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9th November 2025

**The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**



In November
We Remember



Our Annual Mass for the bereaved was a very special celebration as the large congregation remembered loved ones in prayer and lit a candle in their memory. 127 people who died in our Parish since this time last year were remembered by name. This year's Bereavement Mass is now available to view on the Parish website.

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May they rest in peace

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Spiritual Spring Cleaning

In Jesus' day, when visitors came to the Temple they were able to purchase animals or doves to offer as sacrifices. Because the Jews considered Roman coinage bearing Caesar's head as idolatrous, they were given the opportunity to exchange their Roman coins for Temple

coinage. The idea was originally a good one, but the moneylenders were operating an unfair exchange rate for overpriced animals. What had started out as a good idea had turned into an abuse. and this in God's name! Was it any wonder that Jesus was so angry, angry enough to take a whip and drive out the traders!

It might occur to us that this story is a lesson on not bringing money matters into our churches. We might cast an anxious eye at our collections or fund raising lotto and feel some discomfort. But the point of the story isn't really about buildings or money. Jesus is making a connection between purity and worship. How could those in the temple really have worshipped amongst so much corruption? Today we are invited to look at ourselves as temples. Do we need a spiritual spring clean before we can truly connect with God?

Today's gospel reading asks, what has to be driven out of our lives and communities before we can draw closer to God.

Mass times for the coming week

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Monday - Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

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Sunday

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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.

**This week Masses for the Dead
List will be celebrated on**

Monday at 7:30am;

Wednesday at 7.30pm & Friday at 10am.

Envelopes are in the Development Boxes
or available in the Church porches.



Fáilte

We welcome into our Parish Community

Seoidin Hannah Lawlor, Broomville Close

Peter Michael Turner, Dunmasc

Who were baptised last weekend.

**"Only as high as I reach can I grow,
only as far as I seek can I go,
only as deep as I look can I see,
only as much as I dream can I be."**

Karen Ravn

Dedication of St. John Lateran

Every dedication of a Church is about Jesus Christ and about worship in spirit and in truth.

If we look at the readings today in terms of Church and the service of the Bishop of Rome, our Pope, we can see in the first reading, from the Prophet Ezekiel, a reflection of what the Church and the service of the Pope are supposed to be: the water of life flowing out from God and giving life to all that it touches. This is the ideal and it is rarely completely reached. Yet we have seen so many holy Popes in the last one hundred years that we can understand that the role of the Pope and the role of the Church is to give us life.

The second reading today, from the First Letter to the Corinthians, reminds us that we are the Church, the temple of God. We are not the Church all by ourselves in some exclusive way. Each of us is the Church and yet together we are the Church. Each of us is a temple of God and together we are God's people.

Finally, in the Gospel today, from Saint John, we understand how the body of Christ points to resurrection, for Him and for us. We are to recognise in all of this the hand of God: Jesus dies for us and we must die for one another. This is the Church and this is why we celebrate the dedication of a Church. The Bishop of Rome, our Pope, can lead us to walk with Christ – but we must be the ones who walk.



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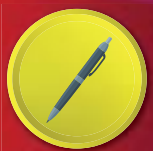
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Time to Think...

Sister Stanislaus Kennedy



A prophet has the ability to read the signs of the times mingling the relevance of the Gospel, in a courageous and faith filled manner. I have no doubt that Ireland's beloved Sr. Stan, fulfilled her prophetic ministry, fuelled with the Spirit of Jesus Christ. A fearless campaigner for those who found themselves on the outside. An inclusive voice that brought tolerance and compassion. A welcoming heart that always embraced the stranger. Her prophetic ministry in an institution often dominated by patriarchy makes it even more inspirational. In her 27 books published, her spirituality of hope and gratitude shared a deep empathy, that made the Gospel message, deeply relevant to the times we live in. Sister Stanislaus Kennedy throughout her more than sixty years as a Religious Sister of Charity, the needs of people living in poverty in Ireland was always her greatest concern. Her faith led her to see, responding to the words of Jesus, 'Truly I tell you, as long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me' (Mt 25:40), as her lifelong vocation.

Sister Stanislaus Kennedy was, according to Charlie Haughey the most intransigent woman he had ever met. Then, in the late 1970s, Sr Stan was chair of an EU-funded National Committee on Pilot Schemes to Combat Poverty in Ireland. It had taken a radical approach, setting up rural co-operatives while supporting projects for Travellers, the disabled and women. Some of its members had a meeting with Haughey, then Minister for Health. He was not impressed and described what they were doing as "rubbish" and that we should "concentrate on doing meals on wheels and things like that". Sr Stan interrupted him, "with respect, I don't agree with you at all". He then "lambasted us all. He insisted what we were doing would go nowhere and that it was Marxist", and added "as for you Sr Stanislaus, you are the most intransigent woman I've ever met". In 2003, on being presented with yet another honorary doctorate, she was described as "a woman known for her directness, persistence and a cultivated inability to comprehend the answer No".

She tended to accept those views herself. In later life she agreed she could be difficult and stubborn because working for the poor "involves difficult and humiliating tasks such as going from door to door, looking for funds".

Her first experience of real poverty was working in Dublin's Ringsend during the late 1950s while still a novice. It left a deep impression. Soon, she also realised "services weren't enough; you had to have advocacy as well, that's what drove me".

She had a deep impulse to help people in distress or despair whether through poverty or for spiritual reasons. Her advocacy also spurred her to write thousands of articles, give as many talks and to write or edit at least 27 books. Treasa Kennedy was the fourth in a family of five who lived on a small farm at Lispolle near Dingle in Co. Kerry, her mother "from the fíor Gaeltacht – where Peig Sayers came from; her father came from the breac area. Both spoke beautiful Irish". Locally, that meant being seen as "kind of inferior", she said. There was "little Irish spoken in Dingle then and none spoken in the shops". Speaking Irish was "proof that you were uneducated".

She was "a wild young one, into the dances and that side of life". So, "when people around Dingle heard that one of Tadhg Mhuilleán's daughters was going into the convent, they never would have picked me out as the one".

One of her sisters told her about the Irish Sisters of Charity, "a friend of hers was joining the order. They were the people who worked with the poor and the homeless. That was it. I joined the nuns".

In 1958 she entered the novitiate at Milltown in Dublin with 100 others and was given the name Stanislaus. In the mid-1960s her work began in earnest in Kilkenny, where she was sent to assist the innovative bishop of Ossory Peter Birch, then setting up a pioneering community services project. He became her mentor, shaping her views on the marginalised. She believed, as did Birch, that the Catholic Church needed to "identify more with the poor". This proved controversial. "I wrote a paper saying the church had resources and it wasn't using them for the poor. Well, all hell broke loose because it was picked up by the media. People were furious, bishops were furious, I got a letter from Rome, in the end of it I was silenced. But then I rose up again and started speaking out again."

That she did. Later it included challenging mandatory celibacy for priests, supporting equality for women in the church and calling for a Yes vote in the 2015 referendum on same-sex marriage. I'm sure she embraced the radical witness of Pope Francis in his humility and desire to "build a church for the poor".

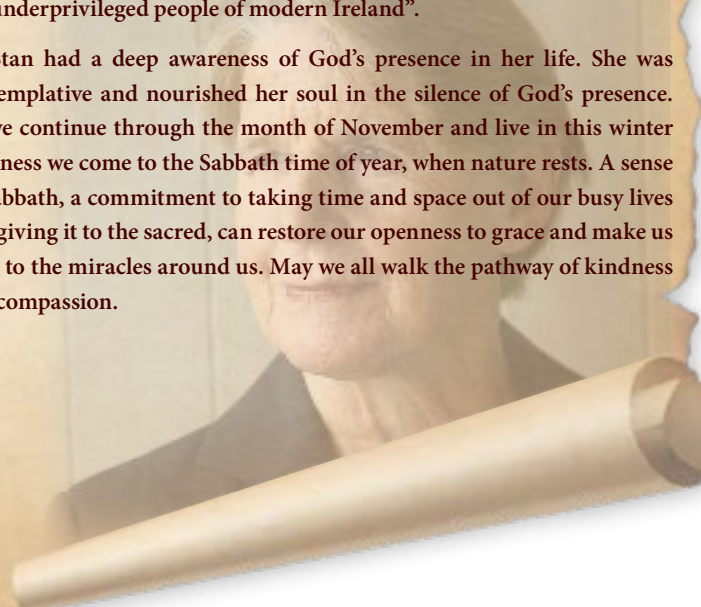
She founded and directed Kilkenny Social Services and went on to cofound the School of Social Education in Kilkenny, providing the first professional courses for residential childcare workers in Ireland.

When Bishop Birch died suddenly in 1981, she moved to Dublin and studied for a degree in social science at UCD, then went on to take a master's at the University of Manchester. In 1985 the European Commission appointed her co-ordinator of the European Rural Poverty Projects within the EU. In Dublin, also that year, she founded the body with which she is most publicly identified, Focus Ireland, the biggest voluntary housing organisation in the State.

In 1998 she founded the Sanctuary, a holistic spirituality centre in Dublin, and in 2001 established both the Immigrant Council of Ireland, to promote the rights of immigrants, and Social Innovations Ireland Ltd, to help young people respond to the needs of 21st-century Ireland. In 2017 she became ill, but it was 2020 before she could speak of the cancer, admitting she couldn't bring herself to say the word at first. "I never thought I was going to die, I didn't think about that at all. I drew on my faith ... that helped me."

As described in 2003, when being presented with an honorary doctorate at Maynooth University, one of at least 18 awards she was given, Sr Stanislaus Kennedy was "a woman of immense reputation, a servant of the underprivileged people of modern Ireland".

Sr. Stan had a deep awareness of God's presence in her life. She was contemplative and nourished her soul in the silence of God's presence. As we continue through the month of November and live in this winter darkness we come to the Sabbath time of year, when nature rests. A sense of Sabbath, a commitment to taking time and space out of our busy lives and giving it to the sacred, can restore our openness to grace and make us alive to the miracles around us. May we all walk the pathway of kindness and compassion.



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I understood I was having a stroke. I tried counting out loud but failed to articulate sound. I managed to crawl across my room and out to the corridor. I reached the adjoining room and hammered on the door. When my confrere appeared, I managed to croak "Stroke".

He managed to act instantly and managed to contact an ambulance. Luckily, we were very near St. Vincent's Hospital and soon I was being competently looked after by two delightful medics, who assured me that I was in the process of a mild stroke and that they had everything under control.

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I want to take this occasion to my community, family and friends and you, people of the parish for prayers and loving concern. As soon as I am able, hopefully very soon, I will make my way to Portlaoise and join you in mass and coffee.

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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.

THE ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE to remember deceased staff and members of Laois County Council will be held on Tuesday 18th November 2025 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Please note that people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends.

VICARSTOWN CHURCH COMMUNITY Concert Fri. 14th Nov. 8pm in the Church of the Assumption, Vicarstown. Featuring: Vicarstown Ukelele Group, Stradbally Community Choir, Buggy School of Dancing, Timahoe Men's Choir. Tickets €20 available at the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER

Top score: Terry Dunne, 1st Lady: Margaret Flanagan, 2nd Lady: Frances Dunne, 1st Gent: Frank Keenan, 2nd Gent: Liam McCarthney, 1st Half: Molly O'Brien, 2nd Half: Sheila Duff. Raffle: 1st Frances Dunne, 2nd Tom Kearns, 3rd Margaret Flanagan, 4th Billy Jackson. *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.

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.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT Monday 10th Nov. Bowls in St. Mary's Hall from 2-4pm. Tues. 11th. Nov. Portlaoise Lunch Club - St Mary's Hall. From 12.30- 3.30. Wednesday 12th. Nov. NO CLUB - Thursday 13TH NOV. in Sue Ryder Kilminchy cards and chat from 3pm. Ph. Maria at 087 9187157.

LINE DANCING FREE, FESTIVE, FUN continues each Monday 11a.m. St. Mary's Bingo Hall, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise. All welcome. Maureen Culleton 0876482038 or Catriona @Laois Sports Partnership.

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.

LAOIS MACRA COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHT Featuring Colin Kenny and Alistair Fingleton Castle Arms Hotel, Durrow. Saturday 8th Nov. at 8.00 p.m. Admission €15 on the door or ph. 086 379 2158. Purchase your ticket before 1st Nov. to be in with a chance to win a prize (price of your ticket back!).

CMAI CONFERENCE: The Catholic Medical Association of Ireland (formerly known as the Irish Catholic Doctors Learning Network) will hold its annual Conference in the St Charles Centre, Mount Argus, Dublin 6W, on Saturday, 22nd November 2025, from 9.00am to 4.00 pm. The theme of the Conference is "Medicine as a Beacon of Hope in a changing World". The Conference Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Kevin Doran. For more information, [email icdln@eircom.net](mailto:icdln@eircom.net).

EMO ART AND CRAFT FAIR is on Sunday 9th November from 11.30 to 5.00 in Emo Community Centre call and visit.

LAOIS TRADITIONAL SINGERS' CIRCLE First Thursday of every month. Next session 4 December 2025 . 9pm Humes' Bar Portlaoise. Folk songs, sean nós, ballads, stories and recitations welcome. contact Niall 0872313093

NIGHT VIGIL TO KNOCK – Sunday 7th December leaving Lester Square at 7.30pm. All seats - 25 euro - must be paid for at time of booking and will be non-refundable. Contact Maura 087-1210263 or Helena Corbett 087-9611331.

SEAN DOYLE LIGHT ENGINEERING, BALLACOLLA: Call 087-2068972 | [seandoylelightengineering](http://seandoylelightengineering.com). Clothesline poles, rotary clotheslines, winders, pulleys, sawhorses, bicycle stands.

RETIRED HSE STAFF: Annual Mass in St. Vincent's Hospital Church, Mountmellick, Tues. 11th Nov. at 2.30pm. All retired staff welcome.

THE ANNUAL MASS for deceased staff members of Avonmore, Glanbia, and Tírlan will be held on Thursday 13th November at 7.30 pm in St. Canice's Church, Kilkenny.

MISSING DOG Pixie missing from the Marian Avenue / Abbeyleix Road area in Portlaoise on 31st October. Ph. 087-9121942

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 11th October 2025. St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 49 numbers €2,130. Double number € 1,790. Lotto € 900. Bonus Ball €750

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

A long, long time ago, in the city of Rome, there was a kind emperor named Constantine. He was the first Roman emperor to let Christians pray freely, without being afraid.

Constantine wanted to build a special church for all Christians — a place where they could come together to pray, celebrate Mass, and be close to God. So, he gave some of his own land to build this church.

That church became the Lateran Basilica, the very first basilica (big church) ever built for Christians! It was dedicated to Jesus the Saviour. Later, it was also named after St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist.

The Lateran Basilica is extra special because it's the pope's church — not St. Peter's, as many people think! It's the main church for all Catholics around the world, like the "mother church" of all other churches.

Every year, on November 9th, we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica to remember that God's Church isn't just a building — it's made of people who love and follow Jesus.

When we take care of our churches and pray together, we show that we are God's family, just like the people who gathered in that first big church in Rome so many years ago.



Jesus Clears the Temple

It was almost time for the Passover, a special holiday for the Jewish people. Jesus went to the city of Jerusalem to celebrate.

When He went into the temple, God's special house, He saw people selling cows, sheep, and doves. Others were sitting at tables, changing people's money for coins used in the temple.

Jesus was very upset. The temple was supposed to be a place to pray and worship God, not a marketplace! So He made a small whip out of cords and drove all the animals and sellers out of the temple. He poured out the money and knocked over the tables.

He said, "Take these things out of here! Don't turn my Father's house into a place for selling things!"

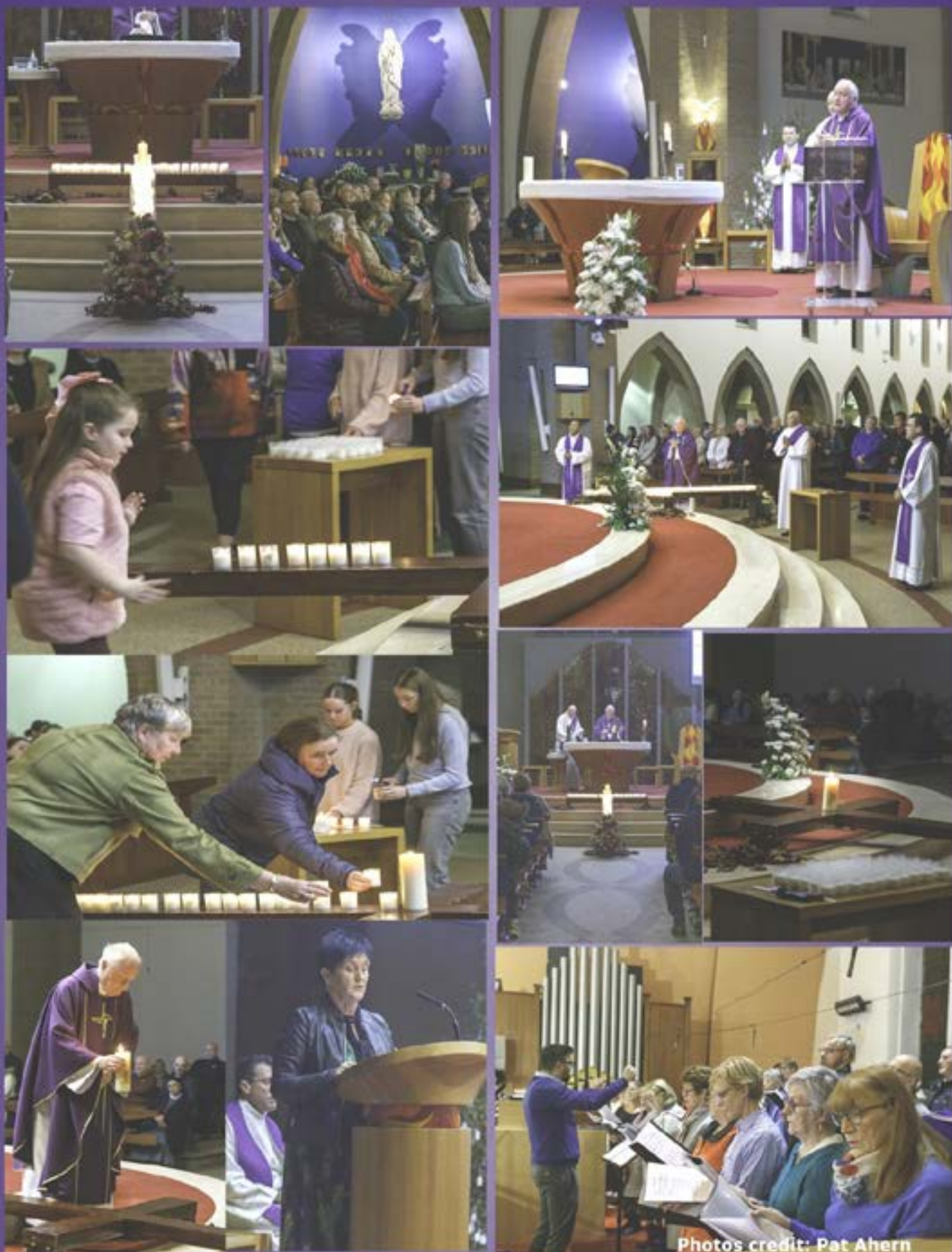
The people who saw this asked Jesus, "What gives You the right to do this? Show us a sign that You have this power."

Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up again."

They were confused. They said, "It took forty-six years to build this temple! How could You rebuild it in just three days?"

But Jesus wasn't talking about the building. He was talking about His own body. Later, when Jesus rose from the dead, His friends remembered what He had said, and they believed Him. (Sunday's Gospel)

IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER



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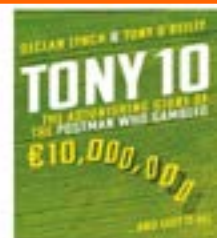
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*Edward Haslam
Dysart, Portlaoise*



*Patricia (Trish) Whelan
Derrycappagh House,
Mountmellick / Clonkeen,
Portlaoise*



*John Byrne
Shannon, Co. Clare /
Clonkeen Portlaoise*

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



Christmas Memorials

The Link Up office is currently taking bookings for Christmas Memorials

N.B. PLEASE NOTE:

As the Link Up is now collated externally

**ALL MEMORIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY
5PM THURSDAY DECEMBER 11TH**

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

**TONY
PHELAN**

Santa Maria, New Rd.,
Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs
12th November 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church **Sunday 16th November at 12.30pm.**

In Memory of Mum & Dad

I look back in fondness everyday

At the joyful times we had

No one could wish for such a perfect pair

As my special Mum and Dad.

I am grateful for your love,

And I know that you watch over me

From the heavens up above.

Although you're missed so dearly

And so many tears we've cried,

It is so sweet and fitting,

That you sleep softly side by side.

You shared your love, you shared your life,

Many precious times together

Now you will spend eternity hand in hand forever.

*Sadly missed by; Zelig, Ger, Ray, Bosco and Brigid, sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law and your fourteen grandchildren. Lots of love xxx*

May Tony Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

KATIE GING

And her daughters

**KATHLEEN O'REILLY &
MARY NOLAN**

Also her son

JOHN JOE GING

And also remembering

MARGARET GING

on her 6th Birthday away from Home.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this **Sunday 9th November at 11.15am.**

Will those who think of them today,

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by their
loving families.*

May They Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
EILISH HEARNS

Colt, Ballyroan.

8th Anniversary occurs 17th
November 2025.

Anniversary Mass for Eilish, her son-in-law John & John's mother Lily Mulhall, and the deceased members of the Hearn and Delaney families will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church Raheen, on **Saturday**

15th November at 7pm.

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

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
all her loving family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Eilish



In Loving Memory of
CARMEL KEALEY

Sheffield, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurred 4th
November 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 9th November at 11:15am.

When we leave someone we love
We must learn not to live without them
But to live with the love they left behind.

*Sadly missed by your loving children Pauline, Carmel,
Francis and Breda, grandchildren, extended family
and friends.*

Also remembering her dear husband Frankie at this time.

May Carmel Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
**CAROLINE
(CARRIE) HIGGINS**

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 10th
November 2025.

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

When God was making mothers, He must have made a fuss,
He spent a lot of time on one and gave that one to us.

Of all the gifts in life, however great or small,
To have you as our Mother was the greatest gift of all,
Because you were so special, no words could ever say
How much we love and miss you, today and every day.

Loved and missed always by your loving Family.

May Caroline Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of our dear Father and Husband
DANIEL (DAN)

NORTON

Sheffield Ave. Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurs
5th November 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Saturday
8th November at 6:30pm.**

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Each of us in our own way,

Have special thoughts of you today.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving wife Margaret,
daughters, sons, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren.*

May Dan Rest in Peace



12th Anniversary of my Grandson

SHANE FINAN

10 New Row, Green Rd. Portlaoise
and also Canices Terrace,
Borris in Ossory.

Shane's 12th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on **Saturday 8th November
at 6.30pm.**

We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,
But all we have are memories, and your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit and put flowers there with care,
But no-one knows the heartache as we turn and leave you there.

*Sadly missed by your Nana Mary and Brian,
Louise, Jake, Steven, Shirley, John & Conor.*

May Shane Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

**DANNY O'
CONNELL**

The Rock of Dunamais,

14th Anniversary occurred 6th
November 2025.

14th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church Saturday, **8th November at 6.30pm.**

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

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Mary and all his family,
extended family and friends.*

May Danny Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
DENIS KAVANAGH

Pallas Little, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs
11th November 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 15th November at 6.30pm.

Will those who think of Denis today,

A little prayer to Jesus say.

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Denis



In Loving Memory of
**CATHERINE
TYNAN**

10th Anniversary occurs
12th November 2025.

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Poem by Robert Frost

Nature's first green is gold,

Her hardest hue to hold.

Her early leaf's a flower;

But only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf.

So Eden sank to grief,

So dawn goes down to day.

Nothing gold can stay.

We miss you every day.

*Remembered and loved by her Husband,
5 children, grandchildren, family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Catherine



In Loving Memory of
TOMMY SKELLY

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs 12th November 2025.

Every day in some small way,

Memories of you come our way,

Though absent you are always near,

Still loved, missed and forever dear.

*Loved and remembered by your loving
wife Laura and family.*

Rest in Peace Tommy



In Loving Memory of
GERARD (GERRY) GORMAN

11 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary 6th November, 2025.

He saw the road was getting rough

And the hills were hard to climb,

So he closed your weary eyelids

And whispered "Peace be Thine"

*Sadly missed by your loving family
and extended family.*

May Gerard Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
**VIOLET & PETER
MCNULTY**

Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.

10th & 15th Anniversaries

occur at this time.

Deep in our hearts you will always stay,

Loved and remembered every day.

Their spirits live on.

Missed by all their family and friends.

*May Violet & Peter
Rest in Peace*



In Loving Memory of
FR. GREGORY BROPHY

21st Anniversary occurs
Sunday 9th November.

"For this God is our God
forever and ever;

He will be our guide
even to the end"

May he Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

KATHLEEN O'REILLY

28th Anniversary - Died 12/11/1997

A sudden call from God on High,

We had no chance to say goodbye,

Without farewell, you fell asleep,

But memories of you we will always keep.

*Sadly missed by your loving husband
James, son James, daughters Catriona,
Anita and Louise, daughters-in-law,
sons-in-law and grandchildren.*

May Kathleen Rest in Peace





In Loving Memory of
EILEEN RYAN
12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurs 13th
November 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Thursday 13th November at 10am.

May the winds of love blow softly
And whisper in your ear
We love and miss you Mam
And wish that you were here.

*Loved and missed always Mam.
May Eileen Rest in Peace*



In Loving Memory of
GRETTA KELLY
Kellbyrne House, Rathewan, Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurs 8th
November 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 9th November at 11.15am.

If we could visit heaven, on this our saddest day,
maybe for a moment our pain would go away.
We'd put our arms around you and whisper words so true,
that living life without you is so very hard to do.
We cannot bring the old days back when we were all together,
but loving thoughts and memories will stay with us forever.

*Loved and remembered always by Christy, Adrian & Rebecca.
Rest in Peace Gretta*



In Loving Memory of
**HELENA
HAJDUKIEWICZ**

Whose 1st anniversary
occurs at this time.

A mother's love never fades away,
Even in heaven, it stays.
Though you're no longer here with me,
Your love and memory set me free.
In heaven's garden, you now reside,
Watching over me with a loving pride.
I'll always miss you, but know it's true,
A piece of my soul still lives with you.

*Loved and missed by your son Andrzej, Daughter-in-law
Winnie and Grandchildren David, Michael, Juliet.*



In Loving Memory of
**NICOLA DOLLARD
(NÉE KELLY)**

Rathewan View and late of
Hawthorn Drive.
6th Anniversary occurs
9th November 2025.

It's lonely here without you,
We miss you more each day,
For life is not the same to us, since you were called away.
Your resting place we visit,
And flowers we place with care,
But no one knows our heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.

*Deeply loved, sadly missed and always remembered by her
husband Damien, son Andrew, parents Gerard and Carmel,
sister Michelle, brother John, nieces Chloe, Rebecca, Sophie
and Grace, extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Nicola



In Loving Memory of
**PATRICK (PADDY)
REDDIN**

4 Dr. Murphy Place. 13th Anniversary
occurs 14th November.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 15th November at 6.30pm.

Your smile was made of sunshine,
Your heart was made of gold,
We thank you for the love you gave,
And the memories that we hold.
No matter how we spend our days, no matter what we do,
No morning dawns, no evening falls,
Without a thought of you.

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all his loving family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
**MARGARET
(PEGGY) CONROY**

Glenlahan, Portlaoise.
Whose 1st Anniversary occurs
10th November 2025.

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

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Each of us in our own way,
Have special thoughts of you today.

*Loving and remembering you always, Joe, Dean,
Lorraine, Christian, Mary, Eva and Gavin.*

Rest in Peace Peggy

In Loving Memory of
MARY NOLAN

28th Anniversary - Died 14/11/1997



She has gone no further
from us than to God,
and God is very near.

*Sadly missed by her husband
Michael and family.*

May Mary Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

JOHN CAMPION

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary – 13th November 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, at **10am, Thursday 13th
November.**

Rest in Peace John



Acknowledgement & Month's Mind

In Loving Memory of

ENDA DUNNE

Trumera, Mountrath / Portlaoise

Whose Months Mind occurs

Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 15th November**
at 6.30pm in Sts Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Portlaoise.

The family of the late Enda Dunne, his wife Nicola,
children Michael & Emily, brothers Joe & Paul would
like to express our sincere appreciation to all our relatives,
neighbours, friends and work colleagues for the immense
support given to us following our recent loss. Thank you to
those who visited, sent Mass cards and many messages of
condolences.

Our heartfelt gratitude to the Emergency Services, Ned &
Darren, and his friends for taking care of Enda.

Thank you to Mountrath Community School for the
fantastic care and support given to Michael & Emily and
their young cousins.

To Father Petru for his continued support and the beautiful
Funeral Mass he celebrated for Enda with the Priests of the
Parish.

To Sarah who sang so beautifully at the Mass.

Thank you to Raheen, Ballyfin & Castletown Vintage Clubs
and Enda's work colleagues from Portlaoise Mail Centre for
their guards of honour to Enda's final resting place.

Thank you to Keegan's Funeral Directors, Matthew &
David, for their guidance, compassion and professionalism
at this very difficult time.

Also thank you to the grave diggers for preparing Enda's
final resting place.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually,
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Rest in Peace Enda

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PROGRAMME

Saturday 15 November
10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
3.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Holy Mass
Prayer for Inner Healing
Individual Blessing & Laying of
Hands

Lunch Break

Eucharistic adoration
Individual Blessing &
Laying of Hands

Sunday 16 November
9.00 a.m. – 7.30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration,
Chapel of Divine Mercy,
Prayer for Inner Healing
Catechesis

5.15 p.m. Holy Mass

Individual Blessing &
Laying of Hands

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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



Takes place Tuesday 11th November 2025

St Marys Hall, Portlaoise, R32 KO23

12:30pm to 3:30pm



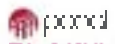
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Results for
6th November 2025



13

19

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24

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9
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Safeguarding

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

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person
Ailish Higgins safeguarding@kandle.ie

"Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market"

Sunday's Gospel.

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12

Responsorial Psalm 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

John 2:13-22

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- * Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations - boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
 - * Direct payment by cheque or cash
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- * Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
- * Or Transfer directly to our Account

Portlaoise Parish Account: IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

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Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times 057 8600119)

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