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28th September 2025

**Twenty Sixth Week
in Ordinary Time**

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

**Parish Centre celebrates
20th Anniversary
Official Opening
1st October 2005**



The Blessing and Opening of the Parish Centre on 1st October 2005 by Bishop Jim Moriarty (RIP) and the reception following.

More photos on back page and article on page 22

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Rich Man, Poor Man

Another challenging Gospel about how we see and treat the poor. Wealth is not the problem. The problem is how we use our riches. Amos is the champion of the poor and oppressed. He says there will be a day of reckoning for those who misappropriated their wealth. This is the story of the rich man in today's Gospel. He showed no concern for the poor and suffering.

The Gospel message is clear and unambiguous, Wealth, if we have it, can serve God's purposes in so many ways. We can help our migrant brothers and sisters. This wealth may not just be monetary, it may also be our gifts and talents, our faith, our wisdom and knowledge and our pool of resources. It may be a word of kindness or a good deed. The Gospel alerts us to be aware of those in our midst who are in great need and to lift people out of their impoverished moment; out of their misery.

We don't want to be like the rich young man regretting everything when it is too late. As Oscar Romero said, 'It is not God's will for someone to have everything and others to have nothing.'



Prayer for Day for Migrants and Refugees Sunday 28th September

God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church journeying
towards the Kingdom of heaven.

Do not let us become possessive of the portion
of the world you have given us as a temporary home.

Help us to keep walking,
together with our refugee and migrant
brothers and sisters,

toward the eternal dwelling you have prepared for us.
Open our eyes and our hearts so that every encounter
with those in need becomes an encounter with Jesus,
your Son and our Lord,

Who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Mass times for the coming week

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Monday—Thursday: 7.30am & 10am

Friday (First Friday): 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

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.

October Collection for the Priests of the Parish

Envelopes for the October Collection for the
priests of the parish are in the Development
Boxes or in the Church porches.

Thank You for your support.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Tom Paul Kelly, Powelstown, Ratheniska
Ben Billy Hyland, Willow Grove, Mountmellick
Hannah Mai Somers, Bellingham

Who were baptised last weekend.



St. Michael, St. Gabriel and St. Raphael September 29th

Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are called saints because they are holy, but they are different from the rest of the saints because they were not human; they were Archangels. Each Archangel, we are told, has a specific mission or an 'essence'. Archangel Michael is the angel of protection. This powerful being of light, whose name means 'Who is like God', has a purpose to protect as the 'defender of the light and goodness'. Gabriel's name means 'the power of God'. Gabriel is the announcer, the communicator of good news. We can ask him to help us be good communicators as he was. Raphael, whose name means 'God heals', is invoked when we need healing, not only for ourselves but for others too.

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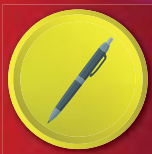
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- 6:00pm Adoration
- 6.45pm Divine Mercy
- 7.00pm Rosary
- 7.15pm Benediction
- 7.30pm Mass

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise



Cuisle Centre Timetable

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MON

Mindfulness Programme

10:30am - 11:30am

Starting 6th Oct

Reflexology / Reiki

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Counselling

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Support Nurse Available

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Creative Arts Therapist

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Cancer Information & Support.

No Appointment Needed.

TUES

Thrive & Survive programme

(Developed by Stanford University)

This is a self-management programme for cancer survivors with the aim of improving their quality of life to better manage daily health.

Next programme starting Nov 2025

Mindfulness for Men

2:30pm - 4:00PM

Starting Date TBC

Citizen's Information Adviser

Will give you advice about the financial entitlements you may receive and help you with the process. e.g., medical card application etc.

Aqua Aerobics

Please give the centre a call if you would like to attend this class.

Starting 23rd Sep 2025.

WED

Chair Yoga

Class 1: 10.00am - 11.00am

Class 2: 11.30am - 12.30pm

Booking Essential

Starting 24th Sep

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2:00pm - 4:00pm

Starting 1st Oct

Climb Programme

Helping Children Understand Cancer.

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Starting Feb 2026

THURS

Creative Arts

10:00am - 12:00pm

"Look Good, Feel Better"

11:30am - 1:00pm

Places limited

Date TBC

Play Therapist

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Garment Fitting

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20th Nov

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Booking Essential

FRI

Prosthesis & Bra Fitting Day

28th Nov

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The Cuisle Cancer Support Centre is a charity, and all our services are provided free of charge.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER. Top score: Margaret Flanagan 1st Lady: Bridie Kennedy, 2nd Lady: Tied; Catherine Bowe & Frances Benn, 1st Gent: Frank Keenan, 2nd Gent: Christy Fitzpatrick, 1st Half: Liam McCarthney, 2nd Half: Ann O'Dowd. Raffle: 1st Tom Gowing, 2nd Leslie Hunter, 3rd Margaret Flanagan, 4th Terry Dunne 5th Lena Kelly. *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.*

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUPS For family, friends or anyone affected by someone struggling with alcoholism. Al-anon meeting every Thursday night at 8pm in Portlaoise. For further information contact 086-8706017.

VOLUNTARY ORGANIST required for St Brigid's Church SHANAHOE from the area – aged 18-75. Volunteers also required to clean Church Grounds. Ph. Pat Kirk 087-9282753.

LINE DANCING with Maureen Culleton, St. Mary's Hall, Wed. 29th Oct 6th, 13th 11am-12noon. **FREE ENTRY and all welcome!** NO line dancing in St.Mary's Hall next Monday Sept.22nd...we continue on all Mondays thereafter. 0876482038.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH takes place October 1st-31st. For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com/

SEANCHISTIN, IREY, BALLYFIN, R32X5D6 ACTIVITIES: Tues. Line Dancing, 11a.m. We dance to our favourite country music star. Wed, Set Dancing 8p.m. Come alone or bring a partner. Thursday, for persons living with Parkinsons, 11a.m. movement to music, dancing, singing, poetry, refreshments & chat. Ph. Maureen 087 6482038

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M NERNEY MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2025 Depart: Dublin to Dubrovnik Wednesday Oct 9th @ 7.30am Return: via Dubrovnik October 16th arrive in Dublin @ 3.30pm Cost €855 Per/P sharing, Single Supplement + €170 Travel insurance optional extra €35 Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305. A few tickets available.

PARACHUTE JUMP – 18th Oct “Johnny One Leg” raising funds for the Fatima Pilgrimage Group to bring sick people to Fatima. The Pilgrimage will be 11th June 2026. Full information from Maura O'Brien 087 - 1210263

THE PORTLAOISE PANTO COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who gave so generously at the church gate collection last weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The Panto Production this year is 'Goldilocks and the 3 Beours' and is on in Dunamais Theatre from Sat 17th -Sat 24th January 2026. Tickets on sale soon.

WANTED ACTORS AND ACTRESSES for on and off stage for Fourth Wall Laois Theatre group. All ages required for acting and backstage and front of house. Contact Kevin on 087-9614235.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 30th September 2025 St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 44 numbers €1220 Double number €1300. Lotto €550.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Monday 29th Sept. Bowls in St. Mary's hall from 2-4 pm. New members welcome. Wednesday 1st October sing along with Caroline from 3pm in parish Centre. New members welcome. Thursday 2nd October in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy cards and chat from 3pm. New members welcome tuition given For further information contact Maria at 0879187157 regards Maria.

PORTLAOISE ACTIVE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

have arranged a day visit to Drogheda on Wednesday 22nd October to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Canonisation of St. Oliver Plunkett.



Prayer to St. Oliver Plunkett

Glorious Martyr, Oliver, who willingly gave your life for your faith,
Help us also to be strong in faith.
May we be loyal like you to the See of Peter.
By your intercession and example
may all hatred and bitterness
be banished from the hearts of Irish men and women.
May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts,
as it did in your heart,
even at the moment of your death.
Pray for us and for Ireland.
Amen.

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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ROSARY AT THE GROTTO 8pm on the First Friday 03rd Oct. and Sunday 5th at the Grotto at the Top Square at 2.30pm.

EMMANUEL HOUSE, CLONFERT H53 ESN6 - DAY OF REFLECTION, including First Saturday Devotions, led by Fr. Eddie Stone & team. Sat. 4th Oct. 11am. Talks, Music, Adoration, Confession, Healing Service and Holy Mass. Bring a packed lunch.

FEAR. HOPE. MERCY. A RECOLLECTION WEEKEND ON THE FOUR LAST THINGS Date: 31st October-2nd November. Location: Tí Chulainn Centre, Mullaghbawn Co. Armagh. Retreat leader: Fr Patrick Desmond OP. Fully residential with full board - non residential rates available also - all details online. Early bird closes Mon. 29th Sept. For more info visit www.thecollect.ie or email info@thecollect.ie

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THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

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Maybe it is nice to get that extra sleep, but there are two problems with snooze alarms. The first is that if you keep on hitting the snooze alarm, you may be late or miss out on something completely. The second problem is that if you keep hitting the snooze alarm, you may get so used to the sound of the alarm that you don't even hear it at all and you will sleep right through the alarm.

Did you know that God sometimes sounds a "wake up" alarm in our lives? He speaks to our heart and says, "It is time to wake up and follow me." Some people hit the snooze button and say, "Not now Lord, call me again - a little bit later." Some people hit that "snooze button" so many times that they get to where they don't even hear God's voice. When they finally wake up, they find out that it is too late. That is what happened in our Gospel today.

Jesus told a story about a rich man who wore the finest clothes and lived in luxury. A beggar named Lazarus lay outside the rich man's gate. Lazarus was hungry and his body was covered with sores. He was hoping that the rich man might have pity on him and that he might be able to satisfy his hunger with the leftovers from the rich man's table. But every day the Rich man passed by Lazarus without even giving him a thought. I imagine that he passed by Lazarus so many times that he eventually got to the point that he didn't see him at all.

The Bible says that Lazarus died and went to heaven. The rich man also died, but he went to hell. In hell, he looked up and saw Lazarus in heaven with Abraham. He asked Abraham to let Lazarus dip his finger in water and come and touch it to his burning tongue, but Abraham said, "No." Then he reminded the rich man how he had enjoyed such good things on earth while Lazarus had nothing.

The rich man then asked Abraham to allow Lazarus to go back to earth and warn his five brothers so that they would not end up in hell with him, but again, Abraham said, "No." The rich man finally woke up, but it was too late.

God is still sending "wake up" calls to people today. Let us pray that they will listen to his voice and follow him before it is too late.



My Prayer

Dear Father, when you sound the alarm telling us it is time to wake up and follow you, may we never be guilty of hitting the snooze alarm saying, "Later, Lord." Instead, let us rise up and follow you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Preparation for First Holy Communion children and their parents will take place next Saturday 4th October at 5pm in the Parish Church. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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Time to Think...

Slowing Down ...



This week marks the beginning of October. I really love the colours associated with October, nature as it bids farewell to foliage and fruits produces a farewell of magnificence and beauty. It is very refreshing to get out in the open air and spend time breathing the fresh October air.

Most of us lived rushed lives, dashing from one thing to another. One consequence is that we live on the surface of life, skimming over it. We may pass through it without ever knowing ourselves, or acquiring the disposition to think matters through, and, as a result, living, so to speak, on second-hand ideas and experiences.

The quality of human relations is the measure of the value of a society. How do people relate to each other? How do they treat each other? These are basic questions for any society. What is more basic is how we relate to ourselves, how we treat ourselves. Jesus said, 'Love your neighbour as you love yourself'. That last part – 'as you love yourself' – is the bit we don't take much notice of. A healthy self-love is something we don't understand very well. It's not selfishness, just as a healthy self-respect is not arrogance. It's related to something else – self-knowledge.

Do we know ourselves? How can we love ourselves if we don't first know ourselves? And all our noise and haste doesn't help us to do that – far from it, indeed. It is a huge challenge in our present culture simply to sit alone in silence for ten minutes. We spend much of our life and energy running away from ourselves, and we are strangers to ourselves.

It doesn't have to be like that. If we give time to ourselves, enter into our own heart, in whatever way we find best, we can begin a venture into the interior that is more exciting and challenging than any round-the-world trip. You sometimes hear of people travelling abroad in order "to find themselves". They are more likely to find themselves in the silence of their heart than in any amount of travel or activity.

This is a challenge, and a necessity, for all human beings, whether they see themselves as religious or not. We share a common world, and it is endangered. One humanity in one home.

Jesus said, 'Come apart into a desert place and rest for a while'.

The desert is without props, masks, or hiding place; no electricity there, and mobile phones are out of range. The desert symbolizes a bare nakedness where we are face-to-face with the self. It seems like running from reality, when in fact it is running from the unreality of superficial living in order to face the reality of our inner self. There is nothing more real than our inner self, and it is always with us. Maybe it's time for us to make the acquaintance of that stranger in our life – our self, and then move on from there.

For those in a hurry: God comes to us broken: Jesus was broken on the cross, and comes to us in the Eucharist as bread that is broken. God wants us to come to him when we are broken: by sin, failure or emptiness. Then we can meet. 'By his wounds we are healed...'

Slow me down, Lord!
Ease the pounding of my heart
By the quieting of my mind.
Steady my harried pace
With a vision of the eternal reach of time.
Give me,
Amidst the confusions of my day,
The calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tensions of my nerves
With the soothing music
Of the singing streams
That live in my memory.
Help me to know
The magical power of sleep,
Teach me the art
Of taking minute vacations
Of slowing down
To look at a flower;
To chat with an old friend
Or make a new one;
To pat a stray dog;
To watch a spider build a web;
To smile at a child;
Or to read a few lines from a good book.
Remind me each day
That the race is not always to the swift;
That there is more to life
Than increasing its speed.
Let me look upward
Into the branches of the towering oak
And know that it grew great and strong
Because it grew slowly and well.
Slow me down, Lord,
And inspire me to send my roots deep
Into the soil of life's enduring values
That I may grow toward the stars
Of my greater destiny.

Slow Down,
let your mind rest

*Our Prayers
are asked for those
who recently died.*

The Lord is my shepherd:
There is nothing I shall want.

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

In Loving Memory of

TERESA SHIELS

1st anniversary occurs 4th October 2025.

Auntie Teresa

Your cheery ways,
The funniest days.

The Journeys that we made
You left behind a vacant place
That never will be filled.

Always remembered

Teresa and Poppy xx

Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

BRENDAN BOWE

77 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurred 5th October.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.
Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday 4th
October at 6:30pm.**

Never more than a thought away,
And those who have loved you dearly are
thinking of you today, and always. .

*Love from your wife Eilish, sons Gary and Shane, daughter in law Katie
and Ciara, grandchildren, brother, sisters and extended family.*

May Brendan Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

DENIS BRENNAN

Borris Little, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurs 30th
September 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 27th September at 6.30pm.

Loving memories never dies
As years roll on and days pass by
In our hearts a memory is kept

Of one we loved and will never forget.

Always remembered by your loving wife Mary and all the family.

May Denis Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JAMES (JIMMY) HILLARD

63 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary away from home; 22nd September 2025.

We didn't know that morning
that God was going to call your name,
You always had a smile to share,
a laugh, a joke and time to care.
These are the memories we have of you,
and we will cherish them forever.

*Missed always by your daughter Elizabeth, son Noel,
brothers Tom, Noel, Martin, son-in-law Diarmuid,
grandchildren Jennifer, Nicole, Bernard, Rebecca, Lauren,
Brooke and Faith and partners, great-grandchildren, sister-
in-law Catherine, brother-in-law Andrew,
nieces and nephews.*

Rest in Peace Jimmy



In Loving Memory of

KEVIN MULHALL

85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

Died 28th September 1985.

40th Anniversary occurs at this time.

Deep are the memories,
Precious they stay,
No passing of time can take them away.

Sadly missed and remembered by all his loving family.

Rest in Peace Kevin



In Loving Memory of

MARGARET (PEARL) WALSH
NÉE DEMPSEY

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs 5th October 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 4th October at 6.30pm.

Your presence we miss,

Your memory we treasure,

Loving you always, forgetting you never.

*Sadly missed by her loving husband Jim and
all her loving family.*

May Margaret (Pearl) Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

PADDY BYRNE

113 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

35th Anniversary occurs

30th September 2025.

When ties of love are broken

And loved ones must part

It leaves a wound that never heals

And an ever-aching heart.

*Always loved and remembered by your loving wife Mary,
sons Ken, Trevor, Gordon, Evan*

Daughters Lilly and Angela and all the family.

Rest in Peace Paddy



In Loving Memory of

PATRICK RYAN

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs

28th September 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter
& Paul's Parish Church, on **Sunday 28th Sept**
at 10am.

Those we love don't go away,

They walk beside us every day,

Unseen, unheard but always near,

Still loved, still missed, still very dear.

Loved and always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Patrick



In Loving Memory of

PHIL GORMAN
NÉE DOOLEY

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs

29th September 2025.

3rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 27th September at 10am.

*Dearly loved and missed by her children,
grandchildren and extended family.*

May She Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of A Dear Father & Mother

SEAN & TERESA CONROY

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

Sean's 21st Anniversary occurred on 24th May 2025.

Teresa's 5th Anniversary occurred on 26th September 2025.

Sean & Teresa's Anniversary Mas will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on

Sunday 5th October at 11.15am.

We hold you both 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
their son Brendan, daughter Mary, daughter-in-law Anne,
son-in-law Joe, grandchildren David, Benny, Mark and Chloe.*



Also remembering their Son

JOHN CONROY

whose 53rd Anniversary occurs 31st December.

May They Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JOHN BYRNE

St. Martins, Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 6th October
2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on **Sunday 5th October at 11.15am.**

God saw you getting tired,
and so it was to be.

He put his arms around you and whispered,
"Come to Me."

With tearful eyes we watched you and saw you pass away,
and although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,
working hands at rest.

God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

*Also remembering at this time Our Mother Helen Byrne
Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family.*

Rest in Peace John





In Loving Memory of
ROSE WALSH
NÉE BONHAM

Late of Summerhill, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs on 4th October 2025.

Anniversary Mass for Rose will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 4th October at 6.30pm.

If roses grow in Heaven Lord, pick a bunch for us,
Place them in our Mother's arms, and tell her they're from us.
Tell her we love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile,
Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy we do it every day,
But there's an ache within our hearts
because we are missing her today.

*Never forgotten by your loving children Deirdre, Jacinta,
Niall, Mark, Alan, Aisling, Ciaran, grandchildren,
greatgrandchildren, sister Nellie, sons and daughters in law,
family, neighbours and friends.*

Also remembering our late Dad Son at this time

R.I.P

Rest in Peace Mam xx



In Loving Memory of
TERESA SHIELS

28 Beladd, Portlaoise
1st Anniversary occurs on 4th
October 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Peter & Paul's Church on
Saturday 4th October at 6.30pm.

Those special memories of you will always bring a smile,
If only I could have you back, for just a little while.
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do.
Teresa, you always meant so very much and always will do too.
The fact that you're no longer here, will always cause me pain.

But you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
your loving sister Nancy and brother-in-law Sean.*

Teresa, you are sadly missed along life's way

Quietly remembered every day

No longer in our lives to share

But, in our hearts, you are always there.

Loved and remembered by your brothers Billy and Pat.

May Teresa Rest In Peace



In Loving Memory of
BERNADETTE KELLY

Parkside Apartments and formerly Capoley.
7th Anniversary occurs 5th October 2025
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday 4th October at
6.30pm.**

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be,
so He put His arms around you, and whispered; "Come to me".

With tearful eyes we watched you,

And saw you pass away,

And although we loved you dearly,

We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands at rest,

God broke our hearts to prove to us, that He only takes the best.
*Sadly missed by her loving daughters Joan and Thelma, son-in-law,
grandchildren and all her loving family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Bernadette

† In Loving Memory of †



Frances Conroy

Late of 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
Who died 27th September, 1996 RIP.
29th anniversary.



William McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 19th September, 1985 RIP.
40th anniversary.



John (Johnny) McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 29th September, 2001 RIP.
24th anniversary.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time

*Time may pass and fade away,
But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

† Loved and always remembered †
by all your family



In Loving Memory of
**HELEN & PHILIP
ROWNEY**

53 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
Died 20th September 1991 and 19th
October 2012. R.I.P.
34th and 13th Anniversaries occur
at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.
Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Saturday
4th October at 6:30pm.**

Those we love don't go away,

They walk beside us everyday,

Each of us in our own way,

Have special thoughts of you both today.

*Always remembered by all your loving
family.*



May Helen and Philip Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of our Dad

JOSEPH DOOLEY

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

On this special 100th birthday
which occurred 26th September 2025.

We send our love to you in Heaven
You are deeply missed, and your
memory remains a beautiful gift
we hold dear.

*Happy Heavenly Birthday Dad
Loved and missed by all his family.*

Rest in Peace Joe



In Loving Memory of

SARAH DEMPSEY

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary on 25th September 2025.

There are some we meet in passing,
And forget as soon as they go,
There are some we remember with
pleasure and feel honoured and
privileged to know,
You were that kind of person who left
beautiful memories behind,
And there are many days which bring
fond memories of you to mind.

*Forever in our hearts Mam, from all your loving family.
We also remember her husband James at this time*

May Sarah Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
TARA PETERS

Who died recently in America.
Beloved daughter of
Elizabeth Lanham (Abbeylax Rd)

God called your name so softly,
that only you could hear
And no one heard the footsteps
of Angels drawing near
The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest
His garden must be beautiful
He only takes the best.

*Always in our thoughts and prayers from all your family
in Ireland.*

Rest in Peace Tara



In Loving Memory of

WILLIAM (BILL) KELLY

59 Newpark. 14th Anniversary occurs 8th October 2025

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.
Peter & Paul's Church this **Saturday 4th
October at 6.30pm.**

Your gentle face and patient smile with
sadness we recall,
You had a kindly word for each and died
beloved by all

*Sadly missed by all his loving family and
friends.*

May Billy Rest in Peace



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

ANNIE O' BRIEN

6 Marian Place, Portlaoise.
27th September 2025.

Thinking of you every day since you went away,
I know you're there to stay,
And I'll be there with you someday,
You can show me the way,
And I'll have a lot to say.

*Happy Birthday Mammy Love Conor, Lisa
and Conor.*

Rest in Peace Annie.



In Loving Memory of
MARGARET GING
NÉE HOULIHAN

Borris Road, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs 30th September 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, this **Sunday 28th September at 11.15am.**

Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture we tenderly hold
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept
To love, to cherish, never to forget.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
her husband Tommy, sons Damien and
Dermot, granddaughter Leah and all
her loving family and many friends.*

Rest in Peace Margaret



In Loving Memory of Our Dear Cousin

TOMMY MOYLAN

121 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.

15th Anniversary occurs

27th September 2025.

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by The Tuohy Family.*

Rest in Peace Tommy



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We are indebted to the design team of Aidan O'Connell & Associates, Michael Rice, Architect, and Killeen Builders, who together gave us not only a beautiful building, but one that has stood the test of time and continues to serve the needs of parish and community.

Of course, a building only becomes a true centre of life through the people who make it so. We are deeply grateful to our Parish Centre staff, some of whom have been here from the very beginning: Declan Kelly (Manager), Michelle Bartley (Secretary), Michelle Conroy (Accounts), and Teresa Hibbits (Coffee Dock). And other past members of staff whose loyalty and dedicated service over 20 years have been at the heart of the Centre's success and its warm, welcoming atmosphere.

We also acknowledge with thanks our present staff members – Claire Scully (Shop Manager), Joe Greene (Maintenance), Paul Dooley (Lotto) and all those on our Community Employment Scheme, (past and present) – whose contribution ensures the smooth daily running of the Centre.

Over the years, countless groups and organisations, parish-based and community-wide, have benefited from the facilities of the Centre. It has become a hub of activity, supporting faith, culture, education, recreation, and fellowship.

As we celebrate this anniversary, we give thanks to God for the gift of this Centre and for all who have given of their time, talent, and dedication in its service. Long may it continue to prosper and remain a place of welcome and support for generations to come.

Portlaoise Parish



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