



Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Lovely Things

by H. M. Sarson

Bread is a lovely thing to eat -
God bless the barley and the wheat!

A lovely thing to breathe is air -
God bless the sunshine everywhere!

The earth's a lovely place to know -
God bless the folks that come and go!

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**HEATH CEMETERY MASS
Thursday, 15th August**

**Feast of the Assumption
Procession,
Rosary at 7pm
Mass at 7.30pm**

Saint Augustine prays, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

Today's Gospel is a continuation of the feeding of the five thousand. Impressed by Jesus' ability to miraculously feed them, the crowds chase after him eager for more of the same. Jesus however knows that for his new found fans, witnessing a miracle doesn't automatically lead to faith. Jesus knows that they have shared the meal, shared the miracle, but missed the message. "Very truly" he tells them, "you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." Jesus gives the crowd one single piece of life changing advice. "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life."



It's a life changing piece of advice but hugely difficult for us to follow. It is difficult for us to believe that more money and a better lifestyle won't make us happy. It is hard for us to believe that writing a best selling book, winning X Factor, climbing a mountain or winning a medal won't bring ultimate fulfilment. We look at people who are seemingly happy with not very much and imagine that they are easily satisfied because they aren't very bright or perhaps they are just a bit lacking in ambition. The key to true fulfilment is in Jesus' example. Jesus didn't try to amass possessions, nor did he try to 'be something'. Jesus simply poured out his life for others. It is when we pour ourselves out for others that we are closest to being fulfilled and at peace. It is when our lives are more about our love for others than our own selfish pursuits that life's hunger is satisfied.

Jesus is the bread of life not for what he puts into our stomachs but in how he teaches us to live. In Communion, Jesus shapes us to give, in the same way as he gives himself. "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven.'

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 & 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.



Today (Sunday 4th August) is the Eleventh Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Denis Nulty. Bishop Denis celebrates the 11th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

**Feast of the
Transfiguration
Tuesday
6th August**

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Best of 3: Kit Farrell & Tom Kearns | **Least of 3:** Tom Jacob | **Raffle:** 1st Margaret Flanagan, 2nd Mary Dunne, 3rd Mary Lillis, 4th Paddy Murphy, 5th Billy O Keeffe, 6th Sadie Chester, 7th Ann O' Dowd.

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LOOKING FOR A SIGN

We see signs all around us every day. As we walk down the halls at school we may see signs that identify the different rooms in the school such as the staff room, office, library, computer lab, or music room. Each classroom probably has a sign by the door with the teacher's name on it so that the students will be able to find their classroom.

When we travel around our town we see signs that tell us what we should or should not do. We see signs for a school zone ahead and we should drive slowly and watch for children. Or on the main roads we could see a sign to tell us to stop. We should be watching for the stop sign and be prepared to stop.

Or we could see a sign in a public building that has an X with a cigarette – That is a sign that we should all obey. NO SMOKING!

The Gospel today is about signs of a different kind. It is a story about some people who were looking for a sign that would prove to them that Jesus had been sent from God. Do you remember the story about Jesus feeding five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish? As you might imagine, that made Jesus very popular with the people, so when the crowd realised that Jesus and his disciples had left, they went looking for him. They found him way over on the other side of the lake. When they found him, they asked him, **"Teacher, when did you get here?"**

Jesus answered them, **"You came looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you. You shouldn't be so concerned about things like food. Instead, you should be seeking the eternal life that I can give you."**

The people wanted proof. "Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? After all, Moses gave our ancestors bread from heaven to eat when they were in the wilderness. Can you do that?"

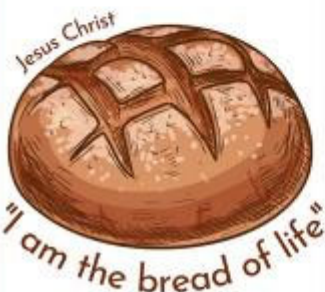
Jesus answered them, **"The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."**

"Give us that bread! Give it to us every day," the people said.

Jesus replied, **"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**

Some people today are still asking for some special sign that will prove that Jesus was sent from God. God has given us all the signs we need right here in the Gospel. All God wants is for us to believe in the One

He sent.



My Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Son,
the Bread of Life.

We don't need a sign, we believe in your Holy Word.
In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



I am the Bread of Life

John 6:35



LOOKING FOR A SIGN

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- ___ 1. To accept something as being true
A. think **B. hope** **C. believe** **D. wish**
- ___ 2. To have desire for water
A. hungry **B. thirsty** **C. tired** **D. weary**
- ___ 3. To last forever; to be without end
A. eternal **B. short** **C. long** **D. brief**
- ___ 4. The period between birth and death
A. youth **B. life** **C. childhood** **D. adult**
- ___ 5. A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
A. picture **B. word** **C. sign** **D. believe**
- ___ 6. The place where God and the angels live
A. heaven **B. Jerusalem** **C. earth** **D. eternal**
- ___ 7. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
A. manna **B. bread** **C. corn** **D. candy**
- ___ 8. The earth with its inhabitants
A. heaven **B. desert** **C. bread** **D. world**
- ___ 9. To put food into your mouth, chew it and swallow it.
A. drink **B. eat** **C. sleep** **D. thirsty**
- ___ 10. To have a desire for food
A. thirsty **B. eat** **C. hungry** **D. tired**



Love is like

5 Loaves and 2 Fish

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giving it away



"I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you bread from heaven."

Taken from today's Gospel



Time to Think!

Laughter is good for the Soul...

Earlier this summer, Pope Francis, hosted more than a hundred comedians from around the world at the Vatican. The entourage of comedians included some famous names, such as Whoopi Goldberg, Stephen Colbert and Conan O'Brien, famed television comedic personalities in the States. Our own Tommy Tiernan and Ardal O'Hanlon were also present. The gathering was organised by the Vatican Dicastery for Culture and Education. Pope Francis told the comics that they have the ability to unite people because laughter is contagious; it is easier to laugh together than alone. Laughter breaks down social barriers and creates connections among people. Humour, the pontiff suggested, "helps to spread peace and overcome difficulties and daily stress, while helping people to endure problems both big and small." He added that they make God smile when they manage to draw knowing smiles from the lips of even one spectator. (He was quoting a passage from the Book of Proverbs here).

I must say I was intrigued by that gathering of comedians. As I reflected on it, it helped me to appreciate the importance of laughter and comedy in our lives. Freedom and creativity are great gifts of leadership that Pope Francis exemplifies. St. Paul in his epistles encourages us to speak with grace seasoned with wit. St. Augustine, in his famous work, *The City of God*, assures us that comic spirit must reside in that City. There are medieval collections of holy jokes, jests and stories used by saints to show themselves to be cheerful. A medieval monk named Odo who lived in the famous monastery of Cluny was said to have made his companions laugh until they cried or were unable to speak to one another.

Dante in his famous poem, *The Divine Comedy*, sticks the melancholy in hell because they had remained "so stubbornly sullen in the sweet air of God's sun". As he left the realms of purgatory and followed Beatrice into paradise Dante heard a sound he never heard before, celestial laughter, the laughter of the Heavens. Some of the great Christian philosophers, such as Soren Kierkegaard, have written extensively on the comic dimension of Christian faith. Kierkegaard claimed that "Comedy is an escape from despair, a narrow escape into faith." So what is the connection between comedy and faith?

Ministry to the elderly is one of the great privileges in our work, visits to the housebound and celebrating Mass in nursing homes on a regular basis. The ability of the elderly to laugh, their appreciation of the comic dimension is such a tonic. I think of the hope and faith of a blind widower, who, perceiving unhappiness in another of his frail elderly companions at a daycare centre, reaches back in memory to tell silly jokes, which brings a smile back to the face of the man sitting in the next chair. I remember a widow, who, having just had her cancerous colon removed, refuses to yield to the



absolutes of the diagnosis and had all her doctors and nurses laughing with her over their own reports. Laughter was a reaction to the immediate incongruities in the lives of these elderly people. Humour expressed a certain heroic defiance in the face of life's most crushing defeats, approaching death and a cancer diagnosis. In both instances, they demonstrate an unquenchable nobility of spirit that refuses to permit a given fate to define them.

The Christian would sense in the humorous exchanges of these patients an intuition, a signal of true redemption, that is of a world made whole and in which the miseries of the human condition have been abolished. We would experience faith as the only possible response to the ultimate incongruities of existence, which threaten the very meaning of our lives. The comic vision then is one of the byproducts of faith that can accept even life's incongruities, the comic vision fulfilled in what Dante called *The Divine Comedy*. This implies that the Christian relies on faith in the God whose greatest stunt of all was the resurrection where life won over death, possibility over tragic necessity... Which gives us the freedom not to take anything human ultimately seriously. Comedian Woody Allen is good at expressing fear around this whole question of life and death. He said he doesn't mind dying, he just does not want to be around when it happens! He also said he does not believe in an afterlife, although he is bringing a change of underwear. The comic vision of the Christian convinces that death does not have the last laugh.

"The human heart desires joy. We all desire joy, every family, every people aspire to happiness. But what is the joy that the Christian is called to live out and bear witness to? It is the joy that comes from the closeness of God, from his presence in our lives. From the moment Jesus entered history, with his birth in Bethlehem, humanity received the seed of the Kingdom of God, like the soil receives the seed, the promise of a future harvest. There is no need to look further! Jesus has come to bring joy to all people for all time. It is not just a hopeful joy, or a joy postponed until paradise: as if here on earth we are sad but in paradise we will be filled with joy. No! It is not that, but a joy already real and tangible now, because Jesus himself is our joy ..."

Pope Francis

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Society of St Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Committee are organising a day trip to Rathwood Garden Centre Tullow on Tuesday 13th August.

Bus departing from Sts. Peter & Paul's Church (Stradbally Road side) at 11am. Lunch and train ride in Rathwood, cost €10.

For further information please phone 085-8819765 | 086-3431952

W E L C O M E



Another member of our 'virtual' congregation visiting us from Montreal, Canada, Silvia Adane.

During the Covid pandemic Silvia found us via Shalom World and continues to join us weekdays. She feels so close to our congregation that she decided to take her vacation this year in Portlaoise and will be here until mid August. She is very welcome as she joins us each day for Mass.

Congratulations to two lovely couples recently married in Abbeyleix Parish



Every good wish and blessing for a happy future together.

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



**Patrick (Pat)
Treacy**
Portarlinton and
formerly of the Heath



**Phil Coughlan
née Dundon**
Mountrath Road,
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 THEY REST IN PEACE
Our sympathy to their families.

A message of sympathy may be left for the family by
logging on to the death notice at
www.portlaoiseparish.ie/deathnotices

I am the *Way,*
the *Truth & the Life*
John 14:6

**In Loving Memory of
EUGENE O'CONNOR**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurs 4th August 2024.



*Thinking of you today, on your
anniversary, as we do everyday,*

*Never Forgotten
Loved and missed by your loving
family and friends, children and
grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Eugene

**In Loving Memory of
EUGENE O'CONNOR**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurs 4th August 2024.



*Your memory is our keepsake,
with which we'll never part,
God has you in His keeping,
We have you in our hearts.*

*Always loved and remembered
by James, Zoe, Odin, Zane
and Ange xxxxx*

Rest in Peace Eugene

**In Loving Memory of
KIERAN DELANEY**

A Dear Son, Uncle, Brother and Daddy
Late of Green Mill Lane & St. Brigids Place, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurs 2nd August 2024



*When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned
and remember only my smile.*

*Forget unkind words I have spoken,
Remember some good I have done,
Forget that I ever had a heartache,
And remember I've had loads of fun.*

*Forget that I've stumbled and blundered
and sometimes fell by the way,
Remember I have fought some hard battles and won, ere the
close of the day.*

*Then forget to grieve for my going;
I would not have you sad for a day, but in summer just gather
some flowers and remember the place where I lay.
And come in the evening when the sun paints the sky in the
west, stand for a few moments beside me and remember
only my best.*

*Always in our thoughts Kie; Mam, Angie, Kelley, Tracy,
Brendan, Sean, Laura and his son Adam, nieces,
nephews, great-nephew and all his loving family.*

May Kieran Rest in Peace



IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Bridie Keenan

80 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise
Died 5th August 2023

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Ss. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise
on Sunday, 4th August at 11.15am.

May She Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
NOEL BRACKEN

Beladd, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 5th August 2024



*You were always there when we
needed you,*

*No task too great or small,
With a loving heart and willing hands,
For you did it all.*

*Loved and missed today and every day.
From his wife Elsie, children Brendan,
Fintan and Noelle, daughters-in-law
Janice and Jenny, son-in-law Mick, grandchildren and
all your loving family and friends.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Sunday 4th August at 12.30pm.

Rest in Peace Noel

In Loving Memory of
FINTAN KEEGAN

2 Green Road, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurred 31st July 2024



*A whisper on a July evening,
You heard a gentle call,
You took the hand of Jesus and gently
left us all.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered
by Mary and family, Kay and family,
nieces and nephews.*

Rest in Peace Fintan

In Loving Memory Of
JOHN DUFF

Died 13th August 1968
(56th Anniversary)

And his Son

**PATRICK
DUFF**

Died 10th August 1983
(41st Anniversary)

Kyle, Ridge Rd., Portlaoise.

*Softly the leaves of memory fall, gently we gather and
treasure them all, for the ones we loved so dearly.*

John and Patrick's Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sat. 10th August at 6.30pm.

Sadly missed and always remembered by all their loving family.

Rest in Peace John and Patrick

In Loving Memory of
TOM PHELAN

Clonkeen, Portlaoise and formally Ballinakill.

2nd Anniversary occurred 31st July 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday 3rd August at 6.30pm.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.*

*When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift
uplifting rush. Of quiet birds in circled flight.*

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

*Do not stand at my grave and cry; I am not there.
I did not die.*

Loved and always remembered by Andrea, Ruairi, Ciara
and Tomas and their mother Marie, daughter-in-law
Carol, sons-in-law Brian and Paul and his adored
grandchildren Alex, Emma, Oisín, Rebecca, Sarah, Tommy
& Jim along with his extended family and many friends.

Rest in Peace Tom

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
ALICE NEVIN

Formerly Mountain View Square, Portlaoise.

6th Birthday away from us.



Birthday Remembrance Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church on

Saturday 10th August at 10am.

*No morning dawns, no night returns,
but that we think of you.*

*Those left behind are very good,
but none replaces you,*

*Many a silent tear is shed, when we are all alone,
The one we love so very much, the one we call our own.*

Happy Birthday in Heaven

*Sadly missed and always remembered, love from
Paddy, Kathleen and family and grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Alice

In Loving Memory of **JOE CAMPBELL**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
23rd Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
Sunday 4th August at 11:15am.

Our thoughts are ever with you though you
have passed away, and those who have
loved you dearly are thinking of you today.

Loved and remembered by all his loving family.

Rest in Peace Joe

In Loving Memory of **PAULINE HOOBAN**

16th Anniversary occurs 6th August 2024.



*Because you were so special,
No words could even say,
How much we love and miss you,
Today and everyday.*

*Loved and remembered always
by your loving sister Mary
and family.*

Rest in Peace Pauline

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK CONROY Jnr.**

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.

41st Anniversary occurs 3rd August 2024.



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

*Remembered always by
his loving family.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Of our Father WILLIAM KERRY

61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise.

25th Birthday away from home occurred 2nd August '24. Aged 90 yrs.

And our Mother ROSANNA KERRY

7th Birthday away from home occurs 9th August '24. Aged 83 yrs.



*A picture of you I carry in
my heart, I close my eyes to
see it when the world gets
dark.*

*A memory of you I carry in
my soul, I wrap it close
around me when the nights
get cold.*



*If you ask how I am, I'd say just fine,
But the truth is if you could read my mind,
Not a day goes by that I don't think of you both.*

*Happy Birthday Mam and Dad, from your loving
daughter Annemarie and granddaughters Katie, Rachael
and Roisín xx*

Rest in Peace Mam and Dad

Take Time

- Take time to think ...
it is the source of power.
- Take time to play ...
it is the secret of perpetual youth.
- Take time to read ...
it is the fountain of wisdom.
- Take time to pray ...
it is the greatest power on earth.
- Take time to love and be loved ...
it is a God-given privilege.
- Take time to be friendly ...
it is the road to happiness.
- Take time to laugh ...
it is the music of the soul.
- Take time to give ...
it is too short a day to be selfish.
- Take time to work ...
it is the price of success.
- Take time to do charity ...
it is the key to heaven.

I am the bread of life

Jn 6:35



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of

EILEEN LOUGHNANE née Murphy

Rathnamanagh, Portlaoise.



The Month's Mind Mass for Eileen will take place on **Saturday, August 10th**, at 6:30pm in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise.

We, the family of the late Eileen Loughnane, would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who supported us following her unexpected passing.

We extend our sincere thanks to all the healthcare professionals for the excellent care provided to Eileen and our family during this difficult time.

A special thanks to Monsignor John Byrne and the Priests of the Parish, for the beautiful send-off, to Matthew Keegan, our funeral director, for guiding us through this challenging process, to Heather Fogarty for her heartfelt music and singing, and to Portlaoise An Garda Síochána for escorting the cortege. We also appreciate the sweet gesture from the management, teachers and students of Scoil Chríost Rí who formed a touching guard of honour.

We would like to thank our extended family, friends, neighbours, and work colleagues for their kindness in visiting the house, attending the wake, Requiem Mass, and burial. We are grateful for the Mass cards, letters, floral tributes, other expressions of sympathy, food, and all the ways you offered help. Your thoughtful prayers and unwavering support have provided us with immense comfort during this difficult time. We are also deeply touched by the heartwarming stories and cherished memories of Eileen that you have shared with us.

Thank you all for your compassion and for helping us remember and celebrate Eileen's life.

Rest in Peace Eileen



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Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 | Psalm 77:3-74, 23-25, 54
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