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**19th October 2025**

**Twenty Ninth Week  
in Ordinary Time**



**Prayer - Pope Francis**

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognise that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

From Laudato Si' by Pope Francis

**WORLD MISSION**

**SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 19, 2025**

**Missionaries**

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### Praying With Ninety Nine Percent Perspiration

Thomas Edison, a famous and prolific American inventor, is accredited the famous quote that success is, "One percent Inspiration and ninety nine

percent perspiration!"

The idea is that however clever or creative we are, success is mostly about hard work, patience and dedication.

It appears that success is more about not giving up than anything else. So what if we adopted the same attitude when it comes to matters of faith and prayer?

All too often we lack persistence when it comes to prayer, sometimes losing faith in it altogether. We give up on prayer for lots of reasons. We give up on prayer because we have stopped believing that God is really listening. We give up on prayer because we think that we are unworthy of God's attention, or that God must be busy doing other things. We give up on prayer because we have an immature expectation, and can't understand why God doesn't pander to it. Whatever reason we have for giving up on prayer we need to re-think, because at worst, giving up on prayer can mean giving up on our relationship with God.

Today Jesus urges us to persist in prayer. However disillusioned we might feel, we are urged not to give up. Just because God hasn't granted a prayer in the past doesn't mean God won't grant a future prayer. The key is to remember that God isn't a magician giving us quick fix answers whenever we're feeling at a loss. God sees the overall picture, and as long as our prayer fits that picture how much more readily will he answer us, than the unjust judge gives in to the widow in today's parable.

We are encouraged to pray with a genuine desire to build our relationship with God. We are encouraged to pray with persistence.

### Mission Sunday

In a world of injustice, Jesus teaches us to pray persistently like the widow who wouldn't give up. Her relentless faith moved an unjust judge – how much more will our faithful prayers move our loving Father? On Mission Sunday, we're reminded: God's justice will come for the oppressed, but will He find such persistent faith when He returns? True mission begins on our knees – interceding tirelessly, trusting completely, and acting courageously. Today, let your prayers fuel your mission, and your mission strengthen your prayers. For when God's people pray without ceasing, mountains move and kingdoms shake.

Mass times for the coming week

ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

Monday—Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption, The Heath, Sunday: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska, Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass.

### October Collection for the Priests of the Parish

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

**Thank You for your support.**



Fáilte

**We welcome into our Parish Community**

Chloe Chiamaka Aboh, Market Square

Tadhg White, Clonkeen

Fionn John Loughnane, Borris Avenue

Jordan David McDermott, Colliers Court

**Who were baptised last weekend.**

### Bereavement Mass - Parish Church Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm



Those who died in our Parish during the year and their families will be remembered at our Mass on 3rd November. A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory. If we have a photo of the deceased it will accompany their name on the screen in the Parish Church.

Also there are parishioners who have lost loved ones, parent or siblings, and also natives of our Parish, whose funerals were celebrated elsewhere. If you would like them to be remembered by name at our bereavement Mass please give the details to the Parish Centre by calling in or email

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# NOTICE

## REGARDING CHANGE OF POLLING STATIONS

# PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

## 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025

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Polling stations in the Portlaoise Urban and Rural Polling Districts have been amended and as a result, the Polling Station at which you are entitled to vote may have changed.

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Enrolments will be accepted from Oct. 6th 2025—Oct. 24th 2025. Enrolment forms are available directly from each school or via school websites:

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## OTHER SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2026/2027

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**Spríodáil Iarratais & Clárúcháin don scoilbhliain 26/27 Application & Admission deadlines for Junior Infants & new applicants for our Special Classroom for Autism for school year 26/27**

- Glacfar le harratais ón 6<sup>th</sup> Deireadh Fómhair 2025/ Applications will be accepted from October 6<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- Is féidir an fhoirm léiriú tuise a lionadh agus a chur ar aghaidh ag [runai@gaelscoilphortlaoise.net](mailto:runai@gaelscoilphortlaoise.net) ach arithoin i gcás iarratais don Rang SU; ní mór iad a chur tri phost clárúcháin nó ó lár na Rúnai na Gaelscoile/ One may complete the Expression of Interest Form and email to [runai@gaelscoilphortlaoise.net](mailto:runai@gaelscoilphortlaoise.net). In the case of applications for ASD classroom, application form, birth certificate & relevant reports must be sent by registered post or by hand to the school secretary.
- Is í an spríodáil glacadh le harratais ná an 14<sup>th</sup> Samhain 2025 / The deadline date for acceptance of applications is November 14<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- An dáta go mbeidh an cinneadh tugtha le fios do na harrathóirí ná an 28<sup>th</sup> Samhain 2025/ The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is November 28<sup>th</sup> 2025.
- An spríodáil glacadh le harratais ná an 6<sup>th</sup> Nollaig 2025 12.00 h/ Applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission by December 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 12.00 pm.

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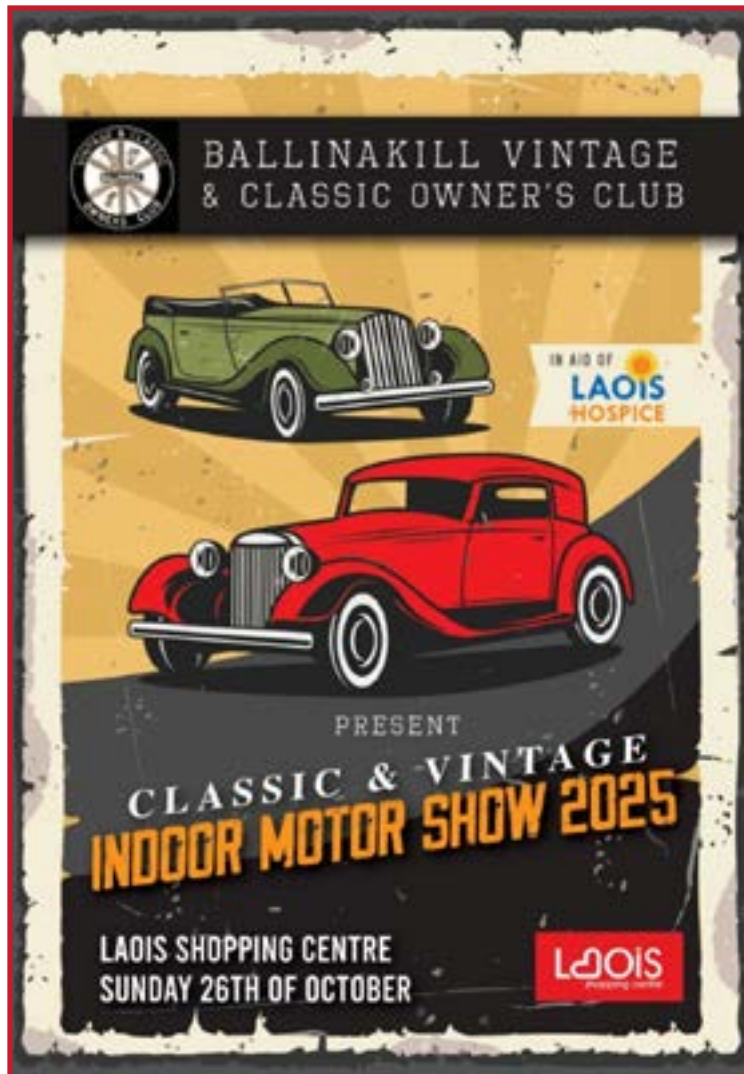
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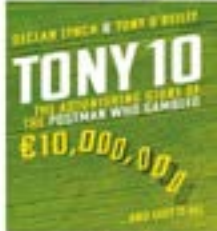
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### Pray, and Don't Give UP!

One day Jesus told a story about a woman who went to a judge and said, "My rights are being violated. Protect me!" At first, the judge refused to do anything, but the woman kept asking him. Finally, he said, "This woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!"

After Jesus finished the story, he said, "Learn a lesson from the judge.

Even he gave a fair decision in the end. So don't you think that God will step in and help his children when they keep on crying out for help? Won't he stick up for them? I assure you, he will".

Have you ever found yourself in a situation when life was so hard that you just wanted to give up? Maybe you were having trouble with your schoolwork. Perhaps you and a friend had a disagreement and you just couldn't seem to work it out. Or, maybe one of your classmates is bullying you.

What Jesus wants us to learn from this story that he told is that God, our Heavenly Father, loves us and wants to do nice things for us. He wants what is best for us and he has the wisdom to know what is best. But don't forget, he likes to hear us ask, not just once, but again and again. He doesn't want us to ask once and then give up!



Let us pray

Father, we know that you hear us when we pray and you answer in the way that is best for us. Help us to trust in you and never give up.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Do you know this prayer?

O Angel of God, my Guardian dear,  
to whom God's love commits me here,  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.

Amen.



Say this prayer every day with your family.

# Keep on Praying

*Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*

Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- \_\_\_ 1. A simple story illustrating a moral or religious lesson  
**A. fiction**    **B. parable**    **C. novel**    **D. essay**
- \_\_\_ 2. To speak to or make a request to God  
**A. preach**    **B. cry**    **C. pray**    **D. beg**
- \_\_\_ 3. An official who hears and decides cases brought before a court of law  
**A. senator**    **B. judge**    **C. soldier**    **D. policeman**
- \_\_\_ 4. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried  
**A. judge**    **B. wife**    **C. sister**    **D. widow**
- \_\_\_ 5. To be treated fairly  
**A. justice**    **B. cheat**    **C. hate**    **D. fool**
- \_\_\_ 6. A belief that does not require proof  
**A. faith**    **B. hope**    **C. dream**    **D. puzzle**
- \_\_\_ 7. The period from sunrise to sunset (light)  
**A. night**    **B. week**    **C. day**    **D. month**
- \_\_\_ 8. The period between sunset and sunrise (darkness)  
**A. night**    **B. week**    **C. day**    **D. month**



## Today is World Mission Sunday

Today we remember those who work as missionaries. We also welcome those that have moved from other countries and from other parts of our own country. Your challenge for the Mission for this week is to Pray.



To pray daily for people around the world and pray for peace. Talk to God.

### Mission Prayer

May all children  
In the world  
Share love  
Share friendship and live  
In the peace  
Of God's love  
Now and forever.  
Amen.



Our children's choir in the Parish Church



Sarah Troy, who leads our children's choir here in the parish is a finalist in the National Wedding Industry Awards 2025. We would ask for you to vote for Sarah.



#### Nominated in two categories

1. Ceremony music supplier of the year. Pre dinner music supplier of the year.

#### How to vote:

Visit [weddingsuppliers.ie](https://weddingsuppliers.ie)

1. Click 'vote now'
2. Fill in your name & email address.
3. Find the two categories, 'ceremony music supplier of the year' & 'pre dinner music supplier of the year' and select Sarah Troy Music for both.
4. Scroll to the bottom of the page and submit your vote.
5. Once your vote is submitted, you must verify it in your email for the vote to count.

Voting closes on the 24th of October.



# Time to Think...

## Those who care for the vulnerable



In all our communities, often silently and heroically, are people who voluntarily care for a vulnerable loved one. For me personally, those who care for a vulnerable loved one are truly inspirational. In the context of a vibrant rich economy, most carers receive abysmal remuneration regarding the contribution they make to enhance a loved one's life. The recent budget failed to significantly address this imbalance.

It goes something like this. You wake up. It's the middle of the night. You are in your own home, but you don't know where you are. You decide to get dressed but you can't find your clothes. You decide to go downstairs but you can't find the stairs. Eventually someone comes to you, but you don't know them. You've never seen them before. They tell you they are a son or a daughter, a husband or a wife. And they coax you back to bed.

That mini drama is re-enacted in different forms across the country every day and every night and every hour of every day and every night. Because across the country thousands of people, old and not so old, suffer from some form of dementia or senility, the best known of which has been labelled Alzheimer's Disease.

Such multiple conditions are not always, as people sometimes think, an advanced form of the kind of forgetfulness or cognitive deterioration associated in the common mind with the passing of years. More often than not that isn't the case. Apparently, there's no direct relation between old age and, say, Alzheimer's, as the condition described in the first paragraph above can also inflict people in their thirties. With Alzheimer's, the memory collapses, the ability to reason is diminished and the personality can change. Alzheimer's gets progressively worse. It is incurable and it ends in death. It may not be clear whether it's hereditary or whether it can be brought on by stress. It has to do with the formation of some kind of plaque in the brain and scientists are researching a way to check or eliminate that plaque.

But there is hope. While there is at present no cure for Alzheimer's disease, there is medicine available that can temporarily improve some symptoms. And there are cognitive stimulation therapies becoming available. But while the scientists do their research, those with dementia in many of its varied forms can face a bleak future and those who care for them can face problems and special needs. For the carers of Alzheimer's patients and others, a further dimension is the important question of who is going to care for the carers?

For the carers of Alzheimer's patients and others, the usual often difficult demands associated with caring can be exacerbated. In this instance it isn't just a question of keeping an eye on them, ensuring that they don't come to any harm, washing, bathing, putting them to bed. It's also repeating the same thing, possibly multiple times a day. It's trying to find a predictable reaction in the troubled, unfocussed eyes that stare vacantly into the distance. Allied to that is the change in personality of the patient, the sense that part of them is no longer there, a kind of living death.

There is too the sense of guilt people sometime feel when, with the best will in the world, a satisfactory level of care can't be

offered in the home and a patient with needs has to be facilitated in a nursing home. Responsibilities to oneself and to others can sometimes through misunderstanding or insinuation, be wrongly misrepresented as selfishness. There is something particularly heart-rending about a wife sitting in the shadows talking to a much-loved husband who doesn't really know who she is – or vice-versa. Or a daughter realising for the first time that the shell of life that now harbours her father has somehow lost the set of personality characteristics that shaped so much memory and so much love. Or even worse still, a mother trying to get some reaction from a son who stares at her as if he has never seen her before. Or the medley of other experiences when the person being cared for is no longer the person they knew.

The temptation is to treat them as unthinking, uncaring, not knowing. As if somehow behind the puzzled eyes there is no thought, no idea, no memory. That may not be the case because the world they now live in is impenetrable to the onlooker. Whatever the loss, they are still themselves, inhabiting a very private world in a very limited way, but still a world that, for all its limitations, is still their world. Whatever the change they can still throw an eye in a characteristic way, turn the head or even occasionally smile. Lucid moments can be unambiguously cherished like the sun forcing its way through the clouds on a dismal day. But those of us outside that experience cannot tell the carer of an Alzheimer's or dementia patient what to be or what to do. It is so easy for those outside this sometimes (or maybe often) grim experience of tangible personal loss to speak words of love and duty, to trot out clichés about responsibility to our own flesh and blood.

Most of us haven't earned that right and we should respect the difficult landscape that carers inhabit with the grace of our silence. We need to listen to the needs of those who care, not to pry into or analyse from a distance the very personal and private connection between the carer and the cared, and not to pretend that we understand the lonely and often long journey of caring. Budgets and elections, as we know, come and go, and are often full of suggestions about how carers could be helped or rewarded in some way for the work they do. It seems incomprehensible that the hidden heroines (and heroes) of such care should so often warrant such a relatively poor response in the rich country in which we now live.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 14TH OCTOBER.** Top Score: Kit Farrell. 1st Lady: Bernie Cahill. 2nd Lady: Ann O'Dowd. 1st Gent: Terry Dunne. 2nd Gent: Tied; Tom Dunne & Terry Jackson. 1st Half: Breda Fitzpatrick. 2nd Half: Sheila Duff. 13 Tricks: Kit Farrell & Tom Dunne. Raffle: 1st Catherine Galvin, 2nd Liam McCarthney, 3rd Liam McCarthney, 4th Hazel Restrick 5th Margaret Flanagan. *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 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

**RETIRED NURSES AGM** takes place Monday 20th October at the Parish Centre, Portlaoise 1.30pm. Guest speaker – all members welcome and Nurses intending to join.

**GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO** Tuesday 21st October St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm Jackpot on 47 numbers €1610 Double number €1510 Lotto €700, Bonus Ball €500.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT** Monday 20th Oct. Bowls in Mary's hall. from 2-4pm. New members welcome. Wednesday 22nd Oct. E.G Meeting to deal with urgent matters important all members attend. from 3pm. in parish center. Thursday 23rd. in Sue Ryder center kilminchy cards and chat from 3pm new members welcome tuition given. for further information contact Maria 0879187157.

**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.

**CARING IN OFFALY CE SCHEME:** Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2415725, Portlaoise area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711 or ahackett@familycarers.ie

**MEALS ON WHEELS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** on the weekend of 1st and 2nd of November.

**SOCIAL DANCE** Saturday 25th October in Parochial Hall, The Square, Portarlinton. Music by Glor Tire Star Alex Roe. Doors open 8pm Dancing 8.30 - 11.30pm. Admission €10 also Raffle in aid of Hall Window Refurbishment.

## 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](http://www.thecollect.ie) or email [info@thecollect.ie](mailto: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.*



**Christine Leahy**  
Clonkeen, Portlaoise

**Michael 'Har' Fitzgerald**  
Glenbarrow, Portlaoise



**William (Willie) Donoghue**  
Harper's Lane, Portlaoise /  
Monasterevin, Co. Kildare



**Timmy Gleeson**  
Ballyteagan, Portlaoise



**Ava Doran**  
Summerhill, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

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

In Loving Memory of

**CATHERINE  
PENNEY**



Ballsbridge and formerly Togher.  
13th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on  
**Wednesday 22nd October at 10am.**

Sadly missed along life's way,  
Quietly remembered everyday,  
No longer in our lives to share,  
But in our hearts you're always there.

*Sadly missed by all her loving family & friends.  
May Catherine Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of

**ANN HEFFERNAN**

Clonboyne, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurred 16th October 2025.  
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.  
Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Saturday 18th  
October at 6:30pm.**

We are sad within our memory,  
Lonely are our hearts today,  
For the one we loved so dearly,  
Has forever been called away.  
We think of her in silence,  
No eye may see us weep,  
But many silent tears are shed,  
When others are asleep.

*Loved and never forgotten by all your loving family.  
May Ann Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of

**SHANE MOORE**

62 Rossvale, Portlaoise. 12th Anniversary occurs 19th October 2025.



As we look upon your picture,  
Great memories we recall  
Of a face so full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all  
Your presence we miss,  
Your memory we treasure.  
*Loved and remembered always  
Mam, Dad, Marian, Ross,  
nephew Shane, niece Rubi and  
all your family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Shane*

In Loving Memory of

**JOE RUTH**

St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurs 21st  
October 2025.

Dad

A golden heart stopped beating  
Hard working hands at rest.  
It broke my heart to see you go,  
God only takes the best.



*Forever in our hearts your daughter Donna and son in law Karl xxx*

*May Joe Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of

**WILLIAM ("MAC") MCEVOY**

Towerhill, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs  
on 23rd October 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts.  
Peter & Paul's Church on **Sunday 26th  
October at 12.30pm.**

Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day.

*Sadly, missed and always remembered by  
his loving wife and family.*

*Also remembering around this time his Dad,  
Albert and his daughter Eva.*



*May William Rest in Peace*



## BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

**SHANE LYNCH**

110 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Missing you on your Birthday  
As we visit your resting place upon  
This special day

Once more we feel the sadness

That will never go away.

For, ever since you've gone,

Life has never been the same

Yet, it comforts us to know,

That one day we'll meet again.

Until that day arrives, we'll relive every memory

Of the happy times we shared.

Together you and us.

For, we miss you so very much

And words never could convey

The extent of the joy that you brought every day.

*Happy Heavenly 25th Birthday*

*Rest in Peace Shane*

*Deeply loved and missed by all your family – Mother Kathleen, Gran Betty, Sisters & Brothers Tara, Katie, Nicole, Shannon, Dylan, Aaron nieces and nephews.*



In Loving Memory of

**WILLIE LYNCH**

On the Anniversary of the day,

You went away.

Today's the anniversary

Of the day that we lost you.

And for a time, it felt as though,

Our lives had ended too.

But loss has taught us many things,

And now we face each day.

With hope and happy memories

To help us on our way.

And though we're full of sadness

That you're no longer here

Your influence still guides us, and we still feel you near

What we shared will never die

It lives within our hearts

Bringing strength and comfort while we are apart.

*Deeply loved and missed by all your family –*

*Wife Kathleen, Mother Betty Sons & Daughters Tara,*

*Katie, Nicole, Shannon, Dylan, Aaron and grandchildren.*

In Loving Memory of

**PJ O'BRIEN**

83 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary - 16th October 2025.

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be, so He put

His arms around you, and whispered

"Come to me."

With tearful eyes we watched you,

And saw you pass away,

And although we loved you dearly,

We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating,

Hard working hands at rest,

God broke our hearts to prove to us,

He only takes the best.

*Never forgotten by your loving wife Teresa, daughters, sons, grandchildren, brothers and sisters and a large circle of friends.*

*May R.I. Rest in Peace*

## 25th BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

**AARON KELLY GORMAN**

105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise, whose 25th birthday occurs 21st October 2025.

Today is filled with memories,

With happiness and tears,

Of birthday celebrations son,

We shared throughout the years.

And though I'll always miss you,

The endless joy you brought,

Warms my heart with gratitude,

And fills my every thought.

Wherever you are resting, I hope that you can see,

How precious and treasured your memory is to me.

I feel that you are with me, in everything I do,

So I'll celebrate your birthday Aaron,

But I'll spend it missing you.

*Gone but not forgotten, forever in our hearts, from your loving father Michael, Brandon Kelly-Gorman and Chloe Byrne, extended family, relatives and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Aaron*



In Loving Memory of

**ANGELA CLEARY**

(NÉE COLBERT)

37 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary away from home

occurs 29th October 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated

in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,

on **Saturday 25th October at**

**6.30pm.**

*Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom, daughters Stephanie, Tracey and Paula, grandchildren Craig, Ben, Ryan, Roisin and Willow and great-granddaughter Grace.*

*Always in our hearts.*

*Rest in Peace Mam*

First Anniversary

## ANTOINETTE MCDONALD

Cherrygarth, Portlaoise. Died 17th October 2024.  
The family of the late Antoinette McDonald lovingly  
remember her on her First Anniversary.

An Anniversary Mass for Antoinette will be celebrated in  
Saint Peter and Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday, 25th  
October at 6.30pm.**



Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us every day.

*Always loved and sadly missed by her  
husband PJ, her children Keith, Evan,  
Andrea, and Leon, her cherished grand-  
children Kolia, Kaja, Ally, Cian, and  
Conor, and her beloved dog Lenny, along  
with extended family and friends.*

*May her gentle soul Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of

## DES CARROLL

Beladd, Portlaoise. 2nd Anniversary occurs 23rd October.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Pauls  
Church on **Sunday 26th October at 11.15am.**



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

*Sadly missed, deeply loved and always  
remembered by your loving wife Margaret,  
daughters Gwen, Yvonne, Deirdre & Tracey,  
sons in law, grandchildren, brothers,  
family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Des*

In Loving Memory of

## FRANCES COOKE

12 Fielbrook & formerly of Rathevan, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurred 16th October 2025.

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



It's been a lonely time without you,  
And nothing is the same,  
All we have are memories and your  
picture in a frame,  
We travel to your resting place,  
And flowers we place with care,  
But no-one knows the heartache,  
As we turn and leave you there.

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Margaret,  
son-in-law Ger, grandsons Edward & Gearóid,  
Katie & Rachel & great-grandchildren Madison,  
Ailbhe, Autumn & Kalum.*

*May Frances Rest in Peace*



In Loving Memory of

## MICHAEL KILLEEN

Meelick, Portlaoise.

As we lovingly think of Michael, we his family would  
like to acknowledge the many expressions of sympathy,  
kindness & love we received from our wonderful relatives,  
friends, neighbours and colleagues.

A most sincere thank you to all who attended Michael's  
Funeral Mass and Services, sent mass & sympathy cards  
and messages of condolences, to those who shared such  
wonderful online sentiments and memories of Michael –  
your words brought us so much comfort.

We would like to send heartfelt thanks to Michael's  
colleagues at HSS hire and Laois hire as well as the  
members of Laois GAA who performed wonderful guards  
of honour in respect of Michael.

Thank you to all the medical staff who attended and  
looked after Michael during his short illness. Also thank  
you to Matthew and David of Keegan's Funeral Directors  
for all their sincere help, advice and professionalism.

Many thanks to Monsignor Byrne who celebrated such  
a comforting & meaningful Requiem Mass for Michael  
Also, to Heather Fogarty for her beautiful singing and  
music during the Mass and to all others who contributed  
in many ways.

Thank you, Fr. Liam Merrigan, for attending our home  
and praying for Michael with our family & friends.

As we are unable to thank everybody individually, who  
supported us at this most difficult time in our lives, we  
hope this acknowledgement will be accepted as a heartfelt  
token of our most sincere gratitude and appreciation to  
you all.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered  
for all your intentions.

*So lovingly remembered and missed every moment  
of every day Mike by your loving family, Maureen,  
Mike, Max, Seb and extended family. Xxxxx*

In Loving Memory of  
A Cherished Father, Grandfather,  
Great-Grandfather and Brother.

## JOSEPH PAISLEY

9th Anniversary occurs 20th October 2025.



Life is a beautiful memory,  
Death is a silent grief,  
You sleep now in  
God's beautiful garden,  
in sunshine and perfect peace.  
We miss you oh so very much,  
But trust that God knew best,  
He let us have you for many years,  
and then gently let you rest.  
*We will love and miss you always –  
From all your loving family.*

Also remembering at this time, Joseph's wife Kathleen,  
brother-in-law Bill Doyle, nephew Gerard Brennan,  
all deceased members of the Paisley & Doyle families.

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

*May They Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of  
**CLAIRE TAYLOR**

Pallas, Portlaoise.

Happy Heavenly 28th Birthday on  
the 26th October 2025.

*Always in our hearts.*

*Rest in Peace Claire*



In Loving Memory of  
**JOSEPH MCENERY**  
Ballyroan.

10th Anniversary - 19th October 2025.

*Will those who think of Joseph  
today, a little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Rest in Peace Joseph*



In Loving Memory of

## CARMEL MCENERY

2nd Anniversary – 25th October 2025.

*Will those who think of Carmel  
today, a little prayer to Jesus say.*

*Rest in Peace Carmel*



In Loving Memory of

## JOE DELANEY

Clonban, Mountrath.

26th Anniversary occurs 25th October 2025.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, **Sunday  
26th October at 12 noon.**

Everyday in some small way,  
Memories of you come our way.  
Though absent you are always near.  
Still missed, loved, always dear.

*Loved and remembered by Tess, Brian & Sinéad,  
extended family and friends.*

*May Joe Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of  
**JOSIE MCGILL**

Clonboyne, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs on the 26th October  
2025. Josie's Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin  
on **Sunday 26th October at 10am.**



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

*Loved and sadly missed by her loving husband Barry,  
daughter Mary and son Dermot, Daughter in law Bríd  
and grandchildren Frankie & Jodie.*

*Rest in Peace Josie*

In Loving Memory of  
**MICHAEL (MICK) HOGAN**

Shanahoe, Abbeylaxey.

Months Mind Mass will be held in St.  
Brigid's Church Shanahoe on **19th  
October at 12 Noon.**



We lost you, but we got to love you,  
We got to be loved by you,  
And even in our grief,  
We will be forever grateful for that.

*Deeply missed by his daughters Catherine and Christina,  
his sons Alan and Micheál, sons in law Pat and Martin,  
daughters in law Niamh and Claire. His adored 9  
grandchildren, extended family, neighbours  
and a wide circle of friends.*



Acknowledgement  
In Loving Memory of  
**FRANCES DUFF**  
(NÉE BROPHY)  
Ballyknockan, Portlaoise.

Frances' family would like to thank most sincerely all who supported them on their recent loss.

We are grateful to everyone who attended Frances' wake, funeral Mass and burial.

To those who sent Mass cards, phone calls, condolences online. Thank you to our neighbours and friends, Park / Ratheniska GAA for all your support and time over the funeral and for helping with the parking during the wake.

We would like to thank the staff of Kilminchy Lodge Nursing Home who cared for Frances during the last three months of her life.

Thank you to the staff of Clann Medical and Hughes Pharmacy who looked after Frances over the years.

We extend our thanks to Msgr. John Byrne & Fr. Tom Lalor, the priests of the parish for her funeral Mass. Also thanks to Michelle Bartley Parish Secretary for her kindness and support.

To Matthew Keegan & David Goode for their helpful guidance throughout this time.

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

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for all who helped & supported us.

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

Remembering Frances on her 1st Birthday away from Home –  
15th October.

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

*Deeply loved and missed by her loving family.*

*Happy 1st Heavenly Birthday  
Frances*



In Loving Memory of  
**CAROLINE  
MOORE**  
(NÉE WHELAN)

Cois Na hAbhainn, Portlaoise.  
14th Anniversary away from home  
occurred 16th October.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church this **Saturday 18th October at 6:30pm.**

*Caroline*

I thought of you with love today but that is nothing new,  
I thought of you yesterday and days before that too.

I think of you in silence, I often speak your name,  
Now all I have are memories and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is my comfort with which I shall never part,

God has you in His kingdom now.

But you will always be in my heart.

*Much loved and sadly missed by your mother,  
sisters and brother.*

*May Caroline Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of  
**JOSEPH (JOE) DOOLEY**

7 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.  
12th Anniversary occurs 17th October 2025.



Though you are gone from sight,  
You are always near.

Your love still whispers soft and clear,

In every breeze, in every star,  
You walk beside us never far.

Your warmth remains,

Your light still glows,

A guiding love forever flows.

*Dearly loved and sadly missed by all his loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Joe*





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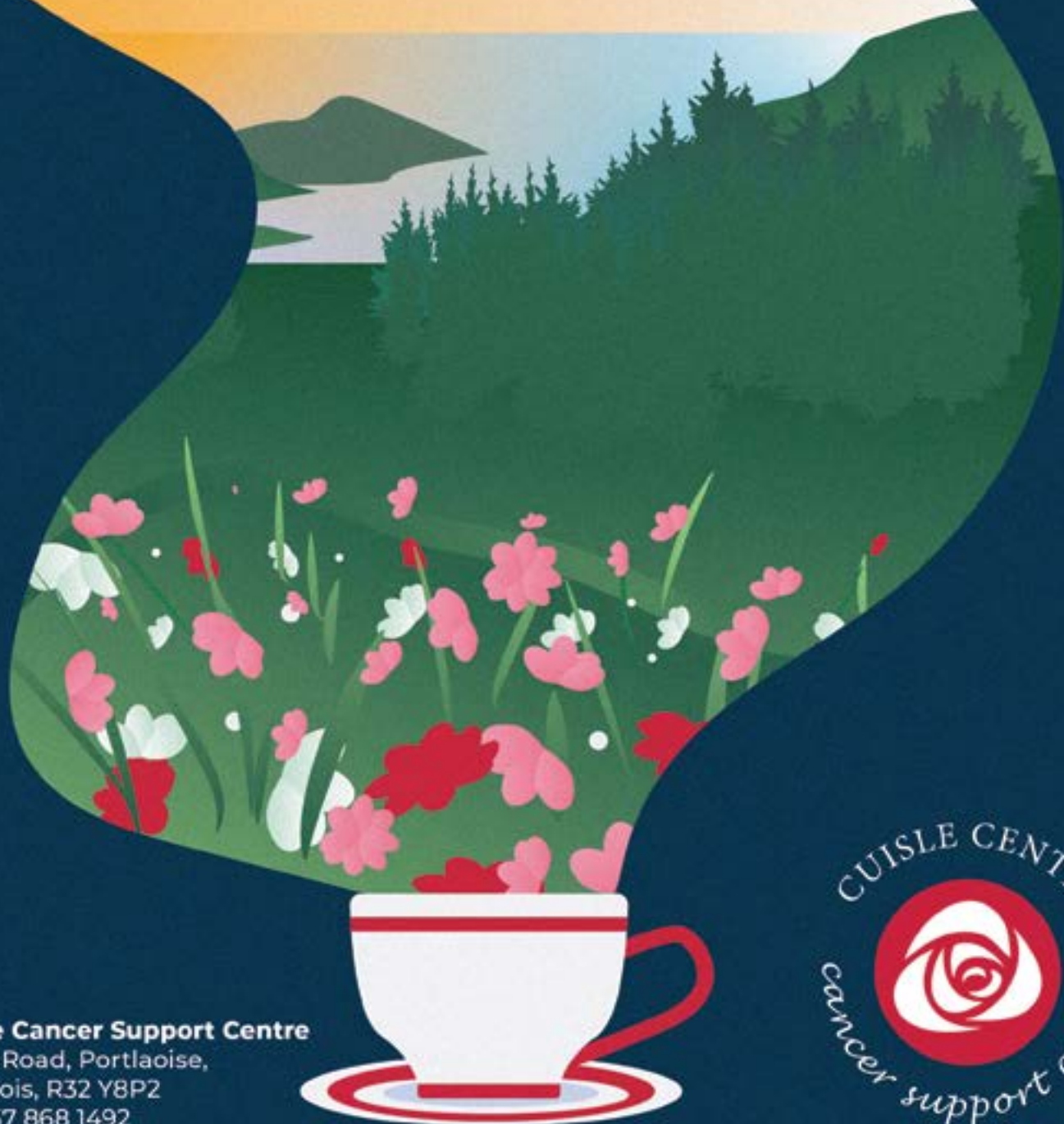
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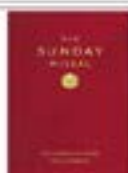
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### Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:8-13  
Psalm 120  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8



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