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27th September 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

**World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees**



"Even just one of these children"

**"Whoever welcomes
one such child in my name
Welcomes me"
(Mt 18:5)**



Season of Creation
1st September - 4th October

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The Definition of Insanity

There's a well-known saying that goes, "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." We all know what it's like to have endless good intentions,

but the good intentions are worth little if we don't actually roll our sleeves up and get things done.

A father asks two sons to go and work in the vineyard. The first son says that he won't but changes his mind and does. The second son says that he will but somehow doesn't get around to it. Which son do we identify with? The first son speaks to those of us who have embraced Christ's teaching late in life. Yet gain Jesus is telling us that those who have managed a change of heart are as important to him if not more important than those who think they've got everything right. The second son speaks to those of us who have lots of good intentions, but at the end of the day the evidence of discipleship amounts to little more than lip service. Originally this parable was aimed at the Pharisees who didn't feel they needed to change how they lived. Like the Pharisees we might feel that we are upright church going people, but that doesn't mean there isn't plenty that we need to address. We still live in a world where there's plenty to put right. God's vineyard needs workers who will say 'yes' to God's plan, and more importantly, roll up their sleeves and get stuck into the job.

Albert Einstein once said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." Most of us struggle with those repetitive behaviours that inevitably lead to the same negative results. Like the second son, we might mean well but constantly fail to make a difference. Today's gospel is an invitation for us to look at what holds us back and what drives us forward, only when we can really understand and address what holds us back can we get stuck into God's work. The first son shows us that it's never too late to change.

Communion Rounds

The priests of the parish will attend their rounds during the week. If you have a loved one, neighbour or friend who is housebound and would appreciate a visit from a priest and the opportunity to receive Holy Communion, please contact the parish office during office hours on 057 862 1142.



Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Thursday : 7.30am & 10am

Friday (First Friday) : 7.30am, 10am and 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

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Feast of the Guardian Angels

2nd October

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Prayer for Day for Migrants and Refugees

Sunday 27th September

God, Almighty Father,
we are your pilgrim Church journeying
towards the Kingdom of heaven.
Do not let us become possessive of the portion
of the world you have given us
as a temporary home.
Help us to keep walking,
together with our refugee and migrant
brothers and sisters,
toward the eternal dwelling
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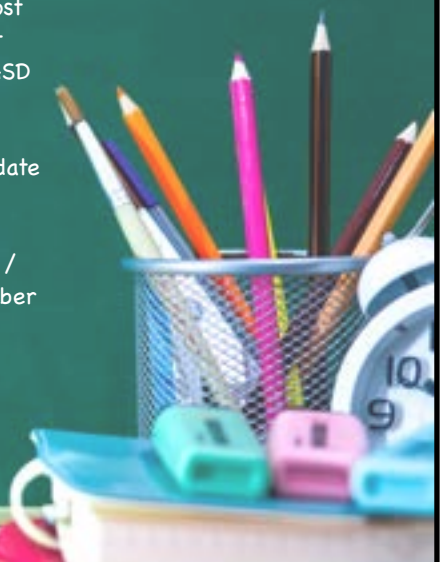
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Parable of Two Sons

Have your mother or your father ever asked you to help out around the house by doing some chores? I'm sure that has probably happened to you. This morning I am going to tell a story about a father who had two sons named John and William. One day dad walked into John's room to find him building a model airplane. "John, we had a lot of wind last night and there are leaves scattered all over the yard. Would you please rake the leaves and put them in these bin bags?" dad asked.

"Aw Dad, I don't have time to rake the leaves. I am working on this model airplane and I really want to finish it today," John answered.

The father turned and left the room and went to look for William. He found William watching TV. "William, there are a lot of leaves in the yard. Would you please rake the leaves and put them in these bags?" dad asked.

"Sure, I'd be glad to," William answered.

"Great!" said dad. "I'll leave the rake and the bin bags in the yard."

After his father left, John began to think about what he had asked him to do. "I can rake the leaves and still have plenty of time to finish my model airplane later," John thought to himself. He went outside and began raking the leaves.

When dad returned home, he saw John raking leaves. "Where is William?" dad asked.

"I don't know. The last time I saw him he was watching TV," John replied.

When dad went into the house, guess what he saw? There sat William, still watching TV! I wonder which of the two sons pleased his father? John, who said he wouldn't rake the leaves, but did - or William, who said he would rake the leaves, but didn't?

In the gospel today, Jesus told a similar story to show how different people obey what God has called them to do. In Jesus' parable of the two sons, the father asked both sons to go and work in his vineyard. Just as the two boys in my story, one son answered, "No," but went and worked. The other son answered "yes" did not go. In telling the story, Jesus wanted us to realise that what we do is more important than what we say we will do. Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he tells us to "Love one another," but what he really wants is for us to love one another! Jesus wants us to answer, "Yes," when he says, "Follow me," but what he really wants is for us to follow him! That's the kind of child I want to be. Isn't it the kind of child you want to be?



Prayer



Father, sometimes we say, "Yes," but our actions say, "No."
Help us to be faithful to do what you have called us to do.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**



The Rosary

October is the month of the Rosary but in October we also remember all those who work as missionaries. While reciting Prayers, you think about certain stories in the lives of Jesus and Mary. These stories are called Mysteries: A Mystery is a story about God. Rosary beads are used to keep count of the Prayers and Mysteries. The word Rosary means garland of roses. The complete Rosary consists of five decades. There are four sets of mysteries and five stories in each set.

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- The Sorrowful Mysteries
- The Glorious Mysteries
- The Luminous or Light Mysteries

(Prayed Monday and Saturday)

(Prayed Tuesday and Friday)

(Prayed Wednesday & Sunday)

(Prayed Thursday)



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen.



Hail Mary

Hail Mary,
full of grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou
among women
And blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour
of our death.
Amen.



Can you say the Rosary every day for the Month of October?

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| 7.00pm | Rosary |
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Time to Think...

Doing the little things well



This week we begin the month of October. Beginning on Thursday with the feast of St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1873–1897), known as the “Little Flower” or Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, this iconic saint lived a short, outwardly ordinary life that has inspired millions through her “Little Way” of spiritual childhood—finding holiness in small, everyday acts done with great love and childlike trust in God’s mercy.

Born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin on January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France, she was the youngest of nine children (four of whom died young) of Louis and Zélie Martin, both later canonized as saints. The family was devout and affectionate. Her mother died of breast cancer when Thérèse was four, after which the family moved to Lisieux. She was raised largely by her older sisters in a loving but sensitive environment.

As a child she was lively yet prone to sensitivity and scruples. At age 10 she suffered a serious illness with neurological symptoms, from which she recovered after a reported vision of the Virgin Mary smiling at her. A pivotal “conversion” occurred on Christmas 1886: after a minor family remark, she experienced a sudden maturity and resolve to overcome self-centeredness. Drawn to religious life early, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux at age 15 (April 9, 1888) after overcoming age barriers, including a bold personal plea to Pope Leo XIII during a pilgrimage to Rome. Two of her sisters were already there; a third joined later. She took the name Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Life in the cloister was austere—simple food, hard work, limited heat—and marked by ordinary tensions and her own struggles with dryness in prayer.

In her final years she developed tuberculosis. From 1896 she endured intense physical suffering and a profound “night of faith” with doubts, yet she offered everything in love. She wrote her autobiography (*Story of a Soul / Histoire d’une âme*) under obedience, describing her discovery of the “Little Way.” She died on September 30, 1897, at age 24, promising to “spend my heaven doing good on earth” and sending a “shower of roses.”

Rapidly popular after the posthumous publication of her writings, she was beatified in 1923, canonized in 1925 by Pope Pius XI (one of the fastest processes), named patroness of missions in 1927, and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II in 1997—the youngest and one of only a few women to receive the title.

Thérèse realized she could not climb a steep stairway of heroic perfection through her own strength. Instead, she sought a “little way... very short and very straight,” remaining small like a child who trusts completely in a loving Father and is lifted by His arms (drawing on Scripture such as “Whoever is a little one, let him come to me”). Holiness consists in doing ordinary duties—chores, patience with difficult people, small sacrifices, hidden acts of charity—with great love, accepting one’s weaknesses without discouragement, and relying on God’s merciful love rather than personal merit. She summarized her vocation simply: “My vocation is love.” She wanted to love Jesus and make Him loved, offering even the smallest moments. This spirituality is practical, accessible to everyone regardless of state in life, and always centred on confidence that, Jesus is close to us.

In a world still marked by achievement culture, constant digital noise, comparison via social media, anxiety, perfectionism, loneliness, and the pressure to do something “grand,” Thérèse’s message remains strikingly relevant. Most lives are made of ordinary moments. She shows that value lies not in viral success, impressive résumés, or visible impact, but in the love poured into small, faithful acts—answering an email kindly, caring for family, performing routine work mindfully, or offering a quiet prayer. This liberates people from burnout and the sense that only the extraordinary counts.

She lived through personal losses, illness, spiritual dryness, and hidden trials while maintaining radical confidence in God’s mercy. In 2026, facing ongoing global challenges, mental health struggles, or personal setbacks, her example encourages surrender without despair: holiness matures in darkness and fidelity, not constant

consolation.

Her focus on the present moment and small duties aligns with modern insights into mindfulness and gratitude, while grounding them in relationship with God and neighbour. It counters distraction and materialism by finding meaning in the Anyone—parents, workers, students, the elderly, those with limited resources or health—can follow the Little Way. It democratizes holiness and has influenced figures from Mother Teresa (“do small things with great love”) to contemporary spiritual writers and popes. Pope Francis highlighted her “little greatness” and timely witness against individualism and superficiality.

Thérèse’s hidden life produced a global “shower of roses” of intercession and inspiration. Reading *Story of a Soul*, practicing small acts of love each day, and cultivating childlike trust remain practical ways to live her spirit now. Her life demonstrates that an ordinary existence offered fully to love can have extraordinary and lasting fruit. A special mass in honour of St. Thérèse of Lisieux will take place on Thursday October 1st in Abbeyleix Parish Church, where the blessing of roses and distribution to those who gather will take place.

May we all know that our God indeed remains close to all our needs.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

RESULTS OF WHIST DRIVE HELD IN PARISH CENTRE ON 22ND SEPTEMBER

Top score: Tied; Sheila Duff & Paula McEvoy. 1st Lady: Frances Benn. 1st Gent: Ann Marie Farrell. 2nd Gent: Leslie Hunter. 1st Half: Liam McCarthney. 2nd Half: Terry Dunne. Raffle: 1st Margaret Flanagan, 2nd P J Cahill, 3rd Tom Jacob, 4th Christy 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; Contact 086 8812228.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT REF. TO BOWLS contact Elish at 0851636843. Wednesday 30th talk with Marvic Thompson from 3pm in Parish Centre new members welcome. Thursday 1st October in Sue Ryder Centre Kilminchy "cards and chat" from 3pm new members welcome tuition given. For further information contact Maria at 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.

IRISH GIRL GUIDE BROWNIES New members welcome for IGG Brownies. 7-8 years old.

Email: portlaoiseiggbrownies@gmail.com

LAOIS CO. BRIDGE CLUB PORTLAOISE New season starting – beginners welcome – lessons given.

Contact: Wm. 087-0929898

CÉILÍ AND SET DANCES All are welcome to join us Wednesdays at 8pm at Seanchistin, Irey, Ballyfin R32AY99 to dance our native céilí and set dances in a relaxed and inclusive environment at a gentle pace - beginners very welcome - come alone or bring a partner. Further details Maureen 0876482038 or seanchistin@gmail.com.

FOURTH WALL LAOIS THEATRE GROUP seeking Actors/Actresses all age groups. Also looking for Backstage People. Contact Kevin: 087-9614235 – follow us on Facebook. An ideal group to be part of performing in various theatres around Ireland including the Dunamaise Arts Centre.

PORTLAOISE COMMUNITY CHESS CLUB has now been established and we meet every Saturday in the Portlaoise Library between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The only exception is bank holidays when the library is closed. The chess club is open to all ages. We invite Adults (male and female) and children. We welcome beginners and experienced chess players. There is no money involved and chess sets are provided in the library. A committee has been formed and we hope to enter competitions in the near future. The next meeting will be on Saturday 26th September in the Portlaoise Library between 1pm and 4pm and every subsequent Saturday after until further notice.

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.

FATIMA INVALID COMMITTEE "Thank You" to all who contributed to the Church Gate Collection in Abbeyleix, Spink, Ballinakill, Ballyroan, Raheen & Shanahoe. Total amount raised €1,520.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotion – 3rd October 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.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTA 1st Friday Oct. 2nd at 8pm. And Wednesday 7th Oct for Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at 8pm.

ROSARY AT THE TOP SQUARE 1st Sunday Oct 4th at 2.30pm.

ROSARY RECITED IN ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH SHANAHOE on Wednesdays at 7.30pm and Sundays at 3.30pm for the month of October.

Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Gerald Dwane
O'Moore Place,
Portlaoise



Séamus Deegan
Chapel Street,
Ballyroan, Laois

May They Rest In Peace
Our Sympathies Are With Their Families



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARGARET GING
(NÉE HOULIHAN)

Borris Road, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs
30th September 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 27th September at 10am.

Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture we tenderly hold.
Deep in our hearts a memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, never to forget.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by
her husband Tommy, sons Damien and Dermot,
granddaughter Leah and all her
loving family and many friends.

Rest in Peace Margaret



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANNIE O'BRIEN

6 Marian Place, Portlaoise
27th September 2026 .

Thinking of you every day since you went away,
I know you're there to stay,
And I'll be there with you someday,
You can show me the way,
And I'll have a lot to say.

Happy Birthday Mummy
Love Conor, Lisa and Conor.

Rest in Peace Annie



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TERESA SHIELS

28 Beladd, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurs on
4th October 2026.

For my Auntie

I miss your kindness and your love
I miss your happy smile.
We shared something truly special
Something that can never be replaced.
But know that you live on in my heart
And in my memory
Sleep now softly, angel, in your eternal rest
To call you my Auntie I was truly blessed.

Loved and missed always from Nora Ann, Logan and Patrick.

May Teresa Rest In Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
TERESA SHIELS

28 Beladd, Portlaoise
2nd Anniversary occurs on
4th October 2026.

Anniversary Mass in
St. Peter & Paul's Church on
Sunday 4th October at 10am.

Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile,
If only I could have you back,
For just a little while.
Then we could sit and talk again
Just like we used to do.
Teresa, you always meant so very much
And always will do too.
The fact that you're no longer here,
Will always cause me pain.
But you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving sister
Nancy and brother-in-law Seán nieces and nephews.

Teresa, you are sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered every day
No longer in our lives to share
But, in our hearts, you are always there.
Loved and remembered by your brothers Billy and Pat.

May Teresa Rest In Peace





IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ROSE WALSH
(NÉE BONHAM)

Late of Summerhill, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs on
2nd October 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Friday 2nd October at 10am.

If roses grow in Heaven Lord, pick a bunch for us
Place them in our mother's arms, and tell her they're from us.
Tell her we love her and miss her, and when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek and hold her for a while.
Because remembering her is easy we do it every day
But there's an ache within our hearts
Because we are missing her today.

*Never forgotten by your loving children
Deirdre, Jacinta, Niall, Mark, Alan, Aisling, Ciaran,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister Nellie,
sons and daughters in law, family, neighbours and friends.
Also remembering our late Dad, "Son" at this time R.I.P*

Rest in Peace Mam xx



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BRENDAN BOWE

77 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurs on 5th October.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 3rd October at 6:30pm.

Never more than a thought away,
And those who have loved you dearly
Are thinking of you today, and always.

*Love from your wife Eilish, sons Gary and Shane,
daughters -in-law Katie and Ciara, grandchildren,
brother, sisters and extended family.*

May Brendan Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PHIL GORMAN
(NÉE DOOLEY)

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise

4th Anniversary occurs
29th September 2026.

4th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on **Sunday 27th September at 12.30pm.**

*Dearly loved and missed by her children,
grandchildren and extended family.*

May Phil Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANNE E CONROY

3 Rockdale, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurs at this time.

13th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles on
Sunday 27th September at 10am.

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

*Greatly missed by Noel, your loving brothers,
sisters and all your extended family.*

May Anne Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
JAMES (JIMMY) HILLIARD

63 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary on 22nd September 2026.

We didn't know that morning
that God was going to call your name,
You always had a smile to share,
a laugh, a joke and time to care.
These are the memories we have of you,
and we will cherish them forever.

*Missed always by your daughter Elizabeth, son Noel, brothers Tom, Noel,
Martin, son-in-law Diarmuid, grandchildren Jennifer, Nicole, Bernard,
Rebecca, Lauren, Brooke and Faith, partners, great-grandchildren, sister-in-
law Catherine, brother-in-law Andrew, nieces and nephews.*

Rest in Peace Jimmy



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANNE GRIFFEY

32 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

28th Anniversary occurred
24th September 2026.

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

Sadly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Anne



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MICHAEL KEENAN

4 New Row, Green Road, Portlaoise.

15th Anniversary occurs 2nd October 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 4th October at 10am.

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

Remembered always by his loving family.

Rest in Peace Michael

In Loving Memory of



Frances Conroy

Late of 35 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise
Who died 27th September, 1996 RIP.
30th anniversary.



William McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 19th September, 1985 RIP.
41st anniversary.



John (Johnny) McCormack

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 29th September, 2001 RIP.
25th anniversary.

Whose anniversaries occur at this time

*Time may pass and fade away,
But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

**Loved and always remembered
by all your family**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF SARAH DEMPSEY

8 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary on
25th September 2026.

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.

*Forever in our hearts Mam, from all your loving family.
We also remember her husband James at this time.*

May Sarah Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF DENIS BRENNAN

Borris Little, Portlaoise.

14th Anniversary occurs at this time.

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

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

*Always remembered by your loving wife Mary
and all the family.*

May Denis Rest in Peace



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BERNADETTE LALOR

19, St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

Month's Mind Mass for Bernadette will be celebrated in
St. Peter & Pauls Church Portlaoise on
Saturday 3rd October at 6:30pm.

The family of the late Bernadette Lalor would like to express
their sincere appreciation for the support and kindness
shown to them on their recent sad loss.

Thank you to all those who sent Mass cards,
phone-calls, messages, attended the funeral in person or
online and for the ongoing support in these difficult times,
especially from family, neighbours, and friends.

We would especially like to thank members of
Portlaoise Active Retirement Group
who formed a Guard of Honour.

Thank you to all the staff and Palliative care team
of Emo Court Ward at Portlaoise General Hospital
for the wonderful care given to Bernadette.

Thank you to Valerie and her sister Elizabeth
for the wonderful care they gave Bernadette in her final days
alongside the Palliative Care Team, Ballymahon, Co. Longford.

A special word of thanks to Msgr. John Byrne
for a beautiful Mass, to Aisling Rohan for the lovely singing
and the music and to Annette Jones for
the beautiful Eulogy at the end of the service.

To Matthew Keegan and all the staff at Keegans Funeral
Directors,
many thanks for their caring, sensitive,
and professional handling of the arrangements.

Finally, many thanks to Bernadette's family,
nieces and nephews, friends and neighbours
for all their help and support through this sad time.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually,
we trust this acknowledgement will be accepted as a token of
our sincere appreciation and gratitude for all your
support and kindness during our sad loss.

The Holy Sacrament of Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Rest in Peace Bernadette



**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
OF OUR BROTHER
WILLIAM (WILLIE) MILLS**
St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
Whose 50th Birthday occurs 27/09/2026.

Your smile and memories are our keepsake
They keep us all in touch.

Memories of you William

Who is loved and missed today so very much
Happy Heavenly Birthday
With love Patrick, Gean, Cathy, Marie and Teresa
And all your loving family

Uncle William

We're sending balloons to heaven just to let you know
How much you're still talked about
Still loved and remembered so

Happy Heavenly Birthday

With love your nephew, 11 nieces and grand nieces



**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANCIS (FRANK)
TYNDALL**

Cois-na-hAbahainn, Portlaoise.
1st Birthday away from home
26th September 2026.

Happy Birthday in Heaven Uncle Frank

I still remember your soft, gentle smile
The kindness in your heart, your quiet way.
You never needed many words to show your love
Yet your warmth could brighten any day.

I miss your gentle presence more than words can say,
And wish I could see that smile once more.
But the beautiful memories you left behind
are treasures I will forever adore.

*Your gentle soul and sweet smile will live in my heart forever.
Love always your niece Karen & Jason* ❤️

Happy Heavenly Birthday Uncle Frank



**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANCIS (FRANK)
TYNDALL**

Cois-na-hAbahainn, Portlaoise.
1st Birthday away from home
26th September 2026.

Treasured Memories on your Birthday Brother

We thought of you today but that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday and will tomorrow too
We think of you in silence and make no outward show
For what it meant to lose you only those who love you know.
Remembering you is easy, we do it every day
It's just the heartache of losing you
That will never go away.

Loved and dearly missed by his sister Mary and Twin Brother John.

Happy Heavenly Birthday Uncle Frank



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
MARGARET
(PEARL) WALSH
(NÉE DEMPSEY)**

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise.

13th Anniversary occurs 5th October 2026.

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

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

Sadly missed by her loving husband Jim and all her loving family.

May Margaret (Pearl) Rest in Peace



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
A WONDERFUL SON
CATHAL LALOR**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

26th Anniversary occurs 29th September 2026.

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

Gone are 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 love you will never forget.

Forever in our thoughts Cathal.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Cathal



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
KEVIN MULHALL**

85 Marian Place, Portlaoise.

Died 29th September 1985.

41st Anniversary occurs at this time.

Deep are the memories,
Precious they stay,

No passing of time can take them away.

Sadly missed and remembered by all his loving family.

Rest in Peace Kevin



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
PATRICK RYAN**

12 Ridge Road, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs 28th September 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, on
Monday 28th Sept at 10am.

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 always remembered by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Patrick

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Parish Centre



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All Masses and services from Portlaoise Parish are live streamed on our website.



LINK UP

Monday to Thursday: 9am to 5pm

057-8692154

Advertising deadline: 12 noon Wednesday

Subject to availability of space

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All classes are free of charge.

Places are limited.

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