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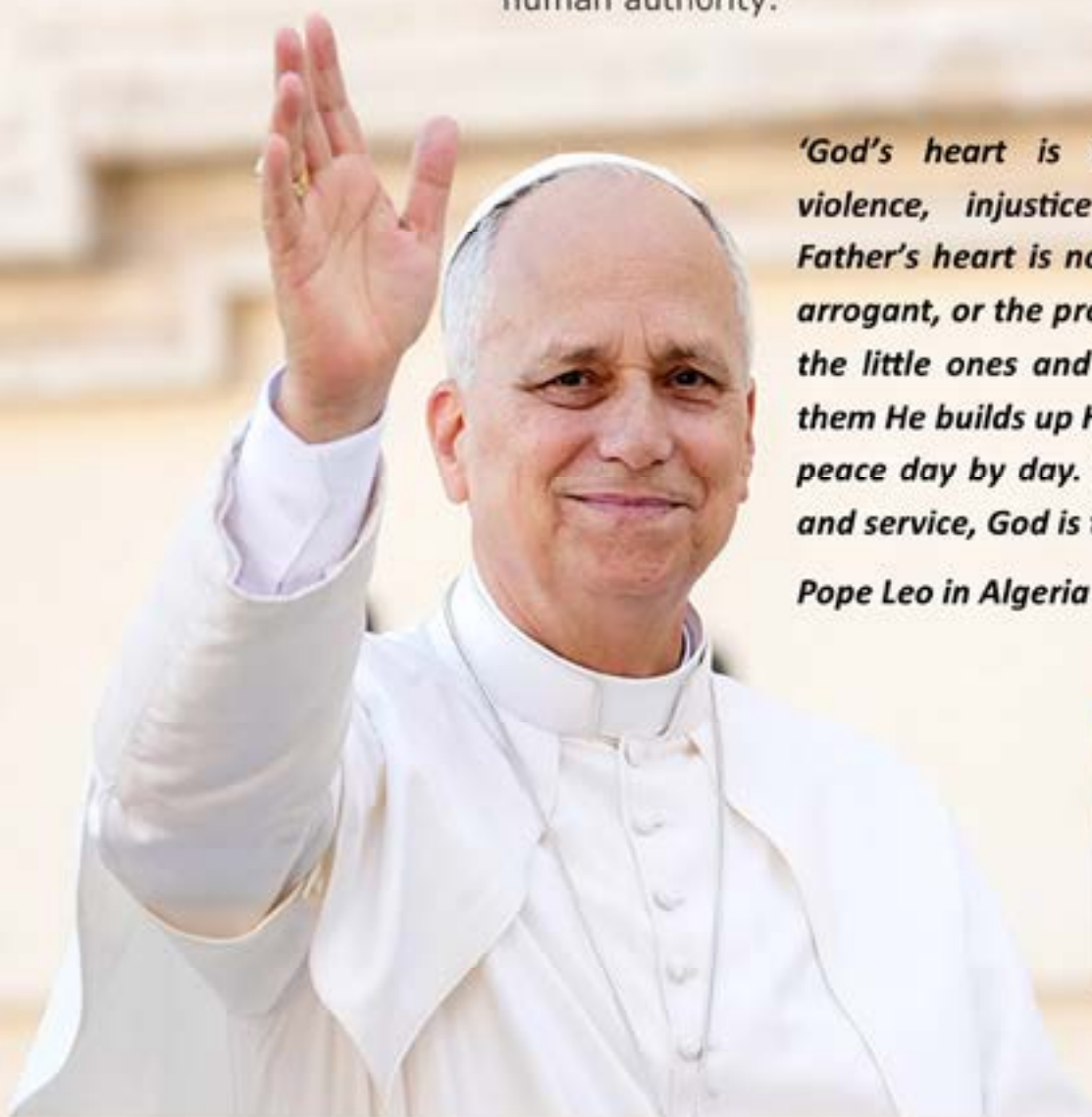
## Third Sunday of Easter



During Pope Leo XIV's Prayer Vigil for Peace in the world, the Pope appeals to leaders of nations to stop and sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, "not at the table where rearmament is planned and deadly actions are decided!" He also insists that the Church will always advance in calling for peace "even when rejecting the logic of war may lead to misunderstanding and scorn," and will always instil "obedience to God rather than any human authority."

*'God's heart is torn apart by wars, violence, injustice and lies. But our Father's heart is not with the wicked, the arrogant, or the proud. God's heart is with the little ones and the humble, and with them He builds up His Kingdom of love and peace day by day. Wherever there is love and service, God is there.'*

*Pope Leo in Algeria on Wednesday*



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## Meeting Jesus

Two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. They are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. Perhaps they were still

strongly tied to the Jewish expectation of a Messiah, and had little understanding of Jesus' divinity. They simply saw Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Perhaps our own stories aren't too different. We often feel defeated and helpless, unable to see what Jesus' death and resurrection could mean for us. Do we spend long periods of depression, unable to appreciate God's presence in our lives? One thing is for sure; it would be nothing short of a tragedy if we got to the end of life's paths without meeting Jesus, so how should we go about it?

Notice in today's gospel that Jesus opens the eyes of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. What a life changing moment that must have been!

This story is clearly not just for the benefit of the two travellers or even for the first disciples; this story is for the benefit of us all. We might think that we've been going to church long enough to have heard it all before, but there's always something new to learn. Today we are invited to meet Jesus in the Eucharist, and to re-find Jesus in the way we understand and interpret the scriptures. Take up the challenge.



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## St Mark

**Saturday 25th April**

The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there.



St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D.; he wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Roman Christians to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel.



When Jesus was at the table with the two disciples, he took the bread, said the blessing, then he broke it and handed it to them. And they recognised him.

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**ACTIVE RETIREMENT** Monday 20th April Bowls in St Mary's Hall from 3pm. Wednesday 22nd April afternoon with Moez from 3pm in Parish Centre. Thursday 23rd April in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchey - cards and chat from 3pm. New members welcome tuition given - for further information contact Maria at 087-8197157.

**WALK IN THE PARK FOR PARKINSONS** will take place on Saturday, 11th April at 11 a.m. in Colt G.A.A. Grounds, Raheen, Abbeyleix. R32 V085. Visit [www.parkinsons.ie](http://www.parkinsons.ie) to register in advance or register on the day. Phone John on 087-2712448 or Mary on 087-9617940 for more information. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Doogues Bar, Raheen. All support greatly appreciated.

**NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK 2026** takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek).

**SPINA BIFIDA HYDROCEPHALUS IRELAND**, Annual Church Gate Collection is scheduled to take place in Ballyroan & Abbeyleix on the weekend of 18th & 19th of April.

**SOCIAL CHESS CLUB PORTLAOISE** for adults only (male and female). The next meeting will be held in Portlaoise Library on Saturday 25th April 2026 between 1 & 4pm and it is free. Board games are provided in the library. The website is <https://portlaoiseshessclub.ie> We hope to form a committee soon and everyone is welcome to join. Chess games are held every two weeks in the library, Check the website for clarification.

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**PORTLAOISE TIDY TOWNS AGM** Tuesday 28th April at 7pm in the Ratheniska Rm. in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

## 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.

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## On the Road to Emmaus

In the Gospel today tells an amazing story about a day when Jesus walked and talked with some of his followers, but they didn't even recognise him. Here is what happened.

After Jesus was crucified and risen from the grave, two of his followers were walking on the road that led to a town called Emmaus. They were sad and were talking about what had happened to Jesus. Suddenly, Jesus joined the disciples and walked along with them, but they did not know who he was because God kept them from recognising him.

"You seem to be having a very serious discussion. What are you talking about?" Jesus asked them.

One of the men answered, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem that doesn't know what has happened the past few days," Then they told them about how Jesus had been crucified, and buried, and that some women had gone to his tomb, but the tomb was empty. "We have heard that he is alive," they said, "but we have not seen him."

"Do you find it so difficult to believe what was written by the prophets in the Scripture?" Jesus asked. "It was predicted by the prophets that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his time of glory." Then Jesus quoted passages from the writings of the prophets, explaining what the Scriptures said about himself.

By this time, they had come to Emmaus and the disciples invited Jesus to stay with them since it was getting too late in the day to travel. So Jesus stayed with them and when they sat down to eat, Jesus took the bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened and they saw that it was Jesus. Then just as quickly as he had appeared to them, Jesus disappeared. They were so happy and excited to have seen Jesus that they ran back to Jerusalem to tell the others that they had seen Jesus.



## PRAYER



**Dear Lord, open our eyes, we want to see Jesus!**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

# On the Road to Emmaus

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Now that same day two of them were going to a village called \_\_\_\_\_, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, \_\_\_\_\_ himself came up and \_\_\_\_\_ along with them; but they were kept from recognising him.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the \_\_\_\_\_ with them, he took \_\_\_\_\_, gave \_\_\_\_\_, broke it and began to give it to them.

Then their \_\_\_\_\_ were \_\_\_\_\_ and they recognised him, and he disappeared from their sight.

**Bread  
Day**

**Emmaus  
evening**

**eyes  
Jesus**

**opened  
table**

**thanks  
walked**

Over the next few weeks many boys and girls in our parish will receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

The prayer below is the prayer that all boys and girls are learning in school in preparation for their big day.

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, come to me.  
Lord Jesus, give me your love.  
Lord Jesus, come to me  
and give me yourself.  
Lord Jesus, friend of children come to me.  
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## CHILDREN'S PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I love and adore You  
You're a special friend to me.  
Welcome, Lord Jesus, O welcome.  
Thank You for coming to me.  
Thank you, Lord Jesus, O thank you,  
For giving yourself to me!  
Make me strong to show your love  
Wherever I may be.  
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all of the Children in Your loving  
care,  
And bring us to heaven to live with You  
there.  
I'm ready now, Lord Jesus,  
To show how much I care.  
I'm ready now to give your love,  
At home and everywhere.



# Time to Think...

## Pope Leo / President Trump



Pope Leo has almost reached the first year of his papacy. I suggest this has been a remarkable year, in his witness for Jesus Christ and in his gentle yet fearless concern for the people of God throughout the world. Leo is very much his own man, fuelled with a deep spirituality and keen intellect. Climate change, immigrants, war and inequality are major themes he has addressed with sincerity and deep faith. There's something about Leo I find deeply inspirational. Here in the West, there is a gentle but significant renewal of faith. In the parched lands of secularism, wellsprings of new Christian movements are emerging as green shoots. Leo like his predecessor's errors on the side of compassion, tolerance and inclusion. He is universally seen as one of the most significant world leaders. Being the first American Pope, he is a wonderful ambassador for his own native country in a time when many question the moral leadership of its current president.

Pope Leo's, ministry is fuelled with deep discernment and prayer. Two qualities stand out: calmness and confidence. The calmness seems to come from his overwhelming belief that most problems are less intractable the more people can really listen to one another. (It's a conviction that dove-tails nicely with the importance of listening to others which is at the very core of the synodal approach as the best and only way being church developed by Pope Francis). Before debate or discussion or discerning solutions, he suggests, we need to listen, really listen by giving others our full and undivided attention.

From the very beginning, Pope Leo, has named Peace as a fundamental priority for his ministry. When Cardinal Prevost emerged as Pope Leo XIV on the balcony of St Peter's and spoke in English, Italian and Spanish, first slightly faltering words as if the emotion of the occasion was in danger of overwhelming him then extraordinarily confident words to the massed thousands in St Peter's Square and to the billions around the world. His first words to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square were words of peace, directed to all the world: "Peace be with you all! Beloved brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who has given his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all peoples, to all the earth. Peace be with you!"

President Trump has, oddly, accused Pope Leo XIV of being "Political," as if the Vicar of Christ were a mayor or a governor.

Here's someone else who would probably be criticized for being too lenient with criminals, even promising one a place a heaven:

"One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23)

Pope Leo XIV has been vocal in recent weeks about the ongoing U.S.-Israel conflict with Iran, calling for peace, an "off-ramp" to end the war, and criticizing certain rhetoric (including Trump's past comments suggesting a "whole civilisation will die" if Iran didn't comply). He has also previously questioned aspects

of the Trump administration's immigration policies. President Trump posted a lengthy critique on Truth Social, calling Pope Leo, "WEAK on Crime"

"terrible for Foreign Policy" ... "a very liberal person" who should "stop catering to the Radical Left"... Not "doing a very good job" as pope. Trump shared publicly that he is "not a big fan" of the pontiff and suggested Pope Leo, should "get his act together."

Speaking to reporters aboard the papal plane en route to Algeria (starting a 10-day trip to Africa), Pope Leo XIV pushed back calmly but firmly. "I have no fear of the Trump administration or of speaking out loudly about the message of the Gospel, which is what the church works for." He emphasized that the Church is not political and focuses on peace-making ("Blessed are the peacemakers"), bridge-building, reconciliation, and avoiding war where possible. The Pope said he had no intention of entering a direct debate with Trump but would continue advocating for peace rooted in the Gospel. The tone from the Vatican side has been measured, framing the comments as a defence of core Christian teachings rather than a personal or political attack.

The exchange has drawn widespread media coverage, with some commentators noting it risks alienating Catholic conservatives or highlighting tensions over foreign policy (Iran), immigration, and the role of religion in public life. Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni (a Trump ally and Catholic) reportedly called Trump's remarks "unacceptable." Trump, refused to apologize, reiterating that the pope had said things that were "wrong" and defending U.S. actions regarding Iran's nuclear ambitions. This is an unusual high-profile clash between a sitting U.S. president and the pope, amplified by the fact that Leo is American born. It stems primarily from differing views on the Iran conflict and broader issues like immigration, with both sides framing their positions in strong terms—Trump on strength and policy results, Leo on Gospel values of peace.

We live in a turbulent world where war and conflict are everyday events. I pray that we all will be instruments of peace. That world leaders will govern in a spirit of justice building right relationship and protecting the most vulnerable. May the Lord continue to bless Pope Leo with courage and conviction.



*Our Prayers are asked for those  
who recently died*



**Elsie Morrin**  
(née Hickey)  
Loughteague, Stradbally



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(née Hession)  
Ballyroan Rd. Abbeyleix



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Durrow / late of  
Abbeyleix

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



15TH ANNIVERSARY  
In Loving Memory of  
**DAVID WALSH**  
68 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
Died 22nd April 2011.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
**Sunday 19th April at 12.30pm.**

Words are few, feelings are deep,  
Memories of you we will always keep.  
*Sadly missed by his loving wife and family.*  
*Rest in Peace David*



In Loving Memory of  
**MARY**  
(MOLLIE)  
**KEOGH**  
and her son



**PAT KEOGH**

whose Anniversaries occur at this time.  
The world changes from year to year  
Our lives from day to day  
But the love and memory of ye will never fade  
*Loved and remembered everyday by all your loving family.*  
*May Mary & Pat Rest in Peace*



Birthday Remembrance  
In Loving Memory of  
**CATHERINE**  
**QUIGLEY**

Rockdale, Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise.  
4th Birthday away from Home.  
To the world,  
She was one person,  
To us she was the world.

*Sadly missed, loved and dearly remembered by her  
loving husband Kevin, daughters Selene and Siobhán,  
son Ronán and Noreen.*  
*Happy Heavenly Birthday Catherine*

In Loving Memory of  
**MARY FITZPATRICK**



The Hermitage Portlaoise.  
On her 2nd Anniversary.  
You gave us years of happiness,  
Then sorrow came with tears,  
You left us lovely memories  
We will treasure through the years.

*Sadly missed by Willie, Elaine,  
Emma and Amy.*  
*Rest in Peace Mary*



1st Anniversary & Acknowledgement  
In Loving Memory of  
**PAT TYNAN**  
Borris Little, Portlaoise.

*1st Anniversary Mass will be held in St Peter and Paul's Church Portlaoise on Saturday 25th April at 6.30 pm.*

On the first anniversary of his death, (28 April 2025) the family of Pat Tynan wish to thank and acknowledge the many cards, phone calls, visits and messages from those who offered condolences.

Particular thanks to Fr. John Byrne & clergy of St. Peter & Pauls Church, to the staff in the Parish Centre for all your help with Pat's funeral Mass and to Martin Delaney for the beautiful songs he sang.

To the wonderful staff, doctors, nurses of Our Lady's Hospice Harold's Cross, St. James Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital Rathgar, Tullamore Hospital and Portlaoise Hospital who provided Pat with wonderful care, Dr. Simon Honan, Dr. John Nerney and rest of staff in Maryborough Family Practice.

To the Irish Cancer Society for helping out with Pats Hospital appointments.

To all in Peig's Bar (Pat's workplace) thanks for all your support.

And to Keegans Funeral Service for their help and expert advice with the funeral arrangements.

Please accept this as an acknowledgement of our thanks.

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

*May Pat Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of

**MARY FITZPATRICK**

The Hermitage Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs

19th April 2026.

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

*Sadly missed and loved by  
Mark, Mary & Craig xxx*

*Rest in Peace Mary*



In Loving Memory of

**PHYLLIS MARUM**

Whose 1st Anniversary  
occurs at this time.

Forever in our hearts  
Gone but never forgotten  
Rest easy our dear friend

*From all the ladies at  
Women's Shed, Portlaoise*

*Rest in Peace Phyllis*



† In Loving Memory of †  
**Martin Conroy**

Late of Rath Gailine, Dublin Road, Portlaoise  
and also 35 St. Bridgid's Place, Portlaoise

Who died 22nd April, 2022 RIP.

*4th anniversary.*

*You are missed so dearly  
now you're no longer here,  
When we're thinking of you  
sometimes we shed a tear*

*We will always treasure you,  
You were so gentle and kind,  
Your love lives on within our hearts  
with memories of you in our mind*



*You were such a blessing so thoughtful and so true  
We feel eternally grateful to have had a dad like you*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by  
your daughter, Catherine; son, Martin; son-in-law, Eoin;  
daughter-in-law, Caroline; grandchildren, Evan, Aideen,  
Colin, Conor and Eimear.

† *Rest in Peace Dad* †

In Loving Memory of  
**ELIZABETH (MARY)  
McEVOY**

64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.  
11th Anniversary in heaven and away from  
home occurs on Saturday 25th April 2026.

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church Saturday  
25th April at 10am.*



*Mum*

In life I loved you dearly, in death I love you still  
You hold a place within my heart that no one else can fill  
It's hard to walk in life alone, instead of side by side  
I know your love for me will always be my guide  
The precious times we shared live forever in my heart  
My only wish this day, is that we never had to part  
I will love and miss you forever.

*Dear Mum*

In the grief of the night, I weep  
As memories of you slowly creep  
Your laughter, your love, your guiding light  
Now lost in the darkness of this endless night  
Your absence cuts deep like a knife  
Leaving behind and void in my life  
I long to hear your voice once more  
To feel your presence as I did before  
The pain of losing you is hard to bear  
I wish that you were still here  
But I'll hold on to the love we shared  
Knowing that you'll always be cared.  
Though you're gone, you'll never depart  
For you live on forever in my heart  
Rest in peace dear Mother of mine  
In my memories your light will forever shine.

*Remember Me*

Remember me with smiles not tears  
For all the joy through all the years  
Recall a closeness that was ours  
A love as sweet as fragrant flowers.  
Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain  
We'll see each other once again  
I am at peace...try to believe  
It was my time .... I had to leave.  
But what a view I have from here  
I see your face, I feel you near  
I follow you throughout the day  
You're not alone along the way  
And when God calls you – you will be  
Right by my side – right here with me.  
Til then I'll wait by heaven's door  
We'll be united evermore!  
Today and every day I am grateful  
For the unconditional love you gave me Mum  
Your love continues to guide and comfort me,  
Even though you are no longer here.

*I miss you Mother*

Dear God, please hold my Mother  
in your loving embrace and grant her eternal peace  
May she know how much I love and miss her everyday.  
And I hope you always knew, I thought the world of you.

*Love James xxx*

*Rest in Peace my dear Elizabeth*



In Loving Memory of  
**ANNIE O'BRIEN**

Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise.  
5th Anniversary occurred  
17th April 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
**Sunday 19th April at 11:15am.**

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,  
Although we love you dearly,  
We could not make you stay.

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.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by her loving  
daughters and sons, Elizabeth, Liam, Martina and Michael.*

*Rest in Peace Mam xx*



In Loving Memory of a much loved  
Mammy and Nanny

**MARY FITZPATRICK**

The Hermitage Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs  
19th April 2026.

When nights are cold & stars are few,  
We close our eyes and think of you  
A silent hope, a silent tear,  
A silent wish that you were here.

*Missed and loved so much from your  
broken-hearted daughter Julie and grandson Colin.*

*Rest in Peace Mary*



In Loving Memory of  
**ANNIE O'BRIEN**  
 Late of 6 Marian Ave., Portlaoise.  
 5th Anniversary occurred 17th April 2026.

Mammy, I hide my tears  
 when I say your name,  
 but the pain in my heart is still the same.  
 Although I smile and seem carefree,  
 there's no one who misses you more than me.  
 My mind knows that you are gone,  
 but my heart will never accept it.  
*Miss you so much, love, Conor, Lisa and Conor.*  
*Rest in Peace Annie*

In Loving Memory of  
**MARY FITZPATRICK**



The Hermitage Portlaoise.  
 2nd Anniversary occurs  
 19th April 2026.

We hold you close  
 Within our hearts  
 And there you shall remain.  
*Sadly missed by Thomas & Teresa.*  
*Rest in Peace Mary*



In Loving Memory of  
**PADRAIG MCGOVERN**

Lynden Court, Portlaoise and  
 Glangevlin, Co. Cavan.  
 4th Anniversary occurs on  
 24th April 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
 Paul's Church, **Sunday 19th April at 12.30pm.**  
 God said – "I need somebody strong enough to clear  
 trees and heave bales yet gentle enough to wean lambs  
 so God made a farmer".  
*Loved always by Siobhan, Daniel, Liam, Aidan, Ciara & Kevin.*  
*Rest in Peace Padraig*



In Loving Memory of  
**MARK WALSH**  
 Hawthorn Way, Esker Hills, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, on  
**Sunday, 19th April at 11:15am.**  
 Sadly missed along life's way  
 Quietly remembered every day  
 No longer in our life to share  
 But in our hearts, he's always there.  
*Sadly missed by his wife Clare, daughter Fiadh, son  
 Daniel, extended family and friends.*  
*Rest in Peace Mark*

In Loving Memory of  
**MARY FITZPATRICK**



The Hermitage Portlaoise.  
 2nd Anniversary occurs  
 19th April 2026.

Thinking of you is easy  
 We do it every day  
 Missing you is a heartache  
 That never goes away.  
*Sadly missed and loved by your sister  
 Margaret, Brendan & Family.*  
*Rest in Peace Mary*



Birthday Remembrance  
 In memory of my Beloved Husband  
**JAMES (JIMMY)  
 MCCORMACK**

St. Martin's, Borris Little, Portlaoise.  
 1st Birthday away from home  
 April 16th, 2026.

I did not know that morning  
 God was going to call your name  
 In life I loved you so much,  
 in death I do the same.

It broke my heart to lose you  
 but you did not go alone  
 For part of me went with you  
 the day God called you home.

*Loved and always remembered your wife Mary,  
 daughters Lorraine & Pauline, sons Ian, Jimmy  
 and Trevor, your 11 grandchildren, daughters in law  
 Geraldine and Anne, son in law Michael.*

*We all miss and love you forever.*  
*Rest in Peace James*



In Loving Memory of  
**CLAIRE TUOHY**

1 Upr. Beladd, Portlaoise.  
 2nd Anniversary – 22nd April 2026.

Everyday in some small way  
 Memories of you come my way  
 Though absent you are always near  
 Still loved and missed and very dear.  
*Sadly missed by your husband Jim & Family.*  
*Rest in Peace Claire*



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

19 Marian Place, Portlaoise.  
35th Anniversary occurred on  
17th April 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this **Sunday 19th April at 11.15am.**

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

*Sadly missed and always loved, Mary & Tommy, Ger & Olive,  
Geraldine & Tommy, grandchildren, great-grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Michael*



In Loving Memory of  
**ANNE (NANCY)  
CONROY  
(NÉE BYRNE)**

Iona, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.  
Whose 1st Anniversary occurs  
24th April 2026.

Nancy's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on  
**Sunday, 26th April at 9:30 a.m.** in the Church of the  
Assumption, The Heath.

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, always remembered by her family and friends.*

*May Nancy Rest in Peace*



In Loving Memory of  
**PHYLLIS  
MARUM**

Remembering a much loved and  
dearly cherished Aunt on this her  
1st Anniversary away from home.

Phyllis you are much loved and  
Sadly missed from our lives,  
But we take comfort you're together now  
With your much loved sister Jean.

*From Carol, Kenneth, Gerard,  
James and brother-in-law Billy.*

*May Phyllis Rest in Peace*



In Loving Memory of  
**TONY KAVANAGH**

Colt, Ballyroan, Portlaoise.  
8th Anniversary occurs 5th May 2026.  
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
St. Fintan's Church, Raheen, on  
**Saturday 25th April at 7pm.**

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

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