



Choosing the Better Part

"Don't just stand there gawping," we're told as children," do something!" we have grown up knowing that we all must pull our weight, and so when the overworked Martha complains to Jesus that her sister Mary has not helped with the meal, we get understandably hot under the collars.



when Jesus condones Mary's choice to sit at his feet in conversation. There is of cause a big danger in the story of Martha and Mary. The danger is that we feel the need to side with one sister, thereby judging the other wrong. In truth, both sisters have something to teach us.

Martha we are told, was concerned with many things, but we're led to believe that all of them were finite and transitory. If we took time to make a list of the concerns in our own lives we might find that we have a lot of Martha in us. We worry about work, we worry about money and we worry about how we are going to fit our chores in. If we look back at our anxieties of last year, or last month, or even last week, we might be forced to admit that most of those worries had no lasting significance, yet they still managed to dominate our lives and rob us of what was important. Mary on the other hand was only concerned with one thing, ... the Kingdom of God ... finite, ultimate and lasting.

It is important to note that Jesus was not reproaching Martha, after all without Martha there would have been no meal on the table that night. Without the Marthas of the world nothing would get done. On the other hand, it doesn't matter how hard we work, without God at the centre of our lives, our actions are hollow. Mary chose 'the better part', but we all need a little of Martha too.

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
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CONFESSIONS

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



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Who were baptised last weekend.

St. Mary Magdalene Tuesday 22nd July

Mary Magdalene stood by the Cross of Jesus, with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance



of the Risen Lord early the same day from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'. The Gospels give no warrant for identifying her with the 'woman who was a sinner' who anointed Christ feet (Luke 7:37) or with Mary the sister of Martha who also anointed him (John 12:3).



Sts. Joachim and Ann "Celebrating Grandparents" 26th July

Whether or not Joachim and Ann are the real names of Mary's parents, this date is a good opportunity to celebrate grandparents everywhere. It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come and it reminds the younger generation that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored.

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Music that evening by Joe Coogan

5pm: Mass

Sunday 26th July

11am Mass in the Church of the Holy Rosary Abbeyleix

12pm Ecumenical Service in Nuns

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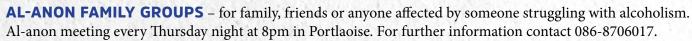
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SCRABBLE CLUB - Looking to make new friends or give the brain a weekly "wordy workout"? Portlaoise Library are running a weekly Scrabble Club to run throughout the summer. This is open to all adults and will take place every Tuesday at 11am. So, if you fancy a light-hearted and (mildly!) competitive opportunity to meet new friends, call us at Portlaoise Library on 057 86 22333 or email portlaoiselibrary@laoiscoco.ie.

WHIST DRIVE RESULTS PARISH CENTRE – JULY 15TH WINNERS: Top score: Margaret Flanagan.1st Lady: Sheila Chester. 2nd Lady: Paula McEvoy. 1st Gent: Frank Keenan. 2nd Gent: Tied; Tom Kearns & Mary Gowing. 1st Half: Catherine Fitzpatrick. 2nd Half: Ann Marie Farrell. Raffle: 1st M Flanagan, 2nd A M Farrell, 3rd M O'Brien, 4th E Cooper 5th B Cahill.

Thanks to all for your support. Whist continues each Tuesday night at 7.30 in the Parish Centre, new members always welcome, lessons available if required.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP: Please join us in community prayers every Tuesday at 11:00am via WhatsApp. For further details, please contact Noreen on 085-2689767. All are welcome

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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.

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY *Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat* St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise. Saturday 26th July 2025 [10.00 am to 1.30 pm].

Holy Mass @ 10.00 am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after

Mass @ 10.45 am. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P.

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At the Feet of Jesus

Have you ever been trying to talk to a friend who was right in front of you, but that friend was too busy looking at their phone to pay attention to you? How did it make you feel when someone else was too distracted to listen to you?

It can be disappointing and frustrating when that happens. But let's be honest...Have any of you been so distracted that you forgot to pay attention to a friend? Or that you lost sight of what was happening right in front of you? I know I have!

Being distracted isn't anything new and phones aren't the only reasons we get distracted. When Jesus walked the



Earth, people didn't have mobile phones like we do. But that didn't keep people from becoming distracted. The gospel today tells a story about a woman who became distracted - even when Jesus was a guest in her home!

Jesus was in the village of Bethany where His friends Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. Jesus went to their home to visit. Martha invited Him in and began to prepare dinner. While she was busy working away, her sister Mary just sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to the words He had to say. The Gospel says Martha was too distracted by all the preparation that had to be done to listen to Jesus. She got upset with her sister and went to Jesus and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

"Martha, Martha," Jesus said, "you are worried and upset about many things. But there is one thing that is the most important and Mary has discovered it." Martha was doing her best to make Jesus feel welcome in her home, but Mary had discovered something even more important. That was sitting at the feet of Jesus and receiving His words into her heart. It is important for us to be careful that we don't get so busy doing activities - even good ones - that we forget to listen to Jesus' words and take them into our heart. If we become too distracted, we just might miss the most important thing.



Dear Jesus,

help us to remember that You are the most important thing in our lives. Don't let us get so busy with other things that we forget to spend time with You. Amen.

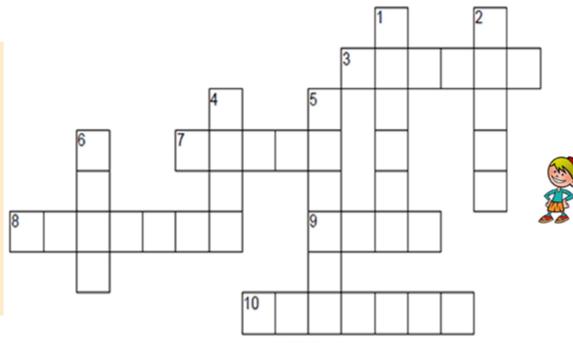
At the Feet of Jesus

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed - or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."



Puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42

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SISTER
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ACROSS

- To pay attention to what someone says
- An adult female human
- A very small town
- Activity, such as a job, which a person, performs; labour
- To be concerned about something; to be troubled

DOWN

- A female having the same parents as another person
- The son of God
- 4. The place where a family lives
- 5. A spoken or written reply to a question
- To give assistance to someone

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Gaint Camillus de Cellis



Our health is our wealth. Health of body and peace of mind are indeed rich blessings that many long for. Western culture continues to value life on how the human person can contribute to society or economy. This is in stark contrast to the gospel vision, that life is both gift and sacred, that humanity, is created in the image and likeness of God. In a culture that tries to dehumanize the human person I continue to be inspired by people like St. Camillus who personifies the Gospel.

Saint Augustine one said, "Every saint has a past, every Sinner has a future". Often it is through our wounds where we discover empathy, wholesomeness and a desire to serve God. Humanly speaking, Camillus was not a likely candidate for sainthood. His mother died when he was a child, his father neglected him, and he grew up with an excessive love for gambling. At 17, he was afflicted with a disease of his leg that remained with him for life. In Rome he entered the San Giacomo Hospital for Incurables as both patient and servant, but was dismissed for quarrelsomeness after nine months. He served in the Venetian army for three years.

Then in the winter of 1574, when he was 24, Camillus gambled away everything he had-savings, weapons, literally down to his shirt. He accepted work at the Capuchin friary at Manfredonia, and was one day so moved by a sermon of the superior that he began a conversion that changed his life. He entered the Capuchin novitiate, but was dismissed because of the apparently incurable sore on his leg. After another stint of service at San Giacomo, he came back to the Capuchins, only to be dismissed again, for the same reason.

Again, back at San Giacomo, his dedication was rewarded by his being made superintendent. Camillus devoted the rest of his life to the care of the sick. Along with Saint John of God he has been named patron of hospitals, nurses, and the sick. With the advice of his friend Saint Philip Neri, he studied for the priesthood and was ordained at the age of 34. Contrary to the advice of his friend, Camillus left San Giacomo and founded a congregation of his own. As superior, he devoted much of his own time to the care of the sick. In 1586 the 'company of good men' obtained the approval of Pope Sixtus V and in 1591 Pope Gregory XIV gave them the status of an Order with the name of 'Order of the Ministers of the Sick', a name chosen by the Founder to indicate that its members had to have Christ as their model: 'I did not come to be served but to serve and give life. Today the Ministers of the Sick are known throughout the world as the Camillians. The Order is made up of priests and brothers who as religious enjoy equal rights and have the same obligations.

The Order, as its Constitution observed, dedicated itself 'before anything else to the practice of works of mercy towards the sick' and ensured that 'man is placed at the centre of attention of the world of health'. The members of the Order professed the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience and consecrated their lives 'to service to the sick poor, including the plagueridden, in their corporeal and spiritual needs, even at risk to their own life, having to do this out of sincere love for God'. 'Our Institute...has, as its purpose, the complete service of the sick in the totality of their being' and is 'prepared to undertake every type of service in the health care world for the building up of the Kingdom and the advancement of humanity. Faithful to this undertaking, hundreds of Camillians died serving people who had the plague.

Charity was the first concern Camillus and his religious order, but the physical aspects of the hospital also received his diligent attention. Camillus insisted on cleanliness and the technical competence of those who served the sick. The members of his community bound themselves to serve prisoners and persons infected by the plague as well as those dying in private homes. Some of his men were with troops fighting in Hungary and Croatia in 1595, forming the first recorded military field ambulance. In Naples, he and his men went onto the galleys that had plague and were not allowed to land. He discovered that there were people being buried alive, and ordered his brothers to continue the prayers for the dying 15 minutes after apparent death.

Camillus himself suffered the disease of his leg through his life. In his last illness, he left his own bed to see if other patients in the hospital needed help. The legacy of Saint Camillus continues to be felt throughout the world in the missionary order he established. In many hospitals including Ireland chaplains follow the way of life inspired by Saint Camillus. Their ministry especially to HIV victims and in more recent times during the COVID pandemic, allowed the most vulnerable to be cared and loved in the name of God's mercy.

Prayer to St. Camillus



St. Camillus, the Lord has filled your heart with firm love for God and a self-sacrificing love of neighbour. In fact, it was above all for the love of God that you spent your life in love and service of the poor, the sick and the dying. In our life, we know that love of God and love of neighbour are the principal commandments and yet often we live our life in selfishness. We ask you, St. Camillus, to intercede for us to the same God you love. Let our hearts be filled

with that love that comes from God; and let our concern be always for God's love and for service to our neighbours. Now we would like to pray for the following persons... Through your intercession may their needs be granted. We also pray for all the sick and the needy, through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY DIED



Elizabeth (Betty) Rowan (née Hearns)

Woodgrove, Portlaoise & formerly Dublin

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE, OUR SYMPATHIES
ARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES

In Loving Memory Of BRIGID (CISS) MILLS



Formerly St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 25th July 2025 Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Saturday 19th July at 6.30pm.

Mammy: We think of you as present, You're not part of the past, For in life, we loved you dearly, And in death it still can last.

Sadly missed by all your loving family.

Nanny: When tomorrow starts without you,

We know we're not far apart,

For every time we think of you,

You're right here in our hearts.

With love from your 12 grandchildren.

Rest in Peace Ciss

Treasured Memories of CAMILLUS RYAN

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} O'Moore Place, Portlaoise.\\ 5^{th} year & 4^{th} Birthday away from home.\\ \end{tabular}$



We think of you in silence
We often speak your name
But all we have are memories
And your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit
And put flowers there with care
But no one knows the heartache
As we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed by his son James, daughters Denise, Aileen and Melissa, daughter and sons in law, grandchildren, and extended family.

Rest In Peace Camillus

In Loving Memory of PRANCES CARROLL

72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
7th Anniversary occurs 17th July 2025
Frances' Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, this Saturday 19th July at 6.30pm.

God looked around His garden and found an empty place, He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest, God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain, He knew that you would never, get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb, So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

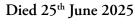
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Loved and sadly missed by Maria, Dermot, Fiona, Aidan, Fergal and Christine, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law & grandchildren.

Map Frances Rest in Reace

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT JOHN J. PHELAN

Pallas Big, Ballyfin and of Inisanuisce, Killinure





John's family, Jeri, Jack and Rachel would like to thank most sincerely all his neighbours, friends, colleagues and all those who attended his wake and funeral mass for their kindness and sympathy.

We would especially like to thank the amazing Hooban family of Geraldine, Joe and Dan and the parking committee for their unwavering support and help over the couple of days. To Fr P.J. Fitzgerald SPS for his help and guidance, we also thank.

We are also extremely grateful for the mass cards, sympathy cards and messages on RIP.

Sincere thanks to the staff of Portlaoise Hospital in both the Critical Care Unit and the Dunamase Ward for the kindness and care shown to John and his family.

Thank you to Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors for all their work and assistance,

Eddie Phelan and staff, and the ever-supportive Ger and June Whelan, Deadman's Inn, Ballyfin.

Please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude to all.

Month's Mind Mass on Saturday, July 26th at 8pm

St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & MONTHS MIND In Loving Memory of

EDDIE MANSWORTH



Grange, Stradbally, Laois
30th August 1930 – 22nd June 2025
Eddie's family would like to thank most
sincerly everyone who contributed to Eddie's
final send-off and for the support shown
to us by the Stradbally and Ratheniska
communities. Particularly to Park Ratheniska
GAA Club for their wonderful tribute — A
club which was a huge part of eddies life.

A special thank you to Monsignor Byrne for officiating Eddie's Requiem Mass, and to the concelebrants: Fr. David, Fr. Eric, Fr. Adriano, and Fr. Ciprian. With sincere appreciation and gratitude to all. A Mass will be offered in Lourdes on 25th July for your intentions. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

Eddie's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated at Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska, on 27th July 2025 at 10:00 AM.



In Loving Memory of KAY DEVOY

Late of Borris Great, Portlaoise. 12th Anniversary occurred 12th July 2025.

It doesn't take a special day to bring you to our mind, For days without a thought of you are very hard to find.

You always tried to do your best, Your heart was true and tender, You simply lived for those you loved, and those you loved to remember.

Loved and remembered by all your family and friends.

May Kay Rest in Peace



37th ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of PATRICK FARRELL

39 St. John's Square, Portlaoise. 37th Anniversary occurs 18th July 2025

He left us quietly, his thoughts unknown, but left us a memory we are proud to own, So treasure him Lord in your garden of rest,

For when on earth, he was one of the best.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 20th July at 12.30pm.

From his sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends. May Patrick Rest in Peace

FIRST ANNIVERSARY In Loving Memory of ANNE CLOONEY

Lower Boley, Abbeyleix 1st Anniversary occurs on July 24th 2025

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 27th July in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, at 12 noon.





No special day is needed for us to think of you

For you are someone special,

And we thought the world of you

Sadly missed and always remembered by all her loving family and large circle of friends xx.

Rest in peace dear Anne in your heavenly home.



In Loving Memory of

BERNADETTE MITCHELL

17 River Court, Portlaoise and formerly
4 Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary away from home
occurs 21st July 2025.

Always in our thoughts, Forever in our hearts. Sadly missed by brother Kevin, loving family, friends & neighbours.

Rest in Peace Bernadette



In Loving Memory of THOMAS (TOM) KELLY

147 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurs 19th July.
Missed so dearly.

A12th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish

Church, on Saturday 19th July at 10am.

I lost my life companion, a life linked with my own, and day by day I pray for you, As I walk through life alone.

The house you left is lonely and I am lonely too, those left behind are good and kind, but my heart still aches for you.

Rest in Peace Tom



In Loving Memory of RITA CONROY

Beladd, Portlaoise
1st Anniversary occurs on August 3rd

Anniversary mass will be celebrated on Sunday August 3rd in St. Peter and Paul's Church at 10.00am mass.

Sadly missed by her loving family, daughters Colette, Angela and Emer, son Michael, son-inlaw Micko, daughter-in-law Maria and grandchildren, Alison, Craig and David, her extended family and close group of friends.

May Rita Rest in Peace



15th ANNIVERSARY Of our Mother and Grandmother ROSALEEN KERRY

Late of 48 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise. Died 21st July 2010.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Monday 21st July at 10am.

Heavy are our hearts today,
Memory brings you back once more,
To the time you were with us,
To the happy days of yore.

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

May Rosaleen Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of THOMAS SCULLY

33 Colliers Court, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurred 16th July 2025

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 20th July at 12.30pm.

We think of you in silence,

We often speak your name, But all we have are memories, And your picture in a frame.

Your resting place we visit and put flowers there with care, but no one knows the heartache,

As we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by his sons Mark and Dylan and extended family. Also remembering his partner Dolores at this time.

Rest in Reace Chomas

In Loving Memory of DIANA ADAMS

Lakeglen, Portlaoise 2nd Anniversary occurs 27th July 2025

If Roses grow in Heaven, Lord,
please pick a bunch for us
Place them in my mother's arm
And tell her they're from us.
Tell her we love and miss her
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile.



Sadly missed by your loving husband Dickie, daughters Elizabeth, Julie, sons Richard, Joe and Paul. Grandchildren Lauren, Aaron, Donnacha, Jessica, Carina and little Sean xx. Son in law Raymond, Tony and daughter in law Catherine.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Sunday 27th July 2025 at 12.30pm.

In Loving Memory of THOMAS (TOM) LALOR

Late of 19 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary occurs 19th July 2025.

Life is a beautiful memory,
Death is a silent grief,
You sleep now in God's beautiful garden,
In sunshine and perfect peace.
We miss you oh so very much,
but trust that God knew best,
He let us have you for many years,
And then gently let you rest.

Loved and sadly missed by his loving wife Bernie, daughter Anne-Marie, son-in-law Blane and grandchildren Harley and Bella-Rose.

Rest in Peace Tom



In Loving Memory of

ESTHER (BABS) **WHELAN**

3 Dr. Murphy Place Portlaoise 1st Anniversary occurs 24th July 2025

The beauty of a memory Is that it's always there, Like a penny in your pocket, You can 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 time, Take comfort as you go, In a lifetime of "sweet memories", Of one who loved you so.

Loved and remembered always Mam/Granny, From all the family.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on Thursday 24th July at 10am.

Rest in Peace Esther

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & MONTHS MIND In Loving Memory of ELIZABETH (BETTY) CASS

née Carroll

Betty's Months Mind will be celebrated on Sunday the 27th of July at 11am in Abbeyleix

Betty's family would like to thank all those that supported them during their recent sad loss.



We are deeply grateful to everyone who attended mam's wake, Funeral Mass and burial and to those that sent Mass cards, phone calls, messages, condolences online.

We wish to thank Kelly's Funeral Directors for their professionalism and guidance throughout.

We are grateful to all the staff of Midlands Hospital and Dr Maddens practice for the care and kindness shown to Mam over the years.

We are thankful to Fr. Paddy and Fr. Petru for celebrating Betty's Funeral Mass with such warmth and respect.

We really appreciated the Abbeyleix choir for giving their time to provide such beautiful music and to Nora for all your help as always.

As it is impossible to thank everybody individually, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our heartfelt appreciation.

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

In Loving Memory of

BRIGID LEWIS

née Whelan

"Inch" Stradbally, formerly 3 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise. 4th Anniversary occurs 28th July 2025.

Time unfolds another year,

Memories keep you very near,

No need for words except to say,

You are loved and missed each passing day.

Loved and missed always by all her family and friends.

Rest in Peace Brigid



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Pictured Left: Maura O'Brien, John Egan & members of the Fatima Committee presenting the Poor Clares in Fatima with a donation from the people of Portlaoise Parish

Pictured Below: The very popular Fatima altar remembering past pilgrims and those who wanted their loved ones included at our daily Mass during our Pilgrimage.

All petitions were left with Our Lady at the Capelino. All requested candles were lit and all special intentions delivered.

Maura and the Fatima Committee would like to thank everyone for the continued support during the year.



Portlaoise Parish



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There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?

Robert Francis Kennedy, 1968 presidential campaign



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-10 Responsorial Psalm 14:2-5 Colossians: 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

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