

PORTLAOISE PARISH link Up

13th July 2025

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time



We concluded the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of our Parish Church last Sunday with the blessing of our new shrine to Blessed Carlo Acutis. A modern teenager with a deep love for the Eucharist, Carlo used technology to share his faith and inspire others. His life reminds us that holiness is possible—even in jeans and runners. (See Cate Kids inside for more on Blessed Carlo)
The Vatican has officially set the date for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis as Sunday 7th September 2025.



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Who Is NOT My Neighbour?

Today a law student asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" he might just as well have asked, "Who is NOT my neighbour." The law student was a Jew, and as such would only have considered fellow Jews as worthy of his neighbourly love. His loyalty to his own community would in itself have excluded those outside it. By asking Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" the lawyer is looking for excuses to withhold his love.

Are we sometimes guilty of the same transgression? We all agree in principle to Jesus' commandment to love our neighbours, but then we rule all sorts of people out. How can we love and respect those who don't show us any love or respect in return? How can we have sympathy for the benefit fraud, the drunk or the drug addict? How can we find any common ground with the refugee or the teenager upstairs who plays his music too loud and at all times of the day. Jesus responds to the law student by telling the story of the 'Good Samaritan'. That he chooses a Samaritan to be the hero of the story is no coincidence, since Jews had ongoing grievances against the Samaritans and their hostilities had long set them apart. The parable condemns non-involvement. How often do we refuse to be a 'Good Samaritan' because we fear for our own safety, or we are loath to spend money or time?

Regardless of who we perceive as our neighbours, and regardless of any excuses, today we are asked, "Can we truly keep the commandment that leads to eternal life?"

Mass times for the coming week
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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.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Freya Belle Hennessy, Lake Grove

Oziomachukwu Eva Obi, Lake Drive

Aran Thomas Ging, Ballydider

Dylan Seán Wolfe Lindsay Phelan, London

Who were baptised last weekend.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a title given to the Virgin Mary in her role as the patroness of the Carmelite Order, a Catholic religious order founded on Mount Carmel in present-day Israel during the 12th century. The feast day of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on July 16th each year. Mount Carmel is a coastal mountain range in northern Israel, traditionally associated with the prophet Elijah.

The Carmelite Order began as a group of hermits living on Mount Carmel who looked to Mary as their protector and model of contemplative prayer. Our Lady of Mount Carmel is often depicted wearing the brown habit of the Carmelites and holding the Brown Scapular, a devotional sacramental.



The Brown Scapular:

One of the most well-known devotions related to Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the **Brown Scapular**. According to Carmelite tradition, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, an English Carmelite, in 1251 and gave him the scapular with the promise:

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTION – PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: A Church Gate Collection will be held in aid of the parish pilgrimage to Fatima on the weekend of 9th and 10th August. We kindly ask for your generous support. Thank you.

Religious Notes

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Every Sunday at 3 PM 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, and Prayer for Vocations Every Friday at 3PM in the Parish Church.

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THE PORTLAOISE PARISH LOURDES COMMITTEE would like to advise that throughout our 2025 pilgrimage 19th-22nd July all our Masses will be streamed live on our Facebook page ‘Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025’. Please feel free to follow us on this page throughout our Pilgrimage. We also invite all Parishioners to join us for our return thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 26th at 10am in the Parish Church where there will be an opportunity to have a blessing with a first-class relic of St. Bernadette. There will be a box for donations to Laois Hospice available in the Church during the Mass.



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One day, a lawyer asked Jesus what he had to do to have eternal life. When Jesus asked him what God's Law said, the lawyer answered, **"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself."** Jesus answered, **"You are right. Do this and you will live."** But the man wanted to make himself look good, so he asked Jesus another question. **"Who is my neighbour?"** he asked.

To answer this question, Jesus told a story about a man who was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho when he was attacked by robbers. They beat him, took his money, stripped him of his clothes, and left him beside the road to die. A priest came by and when he saw the man, he crossed over to the other side of the road and continued on his way.

A little while later, a Levite who worked in the temple came along. He also saw the man lying there and passed by on the other side of the road.

Finally, a man from Samaria came along, and when he saw the man, he stopped to help him. He put medicine on his wounds and wrapped them with bandages. That isn't all. He took the man to an inn and took care of him. The next day, he gave the innkeeper some money and told him to take care of the man. **"Give him anything he needs. If it costs more than I have given you, I will pay you the next time I am here."**

Then Jesus asked, **"Which of these three men was a neighbour to the man who was attacked by the robbers?"**

The lawyer answered, **"The one who helped him."**



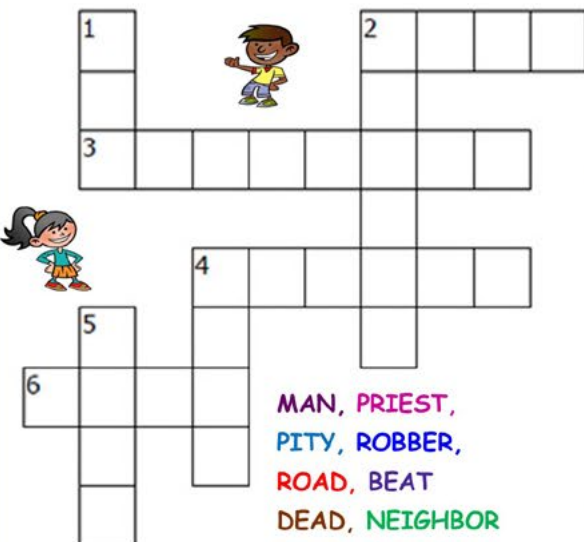
"You are right," said Jesus, **"now you go and do the same."**

The world is full of people today who are in desperate need of a neighbour.

"Won't you be my neighbour?" they ask. Just as the good Samaritan in the story helped the one in need, Jesus says to you and me, **"Go and do the same."**



Dear Jesus,
You have taught us to love our neighbour.
Help us to be a good neighbour to everyone we meet. Amen.



MAN, PRIEST,
PITY, ROBBER,
ROAD, BEAT
DEAD, NEIGHBOR

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" Luke 10:27

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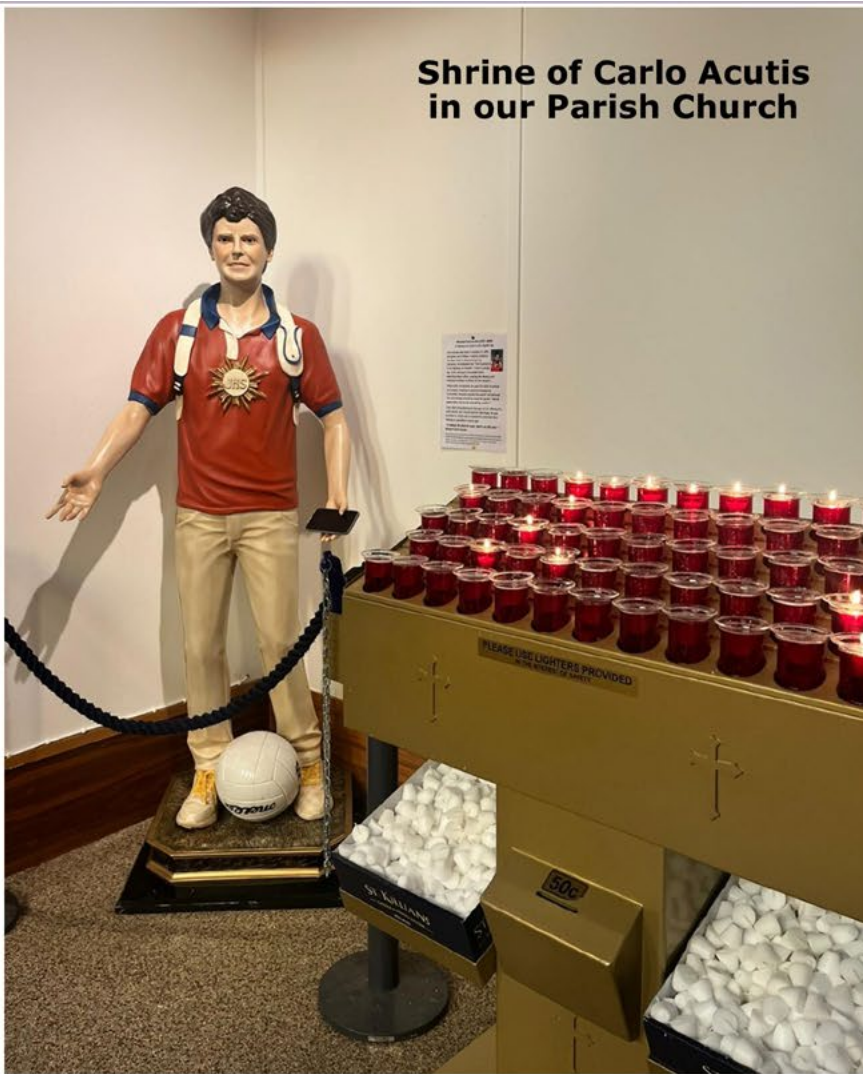
2. A pathway for vehicles, people and animals
3. Someone who lives very near to you.
4. A person who performs religious duties in the Church
6. To hit someone again and again.

Down

1. An adult male human
2. Someone who takes money or property illegally from another person
4. To feel sympathy and sorrow for the misfortune or suffering of another.
5. Not living.



Shrine of Carlo Acutis in our Parish Church



Who is Carlo Acutis?

Carlo Acutis was an ordinary teenager with an extraordinary love for Jesus, especially in the Eucharist. Born in London in 1991 and raised in Milan, he had a deep faith from a young age. He went to daily Mass, prayed the Rosary, and was known for his kindness to others — especially those who were lonely or bullied.

A gifted computer programmer, Carlo used his skills to build a website documenting Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He said, *"The Eucharist is my highway to heaven."*

Carlo died of leukaemia in 2006 at just 15 years of age. He was beatified in 2020 and is set to be canonised this year. Carlo reminds us that holiness isn't just for the past or for adults—it's possible for young people today, even in jeans and runners, with a mobile phone in hand and a football at their feet.

A Young Person's Prayer

Heavenly Father, I thank You for the gift of my youth.

May I not waste it, but rather may it be filled with purpose, meaning and whole-hearted dedication to serving You and others.

Through the intercession of Saint Carlo give me a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit so that my youth may be a special time of grace, worthwhile in itself, and not just a prelude to adulthood.

When I feel weak, disillusioned, sad or lonely renew me in Your love in your Son Jesus.

When I make mistakes, help me to see them as opportunities to learn and to grow so that I can move on and bring joy to others through the unique contribution to the world that You ask of me.

May I embrace Your will for my life as Carlo did with commitment, patience, and trust in You.
Amen.



Carlo Acutis books (Light the flame of Faith!) and other items to commemorate the saint now available in the Parish shop.

Time to Think...

Brother Kevin... A Living Saint



In a statement announcing Br Kevin's death on 02 July 2025 at Mount Desert Nursing Home in Cork, the Capuchins said he was known throughout the country and beyond as "a Brother to the poor", particularly through his work in the Capuchin Day Centre for homeless people which he founded on Bow Street, Dublin in 1969. "Through his ministry and life as a Capuchin Friar, Br. Kevin opened his heart and his hands to serve those most in need."

The highlight of his work at the Capuchin Day Centre was the visit of Pope Francis on Saturday, 25 August 2018, during the World Meeting of Families in Ireland. Tributes have been paid to the 90-year-old who was the face of the Irish Church's efforts to tackle the ongoing homeless crisis in the Irish capital.

Responding to news of his death, Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin said Br Kevin was "an authentic follower" of St Francis of Assisi. "His was a love that reached out with no questions asked of those who sought assistance."

Archbishop Farrell said Br Kevin's devotion to the service of the poor through his work at the Capuchin Day Centre transformed the lives of the poor and marginalised who availed of its services, "from misery and despair to hope and love". "He was always able to see Christ in the people he met," the Archbishop said and added that as people mourned, Br Kevin "would want us to remember the poor we still have with us in ever greater numbers because of homelessness, wars, famine and the multiplicity of addictions that affect our county today".

President Michael D. Higgins said that through his support and respect for those most in need, Br Kevin "made an invaluable contribution to the people of Dublin city". The President noted that the Capuchin Day Centre had provided essential services to the homeless population of Dublin for 60 years and said Br Kevin had left "a wonderful legacy". "The hot meals, food parcels, clothing, showers, family services, and medical and dental services have not just extended care of the most vulnerable, but has been exemplary in showing a fundamental respect for the dignity of each person and allowed so many of those who have availed of the services to rebuild their lives." Referring to his many meetings with Br Kevin over the years, he said the Capuchin "was a warm, caring, yet fearless man, who dedicated his life to living his Christian faith in dedication to those most in need."

Taoiseach Micheál Martin described Br Kevin as "a tireless and passionate advocate for justice" who had dedicated his life to helping those in need.

"His compassion, devotion, and non-judgmental approach to helping the marginalised was unwavering. He was an inspiring and humble man who I always enjoyed meeting. He was a proud Cork man who never lost touch with the home place that nurtured him in his early years."

Br. Kevin was born at Kilcoleman, Enniskeane, Co. Cork on 24 February 1935. Baptised William Crowley, he entered the Capuchin Postulancy in Kilkenny on Easter Monday, 7 April 1958. On 9 October 1958 he was admitted to the Capuchin Novitiate in Rochestown, Co. Cork, where he received the name Kevin; and made his temporary profession in November 1959 and his perpetual profession in November 1962. Over his first five years, he served as cook in St Bonaventure's, Church Street and Raheny in Dublin. His kitchen apostolate was interrupted between 1964 and 1967 when he was appointed Brother Master of Novices in Rochestown. He also served as Quester in Ards friary, Co. Donegal, for some months in 1967/68.

In 1968, he was asked to take charge of the Clothing Guild in Church Street.

He quickly realised that much more was required than a clothing distribution unit, so he set up the St Felix soup kitchen and Day Centre, which initially catered for up to sixty persons daily. Then, between 1988 and 2001 he served for three years as Guardian in Holy Trinity friary in Cork, followed by a further three years in the same role in Raheny, culminating with a stint of seven years as Guardian in Ards friary in Donegal. At the Provincial Chapter of 1991, Br Kevin was elected to the Provincial Council and was transferred to Church Street, where he was appointed Director of the Father Mathew Hall. He continued in that role up to 1994, while also serving as Vicar in Halston Street. On August 20th, 2001, he returned as Director of the St Felix Day Centre and went to live in Church Street. Since he had last worked in the Day Centre in 1988, it had been ably managed by Brs Luke Hickey and Des McNaboe, but for Br Kevin it was his homecoming to "The House of Bread".

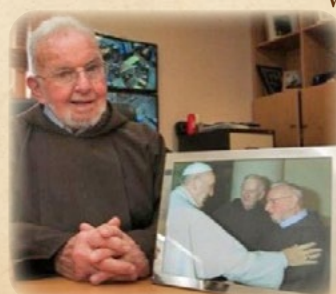
In the same year that he visited the day centre, addressing the Capuchins from around the world gathered for their General Chapter in Rome, Pope Francis spoke to them about his visit in Dublin. "Recently in Ireland, I saw your work with the most discarded and I was moved. It is a beautiful thing that ... the elderly founder told me, 'Here we do not ask where you come from, who you are: you are a child of God.' This is one of your traits. To really understand the persons, by 'smell', unconditionally. Come in, then we will see. As Capuchins, closeness is your charism. Preserve it," Pope Francis said. In 2022, Br Kevin retired from the Day Centre and the needy whom he had served over a lifetime and returned to his native Cork. He died on 2 July 2025 at Mount Desert Nursing Home in Cork.

In many ways Kevin Crowley, personified the Risen Christ, to those on the periphery of our society. The periphery was where Jesus was most present, in his short time as he walked among us. The thought recently struck me, that the risen Christ, who remains present to every generation in a new and refreshing way, would have much to speak and challenge regarding inequality, injustice and prejudice in our present society. Jesus in 2022 I am sure would not be found wanting in rolling up his sleeves and embracing the most wounded in our society. Brother Kevin lived a very practical spirituality grounded in the gospel and inspiration from the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. A prophet is grounded and yet courageous in witnessing the good news.

Often in life we do not fully appreciate what we have, till it is taken from us, be that our health, our job, a loved one ... Gratitude is a very cheerful outlook and instils within us a sense of hopefulness. Br. Kevin was a happy man in giving to so many, he received much love and affection from so many people. As a legacy to Br. Kevin, we should remember the poor we still have with us, in ever greater numbers because of wars, famine, addiction and inequality.

A prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is discord, union.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
And where there is sadness, joy."





We extend a heartfelt welcome to all the visitors who joined us in our parish over the past few weeks. It was a pleasure to have you with us, and we hope you felt at home among us.

You are always welcome here.



Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima, 2025



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



John Maher

Formerly of Rathevan, Portlaoise.



Dawid 'Davy' Kluz

who tragically lost his life in Abbeyleix.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE, OUR SYMPATHIES
ARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES**



**In Loving Memory Of
PATRICIA O'BRIEN
(NÉE RICE)**

*Cherrygrove, Portlaoise
whose 5th anniversary which occurs on
17th of July and 68th birthday which
occurs on 24th of July.*

Mammy,
To your resting place we visit,
Place flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache when we turn and leave
you there.

**Missed beyond words your daughters Yvonne
and Sandra also John and your grandchil-
dren Gordon, Evan, Teagan and Grace xxx**

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

**In Loving Memory Of
WILLIE LYNCH**

*110, St Brigids Place, Portlaoise,
4th birthday away from home occurred on 7th July.*



*Happy Heavenly Birthday
To our angel in the sky,
Nothing will ever be as hard.
As having to say goodbye.*

We love you more than you will ever know.

And cannot bare that we are apart,

We miss you every day,

You are always in our heart.

**Spending his birthday with his son
in heaven but deeply loved and missed by his wife
Kathleen, Children Tara, Katie, Nicole, Dylan, Aaron,
grandchildren, Mother, family, and friends.**



**In Loving Memory of my
Precious Son
JAMIE-LEE
MOORE**

**10th Anniversary occurred
10th July 2025**

Son

Our time together was short but special,
So were the memories we made,
And although you live in Heaven now,
Those memories will never fade.

I bow my head in silence and remember my son with love,
And I know that you are up there watching from the above.
Every day is a struggle, and nothing feels the same and my heart
breaks a little more, every time I hear your name.

You will always be remembered, and time may heal my heart,
But a piece of me has been missing since the day we had to part.
If Heaven is for angels, then I know that is where you will be,
And I know you will be waiting when Heaven calls for me.

**Love and miss you always Jamie-Lee,
Mammy xxxxxxxxx**

Brother

Our hearts have been left broken, since the day you had to go,
and the memories we treasure dearly, are in the tears that still flow,
You're in our thoughts every day, and that's how it will always be,
for you may be up in Heaven now, but you'll always be with us.
If only we could have the chance to see your face once more,
or to hear your voice one final time, just like it was before.

**Love and miss you Jamie, always and forever.
Tanya, Tírna, Jake and Taylor xxxxxxxxx**

Uncle

Holy Angels up above, give our uncle Jamie-Lee a great big hug.

**From all your nieces,
Kyra, Nelly, Jamie, Loran, and Darla xxxxxxxxx**

Nephew/Grandson

Although you sleep in Heaven now, you are not that far away, our
hearts are full of memories and you are with us every day,
You lived your life with meaning and with a smile upon your face,
a world that was full of happiness is now an empty place.

People say that only time will heal the broken hearts,

But just like us and you, it has been torn apart,
We know you are at peace now and in a place where you are free,
meet us at the pearly gates of Heaven when Heaven calls for us.

**Love and miss you always,
Aunty Sharon, James, kids, Nanny Maureen,
Margaret, Caroline and boys and uncle Kevin xxxxxxxxx**

May Jamie Lee Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

EILEEN GRIFFIN

*Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 16th Anniversary occurs
16th July 2025.*



*Our thoughts are ever with you,
Though you have passed away,
And those who have loved you dearly,
Are thinking of you today.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Wednesday 16th July at 10am

*Sadly missed and always loved by Mary & Tommy,
Ger & Olive, Geraldine & Tommy, grandchildren, great-
grandchildren and her great-great-granddaughter.*

Rest in Peace Eileen

In Loving Memory of

ANTHONY WALSH

*Late of 1 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise
10th Anniversary – 15th July 2025.*



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

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

*Lovingly remembered and sadly missed every day by
your sons John and Tony, your daughter Catriona,
daughter-in-law Lisa, and your grandchildren.
Also remembering Anthony's beloved wife Kay at this time.
May they both Rest in Peace.*

In Loving Memory of

LIAM STYLES

*Late of 1 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary
occurs 15th July 2025*

*We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.*



*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
All we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake
From which we will never part,
God has you in His keeping,
But we have you in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed, from your niece Helena, Ger and
Karelyn xxxxx*

Rest in Peace Liam

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In Loving Memory Of **PHYLLIS MARUM** *(NÉE MCEVOY)*

171 St Brigids Place Portlaoise

A wonderful Mam on her 1st birthday away from home.

*Your smile, your laugh, your gentle touch
Made everything in life mean so much.
Today we celebrate the memory of you,
Our hearts still ache, our tears still fall.
We cherish every moment, big and small.
The one who loved with all her heart,
Whose embrace could make the world restart.
On your birthday, and every day,
We honour and remember you in every way.
Your love, your kindness, your caring display,
Thank you, Mam, and love you more each day.*

Sadly missed by her children

*Sue, Samantha, Sawnya, William, Sabrina,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren,
and extended family*

xxxxx

In Loving Memory of **EOIN & DYLAN** **FITZPATRICK**

*Ballytegan and Clonroosk Abbey, Portlaoise
Who died on 17th July 2023.*



A special Anniversary Mass will be held
on Thursday the 17th of July at 11:00
am in St Peter's and Paul's Church
Portlaoise.

Two years have passed since that sad
day you were both taken from us.
Though you are gone from our sight,
you are never gone from our hearts.
Your love and memories remain with us
always.

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

*Lovingly remembered and deeply missed by your
family, relatives, and friends.
Forever loved, forever missed.*

May they both Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
**GERALDINE
LEWIS**

*(NÉE BUGGY)
The Heath, Portlaoise.*

**6th Anniversary occurred on
11th July 2025**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in, the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, Sunday 13th July at 9:30am.

Geraldine, they say that time is a healer, but as time goes on, I seem to find it just as hard to face the fact you're gone.

And today is the anniversary of the day you went away, and I'm standing here at your graveside, and believe me when I say; You'll never be forgotten, and every year I'll shed a tear, but it's only because I love you, and wish you were still here.

Always loved and remembered by your loving husband Derek, children Serena, Rachel & Darragh and grandson Killian xxx

Rest in Peace Geraldine

In Loving Memory of
**GERALDINE
LEWIS**

*(NÉE BUGGY)
The Heath, Portlaoise.*

**6th Anniversary occurred on
11th July 2025**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on Friday 11th July at 10am.

Geraldine there is a face before us, A voice we would love to hear, a smile we will always remember, of a daughter and sister we loved so dear. As days go by without you, and weeks turn into years, They hold a million memories and hide a million tears. And when we see your photo, you seem to smile and say, don't cry I'm only sleeping, until we meet some day.

Geraldine you are always in our thoughts and prayers, from Daddy, Mammy, Sean, Valerie, Edel and family xxx

Rest in Peace Geraldine



In Loving Memory of
**ELIZABETH (LILLY)
KINSELLA** *(NÉE WALSH)*

*Ballinlough, Ballyroan, Laois.
Who passed away on 15th July 2024.*

Lovingly remembered and sadly missed every day by her devoted husband John, son Ray, daughter Marie, grandchildren, and siblings.

Forever in our hearts.

Acknowledgement and Month's Mind



**ELIZABETH
(LILY) KEENAN**
*(NÉE KILBRIDE)
Marian Place, Portlaoise*

Lily's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, 12th July at 6:30pm in St. Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise.

Lily's family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all who supported them during their recent sad loss.

Your kindness has been a great comfort during this difficult time.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended Lily's funeral mass, wake, and burial, and to those who sent Mass cards or left messages of sympathy online.

A sincere thanks to Portlaoise GAA Club and both Portlaoise and Ballyfin Athletic Clubs for providing such a respectful and moving guard of honour.

We also wish to thank Matthew Keegan and David Goode of Keegan's Funeral Directors for their professionalism, sensitivity, and guidance throughout.

Thank you to Sarah Troy, whose beautiful music truly enriched Lily's funeral mass.

We are especially grateful to the staff of Hughes Pharmacy and Maryborough Family Practice for their years of care and kindness to Lily.

To the carers who supported Lily in her final weeks at Martha and Andy's home, your compassion and presence meant so much.

A special thank you to Bernie, Angela, and all the wonderful staff at Ballard Lodge Nursing Home for the dignity and care you showed Lily throughout her time there.

We are also thankful to the priests of the parish, particularly Fr. David, for the spiritual support they gave and for celebrating Lily's funeral Mass with such warmth and respect.

Your kindness will never be forgotten.

The Keenan Family

In Loving Memory of
KEVIN GRIFFEY

50 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 14th July 2025

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

Remembering. The beauty of a memory is that it's always there. Like a penny
in your pocket, you take it anywhere and when your heart is heavy, and your
eyes are filled with tears, you can focus on a memory and travel through the
years your heart can visit happy times, when laughter filled the air, and the
presence of your loved one, will lessen your despair so, as you travel on in
life, take comfort as you go, in a lifetime of "sweet memories"
of one who loved you so.

*Loved and remembered always by Martina, Sharon, Craig, Colin, Alda
and Grandchildren, sisters and brother, extended family and friends.
May Kevin Rest in Peace*

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Moshe Dayan
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