

## Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time

### THANK YOU

**PORTLAOISE TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE**  
Margaret Bowe and Angela O'Connell  
(Main Pic) from Tidy Towns doing a clean  
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## Seeds of Faith

Seeds are amazing! We plant them, provide the right environment and then wait. Miraculously, the seeds flower into an

array of fabulous plants. We can help the plants to grow, but we cannot make them grow, this power is out of our hands. Ultimately we cannot predict the harvest. The seeds of faith work in the same way. We can teach someone else about God but ultimately that is all we can do. People react to God's word in countless different ways, ways we cannot predict. Jesus' first disciples were to take comfort in the knowledge that although they were entrusted to plant the seeds of faith, they were not responsible for the harvest .... God would take care of that.

The task of planting the seeds of faith in the twenty first century can seem as daunting as it must have seemed to those early disciples. Can we really make any difference to a world that still allows war, cruelty and poverty? Today's gospel offers yet more consolation. Jesus speaks of the tiny mustard seed. Despite its insignificant appearance it grows into an impressive shrub substantial enough to provide shade. It's thought provoking that such a humble seed should provide so impressive a result. Jesus teaches us that we mustn't be overwhelmed when faced with a seemingly overwhelming task. We must simply implement Christ's teaching with whatever humble means we have, and leave God to do the rest.

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

**Monday - Friday:** 7.30am & 10am

**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.

## Ss Thomas More and John Fisher

**22nd June**

St. Thomas More. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London, July 6, 1535, he steadfastly refused to approve Henry VIII's

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Two saints who teach us to stand up courageously for what is fair and just. Traditionally on this day, the Church asks us to pray for those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.



## Father's Day

**16th June 2024**

To all the Dads in our parish we hope you have a very happy and special day this Sunday.



**We welcome into our Parish Community**

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**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June;** Bowls in St. Mary's Sports hall at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>;** We are holding an important general meeting. It is imperative all members of our club attend and after the meeting we will have a table quiz, time permitting.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>;** Cards and chat in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilinchy at 3pm, new members always welcome, tuition given. We are organising a bus to a show in the Olympia on 29<sup>th</sup> August, cost €50 for show and bus must be booked and paid for by 26<sup>th</sup> June, our last day before we take a break.

We had a great day out in DCU on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> for go for life games. Thanks to Laois Sports Partnership for getting us there and looking after us so well, a good day was had by everyone. All looking forward to 2025.

For any further information please contact P.R.O. Sheila at 087-6204617.

**Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>;**

Top Score: Leslie Hunter | 1<sup>st</sup> Lady: Rita Arrigan | 2<sup>nd</sup> Lady: Kit Farrell | 1<sup>st</sup> Gent: Tom Jacob  
2<sup>nd</sup> Gent: Christy Fitzpatrick | 1<sup>st</sup> Half: Billy O'Keeffe | 2<sup>nd</sup> Half: Betty Fox  
Raffle: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridie Kennedy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mary Gowing, 4<sup>th</sup> Tom Jacob, 5<sup>th</sup> Sadie Chester, 6<sup>th</sup> Paula McEvoy  
7<sup>th</sup> Paula McEvoy, 8<sup>th</sup> P.J. Cahill



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. NB; Age Friendly Whist in the Parish Centre Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> commencing with Mass at 1pm followed by refreshments and whist, all welcome.

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**RELIGIOUS NOTES**

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

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

**Beladd and surrounding areas Mass on the Green;** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee; A box will be in place under Our Lady's Statue in the Parish Church from 21<sup>st</sup> June until 11<sup>th</sup> July for anyone wishing to have a petition taken to Lourdes by the Portlaoise Parish Committee. Please do not include money in the envelopes as they are burned unopened. If anyone would like a deceased family member included in our Masses in Lourdes, please place your list in, and mark it appropriately and we will have the names included in our deceased book. If you wish to have a Mass Bouquet from Lourdes for a living relative included in our Masses these can be purchased from any committee member prior to travelling.





## Planting Seeds Watching Them Grow

Today I am going to tell you the story of a man called Johnny Appleseed. As you might guess, Johnny Appleseed was not his real name. His real name was John Chapman. He was born in 1774 in America. When he was in his early twenties, John became a nurseryman. A nurseryman is someone who works with plants, trees, and shrubs. John Chapman especially loved apple trees and he planted them all around the town where he lived. But that wasn't enough for John, He wanted people everywhere to enjoy apples just as much as he did, so he travelled all around the country planting apple trees and giving away apple seeds.



John Chapman was a simple man. He travelled all around the country on foot, usually without shoes. He often wore a shirt which he made from a seed sack with holes cut in it for his head and arms. He had a beard and wore a tin cooking pot as a hat. In fact, he often took the tin pot off of his head and used it to cook his supper. John Chapman was a kind and gentle man who was liked by everyone he met. He became well known and people began to call him Johnny Appleseed.

Johnny Appleseed's life wasn't easy, but he loved what he was doing. He never married, but he had more friends than he could count. He lived a long and happy life enjoying the great outdoors and the beauty of God's creation until God called him home in March of 1845.

The story of Johnny Appleseed is a bit like the parable that Jesus told in our Gospel today. Jesus said,

**"The kingdom of God is like a man who scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he is asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but the man doesn't know how it happens."**

Just as Johnny Appleseed was passionate about planting apple seeds, God wants you and me to be passionate about planting seeds of the Good News everywhere we go. If we will take the Good News of Jesus to people, it will take root in their life and begin to grow. We may not understand it, but that is the way the kingdom of God grows - by people like you and me planting the seed and watching it grow.



Father, just as John Chapman planted apple seeds everywhere he went, let us plant seeds of faith in Jesus Christ wherever we go. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen.





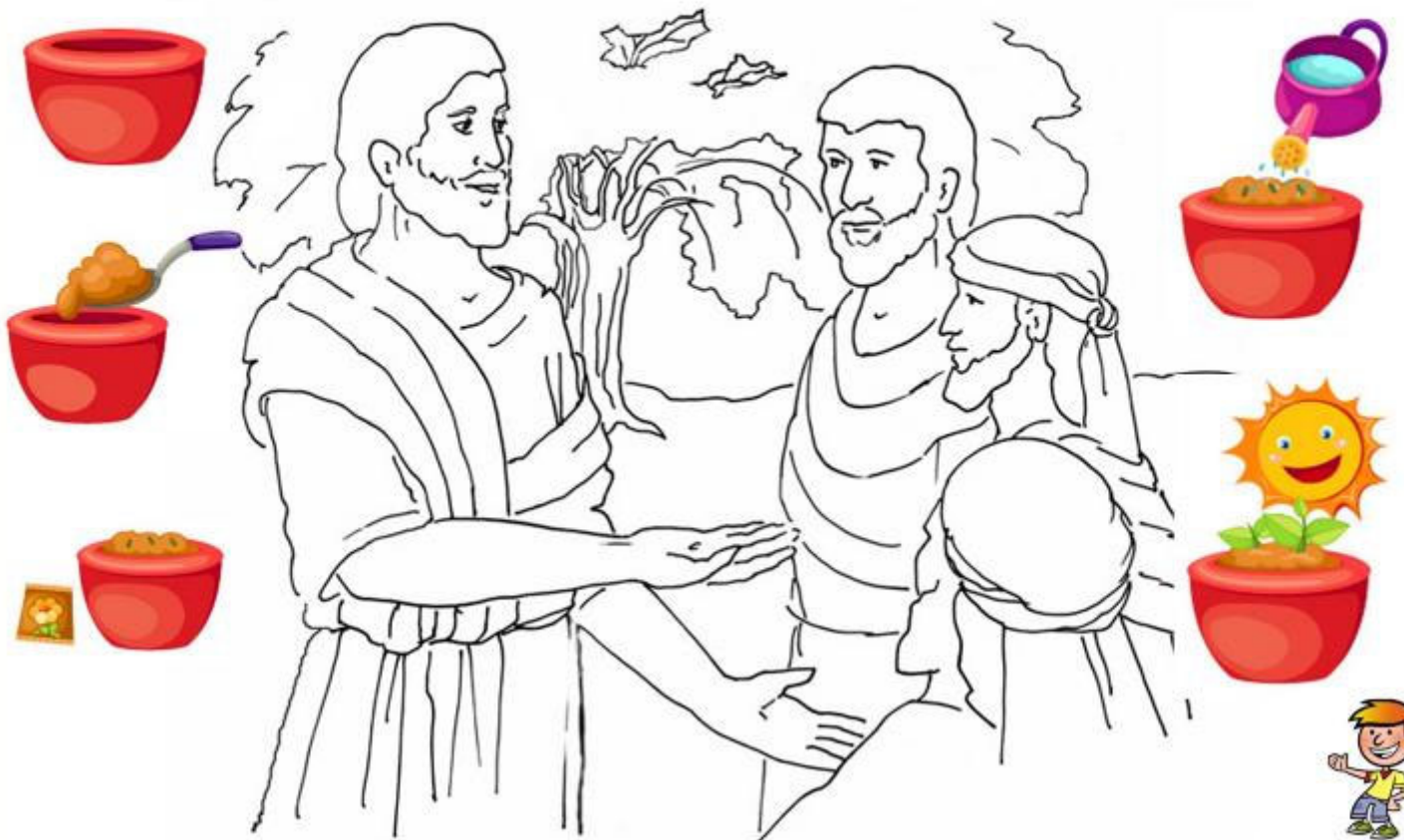
# Planting Seeds—Watching Them Grow

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seeds on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. Mark 4:26-27



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# Time to Think!

## *Love your Pets*

The recent prime time documentary in relation to horrendous treatment of horses was deeply disturbing for many people. Animals and pets are very precious and in the story of creation hold a sacred place in the sight of God. The kinder we are to pets and nature often the closer we sense God's presence in our lives.

I love the following humorous story....

"A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his faithful pet dog along for company. One day, the dog starts chasing butterflies, and before long, he discovers that he is lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the obvious intention of having lunch. The dog thinks, "Boy, I'm in deep doo doo now." Then, he noticed some bones on the ground close by and immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the dog exclaims loudly, "Man, that was one delicious leopard. I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the leopard halts his attack in mid stride, as a look of terror comes over him, and slinks away into the trees. "Whew," says the leopard, "That was close. That dog nearly had me."

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So, off he goes. But the dog saw him heading after the leopard with great speed and figured that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans, and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The leopard is furious at being made a fool and says, "Here monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine." Now the dog sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet. Just when they get close enough to hear, the dog says, "Where's that monkey?"



I just can never trust him. I sent him off half an hour ago to bring me another leopard, and he's still not back!"

Sometimes in life we need the gift of pragmatism. Behind every challenge no matter how overwhelming it may be, there is always a way forward. Gifts such as honesty, courage, trust and faith are abundant in all our lives. Perhaps there have been tricky moments when we had to "Think on our feet" like that clever dog. Let's hope we will be blessed with a prolonged period of fine weather. Make the most of this time to tap the positive and resilient energy that accompanies Summer. This is a time to be chilled, relax and renew. May we find these important gifts in all our lives.

### Summer Prayer

Creator God, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

Amen.



# THANK YOU

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Msgr. John Byrne recently stepped down as chairperson of the Boards of Management of Holy Family Junior and Senior Schools.

On **Wednesday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am** the school community will celebrate the enormous contribution that Msgr. Byrne has made to the Holy Family schools. We would like to take this opportunity to invite you, as parishioners, to join us for this special celebration.

Bishop Nulty will be in attendance and there will be some light refreshments afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there.





**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
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**Rose Conroy**  
**née McCormack**  
Carrick Hill  
Portlaoise



**Paul Joseph**  
**Kenna**  
Balladine  
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
AND MONTHS MIND**

*In Loving Memory of*  
**KATHLEEN (Kate) CURTIS née Quinn**  
St. Martin's Avenue, Naas  
Months Mind occurred 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024



Kate's husband John, daughters Chris, Caroline and Geraldine and their families would like to thank most sincerely all those who sympathised with them on the sad loss of Kate.

Thank you to those who attended her wake, Requiem Mass and burial, sent Mass cards, floral tributes and posted messages of condolences online.

Our thanks to Fr. Liam Morgan, Naas Parish and a special thanks to Fr. Ciprian and Fr. Nick who travelled from Portlaoise Parish to concelebrate her Requiem Mass. Sincere thanks to Deacon Eugene Keyes who travelled from Portlaoise Parish to pray the rosary with us, it was so greatly appreciated.

Heartfelt thanks to the doctors and nurses in Naas hospital for the wonderful care to Mam and to us, her family in her final days.

Special thanks to Kate's sister Martina who travelled from London to attend her funeral and to Kate's sister Anna and brother Tommy who could not attend in person but joined with us virtually via the webcam and were very much in our thoughts.

Our thanks also to Kate's sisters-in-law, Trish Quinn, Catherine Quinn and Paula Quinn for their exceptional help and care and to her brothers John, Walter, Mick, Kevin, Con and Declan, who carried Kate into the Church with such dignity.

Many thanks to Murphy Brothers Funeral Directors, Naas for the professional and compassionate manner in which they carried out Kate's funeral arrangements.

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

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Kate's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady and St. David's Church, Naas, this Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm.

*We lost a lady with a heart of gold,  
How much we miss her can never be told,  
On earth you toiled, in Heaven you rest,  
God bless you Kate, you were truly the best.*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her loving husband John, daughters Chris, Caroline, Geraldine and extended families.

*Rest in Peace Kate*



## Fathers Day Remembrance

In Loving Memory of our Daddy

**KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR**

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

11<sup>th</sup> Father's Day away from home - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



The pain that we are feeling,  
never seems to go away,  
We wish we could visit Heaven  
if only for a day.  
We know that you would hold  
us and whisper in our ears,  
"Don't think of me as gone  
away,  
because I am always here".

We know you're in a better place where you are at  
peace and free, to be happy in eternal life and still  
watch over us.

Although the door between our worlds is closed and  
we're apart, until the time God opens it, you're always  
in our hearts.

We love and miss you Daddy and though you've passed  
away, you'll never be forgotten for we think of you  
every day.

*Happy Father's Day Daddy*

*Forever in our thoughts.*

*Lots of love Becky and Dylan xx*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### FIRST ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

**BRIDE REILLY** née McDonald

Rathmoyle House, Abbeyleix



We the Reilly family wish to  
express our sincere gratitude to  
all who sympathised with us on  
the passing of our dear Mother on  
19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Many thanks to all who attended  
her wake and funeral, sent Mass  
cards, floral tributes, messages of  
sympathy and all who formed the  
guard of honour. The support and  
help provided by extended family  
members and friends will never  
be forgotten.

A special thanks to our funeral  
Mass celebrants Fr. Paddy Byrne P.P., Fr. Sean Conlan  
and Fr. Jerry Carroll (Bundoran, Donegal), Abbeyleix  
Parish Choir and Kelly funeral directors.

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

Bride's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Abbeyleix on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

*Rest in Peace Bride*

## In Loving Memory of NOREEN COSS

26 Grattan Street, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this  
Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm.

A few more steps along life's road,  
Perhaps a few more years,  
Then by God's grace we'll meet again,  
Beyond the vale of tears.

Fondly remembered by your loving family, much loved  
grandchildren, extended family and many friends.

*Rest in Peace NoREEN*

## In Loving Memory of IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL

Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.

3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church  
on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

You can shed tears that Ian is gone,  
Or you can smile because he has lived.  
You can close your eyes and pray that he  
will come back, or you can open your  
eyes and see all that he has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you  
can't see him, or you can be full of the  
love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him only that he is gone,

Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what Ian would want;

Smile, open your eyes, open your heart, love and carry on.

Deeply loved and missed by his mother Annette, brothers Owen,  
Paul and Wayne, sister Gemma and brother-in-law Fahad,  
niece Sara, nephew Sameer, extended family and friends.

*Rest in Peace Ian*

## In Loving Memory of JOHN DUNNE

St. Christopher's, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.

6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 10am.

Sadly missed by all his loving family  
and friends.

*Rest in Peace John*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**A Cherished Husband,**  
**Father and Grandfather**  
**WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY**  
 28 Lakeglen, Mountmellick Rd. Portlaoise.  
 7<sup>th</sup> Father's Day away from home; 16-6-2024



*Daddy*

*Did you know that your smile brought happiness  
 wherever you went?*

*Did you know that people felt your warmth when  
 you were around them?*

*We hope you know how many hearts you touched,  
 How many people thought so fondly of you.*

*Did you know how highly people spoke of you?*

*They spoke of your greatness, your laughter, and  
 your kindness.*

*They spoke of your big heart and your generosity.*

*We hope you realised how many people saw you for  
 the great man you were.*

*You always had time for everyone.*

*More than anything else we hope you knew just how  
 loved you were, we hope you felt that ten fold.*

*You truly were the greatest and the best father  
 anyone could ask for, you are forever with us.*



**Happy Father's Day**

*Never more than a thought away, fondly remembered  
 by your sons and daughters, wife Anne, son-in-law,  
 daughters-in-law and grandchildren xxx*

*Rest in Peace William*

**In Loving Memory of our Brother**  
**WILLIAM (Willie) MILLS**  
 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



*William, years slip by  
 But our memories stay  
 We only wish with all our hearts  
 You were still here with us today*

*Sadly missed everyday since, with love  
 your brother and four sisters xxxxx*

**Father's Day Remembrance of our Daddy**  
**PATRICK MILLS**

*Daddy, to the world you were our Father  
 But to us you meant the world*

*Missed so much today, with love  
 your son and four daughters xxxxx*

*May They Rest in Peace*



**In Loving Memory of**  
**MARGARET RYAN**  
 33 Newpark, Portlaoise.  
 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024



10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be  
 celebrated in  
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 11.15am.**

*Just a prayer from the family who  
 loved you, just a memory fond and  
 true. In our hearts you will live  
 forever, because we thought the  
 world of you.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family.*

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**  
**FINT GORMAN**  
 84 Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Father's Day in Heaven.



*A Dad's love is special,  
 A gift beyond compare,  
 We only know the meaning when  
 he is no longer there.  
 A special time, a special face,  
 A special Dad we can't replace,  
 With an aching heart we whisper  
 low,*

*We love you Dad and miss you so.*

*Loved and missed always by your wife Ann, sons,  
 daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Fint*



**In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK (Pat) PAISLEY**

Formerly of St. John's Square, Portlaoise.  
6th Anniversary occurred 9th June 2024



*Treasured memories keep forever  
of times when we were together,  
Each of us in our own way, have  
special thoughts of you today.*

**Also remembering at this time;**  
Patrick's Parents Christopher and  
Kathleen, his brothers Mike and  
Christy, sister-in-law Sylvia  
and dear niece Catherine.

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

*Loved and sadly missed by all their loving families  
and friends.*

*May They Rest in Peace*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
& FIRST ANNIVERSARY**

**In Loving Memory of  
AVRIL JESTIN**

30-31 Coote Street, Portlaoise.  
1st Anniversary occurred 13th June 2024



Avril's sister Sylvia and Avril's  
partner Pat Gaynor would like to  
thank most sincerely the following  
people for their help and support  
following the sad loss of Avril.

Dr. Naseem and his team in the  
Oncology Unit in Tullamore hospital;  
The Palliative Care Team; Anna  
Morris, Phyllis Howlin, Olive Delaney,  
Niamh Duggan, Sonia Brennan,

Evelyn Walsh; Avril's Carers; Dr. Gerard White and all  
the staff at the surgery, Clonminam, Portlaoise; The  
night nurses, Greta O'Dwyer, Josephine Kelly; The  
management and staff of Chemco Pharmacy,  
Emergency Dept. Tullamore hospital and ambulance  
personnel; Matthew Keegan Funeral Directors; Revd.  
Alec and Revd. Janet and Fr. Paddy Banville; Shane  
Reynolds Churchwarden, Rosemary Day Organist,  
Anne Dennehy Flowers; Portlaoise Gardaí; Those who  
travelled long distances to be with us; And all those  
who have supported us over the number of months.

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

*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.*

*Rest in Peace Avril*



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Luciano and Maria from Brazil, who came to Ireland recently to visit their son Felipe who lives in Castlebar. They have been part of our online community and have joined with us for the 10am Mass virtually for the last three years. We hope they enjoyed visiting our Parish.



## Portlaoise Parish



Results for  
13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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