

#### **Pentecost Sunday**

#### Symbols of the Holy Spirit

When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan river by John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit descended on him in the form of a Dove. (Mt.3:16)

And in Luke's account of Pentecost we learn that a tongue of fire came to rest on the head of each of the disciples. (Acts 2:3-4)

Both of these symbols of the Holy Spirit are in our Parish Church at the Aumbry (where the holy oils are kept) and on the floor at the Baptismal Font—check it out!

'Come Holy Spirit'





Gaelscoil school end of year Mass in Stradbally woods during the week.

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#### Prisoners No More

The disciples have locked themselves in an upper room for fear of the Jews. We know exactly where they're at. We too are good at making prisons for ourselves.

We make prisons where feelings of inadequacy, apathy, quilt, pride or confusion rule our lives. We lock ourselves into debilitating patterns of behaviour where fear and other self-defeating traits become habit.

The disciples are behaving very much how we behave when we are facing difficulties. Then everything changes. Jesus comes amongst them and breathes the Holy Spirit into them. Suddenly a group of frightened and inactive disciples begin to do amazing things. Suddenly they can reach out around the world regardless of language culture or race.

This isn't just a story about something that happened a long time ago, it's a promise. We each have a component that fits into God's greater picture. We each have a talent that lends itself to God's purpose. Unlocking that talent is a daily challenge. How do we use our skills to best advantage? How do we knock down the barriers that prevent us reaching our true potential? Where do we look for direction, focus and discernment? How do we find courage, faith, energy and foresight? The answer to all these questions is the 'Holy Spirit'. The same Holy Spirit that enables the early disciples liberates and empowers us. The Holy Spirit is God's presence in our lives whenever we ask.

#### St. Columba (521-597 AD) - Monday 9th June

St. Columba was an Irish monk, missionary, and scholar born in Gartan, Co. Donegal. A member of a noble family, he became a priest and founded several monasteries here in Ireland.

After a dispute over a copied manuscript led to a battle, Columba chose



exile as penance. In 563, he sailed to Scotland with 12 companions and founded a monastery on the island of Iona. This became a major centre of Christian learning and missionary activity.

Columba played a crucial role in spreading Christianity among the Picts in Scotland. He was known for his

deep faith, leadership, and reported miracles.

He died in 597 and is remembered as one of the three patron saints of Ireland, alongside St. Patrick and St. Brigid.

Mass times for the coming week ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

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

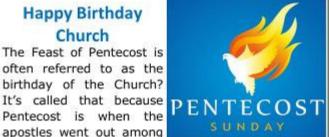
Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska Sunday: 10am

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

#### Happy Birthday Church

The Feast of Pentecost is often referred to as the birthday of the Church? Pentecost is when the apostles went out among



the people and began spreading Jesus' message, thus establishing the beginning of the Church. On this day we are asked to pray for the Church and her continued growth.

Pentecost, Greek for 50th day, is celebrated by Christians fifty days after Easter. Originally it was a Jewish feast that concluded the fifty days of Passover.

To celebrate Pentecost, read the Acts of the Apostles. Find out what happened to the Church following the events of Pentecost.



#### St. Barnabas, Apostle

Wednesday 11th June St. Barnabas was born on the island of Cyprus. He was one of the first converts in Jerusalem and preached at Antioch. He became a companion of St. Paul and went

with him on his first missionary journey, and he took part in the Council of Jerusalem. He returned to his



#### We welcome into our Parish Community

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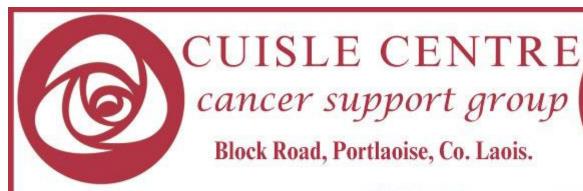
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For more info, contact Maria at 087 918 7157.

Parish Centre Whist Drive Results—June 3rd: Top Score - Catherine Galvin; Gents -1st Frank Keenan, 2nd Peter Stevenson; Ladies - 1st Kit Farrell, 2nd Bridie Kennedy; Halves - P.J. Cahill & Breda Fitzpatrick. Raffle winners: A.M. Farrell, B. Kennedy, Tom Gowing, Frank Keenan, Kit Farrell, Sheila Duff. Thanks for your support-Whist continues every Tuesday at 7.30pm, all welcome.



An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community will hold its third annual 24-hour sponsored fast on Friday, June 20th, 2025, in aid of Mary's Meals, which provides meals to children in impoverished areas. Just €22 feeds a child for a school year—so far, we've raised €15,270. Please support us by donating at [www.spioraidnaoimh.com]. Fast cards are available from B. Reddin (086-8630039), E. Cullinane (087-6595293), M. Nerney (086-8157305), or in local parish churches. Charity No: RCN 20061920. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill, PP, St. Conleth's Parish, Newbridge.

#### 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

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.

St. Pio Glove - Public Visit: The St. Pio Glove will be available for veneration at Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy on Saturday, 14th June from 11am to 5pm. All welcome. For more information, contact Ann on 085 169 6189.

Portlaoise Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima - 12th June to 19th June 2025 : Mass bouquet candle cards are available from **Michael Houlahan at 087-9212028** or from any committee member. If anyone would like candles lit at the Capileno in Fatima, we will gladly do that for you. For further information, please contact Maura at 087-1210263. Any special personal requests will be placed with Our Lady in Fatima. Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee—A Message of Thanks: The Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous response to all our local fundraisers. All our fundraising for 2025 is now complete, and we want to assure you that you will all be remembered in our Masses and prayers during our 2025 pilgrimage.

Sacred Heart Crusade - Knock Shrine (June 22): Join us for this historic event at Knock Shrine on Saturday, June 22, as Archbishop Eamon Martin leads the Consecration of Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus-the first such consecration in over 150 years. This special day will also feature the relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Claude La Colombière, brought from Paray-le-Monial, France—the birthplace of the Sacred Heart devotion. For those interested in travelling by bus, please contact Valerie at 087 780 0429.

#### CONGRATULATIONS!

#### More success for Portlaoise Boxing Club

National honours for two more young, promising boxers from the Portlaoise Boxing Club at the National Senior Cadet Championships on Friday, 30th May. Well done Lorcan, Jack and their coaches!



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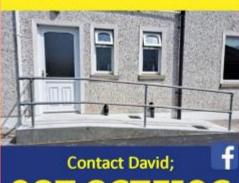
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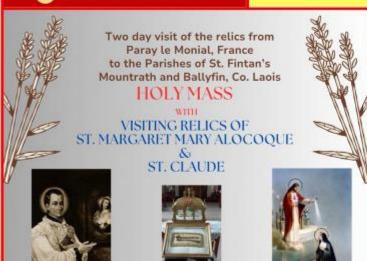
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The Fatima Candle will be lit at 10am Mass in the Parish Church, **Friday 13**th **June** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima and for the intentions of all parishioners. Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto at 8pm. All are welcome.



#### MONDAY 9TH JUNE

Holy Mass 7:30pm St. Fintan's Church Ballyfin (R32 TD61)

TUESDAY 10TH JUNE

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It happened just as Jesus said it would. On the day which is called Pentecost, the disciples were all together in one place. The Bible tells us that there was a sound from heaven like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the place where the disciples were gathered. Then, there were flames of fire that

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Be at my side
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AMEN

appeared and rested upon each of them. When these things happened, the disciples were filled with power and began to preach and teach about Jesus. They were able to do things that they had never done before because of the power of the Holy Spirit in them.

Did you know that you and I have that very same power available to us today?

The Bible says that "all who are led by the Spirit are children of God."

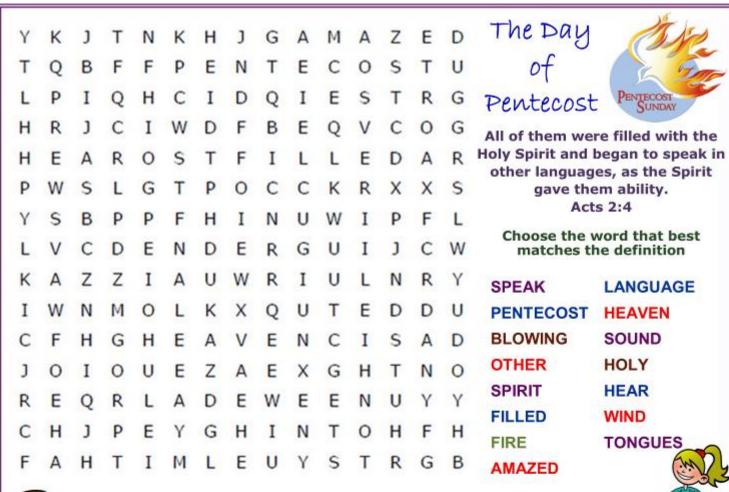
We who are the children of God have the power to do great and mighty things, not in our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit that is within us.

#### My Prayer

Dear Father, we pray that we will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit just as the disciples were on the day of Pentecost.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.





#### Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Wisdom** is the gift of knowing the right choices to make to live a holy life. The gift of wisdom helps you to avoid the things that could lead you away from God.

**Understanding** is the gift of comprehension, or the ability to grasp the meaning of the teachings of the Church. The gift of understanding helps you be tolerant and sympathetic of others. It helps you sense when someone is hurting or in need of compassion.



**Right Judgment** is the gift of prudence. The gift of right judgment helps you make choices to live as a faithful follower of Jesus.

**Courage, or Fortitude**, is the gift that helps you stand up for your faith in Christ. The gift of courage helps you overcome any obstacles that would keep you from practicing your faith.

**Knowledge** is the gift of knowing and enlightenment. The gift of knowledge enables you to choose the right path that will lead you to God. It encourages you to avoid obstacles that will keep you from him.

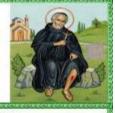
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## Time to Think St. Peregrine



As we move through life, we all can agree with the wisdom, "Our health is our wealth." Health of body and peace of mind are important and valued gifts that perhaps are not fully appreciated until they are made to feel vulnerable. I pray, as we begin the summer months, that we all will be blessed with health of body and peace of mind. I'm very conscious, currently, many parishioners and people live with the reality of illness and suffering. Very few have not been touched by the story of cancer in life. I recently became aware of the wonderful intercessory power of a saint associated with prayers for those who live with cancer.

Peregrine Laziosi was born in 1265 in Forlì in and conso Italy. As a young man, he led a worldly and dissolute life. In his teens, he joined the enemies of the Pope in his hometown and became a ringleader of rebels. Pope Martin IV sent Philip Benizi of the Order of Servites (Servants of Mary) as his personal ambassador to try to bring peace to the angry rebels. While addressing crowds of malcontents one day, he was dragged off the rostrum, beaten with clubs, and pelted with rocks. Peregrine knocked down Benizi with a vicious blow to the face.

Young Peregrine was stricken with remorse. He cast himself at the feet of the bruised and bleeding priest and asked for his forgiveness. Benizi granted it with a smile. From that moment, Peregrine became a staunch champion of Benizi. He heeded Philip's

suggestion and often prayed in Our Lady's chapel in the cathedral. While kneeling in the chapel one day, he had a vision of the Blessed Mother holding in her hands a black habit like the one the Servites wore. "Go to Siena," Mary told the astonished Peregrine. "There you will find devout men who call themselves my servants. Attach yourself to them."

The Servites warmly welcomed Peregrine, and Benizi himself ceremoniously clothed Peregrine in the religious habit. Daily, Peregrine sought to become a more fervent religious man. To atone for past misdeeds, he treated himself harshly and worked hard for the poor and afflicted. People took to calling him the "Angel of Good Counsel," grateful for his wise advice so freely given. After being ordained a priest, Peregrine went to Forli and founded a Servite monastery. A few years later, a cancerous growth appeared on his right foot—so painful that he finally agreed to have the foot amputated. The night before the surgery, Peregrine spent hours in prayer, then dozed off and dreamt that Christ was touching him and healing his foot. The thrill of it woke him up, and in the dim

moonlight, he saw that his foot, carefully bandaged a few hours earlier, was completely healed.

From that time forward, when Forli people were sick, they appealed to Peregrine's prayers. Some were cured when he whispered "Jesus" into their ears. The Church has since appointed him patron of persons with cancer, foot ailments, or any incurable disease. Peregrine died in the year 1345 at the age of 85 and was canonized in 1926. St. Peregrine's feast day is May 1. Generations of people have found comfort from this great saint's intercession. The following prayer may offer hope and consolation for those who live with illness at this time...

#### Prayer to St. Peregrine, Patron of Cancer Patients

Glorious wonderworker, St. Peregrine, You answered the divine call With a ready spirit, And forsook all the comforts of the world To dedicate yourself to God In the Order of His Most Holy Mother. You laboured manfully For the salvation of souls. And in union with Jesus Crucified, You endured the most painful sufferings With such patience As to deserve to be Healed miraculously Of an incurable cancer In your leg by a touch Of His divine hand.

Obtain for me
The grace to answer
Every call of God
And to fulfil His will
In all the events of life.
Enkindle in my heart
A consuming zeal
For the salvation of souls.

Deliver me from the infirmities That afflict my body. (State your intention(s) here.)

Obtain for me
Perfect resignation to the sufferings
It may please God to send me,
So that, imitating our Crucified Savior
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St. Peregrine, pray for me And for all who invoke your aid



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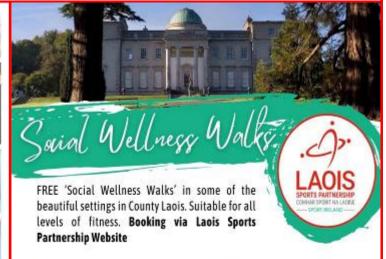
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#### OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY



ANNA NEWTH (née Hade) Mountrath rd., Portlaoise.



PHYLLIS GRAHAM (née Flynn) Ballydavis, Portlaoise.



## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE Our sympathy to their families.



# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT In Loving Memory of MAURA MORRIN (Nee Carroll) Fieldbrook Lawns, Portlaoise.



Maura's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise on Sunday 15th June 2025 at 11.15am Mass.

Maura's husband Seamus, sons Niall and Fergal daughters Róisín and Carina and extended family wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who shared in their deep loss. We are immensely grateful to all our relatives, neighbours and friends for their unwavering support and kindness throughout Maura's illness and funeral and a special thank you to her

Maura's illness and funeral and a special thank you to her lifelong friends Lizzy Molloy and Mary Swayne who always brought a smile a song and laugh to Maura.

We are truly touched by everyone who sent Mass cards, text massages, online condolences, floral tributes, travelled long distances and attended the wake and funeral. Your support and kind words in remembrance of Maura brought an immense comfort to us all.

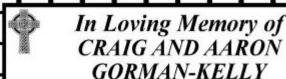
A sincere Thank you to Fr Ciprian Matei for the beautiful and meaningful requiem Mass in Maura's Honour. Also Keegan's Undertakers, Matthew & David for the kindness and professionalism in handling the funeral.

We are deeply appreciative to the Matron and all staff in St Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick for their dedicated care kindness and ability to always bring a smile to Maura during her time spent with them. A special word of thanks to all the staff in St Mary's Wards, thank you to Ashleigh Morton and Collette Brennan who went above and beyond always to care for Maura in the most dignified way and always encouraging her great sense of humour to shine through to the very end.

Thank you to all in Tullamore Day Ward who welcomed Maura weekly with a smile and often a little song before she left. A thank you to Dr Geraldine McCormack and Dr Mairead McNally Gastroenterology Dept and their team who constantly worked to ensure Maura got the best possible care and comfort during her multiple stays in Tullamore. As it would be impossible to express our thanks to everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our heartfelt appreciation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Map Maura Rest in Reace



105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise. Birthday Remembrance for Craig; 2<sup>nd</sup> June 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for Aaron; 7<sup>th</sup> June



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.

From your loving father Michael, brother Brandon and sister Chloe, niece Grace, nephew Liam, extended family and friends.

May They Rest in Reace



#### In Loving Memory of BILLY LYNCH R.I.P.

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. (9th Anniversary)
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church this Saturday 7th June at 6.30pm.



Bill; Although you can't be here with me, we're truly not apart, Until the final breath I take, you'll be living in my heart. Loved always and missing you, from Betty xxx

Dad; Nothing can ever take away,
The love a heart holds dear,
Fond memories linger every day,
Remembrance keeps him near.
Loved always from your sons xxx

Dad; Every year gets harder, since you were taken away, A Dad so very special, in our hearts you'll always stay, We think about you always and miss you everyday. Loved always by Lisa and Ann-Marie xxx

Grandad; You're never far from mind Bill and spoke of everyday, you left us many memories that will never go away.

Missing you grandad Bill.

Love from your grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx

Also remembering his son Willie and grandson Shane at this time

May Billy Rest in Reace

#### In Loving Memory of DAVID CARROLL

Whose Anniversary occurs on 7th June



Time unfolds another year Memories keep you very dear Simple words but very true We will always love and remember you.

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered Dad, Mam, Brothers and Sister xxx



Also remembering David's Grandad JIM Will those who think of Jim, A little prayers to Jesus say.

Jimmy Maureen and Family

May David and Sim Rest in Reace

## MONTHS MIND In Loving Memory of FRANCIS MCNALLY

5 St Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.



Francis's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated **in Sts Peter and Paul Church on 8**<sup>th</sup> **June 12.30pm** .

Deeply missed by all his family Deirdre & Bibo, Imelda & Joe, Frank & Siobhan, Tom & Sinead, Rachel & Gary, Nicole & Ryan, Frank Jr, Harry, Amy,

Joe, Cathal, Finn, Chris, Eimear, Jake and Scott.

May Francis Rest in Reace

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## In Loving Memory of PATRICK (Pat) PAISLEY

Formerly of St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurred 9th June 2025



Treasured memories keep forever of times when we were together, Each of us in our own way, have special thoughts of you today.

Also remembering at this time; Patrick's Parents Christopher and Kathleen, his brothers Mike and Christy, sister-in-law Sylvia and dear niece Catherine.

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

Loved and sadly missed by all their loving families and friends.

May They Rest in Reace

## MONTHS MIND In Loving Memory of JULIA BERGIN

(née Delahunty) Leinster House Main Street, Abbeyleix.



We remember and pray for the passing of Julia Bergin on **May 1st, 2025**.

A special Mass will be offered at the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix, on Sunday, 15th June at 11:00 AM.

We invite all family and friends to join us in prayer and remembrance on this day.

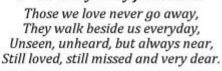
We honour her memory and offer our prayers for her eternal rest.

May Julia Rest In Reace.



8, St Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

1st Birthday away from Home



Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your son Gregory, daughter-in-law Rosaleen and grandchildren Koren and Davin.

Rest in Reace Anthony

#### In Loving Memory of KATHLEEN RIGNEY

(née Hughes) St Brigids Place, Portlaoise. I<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul Church on Saturday 14th June at 6.30 pm.

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

Sadly missed and always remembered by her sons, daughter in laws, sister, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Rest In Reace Kathleen

#### In Loving Memory of ELLEN GAYNOR

38<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 Mass has been offered



Wonderful memories of Mam so dear, Treasured still with a love sincere, In our hearts you are living yet, We loved you too dearly to ever forget.

Lovingly remembered today and forever by your loving daughters, son-in-law, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and great-grandson xxxx

Rest in Meavenly Reace Mam Forever

#### 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE



In Loving Memory of JIM FITZPATRICK Abbeyleix Rd., Portlaoise.

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I know it is lovely up there,

For I have read their fine brochure (The Bible),

And I speak to them after in prayer.

It costs very little to go there.
You take with you nothing at all.
You pay by the way you live every day,
And you wait for St. Peter to call.

As I wait at the start of my journey,
There are so many things I can see,
Like someone in need of a word or a deed,
So I do what is expected of me.

So I wait in the lounge of departure,

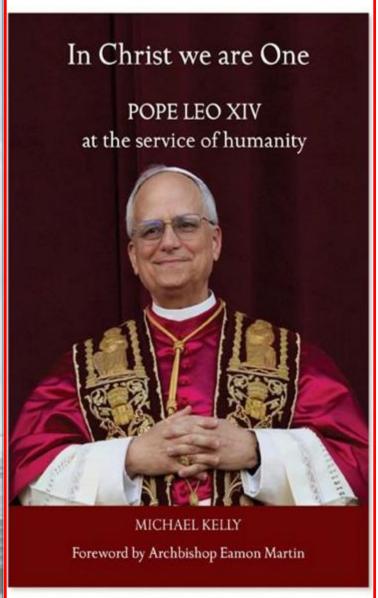
Never too sure when to fly,

But I hope when I do,

there's a chance I'll meet you.

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