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**Saint John Henry Newman**

135 years ago tomorrow, 11th August 1890, Cardinal Newman died. Canonised in 2019 he is now set to be declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo.

As many young people anxiously await exam results and are considering life choices this prayer of Cardinal Newman seems very apt.

More about Saint John Henry Newman on page 8

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## Must Be Prepared



'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.' Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.



### Maximilian Kolbe - August 14th

Maximilian Kolbe was a Polish priest who died as a prisoner in Auschwitz on August 14th 1941. When a prisoner escaped from the camp, the Nazis, in reprisal, selected ten others to be killed. One of those selected, Franciszek Gajowniczek cried out, "My wife! My children! I will never see them again." Moved by pity St. Maximilian stepped forward and asked to die in his place. The request was granted. He was canonized a martyr by Pope John Paul II in 1981. The cell where he died is now a shrine.

## Mass times for the coming week

ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

**Monday—Thursday:** 7.30am & 10am

**Friday (Feast of the Assumption)**

Vigil Mass Thursday 7.30pm

8.30am, 10am & 12.30pm

**Ratheniska:** 10am

**The Heath Cemetery Mass:**

**Procession & Rosary 7pm followed by Mass 7.20 approx.**

**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.



Fáilte

## We welcome into our Parish Community

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**Who were baptised last weekend.**

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 15<sup>th</sup> August

Friday's feast is a celebration of Mary's life and her assumption into heaven. Mary is a model of vocation and fidelity, a fidelity that demands self-knowledge courage and sacrifice. For those of us who feel we have no vocation we could learn many lessons by studying Mary's brand of discipleship. Motivation is key. Mary's motivation was to support God's plan. Nothing Mary ever did or said was for her own glory. We might not feel as though we have a vocation, but if we have even the smallest motivation to change the world, perhaps we have a vocation after all.



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We wish to acknowledge the great help of staff of Parish Centre for facilitating this exhibition and our Heritage Officers Oisín & Thomas with Laois County Council.



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# Time to Think...

## St. John Henry Newman... Doctor of The Church



Pope Leo XIV has declared St. John Henry Newman a “Doctor” of the church, bestowing one of the Catholic Church’s highest honours on the deeply influential 19th century Anglican convert, who remains a unifying figure among conservatives and progressives. The designation is one of the most significant decisions of Leo’s young papacy and carries deep personal meaning. Newman was strongly influenced by St. Augustine of Hippo, the inspiration of the pope’s Augustinian order and Leo’s namesake, Pope Leo XIII, made Newman a Catholic cardinal in 1879 after his conversion. Newman, a theologian and poet, is admired by Catholics and Anglicans alike because he followed his conscience at great personal cost. When he defected from the Church of England to the Catholic Church in 1845, he lost friends, work and even family ties, believing the truth he was searching for could only be found in the Catholic faith.

The title of Doctor is reserved for people whose writings have greatly served the universal Catholic Church. Only three-dozen people have been given the title over the course of the church’s 2,000-year history, including the 5th century St. Augustine, St. Francis de Sales and St. Teresa of Avila. “This recognition that the writings of St. John Henry Newman are a true expression of the faith of the church is of huge encouragement to all who appreciate not only his great learning but also his heroic sanctity in following the call of God in his journey of faith, which he described as ‘heart speaking unto heart,’” said Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the archbishop of Westminster who helped spearhead the campaign. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and his writings are considered among some of the most important Church-writings in recent centuries. Ordained a Catholic priest in 1847, he was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, although he was not a bishop. Newman’s conversion to the Catholic faith was controversial in England, and resulted in him losing many friends, including his own sister who never spoke to him again.

The British cardinal founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England, and was particularly dedicated to education, founding two schools for boys. He died in Birmingham in 1890 at the age of 89. At Newman’s beatification Mass in Birmingham, England in Sept. 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said that Newman’s “insights into the relationship between faith and reason, into the vital place of revealed religion in civilized society, and into the need for a broadly-based and wide-ranging approach to education were not only of profound importance for Victorian England, but continue today to inspire and enlighten many all over the world.”

“What better goal could teachers of religion set themselves than Blessed John Henry’s famous appeal for an intelligent, well-instructed laity: ‘I want a laity, not arrogant, not rash in speech, not disputatious, but men who know their religion, who enter into it, who know just where they stand, who know what they hold and what they do not, who know their creed so well that they can give an account of it, who know so much of history that they can defend it,’” Pope Benedict said.

The first miracle attributed to Newman’s intercession involved the complete and inexplicable healing of a deacon from a disabling spinal condition. His second miracle concerned the healing of a pregnant American woman. The woman prayed for the intercession of Cardinal Newman at the time of a life-threatening diagnosis, and her doctors have been unable to explain how or why she was able to suddenly recover. “God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons,” Blessed John Henry Newman wrote. “He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments,” he said.

### LEAD KINDLY LIGHT

In 1833, the young theologian and Anglican vicar John Henry Newman (1801-90) was traveling in the Mediterranean when he was struck down by a fever that nearly killed him. ‘My servant thought I was dying and begged for my last directions,’ he recalled in his autobiography. ‘I gave them as he wished, but I said, “I shall not die, for I have not sinned against light.”’ Newman recovered slowly, but felt desperately homesick. On the way back to England, he took an orange boat from Palermo to Marseilles which was becalmed in the Straits of Bonifacio. Thus stranded, in an exhausted and emotional state, Newman was impelled to write this verse as a meditative poem called ‘The Pillar of the Cloud’, expressive of his longing for consoling Christian certainties in an age of mounting doubt.

There has been much puzzlement over the nature of the ‘kindly light’ and the identity of the lost ‘angel faces’ in the last line. When challenged on these points, Newman replied crisply, ‘I am not bound to remember my own meaning.’ He was displeased when the poem was turned into a hymn in 1845 – by which time he had converted to Catholicism, where congregational hymn-singing formed no part of divine service. To no avail: his words embodied the maudlin spirit of the age, to the point at which Queen Victoria asked it to be read to her as she lay dying. It was also the last hymn to be sung on the Titanic – not, as is sometimes said, as the liner was actually sinking, but at the final service given on board by the chaplain on the afternoon before the disaster.

*Personally I pray this beautiful hymn every night after night prayer...*

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom  
Lead thou me on;  
The night is dark, and I am far from home,  
Lead thou me on.  
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene; one step enough for me.  
I was not for ever thus, nor prayed that thou  
Shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now  
Lead thou me on,  
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.  
So long thy power hath blessed me, sure it still  
Will lead me on,  
O’er moor and fen, o’er crag and torrent, till  
The night is gone;  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

### Prayer of St. Henry Newman

*O Lord, Support us all the day long,  
Until the shadows lengthen and  
the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.  
Then, Lord, in your mercy  
grant us a safe lodging,  
a holy rest, and peace at the last.*







## Treasures In Heaven

Do you have a piggy bank at home? How often do you put money in it? I know some people who, at the end of each day, put all of the change from their pockets into a piggy bank. It may not be a lot of money, but when you add to it every day, it is amazing how quickly it builds up.

Whether we use a piggy bank or a savings account at the bank, it is a good idea to have a plan to save money for unexpected emergencies or when we want to do something special. One thing we have to be careful of is that the treasure that we are building doesn't become the most important thing in our life. Jesus warned about that in teaching his followers about money. He told them that they should not worry so much about building up treasures on earth, but that they should concentrate on building up treasures in heaven.

Treasures in heaven? How do we build up treasures in heaven? Jesus taught that one way to build up treasures in heaven is to give money to the poor. Can you think of some other ways that we might build up treasure in heaven? I think we build up treasure in heaven when we do things to help others. Things like:

- Visiting the sick
- Helping to feed the hungry
- Being cheerful and thoughtful to someone who is sad
- Praying for one another
- Working in a shelter for the homeless
- Being a friend to someone who is lonely
- Forgiving someone who has hurt you
- Saying you're sorry when you hurt someone



All of these are things that we can do here on earth that will be stored up as the "treasures in heaven" about which Jesus spoke. They may not seem like much, but if we do something for someone each and every day, it is amazing how quickly they add up.

### PRAYER

Father, we may never have much in the way of earthly treasure, but help us to be faithful each day in building up treasures in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST.

**Top score:** Catherine Fitzpatrick. **1st Lady:** Frances Benn. **2nd Lady:** Kitt Farrell

**1st Gent:** Leslie Hunter. **2nd Gent:** Peter Stevenson

**1st Half:** Paric Dowling. **2nd Half:** Lena Kelly

**Raffle:** 1st F Benn, 2nd J Dunne, 3rd P Murphy, 4th S Chester 5th P J 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.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2026

11th June 2026 for 7 nights. Full board. Cost per person sharing €865 (Paid in full by 1st Nov)

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Slide Show & Film (by Paul Deegan) for those who travelled this year to Fatima will take place on 25th August at 6.45pm in the Parish Centre.

## PORTLAOISE GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 9-13 SEPT

Mass Bouquets for special intentions. Mass Cards or Candle requests. Available from Kitty Timmons 087-9506634 or Mary Byrne 085-2829231. Petitions will be brought and left at the Shrine. Contact Kitty or Mary.

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## AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS

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# 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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## PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

Bus leaving Lyster Square Carpark, Portlaoise at 9am. For more info. contact

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



**Benny Phelan**

Mount Pleasant, Bandon  
Late of Abbeyleix

**Denis Donohue**

Booterstown, Dublin  
& formerly Grattan St,  
Portlaoise



**Noel Colman  
Young**

New Park, Portlaoise  
Late of Dunmanway,  
Co. Cork

*May They  
Rest In Peace,  
Our Sympathies  
Are With Their  
Families*

*In Loving Memory of*

**CONOR MURRAY**

26 Mountain View, Ballyfin Rd. Portlaoise.

Died 13th August 2023.

Remembering you on your  
2nd Anniversary away from Home.

*Today's the anniversary of the day that we lost you  
And for a time, it felt as though my life ended too.*

*But loss has taught me many things  
and now I face each day  
with hope and happy memories  
To help me on my way.*

*And though I'm full of sadness that you're  
no longer here  
Your influence still guides me, and I still  
feel you near.*

*What we shared will never die  
It lives within my heart bringing strength  
and comfort while we are apart.*

**Love always, Lianne, Bobby, Evie and Fiadh xx**

*Rest in Peace Conor*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**BREDA KEANE**

Corrigeen, Stradbally

3rd Anniversary occurs 14th August 2025

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, Sunday 17th August at 9:30am.



*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  
remembered by all her loving family.**

*Rest in Peace Breda*

*Precious Memories of Our Darling*  
**MARTIN WALSH JNR.**

118 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

33rd Anniversary occurs 11th August 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
**Saturday 9th August at 6:30pm.**



*A whisper on an August evening,  
You heard a gentle call,  
You took the hand of Jesus,  
And gently left us all.*

*Thinking of you today and always,  
from your ever loving Mammy Margaret, brother Joseph,  
sisters Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia and Colette,  
brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and  
extended family.*

*Thinking of his Dad and brother Anthony at this time. R.I.P.*

*Rest in Peace Martin*

**TWIN BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

*With many fond memories of twins*

**MICHAEL FITZPATRICK**

12 Boughlone Way, Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise  
&

**EDITH (CURRAN) FITZPATRICK**

Rosari, Caherslee, Tralee

**On their birthday 14th August.**

*We know you are together in  
celebration on your special day.*

**Dearly missed by your brother  
Christopher and many nieces,  
nephews, grand-nieces and  
grand-nephews.**



*In Loving Memory of*  
**KATHLEEN FOGARTY**

Ridge Road,  
Portlaoise.

**1st Anniversary occurs**  
**13th August 2025.**

Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Church, Portlaoise this  
Sunday 10th August  
at 12.30pm.



*It's lonely here without you  
We miss you more each day  
For life is not the same to us  
Since you were called away  
To your resting place we visit  
Place flowers there with care  
But no one knows our heartache  
When we turn and leave you  
there.*

***Sadly missed and always remembered by your  
loving family and friends.***

*May Kathleen Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**KATHLEEN FOGARTY**

*née Keogh*

Ridge Road,  
Portlaoise.

**1st Anniversary 13th**  
**August 2025.**

***In loving memory of our  
wonderful sister Kathleen.***

*Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small  
To have you as our sister, was the greatest gift of all.  
May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear  
We love and miss you Kathleen and wish that you were here.*

*In our hearts your life is kept,  
to love and cherish and not forget  
No more tomorrows we can share,  
but yesterdays are always there.  
A silent thought, a secret tear,  
keeps your memory ever near.  
In our hearts forever.*

***Always remembered by your sisters, brothers,  
sisters and brothers in law.***

*In Loving Memory of*  
**MARGARET (PEG) CASEY**

Beechfield, Portlaoise.

**9th Anniversary occurs 16th August.**  
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.

Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise,  
**Sunday 17th August at 11.15am.**

Even though you are not with us,  
Your presence is still strong,  
Because in your heart we'll always find,  
The love for which we long.



***Sadly missed and always remembered by***  
***Liam, Diarmuid, Denise, Emma and Anna.***

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**KATHLEEN FOGARTY**

*née Keogh*

Ridge Road,  
Portlaoise.

**1st Anniversary 13th**  
**August 2025.**

***In loving memory of our  
wonderful aunt Kathleen.***



*In the quiet of our hearts, a memory we keep,  
Of a love so deep, while we softly weep.  
A year has gone since you've been away,  
But your spirit is with us, every single day.  
Your laughter echoes, in the gentle breeze  
Whispering comfort, among the trees  
Though tears my fall and sorrow may start  
Your love remains forever in our heart.*

***Loved and missed by all your  
nieces and nephews.***

*In loving memory of*  
**ANTHONY DUNNE**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

**1st Anniversary occurs**  
**15th August 2025**

Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's  
Church on Sat. 16th Aug  
at 6.30pm



*May Anthony Rest in Peace*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**PETER CARROLL**  
 Lyncar, Ballytegan, Portlaoise.  
 4th Anniversary occurs 11th  
 September 2025

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.  
 Peter & Paul's Parish Church **on Sunday**

**7th September at 11.15am & Thursday 11th at 10am**

*A light from our household is gone,*

*A voice we loved is stilled,*

*A place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.*

*We think of you in silence, we talk about you too,  
 We have loving memories, but we wish we still had you.*

*Nothing can replace you, nothing ever will,  
 In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still.*

**Loved and remembered by your loving wife Clare, sons  
 and daughters and all your extended family.**

*Rest in Peace Peter*

*In Loving Memory of*  
**PETER FRAWLEY**

Lynden Court, Portlaoise.

**2nd Anniversary occurs 18th August 2025.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
 Church **Sunday 17th August at 11.15am.**

*We think about you always*

*We talk about you still*

*You haven't been forgotten,  
 and you never will.*

*We hold your smile and memory  
 in our hearts*

*and there they will remain*

*To walk with us throughout our lives  
 Until we meet again.*

**You are in our thoughts always.**

**Mam (Nancy), late father Tom, sister Sylvia, brother  
 John, Brother in law Pat, Sister in law Tanya, nephews,  
 nieces and all extended family**

*May Peter Rest in Peace*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**ROSE DEMPSEY**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

**3rd Anniversary occurs 9th August 2025.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
 Church, this **Saturday 9th August at 6.30pm.**

*Though your smile is gone forever,*

*And your hand we cannot touch,*

*Still we have so many memories,*

*Of the ones we loved so much.*

*Your memory is our keepsake,*

*With which we'll never part,*

*God has you in His keeping,*

*And we have you in our hearts.*

**Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving  
 daughter Cora, son Cyril, family & friends.**

*Also remembering her husband Paddy at this time.*

*Rest in Peace Rose*



**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of*

**PATRICIA GING**

44 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

**9th Birthday away from home**

**12th August 2025.**

*Missing You on your  
 birthday in Heaven*

*Today would have been such a special  
 day, but now it brings sadness and sorrow,  
 If we could share just one more day, if  
 there was one more tomorrow.*

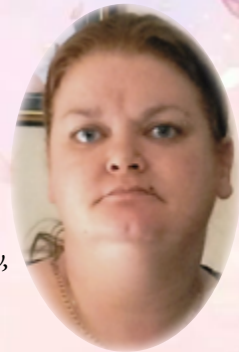
*But birthdays are a time for reflection, to look over years past,  
 and we can't believe another year has gone by,  
 the time just goes so fast.*

*But memories of more happier times, in our hearts will  
 always stay, we'll treasure each and every one,  
 until we meet again someday.*

*So we'll say goodbye for now Patricia and blow a kiss to  
 Heaven above, to wish you the happiest of birthdays  
 and send you all our love.*

**Loved and missed by all her loving family.**

*Rest in Peace Patricia*



*In Loving Memory of*  
**PAULINE HOOBAN**

**17th Anniversary occurs 6th**

**August 2025.**

*We won't forget you*

*We won't even try*

*We miss you more*

*As time goes by.*

**Loved and remembered always by  
 your loving sister Mary and family.**

*Rest in Peace Pauline*



*In loving memory of*  
**THOMAS FENLON**

Woodlawn, Portlaoise and formerly New Inn, Emo.

**1st Anniversary 12th August 2025**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated

**Saturday 23rd August at 6.30pm**

**in the Parish Church.**

*A loving husband and father so true*

*No one on this earth we'll find like you*

*For us you always did your best*

*God grant your soul eternal rest*

**From Susie and your loving family**

*May Thomas rest in peace*





*In loving memory of*  
**PADDY JOE  
CARROLL**

**Boston, Abbeyleix**

**1st Anniversary occurs  
on 17th August 2025.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 17th August in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, at 12 noon.

*Sadly missed by his loving family, brothers Walter, John, Jim & Michael, Nephews, Nieces, Sister's in law and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace Paddy Joe*

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*In Loving Memory of*  
**SADIE COUGHLAN**

**Colliers Lane, Portlaoise**

**1st Anniversary occurred 17th July 2025**

*Also remembering her husband*

**PETER COUGHLAN**

**Peter's 17th Anniversary occurs on 20th August 2025.**

Anniversary Mass for Peter & Sadie will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday 16th August at 10am.**

*Those we love remain with us, for love itself lives on  
Cherished memories never fade, because one loved is gone  
Those we love can never be more than a thought apart  
For as long as there is a memory, they live on in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by their loving family and friends.*

*May They Rest in Peace*



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## Parish Centre



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