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**Twenty Third Sunday
Ordinary Time**

**Saints Carlo and Pier
Pray for us**



Today, Sunday, September 7th, the Catholic Church celebrates the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. These two inspiring young men will be proclaimed saints for the universal Church! May their example of faith and love for Christ guide us, and may they intercede for us in our daily lives.



Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati more on pages 10, 12 & 13

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Calculating the Cost



We hear a lot about calculating the cost of discipleship, but how many people actually sit down and do exactly that calculate the cost.

We certainly do our calculations if we're paying a visit to the bank manager for a loan. We certainly start calculating if we're down to small

change and there are two long weeks left to pay day. Today Jesus tells us that calculating the cost of discipleship should be no different. "For which of you intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?"

Discipleship means different things to do different people at different stages in their lives. Discipleship might mean deciding how best to use our gifts to help people at home and in the work place. Discipleship might mean coming up with a plan to transform a local community or some kind of global project. Whatever our vision we will need to sit down and plan it. Inevitably this will involve personal cost and if we don't calculate that cost, we are setting ourselves up to fail before we have begun. Will we be able to accomplish our plans alone or will we need help? How will we make time to achieve our goals and will this involve an element of sacrifice? Do we have enough money to realise our ideas or will we need to fundraise? Do we have the necessary skills or will we have to step out of our comfort zones in order to learn something new? In today's gospel Jesus says, "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Discipleship is demanding. Jesus is looking for a full-time commitment. Discipleship is not something that can be slotted easily and comfortably into our existing life styles. Discipleship involves cost, and today's invitation is to sit down and calculate whether that cost is within our means.

Thought for the Day!

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Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska

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CONFESSIONS

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Seeing God's creation can invite us into a deeper admiration for God and His handiwork. In nature, surrounded by His creation, we may feel closer to Him.

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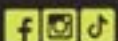
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Counting the Cost

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First of all, you would have to buy a piano. It would be rather silly to say that you wanted to play the piano if you weren't willing to go out and buy a piano, wouldn't it? So the first you would need to do is look for a piano. A second hand piano could cost approx. €700. Hmm....€700, do you still want to play the piano?

Next you need to find a teacher. After all, you can't teach yourself. Not if you really want to play well. For a lesson it could cost around €25 per lesson. Let's see, if you have a lesson every week that's €100 a month, do you still want to play the piano?

What else do we need? Oh yes, we will need some music! I went to the music store and found out that most of the music books cost €10-€15 each. If you want to buy a single copy of sheet music, they usually cost around €5 each. Do you still want to play the piano?

Now that you have a piano, a teacher, and some music you must be willing to practice. Most piano teachers require their students to practice at least one hour every day. That means that there will be times when other children will be out playing while you must stay in and practice. Do you still want to play the piano? If you want to play the piano, you have to count the cost and make sure you are willing to pay the price!

Did you know that Jesus said that same thing to some people who said they wanted to be his disciples? Jesus told them that if they wanted to follow him, they had to count the cost. He said they had to be willing to take up their cross daily and follow him. To follow him, they might have to be willing to give up their family and friends. Jesus also said that people might make fun of them and call them names and that some people might even want to hurt them. They had to count the cost and make sure they were willing to pay the price.

A lot of people today say that they want to follow Jesus. They join the church and for a while you will see them every week, but when they find out how much it is going to cost, they fall away. Being a true follower of Jesus is not always easy, but it is always worth it, if you are willing to pay the price.



The Story of Carlo, the Boy Who Loved God



Once upon a time, in Italy, there lived a boy named Carlo. He loved football, video games, and computers—just like many other kids. But there was something very special about him: Carlo loved Jesus more than anything else. Every day, Carlo went to Mass, prayed, and tried to help people who were sad or lonely. He even used his computer skills to make a big website about miracles, so that everyone could learn how amazing the Eucharist is. When Carlo was 15 years old, he became very sick. Even though he was in pain, he said, *"I'm happy, because I know I'm close to God."* Not long after, Carlo went to heaven.

People who knew him remembered how kind, joyful, and faithful he was. They started to pray to him for help — and miracles happened!

The Church saw that Carlo's life was full of love and goodness, so they began the steps to make him a saint. Soon, the Pope will say: **"Carlo is a saint in heaven, and we can all look up to him!"**

And so, Carlo shows us that even ordinary kids can do extraordinary things when they love God with all their hearts.



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DOESN'T SHE REALISE THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER
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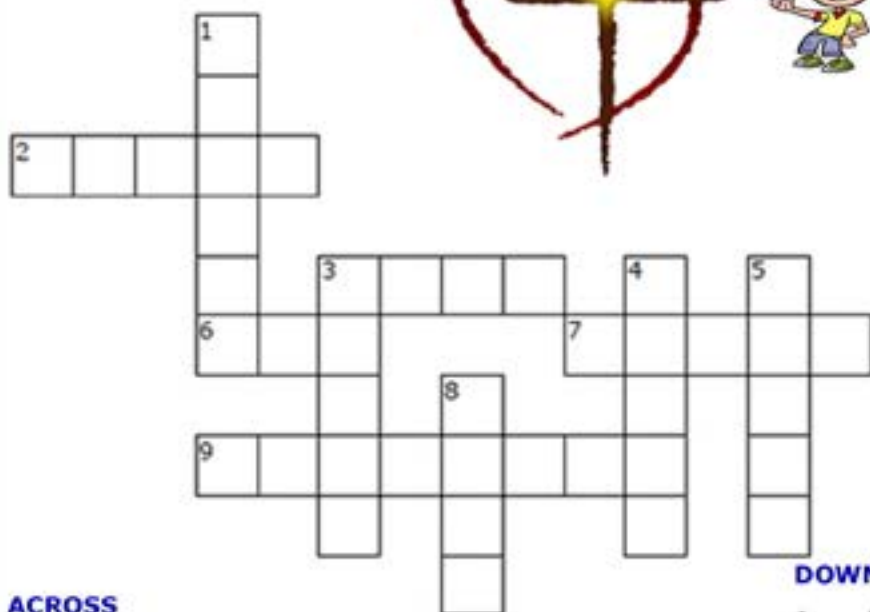
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The Cost of Discipleship

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple Luke 14:27



ACROSS

2. To form something by combining materials or parts; to construct
3. The amount paid for something; the price
6. Fighting between two or more countries.
7. Coins or currency used to buy things
9. A follower of Jesus

DOWN

1. To take someone as a model; to imitate.
3. A wooden structure consisting of an upright with a horizontal beam
4. A very tall, narrow building, or part of a building.
5. The opposite of war
8. A male ruler in some countries



**COST
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**TOWER
FOLLOW
DISCIPLE**

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, it is easy to say that we want to follow you, but it isn't always easy to do. Help us to follow you, whatever the cost. Amen.

Sayings of Blessed Carlo Acutis

"Always to be united with Jesus, this is my programme of life".

"Not I, But God".

"Why do people worry so much about the beauty of their own body and not the beauty of their soul?"

"Sadness is the gaze turned towards oneself, happiness is the gaze turned towards God".

"The more we receive the Eucharist, the more we will become like Jesus so that on this Earth we will have a foretaste of Heaven".

"What does it matter if you win a thousand battles if you cannot win over your own corrupt passions?"

"Our Lady is the Only Woman in my Life".

"Everything passes away, what alone will make us truly beautiful in God's eyes is the way that we loved him and our brothers".

"No one escapes the cross. There are others suffering much more than me".

"You too can become a saint. You just have to want it with all your heart"



What's the story on Bl. Carlo Acutis?

"All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies"

Carlo Acutis was born on the 3rd May 1991 in London to parents Antonia and Andrea Acutis. He moved to Italy shortly after his birth and grew up in Milan. His parents were wealthy business people who owned an insurance company. They were not religious.

Carlo was an extremely good natured kid growing up and as a young child, he would often ask his parents deep questions they couldn't answer. He also loved to go into churches to say hello to Jesus and Mary and would often ask his parents to bring him. He started to get his parents to question the meaning behind their lives and slowly he brought them back to their faith again.

Carlo was very ordinary growing up. He loved football, playing music and video games although he would only limit himself to one hour of video games every week because he felt they were so addictive! His friends describe him as a normal guy who wasn't perfect but stood out because of his positive outlook and his good example in everyday life, often helping the bullied, the disabled, the homeless, the migrants.

Carlo had a great love for God and aimed to stay close to Jesus and Mary in his life. He loved to pray and attend mass and he really believed in the power of the Eucharist. Carlo couldn't understand why so many people would attend pop concerts but then never go to churches to see the creator of the universe. Because of this, he made a website documenting Eucharistic miracles around the world.

Carlo always believed he would die young and he tried to live life to the full and not waste it. When he was 15 he fell ill with galloping leukemia and died within the week. Although he was in great pain, he told the doctors "there are others who suffer more than me". After his death, two miracles were approved by the church and contributed to his name.



Pier Giorgio Frassati

"The Man of the Beatitudes"

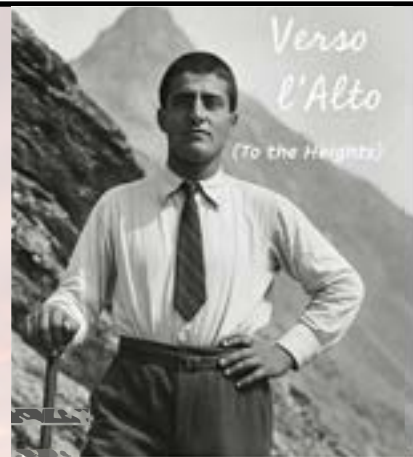
On the same day as Carlo Acutis' canonisation, another young saint will be raised to the altars – Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901–1925).

Born into a prominent Italian family, Pier Giorgio lived a life full of energy, laughter, and faith. He loved the outdoors - mountain climbing, skiing and hiking - and often signed his letters with the phrase '*Verso l'Alto*' ("*to the heights*"), reminding friends that holiness was the ultimate summit.

Pier Giorgio's faith was practical: he joined catholic action, defended the faith publicly, and quietly served the poor of turin, visiting them with food, medicine and encouragement. Even as a university student, he dreamed of working as a mining engineer so he could improve the lives of miners and their families.

He died suddenly at just 24, having contracted polio – most likely from one of the people he cared for his funeral astonished his family: Thousands of the poor he had helped lined the streets to honour him. Pope John Paul II, who beatified him in 1990, called him "*the man of the eight beatitudes.*"

Together with Carlo Acutis, Pier Giorgio Frassati shows us that sainthood is not remote or impossible - it is a joyful, practical way of life open to every generation.



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The Art of Letting Go



September brings a rich feast for our senses. Autumnal colours are very beautiful. In many ways autumn is a season of letting go. Harvest has been gathered; fruit has ripened and leaves now tired fall to the earth. There is something spiritual in God's creation that is very palpable in the month of September.

The Art of Letting Go is about deciding to stop making the same mistakes and choosing to take a different path. It has been said that insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result. I totally agree. When we hold onto things that weigh us down, that negativity turns into baggage. The more baggage you have, the more it clouds your view and the more you feel like carrying that baggage around is the only way to live. Your baggage-cluttered perspective becomes the viewpoint from which you see the world.

But how can you have a positive outlook when all you see is negativity? The truth is you can't.

That is precisely why you must learn what to hold onto and what to let go of. When that happens, your momentum increases, you feel lighter and, most of all, you know your worth. In life, we are all going through the growing pains of becoming the person we want to be. For some people, the pain is too much, and they give up. Instead of moving forward, they decide to stay stagnate and hold onto the very things that keep you down. In life we will have to let go of things, people and situations; when we understand and embrace the process, we allow ourselves to be abundant within. And when we are abundant within, the abundance spills into the other parts of our lives, families, relationships, careers and finances.

I know letting go is painful and scary, but if you don't let go, you miss out on the life you always wanted, the life you deserve. This is the process of breaking up with the old in search of the new. You are not doing this out of selfishness, but because you can acknowledge that the old no longer is the right place for you

A psychology professor walked around on a stage while teaching stress management principles to an auditorium filled with students. As she raised a glass of water, everyone expected they'd be asked the typical "glass half empty or glass half full" question. Instead, with a smile on her face, the professor asked, "How heavy is this glass of water I'm holding?" Students shouted out answers ranging from eight ounces to a couple pounds. She replied, "From my perspective, the absolute weight of this glass doesn't matter. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute or two, it's fairly light. If I hold it for an hour straight, its weight might make my arm ache a little. If I hold it for a day straight, my arm will likely cramp up and feel completely numb and paralyzed, forcing me to drop the glass to the floor. In each case, the weight of the glass doesn't change, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it feels to me."

As the class shook their heads in agreement, she continued, "Your stresses and worries in life are very much like this glass of water. Think about them for a while and nothing happens. Think about them a bit longer and you begin to ache a little. Think about them all day long, and you will feel completely numb and

paralysed – incapable of doing anything else until you drop them." It's important to remember to let go of your stresses and worries. No matter what happens during the day, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don't carry them through the night and into the next day with you.

If you still feel the weight of yesterday's stress, it's a strong sign that it's time to put the glass down.

The Sacrament of Waiting

Slowly

she celebrated the sacrament of letting go.

First, she surrendered her green,

then the orange, yellow, and red

finally, she let go of her brown.

Shedding her last leaf

she stood empty and silent, stripped bare.

Leaning against the winter sky

she began her vigil of trust.

Shedding her last leaf

she watched its journey to the ground.

She stood in silence

wearing the colour of emptiness,

her branches wondering;

How do you give shade with so much gone?

And then,

the sacrament of waiting began.

The sunrise and sunset watched with tenderness.

Clothing her with silhouettes

they kept her hope alive.

They helped her understand that

her vulnerability,

her dependence and need,

her emptiness,

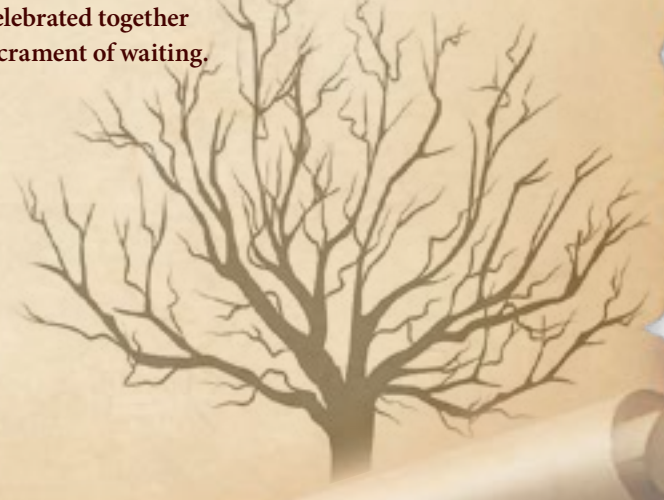
her readiness to receive

were giving her a new kind of beauty.

Every morning and every evening they stood in silence

and celebrated together

the sacrament of waiting.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 2ND SEPTEMBER. Top score: Ann Marie Farrell. 1st Lady: Tied; Frances Benn & Mary Gowing. 1st Gent: Tied; Meave Morrissey & Catherine Galvin. 1st Half: Tied; Tom Gowing and Molly O'Brien. 2nd Half: Tied; Tom Dunne & Betty O'Neill. Raffle: 1st C. Bowe, 2nd T Dunne, 3rd F Keenan, 4th F Keenan 5th A Pearson 7th F Benn. *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.*

FATIMA INVALID COMMITTEE and Maura O'Brien would like to thank all who supported the recent church gate collections and to those who volunteered with the collections.

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, Mon Sept 8th, 15th, 29th Oct 6th, 13th 11am-12noon. **FREE ENTRY and all welcome!**

TOASTMASTERS Resumes at Kavanagh's Bar (upstairs) Mon 8th Sept 8pm. Contact Donal 087-9512579.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 9th Sept. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 41 numbers €830. Double number €1090. Lotto €600.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT Monday 8th.Sep.- bowls in St. Mary's hall 2- 4 pm. Wednesday10th. in parish center games and sport from 3pm Thursday 11th. in Sue Ryder center Kilminchy cards and chat from 3pm. New members always welcome, further information contact Maria at 087 9187157.

CONCERN WORLDWIDE Heartfelt thanks from Helen Corbett and Aileen Brown to everyone that supported the Church Gate collection 23-24 August. Total raised €3792.66 (€3322.66 P'Laoise) (€470 Heath).

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH takes place October 1st-31st.

For further information, please log onto <http://www.breastcancerireland.com/>

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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PORTLAOISE PIONEER ASSOCIATION Celebrating its CENTENARY MASS on Fri. 10th Oct 7pm in the Parish Centre. Presentation of Jubilee Pins and Certificates for pioneers who have reached 25, 50 & 60+ yrs of membership. Open to all Pioneers. If any Pioneer would like to receive a pin contact Jennifer on 085-1354959. Closing date for receipt of applications Mon. 1st Sept 2025. *Apologies to Pioneers who applied for Jubilee Pins 2 yrs ago. Due to unforeseen circumstances that presentation could not go ahead on the date.*

RETREAT AND MINISTRY OF HEALING St. Mary's Parish, Irishtown, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary Eircode E91FD28 Sat. Sept 20th & Sun 21st. Led by international Priest Fr. Rozo Palić. Bring the sick, family, friends. Further info: Patricia 089 9466193 or Imelda 089 9558283.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO Rosary at the Grotto Mon. 8th at 8pm (Nativity of our Lady) to that notice Rosary 1st Sunday of the Month 2.30pm at the Shrine at Top Square.

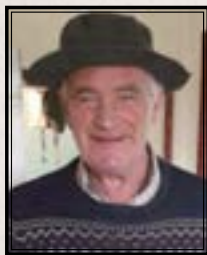
CLONKEEN CHURCH ABBEYLEIX The final cemetery Mass in the Parish of Abbeyleix for 2025 will be celebrated in Clonkeen Church Graveyard on Wednesday evening, September 10th, at 7pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Parish Priest, Fr. Paddy Byrne. FR. Paddy will also perform a wedding ceremony/ blessing here for a couple who have travelled from Canada, especially to get married at this 6th-century-old medieval church. This wedding ceremony will be the first such event to have been celebrated here in Clonkeen Church in at least 800 years. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend this special service. Don't forget to download the QR code that will be erected at the entrance gate to this church on the same date, containing all of its past and present history. Follow the Post Code to Clonkeen Church, R32HX53.



Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Ann Maher
(née Dalton)
Abbey Crescent,
Abbeyleix



**Peter
Fitzpatrick**
Ballycarnan,
Portlaoise



**Patrick
Delaney**
St. John's Square,
Portlaoise



Rita Brady
(née Kenny)
Beechlawn,
Portlaoise

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

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE



In Loving Memory of **RITA LALOR**

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
Birthday occurred 2nd September 2025.

Happy Birthday in Heaven

Is there a party up in Heaven to celebrate today? Did angels frost a cake for you? Or sing to start your day? We're celebrating down here, as they must be above, I truly hope your special day is filled with peace and love. This day was always special, as we gathered 'round you here, we'd sing and laugh and celebrate your day with so much cheer.

I miss those special moments, that we shared throughout the years, it's hard to find that on this day, my eyes now fill with tears. I'm trying hard to smile for you, but ohhh... that empty chair, I turn around and find myself still shocked that you're not there. Please know I'm thinking of you, as I go throughout each day, this day is very special, because it's your birthday.

Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters, extended family and friends.

For Your Birthday in Heaven
Still loved, still missed and very dear

Your birthday's here, but you aren't, we would send a gift but we know we can't, so we'll make a wish upon a star, to carry our love to where you are.

*Happy birthday Nanny, hugs and kisses and lots of love
from all your grandchildren xxx*



In Loving Memory of **JOHN WHELAN**

New York City – late of Portlaoise
who died (suddenly) recently.

Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure.
Loving you always, forgetting you never.

*Loving husband to Kathleen and
adored father to Seán & Mary, Loving Son of the late Joe &
Margaret Whelan and Much loved Brother to Bart, Margaret,
Helen, Pauline and Siobhán. Deeply loved and missed by his
family and friends.*



In Loving Memory of **MICHAEL & JOSEPHINE GALVIN**

Burnwood, Clonad

Whose Anniversaries occur

10th September 2025.

Michael (31 years) & Josephine (60 years)

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in

Raheen Church this **Saturday 6th September at 7pm.**

Too dearly loved to be forgotten.

*Sadly missed and remembered by Sean, Michael, Noel, Mary,
grandchildren & greatgrandchildren.*

May Michael & Josephine Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

PATRICIA (THRUSH) O'BRIEN

13 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

16th Anniversary occurs
8th September 2025.

Loving memories never die,
As years roll on and days pass by,
In our hearts a memory is kept,
Of one we loved and will never forget.

Never Forgotten, Tony.

Rest in Peace Patricia



In Loving Memory of A Treasured Uncle

WILLIAM (BILL) DOYLE

New Road, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 9th September 2025.

We did not know that morning, what sorrow the
day would bring, when a heart of gold stopped
beating, and we couldn't do a thing.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go
alone, for part of us went with you, the day God
called you home.

*Loved and remembered today, yesterday and in all our tomorrows,
from all his loving family. Also remembering Bill's nephews Thomas,
Patrick, Liam and Paul and all deceased members of the Doyle
and Paisley families at this time.*

Rest in Peace Bill



In Loving Memory of

CHRISTINE COUGHLAN

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

14th Anniversary occurs 14th September 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.
Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Sunday 14th
September at 11.15am.**

Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.
*Sadly missed by all her loving family and
friends.*

Rest in Peace Christine



In Loving Memory of

DOLORES FAHY

55 Beladd, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.

21st Anniversary occurs 17th September 2025.

Anniversary Mass for Dolores and James
will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on

Sunday 14th September at 12:30pm.

If roses grew in Heaven Lord,
Please pick a bunch for us
Place them in our mother's arm
And tell her they're from us.
Tell her that 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 is an ache within our hearts that will never go away.

*Love you always Mam, James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dor, sons-in-
law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren xxx*

JAMES McEVOY

32 Upper Beladd, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurs 6th September 2025.

Your light was too good for this space
Radiant and warm, a heart's embrace,
Though you've left, your glow remains
Illuminating life's vast terrains.

Beyond the horizon, where day meets night
You shine as a star, brilliantly bright.

Guiding us with your ethereal ray
Even in absence, you light our way.
In our hearts your memory is stored
A beacon of love forever adored.
Though the world seems dimmer today
Your light shines in a distant bay.

*Love you always Dad, Mam, Keith, Eve, your nieces
Aoife & Peggy, aunts, uncles and cousins xxx*

May Dolores & James 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,
**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



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Grandmother

TERESA KHANDKER (NÉE McCORMACK)

London and formerly Portlaoise.

Birthday occurs 13th September

**Mass will be celebrated at 11.15 today,
Sunday 14th.**

We think about you always, we talk about
you still, you have never been forgotten,
and you never will.

We hold you close within our hearts, and
there you will remain, to walk and guide
us through our lives, until we meet again.

*Missing you so very much on your birthday, wishing we
could all celebrate with you here. Loved and missed by
all your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Teresa



In Loving Memory of

PATRICIA O'BRIEN

Whose Anniversary occurs at this time.

Your presence we miss
Your memory we treasure
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.

From your loving sister Mary and Jimmy and family.

May Patricia Rest in Peace

Rest in Peace





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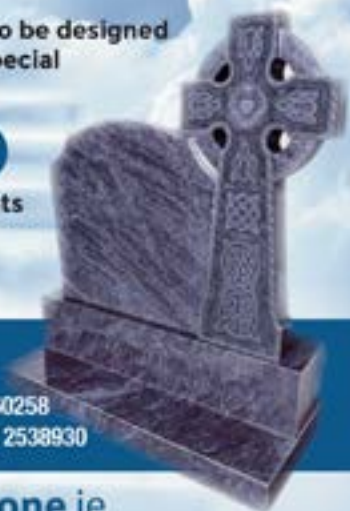
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Zeta O'Reilly
Karen Ging
Noreen Byrne
Lucy Kelly
Declan Scully
Trish Dempsey
Margaret Murphy
Mary Dunne
Morans
Casey & Katie O'Brien
Martha Carroll
Noel Moore & Ml Farrell

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Sharon Dunphy
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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom: 9:13-18

Responsorial Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:-25-33

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- * Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
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All Masses and services from the Parish Church and
the Heath Church are live streamed on our website



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Cuisle Centre Timetable

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MON

Mindfulness Programme

10:30am - 11:30am

Starting 6th Oct

Reflexology / Reiki

By Appointment Only.

Counselling

By Appointment Only.

Support Nurse Available

By Appointment Only.

Creative Arts Therapist

Available to children who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis.

By Appointment Only

WALK IN SERVICE

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 Feb 2026

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: 10.00 -11.00am

Class 2: 11.30 -12.30pm

Booking Essential

Starting 24th Sep

Bereavement Counselling

By Appointment Only.

Funded by Laois Hospice

Manual Lymphatic Drainage

A specialised gentle massage for patients with lymphoedema, which may result from surgery or radiotherapy.

By Appointment Only.

Art

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Starting 1st Oct

Climb Programme

Helping Children Understand Cancer.

This programme is fun and creative, using drama, arts and play and aims to help children cope with a cancer diagnosis in the family.

Starting Feb 2026

THURS

Creative Arts

10:00am - 12:00pm

11th Sept

"Look Good, Feel Better"

11:30am - 1:00pm

Places limited

4th Sept

Play Therapist

Available for children from 3 years upwards who have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis in the family.

Garment Fitting

Serra nova sleeve/ leg garments for lymphoedema.

Booking Essential

FRI

Prosthesis & Bra Fitting Day

12th Sept

Spaces Available

Booking Essential

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