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26th July 2026

**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

On this special day for Grandparents and the Elderly, we pray that they may always enjoy dignity, respect and appreciation for the contributions they have made to family and friends.



— WORLD DAY —
OF
GRANDPARENTS
— AND —
THE ELDERLY



*"They will still
bear fruit in old age."*

Psalm 92:15

Honouring the love, wisdom and faith
of our grandparents and the elderly.



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Buried Treasure

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure buried in a field; which a person finds and hides

again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

In both parables both appreciate the true value of what they have discovered. Both are certain about the wisdom of what they must do and are willing to put everything on the line to secure their newfound treasure.

Today Jesus is asking us to determine how much we treasure the Kingdom of Heaven. How valuable is Heaven to us and what are we prepared to do to secure it? Are we prepared to give all we've got and to renounce everything that gets in the way? If the two men in the parables had passed their treasure by or failed to recognise the treasure's value, we would have thought them insane, yet this is how we behave all the time.

All too often we are prepared to let the Kingdom of Heaven slip through our fingers. Perhaps we do this because we have never stopped to reflect on how valuable the Kingdom of Heaven is. Perhaps we have recognised the value of God's Kingdom to us but have forgotten it in the day-to-day distractions of putting meals on the table and paying the bills. Perhaps heaven's rewards seem so distant that we prefer instead to work for more immediate and tangible rewards, home improvements, fame, social acceptance and career development. Perhaps we think we can work on God's agenda and our own agenda simultaneously, recognising the value of God's Kingdom but not quite able to renounce our own self-interest.

Jesus gives us some concrete advice. He tells us that those who study the scriptures and search diligently will find the discernment to recognise God's treasure and the wisdom to secure it.

'God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences... above all, the Lord wants us not to abandon the elderly.'

Pope Francis

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.



HEATH CEMETERY MASS
Saturday 15th August.

Feast of the Assumption
Procession & Rosary 7pm
Mass 7.30pm.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday, 26th July 2026

The Church celebrates the Sixth

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on Sunday, 26 July. The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV is:

"I will not forget you" (Isaiah 49:15).

This beautiful theme reminds us that God's love never fails, especially in the frailty of old age. It also encourages families, parish communities, and society to cherish and support older people, particularly those who may feel lonely, isolated, or forgotten.

Grandparents and the elderly are a precious gift to our families and our parish. Their faith, wisdom, love, and life experience continue to enrich our communities in countless ways.

As we mark this special day, let us take time to visit an older relative or neighbour, offer a phone call or a kind word, and keep all grandparents and elderly people in our prayers, thanking God for the blessing they are to us.

Happy Grandparents Day.



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In Parish Centre

Mon. morn. Osteoporosis class at 9.30am
Intermediate Pilates class Monday evening at 6pm
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Laois Inclusion Games 2026

Celebrating 25 years of Inclusion Through Sport

As Laois Sports Partnership celebrates 25 years of supporting participation in sport and physical activity across County Laois, we are delighted to launch the Laois Inclusion Games, taking place from 14th-16th August 2026.

Building on years of work through the Sport Inclusion Disability Programme, and the development of the VIP Hub, Ireland's first dedicated community sports hub for athletes with a visual impairment or physical disability, the Games represents another important step in creating meaningful participation and progression opportunities in disability and para sport.

The Laois Inclusion Games will bring together athletes, clubs, coaches, volunteers, families and national governing bodies for a weekend that showcases the positive impact of inclusive sport and community collaboration. Many activities are open to people who would like to try sport for the first time, return to activity, or learn more about local sporting opportunities.

We would like to acknowledge the support of People First Credit Union, whose Community Champions Award funding is helping make this event possible along with Vision Sports Ireland, Sport Ireland, participating clubs, community partners, coaches and volunteers. Their collective support continues to demonstrate what can be achieved when organisations work together to make sport accessible for everyone.

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Top score: Sheila Duff, 1st Lady: Ann Pearson, 2nd Lady: Paddy Purcell, 1st Gent: Catherine Galvin, 1st Half: Ann Healy, 2nd Half: Tied; Mary Gowing & Pauls McEvoy, Raffle: 1st Sean Bennett, 2nd Frances Benn, 3rd Liz Cooper, 4th Catherine Fitzpatrick.

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 8th August between 1pm - 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.

LAOIS DOWN SYNDROME CHURCHGATE COLLECTIONS will be taking place on the weekend of the 25th and 26th of July in Portlaoise, The Heath and Ratheniska.

LAOIS TRADITIONAL SINGERS' CIRCLE First Thursday of every month. Next session 6th August 2026 . 9pm Humes' Bar (Tadhg Óg) Portlaoise. Folk songs, sean nós, ballads, stories and recitations welcome. contact Niall 0872313093

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTION IN AID OF FATIMA INVALID FUND will take place on the weekend of 8th/9th August in Portlaoise, Heath, Ratheniska, Emo & Rath and weekend of 29th /30th August in Abbeyleix, Ballyroan, Shanahoe, Raheen, Spink & Ballinakill. All proceeds will go towards sending assisted pilgrims to Fatima in June 2027.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION IN AID OF MARY'S MEALS will take place on the weekend of the 1st /2nd August. This is a charity feeding and educating over 3 million of the poorest children in third world countries. Your support would be greatly appreciated. For further information on Mary's Meals **see page 18.**

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.

CONSECRATE YOURSELF TO THE EUCHARIST on the Feast of Our Lady of Knock! Human Life International Ireland will be leading a 33 Day Consecration to the Eucharist online with videos uploaded each day. Starting 19th July - 20th August, on the HLI Ireland YouTube Channel. You can participate by watching the videos, or get the book "How to Be His" by Fr Jesse Maingot OP.

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THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBANUS - Thanks to all who supported so generously our annual Church Gate collection over the weekend of 27th/28th June. All monies raised will go towards projects in Co Laois.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1ST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS - 1st August - in the Old Vestry in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise at 8.30am and 3.45pm in Holy Rosary Church, Abbeyleix.

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Have you ever dreamed of finding an old map and following it to a spot where a pirate had buried a chest full of glittering gold? I want to tell you about a treasure that is more valuable than a chest full of gold - and I will even tell you how to find it.

Jesus once said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and then hid again; in his joy he went and sold all that he had and bought that field." If you would like to find the treasure that Jesus was talking about, perhaps the Bible could be the map that leads us to that treasure. The Bible has a lot of information in it, but it is sometimes hard for us to understand, so how do you know exactly where the treasure is? That's easy, because "X marks the spot." Jesus died on the cross so that you and I could enter into the kingdom of heaven. When you look to the cross and put your trust in Jesus, the treasure will be yours.

To enter the kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure one could ever desire. It is more precious than silver, gold, or jewels. That is why Jesus calls us to give up all that we have and follow him.

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The Ulma Family



I was greatly inspired recently by the story of the Ulma family, patrons of family life and the unborn child. In a world overshadowed by terror and brutality, the story of Józef and Wiktoria Ulma and their six young children shines as a beacon of humanity and moral clarity. Living in the quiet village of Markowa in southeastern Poland during the dark years of the Holocaust, the Ulmas epitomized the extraordinary courage of ordinary people. Risking everything, they sheltered eight Jewish neighbours in their modest home, defying the oppressive machinery of Nazi Germany. Their ultimate sacrifice - losing their lives and those of their children - stands as a profound testament to the power of empathy and faith in the face of unimaginable danger.

Józef and Wiktoria Ulma were a beacon of resilience, intellect, and humanity. Their lives, though marked by simplicity, were extraordinary in their depth and purpose. Józef, born in 1900, was a man of immense curiosity and practical genius. He transcended his humble beginnings. His interests were vast, ranging from horticulture to photography. Wiktoria, born in 1912, was equally remarkable. Orphaned at a young age, she displayed resilience and a zest for life, attending courses at a local Folk High School and engaging in cultural activities like village theatre. Together, the Ulmas created a household filled with love, learning, and faith. Parents to six children and expecting a seventh, their lives revolved around nurturing not only their family but also their community.

Before the Second World War, Markowa was a quiet, close-knit community of about 4,500 residents, including around 120 Jews. While cultural and religious differences meant that Polish and Jewish residents lived somewhat parallel lives, relations were amicable. Jewish families in Markowa primarily engaged in trade and farming, their children attending schools alongside Polish peers. Religious gatherings often took place in nearby Łańcut, at a synagogue that likely welcomed the Goldman family - the very neighbours the Ulmas would later risk everything to protect. The peaceful life of the Ulmas and their neighbours shattered with the German invasion of Poland in 1939. For the Jewish community of Markowa the occupation brought swift and devastating oppression. Early restrictions, such as wearing the Star of David, escalated into forced labour, deportations, and mass executions. By 1942, 'Operation Reinhardt' sought to exterminate the Jewish population in the General Government area, leaving Jewish families in Markowa desperate for refuge.

Markowa fell under the jurisdiction of brutal

German and local collaborators. Daily life became a litany of terror: curfews, forced labour, and deportations were commonplace. The Jewish residents, targeted with relentless persecution, were subjected to confiscations, ghettos, and ultimately, extermination. The Ulmas, known for their kindness and connection to local Jewish families, did not hesitate. In December 1942, they opened their modest home to eight Jews: Saul Goldman, his four sons, two daughters, and a young child. For over a year, these individuals lived hidden within the Ulmas' home, sharing the family's meagre resources. Such an act of defiance carried the ultimate risk; under the German Nazi decrees, anyone aiding Jews faced immediate execution, a punishment that extended to entire households.

In the early hours of March 24, 1944, German gendarmes and local collaborators arrived at the Ulma home. The brutality was swift and unrelenting. The eight Jewish individuals hiding in the house were executed immediately. Józef and Wiktoria were then dragged outside and shot. As Wiktoria fell, in the throes of childbirth, the executioners made a harrowing decision: they would kill the children too. Eight-year-old Stanisława, six-year-old Barbara, five-year-old Władysław, four-year-old Franciszek, three-year-old Antoni, and 1.5-year-old Maria were all executed. In an instant, 17 lives were extinguished, including Wiktoria's unborn child.

The Ulmas were guided by an unshakable faith. Their well-worn Bible contained underlined passages from the parable of the Good Samaritan and the commandment to love one's neighbour, reflecting the principles that shaped their actions. These were not mere ideals; they were convictions put into practice, even at the cost of their lives. Their choice to shelter Jews was an act of profound moral courage, rooted in love and a sense of shared humanity. The family's beatification by the Catholic Church in 2023 underscores their spiritual legacy. While their recognition as Righteous Among the Nations resonates deeply within Jewish memory, their elevation to sainthood amplifies their story on a global scale, reminding Catholics and non-Catholics alike of the universal values they represent: compassion, sacrifice, and unwavering moral clarity.

What makes the Ulmas' story uniquely compelling is not just the magnitude of their sacrifice but the life they led before their tragic end. Józef and Wiktoria were not wealthy, educated elites, but rather a humble couple driven by intellectual curiosity, strong faith, and a sense of communal responsibility. They cultivated their farm, raised their children,

and enriched their village through Józef's photography, ingenuity, and activism. Their decision to protect others in a time of extreme peril was not born of wealth or privilege but of an extraordinary humanity that transcended fear.

The Ulma family's story transcends national and religious boundaries. It is a testament to the enduring power of human dignity in the face of unspeakable evil. The Ulmas stand as symbols of resistance and humanity during one of history's darkest chapters. Their legacy challenges us to reflect on our own capacity for courage and compassion. Today, as their names appear in museums, textbooks, and prayers, the Ulmas remind the world that even in the bleakest times, ordinary people can achieve extraordinary heroism. Their story is not merely one of martyrdom but a beacon of hope and a call to action for future generations.



Prayer to the Ulma Family

Almighty and eternal God, we thank you for the testimony of the heroic love of the spouses Józef and Wiktoria with their children, who gave their lives to save persecuted Jews.

May their prayers and example support families in Christian life and help everyone to follow the true path of holiness.

Lord, if it is in accordance with Your will, kindly grant me the grace ... for which I am asking You through their intercession and count them among the Blessed.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*Our Prayers are asked for
those who recently died*



Joe Byrne
*Old Knockmay Road,
Portlaoise*



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Newrow, Abbeyleix*



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Ballyroan Rd, Abbeyleix



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



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRIGID (CISS) MILLS

Formerly St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 25th July 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Saturday 25th July at 6.30pm.**

Mammy

We think of you as present,
You're not part of the past,
For in life, we loved you dearly,
And in death it still can last.

Sadly missed by all your loving family.

Nanny

When tomorrow starts without you,
We know we're not far apart,
For every time we think of you,
You're right here in our hearts.
With love from your 12 grandchildren.

Rest in Peace Ciss



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EMLYN O'REILLY

Late of Liogard.

Whose 1st Anniversary
occurs 26th July 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Peter & Paul's Church on
Sunday 26th July at 12.30pm.

Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small,
To have you as my son, was the greatest gift of all.
May the winds of love blow softly and whisper in your ear
"We love and miss you and wish that you were here"

Deep in our hearts, your life is kept

To love and cherish not forget.

No more tomorrows we can share

But yesterdays are always there.

A silent thought, a secret tear

Keeps your memory ever near

In our hearts forever.

Loved and missed by Mammy & family.

Rest in Peace Emlyn



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
EMLYN O'REILLY

Late of Liogard.

Whose 1st Anniversary
occurs 26th July 2026.

Just a prayer from the family that loved you,
Just a memory fond and true,
In our hearts you will live forever
Because we thought the world of you.

Deep in our hearts your memory is kept
To love and cherish and never forget.
To hear you voice, to see your smile,
To sit and talk to you awhile,
To be together in the same old way
Would be our dearest wish today.

*Loved and missed always by Sharon, Anthony,
Gemma, Gary & the kids.*

Rest in Peace Emlyn



*FIRST ANNIVERSARY & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF*

***ANNIE KIRWAN
(NÉE LALOR)***

**Boley, Abbeylax.
Died 30th July 2025.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church
of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeylax at
10am on Thursday 30th July 2026.

The family of the late Annie Kirwan would like to
thank everyone who supported them in their sad loss,
particularly those who visited, sent mass cards and
for the many messages of condolences.

We are incredibly fortunate to have been supported by
so many caring and compassionate people during
Annie's illness especially Catherine and Margaret.

A special word of thanks to the Staff of
Abbeylax Health Centre, Casserly's Chemist and
Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise.

We will be forever grateful to all our relatives and
neighbours for the many ways they helped us out
during this difficult time with parking, catering
and support in numerous other ways.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Paddy and Fr. Petru
for their compassion and kindness shown during their
visits to Boley and particularly during the celebration
of her Funeral Mass.

We would also like to thank Abbeylax Church choir
for their lovely choice of hymns.

Finally, a special word of thanks to Eamonn Kelly Funeral
Directors for the respect and kindness shown
throughout the Funeral celebration.

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

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

May Annie Rest in Peace



*IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DIANA ADAMS*

Lakeglan, Portlaoise.

**3rd Anniversary occurs
27th July 2026.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Sunday 26th July 2026 at 12.30pm.

Until we meet again some day
I'll miss you more than words can say
Forever in our hearts you'll stay
Loved and remembered every day.

*Sadly missed by your loving husband Dickie, daughters
Elizabeth, Julie, sons Richie, Joe and Paul.*

*Grandchildren Lauren, Aaron, Donnacha, Jessica,
Carina and Seán xx*

Rest in Peace Diana



*IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PATRICK (PAT)
O'CONNOR*

**Bianconi Way, Portlaoise /
formerly The Heath.**

**Whose 1st Anniversary occurs
July 25th 2026.**

Anniversary Mass - **Sunday 26th of July at 9.30am**
in The Heath Church.

We little knew the day
That God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his daughters
Claire, Laura and Pauline, brothers Jim and Billy, sister
Mary, grandchildren, extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Patrick



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GERRY ALLEN

Eyne, Portlaoise.

42nd Anniversary occurs
26th July 2026.

Time unfolds another year
Memories keep you very near
No need for words except to say
You are loved and missed each passing day.

*Lovingly remembered and sadly missed by
Mam and all your family x*

May Gerry Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
AGNES LAWLESS

29 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

28th Anniversary occurs
28th July 2026.

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

Always remembered and never forgotten by Mick xxx

May Agnes Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANNE CLOONEY

Lower Boley, Abbeyleix.

2nd Anniversary occurred
July 24th 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's
Church, Shanahoe on **Sunday 26th July at 12 noon.**

No special day is needed for us to think of you.
For you are someone special
And we thought the world of you.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all
her loving family and large circle of friends xx.*

*Rest in Peace dear Anne
in your heavenly home*



22ND ANNIVERSARY
**ANTHONY (TONY)
SAUNDERS**

Formerly of 40 Borris Road, Portlaoise.

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

Wherever we go, whatever we do,
Memories of your love keeps us near to you.
*Also remember his brother Denis, recently deceased.
From your daughter Eilis, son-in-law Ger and
grandchildren George, Clare, and Trevor.*

Rest in Peace Tony



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LARRY HEARNS

Church View, Abbeyleix.

22nd Anniversary occurred
22nd July 2026.

Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for other's needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.
Sadly missed by Mary and family.

Rest in Peace Larry



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
**JEAN
FITZPATRICK**

Remembering with so much love our
dearest Jean on her July birthday.

This day we remember and quietly keep.
"I have lived in the goodness of God"

*Loved always Billy, Carol & Colin, Kenneth & Yvonne,
Gerard & Michelle, James & Paula,
grandchildren and greatgrandchild Maisie Jean. ❤️*

Rest in Peace Jean



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MY DEAR FATHER
GARRETT KEOGH

Borris Rd., Portlaoise.

56th Anniversary occurs at this time.

He has gone no further than to God,
And God is very near.
Always Loved and Remembered.

*Your daughter Margaret, son-in-law Oliver
and grandchildren xx*

Rest in Peace Dad



**FIRST ANNIVERSARY
REMEMBRANCE
EMLYN O'REILLY**

**Late of Liogard.
Whose 1st Anniversary
occurs 26th July 2026.**

One year has passed since you left us,
Yet not a day goes by that you are not in our thoughts.
The sadness of your absence is softened only by the love,
laughter and precious memories you left behind.

Though we cannot see you,
We carry you with us always in our hearts,
In our prayers, and in the moments that remind us of you.
May God hold you gently in
His loving embrace until we meet again.

*Forever loved, deeply missed, and always remembered.
Lovingly remembered by Zeta, Sean, Ella and Cian.*

May Emlyn Rest in Peace



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOE CAMPBELL**

**Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
25th Anniversary occurs at this time.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, **Sunday, July 26th at 11:15am.**

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

Loved and remembered by all his loving family.

Rest in Peace Joe



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FINTAN KEEGAN**

**2 Green Road, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 31st July 2026.**

A whisper on a July evening,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus
And gently left us all.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Mary and family,
Kay and family, nieces and nephews.*

Rest in Peace Fintan



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF A DEAR
HUSBAND WHO PASSED AWAY
DANNY O'LOUGHLIN**

**152 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs
2nd August 2026.**

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 1st August at 6.30pm.

Silent thoughts, a secret tear,
A constant wish that you were here,
No need for words except to say,
We love and miss you everyday.

Always loved and never forgotten by your loving wife Margaret x

Dad

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.

Grandad

Of all the special gifts in life, however great or small,
to have you as our granddad was the greatest gift of all.

*Sadly missed by your loving sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren, extended family and many friends x*

Rest in Peace Danny



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DENIS (DINNY)
SAUNDERS**

'Rosedene' Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Church on **Sunday 2nd August at 10am.**

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Sadly, missed and always remembered by your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Dinny



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BERNADETTE
MITCHELL**

**17 River Court, Portlaoise and
formerly 4 Stradbally Rd., Portlaoise.**

5th Anniversary away from home on 21st July 2026.

Always in our thoughts
Forever in our hearts.

Sadly missed by her loving family.

Rest in Peace Bernadette



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GERRY MURPHY**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

The family of Gerry Murphy wish to express a heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported us following our recent bereavement.

We are deeply grateful to all our relatives, friends, neighbours and colleagues who attended the funeral, sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, flowers, messages and offered their kindness and support during this difficult time.

Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Ryan and Mrs. Sweeney for saying the Rosary on the Sunday evening.

A special word of thanks to the palliative care team especially Sarah, for the exceptional care, compassion and assistance.

We would like to thank Keegan's Funeral Directors for their professionalism throughout.

A special word of thanks to Hughes Pharmacy and the Cedar Clinic for their great care to Gerry.

Thank you also for the guard of honour provided from the Church to the graveyard by some of his Medjugorje friends.

To the celebrants, Fr. Simon & Fr. John, we thank you. Also thank you to Heather Fogarty for the beautiful music.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere thanks and appreciation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Gerry's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on Saturday 25th July at 6.30pm.

Rest in Peace Gerry



**MONTH'S MIND REMEMBRANCE OF
MARGARET
(PEGGY) MORRIS**

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church on **Thursday 30th July 2026 at 10am.**

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Rest in Peace Peggy

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