace Kevin

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS** (née Buggy)
The Heath, Portlaoise.
6th Birthday in Heaven occurs 13th May 2025.



Wishing you were here today for just a
while, so we could say happy birthday
and see your loving smile.

But we will gaze upon your picture and
think of you with all our love, and hope
you are celebrating in Heaven above.

Never forgotten by your loving family; Daddy,
Mammy, Sean, Valerie, Edel and families xxxx
Also remembering Geraldine's father-in-law, Ted Lewis,
whose 3rd Anniversary occurs at this time.

Rest in Peace Geraldine

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
GERALDINE LEWIS** (née Buggy)
The Heath, Portlaoise.
6th Birthday in Heaven occurs 13th May 2025.



Today is your birthday in Heaven above,
My blessings I send on the wings of a Dove,
Not just for today, but everyday here of,
I think of you always with all my love.

Always loved, forever missed by
your loving husband Derek, children
Serena, Rachel and Darragh and
grandchild Killian.

Rest in Peace Geraldine

**In Loving Memory of
JULIE LaCUMBER** (née Carroll)

Triogue Court, New Road, Portlaoise.



7th Anniversary occurs
12th May 2025

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

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 her loving sons, daughters,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
extended family and friends.

May Julie Rest in Peace



**In Loving Memory of
PETER FENNELL**

**Grattan Street, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurred on 7th May 2025**



Anniversary Mass was celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Wednesday 7th May at 10am.

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

**Always remembered and loved by the
Walsh and Fennell families.**

Rest in Peace Peter

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET LEECH**

**Ridge Road, Portlaoise, formerly of Kellystown Wolfhill.
12th Anniversary away from home.**



Nothing different
On the day you were gone,
The world still turning,
the sun still shining,
Birds singing and people living—
Nothing different,
But everything.

Forever in our Hearts

Anne, Elizabeth, Colette, Geraldine,
Michelle and families.

**Margaret's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Mary's Church, Wolfhill, Sunday 18th May at 10am.**

Rest in Peace Margaret

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET (Peggy) GORMAN**

**Borris Great, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 17th May 2025.**



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church,
on Sunday 18th May at 12:30pm.

Our lives go on without you
But nothing is the same,
We have to hide our heartache
When someone speaks your name.

Sad are the hearts that love you
Silent are the tears that fall,
Living without you is the
hardest part of all.

You did so many things for us
Your heart was so kind and true,
And when we needed someone
We could always count on you.

The special years will not return
When we are all together,
But with the love in our hearts
You walk with us forever.

**Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your
husband Marty, son Kevin, daughters Sinéad and
Sarah and grandchildren.**

Rest in Peace Peggy

1st ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN (KATE) CURTIS (née Quinn)**

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Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in the **Church of our
Lady and St. David, Naas on
Saturday 10th May at 6pm.**

Two tired eyes were sleeping,
Two willing hands are still
For one who suffered far too much
Is resting in God's will
You never said goodbye to us, per-
haps it's just as well
We never could have said goodbye
to one we loved so well.

**Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving
husband John, daughters, Chris, Caroline & Geraldine
and your extended family**

Rest in Peace Kathleen

**In Loving Memory of
REGINA BAILEY**

**The Crescent, Ballylynan and Rosdarragh, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs on 15th May 2025**



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

May the winds of love blow softly,
And whisper so you hear:
We will always love and miss you,
And wish that you were here.

**Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by her son
Dylan, daughters Aisling and Emma Beth, her
Mother Betty, extended family, and friends.**

Rest in Peace Regina

**In Loving Memory of
MARY (Moirá) DOWLING**

**Borris Rd., Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 11th May 2025.**



You are near even if we don't see you,
You are with us even if you are far away,
You are in our thoughts and in our lives
always.

**Sadly missed and always
remembered by her sons and
daughter and their families.**

Rest in Peace Mary

In Loving Memory of
TERESA KHANDKER
London and formerly Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 13th May 2025



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at
 Sts. Peter and Paul Church on
13th May 2025 at 7.30am.

*I lost a special part of me,
 Where you once dwelled, dear friend.
 A bond that spanned a lifetime
 Came abruptly to an end.*

**Loved and missed my dear friend
 Teresa.**

Frances and Tom xx

Rest in Peace Teresa

6th Anniversary Remembrance of
TERESA KHANDKER

(née McCormack)

St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
13/9/39-13/5/19



*Thinking of you with so much love.
 We miss your smile, your singing and your
 gentle words of encouragement.
 You always made the sun come out.
 Six years is a long time without you.*

**Samantha, Shabil, Gonul, Nashad,
 Cinzia, Sevi, Natasha, Sophia, Millie,
 Helena and Francesca.**

Rest in Peace Teresa

In Loving Memory of
TOM BRACKEN

Ardanure, Block Road, Portlaoise



**2nd Anniversary occurred on
 9th May 2025.**

*Tom's 2nd Anniversary Mass will be
 celebrated on Sunday 11th May 2025 at
 11.15am in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
 Church.*

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With love always Nancy and all the family.

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Acts 13:14, 43-52

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