



30th August 2026

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9,12



Season of Creation
1st September - 4th October

"Future generations will never forgive us
if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home.

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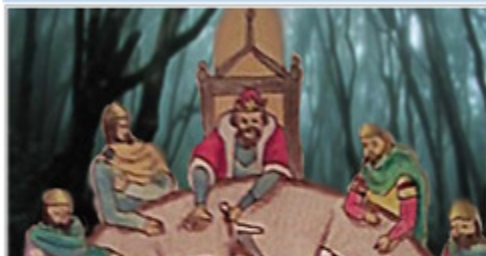


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God's Round Table

It's hard to admit to, but most of us live on a bit of a moral high ground and it's not a good place to be. Moral high grounds are littered with treacherous pitfalls. The worst pitfall of all is to assume superiority. It's a human failing. We assume superiority over all sorts of other people. We decide we are superior to those with less money or lesser jobs. We decide we are superior to those who are less intellectual, whose tastes differ, whose accents are alien or whose values don't match ours. We decide we are better than those who have fallen foul of the law or who have succumbed to an addiction. Why is superiority a pitfall? It's a pitfall because once we imagine ourselves superior, we start to dismiss people. We start to rule out huge numbers of our neighbours as unworthy of our attention.

Today we see Jesus at a wedding banquet where the guests are jostling for places of honour at the dinner table. It's a simple occasion that raises a big question. Why are we all so anxious to be seated at the top of life's table? Jesus gives the guests a piece of life changing advice. "A person who exalts himself will be humbled, but a person who humbles himself will be exalted."

Humility doesn't sit easily in our fame driven society, that's because we associate being humble with being "walked all over". Jesus' brand of humility however, is very different.

Humility does not mean trading feelings of superiority for feelings of inferiority. Being humble doesn't mean being timid or falsely modest. Humility means that understanding that everything you have is a gift from God, and that everything you have is for the service of others.

In the tales of King Arthur and his knights, Arthur ordered a round table so that no one could assume a greater or lesser position. As Christians we are asked to adopt a 'round table' approach to life.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Natalie Vera Keane, Corrigeen
Donnacha Brendan Byrne-Smith, Rossvale
James Alan McDowell, Ashley Gardens
Aldina Carrie Pires Da Silva Lopes, College Avenue
Alice May McEvoy, Buttercup Avenue, Esker Hills.

Who were baptised recently.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Thursday: 7.30am & 10am

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

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

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

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



We welcome Sr. Mary Usifoh of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles who will speak at the Masses in our Parish Church this weekend

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Mother Teresa Of Calcutta

Saturday 5th September

Mother Teresa's life sounds like a legend. The Albanian girl who entered an Irish order to go to India as a missionary and became an "Angel of the Poor" for countless people. She was greatly revered by Christians as well as Muslims, Hindus and unbelievers, as she brought the message of Christian love for one's neighbour from the slums of Calcutta to the whole world. A reminder to everyone that faith can move mountains, and that hope can never die. Blessing of the relic of Mother Teresa after the 10am Mass on Saturday.

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In Parish Centre

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the light of His love to all.
Obtain from the Heart of Jesus
(here make your request)
Teach me to allow Jesus to penetrate and possess my
whole being so completely that my life too,
may radiate His light and love to others. *Amen*
Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our Joy,
pray for me.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta pray for me.
Keep the joy of loving Jesus in your heart and say often
during the day and night.

*"Jesus in my heart I believe in your tender love for
me. I love you."*

Saint Mother Teresa

NOVENA TO SAINT TERESA of CALCUTTA

Will conclude **Saturday 5th September** with a
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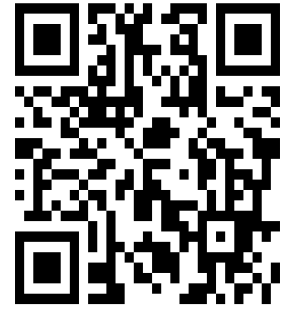
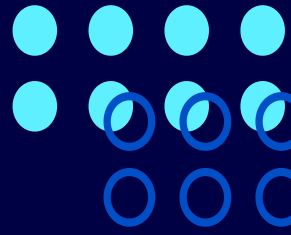


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- Date:** Wednesday 16th September 2026
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- Price:** €250 per person

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The Backpack on the Hill

One afternoon, a boy called Jack went walking with his grandad. They were climbing a hill, and Jack had brought a little backpack with his water, a sandwich and, most importantly, a big chocolate bar. At the beginning, Jack raced ahead. "This is easy!" he shouted. But as the hill became steeper, the backpack began to feel heavier. "Grandad," Jack said, "I don't think I want to climb anymore." His grandad smiled. "We can turn around if you want. But sometimes the best things are waiting after the difficult part." So Jack kept going.

A little further on, they met an older man struggling to carry a bag. Jack looked at his own backpack. He was already tired. He really didn't want anything else to carry. But then he remembered something his teacher had said: following Jesus means thinking about other people, not just ourselves. So Jack offered to help. For the next few minutes, the climb was even harder. Jack's arms hurt and his legs were tired.

Finally, they reached the top. The view was amazing. Jack could see fields, houses and roads stretching for miles. His grandad said, "You know, Jack, you could have chosen the easy way and turned back." Jack smiled. "But then I would have missed all this."



That evening, Jack thought about Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his friends that following him will not always be easy. He says: "Take up your cross and follow me." Jesus doesn't mean that we have to carry a big wooden cross everywhere we go!

Our "cross" can be the difficult things we choose to do because they are good, kind and loving. It might mean sharing when we would rather keep something for ourselves. It might mean being kind to someone who is left out. It might mean saying sorry when we know we were wrong. It might mean helping at home when we would rather be playing. Following Jesus isn't always the easiest path. But, just like Jack discovered on the hill, sometimes the most beautiful things are found when we keep going.



A little challenge for this week

Ask yourself each morning:

"What is one kind thing I can do today, even if it isn't easy?"

That might just be your little way of taking up your cross and following Jesus.



Dear Jesus,
 Help me to be kind and brave, even when things are difficult.
 Help me to think of others and follow you each day.
 Give me strength to keep going and a loving heart to do what is right.
 Amen.





Today's Gospel- Following Jesus

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September — some facts

September is the only month with the same number of letters in its number and name. It is the ninth month and has nine letters in its name.

September 2nd 1666: The Great Fire of London was started, completely destroying the old city located within the ancient Roman Walls. It was believed to have started in a bakery and took three days to put out.

September 8th: Our Lady's birthday. We celebrate the birth of Mary and we wish Mary a happy birthday.

September gets its name from the Latin septem, meaning seven, because it used to be the seventh month of the year under the Roman calendar.

The Harvest Moon is the name given to the full moon that falls nearest to the autumnal equinox around 22nd September.

September is the month of apples, as apple-picking becomes a common weekend pastime during the month.

September 29th is the Feast Day of Saint Michael the Archangel; he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.

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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; Contact 086 8812228.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT No bowls till further notice Wednesday 2nd September sing along with Caroline from 3pm in Parish Centre. New members welcome. Thursday 3rd September in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy cards and chat from 3pm. New members welcome tuition given. For further information contact Maria at 0879187157.

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

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotion – 5th September 2026 in the Old Vestry in St Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise at 8.30am and at 3:45pm in the Holy Rosary Church, Abbeyleix.

A group from Portlaoise Parish on recent Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



Time to Think...

Dolly Parton an Iconic Christian



Dolly Parton (January 19, 1946 – August 25, 2026) lived a life that, viewed through a Christian lens, shines as a vivid testimony of God's grace meeting human grit, creativity, and generosity. She died peacefully at 80 in Nashville, as announced by her nephew Bryan Seaver, who shared that she "has lived in the light and is in the arms of Jesus, surely met by Carl [her husband, who died in 2025], her parents, and countless others."

Born the fourth of twelve children into deep poverty in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, Parton grew up in a home shaped by faith. Her maternal grandfather was a Pentecostal preacher; the family attended a little mountain church where Scripture, prayer, hymns, and the conviction that "through God all things are possible" formed the air she breathed. She began singing and playing in services as a small child. Songs like "Coat of Many Colors" later retold her childhood with biblical echoes—of Joseph's coat, of dignity amid lack, and of a mother's love that turned scraps into treasure. Her music often carried gospel themes of seeking God ("The Seeker"), resurrection hope ("He's Alive"), and simple trust.

Parton never claimed to be a perfect Christian or a conventional churchgoer. She described herself as "not that religious" but "very, very spiritual," someone who talked to God "like he's my best friend," kept a personal Bible background, and insisted that faith in something greater than herself was essential. She openly called herself a "vanilla sinner"—too bad to be purely good, too good to be purely bad—and admitted struggles of doubt and decision. Yet she repeatedly credited God as co-writer and co-pilot of her gifts, dreams, and endurance. In times of darkness, she returned to that "God core," reigniting it through prayer, Scripture, love, and creativity. Her long marriage to Carl Dean, her steady work ethic, and her refusal to abandon her roots all reflected a life oriented toward gratitude rather than bitterness.

Her public fruit—songwriting that gave voice to the overlooked, the Imagination Library that has placed hundreds of millions of free books in children's hands, support for education and her home region, and a public persona of kindness, humour, and accessibility—embodied practical neighbour-love. She turned success into service, echoing

the biblical call to use one's talents rather than hide them under a bushel. In an industry that can reward ego, she largely kept a posture of humility mixed with joyful flamboyance, insisting the light belonged to the Giver. Christian reflection on her death invites both thanksgiving and honest hope. Scripture reminds us that "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15) and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:38–39)—a truth Parton herself found sustaining after personal crises of faith. Her nephew's words place her in the presence of Jesus. For believers, death is not the end of the story but the doorway into fuller life with the One who rose. Parton's own gospel recordings and lifelong trust point in that direction: the same God who met a mountain girl in poverty, who sustained her through fame and loss, and who received her husband is the God who receives her now.

Her legacy is not celebrity for its own sake but a reminder that ordinary faith, practiced imperfectly yet persistently, can bear extraordinary fruit. She showed that one can love glitter and still love God; that one can dream big and still stay rooted; that one can succeed spectacularly and still give extravagantly. In the face of her death, we can pray gratitude for a life that pointed many toward hope, kindness, and the possibility of redemption. And we can hold the Christian hope that the One who wrote her first songs in a cabin and who holds the universe together has welcomed her home—where the music never ends.

While Dolly Parton ranks as one of the most iconic artists in country music—and in all popular music for that matter, as her induction into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame can attest—her song "Coat of Many Colors" ranks as her most definitive song, a stand-out in a catalogue that includes several standards. Released in September 1971 as the second single and title track from the album of the same name, it's an astute example of autobiographical insight, told from a personal perspective while sharing lessons that are universal in a broader expanse of emotion. Indeed, few songs share such singular sentiments and reveal as much about the artist that offers them.

The narrative is simple yet direct, gleaned from Parton's rural upbringing as

one of 12 children raised in a one-room cabin in the mountains of East Tennessee. Like many Appalachian families, the Partons were impoverished people with barely enough means to scrape by. Those memories of her rural roots are still an integral part of her persona, one that defines her even today. The song itself was inspired by real-life circumstances. Her mother was given a collection of rags of various colours and subsequently used it to sew her daughter, Dolly, a multi-hued coat while relaying to her a Bible story about Jacob giving his favourite son Joseph his own coat of many colours. Parton was delighted, but when she wore the coat to school, her classmates teased her about taking such pride in a coat that consisted of rags.

These powerful lyrics are deeply inspired by Christian values of faith, hope and love.....

"And oh I could not understand it, for I felt I was rich

And I told them of the love my momma sewed in every stitch.

But they didn't understand it, and I tried to make them see

One is only poor, only if they choose to be

Now I know we had no money, but I was rich as I could be

In my coat of many colors my momma made for me."



Dolly in her coat of many colours

Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Agnes Rowney
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Dr Murphy Place, Portlaoise,
Laois / Roscrea, Tipperary



Marie Heavey
(née Kaye)
Monasterevin, Kildare



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(née Egan)
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Joe Fitzpatrick
Mounteagle, Ballyroan,
Laois



Máiread Culliton
(née Conroy)
Glendowns, Portlaoise



Tony O'Brien
St. John's Square, Portlaoise

May They Rest In Peace
Our Sympathies Are With Their Families



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PATRICK (PAT) DELANEY

Late of St. John's Square.

1st Anniversary occurs
2nd September 2026.

Anniversary Mass will take place in
St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise on
Wednesday 2nd September at 10am.

We would like to thank Pat's neighbours and friends of
St. John's Sq. who were very good to him over the years.

Thank you to Msgr. John Byrne for the lovely Mass.
Also Fr. Adriano Oliveira for calling to the house
and giving Pat his blessing.

Our kind thanks to Hughes Chemist, Dr. Booth at the
Cedar Clinic, the First Responders, the Ambulance
Services, An Garda Síochána and Keegan Undertakers.

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
Brothers William, Brendan, Joe, Francis and Noel,
Sisters Mary and Geraldine, nieces, nephews,
brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and the Maher family.

Rest in Peace Patrick



TREASURED MEMORIES OF
WILLIAM (BILLY)
MULHALL

Coolnacarte, Mountrath, Co. Laois,
whose 1st Anniversary occurs on
September 6th 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church
Raheen on **Saturday 5th of September at 7pm.**

A silent thought, a quiet prayer
For a special person in God's care.

From your loving family.

May Billy Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARY FARRELL
(NÉE MAHER)

20 Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurred 21st August 2026.

Loving you is easy, we do it every day,
Missing you is a heartache, that never goes away.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her loving
husband Patrick, daughters Martina, Mary, Sheila,
grandchildren and extended family.

Rest in Peace Mary



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TOMMY KEOGH

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise.
26th Anniversary occurs
1st September 2026.

Forever loved and always missed
Your memory we hold dear
Though you're no longer here with us
We feel your presence near.
You will always have a special place
Within our hearts each day.

*Loved, remembered, cherished still in every single way,
Sadly missed by your sons, daughters and extended family.*

May Tommy Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LINET MUKWENA

1st Anniversary occurs 29 August 2026.

There was kindness, love, peace in you.
My best friend, later turned sister,
We miss you dearly.

*Sadly missed by your friends/sisters Patricia Murambinda,
Sr. Paula Byrne, Tuelo Ncube and your children
Takudzwa, Munashe & Panashe Karigomba.
They miss you & carry you in their hearts.*

*May your gentle Soul continue to
Rest in Peace*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN SCULLY

Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs
2nd September 2026.

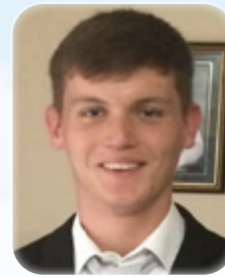


Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on **Saturday 5th September at 10am.**

Your life was one of kindly deeds,
A helping hand for others' needs,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories left behind.

Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace John



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

ARON GING

Formerly 51 Borris Little

Whose 7th Birthday away from home occurred 28th August.

Thinking of you Always

It is especially difficult today not to have you here,
To celebrate the happy times we shared over another joyful year,
We wish we had just one more chance to see your happy smile,
To laugh and celebrate with you, just for a little while,

We'll hold you close forever, deep within our hearts,
And though you are not here with us, know that we'll never part,

This day was always special, so we just want to say,
That we are thinking of you with lots of love,
On this, your Birthday.

Happy Heavenly 30th Birthday Aron

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts.

Loved and remembered by all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Aron



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
HENRY TOBIN

9 Elm Lawn, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary away from home occurs on 30th August.

Anniversary Mass in St Peter's and Paul's Church,
Sunday 30th August, at 12.30pm.

Three years have passed since you went away,
Yet we carry you with us, day after day,
Through moments of laughter, through moments of tears,
Your memory grows more precious each year.

The world keeps turning, the seasons move on,
But love doesn't end when someone is gone.

For deep in our hearts, you'll always stay,
Our Daddy, our Hero, just a heartbeat away.

*Forever missed Daddy, from Susan, Catherine, Tracey,
Nicola, Ciera, Henry, Rachel and Aideen, sons-in-law,
grandchildren and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Henry



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ALLAN WRIGHT

The Green, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.
9th Anniversary occurs
1st September 2026.

I am still with you

If it seems that I am far away,
on this empty and solemn day,
Just open your heart and know it's true,
that I am still right here with you.

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Iva, children Janet, Barbara,
Alan, Teresa and Siobhan, grandchildren, great-grandchildren
and all your loving family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Dear Allan



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANDY WALSH

Birmingham and late of Pass, Portlaoise.
Who died 10th November 2025.

Andy's family and his sisters Peggy, Bridie
and Kathleen wish to thank all those who supported,
sympathised, sent Mass cards, sent condolences or
kept us in their thoughts during our sad loss.

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

May Andy Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JOHN MURPHY

The Hermitage, Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs
4th September 2026.

Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Sadie, family and friends.

Rest in Peace John



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
DOLORES FAHY

55 Beladd, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.
22nd Anniversary occurs
17th September 2026.

Anniversary Mass for Dolores and James will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 6th September at 12:30pm.

You carried us as children, and held onto our hands
You loved and treasured us every day and taught us how to stand
Of all the scary things in life that we could ever fear,
Nothing is so frightening as you not being here.
But you taught us to be strong and you taught us how to stand
Even when you aren't here to hold onto our hands

We are grateful for what you taught us
And are grateful for your love
And we know that you watch over us
From the heavens up above.

*Love you always Mam, James, Ber, Sharon, Elaine, Dor, sons-in-law,
daughter-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren xxx*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JAMES McEVOY

32 Upper Beladd, Stradbally Rd. Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurs
6th September 2026.



James – this heartfelt message is for you
Each word is meant sincerely

Today, more than any other day we miss you so very dearly
You are so very special, losing you was hard to bear
Our hearts feel truly broken knowing you are no longer here
Sometimes our lives feel empty, nothing can take your place
We wish we could still hear your voice and see your smiling face
You will never be forgotten. We think about you always
We treasure the happy memories since the day you went away.

*Love you always Dad, Mam, Keith, Eve, your nieces Aoife & Peggy,
aunts, uncles and cousins xx*

*May Dolores & James
Rest in Peace*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
**CHRISTOPHER
HIGGINS**

18th Anniversary occurs at this time.

Anniversary Mass in the Parish Church
Saturday 29th August at 6.30pm.

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

From your loving family.

May Christy Rest in Peace

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