



Twenty—Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

What a wonderful Ploughing Championship! Over 200,000 people enjoyed the event at Ratheniska. Well done to all associated in organising this successful event and to the community at Ratheniska, hosting 'the ploughing' for the past 3 years. Next year it moves on but no doubt it will return to this great venue sometime in the future.

(photo) Msgr. John at the official opening - praying for fine weather and blessing the Championships.



Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all, we praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Success, Power and Wealth

If you took a survey out onto the street asking, "Which people would we regard as the most successful?"

celebrities like Bill Gates or Simon Cowell might figure highly on the list. Favourite pop idols, film stars, sports people and royalty might be up there too. It seems that we measure success in terms of popularity, glamour, money and power. Even in our own not so famous circles, we strive for status and job promotion. With promotion comes extra responsibility and with that extra responsibility, increased power to our elbow.

The disciples may well have been feeling bemused in today's gospel story. Jesus tells them that man will hand him over to his death. The disciples were probably wondering why Jesus should succumb to this kind of ignominy. After all, wasn't he the Son of God? Couldn't he exercise some power? Who knows, perhaps it was this idea that prompted their conversation on the way to Capernaum. We are told that the disciples were discussing amongst each other, which of them was the greatest. They must have known deep down, that Jesus would not approve of this discussion, because when Jesus asks them what they were talking about, they fall silent with shame.

Jesus places a small child in their midst to teach them a lesson. He is asking them, and us, to accept the child's world as our own. We are asked to accept a world of vulnerability and absence of status. We are asked to take stock. Who do we look up to in our society? Do we look down on those who appear to lack ambition or position? Today we remember that Jesus' way is not of pomp and circumstance, but of servitude and humility. We have to learn that success is not about what we have, but about who we are.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Ella Mae Keane, Ashewood Walk
Eoin O'Dea, Aghnaharna Drive
Nevaeh-Leigh Keyes Flynn, Harpurs Crescent
Ronin Michael Gallagher, Ballyclider

Who were baptised last weekend.

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.



SHALOM WORLD

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Shalom World would like to thank all who contributed to their appeal last weekend in our parish. Total amount collected was

€3,977.28



Thought for the Day

Who knows and loves the Saviour more than a believing child?

His faith is fresh and innocent;
her spirit, meek and mild.

So recently departed from
the reach of heaven's arms,
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Frances Black with Monasterevin Gospel Choir; Thursday 17th October 2024 at 8pm in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church. Tickets €25. In aid of Sts. Peter & Paul's Church and Monasterevin Day Care Centre. For bookings contact Parish Office 045-525346, Earley's Fashion Shop 045-525395. Concert will NOT be Live Streamed on the Night.

RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

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

Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto every First Friday after evening Mass.

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

St. Pio's Feast Day Mass; Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry and after Mass, St. Pio's glove will be available to anyone wishing to be blessed. All are welcome.

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat; Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Saturday 28th September 2024 from 10am to 1.30pm. Holy Mass at 10am, Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre after Mass from 10.45am to 1.30pm. Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P. Contact: Michael Nerney 086-8157305 or visit www.spioraidnaoimh.com. All are welcome.

A Talk by John Lacken on 'Traditional Catholic Families'; The talk will look at the current attacks on family life and how to address these in order to build up stable Catholic families. The talk will be held in Roscrea Youth Centre, Gaol Road, Roscrea, E53 TD79 (opposite Dunnes Stores), on Wednesday 25th September at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Tea and Coffee afterwards. John Lacken founded "Legio Sanctae Familiae" in 2022 to promote authentic traditional Catholic families. John is married to Naomi with 8 children. John used to write for the Catholic Voice. NB. This talk is not suitable for those under 18 years old.



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Thursday 26th Sept: Cards in Sue Ryder Centre at 3pm. New members always welcome. Tuition given. Some of our members are on holidays in Spain as part of our celebrations for our 20th Anniversary.

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

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre, Tuesday, 17th September:

Top Score: Kit Farrell | 1st Lady: Catherine Fitzpatrick | 2nd Lady: Margaret Flanagan | 1st Gent: Billy O'Keefe & Frank Keenan | 1st Half: Paddy Purcell

2nd Half: Paric Dowling & Tom Gowing. Raffle: 1st P. McEvoy, 2nd P. Stephens, 3rd C. Galvin, 4th M. O'Brien, 5th B. Cahill, 6th P. Murphy, 7th T. Jacob.

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.

Graiguecullen Bingo Tuesday 24th September in St. Fiaccs Hall 8.30pm:

Jackpot on 50 numbers €3,170. Double number €2,420. Lotto €750.

Alanon Family Group for family, friends or anyone affected by someone struggling with Alcoholism. Alanon meeting every Thursday night at 8pm in Portlaoise. For further info. contact; 086-8706017.



The Key to Greatness

Look at your Mam or Dad's Key ring! Have you ever seen so many keys? They come in all different shapes and sizes. Which keys do you think is the most important? Well, if I want to get into my house, the key for my front door would be the most important key. If I wanted to drive my car, my car key would be the most important.



It would be pretty silly to argue about which of these keys is the most important, wouldn't it? How about people? Have you ever heard people arguing among themselves about which of them is the greatest? I have! You might be surprised to know that even Jesus' disciples had such an argument. One day the disciples were walking along the road with Jesus and they began arguing among themselves. Jesus overheard them, and when they got to the place where they were going, he asked, "What were you arguing about on the road?" The disciples suddenly got very quiet. They were embarrassed because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.

Jesus sat down and called his disciples to him. "If anyone wants to be first," he said, "he must be the very last, and be the servant of everyone else."



Now that wasn't exactly what the disciples wanted to hear. They were hoping to hear Jesus say that they were going to have a position of great importance in his kingdom. Instead, Jesus called a little child over to him and took him in his arms. "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children also welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me, also welcomes the one who sent me."

If I were to ask you, "Who is the greatest person who ever lived?" What would your answer be? Would you name a famous singer? A movie star? A world leader? I think we would all agree that Jesus Christ was the greatest person who ever lived. Why? Because, although he was God, he gave up all of his divine privileges and became a servant.

There are a lot of keys on my own key ring. One key you won't find on this key ring is the key to greatness. The key to greatness is to have a servant's heart. A heart like Jesus.

PRAYER

**Heavenly Father, give us a heart like Jesus.
In his name we pray.
Amen.**



The Key to Greatness



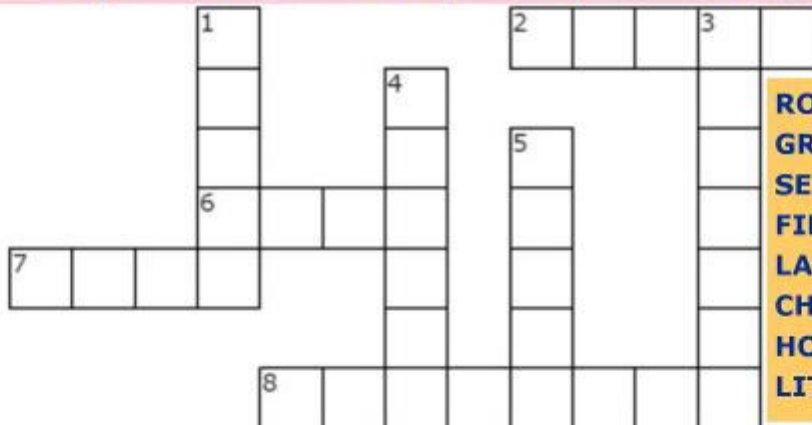
Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the page.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you _____ about on the road?" But they kept _____ because on the way they had argued about who was the _____.

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be _____, he must be the very _____, and the _____ of all."

He took a little _____ and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever _____ one of these little _____ in my _____ welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."

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last children quiet name arguing



ROAD
GREATEST
SERVANT
FIRST
LAST
CHILD
HOUSE
LITTLE



ACROSS

2. A building where people live, especially a family
6. The one coming after all others
7. A public way of the travel of vehicles, people and animals
8. A person or thing of the highest

DOWN

1. A very young person
3. Someone who is employed to perform services for others.
4. Small in size



You are invited to be part of the Children's Liturgy Group, which takes place each Sunday during 12.30pm Mass.

It is an opportunity for children from 4+ to celebrate and worship in an age appropriate way.

The children's liturgy group is back on Sunday the 22nd of September, during 12.30pm mass. Use this QR code to complete application form.





Time to Think!

Relics of Saint Bernadette

Currently the relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes, are visiting many churches across the Country. Saint Bernadette's relics will be present in the Carlow Cathedral October 7th and Portlaoise Parish Church, October 8th. I have no doubt that this occasion will attract huge numbers of people, who identify with the message that St. Bernadette received from Our Lady, in Lourdes 1858. Saint Bernadette's life and legacy continues to be deeply relevant in the lives of millions of pilgrims who visit Lourdes. Bernadette a fragile, vulnerable young woman who like the shepherds near Bethlehem was chosen to witness firsthand that God's grace is truly available. God perhaps is more present in our vulnerabilities than our strengths. This makes Saint Bernadette so attractive to us all.

Imagine the scene as some wept and others jeered as a 14-year-old unlettered girl crawled around in a small cave, a dingy pig shelter, eating grass and washing her face with mud. She seemed confused. "She's mad!" one person called out, "What is she doing?" Another shouted, "Little upstart!" Some were worried, "Poor girl!" Maybe things had finally got to her – her parents drinking, their awful poverty, living in a former prison, the bullying, chronic illnesses. Had Bernadette Soubirous simply lost it? Eating grass and drinking muddy water in the town's rubbish dump, claiming that an apparition of a beautiful lady had told her to do it for the conversion of sinners. An extraordinary scene, and, of course, one of the events of the story of Lourdes. In human terms it seemed tragic. But this spectacle was to reveal so much about the mercy and love of God. Three days later, from this tomblike hollow, a spring gushed forth offering healing and new life. New beginnings to sinners, who, like all Prodigal Sons, no longer crawled around in pigsties, but assumed the dignity of sons and daughters of God!

Centuries before this event, a man, whom we call God, was also humiliated and mocked. He was nailed to a Cross like a common criminal, in a rubbish dump outside the city. He died the agony of a slave. On that day, too, some felt sorry for this failed preacher. Others laughed and mocked. "He called himself the Son of God, why doesn't God rescue him then?" "Who does he think he is?" "He saved others, he cannot save himself!" And his mother, Mary, stood there, united in His agony. And after offering himself to his Father for the conversion of sinners, he was laid in a tomb, like that grotto in Massabielle. Three days later the foolishness of God would triumph over human pride as the spring of the resurrection rose up from the earth to conquer death and sin.

Here is a great lesson from St. Bernadette and Lourdes, then – NEVER JUDGE BY FALLEN HUMAN STANDARDS. Bernadette was viewed by others as a nobody, mad. But God's eyes are turned to poor and the lowly, and away from the man of proud heart and haughty looks! God's ways are most definitely not our ways! The Grotto in Lourdes became a pulpit from which Mary taught Bernadette how to be a perfect disciple of Christ, and she continues to teach us how to do likewise today.



One of the first lessons Our Lady gave the eager to learn Bernadette was how to make the Sign of the Cross perfectly. Therefore, in addressing God, we must do so with pure love. The way we make the Sign of the Cross hints at how much we love God. As a sister in the convent, Bernadette was admired for the way she made the Sign of the Cross. It even brought others to conversion. One sister said, "The way in which she made the sign of the cross showed she was full of the spirit of faith." So here is one way in which we can all increase our love for God, by making the simple Sign of the Cross a witness to our faith and love.

From our love of God should flow an unquenchable love for neighbour. Bernadette was well acquainted with sorrow, ill health, abuse, and pain. Even in the convent, she experienced mockery and bullying. But she rejoiced to be the lowest and offered all these trials to God with love and patience. Her greatest consolation was to offer her humiliations, illness and suffering for the prayers of all who longed for healing and love. Bernadette said that her vocation was to suffer. She also said, "I may not know much, but at least I know how to pray the Rosary and love the Lord with all my heart!" This she did as Mary had taught her, praying all the time for sinners, with secret tears, just like Christ. After all, Mary had said to Bernadette, "I cannot offer you happiness in this world, but the next..." She therefore decided to offer all her pains and sorrows as an act of love to God, securing her future in paradise, as well as gaining many souls for the Lord.

As she lay dying, Bernadette kissed a Crucifix, and prayed her last words, "My God, I love you with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength! Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a poor sinner, a poor sinner..." At that moment, the beautiful Lady of Lourdes who is here now among us came to keep her promise to Bernadette, that happiness of the next world. No longer on her knees in a dung heap, Bernadette was taken up to the realms of Heaven, where all tears are wiped away and joy fulfilled. Bernadette, Our Lady told you that you would not be guaranteed happiness in this life, but now that you know supreme happiness in the next, pray for us, that we too may love God and neighbour in this world, and see God forever in the next! St. Bernadette Soubirous, pray for us!

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



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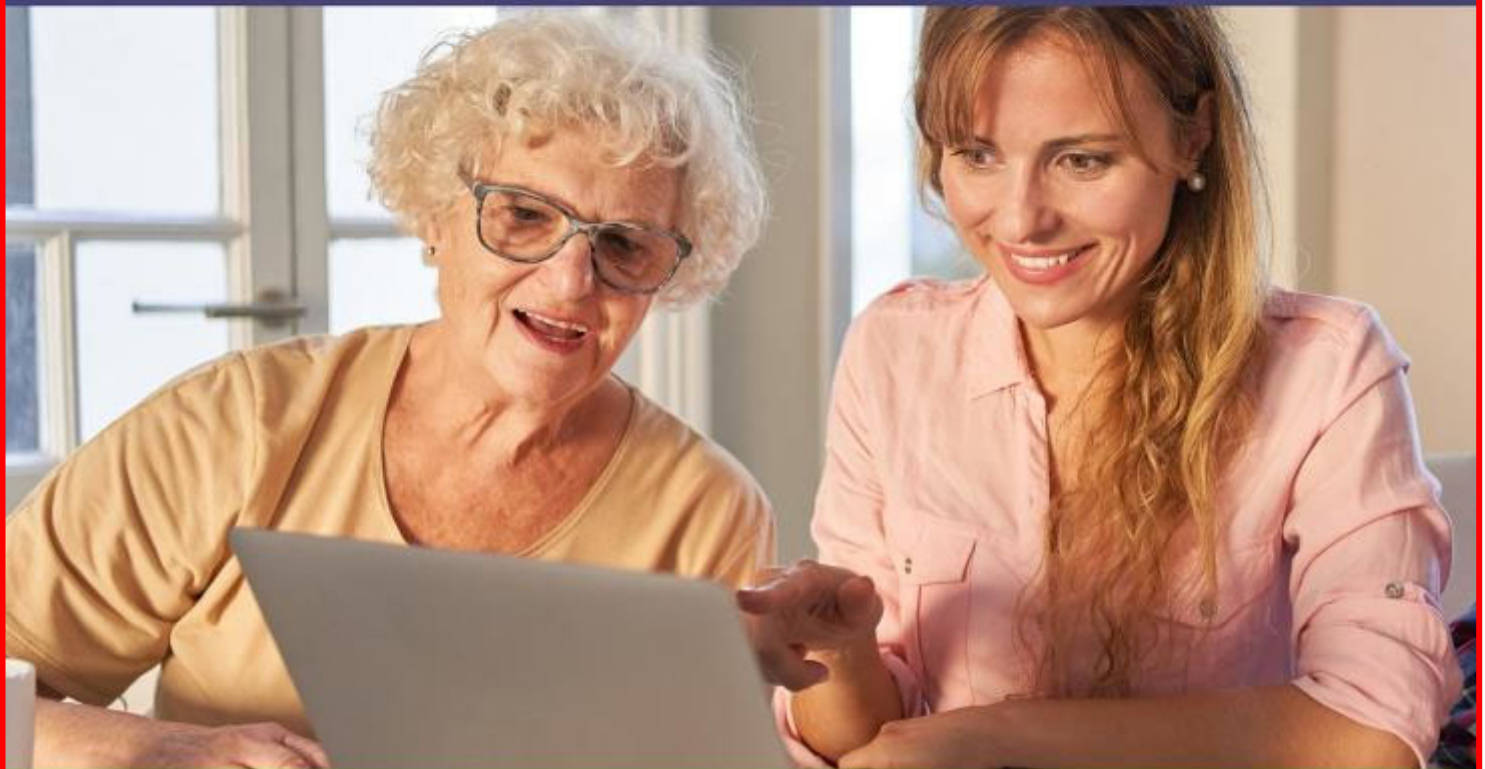


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BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

For A Very Special Mum
In Loving Memory of My Most Precious Mum
ELIZABETH (Mary) McEVOY née Ryan
64 Beladd, Summerhill Lane, Portlaoise.
22nd Sept. 1941. 10th Birthday away from home
occurs Sunday 22nd September 2024



*A Special Heavenly Birthday Wish for
my Dearest Mother in Heaven*

You are 83 years on this very special day

*Vivid, glossy rainbows veil, heart shaped,
glistening clouds,*

*Angels softly singing for your birthday,
All are bowed.*

*Floral blooms lie everywhere with sweet, aromatic scent,
For they know it is your special day, for that's what they
represent. Gold balloons blanket the skies, white doves
dancing in flight, moon beams shine on shooting stars,
All throughout the night.*

*Gifts received are loving hugs, and messages written in air,
For love is the only gift of value, needed for up there.*

Wishing you a Happy Birthday in Heaven Mum

Heaven holds my Mum on this her special day,

Lord I ask of you to pick her a bouquet,

*Of beautiful scented flowers and tell her they're from me,
Let her light shine bright today for all the world to see.*

Memories of a Special Mum on your Birthday

*As I stand here while you sleep, and place flowers where you
lay, I think of all the memories, and how I miss you every day.
To hear your voice one last time would help heal my broken
heart, for it beats a little slower, now that we're apart.
But as I stand here on this special day, I'll look back upon the
past, although our worlds are different now,
The memories will always last.*

To a Very Special Mum on your Birthday

If I could send a postcard, to Heaven up above,

I'd tell you that I miss you, and seal it with my love,

*Pain could fill a thousand pages, but what good would that do,
Because the only thing I long for, is to get one back from you,*

So if the angels are listening every time I pray,

I hope they send the message, that I miss you every day,

For now I'll keep the postcard here, I hope you understand,

Please keep watching over me, until I deliver it by hand.

Eternal Love for you Mum

On this day, your 83rd birthday, I feel you near Mum in Heaven,

I wish you could hear, the love and the laughter,

The tears and the joy, you're forever in my heart,

*That nothing can destroy. Happy Heavenly birthday Mum,
In the stars so bright, your love a guiding force, an eternal light.*

A Happy 83rd Birthday to my Dearest Mother in Heaven

*To my beloved Mother in Heaven, your birthday brings a mix
of emotions, sadness for missing you and gratitude for the love
you bestowed upon me. May your celestial birthday be as
beautiful as you were in life, happy Heavenly birthday Mum.*

Love you and miss you, James xxx

*Birthday remembrance Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 22nd Sept. at 10am & 11.15am.*

May you Rest in Peace
My Dear Elizabeth



In Loving Memory of

**RICHIE
GRAHAM**

Ridge Rd. Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs
24th September 2024

And his wife
**PHYLLIS
GRAHAM**

32nd Anniversary occurs 1st October 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Tues. 24th September at 10am.

*Time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you very near,
No need for words except to say,
You are loved and missed each passing day.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by Cora,
John, Ciara, Darragh and all their loving family.
May Richie & Phyllis Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of **SEAN O' REILLY**

Borris Road, Portlaoise.

16th Anniversary occurs 24th September 2024.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Tuesday 24th September at 10am.



There are some we meet in passing,
and forget as soon as they go,
There are some we remember with
pleasure and feel honoured and
privileged to know,
You were that kind of person who left
beautiful memories behind,
And there are many days which bring
fond memories of you to mind.

*Sadly missed by his loving wife Nancy, sons Aidan and
Noel and all his family, extended family & friends.*

Rest in Peace Sean

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of our Daddy
KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR

44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
53rd Birthday occurs 22nd September 2024.
11th Birthday away from home.



*Wishing you were here today, for just a
little while, so we could say
Happy Birthday Daddy and see your
loving smile.*

*The only gifts today will be memories you
left behind, of laughter, joy & happiness
that echo in our minds.*

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

And hope you're doing fine in Heaven up above.

*You were very kind and thoughtful, with a loving heart,
When other people needed help, you always played your part.
You're thought of every single day, whatever time of year,
But somehow more than ever, now your special day is here.*

*No presents can be given and that's really very sad,
But nothing will stop us saying "Happy 53rd Birthday" Dad.
Each memory is shining bright and treasured dearly too,
But memories will never take the place of someone as
wonderful as you.*

*May our friends and family in Heaven, hold you close and sing
you a birthday song, we will be sending a million hugs and
kisses, today and all year long.*

*Happy 53rd Birthday Daddy
Forever in our Thoughts
Lots of love Becky and Dylan and your grandson
Thomas William*

In Loving Memory of **GERARD BENNETT**

11th Anniversary occurs 25th September 2024



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Saturday
21st September at 6:30pm.

*Ger; It does not take a special
date for us to think of you,*

*For there hasn't been a day gone by, that we
haven't thought of you.*

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

Forever in our hearts, Sadie and family.

May Gerard Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **ANNE E CONROY**

3 Rockdale, Mountrath Road, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs at this time.



11th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Arles on
Sunday 29th September at 10am.

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

*Greatly missed by Noel, your loving
brothers, sisters and all your extended
family.*

May Anne Rest in Peace

Let His light shine.



***In Loving Memory of
KAY WALSH***

*Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 30th September 2024*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 28th September at 6.30pm



Those special memories of you will always bring a smile, if only I could have you back for just a little while,

Then we could sit and talk again just like we used to do, you always meant so very much and always will do too,

The fact that you're no longer here will always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart until we meet again.

Sadly missed by your daughter Catriona, sons John & Tony, daughter-in-law Lisa, grandchildren, brothers & sisters.

Also remembering Kay's late husband Anthony R.I.P.

Rest in Peace Kay

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

***In Loving Memory of
MARY WALLIS née Gaynor
Mountrath & formerly Portlaoise***



The Wallis and Gaynor family want to thank most sincerely those who sympathised with us on our recent sad loss. A special word of thanks to everyone who called to the house, attended the rosary, funeral Mass and Crematorium.

We deeply appreciate every kind expression shown, in person, mass cards and messages and those who travelled long distances to be with us.

We are really touched by the kindness and support shown by our many friends. For whatever part you played during our time of sadness, we are forever grateful.

A heartfelt thank you to Mary's sister Julie for her ongoing love and support. We are truly blessed.

As it would be impossible to mention everyone by name, please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deepest gratitude. A Mass has been offered for all your intentions.

Rest in Peace Mary

***In Loving Memory of
A Wonderful Son
CATHAL LALOR***

*St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
24th Anniversary occurs 29th September 2024*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 28th Sept. at 6.30pm

*Gone are the days we used to share
But in our hearts you are always there.*

*The gates of memory will never close
We miss you more than anyone knows
With tender love and deep regret
We who love you will never forget.*

*Always loved and never forgotten
From all your loving family xxxxx*

Rest in Peace Cathal

***In Loving Memory of
SARAH SCULLY***

*Kyleclonhobert, Portlaoise.
45th Anniversary occurred 14th September 2024.*



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

*Sadly missed and always remembered
by Pat, Mary & families.*

May Sarah Rest in Peace

***In Loving Memory of
DENIS BRENNAN***

*Borris Little, Portlaoise.
12th Anniversary occurs 30th September 2024*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Saturday 28th September at 6.30pm.

*Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure
Loving you always, forgetting you never.
Always loved and remembered by your
loving wife Mary and all the family.*

May Denis Rest in Peace

***In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Billy) & LILY CARROLL***

*Late of New Rd. Portlaoise.
Whose 58th and 34th Anniversaries occur at this time.*



*The cheerful happy ways,
The hearts that won so
many friends,
In bygone happy days.*



Sadly missed by all their loving family and friends.

Rest in Peace William and Lily

In Loving Memory of
ANNE GRIFFEY

32 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
26th Anniversary occurs 24th September 2024



Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always,
Forgetting you never.

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

Rest in Peace Anne

In Loving Memory of
JAMES (Jimmy) HILLIARD

63 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary away from home; 22nd September 2024.



We didn't know that morning that God was
going to call your name,
You always had a smile to share, a laugh,
a joke and time to care.
These are the memories we have of you
and we will cherish them forever.

Missed always by your brothers Tom, Noel, Martin, sister Esther,
son Noel, daughter Elizabeth, son-in-law Diarmuid, grandchildren
Jennifer, Nicole, Bernard, Rebecca, Lauren, Brooke and Faith
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Rest in Peace Jimmy

I am the light of the world

Jn 8:12



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