

## Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time



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## Closed Minds

Hands up .... did your older brothers and sisters try to teach you things as a child only to be met with protests, scoffs and yawns? It was only when your parents stepped in and paid up front for an expensive tutor that you would finally sit up and pay attention. It seems that we disregard as unimportant what is right under our noses. The next-door neighbour might speak words of great wisdom to us over the garden fence, but unless the same words were boomed at us from a cloud or a mountain-top we would barely heed them. The old adage that 'familiarity breeds contempt' is certainly a true one.

When Jesus returned to his hometown to preach, he was treated with similar disregard. When the Nazarenes heard him speaking, they could not take him seriously because they could remember all too well his humble origins. Wasn't he just a carpenter ... Mary's son? They closed their minds against Jesus, and because their minds were closed, Jesus could not work any great deed that day.

Of course, there is more to this story than Jesus being rejected in his hometown. This is a story about how we too can ignore or reject God. This is a story about the stumbling blocks we encounter in our faith. Perhaps our pet stumbling block might be our unwillingness to listen to others in the belief that we know best. Our stumbling block might be a reluctance to ask for help, fearing that this might be a sign of weakness. Our stumbling block might be the inability to recognise the voice of God in our day-to-day surroundings. Could God be talking to us through a partner, through our children, parents or friends? Where will the next prophet come from, the other side of the globe or the other side of the street? The trick is, not to rule anything out. God is less likely to work wonders in a closed mind.

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.

## Pope Francis

Prayer intention for July 2024  
For pastoral care of the  
sick



Pope Francis is inviting the Church to pray for the pastoral care of the sick during the month of July 2024, and in particular for those thinking about requesting the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The problem comes when people mistakenly feel that this sacrament is only for the dying. If someone thinks that a priest offering the sacrament means that they are about to die, says the Pope, they have embraced a hopeless vision. "Let us remember that the Anointing of the Sick is one of the 'sacraments of healing,' of 'restoration,' that heals the spirit," says the Pope. We are invited to join in Pope Francis's prayer intention. "We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all."



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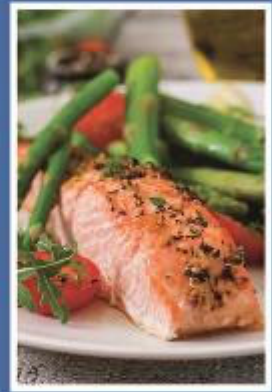
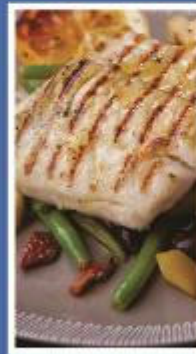
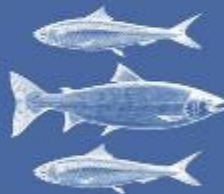
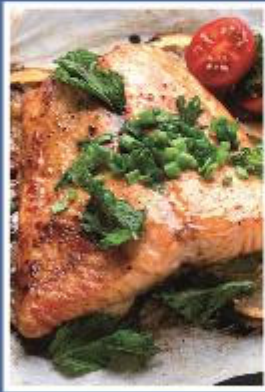
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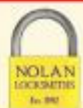
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**1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** Sheila Duff | **2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** Betty Fox, Mary Dunne, Olive Delaney | **1<sup>st</sup> Half:** Betty Murphy  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Half:** Peter Stevenson | **Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> T Gowing, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Fox, 3<sup>rd</sup> L. McCartney, 4<sup>th</sup> F. Keenan, 5<sup>th</sup> C. Brennan  
6<sup>th</sup> B. Fitzpatrick



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.

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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-Saturday) and Sunday 3pm (Adoration).

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

**Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee:** A box has been placed under Our Lady's Statue in the Parish Church and will remain there 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.



Msgr. John congratulating Eddie Harty, Portlaoise Boxing Club, on being crowned European Junior Champion in Sarajevo last Sunday.

Pictured here with his father Johnny, Pat Ryan (coach), Eddie and Msgr. John.

**VISITORS FROM SCOTLAND BEING WELCOMED BY MSGR. JOHN**







# Time to Think!

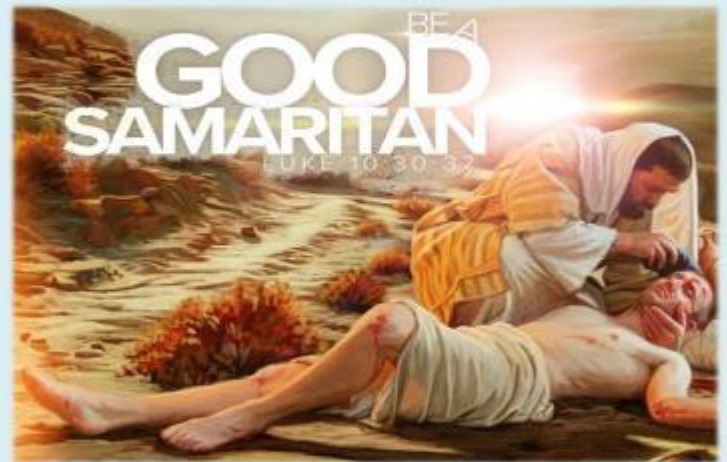
## The Good Samaritan

It was a lawyer who asked Jesus in the Gospel, 'Who is my neighbour?' He was probably expecting a definition that would determine the limits of his obligations. Did 'neighbour' refer to his immediate community, or did it extend beyond that to the whole village? Should people living nearby in the countryside be considered neighbours also? What about those of a different race or religion? And what about troublemakers and criminals: should they too be thought of as neighbours? Instead of giving a definition, Jesus told a story: about an unfortunate man who had been beaten, robbed and left half dead by the side of the road. Several respectable members of society heard his cry for help but ignored him. But one passerby, a Samaritan heard the man's groans, was moved with compassion and came to his rescue. He bandaged his wounds, brought him to an inn, and even offered to pay his expenses. Having heard the story, the lawyer acknowledged that it was the despised Samaritan who truly was a neighbour to the unfortunate man. Jesus then concluded, 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

If Jesus were to tell the story today, perhaps he would tell it differently. He might talk about a family of Ukrainian refugees who must flee their home in Mariupol. Leaving all their possessions behind, desperately hoping to find security for their children after months of rejection they eventually arrive in a small village in the west of Ireland. There they are welcomed by the community, given shelter by a local family, and warmly accepted into the local school. Or maybe Jesus would tell another story: about those who set out often defying official regulations to rescue migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean in flimsy boats about to sink. Or perhaps he would talk about those who dedicate themselves to rescuing vulnerable women who are being trafficked, and sexually exploited. There are so many stories Jesus could talk about today's Good Samaritans who come to the aid of our migrant neighbours. His parting words would remain unchanged, however: 'Go, and do the same yourself'.

Some eight hundred years ago, a young Italian called Francis went out one day for a walk. He was widely known and well-liked by the people. When he came to a village called Gubbio, the villagers told him of a wolf living nearby that sometimes killed their lambs and threatened them when they tried to defend them.

'What did you do?' asked Francis. They answered, 'We tried poisoning it; when it came near, we stoned it, threw spears and shot arrows at it. We did everything we could think of, but we failed. It's too clever for us, and tough as well'. 'Where does the wolf live?' asked Francis. 'Over there', they said, and pointed to the woods on the nearby hillside. 'I'll go there', said Francis, 'and talk to my brother the wolf'. The people told him he was mad even to think of such a thing. They said the wolf was angry and aggressive and would surely attack him. He was very strong, they said, and could overpower any man. Francis simply repeated, 'I'll go', and off he went. The people expected never to see him again.



Francis approached the wood openly, looking out for tracks as he went. After a while he saw the footprints of a wolf on the soft ground. They were large and deep. He kept going, following the prints until he came to a clearing in front of an opening in the rocks on the hillside. There he sat and waited, quietly humming a tune to himself. After a long time, Francis thought he heard a sound. He looked up and saw that the wolf had emerged from the opening and was looking straight at him. It looked angry and growled threateningly. Francis stayed where he was, then slowly reached into his pocket and took out a piece of food he had brought with him. He held it out towards the wolf. The wolf backed further away and growled louder, baring its teeth. 'It's frightened', thought Francis, so he broke off a piece of the food and laid it on the ground in front of himself. He then moved back a little and waited. Slowly and hesitantly, the wolf was drawn by the smell of the food. It edged nearer to Francis, eyeing him carefully all the time. Then, in a sudden dash, it grabbed the food and ran back. Francis stayed where he was and waited. The wolf re-appeared. This time Francis held the remaining food out in front of him and kept it there. The wolf, suspecting a trick or trap, crouched and watched him, ready to run. Then, drawn once again, it came forward again and snatched the food from Francis' hand without harming him. Francis got up slowly, turned around in front of the wolf, and walked back to the village. The people there were amazed to see him, and even more to notice that he was completely unharmed. 'What happened?' they asked, 'Did you see the wolf?' So, he told them, and then said, 'Brother Wolf was hungry. That was why he stole your lambs'. When you attacked him, he became angry. When you tried to kill him, he defended himself. Give him food and you'll make a friend of him.'. He asked people to collect the scraps of food left over from the village each day and to bring them to the wood. They did so and the wolf no longer attacked them. The villagers and the wolf of Gubbio became friends, and they grew in respect for the young man, Saint Francis of Assisi.

'If your enemies are hungry, feed them'. (*Romans 12.20*)

Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @frpaddybyrne, now over 32,600 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)



## Jesus Rejected in Nazareth

Do you feel welcome when you go to Mass on a Sunday? I hope so! After all, most of the children here are your friends that you see at school each day. Some of them live near you. You probably play together and have much in common with them. Even the adults here today know who you are and they probably know your parents too. Why wouldn't you feel welcome here?

Now, let me ask you another question. If Jesus were to walk in today, do you think he would feel welcome? You would probably answer, "Yes," to that question. After all, we all know who Jesus is and all of the wonderful things he has done, but would you be



surprised to know that Jesus was not welcome in the Synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth? That is what today's gospel tells us.

Jesus had just healed many people and even raised a young girl from the dead as we learned in last week's gospel. He left there and returned to his hometown. As he always did, Jesus went to the synagogue on the Sabbath. He began teaching, and many who were there were amazed at what they heard. They did not know that Jesus had so much wisdom and power.

Some of the people in the synagogue began to make fun of Jesus. "Who does he think he is? And where does he get this wisdom and the power to do miracles? Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't he the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Don't his sisters live right here in the same town with us?" They were offended by the teachings of Jesus and refused to believe in him.

Jesus responded to those who rejected him by saying, "A prophet is not accepted in his own hometown, among his relatives, on the streets he played in as a child." Not only that, but because of their unbelief, Jesus was unable to do any miracles among them except to place his hands upon a few people and heal them. Jesus was amazed at their unbelief.

Jesus told his disciples to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8). But just as many in Nazareth rejected Jesus, they would also reject his disciples as well. If you and I tell others about Jesus, they might reject us too. They might say, "Who do they think they are? They are just a bunch of kids." Jesus told us to be his witnesses. He never promised that it would be easy.

### *Our Prayer*

Father, just as Jesus was rejected in his own hometown, we may also be rejected when we tell others about Jesus. Help us to remain his faithful witnesses, even when it isn't easy.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



## REJECTION AT NAZARETH

(MARK 6:1-6)



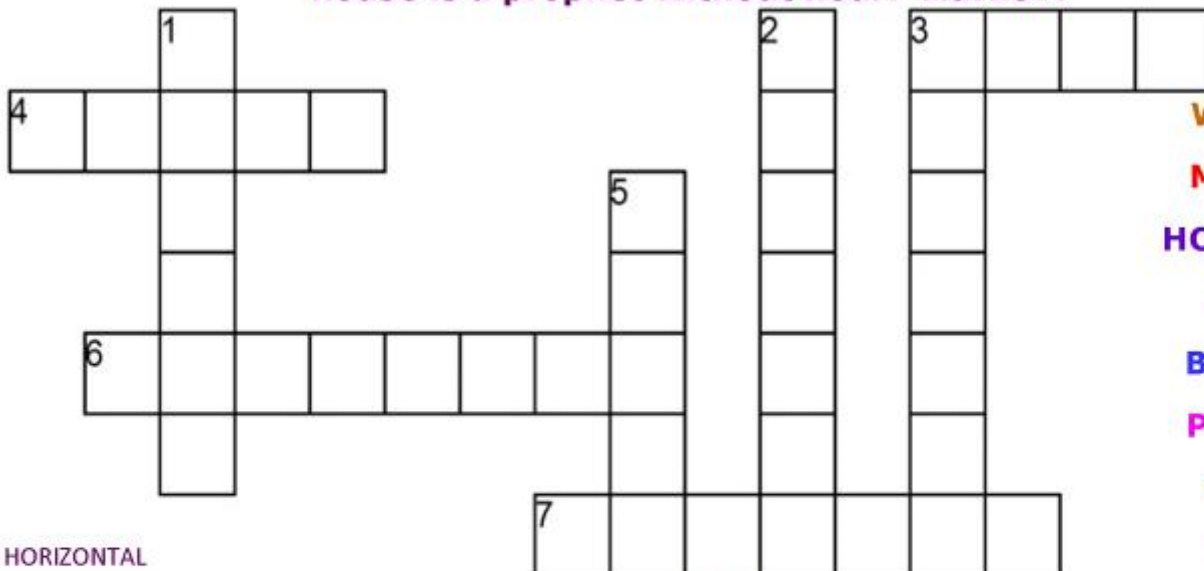
## Green Holiday Tips

- If there's a choice of jumping on an aeroplane or jumping on a train, choose the train. Everyone knows how air travel is bad for the environment.
- When you're exploring new places, hire a bicycle rather than taking the car.
- Take care to eat local food rather than choosing food that's travelled thousands of air miles.
- Don't buy things like cheap sun glasses that will only last one holiday. Choose things that will last far longer.
- Decline plastic straws in your drinks if you don't need them.
- When visiting the beach, remember to take your litter home!



## Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Jesus said to them "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor. Mark6:4



HORIZONTAL

3. The mother of Jesus
4. To have great trust or belief in something or someone
6. The town or city where a person was born or grew up
7. A man or boy with the same parents as another

VERTICAL

1. The ability to judge what is true or right
2. One who is a spokesman for God to man
3. An event that can only be done through the power of God
5. To treat with great respect

WISDOM  
MIRACLE  
HOMETOWN  
FAITH  
BROTHER  
PROPHET  
HONOR  
MARY



## Beladd Mass



## Cherrygarth Mass



## Marian Avenue Mass



# Presentation Sisters celebration in the Parish Centre



OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;



Margaret Meredith  
née Smith  
Millview, Portlaoise

*Even though I walk through the  
darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
For you are with me;  
Your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.*

**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**  
*Our sympathy to her family.*

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by  
logging on to the death notice at  
[www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices)

MONTHS MIND REMEMBRANCE  
In Loving Memory of  
**PAUL JOSEPH KENNA**  
Balladine Heights, Abbeyleix.  
Months Mind occurs 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Months Mind Mass will be celebrated  
in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary,  
Abbeyleix, **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm.**



**Hopeful**  
*In the midst of the storm  
I am smiling,  
Not because it doesn't  
hurt but because  
I am hopeful  
It will heal.  
Not because it is fun  
But because it's not forever - bachul junejo*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by  
his loving Mum Vera, Dad Tom, sisters  
Sheila and Fiona, brothers-in-law Skip  
(Ciarán) and Tim, nieces Amy and Katy,  
nephew Thomas, aunts, uncles, cousins,  
extended family and a wide circle  
of friends.

*Rest in Peace Paul*



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**In Loving Memory of  
LEONA CUDDY**

*Meelick, Portlaoise.*

**6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.**



*Deep in our hearts you will always stay,  
Loved and remembered everyday.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm.

*Loved and sadly missed by all your loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Leona*

**In Loving Memory of  
KATHLEEN O' DOWD**

*Cherrygarth, Portlaoise.*

**21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurred 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**



*Peace is the serenity of the soul,  
The tranquillity of the mind,  
And the simplicity of the heart.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family.*

*Rest in Peace Kathleen*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARY FLYNN**

*Lakeglen, Green Rd. Portlaoise.*

**24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 8<sup>th</sup> July**



*Wherever I go, whatever I do, memories  
of your love keep me near to you.*

*Sadly missed by all her loving family  
and friends.*

*May Mary Rest in Peace*

**MONTHS MIND REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
ROSE CONROY**

*40 Carrick Hill, Portlaoise.*

**Months Mind occurs 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024**



Months Mind Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter &  
Paul's Parish Church, this  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.**

*Grief is the price we pay  
for love.*

*All your boys know the cost and  
are paying it dearly.*

Sadly missed and lovingly remembered by all  
her sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren,  
great-grandchildren, brothers, sisters & friends.

*Rest in Peace Rose*

**In Loving Memory of  
JOHANNA SCULLY**

*5 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.*

**15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this  
**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 12:30pm.**

Loving memories of one so dear,  
Treasured still with a love sincere,  
In our hearts she is living yet,  
We loved her too dearly to forget.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by all her  
loving family.*

*Also remembering her husband Patrick at this time.*

*Rest in Peace Johanna*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARGARET HOULIHAN**

*Late of 11 Mountain View, Portlaoise.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024**



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Sunday  
**7<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm.**

*For my Mammy in Heaven  
They say there is a reason,  
They say that time will heal,*

*Neither time or reason will change the way I feel.  
Gone are the days we used to share,  
But in my heart you are always there,  
The gates of memories will never close,  
I miss you more than anybody knows.  
Love and miss you everyday, until we meet again.*

Missed and loved so very much by your daughter Lorraine  
and granddaughter Shania xxxx

*Rest in Peace Margaret*

He lived among us

John 1:14

**In Loving Memory of  
GERALDINE LEWIS (née Buggy)**

**The Heath, Portlaoise.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024**



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 10am** and in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath, **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am.**

Geraldine, they say that time is a healer, but as time goes on, I seem to find it just as hard to face the fact you're gone.

And today is the anniversary of the day you went away, and I'm standing here at your graveside, and believe me when I say; You'll never be forgotten, and every year I'll shed a tear, but it's only because I love you, and wish you were still here.

*Always loved and remembered by your loving husband Derek, children Serena, Rachel & Darragh and grandson Killian xxx*

*Rest in Peace Geraldine*

**In Loving Memory of  
GERALDINE LEWIS**

**The Heath, Portlaoise.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**



*Geraldine, we shared some laughs, we shared some tears, but best of all we shared great years.*

*No more tomorrows for us to share, but yesterday's memories will always be there.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by Trisha, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews. Also remembering her father-in-law Teddy Lewis.*

*Rest in Peace Geraldine*

**† In Loving Memory of †**

**ANNIE (Nan) McDONALD**

**Ridge Road, Portlaoise.**



**TOM AND  
MARGARET (Peg)  
McEVROY**

**3 Green Mill Lane,  
Portlaoise.**



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

**Sadly missed by your loving family.**

Also remembering deceased members of the McDonald and McEvoy families.

*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
GERALDINE LEWIS (née Buggy)**

**The Heath, Portlaoise.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024**



Geraldine there is a face before us,

A voice we would love to hear,

A smile we will always remember,

Of a daughter and sister we loved so

dear. As days go by without you,

And weeks turn into years,

They hold a million memories and hide a million tears.

And when we see your photo, you seem to smile and say; don't cry I'm only sleeping, until we meet some day.

*Geraldine you are always in our thoughts and prayers, from Daddy, Mammy, Sean, Valerie, Edel and family xxx*

*Rest in Peace Geraldine*

**In Loving Memory of  
JOHN EGAN**

**6 New Terrace, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm.**

*There's always a place for you in our hearts, that way we'll never really be apart.*

Sadly missed, loved and remembered by his loving wife Anne, son Adrian, daughter Karen, daughter-in-law Janice, grandsons Adam & Caleb, granddaughter Chloe and sister Kathleen.

*Rest in Peace John*

**TASTE AND SEE THAT  
THE LORD IS GOOD**

PSALMS 33:9



† In Loving Memory of my Precious Son †  
**JAMIE-LEE MOORE**  
 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Son

Our time together was short but special, so were the memories we made,  
 And although you live in Heaven now, those memories will never fade.

I bow my head in silence and remember my son with love,  
 And I know that you are up there watching from above.

Every day is a struggle and nothing feels the same and my heart breaks a little more, every time I hear your name.  
 You'll always be remembered and time may heal my heart,  
 But a piece of me is missing since the day we had to part.  
 If Heaven is for angels then I know that's where you'll be,  
 And I know you will be waiting when Heaven calls for me.  
**Love and miss you always Jamie-Lee, Mammy xxxxxxxx**

Brother

Our hearts have been left broken, since the day you had to go, and the memories we treasure dearly, are in the tears that still flow,

You're in our thoughts everyday, and that's how it will always be, for you may be up in Heaven now, but you'll always be with us.

If only we could have the chance to see your face once more, or to hear your voice one final time, just like it was before.

**Love and miss you Jamie, always and forever.  
 Tanya, Tirma, Jake and Taylor xxxxxxxx**

Uncle

Holy Angels up above, give our uncle Jamie-Lee a great big hug.

**From all your nieces, Kyra, Nelly, Jamie, Loran and Darla  
 xxxxxxxx**

Nephew/Grandson

Although you sleep in Heaven now, you're not that far away, our hearts are full of memories and you're with us everyday,

You lived your life with meaning and with a smile upon your face, a world that was full of happiness is now an empty place.

People say that only time will heal the broken hearts,  
 But just like us and you, it has been torn apart,  
 We know you are at peace now and in a place where you are free, meet us at the pearly gates of Heaven when Heaven calls for us.

**Love and miss you always, Aunty Sharon, James, kids,  
 Nanny Maureen, Margaret, Caroline and boys and uncle  
 Kevin xxxxxxxx**

*May Jamie Lee Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of  
**GERARD (Gerry)  
 BRENNAN**

**Late of 41 St. Brigid's Place and Scotland.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**



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

*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,*

*To love and cherish and never forget.  
 To hear your voice, to see your smile,  
 To sit and talk to you awhile,  
 To be together in the same old way,  
 Would be our dearest wish today.*

**Loved, missed and remembered always by  
 Mam Mena, brother Paul and family, sisters  
 Angela, Marie and their families, extended  
 relatives and friends and all your loving  
 family in Scotland.**

*Rest in Peace Gerry*

In Loving Memory of  
**JIM QUIGLEY**

**Dublin Road, Portlaoise.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm.**

*Your life was one of kindly deeds,  
 A helping hand for other's needs,  
 Sincere and true in heart and mind,*

*Beautiful memories left behind.*

**Loved and sadly missed by his loving wife  
 Maude, daughters Michelle and Anne, son-in-law  
 Seamus and grandchildren Emma and David.**

*Rest in Peace Jim*

*You are the*  
**Light**  
*of the World*



In Loving Memory of  
**EMILY DUNNE**

Pembroke Terrace, Abbeyleix.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Emily's 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in the Church of the Most Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 5pm.

**Much Beloved  
Daughter, Sister, Teacher  
and Friend to many.**

*Do not stand at my grave and weep,  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am in a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the softly falling snow.  
I am the gentle showers of rain,  
I am the fields of ripening grain.  
I am in the morning hush,  
I am in the graceful rush  
Of beautiful birds in circling flight,  
I am the starshine of the night.  
I am in the flowers that bloom,  
I am in a quiet room.  
I am in the birds that sing,  
I am in each lovely thing.  
Do not stand at my grave bereft  
I am not there. I have not left.*

**Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered  
by your loving family.**

*Rest in Peace Emily*

YOUR **LIGHT** WILL  
SHINE LIKE THE DAWN

ISAIAH 58:8



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