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12th October 2025

Twenty Eighth Week in Ordinary Time



Saint Carlo Acutis

Carlo Acutis died on the 12th October 2006
and this date has been designated by the
Vatican as the Feast Day of this new Saint.

Official Prayer to Saint Carlo Acutis

Oh God, Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo,
a life example for the young people and a message
of love for everyone.

You made him enamoured with Your Son Jesus,
making the Eucharist his "highway to Heaven."

You gave him Mary as a most loving Mother, and,
with the Rosary, you made him a poet of her
tenderness.

Receive his prayer for us. Above all, gaze upon the
poor, whom he loved and helped. Grant for me too,
by his intercession, the grace that I need.

And make our joy fulfilled, placing Carlo among the
Saints of your Church, so that his smile may shine
again for us in the glory of your name. Amen.

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Living In Wholeness

You must have met people who blame God when bad things happen. Do those same people give credit to God when good things happen? Today's gospel reading is a lesson on living in gratitude and wholeness.



Jesus cures ten lepers and nine of them hurry off without a word of thanks. Presumably they can't wait to get back to their families and loved ones. They can't wait to get back to where they left off. They can't wait to get back to 'normality'. To the nine lepers Jesus must have seemed nothing more than a biblical paramedic. How often do we fall into the same trap? We pray to God to help us through some crisis, but when the crisis blows over, do we remember to thank God or do we heave sigh of relief and carry on as 'normal'?

The one leper who returned to thank Jesus recognised that his life would never be 'normal' again. Something extraordinary had happened; his life had been touched by God. The nine lepers who returned to normality knew they had been made well, but the one who returned to thank Jesus recognised that not only had he been made well he had been made whole. The leper who returned was not about to forget what God had done for him. The leper who returned was bubbling over with gratitude.

We all have reasons to bubble over with gratitude to God. The key to living in wholeness is to appreciate when God lifts us from 'normality' and 'ordinariness'.

Papal Prayer Intention for October 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions.

This month, we are invited to pray for collaboration among people of different faiths. We can support this intention in simple, practical ways. We can take time to learn about other religious traditions and engage in respectful dialogue with neighbours of different beliefs. We can build friendships through small acts of hospitality and look for opportunities to serve together in community projects or charities. Above all, we can show respect and kindness in daily encounters.

Pope Leo writes, "May religions not be used as weapons or walls, but rather lived as bridges and prophecy: making the dream of the common good credible, accompanying life, sustaining hope and being the yeast of unity in a fragmented world." We are invited to join this month's prayer intention "...that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity."



Mass times for the coming week

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Monday—Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

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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.

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We welcome into our Parish Community

Isabella Joanie Costello, Uppersconce

Kelsey Jerrica Reis, Rockview Square

Arabella Judeline Reid, Wembley

Who was baptised last weekend.

St. Teresa of Avila

(1515-1582)

Tuesday 15th October

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong



opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She travelled, wrote, fought — always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life. Her writings, especially the Way of Perfection and The Interior Castle, have helped generations of believers.

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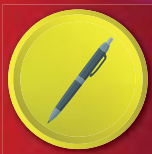
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The Thankful Leper

A friend of mine recently had a baby and I sent them a gift for the new baby. Last week I received this "Thank You" card in the post. Inside of the card it says, "Thank you so much for your gift. It was

just what we needed for our new baby." You know, it really made me feel good that our friends took the time to send us a card to say, "Thank You."

Don't you just hate it when someone does something nice for you and your mother prompts you by saying, "Now, what do you say?" You knew what to say, didn't you? We all know what to say, but unfortunately, we sometimes forget to say it. That is what happened in the Gospel today.

Our Gospel today is about ten lepers. Do you know what a leper is? No, it is not an animal with spots on it. That's a leopard! However, a leper does have spots. A leper is a person who has a disease called leprosy. This disease causes sores all over the body. Leprosy was very common in Jesus' day, and people who had this disease were thought to be unclean. They were required to stay away from other people because of the fear that they might infect them with their disease. One day, Jesus was walking through a small village when he saw a group of ten lepers. They stood far away from Jesus and called to him, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." Obviously, they knew who Jesus was and that he had the power to heal them. When Jesus heard them, he called back to the lepers and said, "Go, show yourself to the priest."

As the lepers went on their way to see the priest, they looked at their skin and the sores were gone. Jesus had healed their disease. They were so happy that they ran up and down the streets singing and dancing. Suddenly, one of them stopped and went back. Praising God with a loud voice, he threw himself at Jesus' feet and said, "Thank You." Jesus said to him, "Weren't there ten who were healed? Where are the other nine?" Only one out of ten remembered to say, "Thank You."

God does so much for us! Every day he provides everything we need: food, clothing, and a place to live. Do we ever forget to say, "Thank You?" Let's stop right now and say "Thank You" and ask God to help us remember to thank Him every day.

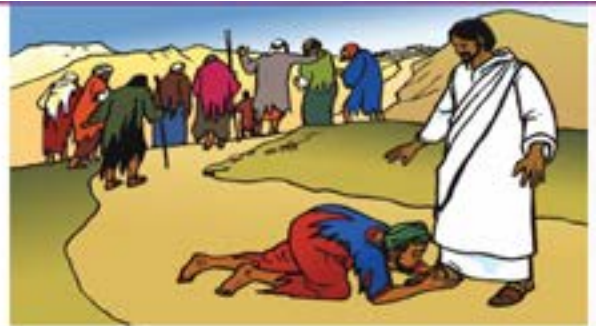
My Prayer

Father, help me to appreciate my health, family, friends and everything I am given.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Jesus Heals Ten Lepers

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. Luke 17:15



Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. An infectious disease that damages a person's nerves and skin
A. mumps B. influenza C. malaria D. leprosy
- ___ 2. A community smaller in than a city
A. metropolis B. country C. village D. state
- ___ 3. A person ordained to perform religious duties in the church
A. teacher B. priest C. leper D. usher
- ___ 4. To restore to health
A. infect B. heal C. praise D. leprosy
- ___ 5. To rid of impurities by or as if by washing
A. cleanse B. praise C. glorify D. priest
- ___ 6. To honour, worship, and express admiration to God
A. heal B. cleanse C. praise D. thank
- ___ 7. To express gratitude to someone for something they have done.
A. cleanse B. heal C. faith D. thank
- ___ 8. The number equal to 7+3
A. ten B. twelve C. nine D. eleven



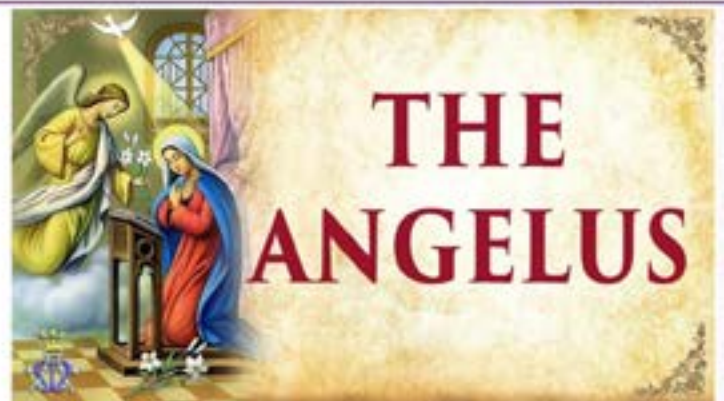
*The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary
And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary...*

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord
Be it done unto me according to thy word.
Hail Mary...*

*And the Word was made flesh.
And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...*

*Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.



Do you know how to say
the Angelus? Why don't
you say this prayer with
your family today.



Time to Think...

Pray for Palestine...



It is utterly distressing to watch news reports of the war in Gaza and the West Bank. Like so many others, the feelings of outrage coupled with powerlessness and sometimes despair are overwhelming as I watch footage of emaciated, starving children with distended stomachs and bones protruding. They are being held by their despairing mothers crying out for some form of nutrition. Viewers are subjected to the barbarity of indiscriminate bombing, which destroys dwellings, hospitals, schools, shops, etc. According to the Gaza Health Authority, over 66,000 Palestinians have been killed in the war to date. It is estimated that half a million Palestinians are starving, even though we are reliably informed that hundreds of trucks laden with supplies are stationed just outside the Israeli border. But they are obstructed from entering Gaza and the West Bank, though Israel, of course, denies this, claiming that there is a food supply getting through.

The statistics are supplied by the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), an organisation backed by the United Nations, which monitors hunger internationally. It reports that over half a million Palestinians are facing famine conditions of starvation, destitution and death. And it emphasises that the crisis is entirely man-made. Israel is weaponizing hunger as a military strategy, which is contrary to all international conventions on warfare. The UN Human Rights Chief Volker Türk said it was “a war crime to use starvation as a method of warfare, and the resulting deaths may also amount to the war crime of wilful killing”. The United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres said that Israel, as the occupying power, “has unequivocal obligations under international law – including the duty of ensuring food and medical supplies of the population. We cannot allow this situation to continue with impunity.”

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has authorised the ground invasion of Gaza city, which would forcibly displace over one million Palestinians. This will have very serious consequences for many people who are sick and malnourished as they may not be able to evacuate. The barbarity can have a numbing effect, giving a kind of protective shield to isolate us from the horrors. But we can't escape the feeling that we should be doing something. It is heartening to see well-attended protest marches throughout the country in support of Palestine. Our Government must be commended for its official recognition of the State of Palestine. (Most experts agree that the ‘Two-State Solution’, which involves the creation of a Palestinian state separate from the state of Israel, is the only viable proposal for peace in the area.) The U.S. has shamefully refused to recognise the State of Palestine.

A United Nations official, Francesca Albanese, had listed companies who were profiting from their investments in Israeli bonds and which, through other associated companies, were involved in the instruments of war. Allianz, the biggest insurance company in the world, was on that list. In fact, it was described as the principal institutional shareholder in Elbit Systems, one of the main suppliers of drones to the Israeli military – weapons used to kill men, women and children. The Association of Catholic Priests has called for the Church in Ireland to divest from its main insurer.

All church property and Catholic schools in Ireland are insured by Allianz. The company is also one of the major sponsors for the GAA. This monopoly must be seriously challenged.

The Association of Catholic Priests (the ACP) of which I am a member, issued a statement ending with the words: ‘because the present sense of outrage in the Irish Catholic Church at what’s happening in Gaza will be increased exponentially by the revelation of the Irish Catholic Church’s connection with Allianz and Allianz’s connection with the state of Israel, we ask that the response of the Irish Catholic Church should be immediate and far-reaching in cutting our links with Allianz’.

Dr Michael Malone, of the Christians for Palestine organisation, has emphasised how effective such a boycott of companies like Allianz can be. He is also associated with a movement called the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions Movement. He is emphatic that financial pressure, created by such movements, may ultimately force the Israeli government to cease the genocide. I have no hesitation in calling on the Irish Church and the GAA to sever all links with Allianz, regardless of the cost, unless, of course, the company divests from Elbit Systems. As I write, a peace proposal has just been announced by President Trump. I’m somewhat sceptical as none of the warring parties (the Israeli Government or the Hamas terrorists) were party to the negotiations. It demands a significant climbdown by Netanyahu, reversing as it does the attempt to force Palestinians in Gaza into exile and to agree to the withdrawal of Israeli Defence Forces from Gaza.

Recently we celebrated the great feast, of St. Francis of Assisi, an icon for peace and hope. Francis, himself experienced the consequence of war and imprisonment. It was during his time in captivity, confronted with the harshness of poverty and want, where he discovered the presence of God. Contemplating on who is God and who am I, Francis embraced the radical message of the Gospel. God loves us as we are, not for who we want to be, but for the unique gift each one of us are, in the sight of the one who created us. This insight allowed Francis to enjoy an inner contentment and spiritual awareness of God’s omnipresence, in the bits and pieces of his daily life.

It is in this context where he recorded his celebrated prayer “Lord make me an instrument of your peace.” I pray in a turbulent world that peace will prevail, especially for the Palestinian people.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER. Top score: Terry Dunne. 1st Lady: Catherine Galvin, 2nd Lady: Leslie Hunter, 1st Gent: Ann Marie Farrell, 2nd Gent: Peter Stephenson, 1st Half: Margaret Flanagan, 2nd Half: Liz Cooper. Raffle: 1st P Stephenson, 2nd Catherine Fitzpatrick, 3rd Catherine Galvin, 4th Maer Dunne 5th Mary 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.*

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.

LINE DANCING with Maureen Culleton, St. Mary's Hall, Oct 13th, 20th 11am-12noon. **FREE ENTRY and all welcome!**

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

LAOIS COUNTY BRIDGE CLUB, PORTLAOISE. Morning bridge every Wednesday morning at 10.15am in Portlaoise Enterprise Centre. Beginners are welcome and lessons given to improve your skills. Contact William on 087-0929898.

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 14th October, St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm Jackpot on 45 numbers €1480, Double number €1440, Lotto €650.

ACTIVE RETIRED Monday 13th.oct bowls in st Mary's hall. From 2-4 pm.new members welcome Wednesday 15th.oct.afternoon with Moez from 3pm. New members welcome Thursday 16th oct. In Sue Ryder kilminchy. Cards and chat from 3pm.New members welcome tuition given.

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.

LAOIS TRADITIONAL SINGERS' CIRCLE: First Thursday of every month. Next session 6 November 2025. 9pm Humes' Bar Portlaoise. Folk songs, sean nós, ballads, stories and recitations welcome. contact Niall 087231093.

PORTLAOISE TOASTMASTERS Portlaoise Toastmasters meeting at Kavanagh's Bar (upstairs) on Monday, 13th October 2025 at 8pm. All welcome.

SEAN DOYLE LIGHT ENGINEERING, BALLACOLLA: Call 087-2068972 | seandoylelightengineering. Clothesline poles, rotary clotheslines, winders, pulleys, sawhorses, bicycle stands.

TEAM HOPE – CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL We are seeking a suitable SPACE to gather and store the shoeboxes. If you know or anywhere that might be freely available, please contact 087-9144992. Table Quiz to support the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal – Deadman's Inn, Ballyfin. Fri. 17th Oct at 8pm. All welcome for a Fun Night.

LAOIS GUIDE DOGS express a warm thank you for the support of the recent Church Gate Collection raising a total of €7,800.

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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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

THE GUILD OF ST PHILIP Portlaoise, provides a befriending service for prisoners in Portlaoise and Midlands, who have no family visits. This experience greatly affects their ability to adjust to life 'outside' as law abiding citizens. The Guild is a positive force in the lives of prisoners visited. If you are interested in becoming a Guild member please contact 0860462405.

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



Dinah da Silva
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Rathangan, Co. Offaly



Margaret O'Connell
Capoley, Portlaoise

May They Rest In Peace
Our Sympathies Are
With Their Families

In Loving Memory of

ELIZABETH LEAHY
(NÉE DELANEY)

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary - 13th October 2025.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 11th October at 6.30pm.

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

Loved always, never forgotten by all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Elizabeth



In Loving Memory of

JOE LAFFAN

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

26th Anniversary – 4th October 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.
Peter & Paul's Parish Church **Sunday 12th**
October at 11.15am.

Will those who think of Joe today,

A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Kitty and family.

May Joe Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

CHRISTY KEENAN

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary occurs
11th October 2025.

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

Sadly missed by Pat, Ger and Claire
Scully, neighbours and friends.

Rest in Peace Christy



In Loving Memory of

PATTI DONELLAN

Glenside, Portlaoise. 3rd Anniversary - 15th October 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.
Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Saturday**
18th October at 6.30pm.

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 Patti



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

JOE RUTH

St. John's Square.

Happy Heavenly 89th Birthday Dad.

I know you're watching from above

Although I cannot see you.

I'm sending all my love.

Deeply missed by your daughter Donna and son in law Karl xx.

May Joe Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

DANIEL THOMPSON

60 St. Brigid's Place.

13th Anniversary occurs at this time.

13th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 19th October at 12.30pm.

In our hearts you will live forever,
Because we thought the world of you.

Sadly missed by his wife Maureen and Family.

May Daniel Rest in Peace

Acknowledgement
In Loving Memory of

PETER FITZPATRICK

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise

whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

The family of the late Peter Fitzpatrick
wish to thank most sincerely all who
sympathised with them on their recent loss.

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

May Peter Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

THERESA WHELAN

23 Coote Street, Portlaoise.

3rd Birthday away from home
11th October 2025.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by her
loving husband Paddy and sister Olive.*

Rest in Peace Theresa

In Loving Memory of

WILLIAM BOHAN

34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

25th Anniversary occurred 9th October 2025.

The years we spent together, we keep within
our hearts, they hold precious memories that
will never let us part, unspoken thoughts, no
outward show, but deep inside we miss you so.
Each one thought the world of you, for us you
did your best, and now we pray the Lord will
grant your soul eternal rest.

*Always remembered, Billy, John, Michael, Maurice, Eugene,
Dermot, Brian, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sisters-in-law
and brothers-in-law.*

May William Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

LIAM BILL HORAN

23 Grattan St., Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary - 8th October 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, **Saturday 11th October at 6.30pm.**

Daddy / Grandad

Our thoughts are ever with you
Though you have passed away
And those who have loved you dearly
Are thinking of you today.

*Always loved and missed by Hannah,
Andy, Cian, Pat, Fiona, Jason and
Rachel.*

May Liam Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

MICHAEL LACUMBER

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Died 15th October 2011.

14th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this

Sunday 12th October at 11:15am.

Our lips cannot speak how much we love you,
our hearts cannot tell them what to say,
Only God knows how much we miss you,
every hour of every day.

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

May Michael Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

DARREN BREEN

2nd Birthday away from home.

46th Birthday - 15th October 2025.

Thinking of Dar on his 46th
Birthday.

*You will be loved and missed forever.
Love from Ma, his brother, sisters
and all his loving family.*

xxxxxxx

Rest in Peace Dar



In Loving Memory of

DAMIEN CONNOLLY

Springfield, Ballyfin, Co. Laois.
14th Anniversary occurred 4th October
2025

If I had only known the last time would be the last.
I would have put off all the things I had to do
I would have stayed a little longer, held on a little
tighter

Now what I'd give for one more day with you
Cause there's a wound here in my heart where something is missing
And they tell me that it's going to heal with time
But I know you're in a place where all your wounds have been erased
And knowing yours are healed are healing mine.
I know the road you walked was anything but easy
You picked up your share of scars along the way
Oh but now you're standing in the sun,
you've fought your fight and your race is run
The pain is all a million miles away
There's not a day goes by that I don't see you
You live on in all the better parts of me
Until I'm standing with you in the sun,
I'll fight this fight and this race I'll run until I finally see what you can see.
The only scars in Heaven, they won't belong to me and you
There'll be no such thing as broken and all the old will be made new
And the thought that makes me smile now, even as the tears fall
Is that the only scars in Heaven are on the hands that hold you now.

*Miss you so much, your wife Jacinta, your children Jack,
Katie & Paul and your grandchild Ruairi
Rest in Peace Damien*



In Loving Memory of

JOHN FAHY

55 Beladd, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurs 15th
October 2025 Anniversary Mass will
be in St. Peter & Paul's Church on
Sunday 19th October at 12.30pm.

Dad,

We close our eyes and see your face
Smiling at us from a beautiful place
You tell us you are never far away
And that we will meet again some day
We ask if you could stay a while
We miss your laugh
We miss your smile
Then you whisper sweetly into our ears
I never leave you I'm always here.

*Love and miss you always Dad.
James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dor, Sons & daughters in law,
grandchildren & great grandchildren.*



In Loving Memory of

PATRICIA LALLY

3 Vesey Close, Abbeyleix.

Patricia's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 18th October at 5pm in Abbeyleix Church.

Geraldine, Anne, Catherine, Cormac and Richard with their extended family,
would like to thank most sincerely everyone for the support and kindness shown
to us on the loss of our beloved mother and grandmother.

We are deeply grateful to the many people who attended Patricia's wake, funeral
Mass in person or online, and the burial. For those who travelled long distances
to be with us we offer our heartfelt thanks, and to Abbeyleix Golf Club, who
took time out to form a guard of honour. For those who sent mass cards, letters
and condolences on R.I.P., we were very moved by the memories, kind words,
and stories that were shared with us. To our friends and relatives who provided
constant support and who brought refreshments to the house, and to those who
helped with food and refreshments during Patricia's repose, we are eternally
grateful.

A sincere word of thanks to our cousin Fr. Larry Behan for the beautiful funeral
Mass, and for his kind and personal words and for his continued support for our
family through Patricia's long illness. Our grateful thanks to Fr. Paddy Byrne and
Fr. Sean Conlon who concelebrated the Mass. Thanks also to Fr. Petru Medves
who attended to Patricia's spiritual needs with kindness and compassion.

A special word of thanks to Nora and all who helped in the church.
To Katherine, Selena, Eden and Vincent who sang and played so beautifully and
to Ross, whose rendition of Gabriel's Oboe touched our hearts.

You all enriched the Mass and made the ceremony very special.
Sincere thanks also to Carmel, Des and John Moran Funeral Directors for their
kindness and support, and for their professional help and guidance to bring
Patricia to her final resting place.

A special word of thanks to the staff of Abbeyleix Hospital in both Respite and
DayCare, who went to great lengths to ensure Patricia's comfort throughout her
stays there.

Thank you to all the staff at Portlaoise hospital, especially nurses Anne Marie
and Jackie, who treated Patricia with care and dignity and expedited her return
home to us in her final hours. To Dr Madden and his staff for taking such good
care of Patricia over the years, and O'Donnell's pharmacy who were always there
when we needed them.

We are eternally grateful to all of Patricia's carers especially Catherine Stynes,
Breda, Taiwo, Lucy and Catherine who went above and beyond in their care for
Patricia, particularly in her final days.

Our deepest gratitude to Denise and all the community nursing team who
provided constant help and support and especially to Olive, Carla and Geraldine
for the care and compassion they showed to Patricia and us, in her final hours.

We would like to thank the Manor Hotel for providing a beautiful meal and
refreshments after the burial.

To all those who helped in any way, your contribution made our loss more
bearable.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this
acknowledgement as an expression of our sincere gratitude.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

DARREN BREEN

Hillview Drive

2nd Birthday away from home.

The little things that seemed so small
Are now gold in a memory vault
I cherish every one I have of you.
Happy Birthday in Heaven Babe.

Your heartbroken wife Olivia, children and grandchildren

xxxxxxx

Rest in Peace



MONTH'S MIND

In Loving Memory of

MARY BROPHY

(NÉE McCORMACK)

formerly of Portlaoise / Mountrath
and West Yorkshire.

Months Mind Mass in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church on
Sat. 11th Oct. at 10am.

Deeply missed by her loving family

May Mary Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

JOHN WALSH

Loughteague, Stradbally, Co Laois.

1st Anniversary occurs on 18th
October 2025.

John's 1st Anniversary Mass will take
place on **Sunday the 19th of October**
at 10am in the Church of the Holy
Cross Ratheniska.

John's family would like to thank all who have supported
them over the past year. To those who attended John's wake
and funeral, sent Mass cards, condolences and prayers.
We would particularly like to thank those who helped in
any way at the time of John's passing. Thank you to our
neighbours, friends, our local community and to Park
Ratheniska GAA who gave their valuable time.

Thank you to the staff of Stradbally Medical Practice and
the Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise who cared for
John when he attended.

We extend thanks to the priests of the parish, the parish
office and to Whelehan Funeral Directors for their kindness
and support.

The Holy Sacrifice of Mass has been offered for all those
who helped and supported us over the past year.

May John Rest in Peace



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND MONTH'S MIND

In Loving Memory of

AGNES McEVOY

Marian Ave. Portlaoise

Agnes's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on
Saturday 18th October at 6.30pm in the Parish Church.

Agnes's family would like to thank all those who
sympathised and supported them through their recent
sad loss. We are grateful to everyone who attended Agnes's
wake, funeral Mass and burial. To those who sent Mass
cards, phone calls, messages and condolences online.

To Msgr John Byrne who concelebrated Agnes's
funeral Mass.

A heartfelt thanks to Heather for the beautiful hymns
and music.

We wish to thank Matthew and David (Keegan's
Undertakers) for their helpful guidance throughout.
We would like to thank Doctors, Nurses and Palliative
Care Team of the Regional Midlands Hospital Portlaoise
for their care to Agnes in her final days.

We would also like to thank Dr. Gerard, Edward and
William White and all the staff.

A very special word of thanks to Bernie, Jane and also
the Carers who came from Dovidia Home Care.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually please
accept this Acknowledgement as an expression of our
heartful appreciation.

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

Rest in Peace Agnes

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**Sat 25th Oct
at 6.30pm**

**St. Peter &
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Portlaoise
PARISH

Recent Visitors to the Parish

– Following us Virtually since Covid



Kitty and Ed from Ohio, USA



Karen Shaw from Warsaw, Indiana



Visitors from Orlando Liz and Roy Colbert with our parishioners Annette Fennelly and Therese Collins along with Msgr. John.



12TH-14TH DECEMBER 2025

Fitz Of Inch Christmas Festival

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Step into Christmas magic
Meet Santa, browse festive crafts &
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Results for
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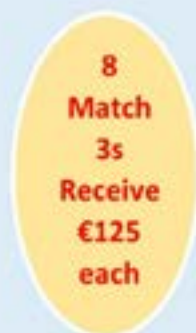


No €20,000 Jackpot Winner

WINNERS

Elly Devane
M & E
John Conroy
Aaron Langton
Margaret Donovan
Tony Fitzpatrick
Eddie Burns
Derek McGinn

MATCH 3s €1,000



PROMOTER

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Parish Centre during office hours
9am - 5pm Tel: 057 8621142
Outside office hours
in emergency only Tel: 0852134285

Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can
viewed on our website and our Church Porches.

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Ailish Higgins safeguarding@kandle.ie

Bitesize

Gratitude is our most direct line to God and the angels. If we take the time, no
matter how crazy and troubled we feel, we can find something to be thankful for.

Terry Lynn Taylor

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17
Psalm 97:1-4
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19



Supporting our Parish

*Each one must give as he or she has decided in their heart, not reluctantly or
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver* 2 Corinthians 9:7

Registered Charity Number 20015848

Please choose a way to make your contribution

- * Making your offering in the boxes at the Church entrances
- * Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations - boxes
available at Church porches and Parish Centre
 - * Direct payment by cheque or cash
 - * Cashless tap facility at Parish Church
 - * Donation facility on our website
- * Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
- * Or Transfer directly to our Account

Portlaoise Parish Account: IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

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Parish Secretary Michelle Bartley

Accounts Michelle Conroy

Sacristans Parish Church

Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times 057 8600119)

All Masses and services from the Parish Church and
the Heath Church are live streamed on our website



LINK UP

Monday to Thursday
9am to 5pm

Contact: Mary Schwer
057-8692154

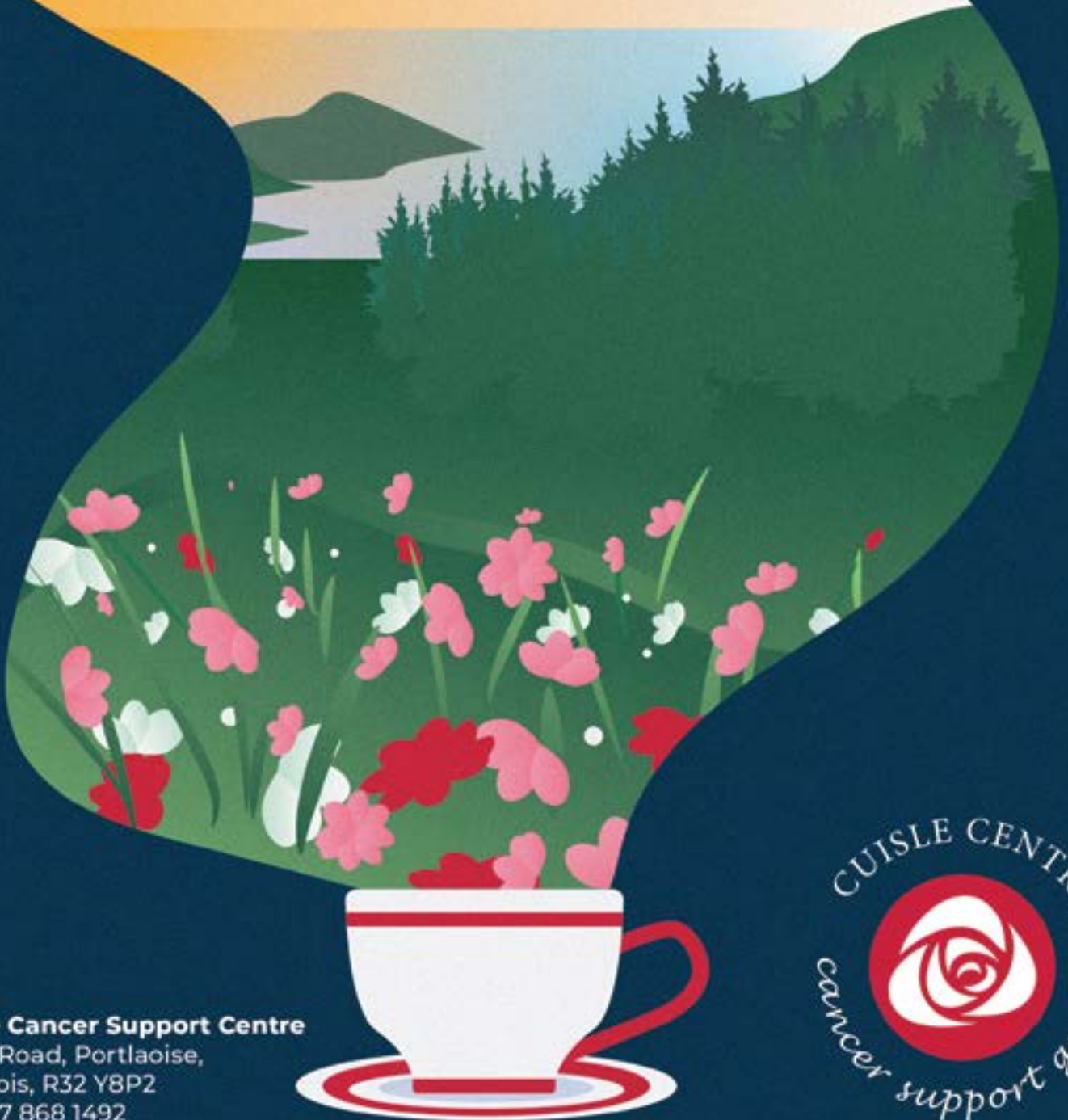
E-mail: linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie
Advertising deadline: Tuesday 5pm

PARISH SHOP
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Patient Coffee Morning

Join us for coffee & conversation
on Thursday 30th October
10.30am – 12noon

**We look forward to
seeing you!**



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