



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Youth Group accompanying our Lourdes Pilgrimage organised a very meaningful prayer service, in the City of the Poor, with emphasis on remembering the departed. Well done to our young people - proud of you! More photos of the Pilgrimage see pg 12.



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In One Ear

"In one ear and out of the other," is an expression that could be applied to most of us, for at least some of the time. Today's gospel is about the difference between simply hearing something and really listening. Jesus uses the parable of the sower and the seeds to illustrate the different ways in which God's word can be received ... or not!



Firstly the sower drops seeds on a path only to be eaten by the birds. Jesus is describing those of us who hear the word but neither understands nor even tries to understand it. Next the sower drops seeds on rocky ground and the plants grow quickly but die off because the roots are not nourished. Jesus is describing those of us who receive the word without any real thought or commitment. Without foundation our faith can soon falter when put to the test. Then Jesus describes the seeds which fall among thorns. Sometimes we want to live by Jesus' teachings but worldly demands and temptation choke our good intentions. Lastly Jesus praises the good soil which enables the seeds to grow and bear fruit.

The parable of the sower and the seeds is clearly challenging us to be better prepared to receive the seed of the gospel. It is all too easy for us to go through the motions of listening when really not much is going on between our ears at all. The Bible is a treasure trove of inspiration but because it was written such a long time ago in words that aren't always easily understood we are often inclined to switch off. Do we come to church expecting to be bored by the readings or confused and indifferent before one word is even read? How different things might be if we allowed God's Word to impact our lives.

Listening is more than just opening our ears. Listening is about studying, learning, understanding ...and most importantly, turning that understanding into action.

"As the farmer sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path.....Some fell on rich soil and produced their crop,"

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

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

We welcome into our Parish Community

Dannyboy McInerney, Kilminchy

Shane Edward Whelan, Bruach na hAbhainn

Who were baptised last weekend.



*Imagine a sower going
out to sow*

Matthew 13:2

PLANNING PERMISSION

The Parish has applied for planning permission to convert the Coach House (on the grounds of Rosetta House) which adjoins the Parish Centre and Parish Church grounds, to two Apartments – one 2 bedroom and one 1 bedroom. In compliance with planning regulations, notices have been placed at the entrances to the Parish Church. We look forward to the progression of this project.



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RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON 7TH JULY

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2nd Gent: Liz Cooper. 1st Half: Sadie Chester 2nd Half: Frances Benn. Raffle: 1st S. Duff, 2nd C. Fitzpatrick,
3rd L. Cooper, 4th P. Purcell. 5th M.J. Dunne.

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 Wednesday Meetings are CLOSED for July and August in Parish Centre (returning September 2nd) enjoy the summer. Monday Bowls continue as usual in St Mary's Hall also "Cards and Chat" in Sue Ryder Kilminchy on Thursdays for July and August as usual. for information contact Maria at 087-9187157.

SOCIAL CHESS CLUB PORTLAOISE Portlaoise for adults only (male and female). The next chess meetings will be held in Portlaoise Library on Saturday 18th July & Saturday 8th August between 1 pm - 4pm and it is free. Board games are provided in the library. The Portlaoise Social Chess Club website is <https://portlaoisechessclub.ie> Chess games are usually held every two weeks in the library, Check the website for clarification of dates and times.

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

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

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

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The Parable of the Sower



As Jesus travelled around the countryside with his disciples, large crowds often gathered around him to hear him teach. He often taught them by using parables. A parable is a story that Jesus made up to help people understand what he wanted to teach them. Our Gospel today is one of the parables of Jesus. It is called The Parable of the Sower. It was a story about a man who planted seeds in the field. Listen to the story that Jesus told.

A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he scattered the seed, some fell on the hard path nearby and the birds came and ate it up.

As the farmer continued to plant the seeds, some of them fell on soil that was full of rocks. There was not much dirt around the

rocks so the seeds started to sprout and grow the very next day. The only problem was, there was little dirt, so the plants didn't put down roots which would help them become strong and healthy. In the afternoon, the sun was very hot so the plants that had started to grow in the rocky soil withered and died because they had no root in the ground.

Some of the other seeds fell on soil that had been taken over with weeds and thorns. The weeds and thorns grew faster and taller than the plants from the seeds, so they choked out the plants that the sower wanted to grow.

Finally, some seed fell on the good soil that had been ploughed, fertilised, and weeded to make a good place for the seed to grow. Those seeds made healthy plants and produced good fruit.

This is the lesson that Jesus wanted his disciples to learn, and it is also the lesson that he wants us to learn today. The seed that the sower was planting in the story represents the teachings of God's Word. Our heart represents the soil where the sower planted the seeds.

Sometimes the priest at Mass is trying plant the teaching of God's love in our heart. If our heart is hard and filled with anger and bitterness, the teaching falls on hard ground and never grows, just like the seed that fell on the hard ground in the parable that Jesus told.

There are other times when we hear the Word and we get excited about it, but then our excitement fades away because our understanding is too shallow. That's the way it was with the seed that fell on the rocky soil.

Sometimes we hear the Word and we believe what it says, but we want to keep on doing the same things we have been doing. That is like planting the seed in with a bunch of weeds. I'm sure you can guess what happens. The weeds will soon take over!

The last seed is the best, it fell on the good ground. If you learn from what you hear in Sunday School and church, the seed that Jesus plants in your heart will grow. Your life will produce good fruit just like Jesus intended. You will be helping others to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's love.

Our Prayer

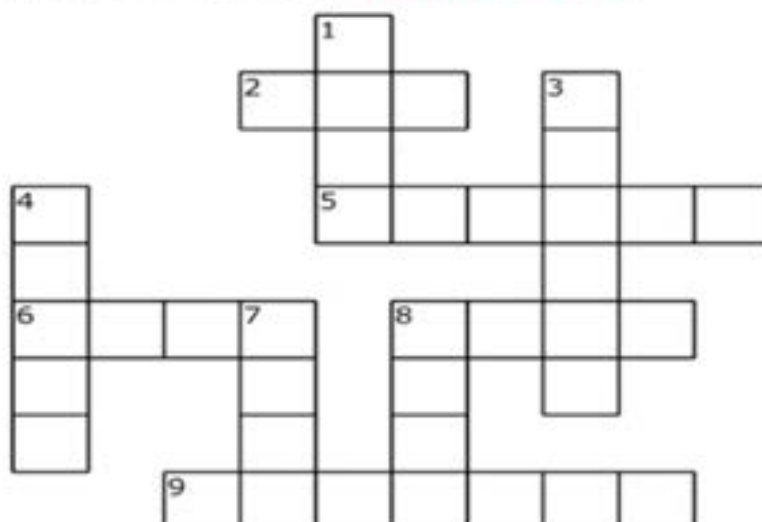
Our Father, help us to be like the good soil in our lesson today. Help us to listen to your Word and grow up to be the kind of boys and girls you want us to be.

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



The Parable of the Sower

"But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it." **Matthew 13:23a**



ACROSS

2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow.
5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant.
6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers.
8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow.
9. Not deep.

DOWN

1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth.
3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm.
4. Covered with stones.
7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground.
8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or ploughed and in which plants grow.

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Time to Think...

Sr. Helen and the death penalty



Much focus these days is on the United States of America. The U.S. hosts this very enjoyable World Cup, true to form the various stadia are exuberant and very big in every sense of the word! The recent celebration of the 250th anniversary of its foundation celebrated the extraordinary contribution The United States has made over many decades. These are turbulent times for the people of the United States. Perhaps one of its greatest assets is not its President, but the U.S. born Pope Leo XIV. Leader of 1.4 billion Catholics.

Pope Leo is universally acclaimed as a global moral leader, whose voice, brings balance and inclusion in a world that is polarized and deeply conflicted. Leo deliberately visited the tiny island of Lampedusa on July 4th. Here he visited a people seeking new beginning and opportunity. Thousands of children and women have died crossing the Mediterranean in the hope of a new tomorrow. Pope Leo reminds us that together we are stronger, and that the dignity of human life is a sacred and fundamental gift for every Christian. Another wonderful Christian Leader from the United States is Sr. Helen Prejean.



Sr. Helen Prejean was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by Trinity College on Friday, June 19 last. The degree is one of Trinity's highest honours, conferred in recognition of exceptional contributions to society. Katie Taylor, Sharon Shannon, Colm Tóibín, and Baroness Helena Kennedy were also honoured in the award ceremony. Sr Helen is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph and is based in New Orleans in Louisiana. Naturally, the presentation to

Katie Taylor was the one that captured the headlines in the media. I hadn't noticed that Sr Helen was also honoured until a friend alerted me. The acclaimed movie "Dead Man Walking" is based on the autobiographical book by Sr Helen. It follows her relationship with Matthew Poncelet (Sean Penn), a man on death row convicted of the brutal rape and murder of two teenagers. As his execution approaches, Sister Helen (played by Susan Sarandon) becomes his spiritual advisor, accompanying him through his final weeks while also encountering the overwhelming grief of the victims' families.

She has compassion for the murderer, but her compassion never excuses his crimes. She treats him with dignity, and before his execution, he can reclaim that dignity and take full responsibility for his crimes. He apologises to the father of one of his victims and asks for forgiveness before sitting in the electric chair. This was the first time Sr Helen had acted as spiritual advisor to a prisoner on death row. After accompanying five more prisoners to their deaths and having come to know their families and some of the families of their victims, she wrote, "I joined the national movement to awaken the American people to the moral wrongness and futility of authorising government officials to set about killing (legally of course) citizens they consider the worst of the worst."

In its official citation, Trinity praised her as: "One of the most influential people in the last 50 years working in opposition to the death penalty and the promotion of the interests and dignity of prisoners." Her lifelong work was described as "an uncompromising defence of life and justice". Her ministry has had a profound impact on public debate about capital punishment in the United States and internationally.

She is totally opposed to the death penalty as she firmly believes that every human person possesses an invaluable dignity even after committing terrible crimes. She appealed to Pope John Paul II in 2005 to strengthen the Church's compromised stance on the death penalty. The Church allowed for state killing in cases of absolute necessity, but "it remained silent on the affront to the human dignity of criminals executed after being rendered completely defenceless".

She argued that it is not only the innocent who have dignity. She pointed out the inconsistency of pro-life Catholics who readily condemned

abortion but supported the death penalty. One of the greatest moments in her campaigning, giving it a seismic boost, happened on August 2, 2018, when Pope Francis declared that the death penalty is unacceptable in all cases. It is, he said, "an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person and contrary to the gospel of Jesus." Sr Helen was also convinced of the innocence of some condemned prisoners. She wrote a book in 2005, "The Death of Innocence: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions", which tells the story of two people, Dobie Gillis and Joseph O'Dell, who were victims of a dreadful miscarriage of justice. There was considerable doubt about the guilty verdict, but nevertheless they were given a lethal injection.

Seeing the plight of murder victims' families, Sr Helen founded a support group called "Survive". The families' grief and anger, their suffering and pain following the violent deaths of their loved ones, have touched her deeply. But she has often felt overwhelmed by the family's ability to forgive rather than seek an "eye-for-eye" retribution. Such experiences have deepened her conviction about the wrongness of the death penalty.

A sentence of life behind bars is preferable to the death sentence. I was surprised to learn that the cost of pursuing a death sentence far outweighs the cost of a life behind bars. There is also, she points out, the "ever-more-evident cruelty of botched executions in the so-called humane method of lethal injections". Sr. Helen has consistently highlighted the gross injustice built into the whole criminal justice system in the United States. There is a glaring racial disparity that prioritises the death penalty for the murder of white people, while devaluing the much more frequent murder of people of colour. White people are rarely sentenced to death for the murder of black people.

Sr. Helen's core philosophy is that "everyone is worth more than the worst thing they have ever done". She continues to be a powerful advocate for criminal justice reform even though she is now well into her eighties. She is deeply committed to the Christian faith and to prayer every day. What authentic witness to the gospel values she promotes. May we all be fuelled with a spirit of kindness and compassion in our daily lives.

*Our Prayers are asked
for those who recently died*



Eilish Cashin
Ashewood Walk,
Portlaoise / Ballyfin



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(née Flanagan)
Graceswood, Abbeyleix



Ethna Vesey
Laburnum Close,
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**Breda Guilfoyle /
Dwyer**
(née Sheridan)
Fieldbrook, Portlaoise

May They Rest In Peace
Our Sympathies Are With Their Families



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NIALL (CORNELIUS)
DUNNE**

Beechfield, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
2nd Anniversary on the 14th July 2026.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter
& Paul's Church **Tuesday 14th July at 10am.**

A golden heart stopped beating
Hard working hands at rest
It broke our hearts to see you go
God only takes the best.

From your loving wife & family.

Also remembering his brother Camillus whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Rest in Peace Niall



In Loving Memory of my Precious Son
JAMIE-LEE MOORE
11th Anniversary occurred 10th July 2026.

Son

Our time together was short but special,
So were the memories we made,
And although you live in Heaven now,
Those memories will never fade.

I bow my head in silence and remember my son with love,
And I know that you are up there watching from above.
Every day is a struggle, and nothing feels the same
And my heart breaks a little more, every time I hear your name.
You'll always be remembered and time may heal my heart,
But a piece of me is missing since the day we had to part.
If Heaven is for angels, then I know that's where you'll be,
And I know you will be waiting when Heaven calls for me.
Love and miss you always Jamie-Lee, Mammy xxxxxxxxx

Brother

Our hearts have been left broken, since the day you had to go,
And the memories we treasure dearly, are in the tears that still flow,
You're in our thoughts every day, and that's how it will always be,
For you may be up in Heaven now, but you'll always be with us.
If only we could have the chance to see your face once more,
Or to hear your voice one final time, just like it was before.
Love and miss you Jamie, always and forever,
Tanya, Tirna, Jake and Taylor xxxxxxxxx

Uncle

Holy Angels up above, give our uncle Jamie-Lee a great big hug.
From all your nieces, Kyra, Nelly, Jamie, Loran and Darla
xxxxxxxxxx

Nephew/Grandson

Although you sleep in Heaven now, you're not that far away,
our hearts are full of memories and you're with us every day,
You lived your life with meaning and with a smile upon your face,
A world that was full of happiness is now an empty place.
People say that only time will heal the broken hearts,
But just like us and you, it has been torn apart,
We know you are at peace now and in a place where you are free,
meet us at the pearly gates of Heaven when Heaven calls for us.
Love and miss you always, Auntie Sharon, James, kids,
Nanny Maureen, Margaret, Caroline and boys and uncle
Kevin xxxxxxxxx

May Jamie Lee Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANCES CARROLL

72 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs

17th July 2026.

Frances' Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 11th July at 6.30pm.

God looked around His garden and found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth and saw your tired face.

He put His arms around you, and lifted you to rest,

God's garden must be beautiful, He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering, He knew you were in pain,

He knew that you would never, get well on earth again.

He saw the road was getting rough, and the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids, and whispered, 'Peace be thine'.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone,

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

*Loved and sadly missed by sons & daughters,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law & grandchildren.*

May Frances Rest in Peace



CHERISHED MEMORIES OF
CAMILLUS RYAN

O'Moore Place Portlaoise.

**6th year away from home on the 17th July &
7th Birthday away from home on the 18th July.**

There is a face before us

A voice we'd love to hear

A smile we will always remember

Of a dad we loved so dear.

*Always missed by his son James, daughters Denise, Aileen and
Melissa, daughter and sons-in-law, grandchildren Calum,
Ayla, Joey, Kyler and Millie-Anne and all extended family.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GERALDINE LEWIS
(NÉE BUGGY)

The Heath, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurred 11th July 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the
Assumption, the Heath, **Sunday 12th July at 9:30am.**

Geraldine, they say that time is a healer,

But as time goes on, I seem to find it just as hard

To face the fact, you're gone. And today is the anniversary

Of the day you went away, and I'm standing here at your
Graveside, and believe me when I say; You'll never be forgotten,
And every year I'll shed a tear, but it's only because I love you,
And wish you were still here.

*Always loved and remembered by your loving husband Derek,
children Serena, Rachel & Darragh and grandson Killian xxx*

Rest in Peace Geraldine



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GERALDINE LEWIS
(NÉE BUGGY)

The Heath, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurred 11th July 2026.

Geraldine there is a face before us,

A voice we would love to hear,

A smile we will always remember,

Of a daughter and sister, we loved so dear.

As days go by without you, and weeks turn into years,
They hold a million memories and hide a million tears,
And when we see your photo, you seem to smile and say,
Don't cry I'm only sleeping, until we meet some day.

*Geraldine you are always in our thoughts and prayers,
from Daddy, Mammy, Sean, Valerie, Edel and family xxx*

Rest in Peace Geraldine



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
SADIE
COUGHLAN

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 17th July 2026.

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 and always remembered
by her loving family and friends.*

May Sadie Rest In Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EILEEN GRIFFIN

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

17th Anniversary occurs

16th July 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Thursday 16th July 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.

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

Rest in Peace Eileen



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**ELIZABETH
(BETTY) ROWAN**

Woodgrove, Portlaoise /
Kilmore West, Dublin.

1st Anniversary occurs 14th July 2026.
1st Birthday (her 90th) away from home
occurred 6th July 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Peter and Paul's Church
Sunday 12th July at 12.30pm.

Mam

You always had a smile to share
Time to give and time to share
A loving nature, a heart of gold
One of the best this world could hold
*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Barbara,
Son-in-law Paul and family.*

Mam

May the winds of Heaven blow softly
And whisper in your ear
How much we love and miss you
And wish that you were here.
*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Elizabeth,
Son-in-law David and family.*

Mam

You did so many things for us
Your heart was kind and true
When we needed someone we could depend on you
Our hearts are full of memories
With pride we speak your name
Though life goes on without you
It will never be the same.
*Sadly missed by your loving son Frank,
daughter-in-law Debby and family.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KAY DEVOY

Late of Borris Great, Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurred
12th July 2026.

It doesn't take a special day to bring you to our mind,
For days without a thought of you are very hard to find.
You always tried to do your best, your heart was true and tender,
You simply lived for those you loved, and those you loved to remember.
Loved and remembered by all your family and friends.

May Kay Rest in Peace



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Church **Sunday 12th July at 12.30pm.**

To Mam

Missing your smile, your voice,
Your sense of humour, your charm,
Your wit, your way of making things better.
Mostly just missing you.

*With love from your daughter Siobhán, son-in-law Paul,
grandchildren Keith & Megan.*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LIAM STYLES

Late of 1 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 15th July 2026.

We thought of you today, but that is nothing new,
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame.
Your memory is a keepsake from which we will never part,
God has you in His keeping, but we have you in our hearts.
Sadly missed, from your niece Helena, Ger and Katelyn
xxxx

Rest in Peace Liam



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHANNA SCULLY
5 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
17th Anniversary occurred
10th July 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, **Sunday 12th July at 12:30pm.**

Loving memories of one so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts she is living yet,
We loved her too dearly to forget.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all her loving family.
Also remembering her husband Patrick at this time.*

Rest in Peace Johanna



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EOIN & DYLAN FITZPATRICK

Ballytegan and Clonroosk Abbey, Portlaoise.
Who went to Heaven on 17th July 2023.

Anniversary Mass will be held on
Friday 17th of July at 11:00am
in St Peter's and Paul's Church Portlaoise.

To lose a son is to lose a piece of your heart
But love like that never fades
It lives quietly in every memory
In every moment they shaped
With their laughter and light.
They may be gone from our arms
But never from our souls, their love still guides us,
And one day we will hold them again.
Loved by your heartbroken families.

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