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November, Month of the Faithful Departed

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER

That time of year again - when we remember all those who have gone before us. Ours is not an empty remembering but is filled with hope. Hope in him who said **'I am the resurrection and the Life'**. If you wish to enrol your loved ones in our November list of the dead to be remembered at Masses during the month, envelopes are available in the Church Porches or at the Parish centre.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on: Thursday at 7.30am & Friday at 7.30pm.



You are also invited to place the names of your loved ones on our memorial tree which will be in the Sanctuary of the Parish Church.

Sometimes the Beatitudes seem like ideals which are just too hard, or we may think we know better. But today's feast calls to mind men and women – some who are known to us perhaps – who really embody these ideals, and who are taught by the Spirit to learn from the Wisdom of Christ.

This great multitude of Christians are strengthened each day to seek the face of Christ; strengthened by the Holy Spirit. Some do so despite persecution, and great tribulation.

Many of our brothers and sisters in various parts of the world are still being killed and unjustly treated for their faith. And the witness of these saints gives us hope, and courage.

But there are also the little sacrifices offered each day for Christ; for truth, goodness, and love. Think, for example, of how often you might have had to be a peacemaker, or be merciful at home, or at work.

The path to holiness begins with an acknowledgement that we are sinners, and a longing for God's mercy and salvation. But the path winds through our kitchens and gardens, across our cars and schools, by our offices and homes, and into our hearts.

For it is ordinarily in these places that we hunger and thirst for righteousness… that we can seek God with a pure and undivided heart. And God's response is always to fill us with his blessing, giving us a share in the very life of the Blessed One, so that – if we persevere in friendship with God – we might ourselves become Blessed, and join the company of his saints.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday to Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

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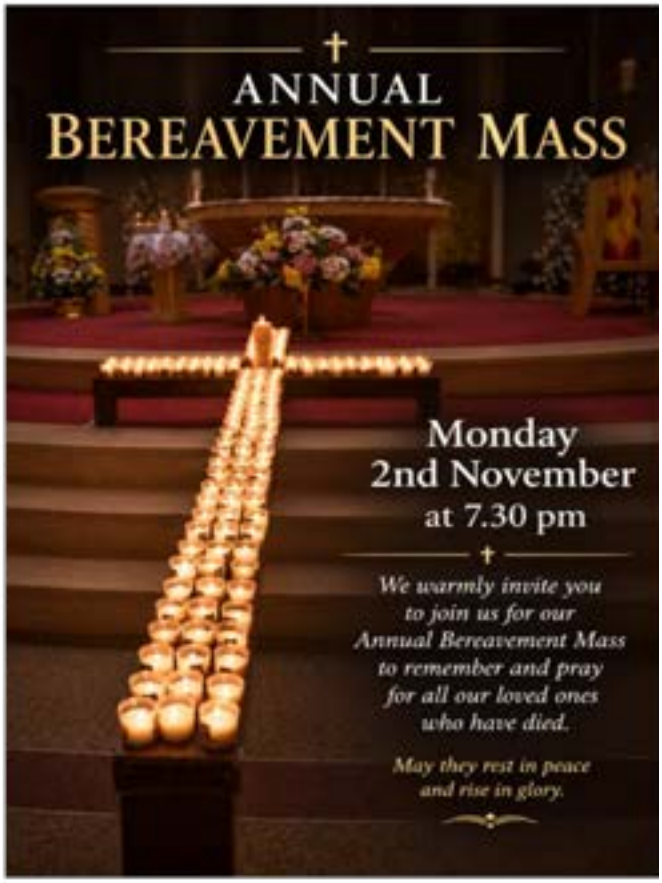
Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

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





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In Parish Centre

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Jesus looked at the people with love and began to teach them about the things that truly matter in God's kingdom.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit," He said, **"for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."**

He explained that God loves those who know they need His help and trust in Him.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Jesus wanted everyone to know that when we are sad, God is close to us. He understands our tears and comforts us with His love.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

Jesus taught that we do not need to be bossy or push others aside to be important. Gentle hearts and quiet kindness are precious to God.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

He was telling the people to always try to do what is right, even when it is difficult.



"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy."

Jesus reminded everyone to forgive others, to be patient and to show kindness, even when someone has been unkind to us.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."

He wanted people to have honest, loving hearts that try to do good.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Jesus smiled as He spoke about those who bring people together, settle arguments and help others become friends again.

Finally, He told the crowd that those who are treated unfairly for doing what is right are also blessed, because God is always with them.

As the people listened, they began to understand something wonderful. God's blessings are not measured by how much money we have, how popular we are or how many prizes we win. God looks at the love in our hearts and the goodness we share with others.

And so, the people went home with a new way of looking at the world. They could be peacemakers in their families, merciful to their friends, gentle with those who were different and brave enough to stand up for what was right.

We can follow Jesus' teaching too. When we comfort someone who is sad, forgive a friend, share what we have or make peace after an argument, we are living the Beatitudes.

A little thought for the week

How can you be a blessing to someone this week?

Perhaps you could include a friend who feels left out, say sorry when you have done something wrong, or give someone a kind word when they are having a difficult day.



Task for today!

Go to the Church today and light a candle for those who have no one to pray for them.



All the Saints of Ireland

Friday November 6th is the Feast Day of all the Saints of Ireland. This poem gives us an insight into the Saints we meet in our daily lives.

I know a lot of Saints, I do!
So let me mention just a few:
I know someone who runs a team
And teaches kids to play and dream,
Who stands in cold and wind and rain
on days they play and nights they train;
Someone who's there when we are sad,
The best and gentlest friend we've had,
Someone who says, 'Just do your best'
When I am sacred to take the test;
A friend who takes the time to show
how things are done when I don't know,
A teacher who just always knows where
that comma always goes;
And others who are kind and good,
who try to act as Jesus would,
Who shows God's love in all they do.
I know a lot of Saints, don't you?

Christy Kenneally.





Dear Jesus,
please look after people who live in countries where there is fighting. Help their leaders work for peace. Help us all to have peace in our hearts so that we can be called children of God. Amen.





IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER



WE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

In November we remember all those who have died. If you have anyone belonging to you who has died, a grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or even a good friend. You can put the name of that person on the one of the Remembrance Trees in the Parish Church.

Prayer for November

Honour the wisdom of those who went before you.
Bind it ever to your heart
Tie it around your neck.
When you walk, it will lead you,
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ACTIVE RETIREMENT Bowls contact Elish at 0851636743.Wednesday 4th of November afternoon with Moez from 3pm in the Parish Centre. New members welcome. Thursday 5th of November cards and chat in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy from 3pm new members welcome tuition give. For further information contact Maria at 0879187157. Regards Maria.

WEDNESDAY SINGERS CHOIR Do you enjoy singing, making new friends and having a cuppa and chat – if so come along on the Wednesday Singers Choir at Treo Nua Community Centre, Harpers Lane. Wednesday mornings 11am-12.30pm. Open to all.

LAOIS CO. BRIDGE CLUB PORTLAOISE New members welcome and also recruiting Beginners – lessons will be given – Bridge takes place **Wednesday MORNINGS,** contact William 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.

TEAM HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL If anyone would like to help with the appeal during the month of November. Ph. Dorothy 087-2130833 or Joy 087-9144992.

SEAN DOYLE LIGHT ENGINEERING, BALLACOLLA Call 087-2068972 | seandoylelightengineering. Clothesline poles, rotary clotheslines, winders, pulleys, sawhorses, bicycle stands.

LAOIS VOLUNTEER CENTRE would like to hear your views and opinions as we prepare our new Strategic Plan. Workshop on November 11th, 7pm-9pm in The Killeshin Hotel. Come a long and have your say. Booking essential – by email – info@volunteerlaois.ie.

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.

GUILD OF ST. PHILIP NERI PORTLAOISE visits prisoners in Portlaoise & Midlands Prison as befrienders/listeners. The guild is a conference of St. Vincent de Paul. To mark Prisons week the guild is accepting new applications from anyone interested in this work. Ph. 086-0462405 for further information.

ANNUAL MASS for Retired Staff of St. Fintan's C.N.U. on Wed. 4th November at 2pm.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions – 7th November 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 SHRINE (Top Sq.) at 2.30pm for 1st Sunday (Nov. 1st) Rosary at the Grotto 1st Friday Nov. 6th at 8pm.

STRADBALLY PARISH PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes takes place from 26th–30th July 2027, accompanied by Canon Frank McEvoy. Cost: €895 per person. A €200 deposit and weekly instalments are available. Limited places remaining. Contact the Stradbally Parish Office - (057) 864 1665.

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or leave a comment on his blog on the Parish website www.portlaoiseparish.ie

Time to Think...



The Law Of Karma / Our Deepest Fear

Faith and instinct both give us a sense of what Hindus and Buddhists call the law of karma. Simply put, we have a gut-feeling that our actions, good and bad, have consequences that come back to either bless or haunt us. But is this true? Do we really have to way pay for everything we do? Mary Jo Leddy, in her wonderful book on gratitude, claims that one of the great principles innate within reality itself is this: "The air you breathe into the universe is the air that it will breathe back and if your energy is right, it will renew itself even as you give it away." In essence, that's the law of karma, a mystery expressed in different ways in all the great religions of the world.

Jesus, for instance, puts it this way: "The measure you measure out is the measure you will be given." The air you breathe out is the air you will re-inhale. If that's true, and it is, it explains a lot of things (though not necessarily to our liking). Why, perennially, are we caught up in situations of pettiness, jealousy, and non-forgiveness? Why are we inhaling so much bitter air? Perhaps it has to do with the air we're breathing out. What are we breathing out? We'd like, of course, to think that we're breathing out the air of gratitude, generosity, forgiveness, honesty, blessing, self-effacement, joy, delight. We'd also like to believe that we are breathing out the air of concern for the poor, the suffering, the unattractive, the bothersome. And we'd like to believe too that we're big-hearted people, breathing out understanding and reconciliation. Would it be so. Too often we're blind to what's really going on inside us and are unconsciously breathing out the air of arrogance, self- interest, pettiness, jealousy, competition, fear, paranoia, dishonesty, interest in others only when it's convenient, and are emitting signals that others are a threat to us as we seek attention and popularity.

We can learn something from watching toddlers play. There's a disarming, brutal honesty in them. They simply rip what they want from each other's hands and try to shout louder than the rest to gain attention. We do the same thing, except in more subtle and less honest ways. Beneath the surface of our everyday politeness and decorum, in ways we don't often have the courage to look at or acknowledge, we're still toddlers trying to snatch the toys from each other and trying to shout louder than others to get attention.

The real air we're breathing out is fraught with self-interest, jealousy, competitiveness, pettiness, fear, and less than full honesty. In subtle, and not-so-subtle, ways we're saying to each other:

"Who do you think you are!" "I'm more important than you." "I'm brighter and more successful than you." "I'm better looking than you." "I've had more life-experience than you." "I'm sophisticated beyond your naivete." "I'm the person here who's the most knowledgeable, everyone should be listening to me." "My sufferings are deeper and more important than yours." "I'm more interesting than others and my story is more important." "I hate you for your good looks and good luck, none of which you deserve." "I really don't like you, but I'll be nice to you until I find a way to free myself of this relationship that circumstance has dictated." We would never admit that we feel these things, but, too often, that's the air we're breathing out.

Is it any mystery then that our lives are full of competition, jealousy, bitterness, anger, accusation, and false judgement? Is it a mystery why so often, beneath a polite surface, there is so much thinly disguised competition, jealousy, and non-forgiveness around? We're breathing these things into the world, should we be surprised that we're re-inhaling them? The measure we're measuring out is the measure that we're receiving. And Jesus takes this even further. He adds: "To those who have much, even more will be given; and from those who have little, even what they have will be taken away." That sounds so unfair, the innate cruelty of nature, the survival of the fittest applied to the gospels, Jesus as Darwin. Isn't Jesus' message supposed to be about the survival of the weakest? It is, but a certain law of karma still applies:

To the big of heart, who breathe out what's large and honest and full of blessing, the world will return a hundredfold in kind, honesty and blessing that swells the heart even more. Conversely to the miserly of heart and dishonest of spirit, the world will give back too in kind, pettiness and lies that shrink the heart still further.

That's the deep mystery at the centre of the universe: The air we breathe out into the world is the air we will re-inhale.

The poet Marianne Williamson captures this in her poem Our Deepest Fear:

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.
Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.
It is our light, not our darkness
That most frightens us.
We ask ourselves
Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?
Actually, who are you not to be?
You are a child of God.
Your playing small
Does not serve the world.
There's nothing enlightened about shrinking
So that other people won't feel insecure around you.
We are all meant to shine,
As children do.
We were born to make manifest
The glory of God that is within us.
It's not just in some of us;
It's in everyone.
And as we let our own light shine,
We unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.
As we're liberated from our own fear,
Our presence automatically liberates others.
This is not exactly a sadness, but it is indeed an irritated melancholy that makes us aware of just how much light there's inside us.



Our Prayers are asked for those who recently died



Bridie Lacumber
Stradbally Rd,
Portlaoise, Laois



Brian Kavanagh
Arden Glas,
formerly Coolrain





IN LOVING MEMORY OF

KATHLEEN FINN

Kyle, Portlaoise.
Whose 20th Anniversary occurs
1st November 2026.

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

You gave us all you had to give,
But most of all you gave us love,
The greatest gift of all.

Always loved and remembered by your extended family, relatives and friends.

Also Remembering husband Jim (2012) and son Richie (2026).

May They Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARLENA STANISLAWSKA

Portlaoise and late of Poland.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurred
25th October 2026.

Loved and missed very much by her husband Marek, children Karolina & Filip, grandchildren Dylan, Pola, Daniel, Tymon.

Rest in Peace Marlena



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

TOMMY & BRIDGET FRIEL



Late of 75 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

Tommy's 39th Anniversary and
Bridget's 21st Anniversary occur at this time.

In our minds a constant thought,
In our hearts a silent sorrow.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your daughter Marie and family.

May They Rest in Peace

Christmas Memorials

The Link Up office is currently taking bookings
for Christmas Memorials

N.B. PLEASE NOTE

as the Link Up is now collated externally:

ALL MEMORIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5PM THURSDAY DECEMBER 10TH

for inclusion in the Christmas edition of
the Link Up ***(December 20th)***
this will be the last Link Up of 2026.

The First Link Up of 2027
will be Sunday January 10th.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOSEPHINE GUINAN

Aspen, Stradbally, Co. Laois.

2nd Anniversary occurs
4th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in The Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska on **Sunday 1st November at 10am**.

We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
But all we have are memories.
And your pictures in a frame.
Your resting place we visit,
And put flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Josephine

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR CHERISHED SISTER AND AUNT

PATRICIA (TRISH) WHELAN



Derrycappagh, Mountmellick

Clonkeen, Portlaoise

Whose 1st Anniversary occurs 4th November 2026.





Trish's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church

Saturday 7th November 10am.

Trish

This message comes with all our love,
From here on earth to heaven above.
We miss you more than words can say,
And in our hearts, you will always stay.
Though your smile is gone forever,
And your hand we cannot touch,
We still have so many memories,
Our keepsake, we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts.

Love always and sadly missed,
Ger, June, Mary, Mick

Warmly remembered, your nieces
Jenny, Shelly, Debbie and Theresa

Missed and loved always,
O'Connor Family,
Coolrain, Derrycappagh, Mountmellick

Rest in Peace Trish

Duine le Dia



IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR DAD

EDWARD (NED) HASLAM

Portlaoise.

Whose 1st Anniversary occurs 1st November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska **Sunday 1st November at 10am**.

One year ago today we had to say goodbye
And although a year has passed,
the pain of losing you never goes away.
There isn't a day that goes by
that we don't think of you,
miss you and wish you were still here with us.

We miss your voice, your smile, your stories
and simply having you there.
Life has changed without you,
but your memory will live in our hearts forever.
You may be gone from our sight, Dad,
but you will never be gone from our hearts.

Forever loved, deeply missed and always remembered.

From all your loving family.

Rest in Peace Ned



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DENIS KAVANAGH

Pallas Little, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 11th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Sunday 8th November at 12.30pm.**

Remembered and loved by all his family and friends

Rest in Peace Denis



IN LOVING MEMORY OF



VIOLET & PETER McNULTY

Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.

11th & 16th Anniversaries occur at this time.

Deep in our hearts you will always stay,
Loved and remembered every day.
Their spirits live on.

Missed by all their family and friends.

May Violet & Peter Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BRIAN LARKIN JNR.

Bianconi Way, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary away from home - 29th October.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Sunday 1st November at 12.30pm.**

You're in our hearts, you're in our soul,
Now apart no hands to hold,
We won't forget the love you gave,
We still can feel it to this day,
We stand without you by our sides,
But know you're watching from way up high,
we will meet again for sure,
because our love will last and endure.

Sadly missed everyday by your loving wife Fiona, sons Ethan, Damon, Oisín and grandson Odhrán x

Rest in Peace Brian



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THOMAS (TOMMY) McCARTHY

New Road, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurs 2nd November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Monday 2nd November at 10am.**

God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be,
so He put His arms around you, and whispered;
"Come to me". With tearful eyes we watched you,
and saw you pass away, And although we loved you dearly,
we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

Sadly missed by the Egan family and all his friends.

Rest in Peace Tommy



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CECELIA MULHALL

85 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

23rd Anniversary on 1st November 2026.

Mam

You'll never be forgotten,
That simply cannot be,
Because something will remind us,
We never know just when it might be,
Something someone says, and it all comes back again,
The time we spent together, the happiness, the fun,
Once again we feel the pain of life without you Mam.

Always remembered by your loving family x

May Cecelia Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EILISH HEARNS

Colt, Ballyroan.
9th Anniversary occurs
17th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass for Eilish, her son-in-law John and the deceased members of the Hearns and Delaney families will be celebrated in St. Fintan's Church Raheen, on **Saturday 7th November at 6.30pm**.

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved and missed and very dear.

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by all her loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Eilish



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PATRICK WHELAN

3 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.
29th Anniversary occurs
10th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on **Saturday 7th November at 10am**.

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.

Missed and always remembered by his loving family.

May Patrick Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MONICA (MON) O'BRIEN

The Hermitage, Portlaoise.
Whose 1st Anniversary occurs
6th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church on **Sunday 8th November at 4pm.**

Don't remember me with sadness
Don't remember me with tears,
Remember all the laughter
We've shared throughout the years.

Loved and missed by her brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, extended family & friends.

Rest in Peace Monica



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JAMES (JIMMY) McCORMACK

St. Martin's, Borris Little, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary away from Home
31st October 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter & Paul's Church on **Sunday 1st November at 12.30pm.**

The moment that you died,
My heart was torn in two
One side filled with heartache,
The other died with you.
I often lie awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
And think about you Jimmy with tears upon my cheek.
Remembering you is easy I do it everyday
But missing you is a heartache that never goes away.
I hold you tightly in my heart, and there you will remain
Until we meet again.

All my love from your heartbroken wife Mary, sons Ian, Jimmy & Trevor, daughters Lorraine & Pauline, daughters-in-law Geraldine & Anne, son-in-law Michael, your grandchildren who loved you dearly Luke, Mark, Shaun, Kallum, Jamie & Ben, Rachel, Amy, Sarah, Emma Jane & Anna.

Rest in Peace Jimmy



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

CHRISTY PAISLEY

27 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs
30th October 2026.

The years we spent together,
We keep within our hearts,
They hold precious memories that will never let us part,
Unspoken thoughts, no outward show,
But deep inside we miss you so.
Each one thought the world of you,
For us you did your best,
And now we pray the Lord will grant your soul eternal rest.

Sadly missed, always loved and remembered by your wife Rose, daughter Noelle, sons-in-law Rob and Jeff and sister Marie.

Grandad, those special memories of you will always make us smile, if only we could have you back for just a little while,
Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do.
We miss you more than words can say,
And love you more each and every day.

Love always and forever Sam, Carla and Rachel.

Also Remembering your daughter Catherine at this time.

Will those who think of them today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

May They Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

EUGENE (HUGHIE) McLOUGHLIN

63 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

23/8/1949 – 31/10/2022

4th Anniversary away from home
31st October 2026.

Four years in heaven, watching from above,
Surrounded by angels, wrapped in God's love
Forever remembered, forever held dear
Your Spirit lives on, always near.

Sadly, missed, always remembered by your loving wife Patsy and son Eugene xxx

The angels called your name Dad
Four years ago today
Heaven gained a beautiful soul
But my heart wished you could stay.
Love Yvonne, Jamie, Ava, Dylan & Ellie xxx

Four years have passed since you went away
But I miss you Dad more with each passing day
Forever loved and remembered with tears
Your memory lives on through all the years.

Your loving daughter Trisha xx

As day dawns and starts anew
As each day ends we think of you
And in between, no matter where
Deep in our hearts you are always there.

Love Imelda, Danny, Danielle, Shane, Aaran, Tamzin, Jack, Amber, Emily, Anna, Addison & Ailís

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

Sadly missed by Geraldine, Christy & Girls xx

Rest in Peace Eugene



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DANNY O'CONNELL

The Rock of Dunamaise.
15th Anniversary occurs
6th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on **Saturday, 7th November at 6.30pm.**

Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you're always there.

Sadly missed by his loving wife Mary and all his family, extended family and friends.

May Danny Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

WILLIAM (BILL) O'REILLY

Marian House, Dublin Rd., Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs
5th November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, **Sunday 1st November at 12.30pm.**

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us everyday,
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and forever dear.

Thinking of you today and always.
Sadly missed by his loving wife Maura and family.

May Bill Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MAUREEN O'CONNOR

3 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
10th Anniversary occurs 1st November 2026.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in St. Peter & Paul's Church
Sunday 1st November at 10am.

A loving Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother
You gave us years of happiness,
then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories
We will treasure through the years.

Sadly missed and always remembered by your loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace Maureen

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