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16th August 2026

**Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**



**Our Lady of Knock,
Pray for us.**

**The Feast of Our Lady of
Knock is celebrated tomorrow
(17th August)**

Prayer to Our Lady of Knock
Loving Mother of Knock, you stood in silent faith,
pointing always to your Son, Jesus Christ.
Be with us in times of joy and sorrow,
hope and uncertainty.
Strengthen our faith, deepen our trust in God's love,
and help us to bring Christ's peace to all whom we meet.
Watch over our families, our parish,
and all who turn to you in prayer.
May your gentle presence lead us ever closer to Jesus,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

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Salvation for All?

Just when we thought that Jesus' love was all embracing and all compassionate, he shocks us by behaving in a way that can only be described as harsh and unfeeling. In today's gospel Jesus is approached by a Canaanite woman, who pesters him to cure her daughter. 'Canaanite' was

the name given to the older inhabitants of Israel who were dispossessed as unclean by Jesus' own people. Jesus would not have been expected to fraternise with such a woman. True to expectation, Jesus does not respond to the woman, explaining that he has been sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel ... this woman is therefore not his problem! Could Jesus really have held this harsh opinion, or was he testing his disciples?

The Canaanite woman continues to pester. She has great faith that Jesus will eventually give in and cure her daughter. Again Jesus responds harshly. **"It is not right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs..."** In other words, only Jews had a right to be treated as 'children of God'. The Gentiles on the other hand are likened to 'dogs'. This opinion seems even less like the Jesus we know! Much more likely is the notion that Jesus is stretching his disciples' understanding of God's boundaries, or rather, lack of.

When we first read the Bible we get the feeling that God is simply there for the 'Children of Israel' or the Hebrew Nation, but the truth is that God does not limit his promises to just certain categories of people. The story finishes with Jesus rewarding the woman's faith with a cure. At first it might appear that Jesus is giving in to 'pester power', though it is much more likely that Jesus had decided from the very outset that he would help this woman. In awarding a cure, Jesus is showing his disciples and us, that faith has the power to melt boundaries and prejudice. Even today we probably imagine God's salvation is for a select few, but today's story teaches us that salvation is there for anyone and everyone who places their trust in God.

*Jesus then answered the Canaanite woman:
'You have great faith. Let your wish to granted.'*

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.



The Queenship of Mary

Saturday 22nd May

During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII prescribed the Memorial for the universal Church at the close of the Marian Year 1955. It is placed on this date to stress the connection of Mary's Queenship with the Assumption.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Ezra Meszaros, Blossom Court

Alisea Marie Greene Finlay, O'Moore Place

Zayd Charles Dsouza, Maryborough Village

Tadhg David Maher, Laurel Drive

Paidi Phillip Maher, Laurel Drive

Who was baptised last weekend.

Thought for the day

As you show love and concern in the little things, you will have more love to give and more love to enjoy.



The Feast of Our Lady of Knock is celebrated each year on 17th August.

This year, it falls during the National Novena at Knock Shrine (13-21 August), making it one of the most significant days of the Novena. The 2026 Novena theme is

"Sheltered in God's Love."

Bishop Nulty has announced the Kildare & Leighlin diocesan clergy changes for 2026.

Highlighted are changes affecting Portlaoise/Abbeyleix/ Ballinakill/ Raheen and priests who have served in Portlaoise previously.

Fr. Tom Dooley, PP Portarlinton & Emo to retire.

Fr. Yanbo Chen, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Theodore (Theo) Tomasik, SVD CC, The Cathedral Parish, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Erik Ebot, SVD CC, Portlaoise, recalled by the SVD Order.

Fr. Eugen Dragas Tamas, CC, Portarlinton & Emo returning to Iasi Diocese in Romania.

Fr. Ciprian Matei, CC, Portlaoise returning to Bucharest Archdiocese in Romania.

Fr. Joe O'Neill, PP, Kill to take sabbatical leave.

Fr. David Vard PP Stradbally taking personal leave of absence with my full support.

Fr. Pat Hughes, PP, Myshall & Clonegal, to become PP, Portarlinton & Emo.

Fr. Andy Leahy, CC, Myshall & Clonegal, to become PP Myshall & Clonegal

Fr. Yohan Fernando, CC, Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House, to become Adm., Kill

(while remaining part of the team in Naas, Sallins and Two-Mile-House Pastoral Area).

Fr. Piotr Jakubiak, Polish Chaplain, to become CC in the Portarlinton Mountmellick Pastoral

Area, (while continuing to support the Polish community).

Fr. Petru Medves, CC, Abbeyleix, Ballinakill & Raheen, to become also CC, Portlaoise.

The three curates in Portlaoise (Fr. Adriano de Oliveira, Fr. Simon Jin and Fr. Petru Medves) will assist in ministry in the wider Pastoral Area.

As previously announced (which came into effect on 1st August):

Fr. Sean Maher, PP Balyna, appointed to the staff of the Seminary, St. Patrick's College Maynooth.

Fr. Brian Kavanagh, CC, Allen & AP Newbridge, to become PP, Balyna.

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"The times we are living in require us not only to experience change, but to accept it." — Pope Francis

Change is rarely easy, particularly when it affects familiar arrangements and people who have served us faithfully. The diocesan changes announced for 2026 will have a real impact on the parishes in our pastoral area as we move from five priests to four in Portlaoise and the loss of a resident Curate in Abbeyleix. This will inevitably require adjustment, greater cooperation and a willingness to do some things differently. Accepting all the changes of life there are realities which do not change and which have their foundation in Christ. Our structures may alter, but our mission remains the same: to worship God, to proclaim the Gospel and to care for one another.



Fr. Ciprian

Fr. Ciprian Matei who has been with us for the past almost 7 years is returning to his home Diocese of Bucharest in Romania. We are very grateful for his service to our Parish. A gifted musician and choir conductor, his contribution to our music ministry and to our schools is greatly appreciated. We thank you Fr. Ciprian.



Fr. Erick

Fr. Erick Ebot, SVD, has been with us for the past 3 years. A native of Indonesia he is a priest of the Divine Word Missionaries who has been assigned by them to the Irish Mission. They have an SVD parish in Dublin, Blanchardstown, where Erick has been reassigned as a Curate. Blanchardstown's gain is our loss. Thank you Fr. Erick for your time and service to our parish.



Fr. Petru

Fr. Peter Medves a priest of the Diocese of Bucharest in Romania has served in a number of parishes in our Diocese and for the past 6 Years as Curate in Abbeyleix. He is well known to us and lived for a period in the former Curates house, Dublin Rd. He has assisted in our parish particularly as Organist for our choir. He will now reside at 4 Bridge Street. We welcome him among us as Curate in Portlaoise and the wider Pastoral area.

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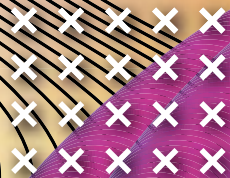
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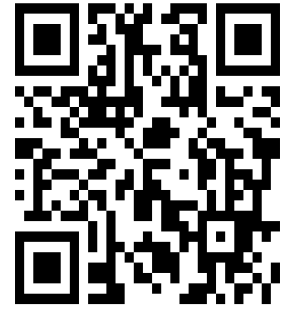
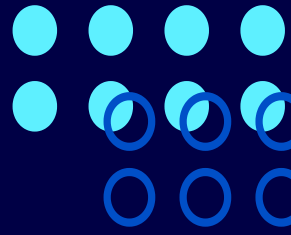
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Scripture: The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." **Matthew 15:26-27 (NIV)**

Do you have a dog? What do you feed your dog? Canned dog food? Dry dog food? Do you ever feed him scraps from the table? Most vets say that you should not feed your dog table scraps. Why? They say that table scraps are not intended for dogs and may not provide the nutrients that a dog needs. That may be true, but just try to convince your dog of that as he sits by the table watching you enjoy a juicy steak. Maybe the meal was not intended for him, but that doesn't keep him from sitting by the table, begging for a little scrap, hoping that just one small bite might fall on the floor for him.

When Jesus came to earth, he came to preach and teach first to the Jews. That does not mean that He didn't love the other people of the world, but the first priority in his ministry on earth was to bring God's chosen ones to repentance.

When other people saw Jesus healing the sick and lame, they followed him wherever he went. One day there was a woman from Canaan who came to Jesus and asked him to heal her daughter. Jesus explained to the woman that his first mission on earth was to preach to the people of Israel.

The woman refused to give up. She came closer, knelt down, and begged, "Please help me, Lord!".



Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."

The woman answered Jesus and said, "Lord, that's true, but even dogs get the crumbs that fall from their owner's table."

Jesus was so touched by the faith of that woman that he told her that because of her faith, her daughter would be healed.

Even though Jesus came first to the Jew, he loved us so much that he shared his love with all of us. I guess we are a little bit like the dog -- even though the meal was not prepared especially for us, it doesn't keep us from enjoying it. We gladly sit at our Master's

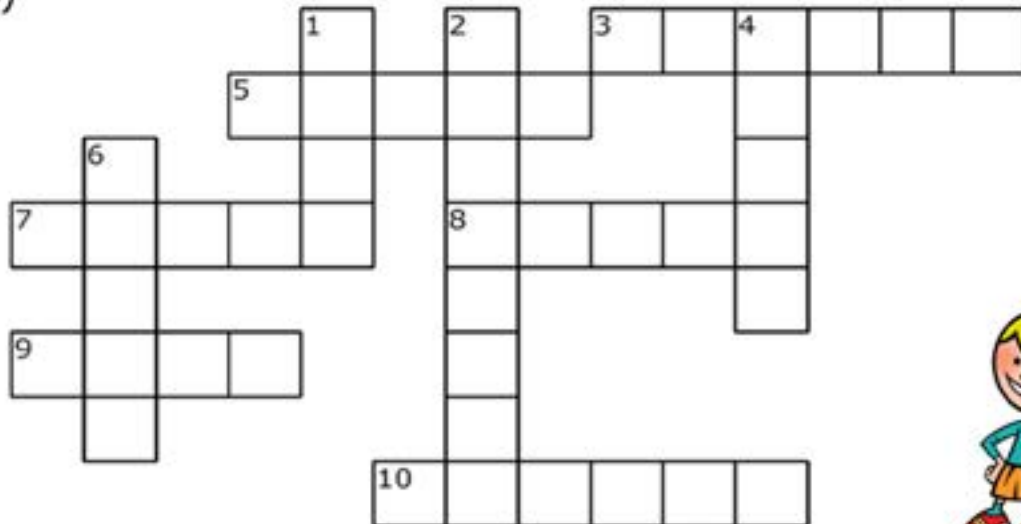


feet and thankfully receive whatever crumbs might fall from the table.



CRUMBS FROM THE TABLE

"Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted."
Matthew 15:28 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To experience physical or mental pain.
5. An adult female human being.
7. The Son of God.
8. A very large amount of something.
9. Unable to be found.
10. Small pieces of bread or cake.

DOWN

1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things.
2. A female child in relation to her parents.
4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone.
6. An evil spirit.

JESUS	DAUGHTER	SUFFER	CRUMBS	DEMON
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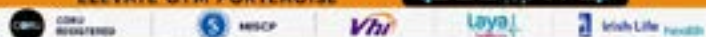


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RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON 11TH AUGUST

Top score: Tied; Margaret Flanagan & Christy Fitzpatrick. 1st Lady: Mary Gowing. 2nd Lady: Meave Morrissey. 1st Gent: Liam McCarthney. 2nd Gent: Tied; Liz Cooper & Mary Dunne. 1st Half: Billy Jackson. 2nd Half: Tom Jacob. Raffle: 1st P J Cahill, 2nd A M Farrell, 3rd Christy Fitzpatrick, 4th Tom Jacob, 5th Rita Arrigan.

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.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTION IN AID OF FATIMA INVALID FUND will take place on the 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.

SUE RYDER FOUNDATION IRELAND HALF PRICE SUMMER SALE continues in our Portlaoise Charity Shop. Our mission is to provide independent living for senior in our community. We have two residences in Laois. We are looking for volunteers to join our team in our Abbeyleix & Portlaoise shop.

MOUNTMELICK HERITAGE SOCIETY EXHIBITION celebrating 201 years of Mountmellick Work will be held in the Gallery, Mountmellick Library during opening hours for the month of August. Unique to Mountmellick this while on white embroidery is a story worth telling and seeing. All welcome.

SOCIAL CHESS CLUB PORTLAOISE for adults only (male and female). The next chess meetings will be held in Portlaoise Library on Saturday 22nd August between 1pm and 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.

FOUND SILVER NECKLACE with a silver cross with an inscription found in the Midlands Car Park, Portlaoise. Contact: Noreen on 0852689767

FESTIVAL OF THE MOUNTAIN & VINTAGE RALLY 2026: Laois's oldest festival returns to Glenbarrow, Rosenallis, Laois this Sunday, 16th August from 12pm. Packed with entertainment, it offers a fantastic day out for the whole family. Free Bollywood dance workshop. World Champion Team RNS Robotics will also do a demo, live sculpting by multimedia artist Lynn Kirkham. Vintage displays, Dog Show, Tug of War, stalls, Amusements, Archery, Obstacle Course, Competitions & prizes, plus hot food, sweet treats, and great coffee! Admission: €10 (Cash only | Under 12s FREE). Info: 085 2090413.

PORTLAOISE - "MOUNTMELICK EMBROIDERY" Exhibition for Heritage Week – Wednesday 19th August 10am – 5pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

CONCERN will hold their annual Church Gate Collection at all Masses on Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd August. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

PORTLAOISE GROUP PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 24TH-28TH AUGUST 2026 Have your loved ones included in our daily Mass during our pilgrimage. Mass Bouquets available from Kitty Timmons 087-9506634, Mary Byrne 085-2829231, John Egan 087-1254841. Any candle requests contact any of the above and we will light them for you in Lourdes.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO 8pm Saturday August 15th for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All welcome.

Time to Think...

Lourdes and Laois



Lourdes is a sacred place that continues to inspire hope and healing. A recent visit by Graiguecullen parish of over 300 people reminds me of the sacred connection between Laois and Lourdes. Soon Pope Leo will visit Lourdes, embracing a sacred place where vulnerability is embraced and healing is celebrated. What makes Lourdes so real is the story of St. Bernadette Soubirous.

Saint Bernadette's life and legacy continues to be deeply relevant in the lives of millions of pilgrims who visit Lourdes. Bernadette a fragile, vulnerable young woman, who like the shepherds near Bethlehem, was chosen to witness that God's grace is truly available. God perhaps is more present in our vulnerabilities than our strengths. This makes Saint Bernadette so attractive to us all.

Imagine the scene as some wept and others jeered as a 14-year-old unlettered girl crawled around in a small cave, a dingy pig shelter, eating grass and washing her face with mud. She seemed confused. "She's mad!" one person called out, "What is she doing?" Another shouted, "Little upstart!" Some were worried, "Poor girl!" Maybe things had finally got to her – her parents drinking, their awful poverty, living in a former prison, the bullying, chronic illnesses. Had Bernadette Soubirous simply lost it? Eating grass and drinking muddy water in the town's rubbish dump, claiming that an apparition of a beautiful lady had told her to do it for the conversion of sinners. An extraordinary scene, and, of course, one of the events of the story of Lourdes. In human terms it seemed tragic. But this spectacle was to reveal so much about the mercy and love of God. Three days later, from this tomblike hollow, a spring gushed forth offering healing and new life. New beginnings to sinners, who, like all Prodigal Sons, no longer crawled around in pigsties, but assumed the dignity of sons and daughters of God!

Centuries before this event, a man, whom we call God, was also humiliated and mocked. He was nailed to a Cross like a common criminal, in a rubbish dump outside the city.

He died the agony of a slave. On that day, too, some felt sorry for this failed preacher. Others laughed and mocked. "He called

himself the Son of God, why doesn't God rescue him then?" "Who does he think he is?" "He saved others, he cannot save himself!" And his mother, Mary, stood there, united in His agony. And after offering himself to his father for the conversion of sinners, he was laid in a tomb, like that grotto in Massabielle. Three days later the foolishness of God would triumph over human pride as the spring of the resurrection rose up from the earth to conquer death and sin.

Here is a great lesson from St Bernadette and Lourdes, then – NEVER JUDGE BY FALLEN HUMAN STANDARDS. Bernadette was viewed by others as a nobody, mad. But God's eyes are turned to the poor and the lowly, and away from the man of proud heart and haughty looks! God's ways are most definitely not our ways! The Grotto in Lourdes became a pulpit from which Mary taught Bernadette how to be a perfect disciple of Christ, and she continues to teach us how to do likewise today. One of the first lessons Our Lady gave the eager to learn Bernadette was how to make the Sign of the Cross perfectly. Therefore, in addressing God, we must do so with pure love. The way we make the Sign of the Cross hints at how much we love God. As a sister in the convent, Bernadette was admired for the way she made the Sign of the Cross. It even brought others to conversion. One sister said, "The way in which she made the sign of the cross showed she was full of the spirit of faith." So here is one way in which we can all increase our love for God, by making the simple Sign of the Cross a witness to our faith and love.

From our love of God should flow an unquenchable love for neighbour. Bernadette was well acquainted with sorrow, ill health, abuse, and pain. Even in the convent, she experienced mockery and bullying. But she rejoiced to be the lowest and offered all these trials to God with love and patience. Her greatest consolation was to offer her humiliations, illness and suffering for the prayers of all who longed for healing and love. Bernadette said that her vocation was to suffer. She also said, "I may not know much, but at least I know how to pray the Rosary and love the Lord with all my heart!" This she did

as Mary had taught her, praying all the time for sinners, with secret tears, just like Christ. After all, Mary had said to Bernadette, "I cannot offer you happiness in this world, but the next..." She therefore decided to offer all her pains and sorrows as an act of love to God, securing her future in paradise, as well as gaining many souls for the Lord.

As she lay dying, Bernadette kissed a Crucifix, and prayed her last words, "My God, I love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a poor sinner, a poor sinner..." At that moment, the beautiful Lady of Lourdes who is here now among us came to keep her promise to Bernadette, that happiness of the next world. No longer on her knees in a dung heap, Bernadette was taken up to the realms of Heaven, where all tears are wiped away and joy fulfilled. Bernadette, Our Lady told you that you would not be guaranteed happiness in this life, but now that you know supreme happiness in the next, pray for us, that we too may love God and neighbour in this world, and see God forever in the next!

St. Bernadette, especially dear to Our Lady of Lourdes, protect and bless all pilgrims, the sick, and those who pray to you with confidence. May all who turn to you in faith receive the graces they need.

St. Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us!



Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Annette Lawlor
25 Oak Leaf Place,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois

Stephanie Stokes
Kilminchy, Portlaoise, Laois



Mary McEvoy
Rossvale, Portlaoise, Co. Laois

May They Rest In Peace
Our Sympathies Are With Their Families



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THOMAS FENLON
Woodlawn, Portlaoise and formerly
New Inn, Emo.
2nd Anniversary 12th August 2026.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated this
Saturday 15th Aug at 6.30pm in the Parish
Church.

A loving husband and father so true
No one on this earth we'll find like you
For us you always did your best
God grant your soul eternal rest.

From Susie and your loving family.
May Thomas Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN FOYLE

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise.
Whose 20th Anniversary
occurs at this time.

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

Sadly missed by Ann, Caroline and families.
May John Rest In Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL BOWE

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
26th Anniversary occurs on
20th August 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church
this **Sunday 16th August at 12:30pm.**

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

Always remembered by Paula, Donal & family.
Rest in Peace Michael



MONTHS MIND
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANGELA LEONARD

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.
Angela's Month's Mind Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise on
Sunday 23rd August at 11.15am.

She has gone no further from us than to God
And God is very near.
Always loved & remembered.

Sadly missed, loved and always remembered by
all her loving family and large circle of friends.
Angela is Resting With The Angels



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TOM BERGIN
66 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
27th Anniversary occurs at this time.
Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
Saturday 15th August at 6:30pm.

Time passes, memories stay,
Quietly remembered every day.

From his loving family.
Also remembering Tom's wife Mary
and daughter Mary at this time.
Rest in Peace Tom



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ALICE O'REILLY

46 Borris Road, Portlaoise.
28th Anniversary occurs
16th August 2026.

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

Fondly remembered by her family;
John, Tom, Margaret and all her grandchildren.
Also remembering our Dad and sister Ella.
Rest in Peace Alice



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY WALLIS
 (NÉE GAYNOR)
 Stillbrook, Mountrath.
 2nd Anniversary occurs
 20th August 2026.

We didn't know that morning
 That God was to call your name;
 In life we loved you dearly,
 In death we do the same.
 It broke our hearts to lose you,
 You did not go alone;
 For part of us went with you,
 The day God called you home.

Loved and remembered always by her loving family.

Rest in Peace Mary



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MAY LANHAM
 6 Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise.
 19th Anniversary occurs
 18th August 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Tuesday 18th August at 10am.

Even though you are not with us,
 Your presence is still strong,
 Because in your heart, we'll always find,
 The love for which we long.

Miss you always and forever.

*Your children Pat, Josephine, Elizabeth, Susan,
 Helena, Jacinta, Paul, Mary and all your grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace May



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**RICHARD
 & SANDRA
 BOURKE**

Richard's 45th anniversary
 occurred 7th June 2026.
 Sandra's 30th anniversary occurred
 12th August 2026.

It does not take a special day
 For us to think of you,
 Each Mass we hear, each prayer we say,
 Is offered up for you.

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all the Bourke family,
 extended family, relatives and friends.*

*May Richard & Sandra
 Rest In Peace*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**PÁDRAIG
 BRENNAN**

Grennan, Attanagh, Laois.
 Whose 2nd anniversary occurs
 22nd August 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
 Church this **Sunday 23rd August at 12:30pm.**

Sweet are the Memories that never Fade

Rest in Peace Pádraig



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PETER COUGHLAN

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.
 18th Anniversary occurs 20th August 2026.

Your life was a blessing,
 Your memory a treasure,
 You will always be with us,
 In our hearts forever.

*Sadly, missed and always remembered by
 his loving family and friends.*

May Peter Rest In Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOSEPH DOWNEY

7 Harpurs Lane, who died
 18th August 2005.
 21st Anniversary.

As each day dawns, we think of you,
 As each night falls, we pray for you,
 And throughout our lives, no matter where,
 In our hearts you are always there.

Always remembered by his family and grandchildren.

May Joseph Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KATHLEEN DOYLE

45 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
 5th Anniversary occurs 17th August 2026.

Though your smile is gone forever,
 And your hand we cannot touch,
 Still, we have so many memories
 of one we loved so much.

Your memory is our keepsake,
 with which we'll never part,
 God has you in His keeping,
 And we have you in our hearts.

*Miss you always and forever
 Anne, Mick, Karen, Rachel, Eoin and girls xxx*

Rest in Peace Kathleen



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**ANTHONY (TONY)
DUNNE**

8 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs
15th August 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's
Church on **Saturday 15th August at 6.30pm.**

Your presence we miss,

Your memories we treasure

Loving you always, forgetting you never.

Also remembering my Mum Anne (Nancy) Dunne

whose 24th Anniversary occurs on August 19th.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving son Greg,
daughter in law Rose and grandchildren Koren and Davin.*

May Anthony Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANN WHELAN

Late of 85 St. Brigid's Place.
25th Anniversary occurs on the
12th August 2026.

Sister

25 years has passed since you went away

Yet you're loved and missed every day

Not a moment goes by without a thought of you

For the love you gave remains forever true.

*Loved, missed, never forgotten from your loving sisters
Guggie, Ellen, Mary, and brother Joe xxxxx*

May Ann Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PETER FRAWLEY

Lynden Court, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs
18th August 2026.

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, always remembered.

*Sister Sylvia, brother John, brother in law Pat, sister-in-law
Tanya, nephews, nieces and all extended family.*

May Peter Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HUGH ROCHFORD

12 Roselawn, Portlaoise
5th Anniversary occurs
15th August 2026.

It's hard to believe you're no longer here,

We think of you, you feel so near,

In some small way every single day,

Memories of you come our way.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Niall.

May Hugh Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**CATHERINE
(KITTY) SIDES**

6 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
20th Anniversary occurs
14th August 2026.

Your presence we miss, your memories we treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by her daughter Ann,
son-in-law Noel, Aoife & Damian and Aine & William.
Also remembering her husband Dick at this time R.I.P.*

May Kitty Rest In Peace

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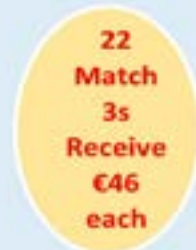


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Anne, Grace & Hannah
Rosie & Gerard O'Byrne
Mary Doran
Jenni Moylan
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Psalms: 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

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