



Second Sunday of Advent



Portlaoise Lights Up For Christmas

Our 10am Children's Choir helped set the scene at the turning on of the Christmas lights outside the library last Friday. Their presence and lovely voices were much appreciated. Well done boys and girls and Sarah!



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Come, Lord Jesus

Lord of Peace

Choose a Better Way

We are good at digging ourselves into holes. We dig ourselves deep into places from which we cannot climb back out. Suddenly there is no way back from an argument



we've had with a relative or a friend. Perhaps we've said things that can't be retracted or we've heard something we can't forgive. Suddenly there is no way back to a simpler way of life because we've somehow managed to over complicate or over commit. Suddenly there is no way we can get back to feeling good about ourselves because we have made mistakes that seem impossible to rectify. Today John the Baptist points us in a better direction. He tells us "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made straight."

Preparing a way for God in our lives is no different from any other preparation. Before we go Christmas shopping we make a list of people we are going to buy for. Before we cook the Christmas dinner we make a list of what we are going to need right down from the turkey to the tin foil. So too when we plan to make better paths for God to work in our lives, we need to make a list of holes we need to dig ourselves out of, and how exactly we are going to fill them back in. The holes that were once filled with doubt and worry need to be filled with positive thoughts and fresh determination. The holes that kept us trapped in feelings of guilt and regret need to be filled with belief in God's forgiveness. Where once we struggled with overly burdened lives we now need to stop and refocus on what's important.

Rebuilding our lives might not be something we can do overnight, but we can all begin with the will to be different; the will to climb out of the holes we have dug and choose a better path.

"Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth" (Today's Gospel)

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

Monday (Solemnity, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm.

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.



We welcome into our Parish Community

Mollie Mae Saunders Cleland, Colliers Lane
Gladwin Tom Sino, Lime Tree Avenue

Who were baptised last weekend.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for December 2024 For Pilgrims of Hope



The theme for the 2025 Catholic jubilee year is "Pilgrims of Hope." However, we might have

to acknowledge that it can be difficult to feel hopeful sometimes. When we consider our divided society, the wars happening around the world, and the everyday challenges that accompany life (finances, health, relationships, etc.), the holiday season can feel more like an impending tsunami.

The definition of a pilgrim is one who journeys to a sacred place, and our challenge is to find our sacred place despite all the 'noise' around us. This month, Pope Francis invites us ".... this Jubilee Year to strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope."

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The deadline for all inclusions for the Christmas Link up and the first Link up of 2025 is Tuesday 10th December 2024. Any Submissions after this may not be considered.

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FREE Line Dancing Class Two lessons left in this FREE series of line dancing with thanks to Laois Sports Partnership...Monday Dec 9th in St.Mary's Hall, Dublin Rd. Portlaoise at 11a.m. Take time to refresh body, soul and mind. All are welcome. Maureen.0876482038.

Christmas at Portlaoise Library Christmas Concert-Portlaoise Library welcomes the young students from the Richard Mansworth Stage School to present a variety of well-known Christmas carols and songs taking place on **Saturday, 14th December at 11am**. All are welcome.

Christmas Coffee Morning-Portlaoise Library Christmas coffee morning-**Thursday, 19th December 11am**. Come and join us and the students from the Holy Family School Portlaoise who will perform a variety of well-known Christmas carols. All are welcome.

Mountmellick ICA guild are hosting a Craft Fair on Sunday December 8th from 12pm - 4pm in the ICA Hall. Eircode: R32 KV60 Free entry, Local crafts, Handmade gifts, Bric-a-brac, Raffle on the day. All are welcome.

Results of Whist Drive held in Parish Centre Tuesday, December 3rd

Top score: Mary Delaney

1st Lady: Kathleen Kennedy ; 2nd Lady: Lena Kelly ; 1st Gent: Liam McCarthney ; 2nd Gent: Tom Jacob

1st Half: Mary Dunne ; 2nd Half: Margaret Flanagan

Raffle: 1st Margaret Flanagan, 2nd Mary J Dunne, 3rd Molly O'Brien,

4th Bernie Cahill, 5th Terry Dunne, 6th Mary J Dunne.

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.

Portlaoise Active Retirement Meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre for an afternoon of friendship, activities and fun. New members always welcome.

Monday 9th December: No Bowls, away in Killarney. Sing along with Caroline, all welcome.

Thursday 12th December: Cards Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy at 3pm. New members always welcome, tuition given. For more information , please contact pro Sheila at 0876204617.

Graigecullen Bingo On Tuesday 10th December St. Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

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Thurs 12th at 7pm. Tickets are €8, students €6 and preschool children will be Free of Charge.. They can be purchased in advance at the office or at the door on the night. The Parent's Association will be running a raffle and tickets will also be available for the Monster Hamper Draw 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).

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

Laois Traveller Action Group Christmas Mass Tuesday 10th December 2024, Portlaoise Parish Church 7pm & Refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards, The Mass is being officiated by Father Paddy Byrne and all are welcome.

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- Do you have all of your shopping done?
- Have you finished wrapping all your gifts?
- Have you put up your Christmas tree and all the decorations?
- Have you sent your Christmas cards?
- Have you finished baking all of the Christmas goodies?
- Is your house clean and ready for visitors?

Are you ready for Christmas? What things do you need to do before you will be ready? There is another question that is much more important than "Are you ready for Christmas?" That question is, "Are you ready for Christ?"

In the Gospel today, we hear the voice of John the Baptist crying out to the people, "Prepare the way for the

Lord. Fill in the valleys and level off all the mountains. Make the crooked roads straight and the rough places smooth." Did John the Baptist really want the people to work on the roads? No, what John wanted was for the people to get ready for the coming of the Messiah. What he really meant was that the people needed to get their hearts right and return to God. You see, no matter how good people may think they are, there are always some crooked ways and rough places in their lives. There are things such as dishonesty, selfishness, pride, jealousy, and many more.

John wanted the people to make those crooked ways straight and rough places smooth so that Jesus could come and walk among them.

During this special season of the year, you and I need to make sure that we are ready for the coming of the Christ of Christmas. We need to look into our hearts and ask God to make our crooked ways straight and smooth out the rough places so that we can walk with Jesus each day of our life. Let's ask him to do that right now.



Our Prayer

Dear Father, we want to be ready. Make our crooked ways straight and our rough places smooth.
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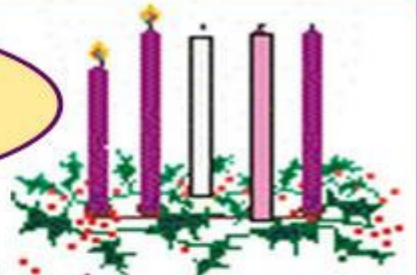
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The Second Sunday of Advent

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Prayer for the Second Week of Advent

Loving God, On this Advent day we turn to you in prayer. As we wait the coming of your Son, we ask your blessing on each of us. Bring your healing upon us. And help us to welcome your light into our lives, a light that gives us the gift of peace. May your peace guard our heart, our mind and our home. We ask this through our Lord. Amen.

'Come Lord Jesus'

Confirmation Candidates

There will be a special Mass for all the boys and girls who will receive their Confirmation in February/March next Saturday 14th December in the Parish Church at 5pm.



A Voice in the Wilderness Fill in the blanks

The _____ tells us that in the days before _____ began his ministry, a man called _____ began _____ and telling the people to _____ for the coming _____.

When told _____ people to prepare for the King, he didn't mean that they should go _____ and _____ the floor, pick up their _____, and make their _____

He meant that they should prepare their _____. How? By _____ of their _____ and turning toward _____.

When they did this, John would _____ them in the _____.

That is how _____ got the name, "_____".



WORD BOX

Bible	hearts	God	sweep	Jordan River
John	toys	prepare	King	preaching
Jesus	baptise	John	repenting	
Beds	sins	home	John the Baptist	



Time to Think!

Sharing the Good News

More than 300 people recently attended the funeral of a woman in Carlow, after an appeal on social media by a funeral director who was concerned there would be very few people present.

Mary Regan, 89, had lived in Carlow for several years and since the passing of her husband Fred, over a year ago, the west Cork native had no next-of-kin. She also did not have many visitors to Hillview Nursing Home where she resided.

Following her death, Funeral Director Rory Healy went on social media and asked locals in Carlow to spare 90 minutes of their time to attend her funeral before she was returned home to west Cork to be buried. "Let's not send Mary off from Carlow alone," he said in his online appeal. There is something inherently decent and kind in all our hearts. As we move closer to the Christmas celebration often it brings out the best in human nature.

The infant Jesus and his parents Mary and Joseph made a number of journeys – to Bethlehem and then to Egypt. The innkeeper in Bethlehem was willing both to compromise and to improvise. Not least at Christmas, Christians today are asked to become innkeepers. They are invited to follow the light of humanity and of dignity and to make connections of grace and generosity with people just like themselves who have found that their journey has led them to Direct Provision, to emergency accommodation and to rough sleeping. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me; he has sent me to announce good news to the poor.

The Christmas story inspires a people lost in darkness, to hope in a new light. Shepard's who are impoverished, a young couple, Mary and Joseph seeking basic shelter to give birth to new life, Jesus our Saviour. There are very little luxuries or niceties in this story. Poverty, hardship and suffering are from the beginning felt by those who facilitate the light of the Christ Child to shine. Hence the Shepherds, impoverished and often hungry are the very first to witness the hope that comes from the new life of the Saviours birth. Despite their struggle, the presence of this child offers new hope. Transformed their sorrow and fear can now be transcended to a beautiful confidence that no matter what all will be well.

The good news story that we are about to celebrate is that we are not alone. Each one of us are willed into life so that we can celebrate the powerful gift of every moment. Christmas is a time to ponder and give thanks for the gifts that we all have been blessed with. The bright promise of Christ's presence assures us to be confident that we are not alone, God is very near.

This is a time for justice, a time for renewal, a time for change. Jesus born in great poverty to a family placed on the margins is our source of new life, renewal, hope and confidence. Jesus feels no doubt the immense pain and suffering that is felt in the hearts of so many good people at this time. "In him we live and move and have our being"

The gift of Christmas is to indulge in a bright light that is so much brighter than any darkness. There is no recession when it comes to the kingdom of Jesus Christ. There are no cutbacks in the

unconditional love Jesus has for us all. The new life of Jesus Christ is not something that just once happened but a promise that needs to be realised in all our lives. This is the time.

Deep in the winter soil, already new shots of new life will soon spring forth and remind us that the light of spring is yet again in our midst. So many inspirational people and agencies have responded with compassion and kindness to our most vulnerable at this time. The fruits of new life anoint even the darkest most vulnerable wounds with a resilient courage and peace to continue and trust. This Christmas may we embrace what is given to us all, the opportunity to Begin Again. At Christmas, we pray that through Christ, we will all be united in shared goals, to look out for and care for one another more; to reach out to those who have less; to support those who carry heavy burdens and to be eternally grateful for the many blessings we have — today and always

A Christmas Prayer

Little baby Jesus was born upon this day

Lying in a manger, laid upon soft hay.

His mother Mary cared for him,

His dad Joseph felt proud,

To be given such a precious boy,

They felt safe within Gods plans.

Shepherds came to greet him,

Wise men carried gifts,

And gave them to the baby,

They knew he would be king.

So we too on Christmas day

Come to worship him.

And celebrate, with love and hope,

To play and laugh and sing.

We love the lights upon the tree,

The presents and the food.

We share this special time together

And say our God is good.

So good he sent us Jesus

To walk and
shine the
way,

For us all to
follow him,

Into a

heavenly
day.



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MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



***In Loving Memory of
Our Brother
JOE KERRY***



*Late of 48 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs
12th December 2024*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
Thursday 12th December at 10am.

*Also remembering Our Nephew
JOHN-PAUL MITCHELL
Whose Anniversary occurs at this time.*



We wish we could see you one more time,
come walking through the door, but we
know that is impossible, we will hear your
voices no more.

We know you can feel our tears, and you don't want us to cry,
yet our hearts are broken because we don't understand why
you had to die.

We pray that God will give us strength and somehow get us
through, as we struggle with the heartache, that came when
we lost you.

*Always loved and remembered by all their loving
family and friends.*

May They Rest in Peace



***In Loving Memory of
JOHN and MARY ROCHE***



Mountrath Rd., Portlaoise.

John's 6th Anniversary occurs 18th December 2024
Mary's 3rd Anniversary occurs 9th January 2025



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, on
**Sunday 15th December
at 11.15am**



I hide my tears when I say
your name,

But the pain in my heart is still the same,
Though I smile and seem carefree,
There is no one who misses you more than me.
Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure,
Loving you always, forgetting you never.

Sadly missed and always remembered by their sons,
daughters, grandchildren, sons-in-laws, daughters-in-law,
great-grandchildren and extended family.

May They Rest in Peace

*You are the
Light
of the World*



In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL KERRY

7 Cois na hAbhainn, Portlaoise.
2nd Anniversary occurred 6th December '24
3rd Christmas from home.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church,
Sunday 8th December
at 12.30pm.

Missing you always

*You never said I'm leaving,
You never said goodbye,
You were gone before we
knew it,
And only God knows why.
In life I loved you dearly, in
death I love you still,*

*In my heart I hold a place, that only you can fill.
It broke my heart to lose you, but you did not go
alone, a part of me went with you,
the day God took you home.*

Sadly missed by your heartbroken wife Tina x

*Time slips by and life goes on,
But from our hearts you are never gone,
We think about you always,
We talk about you too,
We share so many memories,
But we wish we still had you.*

**Sadly missed by his loving daughter Rebecca,
Ciaran and grandkids Eoghan and Ava x**

*They say there is a reason,
They say that time will heal,
But neither time or reason, will change the
way we feel,
For no one knows the heartache that lies beyond
our smiles, no one knows how many times we've
broken down and cried.*

**Sadly missed by his loving son Declan,
daughter-in-law Caitriona, grandkids
Leah, Alanna and Hannah x**

In Loving Memory of
DENIS BOWE

7 Ashley Gardens, Portlaoise.
8th Anniversary occurs 16th December 2024



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church on Sunday
15th December at 10am.

*You did so many things for us,
Your heart was kind and true,
And when we needed someone,
We could always count on you.*

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Margaret, daughter
Yvonne, sons Denis and David. Grandchildren, sisters
Betty and Patty, brother Frank and extended family*

May Denis Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
JIMMY RAFTER

Coolnacart, Mountrath. Died 14th December 1957.
67th Anniversary occurs at this time.



*Deep in our hearts your memory is kept,
To love, to cherish and never forget,
In Heaven you rest, no worries or pain,
In God's own time, we will meet again.*

*Always remembered by his
loving family.*

May Jimmy Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
Lily Mc Evoy

Kilminchy, Portlaoise.
1st Anniversary occurs on 13th December 2024.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church Sunday
15th December at 12.30pm.

*Always grateful, thoughtful and kind,
A beautiful memory to leave behind,
We cannot bring the old days back,
When we were together Lily.
But secret tears and loving thoughts,
Will stay with us forever.*

*Fondly remembered by Meta, Kathleen,
Eadaoin, Siobhan, Dearbhail, Deirdre, Fiona,
Caitriona and Declan. Grandnieces,
Grandnephews, great grandniece and all her family.*

May Lily Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (BILLY) FARRELL**

Hillview Drive and formerly of St. John's Sq.
11th Anniversary occurs 8th December 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Sunday 8th December at 12pm.



*We look for you in the sun,
On our darkest days,
Looking for a sign that you never went
away.*

*We have needed you many times over the
past 11 years,
Words to comfort us in our many days of
fear.*

*We know your out there
somewhere watching from afar...
Guiding us, Helping us, as if we were never
apart,*

*We miss you very dearly,
Still wishing you could come home.
But until we meet again,
Please stay shining like the sun*

*We love and miss you always, from your loving wife
Ann, children Christine, Jessica and William,
grandsons James and Tadhg and son-in-law James.*

May William Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARGARET DRENNAN**

Ratheniska House, Stradbally, Portlaoise.
Died 4th December 2019



*Sadly missed and always remembered
by your husband Arthur, son
Diarmaid, daughter-in-law Anne,
grandsons Sean and Padraig and
your extended family, relatives and
friends.*

*May Margaret
Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (BILLY) FARRELL**

Hillview Drive and formerly of St. John's Sq.
11th Anniversary occurs 8th December 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Sunday 8th December at 12.30pm.



*In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day dear Billy,
That we do not think of you.*

*We love and miss you always,
From our brothers and sisters.*

*May William Rest in
Peace*

**In Loving Memory of
NOEL COLBERT**

Kilcormac, Co Offaly & formerly Dr. Murphy Place.
Whose death occurred 17th November 2024.



*Noel's Month Mind Mass
will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church
Saturday 14th December at 6:30pm
Missed by his loving brothers, sisters,
nieces and nephew.*

May Noel Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PAUL JOSEPH KENNA**

Balladine, Abbeyleix
First Christmas away from home



*Hard to believe that on 11th December
it'll be 6 months (26 weeks) since
we heard your infectious laugh
or saw your amazing smile.
Everyday we hear another story of how
you helped someone
or brightened someone's day.*

*We can honestly say you touched
the hearts of everyone you met.
You will forever be in our hearts.*

Love you always Paul

*Love, your mum Vera, Dad Tom, sisters Sheila & Fiona,
nephew Thomas, nieces Amy & Katy,
brothers-in-law Skip & Tim.*

May He Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARY FINNAN**

Late of 6 Borris Road, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurred 6th December 2024



*Anniversary Mass was celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Friday 6th December at 10am.
Your life was one of thoughtful deeds,
A helping hand to others needs,
Sincere and true heart & mind,
Wonderful memories you left behind.*

*Sadly missed by Mary
Rest in Peace Mary*

In Loving Memory of
PETER DORAN,
MAUREEN DORAN,
OLIVER DORAN,
Camplone, Ballyfin, Portlaoise.
Peters 28th Anniversary occurs
9th December 2024.



Peter's 28th Anniversary
09/12/24



Maureen's 14th Anniversary
07/08/10



Oliver's 7th Anniversary
20/5/17

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Sunday 8th December at 10am.

*God saw you getting tired,
 And a cure was not to be,
 So He put His arms around you,
 And whispered "Come to me".
 With tearful eyes we watched you,
 And saw you fade away,
 Although we loved you dearly,
 We could not make you stay.*

*Golden hearts stopped beating, your tender hands at rest,
 God took you home to prove to us, He only takes the best.*

*Loved and remembered always by Orla/her brothers,
 sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and grandchildren.*

May They Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory of
SEAN PHELAN

Straboe, Portlaoise, who died 10th December 2019

5th Anniversary Mass was celebrated in
 Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on
 Saturday 7th December at 10am.



Don't think of him as gone away,
 His journey's just begun,
 Life holds so many facets,
 This earth is only one.

Just think of him as living,
 In the hearts of those he touched,
 For nothing loved is ever lost,
 And Sean was loved so much.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by his
 loving family and friends.*

May Sean Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
FRANK DUNNE

Ballyfin and formerly St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

9th Anniversary occurs 9th December 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
 Sunday 8th December at 12:30pm.

*Sad are the hearts that loved you,
 Silent the tears that fall,
 Living our lives without you,
 Is the hardest part of all.*

*Loved and remembered by your loving wife
 Kathleen and family.*

Rest in Peace Frank

In Loving Memory of
LILY REID

Colliers Lane, Portlaoise.

14th Anniversary occurs 10th December 2024



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
 in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
 Saturday 7th December at 6.30pm

*My Angel in the Sky
 Each day I look to Heaven,
 Each day I call your name,
 Each day just feels so different,
 It hasn't been the same.*

*Each day I always question, I often wonder why?
 You had to go away from me, my Angel in the sky.
 I keep you in my memories, since we've been apart,
 And I'll always have a part of you, locked safely in my heart.*

*Always loved and remembered by her loving husband
 and family, extended family and friends.*

May Lily Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
ELEANOR WALSH

Capoley Lane, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurred 3rd December 2024.



"The best way to feel better is to
 make someone else feel good"
 - Eleanor Walsh

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

Rest in Peace Eleanor

*Know that I am with you always;
 yes, to the end of time*
Matthew 28:20



**In Loving Memory of
ELIZABETH FLANAGAN**

*née Wright. Late of Green Rd. Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 12th December 2024*



*For each cloud there's a
rainbow,
For each shadow; the sun,
For each parting; memories,
So our loved ones are never
truly gone.*

Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, on Sunday 15th
December at 1:15am.

*Sadly missed and always remembered by your
loving husband Tony, daughter Sinead, sons
Trevor, Kevin, Tony Jnr. and Matthew Jnr.
grandchildren, relatives and friends.*

Rest in Peace Elizabeth

**In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM J (BILL) CONROY**

*Ballyroe, Kilminchy, Dublin Road, Portlaoise.
Whose 40th Anniversary occurs at this
time*



*Always missed by his son
Richard & Family*

May Bill Rest in Peace

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

*Liogard and Forest Park, Portlaoise.
18th Anniversary occurs at this time.*



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church this Sunday
8th December at 12.30pm.

*Time may hide a sadness, like a
smile can hide a tear,
But memories will last forever,
Of one we loved so dear,
Not just a memory or part of
the past, but ours to remember
as long as life lasts.*

*Sadly missed by Mammy, Daddy, Mark, Adrian, Liz
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May Robert Rest in Peace

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7th Birthday away from home occurs 11th December 2024.*



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We think of you in silence,
We often speak your name,
But all we have are memories and
your picture in a frame.
Your resting place we visit and put
flowers there with care,
But no one knows the heartache,
As we turn and leave you there.*

Sadly missed by your loving husband Tom, daughters
Stephanie, Tracey and Paula, grandchildren Craig, Ben,
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Rest in Peace Mam

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