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26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

*What if
God is calling you?*

The priesthood is not about having all the answers.
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If you're thinking about it... let's talk.

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How to be a Person of Discernment

It is not good to hear ourselves described as sheep. Sheep are silly animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. This however is not the imagery intended when Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', rather his is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'.



The voice of Jesus the good shepherd is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice as the one who addresses what we are and what we stand for. Key to a healthy spiritual life is an overriding commitment to hearing the word of God and applying it to one's own life, but in a world of competing values can we always recognise the voice of Jesus?

The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Sadly, this has to be an over simplification. What seems to be the right answer for one person might be completely different for someone else. How is it that armies can fight each other, each believing that God is on their side? How is it that so many different denominations can interpret Jesus' words differently, each believing that they have got it right? How, throughout centuries of history, could heads of states have made such bitter and cruel decisions in God's name?

Clearly, recognising the voice of our shepherd isn't an easy task. Recognising the voice of our shepherd takes discernment, practice and continual self-evaluation. Have we all been doing the same things in the same way year in and year out? Is there anything we could be doing better? Recognising the voice of our shepherd relies on what we already know from scripture, and not what we fondly imagine Jesus might be telling us. Most importantly, recognising Jesus must always be rooted securely in the love for each other and in love for our enemies. If we adhere to this important commandment, then surely Jesus will find us, whoever we are. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday - Thursday: 7.30am & 10am

Friday (First Friday): 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

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.

The priests of the parish will attend their communion calls during the week.



We welcome into our Parish Community
Gracie Mae Byrne-Farrell, Manor Cottages
Rian Brophy Cole, Clonroosk View
Ella Grace Dwyer, The Maltings
Who was baptised weekend.

Prayer to Discover Your Vocation

Almighty God,
You have made me to know you,
To love you, and to serve you,
And thereby to find and fulfil myself.
I know that you are in all things
And that every path can lead me to you,
But, of them all,
there is one path especially
by which you want me to come to you.
Since I will do what you want of me,
I pray you; send your Holy Spirit to me;
Into my mind to show me
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ACTIVE RETIREMENT Monday 27th April Bowls in St Mary's Hall from 2-4pm. Wednesday 29th April Sing Along with Caroline from 3pm in Parish Centre. Thursday 30th April in Sue Ryder Kilminchy Cards & Chat from 3pm - new members welcome - tuition given - for further information contact Maria at 087-9187157.

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..

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://portlaoisechessclub.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.

FOURTH WALL LAOIS THEATRE GROUP presents "Moll" by J.B. Keane 8pm on Saturday 25th April in Dunamase Arts Centre.

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

GROW MENTAL HEALTH organisation are holding a coffee/information morning on Thursday 30th April at 10am until 12pm in the Parish Centre Portlaoise. All welcome.

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 28th April 2026, St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €5,120, Double number €1,440, Lotto €2,100 Bonus Ball €1,400.

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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.

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.

BE STRONG IN THE LORD! HLI Ireland Mission Night 100 Yrs of Feast of Christ the King! 100 Yrs of St. Thérèse's Canonisation! Venerate the Relics of St. Thérèse & the Holy Face of Jesus. Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise, Thursday 30th April 7pm.

MASS IN BISHOPS WOOD, CORK RD, DURROW on Sunday 26th April at 3pm - the Durrow Pipe Band will lead a procession from the entrance to the wood to the area where the Bishops tree once stood. The old Cork / Cullohill road just outside Durrow on the right hand side.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotion – 2nd May – in the Old Vestry in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise at 8.30am and 3.45pm in Holy Rosary Church, Abbeyleix.

PORTLAOISE PARISH FATIMA PILGRIMAGE wish to thank all those who contributed to the success of its cake sale on the 16th of April. Maura O'Brien, Pilgrimage Organiser wants to express her thanks to Louise Walton for donating the hamper and to all those who baked, made donations, or attended on the day. Thanks also to Declan Kelly and the staff of the Parish centre for all their help. Proceeds from the cake sale will go towards bringing assisted pilgrims to Fatima in 2027.

EMMANUEL HOUSE, CLONFERT H53 E5N6 – Five First Saturday Devotions & Healing Service, led by Eddie Stone & Team, Sat. May 2nd at 11am. Talks, music, Holy Mass, Confessions. All welcome, bring a packed lunch.

SPIORAID NAOIMH MONTHLY RETREAT - SATURDAY 2nd May. Starts with Mass @ 10am in The Parish Church Portlaoise. Confessions available. Retreat Continues in the Campa Room Parish Centre 10.30-1.30 pm. Adoration, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry. Contact M. Nerney 086 8157305 Spiritual Director Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P.



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Here is a photo that shows sheep that are branded.



Do you know why they put a brand on the sheep? They do it so that they will know who owns the sheep. Each rancher has his own special brand. So, if a sheep wanders off and becomes lost or stolen, the brand will prove who owns the sheep.

I don't know whether they put brands on sheep in Jesus' day or not, but Jesus once told about a shepherd who went to a sheep pen to get his sheep. He said that the shepherd knew his sheep and called them by name. When he had called them out, he walked ahead of them and they followed him because they recognised his voice. Jesus said that if a stranger called to the sheep, they would not follow him. In fact, Jesus said they would run away from him because they did not recognise the stranger's voice.

That is a beautiful picture of our relationship with Jesus. Jesus is our shepherd. He loves us and cares for us - he even knows our name. Jesus calls us to follow him and if we belong to him, we will know his voice and we will follow him.

Sometimes, Satan may try to get us to follow him. He may try to get us to do things that will do us harm. If we belong to Jesus, we will not follow Satan. In fact, we will run from him.



PRAYER

Dear Jesus

Heavenly Father, we are thankful that we have a Shepherd who knows our name. Help us to follow him when he calls. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.





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St. Joseph Silence and Strength



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We often overlook the quiet and supportive people in our lives, taking their steadfastness for granted. Joseph appears only briefly in the Gospels, and he never directly speaks a word in them. Everything we know about his courage and faith comes from what he does, not what he says. He is a man who faced a situation that could have brought shame, discovering that Mary was with child before they lived together and yet he simply got on with life. He trusted God, protected his family and went about his work with quiet dignity. That, to me, is a kind of heroism. We don't always notice it, but it's the kind that shapes the world.

When Joseph first hears about Mary's pregnancy, he doesn't understand what God is doing. He feels disappointment and uncertainty, the kind we all know when life veers off the path we imagined. Yet his first instinct is mercy. He plans to step away quietly, not wanting to expose her to public shame. Even before an angel appears, Joseph is already choosing compassion and kindness over pride and self-protection. It's a small, hidden holiness that honours another person's dignity even in painful circumstances.

Then God speaks through the angel, telling him not to be afraid, that Mary's child is from the Holy Spirit and that he is to name the child Jesus. Joseph doesn't argue or demand explanations; he simply obeys. The Gospel says, 'He did as the angel of the Lord commanded him' (Mt 1:24). That quiet obedience is not weakness. It's courage, entrusting God with his reputation, his future and the life he had imagined for himself. Joseph takes Mary into his home, protects her on the journey to Bethlehem, finds shelter when there is none and rises in the night to take his family to Egypt when danger threatens. His life becomes a pattern of steady care and quiet courage. Faith often looks like this, caring for family, keeping promises, forgiving when it's hard and continuing to pray when answers are slow to come. Joseph reminds us that this hidden, ordinary faithfulness is real holiness.

Joseph also represents a kind of man we may overlook: the ones who don't seek recognition, but who quietly hold things together, the fathers, husbands, brothers and friends who work hard, carry responsibility and try each day to do right by the people entrusted to them. Their lives may not look heroic, but without them families and communities would quietly unravel. Joseph dignifies that hidden faithfulness.

Tradition calls him a carpenter, though the Greek word tekton can mean builder or craftsman. His work shaped him, teaching patience, attention and steadiness of heart. It's a reminder that holiness doesn't only happen in dramatic moments. Every act done with care and love can be part of God's plan. Grace moves in kitchens, workshops and waiting rooms just as much as it does in churches. Later, Joseph disappears from the Gospel story. Tradition holds that he died before Jesus began his public ministry, likely with Mary and Jesus by his side. He has long been

invoked as the patron of a happy death. But his patronage reaches further than that, fathers, families, workers, travellers, anyone facing uncertainty. His silence is not emptiness; it's the space where God can speak.

The late Pope Francis, said of Joseph, 'I have a great love for St. Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. On my table, I have an image of St. Joseph sleeping. Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes! We know that he can do that. So, when I have a problem, a difficulty, I write a little note and I put it underneath St. Joseph, so that he can dream about it! In other words, I tell him: "Pray for this problem!"' Joseph's story reassures us that holiness often looks ordinary. It shows itself in small acts of kindness and service to others, steady faithfulness and courage lived quietly each day. When life challenges us, Joseph reminds us that true strength lies in those who act with care, keep their promises and carry the weight of love without seeking applause. May this great saint inspire us all to trust, surrender, receive and believe.

Prayer to Sleeping St. Joseph

Oh Saint Joseph,

You are a man greatly favoured by the Most High.

The angel of the Lord appeared to you in dreams, while you slept, to warn you and guide you as you cared for the Holy Family.

You were both silent and strong, a loyal and courageous protector.

Dear Saint Joseph,

as you rest in the Lord,

confident of His absolute power and goodness, look upon me.

Please take my need... (mention your request here) ... into your heart, dream of it, and present it to your Son.

Help me then, good Saint Joseph,

to hear the voice of God, to arise, and act with love.

I praise and thank God with joy.

Saint Joseph, I love you.

Amen.



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John Holland
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Portlaoise



Linda Mary Anderson
(née Doherty)
Derrygarron, Portlaoise



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Road, Portlaoise

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



In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL COLLINS

Subur, Newpark, Portlaoise.

A Dear Husband, Father and Grandfather.
9th Anniversary occurred 25th April.

Michael's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Sunday 26th April at 12.30pm.

Lonely is our home without you,
Life is not the same,
The world would be like Heaven,
If we could have you back again.

*Loved and sadly missed by your wife Sally,
son Alan, daughter Ruth and family.*

May Michael Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
PHYLLIS MARUM

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary away from Home.

Thinking of you is easy
We do it every day.
Missing you is a heartache
That never goes away.

Sadly missed by your brothers and sisters.

May Phyllis Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
**PHYLLIS
SANDGROVE**
(NÉE BROPHY)

Derrygarron, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs on 21st April 2026.

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

Sadly missed by your loving brother John, sister-in-law Rita and family.

Rest in Peace Phyllis



In Loving Memory of
**MARY (MINNIE)
DELANEY**

Derryroe, Mountrath.

Anniversary occurs on 5th May, 2026.

4th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Brigid's
Church, Shanahoe on **Sunday 3rd May at 12 noon.**

Of all the special gifts in life,
However great or small,
To have you as our mother
was the greatest gift of all,
A special time, a special place,
A special mother we cannot replace,
With an aching heart, we whisper low,
We miss you Mother and love you so.

Forever in our hearts.

*Jer, Mary, Rita and all the family and extended family.
We also remember her husband Matt, sons Joe and
Matt and sister-in-law Sarah.*

Rest in Peace Mary



Acknowledgement & Month's Mind
In Loving Memory of
MARY BERGIN
(NÉE GRIFFEY)

66 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Mary's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on
Friday 1st May at 7.30pm
in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise.

The family of Mary Bergin wish to express our sincere thanks to all who supported us during our recent loss.

We are very grateful to our neighbours and friends, and to all who called to the house, attended the wake, funeral service, burial, or joined us online.

Thank you to those who brought food, sent flowers and Mass cards, and to everyone who sent messages or phoned— your kindness and thoughtfulness meant a great deal to us.

A special word of thanks to Monsignor Byrne and Deacon Joe O'Rourke for the beautiful service, Sarah Troy for the gentle and uplifting music.

Portlaoise Gaa for their guard of honour and we also wish to thank Matthew and David from Keegan Undertakers for their care and guidance, the gravediggers for their help, Declan Kelly and Michelle Bartley in the Parish Centre, and Bosco Catering.

We are especially grateful to the staff of Ballard, Portlaoise, and Fennor Hill, Urlingford, for the kindness and care shown to Mary.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a small token of our appreciation.

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

May Mary Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
ANTHONY EGAN

New Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs
30th April 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Thursday 30th April at 10am.**



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

During his lifetime, Anthony got great inspiration from his faith and his many pilgrimages with family and friends.

Sadly missed by all the Egan family and his friends.

*Rest in Peace
Anthony*



In Loving Memory of
RITA LALOR

57 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs
26th April 2026.

Our Mom

Our Mom gave us the world, put it right at our feet,
And with her at our side, there is nothing we cannot beat.
Our Mom was a woman who taught us never to lose sight,
though times may seem helpless, she taught us how to fight.

She has shown us how through times of much sorrow,
to look to the future, and new days of tomorrow.

Even though times may be hard, and all we feel is pain,
Remember, this too shall pass, even the clouds and the rain.

So, it is with heavy hearts and tears in our eyes
that we lay her down to rest and say our last goodbyes.

Loved always by Terry, Lisa, Nicola, Derek, Keith, Ciara, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers, sisters and extended family and friends xxx

Grandmother

God looked around His garden and found an empty space,
Then He looked down upon this earth and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful, He only takes the best.

From your loving grandkids xxx

May Rita Rest in Peace



We remember and give thanks for the life and service of

POPE FRANCIS

whose 1st Anniversary occurred on the 21st April 2026.

He has gone no further than to God,
And God is very near.

miserando atque eligendo

“By having mercy, by choosing him”

Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

**WILLIAM (BILLY)
BROPHY**

Late of Shannon Rd. Mountrath.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul’s Parish Church on

Sunday 26th April at 10am.

April comes with sad regret,
It brings a day we will never forget,
But memories of you will never die,
Deep in our hearts memories are kept,
Of a dad who we will never forget.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Rest in Peace William

In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle

MICHAEL EARLY

Triogue House, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.

Whose 1st Anniversary
occurred April 22nd 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul’s Parish Church,
Sunday April 26th at 12:30pm.

No farewell words were spoken,
No time to say goodbye,
You were gone before we knew it,
And only God knows why.

Sadly missed and never forgotten by his family and friends.

Rest in Peace Michael



In Loving Memory of

**PHYLLIS MARUM
(NÉE McEVOY)**

St. Brigid’s Place, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary away from Home.

The Unbroken Bond

No matter how much time passes
The ache of your absence remains,
But so does the joy of having known
Such an incredible mother.

*Forever loved and greatly missed by
Your loving children, Susan, Samantha,
Sawnya, William and Sabrina.
Sons in law, Daughters in law,
Grandchildren Evan, Dylan, Ciara, Aimee,
Abbie, Jodie, Aaron, Tierna, Lucy.*

Rest in Peace Phyllis



To a wonderful Mother, Nanny and
loving Wife on your 1st Anniversary

CHRISTINE (CHRIS)

**RONAN
(NÉE WHELAN)**

Higgins Park, Fairgreen Village,
Portlaoise.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurs 30th April 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul’s
Church on **Saturday 2nd May at 6.30pm.**

We thought of you today
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday
And will tomorrow too.
We think of you in silence
And make no outward show
For what it meant to lose you
Only those who love you know.
Remembering you is easy
We do it every day.

Much loved & sadly missed every day by your heartbroken family.

*May Christine Rest in
the arms of Heavenly Angels*



Month's Mind Remembrance
 In Loving Memory of
JAMES DEMPSEY
 Borris Rd. Portlaoise.
 Died 3rd April 2026.

James Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church on **Saturday 2nd May at 10am.**

James - A Quiet and Kind Man

He lived his life in quiet ways with kindness soft and true
 No need for grand or spoken praise, his actions carried through.
 A steady soul, so calm and sure, with warmth you felt nearby
 A listening ear, a helping hand, and strength you could rely on.

He served his time in distant lands, in Lebanon, far from home
 Yet always in his heart and mind was Borris Road alone.
 For that's where life was richest lived, in simple treasured ways
 Up in the garden, watching birds, and passing quiet days.

The dog beside him, close and true, the Sunday game on low
 A smoke in hand, the world at ease, no need to rush or go.
 A few pints up in Ward 5, with familiar faces there,
 A laugh, a story, time well spent, in easy, welcome air.

He loved the horses, studying form, a pastime he held dear,
 A few euro on a chosen one, and hope from race to cheer.
 On matches played and games well fought, he'd have his quiet say,
 A small bet placed, a knowing smile, enjoying every day.

But more than all these gentle things, his world was built on love –
 For Judy, Matthew, "the Pudder," Grace and Sharon above.
 His siblings dear, a lifelong bond, through every joy and test
 And nieces, nephews held so close, a family he loved best.

He asked for little, he gave so much, content in what he had.
 And all who knew him felt the calm, of the gentle man he was.
 And though he's gone from sight today, his spirit lingers on
 In Borris Road, in birdsong soft, in every quiet dawn.

*May you rest now, gentle soul, where peace is ever near,
 May light surround you always, and love replace each tear.
 May the road rise up to meet you, and carry you safely home,
 Until we meet again, dear James, you will never walk alone.*

May James Rest in Heavenly Peace



In Loving Memory of
JOE DUNNE
 "Silverdale",
 Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise.
 27th Anniversary occurs
 25th April 2026.

Daddy

We wish we had one more chance,
 To see your lovely smile,
 And laugh with you again,
 Just for a little while.

*Missing you on your 27th Anniversary
 away from home from your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Joe



In Loving Memory of
FRANCIS McNALLY
 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
 1st anniversary away from home
 3rd of May.

Francis' 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 St. Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise on
Sunday 3rd May at 12.30pm.

*Francis is deeply missed by all his family
 Deirdre & Bibo, Imelda & Joe,
 Frank & Siobhan, Tom & Sinead,
 Rachel, Nicole & Ryan,
 Frank Jr, Harry, Amy, Joe, Cathal,
 Finn, Chris, Eimear, Jake and Scott .*

May Francis Rest in Peace

Treasured memories of our dear Daddy and Grandad
CHRISTOPHER
(CHRISTY) O'BRIEN

Late of Cherrygrove Portlaoise.

Whose 5th anniversary occurs on Monday 27th of April.

If we could visit heaven just for one day
 Maybe for a moment the pain would go away.
 We would put our arms around you
 And whisper words so true,
 That living life without you is the
 Hardest thing we do.
 No matter how we spent our days,
 No morning falls, no evening dawns,
 That we do not think of you.



Missed beyond words.

*Yvonne, Sandra, John and your grandchildren Gordon, Evan,
 Teagan and Grace xxxxx*

Rest in Peace Christy



Birthday Remembrance
 In memory of our beautiful Sister
MONICA (MON)
O'BRIEN

1st Birthday (59th) away from home.
 Monday April 27th 2026.

We miss you every day in every single way,
 You always knew exactly what to say.

Even though you were the youngest,
 To us you were always the wisest.

You lit up a room with your smile that was infectious.
 You brought so much joy and happiness to our family.
 You had a kind heart always thinking of others.

You are missed so dearly now you are not here,
 When we think of you we sometimes shed a tear.

Loved and always remembered by your brothers and sisters.

*John, Paschal, Mary, Tony, Kieran, Ann,
 Noel, Pat and David.*

We all miss and love you forever Mon.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Mon



In Loving Memory of
MARIE MURPHY
(NÉE DELANEY)

Clonadacasey, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
 St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise on
Saturday 2nd May at 6.30pm.

One year missing you
 And yet it feels like yesterday
 Though time has passed and we've moved on,
 The void you left still echoes strong,

A constant ache, a lingering pain
 Reminding us of what we can't regain.
 Yet in our hearts, your love still thrives,

A flame that never fades nor dies,
 A precious bond we'll always hold,
 A treasure worth more than gold.

One year without you may have come
 But our love for you will never fade away.

Forever loved and greatly missed by all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Marie



In Loving Memory of
 A Cherished Wife, Mother,
 Grandmother, Great-Grandmother,
 Sister-in-Law

KATHLEEN PAISLEY

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
 9th Anniversary occurs on
 28th April 2026.

Your Mother is your first friend,
 Your best friend and your lifetime friend.

Every time we think of you,
 Our hearts just fill with pride
 And though we will always miss you

We know you are by our side
 In laughter and in sorrow
 In sunshine and in rain

We know you are watching over us
 Until we meet again.

We will love you forever and miss you always.

From all her loving family, extended family and many friends.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

*Also remembering at this time Kathleen's late husband Joe,
 whose birthday occurs on 1st May, her brother Bill Doyle
 and all deceased members of the Doyle & Paisley families.*

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