

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed



'Carlo Acutis Youth Group'

recently formed 'Carlo Acutis' Youth celebrating their first Mass as a group last Saturday evening in the Parish Church

For any youth interested in joining this group they meet every Friday in the Parish Centre at 2.30pm.

You will be very welcome!



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A large crowd approaches the gate of Nain. A grieving widow is burying her only son. Then Jesus comes forward and touches the bier. "Young man," he says, "I say to you rise." Miraculously the dead man sits up and begins to speak.



It's a wonderful scene, but what is the story about? The grieving widow doesn't fall on her knees and beg Jesus to raise her son to life, so the story maybe isn't about faith. There is no hint that the mother and son lived their lives differently after the miracle. Actually they probably did live their lives differently, but the story doesn't offer any evidence so the story isn't about praise or living life gratefully. Maybe the point of this miracle is that sometimes God's grace pours into our lives totally unearned.

The really exciting point of this story comes when the villagers, quickly coming to terms with the initial shock of seeing a dead body sitting up, glorify God saying, "God has looked favourably on his people!" Notice that the villagers do not say, "God has looked favourably on the bereaved mother or the dead son," but "God has looked favourably on his people!" That means all of us!

The story gives hope to all of those who suffer in circumstances from which they can see no way out. Jesus shows the bereaved mother from Nain unbidden, unearned compassion We're all eligible!





Heartiest congratulations to our parishioner John Delaney, Glenbarrow, and to Jody Callan, Michal

Mizgala, Declan Prendergast, and Sebastian Kopijka ordained to the Permanent Diaconate last Sunday in the Cathedral, Carlow by Bishop Denis for service in our diocese! Every blessing to all of them and their families.

Mass times for the coming week ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

Monday - Thursday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm 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.

Friday (First Friday)
Eucharistic Adoration
Exposition at 6pm
Benediction at 7pm
followed by Mass at 7.30pm





We welcome into our Parish Community Phoebe Flanagan, Chestnut Close, Foxburrow Heidi Faye Griffin, Clonroosk Abbey Who were baptised last weekend.

November, Month of the Faithful Departed

That time of year again - when we remember all those who have gone before us. Ours is not an empty remembering but is filled with hope. Hope in him who said 'I am the resurrection and the Life'. If you wish to enrol your loved ones in our November list of the dead to be remembered at Masses during the month, envelopes are available in the Church Porches or at the Parish Centre.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on: Tuesday at 7.30pm,
Wednesday at 7.30am
& Thursday at 7.30pm.

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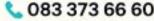
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MEDUGORJE 09-17TH OCTOBER 2025

20th Anniversary of Portlaoise Parish Support for the elderly & vulnerable of the hills and mountains of Medugorje.

We visited 30 households and supplied food, firewood, furniture and financial assistance where needed. The financial assistance was given to the people directly.

The donations were raised by your sponsorship of the candles at the end of year Rosary at the Grotto.

Your support once again will be greatly appreciated by the people of Medugorje who rely on your help.

The pension in Medugorje is €70 a month with no additional benefits.

Sister Muriel who died in 2020 transferred her contacts to Mary's Hands, the local charity, in Medugorje who distribute food monthly. We left a donation to Mary's Hands to help in the most difficult months of the year.

We would like to than Monsignor Byrne and all the priests of the parish who supported us over the years and all who gave donations.

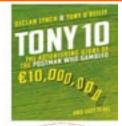
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A Mass was offered up on 17th October 2025 in Medugorje for your loved ones that you asked us to pray for and for all your intentions.







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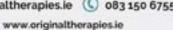
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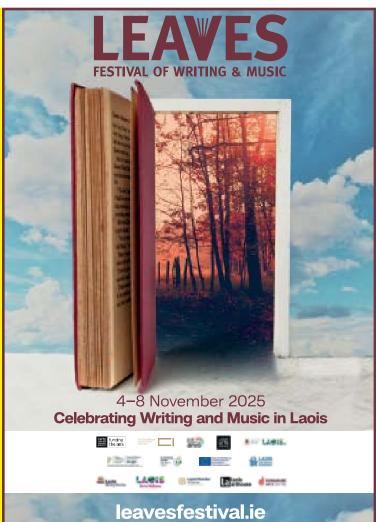
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IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER

Prayer for All Souls Day

Merciful Father,
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As we renew our faith in Your Son,
whom You raised from the dead,
strengthen our hope
that all our departed brothers and
sisters will share in His resurrection,
who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever.



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In November we remember all those who have died. If you have anyone belonging to you who has died, a grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or even a good friend. You can put the name of that person on the Remembrance Tree in the Parish Church.



Sunday 2nd November ALL SOULS

All Souls' Day is also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead. It's a day of prayer and remembrance and on All Souls' Day, people celebrate the lives and souls of those who have died. Why don't you go to the Church and light a candle today!



First Holy Communion preparation ceremony for all children from Portlaoise Parish will take place in the Parish Church, next Saturday, 8th November at 5pm.

All the Saints of Ireland

Thursday November 6th is the Feast Day of all the Saints of Ireland.

This poem gives us an insight into the Saints we meet in our daily lives.

So let me mention just a few: I know someone who runs a team And teaches kids to play and dream, Who stands in cold and wind and rain on days they play and nights they train; Someone who's there when we are sad, The best and gentlest friend we've had, Someone who says, 'Just do your best' When I am sacred to take the test; A friend who takes the time to show how things are done when I don't know, A teacher who just always knows where that comma always goes; And others who are kind and good, who try to act as Jesus would, Who shows God's love in all they do. I know a lot of Saints, don't you?

I know a lot of Saints, I do!



Christy Kenneally



The Lunch Club is an event, which provides a positive environment where older people can meet, enjoy a good meal together and socialise with their neighbours and friends in their local area, with music and dancing



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Time to Think...
Amazing Grace

November for many is a challenging month. Winter darkness brings a change of mood, winter makes us all somewhat vulnerable. Nature seems to have fallen asleep, November mirrors our human mortality and in this regard traditionally in November we remember loved ones gone before us. However, it is important that we nourish our hope and embrace the light that comes from God's presence at this time. A light that's brighter than any winter darkness. Grace is the great gift that follows the presence of God. Grace always whispers, All Will Be Well!!

John Newton was a cruel and vile man who seemed beyond hope, but he became an example of God's amazing grace. His true story gives me hope, because his heart and life were so radically changed. The same amazing grace that transformed Newton brought hope to his contemporaries and still reaches our generation with hope today. Newton was a man of whom I could believe that if God would give him a hope and a future, then He will do the same for us all.

In Newton's own words from his diary... (March 21, 1748): "On that day the Lord sent from on high and delivered me out of deep waters." And 57 years to the day later... (March 21, 1805): "Not well able to write; but I endeavour to observe the return of this day with humiliation, prayer, and praise." Of Newton and his ministry... from Christianity.com: "Only God's Amazing Grace could and would take a rude, profane, slave-trading sailor and transform him into a child of God. Newton never ceased to stand in awe of God's work in his life.

In 1764, at the age of thirty-nine, John Newton began forty-three years of preaching the Gospel of Christ. In 1779 Newton left Olney to become rector of St. Mary Woolnoth in London. His ministry included not only the London poor and the merchant class but also the wealthy and influential. William Wilberforce, a member of Parliament and a prime mover in the abolition of slavery, was strongly influenced by John Newton's life and preaching. Newton's 'Thoughts on the African Slave Trade,' based on his own experiences as a slave trader, was very important in securing British abolition of slavery. Missionaries William Carey and Henry Martyn also gained strength from Newton's counsel.

For the Sunday evening services, Newton often composed a hymn which developed the lessons and Scripture for the evening. In 1779, two hundred and eighty of these were collected and combined with sixty-eight hymns by Newton's friend and parishioner, William Cowper, and published as the Olney Hymns.

The most famous of all the Olney Hymns, 'Faith's Review and Expectation,' grew out of David's exclamation in 1 Chronicles 17:16-17. * We know it today as 'Amazing Grace.'

Newton lived to be eighty-two years old and continued to preach and have an active ministry until beset by fading health in the last two or three years of his life. Even then, Newton never ceased to be amazed by God's grace and told his friends, 'My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner,

and that Christ is a great Savior."

The words of the beloved hymn penned by John Newton acknowledges God's amazing grace as he experienced in his own

Amazing Grace "Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind, but now I see. T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed. Thru many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun." - John Newton

Hope is a powerful energy that allows us to breathe with confidence and resilience. To celebrate hope we must first experience despair and desolation. Peace of Mind is a most important gift that we must never take for granted. The following prayer is full of spiritual and life-giving hope.

A New Serenity Prayer God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, which is pretty much everyone, since I'm clearly not you, God. At least not the last time I checked. And while you're at it, God, please give me the courage to change what I need to change about myself, which is frankly a lot, since, once again, I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect. It's better for me to focus on changing myself than to worry about changing other people, who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying, I can't change anyway. Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter than everyone else in the room, that no one knows what they're talking about except me, or that I alone have all the answers. Basically, God, grant me the wisdom to remember that I'm not you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER. Top score: Tied; Shiela Duff & Ann Marie Farrell. 1st Lady: Tied; Catherine Fitzpatrick & Betty Murphy. 1st Gent: Mary Dunne. 2nd Gent: Terry Dunne. 1st Half: Tied; Frances Dunne & Tom Kearns. 2nd Half: Tied; Liam McCartney, B. Kennedy & Tom Dunne. Best of 3: Peter Stevenson. Raffle: 1st Tom Gowing, 2nd Ann Pearson, 3rd Damien Carter, 4th Sadie Chester, 5th Ton Kearns, 6th Tom Dunne. 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.

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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.

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EMMANUEL HOUSE CLONFERT Day of Prayer for Holy Souls in Purgatory led by Eddie Stone & Team – Sun. Nov. 9th 11am. Please bring a packed lunch.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO, First Sunday in November 2nd at the Grotto Top Square at 2.30pm.

Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Evelyn O'Rourke Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise

Frank Cullen Harpurs Lane, Portlaoise





John Joey Tuohy UK and formerly Lakeglen & Marian Ave, Portlaoise

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Seán Conroy Lamberton House, Ratheniska

May They Rest In Reace
Our Sympathies Are With Their Families



The Link Up office is currently taking bookings for Christmas Memorials

N.B. PLEASE NOTE:

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for inclusion in the Christmas edition of the Link Up (*December 21st*), this will be the last Link Up of 2025. The First Link Up of 2026 will be Sunday January 11th. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



In Loving Memory of

BREDA WALSH (NÉE KEOGH)

Late of Chelmsford, Essex and Ridge Road, Portlaoise. 9th Anniversary occurs 6th November 2025.

> Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

Forever Loved. Never forgotten. Always missed. Matty, Jason, Helena, Emma and Shane, all the grandkids and extended family.

Rest in Reace Breda



In Loving Memory of

JOHN PAUL KIRWAN

Anngrove, Kilbricken, Mountrath, Co. Laois 21st Anniversary occurs 6th November.

Anniversary Mass in St. Brigid's Church Shanahoe, on **November**

9th at 12 noon.

Quickly and quietly came the call,
Without farewell you left us all,
A sudden call from God on high,
You had no chance to say goodbye
Without farewell you fell asleep,
But memories of you we'll always keep.

Also remembering at this time John's daddy Martin (Murt) Kirwan.

Your life was love and labour, Your love for your family true, You did your best for all of us, We will always remember you.

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered By your loving family.

Rest in Reace John Raul



In Loving

Memory of

EUGENE (HUGHIE) McLOUGHLIN

63 Lakeglen, Portlaoise. 23/8/1949-31/10/2022.

3rd Anniversary away from home - 31st October 2025.

Lonely here without you, we miss you more each day. Life is not the same to us since you were called away.

Your resting place we visit,
Place flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache
When we turn and leave you there.

Sadly, missed and always remembered by your loving wife Patsy and son Eugene xxx Masses offered.



Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others needs
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.

Love Always, Imelda, Danny
& family xxx

Three years have passed, the pain still stays,
But your memory lights my days.
I miss you more than words can say,
But I know we'll meet again someday.

Love Trisha xxx

Those we hold most dear never truly leave us
They live on in the kindness they showed,
The comfort they shared,
And the love they brought into our lives.

Sadly missed by Geraldine, Christy and Girls xx

Rest in Reace Eugene

In Loving Memory of

JIM SEXTON



"Padua", Clonminam Road, Portlaoise. 22nd Anniversary occurs 3rd November 2025.

Anniversary Mass to remember Jim and his late wife Bridget, whose anniversary occurs 24th November, will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on

Saturday 22nd November at 6.30pm.

Will those who think of Jim today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.

Always loved and remembered by Pat, Mary, Frank, his daughter-in-law Hilda, grandsons, great-granddaughters, extended family and friends.

Rest in Reace Sim

In Loving Memory of



BREDA WALSH (NÉE KEOGH)

Late of Chelmsford, Essex and Ridge Road, Portlaoise. 9th Anniversary occurs 6th November 2025.

Don't remember me with sadness,
Don't remember me with tears.
Remember all the good times
Shared throughout the years.
So please don't be unhappy
Just because I am out of sight.
Remember that I am with you
Every morning, noon and night.

Deeply loved and never forgotten by your brothers, sisters and extended family.

Rest in Reace Breda



In Loving Memory of

ANNE SMYTH

Ballytegan, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise. 9th Anniversary occurs 9th November 2025.

Thinking of you today.

Forever loved, cherished and never forgotten by your husband Joe and your children Gemma, Brian and Joanne, your grandchildren Danann, Caiden and Harry, and your sons-in-law and daughter-in-law.

Rest in Reace Anne



In Loving Memory of JOHN (JOEY) TUOHY

London and formerly Marian Ave & Lake Glen, Portlaoise. Who died 18th October 2025 in London.

Never more than a thought away, Deep in our hearts you will always stay.

Deeply missed by his family, relatives and friends.

Rest in Reace John



In Loving Memory of CECELIA MULHALL

85 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 22nd Anniversary on 1st November 2025.

Never more than a thought away, Deep in our hearts you will always stay, Loved and remembered every day.

Always remembered by your loving family x May Pecelia Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of

SEAN & PEGGY O'BRIEN

Late of Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise. Sean's 45th Anniversary and Peggy's 29th Anniversary occur at this time.

Miss Me But Ret Me Go When I come to the end of the road, And the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room, Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little-but not too long, And not with your head bowed low, Remember the love that we once shared, Miss me-but let me go. For this is a journey that we all must take, And each must go alone, It's all part of the Master's plan, A step on the road to home. When you are lonely and sick of heart, Go to the friends we know, And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds, Miss me but let me go. Sadly missed and always remembered by all your loving family and friends.

Rest in Reace

In Loving Memory of



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Sunday 2nd November at 12.30pm.**

7th Anniversary occurs

5th November 2025.

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

Chinking of you today and always. Sadly missed by his loving wife Maura and family.

May Bill Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory



TOMMY & BRIDGET FRIEL

Late of 75 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

Tommy's 38th Anniversary and Bridget's 20th Anniversary occur at this time.

In our minds a constant thought, In our hearts a silent sorrow. Sadly missed and always remembered by your daughter Marie and family.

Rest in Reace



In Loving Memory of

PATRICK WHELAN

3 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.28th Anniversary occurs 10thNovember 2025.

Anniversary Mass in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday 8th November at 6.30pm.**

As each day dawns, we think of you,
As each night falls, we pray for you.
And throughout our lives, no matter where,
In our hearts you are always there.

Missed and always remembered by his loving family.

May Ratrick Rest in Reace



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND **MONTH'S MIND** In Loving Memory of

NORA / NOREEN **TWOMEY** (NÉE KEATING)

Renard South, Caherciveen, Co. Kerry and formerly Ballina, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

We, the family of Nora would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Father Larry Kelly for attending our home in Renard during our Mother's last days at home, for praying the rosary with us and for saying the final prayers for Nora before she left Renard for the very last time.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to Monsignor John Byrne for celebrating Nora's funeral Mass in Portlaoise with such kind words and warmth. Thank you to M.Bartley in the parish centre for organising everything. Thanks to Páidí Garvey undertakers for the professionalism and kindness, shown to us and for enabling us to bring Nora home to Renard and back to Ballyfin to be buried with her beloved husband. Nothing was too much effort for them.

We wish to express our gratitude to the staff of Valentia Community Hospital for the loving care and attention to our Mother during her stay there for the past two and a half years and especially, in her final days. Thank you to all who cared for our Mother like your own, we will be forever grateful to you, for your love, care and attention.

We very much appreciate the kindness of our neighbours in Renard who were there to support us. Words cannot express how much we appreciated the old traditions of your help with carrying our Mother in and out in terrible weather conditions and calling to our home to pay your respects and forming the guards of honour when our Mother came back to Renard and indeed when she left for the final time that Friday morning. Simple traditions that meant everything to us.

Thank you to our wonderful neighbours and friends who called to sympathise with us in Portlaoise, and attended the funeral Mass, we appreciated and enjoyed your company. To those who travelled long distances from Kerry via Clare to Donegal and all places in between to sympathise with us, we say a huge míle buíochas. To those who expressed condolences, online, by phone or in person, to those who thought of us in any way we are so grateful to you.

Thank you to those who played a part in the funeral Mass and made it so special, we are very thankful to our amazing singer Aishling who added so beautifully to the funeral Mass. Thank you to David Goode (of Keegan Funeral Directors) in Portlaoise, for his professionalism and to the grave diggers including Liam McNamara for preparing our Mother's final resting place in Ballyfin.

Thank you to the Deadman's Pub in Ballyfin for accommodating us and for the wonderful food provided by Bosco's Catering. Finally, a special thank you to Martina and Paul for standing outside our home in Ballina with the Kerry flag, we know Nora would have been so happy about that.

Please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere gratitude. The Holy Sacrament of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Nora's months mind Mass will take place on Sunday, 2nd of November at 11.30am in the Daniel O'Connell Memorial Church in Caherciveen, Co. Kerry.

Ní imithe uainn atá said, ach imithe romhainn



In Loving Memory of

NOEL BRENNAN

Grenville, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise. 14th Anniversary occurs 1st November 2025.

Anniversary Mass in St Peter's & Paul's Church Saturday 1st November at 6.30pm.

Our lives go on without you, but nothing is the same. We have to hide our heartache when someone speaks your name, You did so many things for us, your heart was kind and true. And when we needed someone, we could always count on you. The special days will not return, when we were all together, But with the love in our hearts, you walk with us forever.

> Always remembered and loved by your daughter Shauna and wife Alice xx

Rest in Reace Noel



In Loving Memory of MARY DRENNAN

Clonban, Mountrath, Co Laois. 2nd Anniversary occurred 15th October, 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Brigid's Church, Shanahoe on Sunday, 9th November at 12 noon.

Also remembering her late husband, Tim Drennan, her brother, Jack O'Toole and deceased members of the Drennan and O'Toole families at this time.

Loved and remembered by her family and friends.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis.



In Loving Memory of

KEVIN BOWE

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. 7th Anniversary occurs 5th November 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 1st Nov. at 6:30pm.

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, Love leaves a memory no one can steal. As our heartache has only grown, You now have Rob at your side in your heavenly home.

Sadly missed by your wife Marie, children Suzanne, Kevin, Sandra, Paul and Kenneth, grandchildren, sisters Betty & Patty and brother Frank and extended family.

May Kevin Rest in Reace



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Prayer for Inner Hooling Individual Blessing & Laying of

Lunch Break

Eucharistic adoration Individual Blessing & Laying of Hunds

Sunday 16 November 3.00 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adeqution. Chaplet of Disting Mercy. Prayer for Inner Heeling Catechesis

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Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 26:1, 4, 7-9 13-14 Romans 5:5-11 Luke 7:11-17

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