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**20th September 2026**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**



**Season of Creation**

1st September - 4th October

Last Saturday evening, our church was filled with joy as we gathered to bless the new school year. We prayed for all our students, asking God to guide, protect and inspire them throughout the year, and to bless their teachers, families, SNAs and all who serve our students. Thank you very much to the children who brought their school bags to be blessed – a great turn out! May the school year ahead be a blessed and fruitful one for all our pupils, teachers, staff and families, filled with learning, friendship and growth.



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## Queuing for Heaven?

One of the most expensive department stores holds a sale and shoppers form a queue. The most ardent bargain hunters bring

sleeping bags and queue overnight. Other shoppers arrive five minutes before the sale. When the store finally opens the doors the queue surges forward in a frenzy. Shoppers 'push in' from every direction greedy for the bargains. Does this make us cross? Of course it does and rightly so. The people who arrived first should get the bargains first. Most of us would agree that that is only fair. The problem comes when we try to use this same sense of 'justice' in earning a place in God's Kingdom. Surprise surprise! Gaining God's grace is not like queuing for bargains, neither has it got anything to do with how many more hours we have worked in a vineyard, nor has it got anything to do with measuring how many years we have served as disciples. Once again we are reminded that things that count for so much in this world are turned upside down in God's world. We are taught not to think we are worth more as Christians than those who have found Christianity late in life. If we have lived life as God asks from the outset then we should simply count ourselves as lucky. For others, life's paths may have taken more difficult and painful twists.

The employer in today's parable pays his employers exactly the same amount regardless of the time they arrived at the vineyard. Jesus is telling us that there are no 'partial benefits' in God's kingdom. If we have earned a place in heaven we have earned a place, there won't be some places better than others. God's love is God's love. We are each promised the same measure of his grace.

"... So the last will be first and the first will be last." We would be foolish to expect some kind of pecking order at heaven's gates. We would be even more foolish to expect some kind of organised queuing system or loyalty cards for the longest serving. Those who arrive late should certainly not be regarded as somehow cheating the system. We must recognise God's generosity in giving a level field for all and emulate it. We must be happy for the latecomers, especially if we have played a part in attracting them by our shining example!

**'My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? ..... I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you.'** Today's Gospel

## 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.



## St. Pio of Pietrelcina

**Wednesday 23rd September**

St. Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968), also known as Padre Pio, was an Italian Capuchin friar and Catholic priest. He was known for his deep prayer, compassion, and the stigmata—wounds resembling those of Christ's crucifixion. He spent much of his life serving people through confession and spiritual guidance.

He was canonized as a saint by Pope John Paul II in 2002.

## St. Matthew

**Monday 21st September**

One day, as Our Lord was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw, seated in his customs bureau, Levi the publican, whose business it was to collect the taxes from the people for their Roman masters. Jesus said to him: "Follow me," Leaving all behind, Matthew arose and did so, thereby giving us all an example of the way in which we should respond to grace. The humble Matthew, as he was thereafter called, tells us himself in his Gospel that he was Levi, one of those publicans abhorred by the Jews as enemies of their country, outcasts and notorious sinners, who enriched themselves by extortion and fraud. Other than this, we know little about St. Matthew as a person, but we know for certain that he was a worthy and faithful disciple, unquestionably a gifted writer and one of the better educated of the apostles.



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### *In Parish Centre*

Mon. morn. Osteoporosis class at 9.30am  
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By Dr Naomi Algeo  
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30th September 2026, 6pm



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Jacqueline Doyle, Client Care Manager for County Laois, added: "Being based here in Portlaoise allows us to strengthen our connection with the local community and provide even greater support to our clients, their families and our care team. **We are delighted to be creating 30 new employment opportunities locally and welcoming more people to a rewarding career in care.**" No previous care experience is required, with Connected Health providing comprehensive training, ongoing development and opportunities to achieve a QQI Level 5 qualification in Healthcare Support. The Portlaoise office is open to supporting local clients and families while welcoming applications from those interested in joining the growing Connected Health team.

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### How does it work?

Changing Gears runs over 5 weeks with weekly sessions of 2 ½ hours. It offers participants time to:

- Develop skills and techniques build resilience and confidence in managing life-changes or transitions
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Teresa, Dublin participant, Changing Gears, March 2025

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## IS GOD FAIR?

"It's not fair!" Have you ever said those words? Be honest, now! Maybe your brother or sister was invited to go to the cinema with a friend and you weren't invited. What was the your reaction? "That's not fair! Why can't I go too?"

Perhaps you came home from school looking forward to watching your favourite show on TV and your mam says, "You can't watch TV until you have finished your homework."

"Aw mam, that's not fair! By the time I finish my homework my favourite show will be over!"

When we say, "It's not fair!" it usually means that something is not going our way or we want something that someone else has.

In the Gospel today, Jesus told a story about a landowner who was hiring men to work in his vineyard. He hired some of them early in the morning, some in the middle of the day, and some he hired just before quitting time.

When it was time to pay the workers, he paid them all the same. Can you guess what the workers who were hired early in the morning said? Your right, they cried out, "Hey! That's not fair! You paid the workers who worked only one hour the same as those of us who worked all day."

The owner of the vineyard said, "I am not being unfair to you. I paid you what I agreed to pay you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Are you jealous because I am generous?"

The question for today is this: "Is God fair?" Of course he is! But do you know what else? The gospel tells us that he is more than fair, the gospel tells us that "God is love." Does God love us because we love him?" No, the Bible says, "This is real love-not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins." Wow! That's not fair-that's love.

If we got what was fair, none of us would get to heaven. I'm glad that God doesn't give me what is fair, but gives me his love and grace, in spite of what I deserve!

## PRAYER



Father, we thank you for loving us so much that you sent your Son to give us everlasting life.

In his name we pray. **Amen.**





## The Workers in the Vineyard

"These men who were hired last worked only one hour", they said 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' **Matthew 20:12**

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## GLORY BE

Glory be  
to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

AMEN



## ANGEL OF GOD

Angel of God  
My guardian dear  
To Whom God's love  
Commits me here.  
Ever this day  
Be at my side  
To light and guard  
To rule and guide.

AMEN





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Can you host a coffee morning in your home, community centre  
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If you would like to be a host a coffee morning please contact  
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for supply of coffee.

All monies collected in Laois are spent on hospice services in Laois.

*Thank you for your continued support to Laois Hospice  
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6:30pm Principal's Address in School Sports Hall  
7:00pm School Tour commences

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
October 2026**

Individual Guided Tours of Portlaoise College available.  
Tours can be booked by contacting the school.

### **Important Dates to Remember!**

- 1<sup>st</sup> October 2026 – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Enrolment Opens
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2026 @ 5pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Year Enrolment Closes online
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2027 – Incoming 1<sup>st</sup> Year Aptitude Exam
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2027 – Scholarship Exam

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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*organised by The Portlaoise  
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**Sunday, 20th September, 2026  
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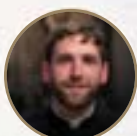
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# Time to Think...

## American Pieta. Father Mychal (Michael) Judge, OFM



This month, September marks the 25th anniversary, of the brutal terrorist attack, on the twin tower buildings, New York, that changed lives forever. While time has moved quickly, the loss and devastation as a consequence to this disaster remains present in the memories of billions. The first to be registered dead was an Irish priest whose life story is deeply inspirational.

Father Mychal (Michael) Judge, OFM (1933–2001), a Franciscan friar and chaplain to the New York City Fire Department, offers a powerful Christian witness of selfless love, presence with the suffering, joyful gratitude, and trust in God. He was the first officially recorded fatality of the September 11, 2001, attacks (Victim 0001). He died in the lobby of the North Tower while ministering amid the chaos—praying and being with firefighters and victims—after debris from the South Tower’s collapse struck him.

Born Robert Emmett Judge in Brooklyn to Irish immigrant parents, he experienced early hardship when his father died when he was six. He helped support the family (by shining shoes near St. Francis of Assisi Church) and entered the Franciscans as a teenager, taking the name Mychal (or Michael Fallon Judge). He was ordained in 1961 and lived simply in the brown habit and sandals of his order. He served in parishes, later at St. Francis of Assisi in Manhattan, and became a full-time FDNY chaplain in the early 1990s. He was known for rushing to fires, rescues, hospitals, and disasters (including the TWA Flight 800 crash), counselling firefighters and families, and working long hours. He also ministered tirelessly to people with AIDS during the crisis (helping establish early Catholic outreach when stigma was intense), the homeless, and those struggling with addiction. As a recovering alcoholic himself (sober for decades through Alcoholics Anonymous), he brought hard-won empathy and humility to that work.

Friends described him as gregarious, irreverent in humour yet deeply pious at the Eucharist, a bridge-builder who moved easily among firefighters, the poor, political leaders, and diverse communities. He saw God and goodness in everyone, following the example of St. Francis. His life reflected the Gospel call to love the least and the suffering Christ present in them. On 9/11 he ran toward danger with the firefighters he loved, not as a superhero but as someone formed by years of prayer, community, and ministry. He prayed aloud in the lobby (“Jesus, please end this right now! God, please end this!”). This mirrors Jesus’ words: “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13) and the Good Shepherd who stays with the flock. His body was carried out in an iconic image often called an “American Pieta,” a visual of sacrificial love amid horror.

Despite personal struggles, he was often called the happiest man. He repeatedly expressed wonder at God’s blessings—“Why am I so blessed? I don’t deserve it”—and trusted divine care even when he had feared God earlier in life. His recovery and Franciscan formation taught him to value relationship and service over self or prestige.

A prayer he composed and lived by captures his spirituality: “Lord, take me where You want me to go. Let me meet who You want me to meet. Tell me what You want me to say and keep me out of Your way.” This echoes Marian and Franciscan surrender and the Lord’s Prayer. On September 10, 2001, in what became his last homily to firefighters, he reminded them that God is near in danger and that they do what God calls them to, whatever the size of the call.

Caring for AIDS patients (when many kept distance), the homeless, and addicts embodied Jesus’ identification with the outcast. His life shows that holiness grows through ordinary fidelity, personal

brokenness offered to God, and concrete acts of mercy rather than status.

Father Mychal’s story inspires Christians to run toward need rather than away, to find Christ in the suffering and the ordinary, to hold joy and gratitude amid hardship, and to pray for the grace to be available to God’s purposes. His final act was consistent with a lifetime of showing up—praying, blessing, listening, and loving—as a pastor with his people. Many remember him as a model of Christ-like self-giving; some have even advocated for recognition of his sanctity. His witness continues to point to the truth that love and faith can shine in the darkest moments.



This simple but powerful prayer written by Fr. Judge offers us all an opportunity to indulge in God’s grace and mercy;

“Lord, take me where You want me to go;  
Let me meet who You want me to meet;  
Tell me what You want me to say, and  
Keep me out of Your way.”

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON 15TH SEPTEMBER

Top score: Tied; Ton Jacob & P J Cahill. 2nd T Dunne. 3rd Tied; M Flanagan & T Mulhare. Raffle: 1st B Cahill, 2nd M Delaney, 3rd Catherine Fitzpatrick, 4th A Pearson. 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** Monday NO Bowls till further notice. Wednesday 23rd afternoon with Caroline Cahill from 3pm in Parish Centre New members welcome. Thursday 24th. Cards and chat in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy from 3pm - new members welcome - tuition given For further information contact Maria 0879187157.

**LAOIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE** is seeking Volunteers to join a crafting workshop, the aim is to make a handmade gift for the volunteers of SOSAD Laois. 30 small handmade gifts to be made for the volunteers of SOSAD Laois - a little 'thank you' to them for all the work they do to support people experiencing mental health difficulties. If you are interested, please register ASAP. All materials are supplied, workshop guided by a tutor. If you are available to start on Tuesday 15th of September until October 20th and resuming Tuesday, November 3rd to Tuesday, December 1st. From 10:30 - 12:30.

To apply please go to <https://www.i-vol.ie/volunteer-opportunity/?ID=a00WS00000aq9Nb> or contact Emer on emer@volunteerlaois.ie.

**WEDNESDAY SINGERS CHOIR** Do you enjoy singing, making new friends and having a cuppa and chat - if so come along to the Wednesday Singers Choir at Treo Nua Community Centre, Harpers Lane, Portlaoise, Wednesday mornings from 11.00 am to 12.30 pm commencing WEDNESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2026. Please come along and feel the positive benefits of being part of a fantastic vocal and social group. Open to all.

**LINE DANCING** Tuesday Sept.22nd at 11a.m. We commence our new term of line dancing at Seanchistin, Irej, Ballyfin R32AY99. All welcome to join in the fun and friendship. Further details Maureen 0876482038 or seanchistin@gmail.com

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**IRISH GUIDE DOGS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** 26th & 27th September - Celebrating 50 yrs of Guide Dogs in Ireland and the Laois branch is also celebrating 40 yrs of Guide Dogs in Co Laois. If you could help in any way contact Jim 087-4746519 or Paul 087-7725264

# 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.

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING MASS** Sunday 27th September, Ballyroan Church @ 9.30am.

*Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died*



**Goretta Heffernan**  
*(née Hanson)*  
Clonkeen, Portlaoise



**Michael (Mick) Flynn**  
*Kilcock and formerly*  
*Ballyfin Co. Laois*



**Michelle Gilchrist**  
*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise*



**Doreen Delaney**  
*(née Conroy)*  
*Cork Rd, Stradbally and*  
*late of the Downs, Portlaoise*

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



*IN LOVING MEMORY OF*  
**DARREN (HAGI)**  
**BREEN**

Hillview Drive.  
On his 2nd anniversary  
away from home.

Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church on  
**Sunday 20th at 12.30pm.**

Heaven has you, grief has me  
Heaven gets to hold you, while I'm here learning  
how to live with the emptiness you left.  
Heaven gets your presence, I get your memories,  
Heaven has your smile,

I have the tears that come when I remember it.  
*Missed and loved more than words can say*  
*your heartbroken wife Olivia, kids and grandkids.*

*Rest in Peace Darren*



*BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE*  
*IN LOVING MEMORY OF*  
**KENNETH (KEN)**  
**CLEAR**

44 O'Moore Place,  
Portlaoise, Co. Laois.  
Whose 55th Birthday occurs on the  
22nd September 2026.  
13th Birthday away from Home.

*Happy 55th Birthday Daddy*

Wishing you were here today, for just a little while  
So, we could say Happy Birthday Daddy and see your loving smile  
The only gifts today will be memories you left behind  
Of laughter, joy and happiness that echo in our minds  
We'll gaze upon pictures; we'll think of you with love  
And hope you're doing fine in Heaven up above  
You were very kind and thoughtful, with a loving heart  
When other people needed help, you always played your part  
You're thought of every single day, whatever time of year  
But somehow more than ever, now your special day is here  
No presents can be given and that's really very sad  
But nothing will stop us saying "Happy 55th Birthday" Dad  
Each memory is shining bright and treasured dearly too  
Memories will never take the place of someone as wonderful as you  
May our friends and family in Heaven,  
Hold you close and sing you a birthday song.  
We will be sending a million hugs and kisses today and all year long.  
*You are never more than a thought away; we love and miss you*  
*everyday. Lots of Love Becky and Dylan and your grandson Tommy.*

*May Ken Rest in Peace*



*IN LOVING MEMORY OF*  
*OUR DEAR SISTER*  
**KATHLEEN EVANS**  
**(NÉE MURPHY)**

1st year away from home 19/09/26.

*OUR DEAR BROTHER*

**JOSEPH MURPHY**

2nd year away from home 19/09/26.



*ALSO REMEMBERING*  
*OUR LOVING FATHER*

**JOSEPH MURPHY**

23rd year away from home 26/09/26.



Gone are the days we used to share  
But in our hearts, you are always there  
The gates of memory will never close  
We miss you more than anyone knows  
With tender love and deep regret  
We who loved you will never forget.

*Fondly remembered, always loved by*  
*Mary, Susan, Paula, Yvonne, Kevin, Dean, Martin xx*

*May they all Rest in Peace*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**ANNA MELIA**  
 Ashley Gardens, Portlaoise.  
 Whose 1st anniversary occurs  
 26th September 2026.

Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
 I am not there; I do not sleep.  
 I am a thousand winds that blow,  
 I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
 I am the gentle autumn rain.  
 When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
 I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
 I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
 Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
 I am not there; I did not die.

*Sadly missed by her husband Pat,  
 daughter Elaine, son Alan,  
 son-in-law Ken, daughter-in-law Siobhan,  
 grandchildren Cian, Jamie, Sophie, Rebecca & Odhrán.*

*Rest in Peace Anna*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**PETER CULLEN**  
 6 Oaklawn, Portlaoise.

15th Anniversary occurs at this time.

15th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise,  
**Sunday 20th September at 11.15am.**

Your hand we cannot touch,  
 Still we have so many memories of the one we loved so much,  
 Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part,  
 God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.

*Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.*

*May Peter Rest in Peace*



MONTHS MIND  
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**CATHERINE  
 DELANEY**  
 Shanahoe, Abbeyleix.

Months Mind Mass will be celebrated  
 in St Brigid's Church, Shanahoe, on  
**Sunday 27th September 2026 at 12:15pm.**

Deeply loved and always in our thoughts.

*Sadly missed by Micheál, John & Orla, Sarah & Gearóid, grandson  
 Alexander, mother Catherine, sisters and brothers, relatives and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Catherine*



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
 IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**MICHAEL NOLAN**  
 Kylebrook, Portlaoise.

The family of the late Michael Nolan would like to  
 thank the following;

Fr. Adriano Oliveira for his visits to Michael and  
 for officiating at his funeral Mass.

Dr. Gerard White and Dr. Edward White and all the staff  
 in their practice for the excellent care they afforded  
 Michael over the years.

All the staff at Hughes' Pharmacy for their kindness and  
 efficiency over the years. Also, the staff in the Midland Regional  
 Hospital Portlaoise and all the staff in Bluebird Homecare for  
 the care and support since Michael got sick last November.

Our extended family and their families for their support  
 and help over the last number of years especially the last few  
 months and our neighbours and friends in Kylebrook who  
 were and continue to be a huge support.

Also, Michael's friends from his time in St. Fintan's Hospital,  
 especially his good friend Tony Yarrow.

All of you who called to the house, attended Keegan's  
 funeral home and the funeral Mass, especially if you  
 travelled any distance.

If you sent a text, email, Mass card or posted a message  
 on RIP.ie your thoughts were much appreciated.

Matthew Keegan and David Goode for their care and  
 professionalism in organising Michael's funeral and the  
 Midlands Park Hotel for their help after Michael's funeral.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept  
 the offering of this Mass as a token of our appreciation.

*May Michael Rest in Peace*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**KATHLEEN  
 LYNCH**

Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise.  
 32nd Anniversary occurred  
 18th September.

Thinking of you today and always.

*From all your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Mam.*

*Rest in Peace Kathleen*



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
OUR BROTHER

**JOEY TUOHY**

10 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

Whose Birthday occurs on September 17th.

ALSO REMEMBERING OUR COUSIN

**TOMMY MOYLAN**

121 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise.

Whose 16th anniversary occurs on  
September 27th.



*You will never be forgotten.*

*From the Tuohy Family.*

*May you both Rest in Peace*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**MARY SLATTERY**  
(NÉE BOWE)

Drangan, Co. Tipperary and late of  
Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

1st anniversary occurs 24th September 2026.

Those we love don't go away,

They walk beside us every day,

Unseen, unheard but always near,

Still loved, still missed, still very dear.

*Loved and missed by Paula, Donal, Cathal & Eoin.*

*May Mary Rest in Peace*

IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**SEÁN O'REILLY**

Borris Road, Portlaoise.

18th Anniversary occurs

24th September 2026.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, **Saturday 26th September at 6.30pm.**

There are some we meet in passing,  
and forget as soon as they go,

There are some we remember with pleasure  
and feel honoured and privileged to know,

You were that kind of person  
who left beautiful memories behind,

And there are many days  
which bring fond memories of you to mind.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Nancy, sons Aidan and Noel,  
all his family, extended family & friends.*

*Rest in Peace Seán*



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
MY MOTHER

**ELIZABETH (MARY)  
McEVOY (NÉE RYAN)**

64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.

22nd Sept. 1941. 12th Birthday away from home occurs  
Tuesday 22nd September 2026.

For a much-loved Mum in Heaven

Forever loved, missed. No words can capture the void,  
the beautiful love, the endless wisdom.

Always in my heart until we meet again.

Birthday Remembrance Mass for Elizabeth Mary McEvoy  
will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on  
**Tuesday 22nd September at 10am.**

*On your birthday, remembering a special Mum*

Today it is your birthday Mum, a day that I find hard  
You never wanted any fuss, but always loved your card.

It breaks my heart to know that you're no longer here  
I know before this day has passed, I'll have shed a tear.

I never cease to miss you, or never cease to care,  
For in the corners of my heart, you'll stay forever there,

I love you so much Mum, what more is there to say.  
I hope all the Angels sing for you, on this your special day.

*Love and miss you Mum.*

*Mum - Happy Heavenly Birthday*

I send this up to heaven, I hope it makes it there  
To wish you happy birthday Mum and tell you that I care  
I think about the love you gave, the comfort and the smiles  
And all the happy memories that still make life worthwhile  
Happy Heavenly Birthday Mum,  
until we meet again, forever in my heart.

*Birthday wishes to my Mum in Heaven*

Today on your birthday you are 85 years on this very special day.

Wishing you were here today, for even just a while

So I could say Happy Birthday and see your lovely smile  
The only gifts today will be your sweet memories left behind

Of laughter, joy, and happiness, that echo on, in my mind.

I'll gaze upon pictures, I'll think of you with love  
And hope that you're doing fine in Heaven up above.  
May angels hold you closely and sing you a happy song  
And I'll be sending wishes today and all year long.

*For your 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in heaven Mum,*

Still loved, missed and very dear.

Your birthday's here but you are not.

I'd send a gift but know I can't.

So I'll make a wish upon a star, to carry my love to where you are.

*Mum*

It's your birthday, you are 85 today. And though you are not here,  
I want to wish you a very happy birthday in heaven.

I miss you every second of every minute of every hour of every day

*I love and miss you Mum - James xxx*



*May you my dear  
Elizabeth Rest in Peace*





IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR  
DARLING SON

**JOHN HYLAND**

12 Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.

47th Anniversary.

Died Sept. 13th 1978 aged 4 ½ years.

Each morning when we awaken  
And realise you are gone  
No one knows the loneliness  
But still we carry on  
Words cannot heal the heartache  
Or stop a silent tear  
Or take away the memories  
Of a son we loved so dear.

*Sadly missed by your loving Daddy, Mammy, brothers  
Michael & Mark, sisters Margaret & Maureen.*

*Rest in Peace John*

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE  
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**ANN GORMAN**

Cherry Grove.

Whose 2nd birthday away from home  
occurred on 17th September.



Heaven holds our Mother  
On this her special day  
Lord, I ask this of you  
To give her a bouquet  
Of beautiful scented flowers  
And tell her they're from us  
Please tell her that we love her  
And miss her very much.

*Love and missed by her 8 children, grandchildren,  
great grandchildren extended family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Ann*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**BETTY (ELIZABETH)  
McNALLY  
(NÉE McEVOY)**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurs

23rd September 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, on **Sunday 27th September at 12.30pm.**

*Dearly missed by all her loving family*

*Deirdre & Bibbo, Imelda & Joe,*

*Frank & Siobhan, Tom & Sinead*

*Rachel, Nicole & Ryan,*

*Frank Jr. Harry, Amy, Joe, Cathal, Finn,*

*Chris, Eimear, Jake and Scott*

*Rest in Peace Betty*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**DARREN BREEN**

2nd Anniversary away from home

21st September 2026.

*Dar*

His laughter felt like sunshine,  
His smile always bright,  
But then life played the cruellest trick  
and took his life away.

*You are missed and loved every minute of every day Dar.  
Some people leave this world, but they never leave our hearts.*

*Love Ma xxx*

*Rest in Peace Dar*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF  
**DARREN (HAGI)  
BREEN**

2nd Anniversary away from home

21st September 2026.

Two years have passed, yet still you stay,  
In every dawn, in each new day.  
With rod and reel, you cast your line,  
Among the stars, the rivers shine.  
The woods still whisper where you'd roam  
But heaven's waters are now your home.  
Gone too soon, yet love won't fade  
Hagi, in our hearts you've stayed.

*Sadly missed, loved and always remembered.  
From your sisters and their families.*

*Rest in Peace Hagi*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**RICHIE &  
PHYLLIS  
GRAHAM**

Ridge Rd, Portlaoise.

Richie's 10th Anniversary - 24th September.

Phyllis' 34th Anniversary - 1st October.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter & Paul's Church,  
**Saturday 26th September at 6:30pm.**

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Cora, John, Ciara,  
Darragh, and all their loving family.*

*May Richie & Phyllis Rest in Peace*

*May they Rest in Peace*

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**Twenty Fifth Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Isaiah 55:6-9 Psalm: 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**  
**Phil 1:20-24, 27**  
**Matthew 20:1-16**

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# Cuisle Centre Timetable

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## MON

### Mindfulness Programme

10am-11am

Starting 12th Oct 2026

### Reflexology/ Reiki/ Acupuncture

By Appointment Only.

### Counselling

By Appointment Only.

### Support Nurse Available

### Creative Arts Therapist

Available to children who have been affected by a cancer diagnosis.

By Appointment Only

**The Cuisle Cancer Support Centre is a charity, and all our services are provided free of charge.**

## TUES

### Empower

#### Menopause & Cancer Survivorship Programme (Full)

8 Week in person group for those impacted by a chemically and surgically induced menopause as a result of cancer treatments.

Starting 8th Sept 2026

10am-12.30pm

Next Programme Jan 2027

### Thrive & Survive programme

Next Programme Starting Jan 2027

### Rest & Restore

Places Limited

Starting 29th Sept 2026  
12:00pm - 1:00pm

### Benefits & Entitlement

Our adviser will give you advice about the financial entitlements you may receive and help you with the process. Eg Medical Card Application etc.

### Men's Support Group (Full)

10am-11am

Starting 3rd November  
Next Group Jan 2027

### Aqua Aerobics

6 Week Programme (Full)

MLD Patients Only

12:00pm

Starting 15th Sept

## WED

### Chair Yoga

#### Booking Essential

10.00am - 11.00am

Starting 16th Sept 2026

### "Look Good, Feel Better"

Places limited

11:30am - 1:00pm

Nov 2026

### Bereavement Counselling

By Appointment Only.

Funded by Laois Hospice

### Manual Lymphatic Drainage

By Appointment Only.

A specialised gentle massage for patients with lymphoedema, which may result from surgery or radiotherapy.

### Art

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Starting 30th Sept 2026

### Walk in Service

No Appointment Needed.

Cancer Information & Support.

## THURS

### Play Therapist

Available for children from 3 years upwards who have been impacted by a cancer diagnosis or bereavement in the family.

### Yoga for Menopause

Places limited

10:00am-11:00am

Starting 8th Oct 2026

### Climb Programme

Helping Children Understand Cancer.

This programme is fun and creative, using drama, arts and play and aims to help children cope with a cancer diagnosis in the family.

Starting Feb 2027

### Garment Fitting

#### Booking Essential

Serra nova sleeve/leg garments for lymphoedema.

24th Sept 2026

## FRI

### Prosthesis & Bra Fitting Day

#### Booking Essential

2nd Oct 2026

Spaces Available

### Bereavement Support Group

6 week Programme

Starting Oct 2026