

**PORTLAOISE
PARISH**
**link
up**

14th June 2026



**Eleventh Week
in Ordinary Time**

Students, families, and staff gathered for the Graduation Mass in the Woods, celebrated by Fr. Ciprian Matei for Holy Family School and Fr. Adriano Oliveira for Ratheniska School, marking an important milestone for the graduating classes. We wish them all very blessing and good wish as they graduate to Secondary Schools in September.



Holy Family School Mass



Ratheniska School Mass

The Parish Centre 057 8621142
E-mail: info@portlaoiseparish.ie

**Follow Us
& Like Us**



@PortlaoiseParish



fb.com/portlaoiseparishlaois
fb.com/portlaoiselinkup

Parish and Diocesan Websites: www.portlaoiseparish.ie www.kandle.ie



The Irish Martyrs

Saturday 20th June

Seventeen Irish Martyrs, a group of Catholics beatified by Pope John Paul II on 27 September 1992. They were chosen to represent the many Irish men and women who were executed for their Catholic faith during the period of religious persecution in Ireland between 1579 and 1654.

The seventeen include both clergy and laypeople:

1. Patrick O'Healy – Franciscan bishop, executed in 1579.
2. Cornelius O'Rourke – executed alongside O'Healy in 1579.
3. Matthew Lambert – layman, executed in 1581.
4. Robert Meyler – layman, executed in 1581.
5. Edward Cheevers – layman, executed in 1581.
6. Patrick Cavanagh – layman, executed in 1581.
7. Margaret Ball – Dublin widow imprisoned for sheltering priests; died in prison in 1584.
8. Francis Taylor – former Mayor of Dublin; died in prison in 1621.
9. Dermot O'Hurley – tortured and executed in 1584.
10. Conor O'Devany – executed in 1612.
11. Patrick O'Loughran – executed with O'Devany in 1612.
12. Dominic Collins – executed in 1602.
13. Terence Albert O'Brien – executed in 1651.
14. John Kearney – executed in 1653.
15. Peter Higgins – executed in 1642—**a Dominican priest from Naas in our own Diocese of K & L**
16. Maurice MacKenraghty – executed in 1585.
17. Thaddeus MacCarthy – executed in 1654.

The group was deliberately selected to show the diversity of those who suffered during the penal era:

- Bishops, priests, and religious who continued their ministry despite bans.
- Lay men and women who sheltered clergy, heard Mass, or remained faithful to Catholicism despite pressure to conform.
- People from different parts of Ireland and different social backgrounds.

Their collective feast day is celebrated by the Catholic Church on 20 June, and they are known as the Blessed Irish Martyrs because they have been beatified but not canonised as saints.

Among the seventeen, the best-known woman is **Blessed Margaret Ball**, who was over 70 when imprisoned in Dublin Castle for assisting priests. She died after harsh treatment in prison. Her inclusion highlights that the persecution affected ordinary Catholic families as well as clergy.

The beatification recognised them not primarily as political figures, but as people whom the Church believes died or suffered because of their adherence to the Catholic faith during a period of intense religious conflict in Ireland.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Friday: 7.30am & 10am

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.



Fáilte

We welcome into our Parish Community

Matteo Ray Gani-Bowell, Rossdarragh Hill
 Donnacha Michael Irwin, Berryridge Avenue
 Emma Mazurek, Rath Rua
 Aoife Marie Meehan, Borris Road
 Jake Calvin Condon Adair, Dirchgrove

Who were baptised weekend.

Points to Ponder

Jesus calls and sends us to the lost sheep to tell them of the Good News of the Kingdom. Who are the lost sheep? They are the ones who already belong but somehow strayed or do not know yet that they already



belong to God's flock. They suffer and we bring them God's work of healing the sick, of restoring the outcast, of bringing relief to all physical, mental, social, and spiritual sufferings. St John Chrysostom wrote: 'Nothing is colder than a Christian who does not care for the salvation of others.' Today's gospel may well be a call to us to break out of our little ice cubes.

Jesus is the icon of God the Father. He gives a face to the love and compassion of the Father. And Jesus calls us to offer service and the Good News to all without seeking a return for ourselves. It is our Christian life to be chosen just as the 12 were chosen, sent as they were sent. Somewhere in this world, there is someone for whom I am God's gift of his presence, of his love, of his compassion.

MULHALL MEATS

Est. 1931



**Weekly
Special**

**Now Only
€22.99/kg**



Mulhall's Fresh Irish Sirloin Steak

Offer Available Monday 8th - Sunday 21st June



Full Range Of Fresh FISH Available 7 days a week!

Mulhall's Butcher Counter is located within Mulhall's SuperValu. Phone 057 86 21044

AUDIOLOGIST HEARING AID Consultant

Patricia Kilmartin

B.A.A.T., M.I.S.H.A.A., M.I.A.A.
(36+ years experience with Private & Public Sector (H.S.E.))



- Comprehensive Hearing Assessment Adults & Children 5 years +
- Full range of rechargeable Digital Hearing Aids available with Bluetooth connectivity incl. FREE PRSI HEARING AIDS TO VALUE OF €1000 TO ELIGIBLE CLIENTS i.e. Social Welfare grants
- Pre-employment tests/Occupational Screening Tests
- Ear Wax Removal Service i.e. Ear Irrigation, Microsuction, Earway Pro
- Ear moulds, Custom made Swim Plugs, Musicians Moulds, etc.
- Hearing Aid Batteries, Minor Repairs, etc. (incl. postal service)

In Attendance

10 Lismard Court, Portlaoise Co. Laois. R32AF58
(Entrance beside Macra Na Feirme Hall on Timahoe Road)

By Appointment Only

Tel: 057 8692289 Mobile: 085 8568808

E-mail: patriciakilmartin@kilmartinaudiology.ie

Website: www.kilmartinaudiology.ie



Laois Physiotherapy Clinic

live life physically well

The Coach House, 4 Kellyville Park, Portlaoise.

JOHN SUGRUE BSc MSc MScCP **NICOLA CALDBECK** BSc MScCP MAACP
CONOR BOLTON BSc MSc MScCP **CONOR HORAN** BSc MSc MScCP

www.laoisphysiotherapyclinic.ie

087 666 4808

ALL CLASSES HAVE RESUMED FOR 2026

In Clinic:

Senior exercise class Tues. at 11am

Online Pilates every Wed. at 9.30am

Osteoporosis class every Wed.
10.30am

Osteoporosis class every Thurs. at 4pm

Men's health and fitness every Thurs at 10am

In Parish Centre

Mon. morn. Osteoporosis class at 9.30am

Intermediate Pilates class Monday evening at 6pm

Beginners Pilates class Mon. evening at 7pm

NEW BLOCKS FOR THE NEW YEAR

**IF YOU WISH TO ENQUIRE ABOUT
OR JOIN ANY CLASS,
PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL OUR OFFICE**





Music Generation
Laois/Laoise



LAOIS SCHOOL OF
MUSIC

LAOIS MUSIC CENTRE

Open Evening 6-8pm

Tuesday 16 June, 2026

All Welcome - meet our tutors/ try out

lots of musical instruments

Church Ave. Portlaoise

R32 Y074

musicgenerationlaois.ie



ART CAMP

with Caroline Keane

JULY 13TH-17TH
Monday to Friday

Treo Nua Resource Centre Portlaoise

€123 per child (sibling discount available)
Artist Caroline hosts a fun filled week of drawing, painting and creative sculpture. Create masterpieces in each art form while learning all about the tricks and styles of world famous artists.

Junior Art Camp
Junior Infants to First Class 10am-12pm

Senior Art Camp:
2nd Class to Sixth Class 1.30pm-3.30pm

To BOOK - Email:
artclasseswithcarolinekeane@gmail.com



KILLESHIN
HOTEL & LEISURE CLUB



Father's Day LUNCH

Celebrate the special man in your life with great food and memorable moments.

Join us this Father's Day for a delicious 3-course lunch with a complimentary pint of Guinness or Harp (non-alcoholic option available), perfect for celebrating the amazing dads in your life. Enjoy a thoughtfully crafted menu in a welcoming atmosphere that's ideal for family gatherings.



€42.50
per adult

(057) 863 1200 | info@thekilleshin.com



BREEN STEEL SHEDS

Drim, Mountrath, Co. Laois. R32 HF40

Tel; 087-9444098 / 086-1732542 | E-mail; info@breensteelsheds.ie



- ◆ Maintenance free Steel Mobile Garden Sheds in a choice of colours.
- ◆ PVC coated with non drip sheeting to avoid condensation.
- ◆ Timber or Concrete floors fitted.
- ◆ Delivered and erected on site, can be transported in sections or fully assembled.
- ◆ All sizes manufactured; 7x5, 8x14, 10x8, 10x17, 10x20, 20x24
- ◆ Our range of Steel Sheds include two variations of buildings with many uses; garages for vehicle storage in residential areas, small workshops, office accommodation, store rooms, games rooms.



MOCHUA PRINT & DESIGN
GET YOURSELF NOTICED

Powering Your Brand Through Print & Marketing

For over 20 years, Mochua Print & Design has helped businesses stand out with professional printing, creative design, branded merchandise and direct mail marketing solutions. We don't just print, we help bring your ideas, brand and marketing campaigns to life.

**Your Complete Print
& Marketing Partner**



From **business cards** and **brochures** to **signage**, **packaging**, **promotional merchandise** and **targeted mail campaigns** – our experienced team works with you to create marketing that gets noticed and delivers results.

As an Award winning ISO9001 & ISO14001 certified company, we are committed to quality, sustainability and exceptional service for every client we work with.

Clonminam Business Park, Portlaoise, Co. Laois, R32 EH11 ☎ 057 8634050

Henry Street, Newbridge, Co. Kildare, W12 TF83 ☎ 045 433569

mochuaprint.ie



Zumbini Portlaoise
 Parish Centre, 11am Saturdays

5-weeks session starting 20th June
 spaces limited
 booking essential!

find your classes Zumbini.com
 WhatsApp Sandra 086 8748896

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

A⁺ A B⁺ B AB⁺ AB⁻ O⁺ O⁻

Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise
 Sun 14th June '26
 12:00pm – 15:30pm

 Mon 15th, Tues 16th, Wed 17th
 & Thurs 18th June '26
 15:45pm - 20:00pm

Check your eligibility & book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800 222 111

giveblood.ie Follow us for updates & news

CENTREPOINT CARPETS

- Carpets - Vinyls - Timber Flooring
 - Rugs & Blinds - Beds - Mattresses
 - Bedroom Furniture

T: 057 862 0792
 E: centrepoincarpets@gmail.com
 Kyleiprooe Ind. Est., Timahoe Rd., Portlaoise, Co. Laois
www.centrepoincarpets.ie

LACEY

TARMACADAM & CIVILS Ltd.

Thomas Lacey

- ✓ TARMACADAM
- ✓ CONCRETE
- ✓ KERBING
- ✓ MECHANICAL SPREADER
- ✓ SITE CLEARANCE AND FILLINGS
- ✓ DRAINAGE
- ✓ VAT REGISTERED & FULLY INSURED

FAMILY RUN BUSINESS SINCE THE 1970s

PORTLAOISE, CO. LAOIS
 057 8670744
 086 3844321

LACEYTARMAC@GMAIL.COM

SOLAS

AN INDIAN IRISH CULTURAL EVENING
 ONE BEAT TWO CULTURES

Ashimbandha Bhattacharjee (Kathak Dance Artist visiting from India)

Moumita Pal (Kathak Dancer) | Sanatan Shrivastava (Tabla) | Dr. Paul Roe (Clarinet) | Egan School of Irish Dancing | Camma Comhaltas

20TH JUNE 7 PM
 DUNAMAISE ARTS CENTRE

SPECIAL WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITY ON 19TH JUNE

SCAN TO BOOK



MARIAN PILGRIMAGES

RENEW OUR SPIRIT OF LOVE, FORGIVENESS & PEACE



€855pps



€795pps

45th Anniversary of the Medjugorje Apparitions

Direct flight Dublin to Mostar
Only 30 minutes drive to Medjugorje

From Dublin

24th June - 1st July, Half Board



DIRECT FLIGHTS



TRANSFERS



ACCOMMODATION



DEDICATED GUIDES

Join our July Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

From Dublin

8th July - 15th July

7 nights, Half Board

For more information contact Marian Pilgrimages or visit our website.



WWW.MARIAN.IE
GROUP PILGRIMAGE SPECIALISTS

(01) 878 8159 | (028) 95680005
38-39 Pearse Street, Dublin 2



Licensed by the Irish Aviation Authority
T0142



Gretta Kelly
DipFH MCFHP MAFHP

Tel: 085 108 8553

Specialist Foot Care Services

Professional foot care in the comfort of your home

- Nail Cutting & Treatment
- Corns, Callus and Hard Skin Removal
- Ingrown & Thickened Toenail Care
- Fungal Nail & Skin Infection Management
- House Visits Only

Registered & Insured Practitioner



OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Experienced OTs delivering home-based and clinic services across Laois. We help adults, older adults and children improve safety, independence, and everyday function with clear, practical recommendations.



Adult Services:

- ✓ Housing Grant Reports (Stairlifts, bathrooms, ramps etc.)
- ✓ Seating Assessments
- ✓ Workplace Assessments

Paediatric Services:

- ✓ Handwriting Assessments
- ✓ Sensory Interventions
- ✓ Assistive Technology
- ✓ School Visits

LAOIS JET WASH SERVICES LTD



C.C.T.V. PIPE & DRAIN INSPECTION
HIGH PRESSURE DRAIN CLEANING
TEL/FAX 057-8681720 MOBILE 087-7749519
HAVE YOU A PROBLEM WITH YOUR DRAINS?

Book your appointment today

☎ 0831506755

🌐 www.originaltherapies.ie

✉ info@originaltherapies.ie



Time to Think...

Thank you for caring



This week, more than 150 events nationwide will celebrate Ireland's 600,000+ family carers during National Carers Week 2026 (June 8-14). Carers Week 2026 has a simple but powerful message: 'Thank you for caring'. Events will take place nationwide and online throughout the week, providing opportunities for family carers to connect, access information and support, take time for themselves and be recognised for the vital role they play in communities across Ireland.

The role of carers in society is often overlooked and undervalued. So many people give selflessly to Vulnerable loved ones. I believe the role of carers is deeply significant and needs to be fully recognized and affirmed by our national government. In every community, often silently and heroically, are people who voluntarily care for a vulnerable loved one. For me personally, those who care for a vulnerable loved one are truly inspirational. In the context of a vibrant rich economy, most carers receive abysmal remuneration regarding the contribution they make to enhance a loved one's life.

It goes something like this. You wake up. It's the middle of the night. You are in your own home, but you don't know where you are. You decide to get dressed but you can't find your clothes. You decide to go downstairs but you can't find the stairs. Eventually someone comes to you, but you don't know them. You've never seen them before. They tell you they are a son or a daughter, a husband or a wife. And they coax you back to bed. That mini drama is re-enacted in different forms across the country every day and every night and every hour of every day and every night. Because across the country thousands of people, old and not so old, suffer from some form of dementia or senility, the best known of which has been labelled Alzheimer's Disease.

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

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

For the carers of Alzheimer's patients and others, the usual often difficult demands associated with caring can be exacerbated. In this instance it isn't just a question of keeping an eye on them, ensuring that they don't come to any harm, washing, bathing, putting them to bed. It's also repeating the same thing, possibly

multiple times a day. It's trying to find a predictable reaction in the troubled, unfocussed eyes that stare vacantly into the distance. Allied to that is the change in personality of the patient, the sense that part of them is no longer there, a kind of living death.

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

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

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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON 9TH JUNE

Top score: Theresa Mulhare. 1st Lady: Molly O'Brien. 2nd Lady: Ann Healy. 1st Gent: Liz Cooper. 2nd Gent: Tied; Catherine Galvin & Christy Fitzpatrick. 1st Half: Sean Bennett. 2nd Half: Pauline McEvoy. Raffle: 1st Sean Bennett, 2nd Theresa Mulhare, 3rd Tom Gowing, 4th Christy Fitzpatrick. 5th Bernie Cahill. Thanks to all for your support. Whist continues every Tuesday at 7.30 in the Parish Centre, new players always welcome, lessons available if required; Ctc 086 8812228.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT Monday 15th June Bowls in St Mary's Hall from 2-4pm new members welcome. Wednesday 17th NO MEETING in Parish Centre. Thursday 18th "Cards & Chat" from 3pm in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy new members welcome tuition given For further information contact Maria 08791087157.

ALONE supports older people across Ireland who may be experiencing loneliness, isolation, frailty, illness, homelessness, or financial hardship. ALONE Needs You — Volunteers Wanted. We are currently looking for compassionate volunteers in your area to support older people in your community. By giving a small amount of your time, you can: Reduce loneliness / Build meaningful connections / Make a real difference in someone's life" Please call us on 0818 222 024 if you or someone you know needs support.

FINDING GOD IN NATURE AND CULTURE – Saturday 27th June 2026, Kildare Town. A day of talks, music, storytelling, prayer, and pilgrimage exploring the relationship between Christian faith, Irish culture, imagination, and the natural world. Featuring Paul Vander Klay, Fr. Conor McDonough OP, and Heather Pollington. Hosted at Solas Bhríde Centre with pilgrimage visits to St Brigid's Well and Kildare Cathedral. Tickets and information on eventbrite. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/finding-god-in-nature-and-culture-tickets-1988447493982>.

SOLAS An Indian Irish Cultural evening, Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise, 20th June from 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. SOLAS is a self-funded locally organised cultural evening celebrating connection, creativity, inclusion, and community through Indian and Irish music and dance traditions. The event brings together artists from different cultural backgrounds. The event will feature Indian Classical Kathak Dance Maestro- Ashimbandhu Bhattacharjee (visiting artist from India for his first-ever performance in Ireland), Kathak Dance Artist- Moumita Pal, Tabla Artist-Sanatan Shrivastava, Clarinet Artist- Dr. Paul Roe, Camross Comhaltas, Lynam School of Irish Dancing.

"C'MERE 'TIL I TELL YA A GOOD ONE" at Seanchistin, Irey, Ballyfin R32AY99. Sunday, June 14th, 5p.m. Michael Creagh, singer, poet, storyteller, from Rathdowney, will present his one man show Cash only 15euro...a time to sit back, relax and enjoy a good laugh. Follow Michael Creagh on Facebook.

THE ARC PROJECT LAOIS hosts weekly Family & Recovery Support Meetings every Monday from 7:15pm to 8:15pm at the Laois Partnership Building, New Road, Portlaoise. These free, confidential meetings provide a safe and supportive space for individuals in recovery, as well as family members affected by a loved one's addiction. The groups offer peer support, connection, encouragement and practical help in a welcoming environment. Everyone is welcome and no referral is required. For further information: 085 818 7470 www.thearcproject.ie info@thearcproject.ie

SOCIAL CHESS CLUB PORTLAOISE for adults only (male and female). The next chess meetings will be held in Portlaoise Library on Saturday 13th June, Saturday 20th June and Saturday 4th July between 1 pm and 4pm and it is free. Board games are provided in the library. The Portlaoise Social Chess Club have a website and it is <https://portlaoisecchessclub.ie>. Chess games are usually held every two weeks in the library, Check the website for clarification of dates and times.

ABBEYLEIX FAIR Bring along OLD COINS / Banknotes / Medals for Valuation or to Sell at this Sunday 14th June at Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix from 11am.

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

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO Tuesday 16th June - St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 48 numbers €6,030. Double number €1,930. Lotto €2,450. Bonus Ball €1,750

RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

ROSARY IN THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH Daily 3pm.

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.

SPIORAID NAOIMH MONTHLY RETREAT SATURDAY 20th June. Mass @ 10am in the Parish Church Portlaoise. Confessions are available. Retreat Continues in the Ratheniska Room Parish Centre ...10.30 am. - 1.30 pm. Adoration Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise and Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry with individual prayer. www.spioraidnaoimh.com Ph. Ml. Nerney 086 8157305 Spiritual Director Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P. All welcome.

LOURDES PETITION BOX Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee wish to advise that a petition box will be in placed in the Parish Church (large brown box under Our Lady) for anyone wishing to have a petition brought to Lourdes on the Parish Pilgrimage. The box will be in there from the 8th June to 22nd June. Please do not place money in the envelope as they will not be opened.

TV SERVICES

Repairs to TVs and home entertainment equipment. Supply, fit, and repair; Saorview, aerial, and satellite systems.

CONTACT

057 873 2998
087 363 6497
083 374 2600



NOLAN LOCKSMITHS

24/7 Emergency Service
Auto - Home - Commercial
086 2624270 | 085 2833064
SHOP: 057 8620135
www.jacknolan.ie

CARPENTER AVAILABLE

All aspects of Carpentry covered
2nd Fix Carpentry
Wardrobes, flooring etc.
PH: 087-0624431

FOR SALE

2 Seater Couch
in Impeccable Condition

2 Old Fashioned Armchairs

All reasonably priced

PH. 087-1646857

PLUMBER AVAILABLE

- All Domestic Plumbing
- Solid Fuel & Oil Servicing
- Water Softener Installation
- Full Bathroom Renovations

CONTACT ALAN
085 1141395

LK BYRNE PLUMBING & HEATING

For all your plumbing needs.

CALL LORCAN
085-2876043

HANDYMAN / BUILDER

15yrs Experience in all trades
Specialised in painting & decorating
Carpentry / Doors & floors
Building / Extensions/Renovations
Electric & Plumbing Work
Garden maintenance / Tree cutting /
Patios / Paving

Ph. 083-8854144



Carpets · Upholstery
Mattresses · Rugs
Professionally Steam Cleaned
Sanitised and deodorised
Contact Darren
085 836 0077



GREG
THE HANDYMAN
CALL 089 956 7135

- Home improvements and repairs
- Flooring, tiling, carpets
- Fence maintenance and repair
- Repairs of toilet, faucet and shower units
- Furniture assembly and installation

DELUXE PAINTING & TILING

Interior Painting & Decoration
Exterior Painting & Spray Painting
Ceramic Tile & Natural Stone Installer
Laminating Floor, Powerwash &
Cleaning Service

PH. THOMAS 083-1819693
deluxepaintingtiling@gmail.com
http://deluxe-painting-tiling.
business.site/

KITCHEN & FURNITURE RESPRAYING SERVICE

Qualified Cabinet Maker
Transform your kitchen / wardrobes
with a respray
Highest quality finishes with
the colour of your choice
Have your dream kitchen without
the expense of replacing

CALL PAUL ON 085-7762298

PAINTING & DECORATING

- Interior & Exterior
- Power Washing
- 15 Years' Experience

Fully Insured
089 445 9958
www.kukic-hms.ie

WINDOW & DOOR REPAIRS

- Hinges & Handles
- Letterboxes
- Sliding Patio Door Rollers
- Window & Door Draught Proofing

Fully Insured

083 315 3211
www.kukic-hms.ie

FREE COLLECTION OF SCRAP METAL

Washing Machines, cookers,
lawnmowers etc.
Also Garden sheds cleared,
Fences and sewer issues resolved
Mini digger and small tipper truck
available for hire.

CONTACT RICHARD
085-252 9893

SMALL BUILDING JOBS

Plastering & Painting
Gardening & Power Washing
Also Block Work.
References on Request &
Garda Clearance

PLEASE CALL PAT ON
086-8405079 / 085-1473982

RELIABLE WOMEN

Available for House, Windows &
Office Cleaning
Own Transport - 3 years work
experience.

TEL: 087-6608389

DAMON RESTAURANT & BAR
THE HEATH GOLF CLUB
The Heath
CONTACT US: 0899412386 | 0873479507

NOW CATERING FOR:
• COMMUNION
• CORPORATIONS
• CHRISTENINGS
• BIRTHDAYS
• PRIVATE PARTIES
• FUNERALS

FOOD SERVED DAILY
SUNDAY LUNCH SERVED EVERY SUNDAY

OPEN
MONDAY TO SUNDAY
Golf Club, Greatheath, The Heath, Co. Laois, R32 W502
@damonrestaurantbar

PAT LALOR TARMACADAM

Church Avenue, Stradbally
Tarmacadam
Kerbing
Drainage
Free Quotations / VAT Registered

TEL: 083 021 1577

EMAIL: PATLALOR37@GMAIL.COM

CHIROPODIST/ PODIATRIST May Collins

BSc (Hons) Podiatry, MCHSI
2 Kellyville Park, Portlaoise
TEL: 086 378 5327

By appointment only
VHI, Aviva & Laya approved.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO

for the Feast of the
Immaculate Heart of Mary

SAT. 13TH JUNE
AT 8PM

ONE NIGHT ONLY

14 IRISH SONGS,
UNFORGETTABLE
STORIES AND
PLENTY OF DRINK
— A NIGHT TO
REMEMBER



PADDYMAN THE HOMECOMING

Songs, Stories & Craic

SATURDAY JULY 4TH @ 8PM
DUNAMAISE ARTS CENTRE
PORTLAOISE

TICKETS
€20

LIVE MUSIC. TRUE STORIES. IRISH SPIRIT.

@PaddymanMusic



www.pmc homeimprovementsleinster.com

PMC HOME IMPROVEMENTS CALL 085 113 4470

Roofing
Guttering
Gutter Cleaning
Replacement Tiles
Roof Cleaning
Roof leak & repairs
Steam Cleaning
Soffits Repair & Replacement
Painting & Decorating
Home Renovations

WPC
Decking

SAY GOODBYE TO MAINTENANCE

WPC decking gives you the beauty of wood without the hassle. No sanding, or painting just durable, weather-resistant boards stay flawless for years. Upgrade your outdoor space with zero worries

BUY NOW >

wpc-decking.ie
0838854144
info@wpc-decking.ie

MARIAN AVENUE ANNUAL MASS

MONDAY 22ND JUNE
AT 7PM



Single Book €6
Double Book €10
BINGO!
€2 Sheets

Every Thursday and Friday Night in St. Mary's Hall
Starts 8pm

Buses collecting from their usual pick-up points in the Portlaoise area at 7:30pm.

ADVERTISE WITH LINK UP TODAY!

Helping Local Brands Make a
BIG IMPACT

PORTLAOISE
PARISH
link
up

CONTACT
057 8692154



Martin Ryan Lawnmower Sales & Service

• Solo Ride-ons • Oleo-Mac
• Legacy • Weibang Lawnmowers

Adj. to
Portlaoise Golf Club
AVONDALE,
ABBEYLEIX ROAD,
PORTLAOISE



086 2493723



• NEED HOME HEATING OIL?
• NEED TRACTOR DIESEL?

Call Sean Smyth 086-3561669



Delivering the Good News

Do you ever read the newspaper? Many people begin their day by picking up the morning paper from their doorstep. Someone has already been awake for hours, carefully delivering the news to homes all around the town.

When I open a newspaper, I usually look at the front page first to see the biggest stories. Then I might check the sports pages to see how my favourite team got on. Finally, I save the comics until last because they always leave me smiling, even if some of the earlier news has been sad.

The newspaper delivery person has an important job. If they don't do it, people won't receive the news.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we have an important job too.

As Jesus travelled from town to town, he saw people who were lost, worried and searching for hope. His heart was filled with compassion. He told his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few." Then he sent twelve of them out with a mission: to heal the sick, help those in need, and proclaim the Good News that "The kingdom of heaven is near."

That is wonderful news! God's love is not something distant or only for the future. Through Jesus, God's kingdom is already breaking into our world. Jesus came so that we might have life, and have it to the full.



The disciples did not have newspapers, television or the internet. They simply shared what they had experienced. They told others about Jesus, cared for those who were suffering and brought hope wherever they went.

Some people welcomed their message. Others rejected it. But the disciples kept going because they knew that the Good News was too important to keep to themselves.

The same mission belongs to us today.

We may never perform miracles like the apostles, but we can show God's love through simple acts of kindness. We can encourage someone who is lonely, help someone who is struggling, forgive those who have hurt us, and speak about the hope that Jesus brings into our lives.

Every Christian is called to be a messenger of Good News.

So, the next time you see a newspaper being delivered or read the latest headlines online, remember that you have a message to share as well. The greatest news the world has ever heard is that God loves us, Jesus walks beside us, and his kingdom is near.

Let us go and deliver that Good News with our words, our actions and our lives.



PRAYER

Father, there is no better news than the good news that you love us and sent your Son so that we might have life and that we might have it abundantly.
Help us to faithfully share that good news with others. Amen.



"As you go, preach this message: 'The Kingdom of heaven is near.'" Matthew 10:7 (NIV)



T B L G O O D Q X S V J O S E
 N O X K E I N C S Y D W S R I
 G G W M C E S E T O L R S C C
 L B G N V I L L A G E S Y O X
 S T M A S P L I T K Z R N M L
 I H E A L I N G R B H H A P N
 C H M E W L S O D G J S G A E
 K C H F T D W S I Q A H O S W
 N J U L W R Z H S K Z E G S S
 E Y K O A R V E E U C P U I J
 S Z R E A Q B E A Y E H E O K
 S C N M Y N H P S I F E S N S
 E K I N G D O M E O B R P I W
 X T E A C H I N G G I D H T K
 J E S U S V P R E A C H I N G

Crowds
 Kingdom
 Disease
 Teaching
 Synagogues
 Healing
 Towns
 Good
 News
 Helpless
 Villages
 Heaven
 Sickness
 Near
 Sheep
 Workers
 Jesus
 Compassion
 Shepard
 Preaching



Multiple Choice



- ___ 1. To restore health to the sick
 A. heal B. few C. helpless D. preach
- ___ 2. Suffering from illness or disease
 A. sick B. tired C. heal D. crowd
- ___ 3. A large number of people gathered together
 A. worker B. few C. crowd D. news
- ___ 4. Unable to care for yourself
 A. helpless B. sick C. crowd D. news



First Holy
 Communion



Confirmation



**Communion and
 Confirmation QR Codes.
 Information on Sacraments for 2027**



Congratulations
SARAH TROY

Collecting her recent Lotto Jackpot Winnings of €13,000.
 Play LOTTO online at www.portlaoiseparish.ie or
 purchase a lotto membership at the Parish Centre,
 either for yourself or as a gift for someone else.

If you're not in, you can't win!

Lotto Draw takes place in the Foyer of the Parish Centre
 every Thursday at 5pm and is live streamed on
 Portlaoise Parish Facebook.

Remember to gamble responsibly.

RAHEEN VINTAGE RALLY

SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2026
 Corbally, Abbeyleix, Co.Laois R32A257

€10 ADMISSION KIDS GO FREE!

Music by **Gavin Gribben & The Ennis Brothers**

Celebrating 80 Years of **Zetor**

Special Guests: **Dioreann & Charlie O'Connor**

DOG SHOW IN ASSOCIATION WITH The Haven Rescue

Jiving Competition!

LINE DANCING LESSONS WITH Dance With Katie

Autojumble, Threshing, Forge, Chainsaw Carving, Thatching, Country Market, Bake Sale, Bottle Stand, Children Entertainment & Lots more!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
 0852742010 • 0877691972 • 0857218823 • 0857786545
 (EMAIL: RAHEENVINTAGERALLY@GMAIL.COM)

PROCEEDS IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES & CAUSES

Kylecon

- ✓ SAND
- ✓ GRAVEL
- ✓ DECORATIVE STONE
- ✓ TOPSOIL
- ✓ BARK MULCH
- ✓ COMPOST

and much more.

Visit Our Website WWW.KYLECON.IE Call us on 085 7020537

LAOIS Walks FESTIVAL

EMO COURT 'POLE & STROLL'

FREE EVENT!

22 June, 2026
 Monday, 11am

Meeting: Emo Court Lower Car Park R32C44V, 10:30AM

LAOIS FREE EVENT! Scan here to book

YOUR UNIQUE SPECIALIST ADVANTAGE

UNFAIR TREATMENTS AT WORK?

STRUGGLING WITH REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION OR NEED WRC SUPPORT? EXPERT CONSULTANCY GETS RESULTS. PRO-EMPLOYEE SERVICE FROM A MULTICASE-TRAINED CONSULTANT

THE CHALLENGE → SECURE YOUR REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION → THE SOLUTION

FROM EXPERT GUIDANCE TO FULL WRC REPRESENTATION

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS under the Employment Equality Acts

UNFAIR.IE/DISABILITY TEL: 083 4294659 EMAIL: INFO@UNFAIR.IE

PARISH link up

ADVERTISE WITH LINK UP TODAY!
 Helping Local Brands Make a **BIG IMPACT**

CONTACT 057 8692154



Matthew and Aisha Lawrence from Austin, Texas, USA.

found us on the 'net' during Covid and have remained part of our 'virtual' congregation.

Pictured with Msgr John Byrne P.P. on their visit to us last weekend.



Congratulations

John & Maura Buggy

celebrating "significant" birthdays recently!!

Pictured here with the Rosary Group at the Heath Church enjoying cake, chat and a cuppa to mark the occasion.

Wishing John & Maura many more

Happy Birthdays!



The Parish Shop



For Your Special Day
Stocking a wide selection of Wedding Candles, Gifts and Cards



ALSO STOCKING

- * Large selection of Baptismal Candles, Cards and Gifts
candles may be personalised
- * Essential Oils/Incense
- * Happy Days Soy Candles, made locally in Portlaoise
- * Inspirational Books and Gifts
- * Sacred Art items for your home
- * Bibles & Spiritual Books for adults and children



At The Parish Centre

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

057 862 1142

www.portlaoiseparish.ie

Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Bridie (Bridget) Rohan (née Brannigan)
Annegrove, Shanahoe



Maria Colbert (née Tuohy)
Dun Masc, Portlaoise



Pauline Nisbet (née Bartley)
Isle of Man & formerly New Road Portlaoise

May They Rest In Peace
Our Sympathies Are With Their Families

In Loving Memory of
NOREEN COSS

26 Grattan Street, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 17th June 2026.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this **Saturday, 13th June at 6:30pm.**

You left us special memories,
Your love is still our guide,
Ant though we cannot see you
You are always by our side.

Fondly remembered by your loving family, much loved grandchildren, extended family and many friends.

Rest in Peace NoREEN



In Loving Memory of
JOHNNIE ALLEN
Eyne, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurs on 13th June.

The treasured memories we have of you
Will stay with us our whole lives through
Though absent you are always near
Sadly missed and loved so dear.

Lovingly remembered by all your family.

Rest in Peace Johnnie



In Loving Memory of
PADDY BRACKEN
Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
Whose Anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on **Saturday 13th June at 6.30pm.**

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

Loved always by Frances & Family
Also remembering Mary and Laurence Dunne

Rest in Peace Paddy



In Loving Memory of
SHEILA & JACK DUFF
Ballyknockan, Portlaoise.

Sheila's 29th & Jack's 10th Anniversary.

Will those who think of them today,
Say a prayer to Jesus, we pray.

May they both Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
ELLEN GAYNOR
39th Anniversary occurred 6th June 2026.
Mass has been offered.

Wonderful memories of Mam so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts you are living yet,
We loved you too dearly to ever forget.

*Lovingly remembered today and forever by your loving daughters,
son-in-law, granddaughters, great-granddaughters and great-grandson xxxxx*

Rest in Heavenly Peace Mam Forever



2nd Birthday Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
AARON CRIPPS
43 Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.

Sending a dove to Heaven
With a parcel on its wings
Be careful when you open it,
It's full of beautiful things.
May the angels sing to you
The most joyous chorus of "Happy Birthday"
Though we are apart on your birthday,
Your spirit dances through our lives like a gentle breeze.

*Forever loved and missed by Mam, Dad,
brothers and daughter Harper Rose*

Rest in Peace Aaron



In Loving Memory of
IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL
Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 14th June 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Sunday 14th June at 11.15am.**

You can shed tears that Ian is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,
or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can remember him only that he is gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
Or you can do what Ian would want;
Smile, open your eyes, open your heart, love and carry on.

*Deeply loved and missed by his mother Annette, brothers Owen,
Paul and Wayne, sister Gemma and brother-in-law Fahad,
niece Sara, nephew Sameer, extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Ian

In Loving Memory of
MARTIN DOWLING

"Audville", Dublin Rd., Portlaoise
and formerly Colt, Ballyroan.

5th Anniversary occurs 14th June 2026



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 14th June at 12.30pm.

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

Always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Martin



In Loving Memory of our Brother
**WILLIAM (WILLIE)
MILLS**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
29th Anniversary occurs 17th June 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on **Saturday 13th June at 6.30pm.**

William, years slip by
But our memories stay
We only wish with all our hearts
You were still here with us today
Sadly missed everyday since, with love your brother and four sisters xxxxxx

Rest in Peace William

In Loving Memory of
**ELIZABETH "LILY"
KEENAN**

Marian Place, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary - 15th June.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at
12.30pm on Sunday 14th June.

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.
I thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.
All I have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory's my keepsake, with which I'll never part.
God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.
Lily is lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her family.

Rest in Peace Lily



Months Mind
In Loving Memory of
EAMON PHELAN

Ardilaun, Abbeyleix Road,
Portlaoise.

Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Sunday 14th June at 11.15am.**

Deeply loved and always in our thoughts.

*Sadly missed by his beloved wife Anne, children Joan,
Hilary and Don, grandchildren Lucy, Alan, Emma,
Feena and Kirk, and all his extended family.*

Rest in Peace Eamon



Acknowledgement & Month's Mind
In Loving Memory of
MARY DUNNE
Glen Downes, Portlaoise.

Mary's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in
St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on
Sunday, 14 June 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Greg, Damien and Tracy Dunne would like to thank most
sincerely, all who sympathised with us on our recent loss of
our beloved mother, Mary.

A heartfelt thank you to our mother's relatives and friends in
Mountmellick and Portlaoise who offered their sympathies,
support, and kindness.

Your kindness, prayers, sympathy, and support during
this difficult time have been greatly appreciated
and have brought us much comfort.

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

Special thanks go to:

We would also like to express a special word of thanks to
our mother's dear friend, Josephine Fitzpatrick, for her many
kindnesses, unwavering support, and valued friendship to
our mother over the years.

Her care and companionship meant so much to our mother,
and we are deeply grateful.

We also extend our sincere thanks to all of Mary's friends.

Father Adriano for his kindness to our mother in her final
moments and also for celebrating her Requiem Mass.

Dr. Sinéad Burke of the Cedar Clinic and John Paul of
MiHealth Pharmacy for their dedication, care
and kindness shown to our mother.

Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors for their professionalism
throughout the funeral arrangements.

Elaine Lambe for the beautiful singing and
music at the funeral Mass.

Kay Downey for her kindness and help during our recent loss.

We will forever hold you dear in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Mam



FIRST ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
EDDIE
MANSWORTH

Eddie's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on
21st June at 10am
in The Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska.

*Ar dheis dé go raibh
a anam dílis.*



Second Anniversary
In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL McEVOY

Block Road, Portlaoise.
3rd Dec 1940 – 19th June 2024.

Michael will be remembered at
11.15am Mass on Sunday 21st June 2026.

Two years have passed
Yet your presence lingers in quiet ways
In memories we hold
In love that never fades
Gone from sight – but never from heart.

*O Sacrament Most Holy,
O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and All Thanksgiving,
Be Every Moment Thine.*

May Michael Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN RIGNEY
(NÉE HUGHES)

St Brigids Place, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs on 14th June 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul Church on **Sunday 14th June at 11.15am.**

We hold you close,
Within our hearts,
And there you shall remain.
To walk with us,
Throughout our lives,
Until we meet again.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by her sons,
daughter in laws, sister, grandchildren and great grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Kathleen



Acknowledgement and 1st Anniversary
In Loving Memory of

ANNE LAWLOR

Ballytarsna, Abbeyleix.

Anne's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary Abbeyleix on **Sunday 14th June at 11am.**

On her first anniversary Anne's family wish to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude to family, neighbours, friends and work colleagues who visited our home, attended the wake, funeral Mass and burial, to those who sent flowers, Mass cards and messages of condolence.

A special thanks to Fr. Petru Medves who celebrated the Requiem Mass

To Martin Delaney who supplied the beautiful music for the Funeral.

A huge thanks to Eamon & Kevin – Kelly's Undertakers – for their support and assistance throughout the week.

Many thanks to House of Bloom for the beautiful flowers.

Thanks also to the wonderful staff in St. Bridget's Hospital in Shaen for the great care they gave Mam.

To the doctors & staff in Portlaoise General Hospital, Dr. Madden & his staff, Casserley's Pharmacy staff.

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

Rest in Peace Anne



In Loving Memory of
MARGARET RYAN

33 Newpark, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs 18th June 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Saturday 13th June at 6.30pm.**

Just a prayer from the family who loved you,
just a memory fond and true.

In our hearts you will live forever,
because we thought the world of you.

Sadly missed by all her loving family.

May Margaret Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA LAMBE

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Assumption, The Heath, **on Sunday, 14th June at 9:30am.**

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 and always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Patricia



MOCHUA PRINT & DESIGN
MEMORIAL CARD SPECIALIST

A SPECIAL MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE

📍 Clonminam Business Park
Portlaoise, Co. Laois
R32 EH11

☎ 057 86 34050

✉ info@mochuaprint.ie

🌐 www.mochuaprint.ie

PORTLAOISE PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

If you have lost a loved one there is a confidential one-to-one support service available.



To make an appointment

Call 087-9878300

Cemetery Masses

Raheen
Cemetery Mass
Saturday 27th June at 7pm

Shanahoe
Cemetery Mass
Sunday 28th June at 12noon



Rest in Peace

† KEEGAN'S † FUNERAL DIRECTORS

50 Years of Professional Service in Portlaoise.



Contact Matthew

087-2549195

David **087-2369887**

HENRY RANKIN

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

087-2562137



Portlaoise Stone Centre

Five Generations in Stone Cutting

Established in 1991 by Terry Swayne manufacturing superior quality headstones.

All work undertaken by Portlaoise Stone Centre is guaranteed and carried out to the highest standard by certified & qualified craftsmen.

Unique Headstones can also be designed and created to your own special requirements.

Visit our Showroom

to discuss your requirements and view our range of headstones and grave accessories.

Unit 3B Clonminam
Business Park
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
R32 DW71

Tel: 057 8660258
Mobile: 087 2538930



www.portlaoisestone.ie



THE PRIORY INSTITUTE
A Dominican Centre for Theological Studies

25 YEARS

Online Summer School 2026

MAN AND WOMAN HE CREATED THEM

An Introduction to the Theology of the Body

This course of four filmed lectures and one live video conference will explore themes in Pope John Paul II's catechesis on the "Theology of the Body"

Presented by
Rev Dr Alan O'Sullivan OP

Cost
€85, €65 for current students

Dates
10th August - 17th August 2026

More Information and Registration
prioryinstitute.com



Pope Leo XIV's words
on his first day as pope . . .

“We want to be a synodal Church, a Church that moves forward, a Church that always seeks peace, that always seeks charity, that always seeks to be close above all to those who are suffering.” (Vatican City, 8 May 2025)



The Holy Father was speaking to you, to every one of us!

We are all members of the Synodal Church. Since 2021, the Irish Synodal Pathway has involved people across Ireland listening, praying and sharing hope for the Church today, and tomorrow. You are invited to be part of this journey.

To learn more, please visit
Synod.ie or scan the QR-Code below

www.synod.ie

Scan me



This poster has been produced by the Catholic Communications Office of the Irish Bishops' Conference. You are invited to reproduce its content.

Parishes Alive! Becoming Synodal

Are you interested in the future of your parish and pastoral area? Do you want to discover with others ways to become more synodal in practice? If yes, this day is for you!

Carlow College, St Patrick's
20 June 2026
10am-4pm
Lunch Provided



**AN INVITATION FROM BISHOP DENIS
AND THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**To our 3rd Annual Day
Led by Dr Oonagh O'Brien and Janet Forbes**

To book or for further information email
Pat Roche, Diocesan Director of Parish Development
parishdevelopment@kandle.ie
or phone (office hours) 083-8305681

Portlaoise Parish

Results for
11th June 2026



No €10,000 Jackpot Winner

WINNERS

Kevin & Mam
Stella Styles
Pauline O'Sullivan
Faye Lewis
Patrick Brennan
Betty Lynch
Jenny Deegan
Joseph Keane
Nicole Tinkler
Geraldine Fitzpatrick
Pauline Phelan
Carmel Kelly

MATCH 3s €1,000



PROMOTER

Betty Lynch
Ross Moylan
Online Lotto
Online Lotto
Carmel Brennan
Peter Ryan
Peter Ryan
J. Keane
Parish Centre
Mary Burke
Mgt Doheny
Liam Kelly



www.portlaoiseparish.

Follow Us @PortlaoiseParish
& Like Us portlaoiseparishlaois

Next Week's Jackpot is €11,000

Clergy of the Parish



Msgr. John Byrne P.P.V.G.
Tel: 057 8621142



Fr. Ciprian Matei C.C.
Tel: 057 8600122



Fr. Simon Jin
Tel: 057 8661605



Fr. Adriano de Oliveira
Tel: 057 8600121



Fr. Erick Ebot SVD



Deacon Eugene Keyes
Tel: 057 8621142

To contact the Priest on Duty:
Parish Centre during office hours
9am - 5pm Tel: 057 8621142
Outside office hours
in emergency only Tel: 0852134285

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

THE SUNDAY
MORNING

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 19:2-6

Responsorial Psalm 99:1-3.5

Romans 5:6-11

Matthew 9:36-10:8

Supporting our Parish

Each one must give as he or she has decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver 2 Corinthians 9:7

Registered Charity Number 20015848

Please choose a way to make your contribution

- * Making your offering in the boxes at the Church entrances
- * Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations - boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
 - * Direct payment by cheque or cash
 - * Cashless tap facility at Parish Church
 - * Donation facility on our website
- * Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
- * Or Transfer directly to our Account

Portlaoise Parish Account: IBAN: IE53AIBK93327916658045

Portlaoise Parish Clergy Fund Account:

IBAN: IE12AIBK93327916658201

Scan this QR Code to take you directly to our Donate facility



Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Parish Centre



Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

Phone: 057-8621142 / 057-8660722

E-mail: info@portlaoiseparish.ie

Twitter: @portlaoiseparis

MANAGER Declan Kelly

Parish Secretary Michelle Bartley

Accounts Michelle Conroy

Sacristans Parish Church

Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times 057 8600119)

All Masses and services from the Parish Church and the Heath Church are live streamed on our website



LINK UP

Monday to Thursday

9am to 5pm

Contact: Mary Schwer

057-8692154

E-mail: linkup@portlaoiseparish.ie

Advertising deadline: Tuesday 5pm

PARISH SHOP

057 8621142 - Claire Scully

Cancer-Related Fatigue

Information morning

Information on the morning will explain the different patterns of fatigue, the principles of energy management and how to manage fatigue while returning to work.

Dr Naomi Algeo
St. James's Hospital.
16th June 2026, 11am



Cuisle Cancer Support Centre
Block Road, Portlaoise,
Co. Laois, R32 Y8P2
T: 057 868 1492