

25th January 2026

**Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



Catholic Schools Week comes to a close for this year. We pray a blessing on our ten Catholic schools — eight primary and two secondary — and on the 1000's of pupils who attend them. We thank our teachers and school management for their dedication and commitment.



Children at the First Holy Communion preparation ceremony
last Saturday in the Parish Church.

We are very grateful to all involved in the preparation programme.

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What Are You Going To Do With Your One And Only Life?

What if Jesus had asked Peter, Andrew, James and John, **"How do you see yourself five years from now?"** Do you think they

might have replied, **"Still fishing for a living, in the same old fishing boats on the same old lake!"** Not likely!

The early disciples knew exactly where their priorities lay and they understood the urgency of Jesus' ministry. There was a whole world that needed to hear what Jesus had to say and not much time to complete the job.

What if Jesus levelled the same question at us? **"Where do you see yourself in five years time?"** Do you see yourself doing the same thing you are right now? Do you see yourself doing the same things day in and day out for the rest of your one and only life? Jesus has a better idea. Jesus asks each of us to be fishers of men. Do we jump to it with the same immediacy as the early disciples or do we hunt for an excuse? Many of us feel uncomfortable about evangelising. We associate evangelisation with the eccentric or the holier than thou. We associate evangelisation with the man laden with bill boards in the city precinct or the woman handing out leaflets through the crack in the front door. We have a **'live and let live'** ethos today that doesn't sit comfortably with trying to persuade others to adopt our own beliefs. Funnily, this wasn't really Jesus' style either.

Being a fisher of men doesn't have to be about notching up conversions. Being a **'fisher of men'** is more about making a real difference in the lives of others. Being a disciple of Jesus means attracting others to our lifestyle by our shining example. Being a disciple is most certainly not about being overly holy or wearing sackcloth. Discipleship could be about writing a song or a book, it might be about bringing our children up with a conscience or giving an elderly relative somewhere to live. Discipleship might be about starting a meaningful conversation in the local pub, or just being a good friend to someone lonely. Whatever mode of discipleship we choose, we only have one life left to do it in.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

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

CONFESIONS

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



We welcome into our Parish Community
Michael Jay Joseph Nevin, Parnell Crescent
Who was baptised last weekend.



Saint Thomas Aquinas

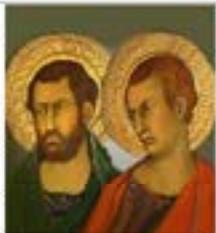
Wednesday 28th January

Against strong family opposition, St. Thomas became a Dominican friar and in 1250, was ordained a priest. He was sent to teach at the Dominican school in Paris where he became increasingly famous for his teaching, preaching and writing. St. Thomas takes his place in history as one of the greatest and most influential theologians of all time.

Saint Thomas is the patron saint of Roman Catholic schools, colleges, universities, and academies, scholars and students, apologists, philosophers, theologians, and booksellers.

SS Timothy and Titus, bishops
Monday 26th January

Ss Timothy and Titus were close to St. Paul as followers and later in their work with him. Tradition makes Timothy the first bishop of Ephesus.



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In Parish Centre

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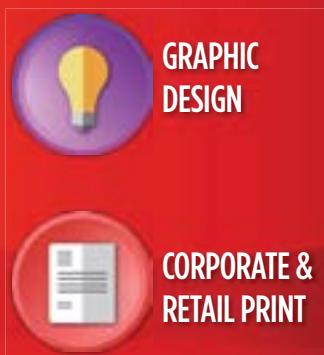
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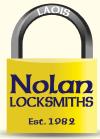
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You and I have a friend who has left us a message. He has invited us to go fishing with him. Oh boy! I love to go fishing, don't you? I wonder if you can guess who that friend is? That's right! Our friend, Jesus, left us a message that he wants us to go fishing with him. This fishing trip will be quite different. Instead of catching fish, Jesus has invited us to go fishing for people! Jesus didn't leave his message on the phone, he left his message in the Gospel.

One day as Jesus walked along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers - Simon Peter and Andrew - throwing a net into the water because they fished for a living. Jesus called to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" The Gospel tells us that they immediately dropped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

As Jesus, Peter, and Andrew walked along the shore, they saw two other brothers - James and John - sitting in their boat mending nets. They called and invited them to come along too. They dropped their nets, left their boat behind, and followed Jesus.

If you have ever been fishing, you know what a thrill it is to land a big one. Can you imagine what a thrill it is to go fishing for people and to help someone else come to know Jesus and become one of his followers? Even though this story in the Gospel is about Jesus calling the first disciples, it is for us too. It is a message from Jesus that he wants us to go and make disciples. Will we return his call? What will our answer be?

FISHING FOR PEOPLE



ACROSS

- To move along behind someone
- Two or more males who have the same parents
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DOWN

- An animal without legs that lives in water
- To move along by putting one foot in front of the other
- The land along the edge of the sea, lake or wide river
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Jesus called out to them, "Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

Matthew 4:19

BOAT PEOPLE FISH
NETS SHORE WALK
FOLLOW BROTHERS

COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 20TH JANUARY

Top score: Mary Delaney, 1st Lady: Ann Haely, 2nd Lady: Paula McEvoy, 1st Gent: Frank Keenan, 2nd Gent: Tom Gowing, 1st Half: Paraic Dowling, 2nd Half: Ann O'Dowd, Raffle: 1st Terry Dunne, 2nd Sean Bennett, 3rd Molly O'Brien, 4th Liz Cooper. *Thanks to all for your support. Whist continues each Tuesday night at 7.30 in the Parish Centre, new players always welcome, lessons available if required. Contact 086 8812228*

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ACTIVE RETIREMENT Monday 26th Bowls in St Mary's Hall from 2-4pm new members welcome tuition given Wednesday 28th AGM at 3pm in Parish Centre full attendance of members important Thursday 29th cards and chat in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy from 3pm. Further information contact Maria at 0879187157.

SOCIAL DANCING Come join us for 6 weeks of Social Sequence Dancing at Seanchistin, Ballyfin, R32X5D6 commencing Monday Jan.12th at 11a.m. Waltz, quickstep, foxtrot, jive, tango etc. supported by Laois Sports Partnership...total cost 20 euro...contact Maureen 0876482038 or cslattery@laoissports.ie. All are welcome.

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RELIGIOUS NOTES

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET Every Sunday at 3 PM in the Parish Church.

ROSARY IN THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH Daily 2pm (Monday to Saturday), Sunday 3pm (Adoration).

ROSARY will be recited in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, every evening at 7pm.

VOCATIONS SOCIETY OF ST. JOSEPH: Holy Hour, Adoration, and Prayer for Vocations Every Friday at 3pm in the Parish Church.

LEGION OF MARY invites you to join us every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Parish Prayer Hall as we come together in prayer and service to Our Lady.

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Time to Think...

St. Brigid, a woman of hope



I'm very conscious since Christmas I have celebrated too many funerals, thoughts and prayers for so many families at this time living through the reality of loss and bereavement. I'm sure we all agree that the early signs of brighter evenings and early mornings gives us an opportunity to hope in the promise of a new spring. The site of snowdrops and emerging daffodils tells us that very soon much brighter days are ahead. February is a time of growth and invitation for us all. The light of spring slowly triumphs over winter darkness. The story and celebration of Saint Brigid remains deeply relevant in a turbulent world. Her tolerance, compassion, kindness and inclusive spirit challenges attitudes that polarize and alienates. Brigid is an iconic female who personifies beauty and creativity. The traditional St. Bridgid's cross woven in the color green again is a symbol of deep Christian hope. God's life brings hope and freshness especially in the early steps of spring.

This week we reach the midpoint of winter, marked by the cross-quarter day of Imbolc. Traditionally, Imbolc begins at sundown on February 1st & continues through February 2nd.

Imbolc is an ancient Celtic holiday celebrating the very first stirrings of new life—the earliest breaths of spring. We are beginning to feel the very earliest hints of spring rising in our spirits. After months of turning inward, of hibernation & of rest, life is beginning to stir again. Spiritually, this is a time of new life coming into manifestation. We may only be seeing the tiniest hints of life above the surface but things are really beginning to stir in the darkness.

We are about to begin a new season of promised hope and light. February is a most hopeful month. This week we celebrate St. Brigid's Day. A Day which brings great hope. St. Brigid brings with her a story of compassion, generosity, healing and renewal. These early February day's marks the beginning of Spring. Yes, it may still feel cold but already brighter evenings, emerging green shoots and snowdrops, announce a time for new beginnings. I'm glad the darkness of winter once again is being transformed by the light of our new spring. Spring is a season of Hope and renewal. We are in the true sense of Scripture called out of darkness into God's wonderful light.

Children in primary schools, learn the hopeful melody, Saint Brigid brings the spring. I pray that this new season of hope, when green things reemerge, will be a time of rejuvenation for us all.

Brigid was whole-hearted in the ministry of helping people in need, convinced of the principle that "the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Born in at Faughart, near Dundalk, County Louth, in the middle of the 5th century, probably in the latter years of Saint Patrick's ministry in Ireland, Brigid refused several offers of marriage, in order to become a nun in the service of Christ and his church. With seven other young women she settled for a time at the foot of Croghan Hill, but moved then to the plains of the Liffey Valley, where under a large oak tree she erected her famous convent of Cill-Dara, that is, "the church of the oak" (now Kildare). She died there half a century later, on the first of February, 525.

The most ancient life of St Brigid is by Broccan, (d. 650). Then the "Second Life" was composed in the 8th century by Cogitosus, a monk of Kildare. An interesting feature of this work is his description of the Cathedral of Kildare, whose Round Tower may

date back to the sixth or seventh century.

Brigid's strong personality and example ensured that her community served their neighbours, through various acts of mercy. Soon her small oratory at Cill-Dara (the chapel-at-the-oak) became a centre of religion and learning, and later developed into a small city. She founded two monastic institutions, one for men, and the other for women, and apparently held jurisdiction over both of them. According to her biographer, she chose St Conleth "to govern the church along with herself."

For centuries, Kildare was ruled by a double line of abbot-bishops and abbesses, the abbess of Kildare being the leader of all the convents in Ireland.

During the raids by the Norsemen in the 9th century, Brigid's relics were taken for safety to Downpatrick, where they were interred in the tomb of St Patrick and St Columcille, and since 1190 they rest in Downpatrick Cathedral. The three, Patrick, Brigid and Columcille, have for centuries been regarded as the three main patron saints of Ireland.

Even after 1500 years, the iconic Brigid, known as Mary of the Gael, is very dear to Irish hearts, and Brigid, Breege or "Bridie" preponderates as a female Christian name. Hundreds of place-names in her honour are to be found all over the country, e.g. Kilbride, Brideswell, Tubberbride, Templebride, etc. While her main monument is in Kildare town, she is also keenly remembered in her birthplace at Faughart, in County Louth. The old St Brigid's well adjoining the ruined church there dates from antiquity and still attracts pilgrims today.

St. Brigid's Day in ancient times became the reference point for all the seasons that followed. It dictated the ploughing, the sowing, the turning of the sod. The feast was seen as a celebration of the incarnation of Christ into the all of life: "in the milking of cows and the tending of the hearth, In threading the loom and gathering the peat, The breath of prayer blessing each movement, A naming of Creator upon each mindful deed".

May we ensure the creator is at the heart of all we do and say in the name of Brigid.

Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

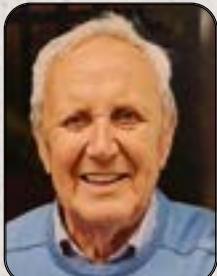
Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen.



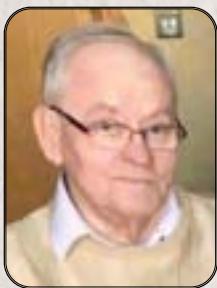
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7th Anniversary

Saturday 31st January 2026.

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Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.



**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN BRENNAN**
Rathleague, Portlaoise.
16th Anniversary occurs 26th January 2026.

Think of her as living in the hearts
Of those she touched,
For nothing loved is ever lost,
And she was loved so very much.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by her
loving children, grandchildren, family and friends.*

May Kathleen Rest in Peace



Month's Mind
In Loving Memory of
META COOKE
Mosse Lane, Portlaoise.
Whose month's mind occurs
28th January 2026.

Months mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's
Church on **Sunday 25th January at 12.30pm**.

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

Sadly missed, always loved by her family.



**In Loving Memory of
COLETTE CROSSAN**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

22nd Anniversary occurs

29th January 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 25th January at 11:15am.

Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Michael,
Padraig, Kieran and families.*



**In Loving Memory of
DAN HEFFERNAN**

New Line Road, Mountrath.

Whose 15th Anniversary
occurs at this time.

Now you are in a better place,
Your soul is laid to rest,
Safe with all the angels,
They only take the best.

You are in our thoughts throughout the year,
But most of all we wish you could be here.

Always remembered by your loving family xxx

Rest in Peace Dan



Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
MICK McDONALD

St. Jude's, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.
2nd Birthday away from home - 24th January.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
your loving wife Mary, sons Stephen, David & family.*

May Mick Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
JOHN DOWLING

Newpark, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 26th January 2026.
John's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Sunday
25th at 10am.**

Loved with a love beyond all feeling,
Missed with a grief beyond all tears.

*Sadly missed and remembered by his loving wife Marcella,
son Paul, daughter Helen, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren & extended family.*

Rest in Peace John

In Loving Memory of

ANNE GING

70 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
19th Anniversary occurs 25th
January 2026.

Missing you is a heartache
That will never go away.
You are always in our thoughts
And live forever in our hearts.

*Loved and remembered today and every day, by your
loving son Liam, daughter Helena and families.*

May Anne Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
RICHARD (DICK) SIDES

6 Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
Died 19th January 2023.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
Ann, Noel, Aoife, Damien, Áine
& William.*

Rest in Peace Dick



In Loving Memory of
**GIOVANNI (NINO)
CIAMBERLANO**

1 Glenregan, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary away from us on
28th January 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on
Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 10am.

As a new chapter begins, a year that's new,
We'll carry you with us in all that we do.
We'll look out for rainbows, make wishes on stars,
And hope that they float, to wherever you are.
Another year to miss you, another year apart,
But there's a place where we keep you, forever in our hearts.
And with each passing year you feel further away,
But it gives us a little comfort, knowing that we're closer to the day,
That we find you in heaven and call out your name,
Reunited at last and back together again.

*Sadly missed and forever loved by his heartbroken wife Stella,
his daughters and their partners, grandchildren,
extended family and friends x
Sempre nei nostri cuori, mai lontano dai nostri pensieri
dagli fratelli, le sorelle e tutta la famiglia all'estero x*

Riposa in Pace Nino



In Loving Memory of
**BARBARA ANNE
DELANEY**

Formerly of Middlesbrough, UK.
Greenmill Lane / St. Brigid's and late of
Esker, Ballyfin.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurred 23rd January
and 81st birthday occurred 21st January.
Anniversary Mass in St. Peter & Paul's Church,
Sunday 25th January at 11.15am.

Smile for Them

I know it's the hardest thing in the world and it's impossible to explain
For when you lose someone you love so much
Life will never be the same.

But please don't let their death become the death of you,
Let their memory be your strength.

The light that pulls you through
For they would want you to keep enjoying life.

They would want to see you shine,

To remember that the most important thing is how we spend our time.

They would want to see you smiling,

They would want to hear your laugh,

As hard as it is to walk without them, as you continue your path.

So on the days that feel impossible,

When you feel you can't go on,

Just remember as they're engraved upon your heart

You're forever entwined as one.

*Loved and missed always from your daughter Kelley,
sister June and granddaughters Chloe & Skye.*

Rest in Peace Barbara Anne



In Loving Memory of
**GIOVANNI (NINO)
CIAMBERLANO**

1 Glenregan, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.
Passed away 28th January 2025.

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again
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"
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home

Missed and forever loved John, Silvia, Lana & Daragh.



In Loving Memory of
BRÍDÍN MULHALL
Ballyroan, Laois and
Rathmines, Dublin.
10th Anniversary occurs
28th January 2026.

Dearly loved daughter and sister – you are greatly missed and lovingly remembered today and every day by Seamus, Ursula, John, James and Gerard.

The much-loved niece of Sr. Gerard (RIP), Sr. Kay and Sr. Patricia, Frances (RIP) and Michael, Evelyn (God Mother) and Eamon, Sean (RIP) and Elizabeth.

Sadly missed by all her cousins and extended family and forever in the minds and hearts of her many friends.

'The just will live in the company of the lord'
Psalm 37

Bridin's family would like to thank the community for their continued support over the years.

Rest in Peace Brídín

In Loving Memory of
MARY (MAY) CONNELL

31 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
21st Anniversary occurs 28th January 2026.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Saturday 24th January, 6.30pm.

January comes with sad regret,
The day, the month, we'll never forget,
In our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered forever each day.
*Sadly missed by Liz, Liam, Noreen, John,
Mary, Domo and Freda.*

Rest in Peace Mary

In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH (LILL) FARRELL

Green Mill Lane, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 27th January 2026.



Lill's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 25th January at 12.30pm.

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love and to cherish and never forget.

We love and miss you, from your loving husband William, children Gemma, William and Eoin, son-in-law Kevin, daughters-in-law Lisa & Jessica and grandchildren Dylan, Zak, Liadh, Grace, Sophia, Alex and Lily xxx

Rest in Peace Elizabeth



In Loving Memory of
CHRISTY FORAN
New Road, Portlaoise.
Who died on January 3rd 2026.

Christy's Months Mind will take place on
Saturday, January 31 at 6.30pm in
St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise.

*Sadly missed by his Family and Friends
Ellie and the Foran Family would like to thank everyone who helped and supported them in recent weeks.*

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

Rest in Peace Christy



In Loving Memory of
ESTHER
HEFFERNAN
(NÉE TYNAN)
 Esker Hills, Portlaoise.
 Whose 2nd Anniversary
 occurs 28th January.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter and Paul's Church on **Sunday 25th January at 11:15am**.

Silently we grieve and brush away our tears
 But the beautiful memories you left behind Esther,
 Will last throughout the years.

You will never be forgotten.

*Sadly missed and forever remembered by her Dad John Joe,
 brothers Stephen, Eddie, Glen, John Joe and sister Sylvia.
 Also remembering her Mam Una at this time.*

May Esther Rest in Peace

For Thee, O Lord, I have left everything



In loving memory of

V. Rev. Patrick Kehoe P.E.
 Abbeyleix, Co. Laois.

Who died on 6th February, 2015

Aged 84 years

Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
EAMON KELLY
 Ballymackan, Portlaoise.

Whose 2nd Anniversary occurs on 28th January 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday 31st January at 6:30pm**.

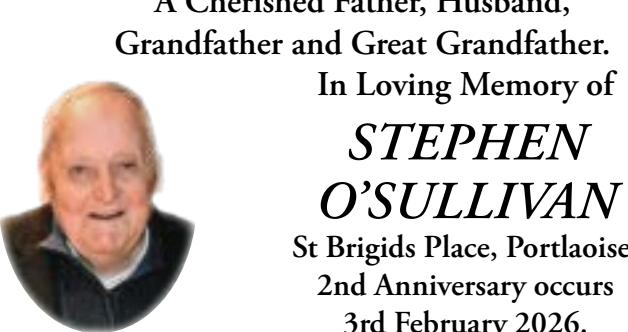


You always had a smile to share,
 A laugh, a joke and time to care,
 A good life came to an end,
 You died as you lived, everyone's friend.

*Sadly missed by all his loving family
 and friends.*

*Also remembering his Mam Annie whose
 16th Anniversary occurs at this time.*

Rest in Peace Eamon



A Cherished Father, Husband,
 Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

In Loving Memory of

STEPHEN
O'SULLIVAN

St Brigids Place, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs
 3rd February 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church **Sunday 1st February 2026 at 12.30pm**.

He left us so quietly, his thoughts unknown,
 But left us a memory, we are proud to own,
 So treasure him Lord, in your garden of rest,
 For when on earth, he was one of the best.

Loved and missed by his wife Sheila and family.

Rest in Peace Stephen

In Loving Memory of

ANTHONY

(THE BO) REDDIN

Portlaoise.

Whose 2nd anniversary occurred
 21st January.



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

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