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17th November 2024

**Thirty-Third Week
in Ordinary Time**



**World
Day
of the Poor**

“The prayer of the poor rises up to God”
(Ecclesiasticus 21:5)

Fr. Ciprian Matei had the pleasure of meeting the Pope recently when he was in Rome. He was celebrating his 10th Anniversary of his Ordination with his classmates.



Pope Francis giving the 'Thumbs Up' for all their hard work!

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Feast of the Presentation of Mary 21st November

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was three years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless. Even though the feast has no basis in history, it stresses the important truth that from the beginning of her life, Mary was dedicated to God.



Mass times for the coming week
(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday — Friday: 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm.

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 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.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Iara Oliveira McManus, St. Brigid's Place
Meia Belle Plaatjies, Lake Grove, Kilminchy
Myles Alexander Nealon, Ashewood Walk
Ella Siobhan Lynch, Ashewood Walk

Maddison Nadia Newman, Lake Drive, Kilminchy

Who were baptised last weekend.



World Day of the Poor

Be thankful you don't have everything you desire. If you did what would there be to look forward to? Be thankful when you don't know something for it gives you the opportunity to learn. Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for your mistakes, they will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary because it means you've made a difference.

A life of rich fulfilment comes to those who are also thankful for the setbacks.

Find a way to be thankful for your troubles and they can become your blessings.

Lord Jesus, help us to be your ears
to listen to the cries of the poor,

Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance,

Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need.

Help us to be your hands to cloth, feed and shelter them.

You came for the least, the lost and last of this world,
you who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on:

Monday at 7.30am
Tuesday at 7.30pm
Thursday at 7.30am.



Saint Cecilia - Patron Saint of Music 22nd November

Modern scholars have discovered that Saint Cecilia's reported interest in music has no foundation other than in a misinterpreted Latin translation. For all we know St Cecilia could have been completely tone deaf! If this is true, we wonder what she would make of the tributes sent heavenwards every November 22nd. Tone deaf or virtuoso musician, Saint Cecilia would be very happy that every November she reminds us of the power of music as part of our prayer. Hymns have the power to inspire and stir us. Most importantly, we are reminded that our hymns are not intended as some kind of entertainment, but as an integral part of the liturgy.



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Applications for Admission 2025-2026

The school will be accepting Applications for Admission to Junior Infants for the school year 2025-2026 from Monday, 4th November 2024 to Monday, 25th November 2024.

A waiting list for our **Sonás Autism Class** is currently in operation and you can forward an 'Application for Admission Form' should you wish for your child to be placed on that list.

All information regarding 'Applications for Admission' including 'Application for Admission Forms' for both Junior Infants and the Sonás Class can be found on the dedicated 'Parents' section of the school website www.shanahoens.net

'Application for Admission Forms' can also be obtained from the school by emailing shanahoens@gmail.com, by phoning the school office at (057) 87 39715 or by writing to Ms. Isobel Magner (School Secretary) at Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois R32 F899.

In addition to finding information about the school on our website, you can also follow us on Facebook at 'Shanahoe National School', Instagram at 'shanahoe_ns' and Twitter/X at 'ShanahoeNs'

There is now an independent after-schools facility namely 'Na Bláthanna Beaga' in operation in Shanahoe Community Hall which is adjacent to the school.

For further enquiries about admissions for the school year 2025-2026, please contact the school Principal Mr. Barry Whelan at principalshanahoens@gmail.com or at (057) 87 39715

School Motto: 'Mol an óige agus ticfaidh sí'



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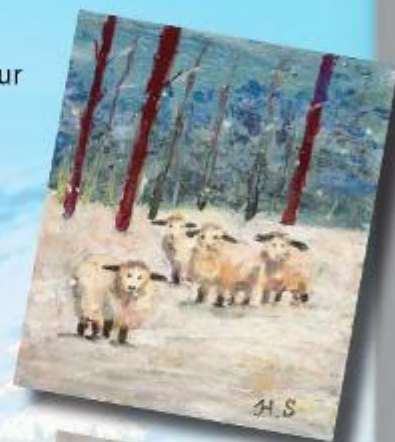
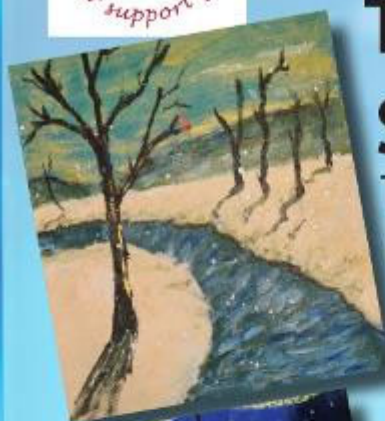
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Enrolment forms are available directly from each school:

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Holy Family Junior School

Holy Family Senior School

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Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir, The Heath



Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe

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Clothes (men's, ladies' and children's)
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Hats, scarves, belts, suits, jewellery &, etc.
Soft toys (no plastic parts)

All items must be in good, wearable condition.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

No Pillows or duvets
No Ripped, damaged, wet, soiled or mouldy clothes & shoes
No Single shoes
No Slippers or flip-flops
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Portlaoise Active Retirement meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre at 3pm for friendship fun and activities. New members always welcome

Monday 18th Nov. Bowls in St. Mary's sports hall 2pm to 4pm new members always welcome tuition given.

Wednesday 20th Nov. Is our big Christmas dinner and show Meal in Park hotel 5pm Show in Dunamaisé at 8pm, We hope everyone has a good time.

Thursday 21st Nov. Cards and chat in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy at 3pm New members always welcome tuition given.

For any further information please contact pro Sheila at 087-6204617.

FREE Line Dancing Class With Maureen Culleton, Mondays 11a.m. St. Mary's Hall, Portlaoise with thanks to Laois Sports Partnership. Contact Catriona at LSP or Maureen 087 6482038.

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre Tuesday, 12th November

Top score: Kit Farrell

1st Lady: Paraic Dowling

2nd Lady: Paula McEvoy

1st Gent: Catherine Galvin

2nd Gent: Tom Kearns

1st Half: Tied; Frank Keenan & Mary Delaney

2nd Half: Leslie Hunter

Raffle: 1st Billy O'Keeffe, 2nd Lena Kelly, 3rd Margaret Flanagan, 4th Ailish Durcan, 5th Peter Stevenson, 6th Catherine Galvin.

Whist continues every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm, new players welcome. Lessons available, please leave your name and number at Parish Centre reception.

Night Vigil to Knock Saturday 7th December, Seats to be booked by Maura 0871210263/ Helena 0879611331.

Bus departing Lyster Square 7:30pm 7th Dec.

Shanahoe Hall Card Night A great nights entertainment was had on Friday 1st of November in Shanahoe hall card night. Winners on the night, 1st place Patrick Loughlan and Tommy White. Joint 2nd winners Mary Kelly and Joe Cass, Paddy Welsh and Jimmy Mahoney. Raffle winners Katie Ryan, Eddie Kirwan and Paddy Welsh.

Next meeting Friday 6th of December at 8pm all welcome.

LSPCA Church Gate Collection Laois SPCA was collecting at the church gates on November 9th and 10th. We would like to thank all the Portlaoise parishioners for their generosity and kind words. We collected €1894.58. Which is a huge help to us as we close out the year and wait on our DAFM grant to arrive. Thank you all so much!

Ballyfin NS Parents Council We're excited to announce an upcoming event titled

"*Helping Children and Teenagers Build Resilience and Self-Esteem"*

with Dr. David Coleman, a speaker known for his engaging style and practical advice for parents.

Details:

Location: Ballyfin NS

Date: Thursday, 21st November 2024

Time: 7:30 PM

This talk will explore how we, as parents and guardians, can support our children and teens in building emotional resilience and self-esteem. David will offer insights and practical strategies to help young people navigate challenges with confidence. Plus, there'll be a Q&A session at the end!

Tickets available at: <https://buytickets.at/ballyfinnspc/1384603>

Don't miss this opportunity to learn valuable skills that will make a difference in your child's life. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Months Mind Mass for Josie McGill Will be held on Sat 23rd Nov in St. Fintan's Church Ballyfin @8pm

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RELIGIOUS NOTES

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm every Sunday in the Parish Church.

Rosary in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath; Daily 2pm (Monday to Saturday). Sunday 3pm (Adoration).

Vocations Society of St. Joseph; Holy Hour, Adoration, Prayer for vocations, 3pm Friday in the Parish Church.

To celebrate the memorial of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Rosary will be recited at the Grotto at 8pm on Thursday 21st November.

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Caution! False Teachers Ahead!

We see them every day - signs that warn us to beware of danger. If you are walking down the street and you pass by a house that has a sign on the gate that says, "Beware of the Dog," what do you do? Do you open the gate and go in to see if there really is a dangerous dog in there? I don't think so. I think you would stay out of that yard!

Suppose you saw a sign that said, "Danger, High Voltage" do you think that would be a good place to fly your kite? No, that would be a good place to stay away from, wouldn't it?

If you are walking through a cafe and see a sign that says "Caution Wet Floor," what should you do? If you are wise, you will slow down and walk very carefully so that you don't fall and hurt yourself.

It is good that we have signs that warn us of danger. They are there to keep us safe and we would be very foolish to ignore them.

One day Jesus gave his disciples a warning. He warned them to be careful not to let false teachers deceive them. "Don't let anyone mislead you," he said. "Many will come claiming to be the Messiah and some will follow them."

Imagine that you saw a man standing on the street corner holding up a sign that said "Warning! The End Is Near." He was preaching to the people passing by. He claimed to know the day and time that the world would come to an end. He spoke of wars, earthquakes, and famines and claimed that these things are signs that are telling us that the world will soon end. Jesus warned us about those people too. "When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, keep your head and don't panic. Yes, those things will happen, but it doesn't mean that the end is here."



When you see and hear people claiming to know about things that only God knows, remember the warning of Jesus. When someone claims to be the Messiah, don't be deceived. Put your faith and trust in Jesus Christ and don't panic. Stand firm on God's Holy Word.



Dear Father,

help us to study your Word and keep it in our hearts so that we will not be deceived by those who try to lead us astray. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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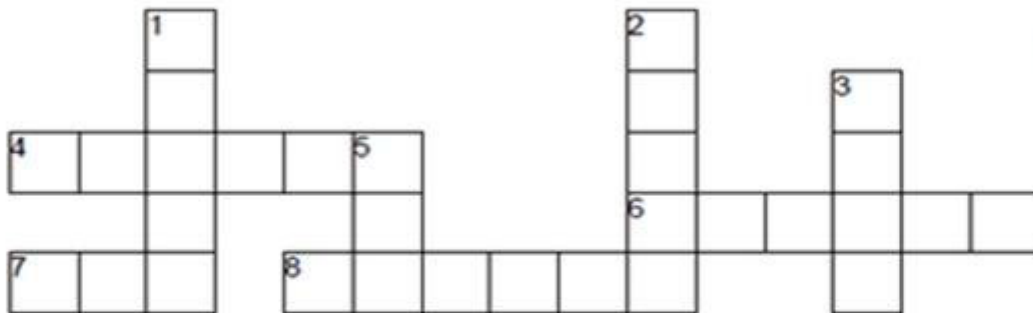
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"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Mark 13:32

Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

4. White fluffy items that float in the sky
6. To come back
7. A period of twenty-four hours.
8. Heavenly beings that serve God.

DOWN

1. A position of high honour
2. Twinkling bodies in the night-time sky
3. A time period of sixty minutes
5. To shine brightly in the sky.

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Time to Think!

Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris

Never underestimate the incredible genius that defines our human spirit. The gift of creativity and vision always brings hope and optimism. Hope is a great gift and an important value to maintain and cherish these days. Soon in the season of advent we will be preparing for the great gift of hope, born as the Christ-child, Jesus Christ. We are told that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Those who are overwhelmed by disadvantage, placed on the periphery, were deliberately chosen by the angels, to be the first custodians of the good news. God had chosen to become one of us and in that choice connects fully with the human struggle.

The golden period of Christianity was the first three hundred years before it became the official religion of the Roman Empire. Much of what Jesus taught seems to have been followed closely during that early period after his death and resurrection. As long as Jesus' followers were on the bottom and the edge of empire, as long as they shared the rejected and betrayed status of Jesus, they could grasp his teaching more readily. Values like non-violence and non-participation in war, simple living, inclusivity, and love of enemies could be more easily understood when Christians were gathering secretly in the catacombs, when their faith was untouched by empire, rationalisation, and compromise.

I was greatly inspired recently, that in the beautiful city of Paris, for the first time in five years, the sound of bells were greeted with heartfelt emotion. From the ashes of devastation and destruction, the people of Paris, now with great pride, soon will welcome Pope Francis who will celebrate mass for the first time in Cathédrale Notre-Dame.

After five years of silence since the devastating 2019 fire, the bells of the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris are ringing again, testimony to the vision and determination to rebuild this iconic cathedral, ordered by France's President Macron as the fire's embers were still smouldering. The iconic building has been restored. The fire had destroyed the entirety of Notre-Dame's attic, melted the roof's lead sheath and seriously endangered the stability of the stone structure. It consumed the oak framework of the nave, choir, and transept which burned like logs in a fireplace as the horrified population of Paris looked on and the spire collapsed. But the cathedral did not fall and, miraculously, no stained glass windows were damaged and no artwork was destroyed, except one altar.

The rebuild was a Herculean task, honouring the medieval builders' techniques and materials, devouring entire forests, while more than 450,000 square feet of stone surfaces darkened by soot, dust and lead particles, had to be cleaned. Even the great organ, clogged with lead dust, needed all 8,000 pipes and 115 stops dismantled and sent to three different workshops. Some 250 companies and

hundreds of experts were mobilised for a restoration costing in excess of €750 million so far, largely funded by private donations, and to an ambitious Macron schedule that few believed would be met. It will be a lasting legacy to an otherwise unpopular president. Notre Dame was first completed in 1345, after almost two centuries of construction. Its transept and spire were restored substantially in the 19th century. Its revival in five years is an extraordinary achievement.

Saint Paul often pragmatically suggested that we are at our best when we are seriously under pressure. "When I am weak then I am strong." Perhaps Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Paris is a profound symbol of hope to all our lives. Out of the ashes a spirit of unity, creativity and deep resilience brought transformation in a record time. This achievement proves that when we work together sharing our gifts and talents everything is possible. *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

Hope- Emily Dickenson

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -

That perches in the soul -

And sings the tune without the words -

And never stops - at all -

And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -

And sore must be the storm -

That could abash the little Bird

That kept so many warm -

I've heard it in the chillest land -

And on the strangest Sea -

Yet - never - in Extremity,

It asked a crumb - of me.



Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 33,000 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles



Please join us in marking 200 Years of the
Presentation Sisters in Portlaoise
and their invaluable contribution to Scoil Chríost Rí
and the wider community.

Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter and Paul's
Church, Portlaoise

On Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 12 noon

This Mass offers an opportunity to come together in gratitude and reflection, honouring the Presentation Sisters' remarkable service as a guiding light in the lives of our community and, in particular, the countless young women who have come through the doors of Scoil Chríost Rí. Their dedication and care have shaped generations, leaving an enduring legacy of faith, education, and compassion.

We warmly welcome all—past and present students, families, staff, friends, and community members—to join us for this special gathering.

The Irish Franciscans Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024



The Irish Franciscans have been organising an annual pilgrimage to Lourdes for many years. Each year Pilgrims and assisted Pilgrims from around the country including Co. Laois travel to Lourdes in late September for a period of five days. At Lourdes, Pilgrims take part in the daily ceremonies of the sanctuary such as Daily Mass, The Blessed Sacrament

Procession and the much loved Torchlight Procession each Evening. The Pilgrimage is organised by a committee of friars and lay people who volunteer their time each year to making this Pilgrimage to Lourdes possible. The team is comprised of brancardier, doctors, nurses and handmaids who form part of a dedicated and multi-disciplinary team. This team is committed to ensuring that sick and assisted Pilgrims get an opportunity to travel and experience the peace and tranquillity offered by the shrine at Lourdes. For many Pilgrims, the Pilgrimage is one of the highlights of their year, particularly for those who are sick, and each year new pilgrims join the group. The Franciscan spirit of fraternity is very tangible during these days in Lourdes. All are welcome.

Anyone interested in taking part in the pilgrimage either as a volunteer or a pilgrim can contact the Franciscan Lourdes office by emailing Lourdes@franciscans.ie

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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

***In Loving Memory of
MARGARET NELSON***

Late of Portlaoise and Bower View, Athlone.

Margaret died 9th November 1997
26th Anniversary occurs at this time

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

*From all her loving family, relatives
and friends.*

May Margaret Rest in Peace



***In Loving Memory of
My Mother
ANGELA HUGHES***

Newpark, Portlaoise.

4th Anniversary occurs 22nd November 2024.



Anniversary Mass will
be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on **Friday 22nd
November at 10am.**

Also remembering My
father John whose 30th
Anniversary occurs at
this time.



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

Sadly missed by David and family.

Rest in Peace

***In Loving Memory of
BRIGID CONROY***

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.

7th Anniversary occurred 14th November 2024



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

Sadly missed by your loving family.

Rest in Peace Brigid

***In Loving Memory of
FINT GORMAN***

84 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurred 16th November 2024.



*May the winds of Heaven blow
softly and whisper in your ear,
How much we love and miss
you, and wish that you were
here.*

**Loved and missed always by
your loving wife Ann and family.**

Rest in Peace Fint

**In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE QUIGLEY**

Rockdale, Mountrath Rd. Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary away from Home occurs 24th November.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
on Sunday 24th November at 10am



*I'm closer than I ever was,
I'm there inside your heart,
I'm with you when you greet
each day,*

*And while the sun shines bright,
I'm there to share the sunsets too,
I'm with you every night.*

*Sadly missed, loved and dearly remembered by her
loving husband Kevin, daughters Selene and Siobhán,
son Ronán and Noreen.*

Rest in Peace Catherine

**In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN (Kitty)
CAMPBELL**

86 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise. Died 19/11/2008.

16th Anniversary occurs 19th November 2024.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St Peter and Pauls Church
Sunday 17th Nov 11.15



Each time we look at your picture,
You seem to smile and say,
Don't be sad but courage take,
And love each other for my sake.
Loved and remembered by
all her loving family.

Rest in Peace Kathleen

**In Loving Memory of
ANNIE LA CUMBER**

Stradbally Road, Portlaoise.

33rd Anniversary occurred 14th November 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Sunday 17th November at 11:15am.



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

*Always remembered by Bridie and
grandchildren.*

May Annie Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
James Muldowney**

Borris Great, Portlaoise

10th Anniversary occurred 16th November 2024.



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

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Sheila, daughter Deirdre,
sons Seamus & Dermot, son-in-law Daniel,
daughter-in-law Sandra, grandchildren & extended family.*

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St Peter & Pauls Church on Sunday 17th at 10am*

Rest in Peace James

**In Loving Memory of
Tom (T.A.) Scully**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise

1st Anniversary occurs 26th November 2024.



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
St. Peter & Pauls Parish Church on
Sunday 24th Nov. at 11:15am*

*Always remembered by your loving wife
Brenda & Family Brian, Kathlyn,
Philtp, Tommy & extended family &
friends*

Rest in Peace Tom.

**In Loving Memory of
Claire Geoghegan**

1 Bridle Walk, Kilminchy, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurred 16th November 2024.



*You are near,
even if I don't see you,
You are with me,
even if you are far away,
You are in my heart,
In my thoughts,
In my life, always.*

*Sadly missed by her loving
son Sean, daughter Elaine,
daughter-in-law Colette,
grandchildren, family & friends.*

Rest in Peace Claire

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET HARDING**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurred 16th November 2024



*A beautiful smile, a heart of gold,
One of the best, this world could
hold.*

*Lovingly remembered and
missed by Mary.*

Rest in Peace Margaret

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET HARDING**

née Conroy

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurred 16th November 2024

And her Partner

GER YOUNG

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

16th Anniversary occurred 12th November and whose

71st Birthday occurred 7th November 2024



Mam

When God was making Mothers

He must have made a fuss

He spent a lot of time on one

And gave that one to us.

Of all the gifts in life

However big or small,

To have you as our Mother

Was the greatest gift of all.

Because you were so special,

No words could ever say

How much we love and miss you

Today and every day

xxxxx

Everyday in some small way

Memories of you both come our way.

Sadly missed and dearly loved

We know you're watching over us from above.

Love always David, Paul, Ray, Jennie, Tracy

and families xxxxx

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Caroline (Carrie) Higgins**

Rossleighan, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurred 10th November 2024.

Anniversary Mass was celebrated in

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on

Saturday 9th November



When God was making mothers,

He must have made a fuss, He spent a lot of

time on one and gave that one to us. Of all

the gifts in life, However great or small, to

have you as our Mother was the greatest gift of all,

Because you were so special, No words could ever say how

much we love and miss you, Today and Every day.

Loved and missed always by your loving Family.

May Caroline Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE TYNAN**

9th Anniversary occurred 12th November 2024.



*Let me not to the marriage of true
minds*

by William Shakespeare

Let me not to the marriage of true minds

Admit impediments; love is not love

Which alters when it alteration finds,

Or bends with the remover to remove.

O no, it is an ever-fixèd mark

That looks on tempests and is never shaken;

It is the star to every wand'ring bark

Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.

Love's not time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks

Within his bending sickle's compass come.

Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,

But bears it out even to the edge of doom:

If this be error and upon me proved,

I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

*Deeply missed, loved and forever
remembered by her loving husband, five children,
grandchildren, family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Catherine

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT and

First Anniversary

In Loving Memory of

FERGUS BEERE

Clonkeen, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 19th November 2024



No matter how life changes,

No matter what we do,

A special place within our

hearts is Always kept for you

Always loved and remembered by his

loving wife Ailish family and friends.

Fergus' 2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,

Tuesday 19th November at 10am.

Rest in Peace Fergus

In Loving Memory of

Peggy Walsh

Late of Cloosecullen, Raheen

Whose 1st Anniversary occurs on 22nd November 2024



Peggy's Anniversary Mass will take

place on Saturday, 23rd November in

St Fintan's Church, Raheen at 7pm.

Sadly missed by her loving family.

Rest in Peace Peggy

**In Loving Memory of
John O'Neill**

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise & Adamstown, Wexford.
1st Anniversary occurs 20th November 2024
Dad*



Missing you on your 1st Anniversary
A Dad's love is special
A gift beyond compare,
You only know the meaning
When he is no longer there.
A special time
A special face
A special Dad
I can't replace,
With an aching heart
I whisper low
I miss you Dad
And love you so.

*Dearly loved and sadly missed everyday by your Son
Tommy, Daughter-in-law Jennie, Grandchildren Ger, Amy,
James, John & Great-Grandchild Mandy*

xxx

**In Loving Memory of
My Dad DAN RAFTER**

*Ballymacken, Portlaoise.
Whose 1st Anniversary Occurs Today.*



Think;

*Of stepping on the shore and
finding it Heaven,
Of taking hold of a hand and
finding it God's hand,
Of breathing a new air and finding
it celestial air,
Of feeling invigorated and finding
it immortality,
Of passing from storm and tempest
to an unknown calm,
Of waking and finding you're home.*

*Loved and remembered by
his Son Daniel & Daughter-in Law Kathy*



**In Loving Memory of
THERESA O'CONNELL**

*née Scully
Kilminchy, Portlaoise.*

2nd Anniversary occurred 14th November 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, this Sunday
17th November at 12.30pm.

*Sadly missed by all your loving Husband,
family, relatives and friends.*

Rest in Peace Theresa

**First Year Away From Home
In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL CONROY**

Cooltoran, Ridge Rd, Portlaoise .

1st Anniversary occurs 17th November 2024.



*He left us quietly, his thoughts unknown,
But left us a memory we are proud to own.
So treasure him Lord in your garden of rest,
For when on earth he was one of the best.
Loved and missed today and always,
your loving wife Margaret,
daughters Louise and Denise,
and their partners, His son Michael and your
adored grandchildren Leila, Eve and Charlie.*

Rest in Peace Michael

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
PETER LALOR**

*32 The Green, Kilminchy.
4th Birthday away from home occurs 18th November.*



*Missing you my dearest husband
Today is truly filled with memories of
happiness and tears and of birthday
celebrations that we have shared
throughout the years.
Happy birthday in Heaven my love.*

*In my heart always and forever
Your loving wife Jean xx*

Rest in Peace Peter

*Peace I bequeth to you,
my own peace I give you*

John 14:27



In Loving Memory of
 Our Mother
KATIE GING
 And her daughters
KATHLEEN O' REILLY & MARY NOLAN
 Also remembering
MARGARET GING
 On her 5th Birthday away from Home.



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 A little prayer to Jesus say.*

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JOHN (JACK) & MAURA TARLETON
 Rossleighan, Portlaoise.
 33rd & 31th Anniversary Mass
 will be celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
 Sunday 17th November, 11.15am.



*Until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

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May John and Maura Rest in Peace

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