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An Every Day Miracle

The Eucharist is an 'every-day miracle'. The trouble is that for many of us, the Eucharist has become so routine that we can easily fail to appreciate its true significance.

If we really want to rekindle the wonderment of that weekly miracle, we have to start nurturing a life changing appreciation of the Eucharist and of the Mass. Key to appreciation is preparation. If the Eucharist is food for our minds and our souls, it's important not to fill up on junk beforehand. Do we turn up for Mass in the right frame of mind ready to give genuine thought to our prayers and to the readings, or do we arrive with our heads full of trivia... life's junk food. Chances are that if we arrive at Mass with our heads full of unrelated thoughts, we will spend our time simply going through the motions. We might as well not be there in the first place.

In the moments before Holy Communion when we are kneeling quietly in the bench with heads bowed, are we simply kneeling quietly in the bench or are we preparing our minds. We need to be preparing to receive Jesus' real presence into our bodies and into our lives. We need to be remembering Jesus' sacrifice and the reasons he made it. At the Last Supper Jesus charged us to keep his memory alive. In celebrating the Eucharist we celebrate the memory of his passion and death. As we break bread and drink wine in his name we recall Jesus' opposition to religious sham, his commitment to forgiveness and inner healing, his determination to overcome sin and his ultimate sacrifice.

How do we behave after Communion? Do we hurry back to our seat and continue chatting to the person in the next bench? How do we behave after the Mass has ended, do we make a hasty exit keen to get on with the rest of the day, or do we remember that we are taking God out into the world with us?

Jesus is with us to the end of time, and one of the ways he is with us is through the Eucharist. The sooner we start appreciating this every-day miracle the sooner our lives will change for the better.

**'I am the bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.'**



Fáilte

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Lucy Kate Kelly, Powelstown, Ratheniska

Lucy Christine Coughlan, Shaen

William Thomas Coughlan, Shaen.

Who were baptised last weekend.

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday (Bank Holiday): 10am

Tuesday - Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am. Cemetery Mass at 1pm

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.



**A Mass for Leaving Cert
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Prayer for Exams

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to express it clearly and to answer the questions
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Give me peace, understanding,
wisdom and be with me today and always. Amen



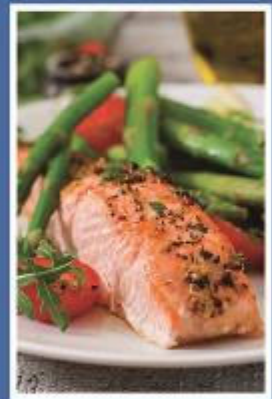
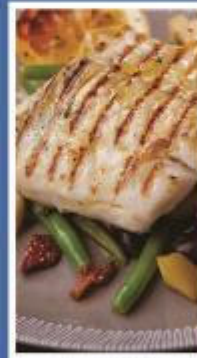
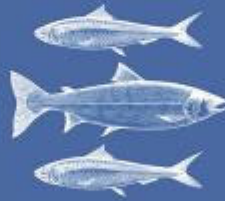
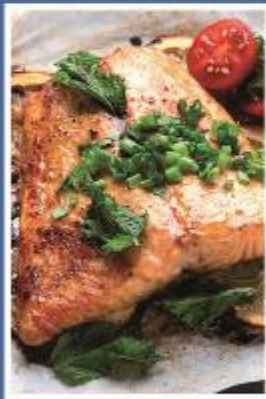
Month of the Sacred Heart

On June 1st 2008, at his weekly Angelus address, Pope Benedict XVI urged Catholics "to renew, in this month of June, their devotion to the Heart of Jesus." The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a moveable feast, but it most often takes place in June, and so June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart. This year we celebrate this feast on 7th June.

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Thursday; Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

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Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, May 28th;

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Raffle: 1st L. Kelly, 2nd V. Kearns, 3rd C. Fitzpatrick, 4th F. Keenan, 5th M. Killeen, 6th P. McEvoy.

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

Volunteers from the Community Required to help out with cutting the grass around the Heath Church - the more help we receive the easier it will be to manage. Contact 086-0766221

RELIGIOUS NOTES

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm Sunday in the Parish Church.

Rosary in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath; Daily 2pm (Mon-Sat) and Sunday 3pm (Adoration).

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The Feast of Corpus Christi: Food for the Journey What We Are Celebrating

On the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, the Church celebrates The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This Feast commemorates the immense gift of the Eucharist in our lives and in the Church.

In Latin, *Corpus Christi* means *Body of Christ*. On Holy Thursday, we remember the institution of the priesthood and the Eucharist, the Last Supper, the Agony in the Garden, the betrayal of Judas and the beginning of the Passion of Christ. It is easy to become lost in so many beautiful things to remember. Corpus Christi Sunday allows us to focus solely on celebrating the real presence of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the bread and wine.

A Feast Begins

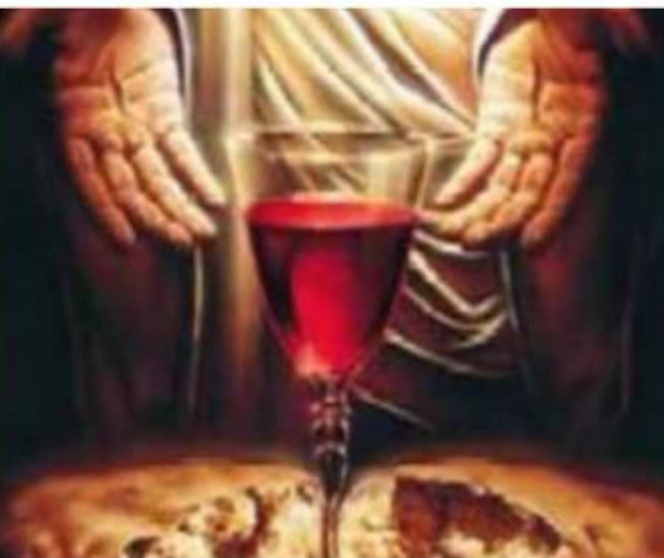


The origins of the Feast of Corpus Christi date back to the Middle Ages!



During the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun named Sister Juliana, had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Through visions, Our Lord told her to establish a Feast dedicated to the Blessed Sacrament. Through the influence of Sister Juliana, the importance of spreading devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reached the future Pope Urban IV. Sister Juliana died in 1258 and is now recognised as a Saint.

In 1263, a German priest by the name of Father Peter, stopped to celebrate Mass in Bolsena, Italy while he was on his way to Rome for a pilgrimage. Father Peter was having doubts at the time as to whether the Eucharist was truly the Body and Blood of Christ. However, as he celebrated Mass, when he prayed the prayer of Consecration, blood emerged from the consecrated host, spilling onto the altar.



Father Peter reported the miracle to Pope Urban IV, who sent delegates to investigate the miracle. Today, the Cathedral of Orvieto, Italy, is the resting place of the relics from this Eucharistic miracle.

The message of Sister Juliana and the Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena, greatly affected Pope Urban IV. In 1264, through a papal bull called *Transiturus de hoc mundo*, Pope Urban IV instituted the Solemnity of Corpus Christi after Pentecost. Under Pope Clement V, Corpus Christi became a universal Feast. However, under Pope John XXII, devotion to the Holy Eucharist spread widely.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi otherwise known as The Body and Blood of Christ

Fill in our word search

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Prayer for Corpus Christi Sunday

Jesus, Body and Blood,
we are grateful for the gift
of your life and the way it
strengthens us
to live ours.

Teach us to draw on the gift
of your Body and Blood
for energy, renewal,
strength and grace.

May we never take the gift
of your presence for
granted.

Amen.





Time to Think!

Church's First Millennial Saint

Carlo Acutis was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy. Carlo was diagnosed with leukaemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven." From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. Antonia Salzano, his mom, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her first Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding. But as a young child, Carlo loved to pray the rosary.

After he made his first Communion, he went to Mass as often as possible at the parish across from his elementary school. Carlo's love for the Eucharist also inspired his family to embrace a living faith. According to the postulator promoting his cause for sainthood, he "managed to drag his relatives, his parents to Mass every day. It was not the other way around; it was not his parents bringing the little boy to Mass, but it was he who managed to get himself to Mass and to convince others to receive Communion daily." Salzano spoke to "EWTN News Nightly" in October 2023 about her son's devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She said: "He used to say, 'There are queues in front of a concert, in front of a football match, but I don't see these queues in front of the Blessed Sacrament' ... So, for him the Eucharist was the centre of his life."

Carlo's witness of faith as a child led adults to convert and be baptised. Rajesh Mohur, who worked for the Acutis family as an au pair when Carlo was young, embraced the Christian faith because of Carlo's witness. Carlo taught Mohur how to pray the rosary and told him about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Mohur said that one of the things that most impressed him as a non-Christian was the witness of Carlo's love and concern for the poor - how he interacted with the homeless man who would sit at the entrance of the church and would bring tupperware dishes filled with food out to people living on the streets.

Carlo wasn't afraid to defend Church teaching, even in situations when his classmates disagreed with him. Many of Carlo's high school classmates remember Carlo giving a passionate defence for the protection of life from the moment of conception when there was a classroom discussion about abortion. Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities. When a friend's parents were getting a divorce, Carlo made a special effort to include his friend in the Acutis' family life. With his friends, he spoke about the importance of going to Mass and confession, human dignity, and chastity.

Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages, including C and C++. He used his computer skills and internet savvy to help his family put together an exhibition of Eucharistic miracles that has gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents.



His spiritual director has attested that Carlo was personally convinced that the scientific evidence from Eucharistic miracles would help people to realise that Jesus is really present in the Eucharist and come back to Mass. Carlo loved playing video games. His mother recalls that he liked Nintendo Game Boy and GameCube as well as PlayStation and Xbox. He had conversations with his gaming buddies about the importance of going to Mass and confession and limited his video game playing to no more than two hours per week. Carlo also liked Spider-Man and Pokémon.

Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi. Initially, His body lies in repose in a glass tomb in Assisi where he can be seen in jeans and a pair of Nike sneakers. Pope Francis recognised a second miracle attributed to Carlo's intercession in a decree on May 23, 2024. The Miracle involved the healing of a 21-year-old girl from Costa Rica named Valeria Valverde, who was near death after seriously injuring her head in a bicycle accident while studying in Florence in 2022. This led to his beatification involved the healing of a 3-year-old boy in Brazil in 2013 who had been diagnosed with a malformation of his pancreas since birth. The Vatican has yet to announce a date for Carlo Acutis' canonisation. The ceremony could take place as soon as this October or during the 2025 Jubilee Year, which includes a special jubilee for youth and a jubilee for teenagers.

Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Oh God, Our Father, thank you for giving us Carlo, a life example for the young and a message of love for everyone.

You made him become enamoured with Your Son Jesus, Making of the Eucharist his "Highway to Heaven". You gave him Mary, as a most loving Mother, and, with the Rosary, you made him a poet of her tenderness. Receive his prayer for us.

Above all, gaze upon the poor, whom he loved and helped. Grant for me too, by his intercession, the grace that I need, and make our joy fulfilled, placing Carlo among the Saints of your Church, so that his smile may shine again for us in the glory of your name.

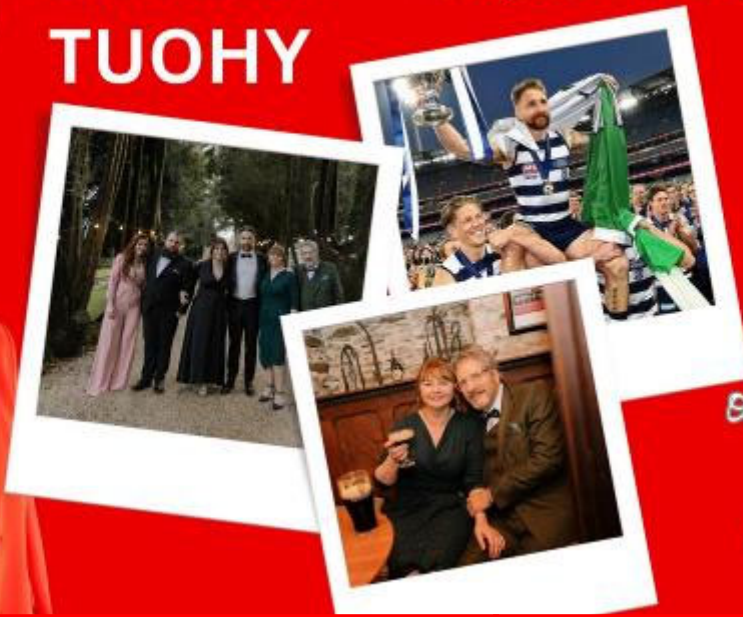
Amen

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I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod
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FIRST ANNIVERSARY**
In Loving Memory of
COLM DUNNE

Togher, Portlaoise and formally Clonaslee.
1st Anniversary occurs 7th June 2024



Colm's siblings and relations wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy and gestures of kindness shown to us following Colm's passing. Many thanks to all for your Mass cards, phone calls, messages of support. Our sincere gratitude to those who called to the house of his brother P.V., brought food, helped with catering, road parking etc. It was lovely to chat with colleagues of

Colm and hear stories of his many events, of those whom he helped throughout the years. People travelled from near and far. It was uplifting to hear the many he had eased of pain, whether back ache, slipped discs etc. He was loved and held in their greatest esteem. A sincere thanks to all who travelled long distances to attend Colm's wake, Requiem Mass and burial. Thank you for all the messages of condolence on RIP.ie.

Sincere thanks to Pat and Sheila Burke, funeral directors for their support, professionalism and kindness to us during this sad time. Thank you to Fr. Reilly of Clonaslee Parish for his comforting words and beautiful celebration Mass, which was enhanced with lovely music and song by John Hosey. Thank you to the gravediggers for preparing Colm's final resting place.

A special thanks to the staff in Portlaoise Hospital and especially those in the ICU for their great care and compassionate attention shown to Colm during his short stay there.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as an expression of our deepest gratitude and appreciation.

Colm's 1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Manman's Church, Clonaslee, Sunday 9th June, 10am.

Rest in Peace Colm

**In Loving Memory of
BERNADETTE KELLY**

*11 Green Mill Lane, Portlaoise whose Anniversary
occurs at this time.*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this **Sunday 2nd June at 10am.**

*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories and your
picture 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.*

Always remembered by Sean, Donal and Joan.

May Bernadette Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
ANTHONY WALSH**

*The Heath
1st Birthday away from Home*



*We cannot halt the hand of time,
Or live again the past,
Within our hearts are wonderful
memories, that will forever last.*

*Love Always
Irene, Ellen, Laura and Tony.
Rest in Peace Anthony*

**In Loving Memory of
ANTHONY WALSH**

*The Heath
1st Birthday away from Home*



Anthony of all the gifts in life however
great or small,
To have you as my son was the greatest
gift of all.

Your loving Mother Margaret.

Anthony you had a smile for all, a heart
of gold, one of the best this world could
ever hold, never selfish, always kind.
A special place within our hearts will
always be kept for you.

*Love always Joseph, Mary, Tina, Attracta, Patricia,
Colette and families.*

Rest in Peace Anthony

**In Loving Memory of
ELLEN GAYNOR**

*37th Anniversary occurs
6th June 2024
Mass has been offered*



*Wonderful memories of Mam so dear,
Treasured still with a love sincere,
In our hearts you are living yet,
We loved you too dearly to ever forget.*

*Lovingly remembered today and forever by your loving
daughters, son-in-law, granddaughters,
great-granddaughters and great-grandson xxx
Rest in Heavenly Peace Mam forever*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN (Kay) RANKIN*
Wayside, Old Knockmay Road, Portlaoise.



Kay's sisters Molly and Lucy,
brother Jimmy together with their
extended families would like to
thank all who sympathised with
them on their sad loss of Kay.
Many thanks to all who called to
Kay's home during her wake, to
everyone for their Mass cards,
messages of condolences and all
who attended her requiem Mass or
watched via the Parish Webcam.

Sincere thanks to Monsignor John Byrne for his
support and celebrating Kay's Requiem Mass. Thanks
to Sarah Troy for the beautiful hymns and music.

A special thanks to all who cared for Kay at home,
Abbeyleix CNU, Kilminchy Lodge and MRHP. A big
thank you to retired nurses and active retirement who
provided guards of honour.

Please accept this acknowledgment as an expression
of our deepest gratitude. The Holy Sacrifice of the
Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Kay's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Holy
Cross Church, Ratheniska, Sunday 9th June at 10am.

Rest in Peace Kay

**In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL FARRELL**

*Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 1st June 2024
Also remembering him on his birthday.*



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.

No matter how life changes, no matter what we
do, a special place within our hearts is always
kept for you.

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Saturday 1st June at 10am.*

*Love always, Patricia and Patrick, also your
brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews xxx
May Michael Rest in Peace*

Anyone who eats this bread
will live for ever

John 6:58



**In Loving Memory of
CRAIG KELLY-GORMAN**

On your 10th birthday away from home



Wishing you were here today,
for even just a while,
So we could say happy birthday
Craig xx and see your smiling
face.

The only gifts today will be, your
sweet memories left behind,
of laughter, joy and happiness,
They echo on in our minds.

We'll gaze upon pictures,
We'll think of you with love,

And hope you are doing fine, in Heaven up above.
May angels hold you closely and sing you a happy song,
And we'll be sending wishes today and all year long son.

Happy birthday in Heaven Craig
Love and miss you always

*Sadly missed and loved always, Mammy, Mudasar, your
brothers Brandon, Noah and Junaid and sister Aisha
and extended family.*

May Craig Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
Aaron Kelly-Gorman**

*Knockmay and Millbrook, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 7th June 2024*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Friday 7th June at 10am.

*Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is a picture I tenderly hold,
Deep in my heart a memory is kept,
To love, to cherish, never to forget.*

*Sadly missed and always loved and remembered by your
heartbroken Mum, Mudasar, brothers Brandon, Noah and
Junaid and sister Aisha xxx*

Rest in Peace Aaron

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Paddy) SHIELS**

*Formerly Dr. Murphy's Place, Portlaoise.
15th Anniversary occurs 2nd June 2024.*



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

*Our Father, our memories Dad,
though now in Heaven your love
remains on earth.*

*The memories we all made together
are what true joy is worth.*

*Sadly missed by your loving sons, daughters,
son-in-law, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

**In Loving Memory of
CRAIG AND AARON
GORMAN-KELLY**

*105 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.
Birthday Remembrance for Craig; 2nd June
5th Anniversary for Aaron; 7th June*



We think of you
in silence,
We often speak
your name,
But all we have
are memories,
and your picture
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.

*From your loving father Michael, brother Brandon
and sister Chloe, baby Grace, extended family
and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA LAMBE**

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in the Church of the Assumption,
the Heath, on

Sunday 9th June at 9.30am.

*We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,*

*But all we have are memories and your picture 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 and always remembered by your
loving family.*

Rest in Peace Patricia

In Loving Memory of

THERESA WHELAN

23 Coote Street, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 2nd June 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 1st June at 6.30pm.

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

*Sadly missed and always remembered
by her loving husband Paddy and
sister Olive.*

Rest in Peace Theresa

In Loving Memory of

**TERRY CONNELL &
JOHN (Rinty) CONNELL**

Whose 37th and 31st Anniversaries occur at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this **Saturday 1st June at 6:30pm.**

*Dearer still as the years depart,
They live forever in our hearts.*



*Always remembered and sadly missed by Liz, Liam, Noreen, John,
Mary, Domo & Freda.*

May Terry & John Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

COLEY CONNELL

Ballycarnan, Portlaoise whose 20th Anniversary occur at this time.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 1st June at 6:30pm.

*You still live on in the hearts and minds of
the loving family you left behind.*

*Always remembered and sadly missed by your
loving husband Liam, son Philip, daughter
Orlaith, son-in-law John and grandchildren
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May Coley Rest in Peace



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