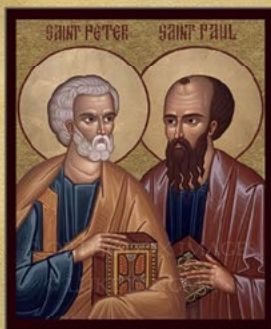


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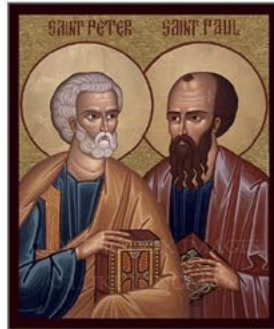
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Some people bless themselves – make the Sign of the Cross – when they pass a church. What does it mean? Perhaps only God knows. It is a prayer, an invocation, a visible act of faith, a public yet personal gesture as you pass 'God's house' – 'teach Dé' – 'teach an phobail'. It is a reminder of how precious and universal that gesture is: to bless yourself in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You see people blessing themselves in all sorts of situations: absentmindedly on the way into church; solemnly at the end of Mass; in thankful delight, as with sports people; poignantly, in the case of mourners at a grave. In extreme sickness, when the brain can no longer form words and the only way we can turn to God may be with our feeble fingers, forming a cross. This sign can grow hurried and thoughtless through custom, but in moments of crisis and deep emotion, there are few gestures as rich in meaning as blessing ourselves.

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## Religious Notes

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**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.

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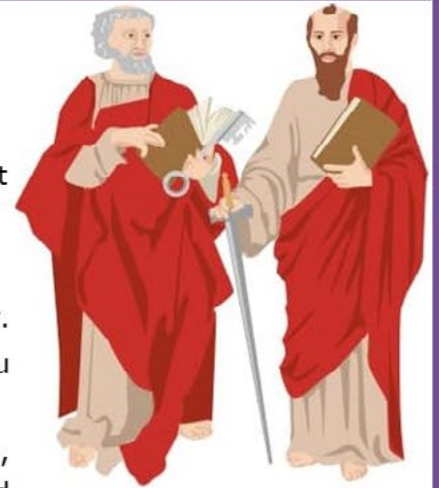
A long, long time ago, in the days after Jesus rose from the dead and went back to heaven, there were two very special friends of His: Peter and Paul.

### Peter, the Fisherman

Peter was a fisherman. He used to catch fish in a big lake with his brother. One day, Jesus walked by and said, "Come, follow Me, and I will make you fishers of people!"

Peter left his nets and followed Jesus right away. He saw Jesus heal people, feed thousands, and even walk on water! Sometimes Peter was brave, and sometimes he was scared—just like us. But Jesus loved Peter very much.

After Jesus went to heaven, Peter became a leader in the Church. He told people all about Jesus and helped them believe in His love. Even when things got hard, Peter kept going, because he knew Jesus was with him.



### Paul, the Surprising Friend

Paul was different. At first, he didn't like the followers of Jesus at all. In fact, he tried to stop them! But one day, something amazing happened. While Paul was walking down a road, a bright light shone all around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say:

"Paul, why are you hurting Me?"

It was Jesus! Jesus forgave Paul and gave him a new job—to tell everyone how much God loves them. Paul said "yes," and he spent the rest of his life traveling, writing letters, and teaching about Jesus.

### Different But United

Peter and Paul were very different. Peter was a fisherman; Paul was a traveller and writer. Peter had known Jesus during His life; Paul met Him in a vision. Sometimes, they didn't even agree on everything! But they had one big thing in common: they both loved Jesus with all their hearts. And they both helped the Church grow big and strong.

### A Special Day

That's why, every year on June 29th, we celebrate the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. It's a day to remember their friendship with Jesus and their hard work to share His love with the world. They remind us that God can use anyone—fishermen, travellers, and even kids like you—to do great things!'

### Prayer for Saints Peter & Paul

Dear Saints Peter and Paul, Thank you for loving Jesus so much.  
Help me to be brave like you, to tell others about God's love,  
and to follow Jesus every day. Amen.





# Time to Think...

## The Shawshank Redemption



A moral compass offers direction informed by values. Christianity, is a wonderful moral compass, based on gospel values of faith, hope and love. I found recent majority votes, regarding abortion up to 40 weeks and the proposed legalization of euthanasia in the English parliament very depressing. Society without a moral compass quickly disregards the integrity of all human life, from the cradle to the grave, from the womb to the tomb. Humanity is a rich blessing, but must not be defined by productivity, rather its gift is the very essence of who we are. Made in God's image and likeness. Despite the secularization of western culture music, film, drama, poetry and literature draw from the wellsprings of spirituality and faith. An example is some of the best-known movies. The cinematic classic, *The Shawshank Redemption*, was released now over 30 years ago. The film did not connect with filmgoers at the time of its release. However, it is now one of the most beloved films ever made.

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of its release, Sean Rocks discussed the continued popularity and artistic merits of the movie with Stan Benedict on the Arena programme on RTÉ 1 recently. It is one of my favourite movies; I have often reflected on the reason for its popularity. The film presents the hero as a Christ-figure and uses Gospel allegories throughout to explore the central theme. I find it intriguing in a culture so endemically secular that Christian spiritual/ religious themes still resonate so profoundly with millions throughout the world.

The storyline of the film, adapted from a Stephen King novel, is about a banker, Andy Dufresne, who, though innocent, is sentenced to two consecutive life sentences for murdering his wife and her lover. He is incarcerated in Shawshank State Prison, an oppressive high-walled complex; the grey granite walls symbolise the utter cruelty of, and the dehumanising system that is Shawshank. The prison is a metaphor for a world with so much suffering and cruelty, a world where darkness threatens to destroy any hope of redemption.

Andy Dufresne functions as a paradigmatic Christ or Redeemer-figure. Though innocent he is a victim of the sinfulness of others. Not long after Andy's arrival at Shawshank, the film begins to portray his Christ-like features. After meeting Warden Norton, Andy stands naked in a cross pose as the guards hose him down. When reflected on in a Gospel light, this 'baptism' signifies Andy's rebirth; descending into the sinful, treacherous halls of the prison, his path as Christ begins. Warden Norton impresses upon Andy that life in prison is based on the bible and discipline. The warden is truly corrupt, inhumane, and callous. For many reasons, he represents Pharisee figures in the Gospel who are fixated on the law of God, on rules and regulations, and lack any compassion. Andy's presence raises the spirits of his fellow prisoners. He serves as a beacon of hope, a role model able to fulfil what they can only dream of – hope and redemption.

Andy befriends a fellow prisoner called Red, a fixer "who can get things". Andy asks him to smuggle in a small rock hammer, implying that he is a craftsman, just as Jesus was. He uses it to dig out a hole through the cell wall, which will ultimately enable him to escape. He hides the hammer in the bible given to him by

the warden. We become aware at the end of the film that the Bible where the hammer is concealed opens at the Book of Exodus, which features the liberation and redemption of Hebrew slaves by God.

Through his financial expertise, Andy can secure funding from the State to improve the library and phonographic facilities for the inmates. He also secures some cold beers for fellow prisoners. The scene had a miraculous feel to it, suggesting or hinting at the miracle of loaves and fishes, where the disciples experienced healing, dignity restored and inclusion. One of the most powerful scenes in the film is one where Andy plays a recording of the famous duet from Mozart's opera, *The Marriage of Figaro*, over the prison PA system. The entire prison is captivated by the music; Red reflects "I have no idea to this day what those two Italian ladies were singing about. Truth is, I don't want to know. Some things are best left unsaid. I'd like to think they were singing about something so beautiful; it can't be expressed in words and makes your heart ache because of it. I tell you, those voices soared higher and farther than anybody in a grey place dare to dream. It was like some beautiful bird flapped into our drab little cage and made those walls dissolve away, and for the briefest of moments, every man in Shawshank felt free." It was a moment of transfiguration, reminiscent of the transfiguration scene in the Gospels where the disciples caught a glimpse of what Jesus was offering.

The gospel message, of course, pivots not just on the life of Jesus but on his death and resurrection. Andy suffers much in the prison, but the final crucifixion is two months in the isolation of the 'hell hole'. Back in his cell that night, he escapes, going into 'the tomb' of a long 500-yard sewage pipe and emerging in a new life (of resurrection) into waters of freedom, standing again in a cross pose but now bathed in light. His resurrection is completed through his "ascension" to the idyllic paradise of a small village on the wide expanse of the blue waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Red later joins Andy to share in this new life of resurrection. They met on the shore just as the risen Jesus met with the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and invited them to continue his mission. Meanwhile, Andy's "disciples", bereft at the loss of their redeemer, continue to find solace and encouragement from the memory of what he achieved for them. They were writing their own gospel. The *Shawshank Redemption* proclaims a profound message of hope that obviously resonates deeply with so many people today. Maybe the film can also reassure Christians of the universal appeal of the Gospel message.

A wonderful question is asked in the celebrated film, do we get busy living or get busy dying? I propose in these long summer days when green things grow and summer blooms, announce with great joy, the gift of God's creation, that we live our lives to the full. May we own and value our moral compass and our pathways may be level and smooth.



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Abbeyleigh.**



**Esther  
Connaughton**

**(née Hilliard)  
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THEIR FAMILIES**

**In Loving Memory of our Mother  
ANNE CARROLL (NÉE KELLY)**

**Rathmoyle Road, Abbeyleigh.**

**First Anniversary occurs on July 4th, 2025.**



**Anne's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
on Saturday, July 5th, at 5PM in the  
Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleigh.**

**Sadly missed and forever remembered  
by her loving husband Tony; children  
Joan, Thomas, & Marian; brother Tom;  
grandchildren Sarah, Olivia, Tommy,  
Aoife, & Diane; daughter-in-law Katie;  
sons-in-law Brian and John; extended family and friends.**

**Rest in Peace Mam**

**In Loving Memory of  
OLIVER BARTLEY**

**91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.**

**10th Anniversary occurred  
27th June 2025.**



**Dad, I miss you everyday  
You were so precious and unique, a  
Guiding light throughout my life,  
You were my strength when I was weak.**

**Happy memories flood my mind whenever I think of you,  
But you can never be replaced, that much is sadly true.  
The fact that you're no longer here still fills my heart with pain,  
I wish I had just one last chance to talk with you again.**

**I shall always remember the closeness we had,  
I love you and miss you so much,  
My kind and thoughtful Dad.**

**Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by  
his daughter Monalisa, son-in-law Donal  
and grandchildren Darryl and Stefan.**

**No special time is needed for us to think of you,  
To us you were someone special  
And we thought the world of you,**

**Your memory is our greatest treasure,  
To have, to love, and keep forever,  
Time slips by, life goes on,  
But in our hearts, you are never gone.**

**Loved and missed by his sons John, Oliver, Shay and Darren,  
daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren  
and the Bartley family.**

**Oliver's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 28th  
June at 6:30pm in St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church.**

**May Oliver Rest in Peace**



*In Loving Memory of*

## **CAMILLUS DUNNE**

*UK and formerly of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise*

*1st Anniversary occurs on 6th July 2025.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise. Sunday, 6th July 2025 11.15am.



*Loving you is easy,  
We do it every day.  
Missing you is a heartache,  
That never goes away.*

***Forever loved and deeply missed  
by your loving wife Veronica,  
daughter Shannon, brother  
Eamonn, and extended family  
and friends.***

*In Loving Memory of*

## **KATHLEEN O' DOWD**

*Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.*

*22nd Anniversary occurred  
28th June 2025.*

*Peace is the serenity of the soul,  
The tranquillity of the mind,  
And the simplicity of the heart.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family.*

***Rest in Peace Kathleen***



*In Loving Memory of*

## **GAVIN RICE**

*Cloncough, Kilbricken, Mountrath.*

*12th Anniversary occurs 29th June.*

*Deep in our hearts you will  
always stay,*

*Loved and remembered every day.*

*Miss you and love you always, Mam,  
Dad, Niamh, Deirdre, Ann-Marie  
and extended family xxx*

***Rest in Peace Gavin***



*In Loving Memory of*

## **NUALA McNAMARA** (NÉE DEEVY)

*Ross, Ballyfin, Portlaoise. 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred on  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025.*



*June comes with sad regret,  
Your departure from us we won't forget.  
You're missed in the morning of every day,  
Missed the evening as the light faded away.*

*Loved and always remembered by Dan and  
family – Mary, Liam & Una, Marguerite &  
John, John, Pauline & Eddie and her loving  
grandchildren xxxxx*

Anniversary Mass for Nuala will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin on Sunday 29th June at 10am.

***May Nuala Rest in Eternal Peace***

*In Loving Memory of*

## **MSGR. CAOIMHÍN (KEVIN) O'NEILL**

*Ballyroan Road, Abbeyleix/Mountrath/Carlow*

*2nd Anniversary occurs  
29th June 2025*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Church of Most Holy Rosary Abbeyleix on Saturday 5th July at 5pm.

*"Death is nothing else but going  
home to God, the bond of love will  
be unbroken for all eternity" - Mother  
Teresa*

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*"When we have joy we crave to share; we remember them.*

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## Parish Centre



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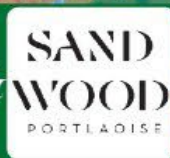
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