

The Baptism of the Lord

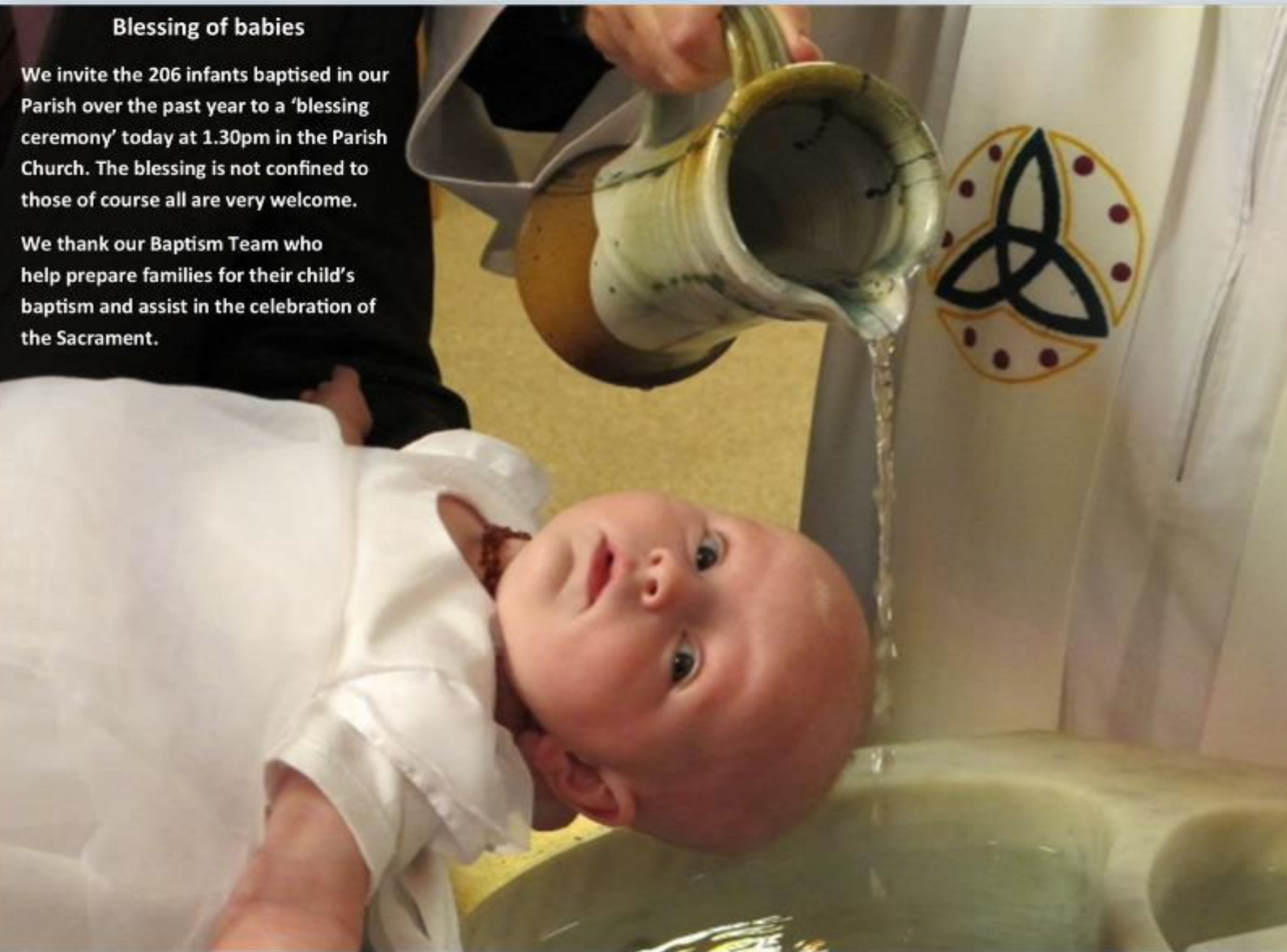


**'You are my child, the Beloved,
my favour rests on you.'**

Blessing of babies

We invite the 206 infants baptised in our Parish over the past year to a 'blessing ceremony' today at 1.30pm in the Parish Church. The blessing is not confined to those of course all are very welcome.

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New Beginnings



Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in

bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

This is a great moment for Jesus, a moment when he receives affirmation from God his Father. For the rest of us it is also a momentous occasion. This is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and a promise of great things to follow. What a shame that our own baptisms aren't as momentous. At best we might have got a party, though of course we were far too young to share the sausage rolls and champagne. Perhaps there's a bit of video footage somewhere in the loft, but it's not likely that we got doves from heaven or God's voice from the clouds. This doesn't however make our baptism unimportant.

Jesus' baptism came at the start of his public ministry and marked a new beginning for us all. The story invites us to look at our own beginnings in light of Jesus' ministry. What have we made of our lives so far? Is there anything we can point to that we feel might have particularly pleased God? Perhaps we have done nothing to please God. Perhaps we have made rather a rocky start. Perhaps we haven't done much to be proud of at all. It doesn't matter; coming so close to the beginning of the year, this feast day is a perfect invitation to start again.

The second thing we learn from this gospel reading is that Jesus was not alone; he was enabled by the Holy Spirit who descended in the bodily form of a dove. The really exciting news is that according to John, we too receive the Holy Spirit in our baptism. We are not alone in our struggles. We too are enabled. That's a genuinely powerful belief.

As we begin yet another new year, we set about facing our challenges with a renewed courage and a renewed faith in the Holy Spirit. We begin again with an appreciation that our baptism is more than just a distant childhood memory.

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.

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CONFESSIONS

Saturday: After 10am Mass & after 6.30pm Mass.



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Who was baptised over the Christmas

God alone can give faith,
but you can offer witness.
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but you can give confidence to
others.
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but you can pass it on to others.
God alone can give peace,
but you can work for unity.
God alone can give power,
but you can sustain
somebody who is feeling low.
God alone is the light,
but you can make it shine for others.
God alone is life,
but you can give others a taste for
living.
God alone can do the impossible,
but through you it becomes possible.
God alone is self-sufficient
... but amazingly,
God prefers to count on you.

THOUGHT
for the
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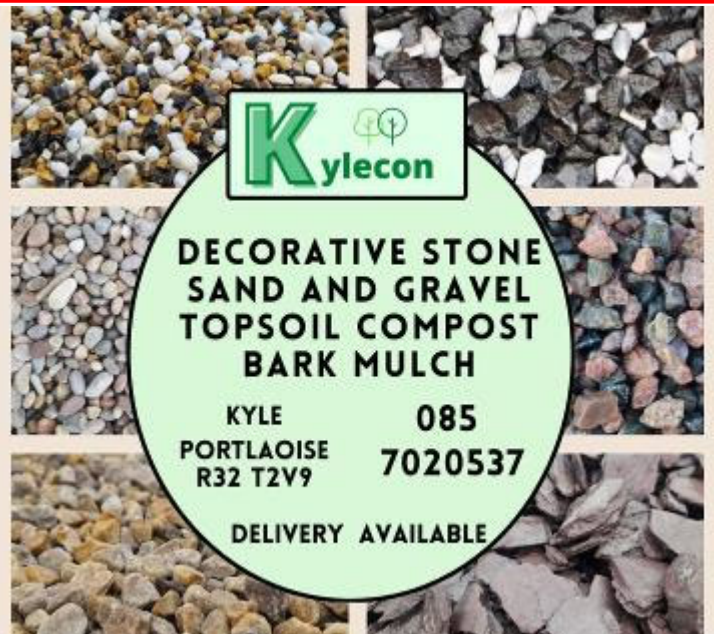
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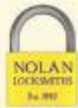
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New Beginnings

January is an exciting time. It is the beginning of a brand new year. Some people like to make New Year's resolutions or promises to themselves about what they plan to accomplish in the new year. The number one resolution that people make is, "I am going to lose weight." I don't think too many people succeed, since it seems to be the number one resolution year after year. I know that it usually makes my top ten list of things I would like to accomplish in the new year.



Even if you don't make any New Year's resolutions, this is an exciting time. It is a time that we can forget our past mistakes and look forward to new opportunities that lie ahead of us. It is a time of new beginnings.

Jesus experienced times of new beginnings in his life too. One of those times was when he was baptised. There were a couple of very important things that happened when Jesus was baptised. First of all, the Bible tells us that the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down in the form of a dove and landed upon him. The second thing was that God spoke and said, "You are my Son. I love you and I am well-pleased with you."

This event marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry here on earth. Up until that time, he had not performed any miracles, but with God's stamp of approval and with the spirit of God upon him, Jesus began to perform great miracles. From this new beginning, many people began to understand that Jesus was truly the Son of God and they began to follow him.

Our own baptism represents a new beginning for us as well. When we are baptised, it shows the world that just as Jesus rose from the dead through the glory of God the Father, we also live a new life in him. (Romans 6:4) God may not always be well-pleased with us, but I think that He looks down with an approving smile when he sees us trying to walk with Jesus.

New beginnings — God gives us opportunities for new beginnings. Let us make the most of them as we live a new life in Christ through the power of his Holy Spirit.

OUR PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for new beginnings. Help us to make the most of them — not through our own strength — but through the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. Amen.



*Children's Liturgy Group resumes this Sunday at 12.30pm Mass.
Looking forward to seeing our young parishioners!*

The Baptism of Jesus

As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

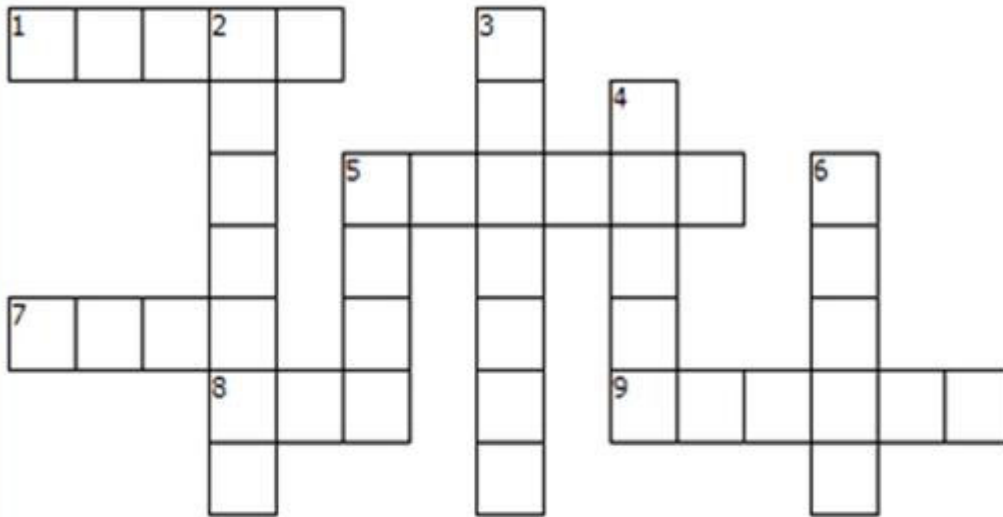
And a voice came from heaven:

"You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:4-11



**FORGIVE
JORDAN
JOHN
DOVE
REPENT
CONFESS
WATER
SIN
VOICE
HONEY**



ACROSS

1. What was heard when Jesus was baptised.
5. The river where Jesus was baptised
7. The Spirit came down from heaven like a _____.
8. To break one of God's commandments.
9. To turn away from sin.

DOWN

2. To admit that you have done wrong.
3. To pardon for sins.
4. The liquid used to baptise someone.
5. Name of the man who baptised Jesus.
6. A sticky, sweet fluid made by bees.



This is a lovely drawing and letter from Bella who wrote to Baby Jesus and is placed in his crib this year. Well done Bella! Please make yourself known Bella!





Time to Think!

Some Spiritual Tips for New Year 2025

The best resolutions are elastic—they cannot be broken with a single act. If you swear never to touch red meat, one burger ruins the resolution. If, on the other hand, you pledge to eat healthier food, each day you have a chance to fulfil the resolution anew. Below are five elastic spiritual resolutions that can carry you throughout the year.

1. Engage with people more than pixels.

Looking at a phone is quick and undemanding. Texting is easier than talking—it gives you intimacy without danger. This year, resolve to spend more time looking into someone's eyes when you communicate with them. Replace an extended exchange on text with a meeting for coffee. Make a promise of presence.

2. Take your soul seriously.

It is easy to pretend that what we watch and how we speak have no effects on us. But the constant pounding of hatreds and dehumanization that marks so much of our media have consequences for our character. Part of who you are is the sum of the influences you choose: what you watch, who you associate with, how you speak about others both publicly and privately. Life is a continuous journey of soul shaping, and this year, resolve to keep your deep journey in mind. Turn away from something seductive but corrosive—Twitter rants full of bile, or people who continually insult those around them, or depictions of violence that take savage delight in suffering. You only get one soul; don't squander it in things unworthy of its majesty.

3. Increase your kindness.

If you wish to feel kind, do something good. The great secret of moral growth is that it often begins from the outside. Rather than your joy leading you to smile, your smile can lead you to joy. Behave generously even when you do not feel like it and the habit will grow as will your innate quality of kindness. The act can be small or large; it can be a charitable contribution or a gentle word or help with a heavy bag on an airplane. Do it.

4. Choose someone to forgive.

All of us have legitimate grievances in our lives. Some people are very hard to forgive but you need not begin with the toughest cases. Small acts of grace will grow. Forgive the guy who cut you off in the street; after all, you have cut people off as well, on purpose or inadvertently. Forgive the person who made an unkind remark about you. Choose a place to begin. The more you forgive, the less the world can injure you; forgiveness is a soft shield for your soul.

5. In forgiving, include yourself.

Fight against perfectionism. Leave a dropped stitch in the knitting of your life. There will always be more possibilities to get something wrong than to get it right. Allow yourself the latitude of mistakes, without self-punishing. God is supposed to be perfect, not human beings. Have expectations of yourself, but don't enforce them with a hammer.

As we have began the journey of 2025. I love this celebrated poem "Change me Lord"

CHANGE ME LORD

Change me Lord and make me whole,
Renew my body, mind and soul.
Create in me, a brand new thing,
Wash me on the inside and make me clean.
Take out the junk that's in my heart,
Please heavenly father, give me a brand new start.
I have always tried doing it my own way,
But dear Jesus I surrender to you my all today.
Change me Lord, my all to you I give,
In your word I truly want to live.
I want your spirit in everything I do,
I want to be more like you.
I want your spirit to dwell deep inside of me,
I no longer want to be bond, but I want to be totally free.
All things must come to and end,
And I refuse to let the devil win.
I want to eat of your word morning noon and night,
Lord, I want to be pleasing in your sight.
It takes commitment, fasting and prayer,
With a sincere heart, you will be there.
Change me father from the inside out,
Serving you is what it's all about.
Use me Lord, let me be heard,
I want to help spread your holy word.
On bended knees and a humble heart,
Change me Lord, even if you have to take me apart.
Change me Lord, my body, mind and soul,
I am ready to be made whole.



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And now we face each day,
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To help us on our way.

And though we're full of sadness, that you're no longer
here, your influence still guides us,
And we still feel you near.

What we shared will never die, it lives within our hearts,
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May Margaret Rest in Peace

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May Paddy Rest in Peace

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We think of you in silence,
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Your resting place we visit,
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*Sadly missed by your sons, daughters, grandchildren,
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May Rosanna Rest in Peace

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43 Liogard, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurs at this time.



*My heart still aches in sadness,
My silent tears still flow,
For what it meant to lose you,
no one will ever know.
A silent thought, a secret tear,
Keeps your memory ever near,
Death leaves a heartache no one
can heal, love leaves a memory
no one can steal.*

*Though absent you are very near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.*

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

May Agnes Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
FRANCES DUNNE**

Late of Silverdale, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise.
15th Anniversary occurs 14th January 2025.



*Your love, a light that will not fade,
In every heart your warmth is laid.
Though time moves on, we feel you near,
In every memory, every tear.
Forever in our hearts you'll be,
A mother's love, eternity.*

Sadly missed by all of your family.

May Frances Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
FRANCES DUNNE**

Late of Silverdale, Abbeyleix Rd. Portlaoise who died on
14th January 2010. 15th Anniversary of a dear sister and best friend.



*We never cease to think of you,
We never cease to care,
If only we could still drop in,
And find you sitting there.*

*Loved and remembered always Chrissie,
Yvonne, Trevor, Jack & Aine xxxxxx*

May Frances Rest in Peace

*You are the
Light
of the World*



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
ITA KENNEDY**



*The family of the late Ita Kennedy, Dun
Masc, and formerly Kennedy's Chemist,
Main Street Portlaoise, would like to
express our deep felt appreciation for the
many messages of sympathy and support on
Ita's recent death. Our thanks to the many
relatives, neighbours and friends who
helped us to celebrate Ita's life at
her funeral.*

*Particular thanks to Monsignor Byrne for the lovely service
and to Matthew Keegan for guiding us through the whole
funeral with such professionalism.*

*We will be eternally grateful to the many healthcare workers
who looked after Ita over the last number of years, and most
especially the community teams who facilitated her in staying
in her own home for her remaining days.*

*The family has requested a Mass for those who have
supported us at this difficult time on
Monday 13th January 10am,
which will be celebrated at
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church.*

*Ita's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on
Sunday 9th February at 11:15am at
Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church.*

May She Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
BRIDIE DOODY**

Ridge Road, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 15th January 2025.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 12th January at 11:15am.

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

*Sadly missed by her
nieces and nephews.*

Rest in Peace Bridie



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**BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE**

*In Loving Memory of
A Cherished Husband, Father and Grandfather
WILLIAM (Willie) O' REILLY
28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
7th Birthday away from home (13-1-25)*



*You are too precious to be forgotten and too
priceless to ever replace,
We wished we could of shared more time with
you and see your smiling face,
We cherish all the memories we made and all
the time we spent together,
And we hold you in our hearts for now until
forever,
We cannot send a birthday card,
Your hand we cannot touch,
But God will take our greetings to the one
we loved so much,
Put your arms around him Lord,
Don't leave him on his own,
For today is Daddy's birthday his seventh
away from home.
Happy Birthday Daddy*



***Sadly missed and forever in our hearts,**
Your wife Anne, sons and daughters,
son-in-law, daughters-in-law and
grandchildren xxx*

**In Loving Memory of
CHRIS REDDY**

*Foxburrow, Portlaoise, formerly Terenue, Dublin
1st Anniversary occurs 11th January 2025*



*Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Portlaoise this
Saturday 11th January at 6.30pm.*

Chris

*I think of you in silence,
I often speak your name,
But all I have are memories,
And a picture in a frame.*

*Though I smile and seem carefree,
There's no one who misses you more than me,
Your presence I miss, your memory I treasure,
I'll love and miss you, forever and ever.*

**Forever in my heart
Sadly missed by your loving wife Mary**

Dad

*Today's the anniversary of the day that we lost you,
The day our world stopped turning,
And our hearts were broke in two.*

*Remembering you is easy, we do it every day,
Missing you is the heartache that never goes away,*

*A thousand words won't bring you back,
We know because we tried,
And neither will a million tears,
We know because we've cried.*

*In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still,
In our hearts you hold a place,
No one else could ever fill.*

**Always in our hearts Dad.
Sadly missed and always remembered by
your daughters Maureen and Orla, your sons
Tom, Chris and James and daughters-in-law
Gemma and Leanne.**

Grandad

*We wish we could've had more time,
That God had let you stay,
Forever wouldn't be long enough,
But we'd even take one day.
Though were full of sadness,
that you're no longer here,
Our bond is still so very strong,
And we still feel you near.*

**We miss you Grandad
'Love from Meghan, Dylan, Charlie, Darragh
and Logan**

Rest in Peace Chris.

1st ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
ANN HOLOHAN

Springfield, Ballyfin.



*1st Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
on January 18th at 8pm in Ballyfin.*

*A wife a mother a grandmother too,
this is the legacy we have from you.
You thought us love and how to fight,
you gave us strength you gave us might.
A stronger person would be hard to find and
in your heart, you were always kind.*

*You fought for us all in one way or another,
not just as a wife not just as a mother.*

*For all of us you gave your best,
now the time has come for you to rest.
So go in peace, you've earned your sleep,
your love in our hearts we will eternally keep
With all our Love P.J. & Family*

Rest in Peace Ann

ON YOUR 1st ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
ANN HOLOHAN

Springfield, Ballyfin.



*1st Anniversary Mass for Ann
will be celebrated on January
18th at 8pm in Ballyfin.*

*She loved the robins that flew with
grace,
And walked the Irej bog lane, her
special place.*

*You left us just a year ago in peace,
But your memory it still lives on and we still feel
your presence.*

*No longer here to listen to the birds or the talk
But your presence remains in every walk.
From your loving Granddaughters and grandsons.*

Rest in Peace Ann

In Loving Memory of
MARTIN BRENNAN

54 Borris Little, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs 14th January 2025



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this
Saturday, 11th January at 6.30pm.*

*Along the road of suffering, you found a
little lane, that took you up to Heaven
and ended all your pain,
You may be out of sight, we may be
worlds apart, but you are always in our
prayers and forever in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed by your loving wife Ann, Helen, Mark & Eve
and granddaughter Iris.*

Rest in Peace Martin

In Loving Memory of
MARY TYNAN

Rathevan, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurred 9th January 2025



*There is no night without a
dawning, no winter without
a spring,*

*And beyond death's dark
horizon, our hearts once
more will sing.*

*For those who leave us for a
while, have only gone away,
Out of a restless careworn world, into a
brighter day.*

*Anniversary Mass was celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, last
Sunday 5th January at 12.30pm.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
her husband Luke and family.*

Rest in Peace Mary

**BIRTHDAY
REMEMBRANCE**

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN (Kate) CURTIS née Quinn

St. Martin's Avenue, Naas

*1st birthday away from Home occurs
Saturday 11th January.*

Happy heavenly birthday Mum.

*Deeply missed & never forgotten by her
husband John, daughters Chris,
Caroline & Geraldine, grandchildren,
great-grandchildren & sons-in-law
Michael & Ronan*



Rest in Peace Kate

In Loving Memory of
MARTIN BRENNAN

54 Borris Little, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs 14th January 2025.



*Remember Martin with a smile today,
For he would not want our tears,
Reflect instead on memories of all his
happy years.*

*Sadly missed by your loving mother
Nellie, brothers and sisters.*

Rest in Peace Martin

**In Loving Memory of
DAVID RAFTER**

'Ardville' Glenside, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 15th January 2025



*Our time together was special,
So were the memories we made,
And although you live in
Heaven now,
Those memories never fade,
I bow my head in silence,
And remember my
brother with love,*

*And I know that you are up there,
Watching from above,
Everyday is a struggle,
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 always Adrian, Leonie and Anna xxx

*You showed me a lot of things.
I learned a lot I didn't know,
But you forgot to teach me one last thing
How to let you go.*

*I know you didn't mean to leave me;
Sometimes we have no choice.
I miss being your little brother,
Hearing my name called by your voice.
I wish I got to say "I Love You"
Before you were given to the sky.
If God could grant me one last wish,
I'd ask to say "Goodbye."
You always meant a lot to me.
I could never love you less,
I know it's true when they say,
"He only takes the best."*

**Always loved and remembered forever and a
day, Jack, Jennifer, Cian and Hollie xxxx**

Rest in Peace David

**In Loving Memory of
DAVID RAFTER**

"Ardville" Glenside, Portlaoise.

6th Anniversary occurs 15th January 2025.



Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church, on Saturday
18th January at 6.30pm

*If we could have a lifetime wish,
one dream that could come true,
We would pray to God with all
our hearts just to see and speak
to you.*

*A thousand words won't bring you back,
We know because we've tried,
And neither will a million tears,
We know because we've cried.
You've left behind our broken hearts,
And precious memories too,
But we never wanted memories,
We only wanted you.*

**Missed beyond words by your daughter Amy, son
Stefan and partner Jennifer and grandson Daithí x**

*David; Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in my life to share,
But in my heart you are always there.
Sadly missed by your loving Mam xxx*

*My Darling Brother Daithí
Days will pass and turn into years,
But I will always remember you with silent tears.
Missing you so much today and always
Love John, Martina and Craig xxx*

*Time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you very near.
Will those who think of David today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Loved and missed dearly, Jimmy, Claire & family xxx*

Rest in Peace David

**In Loving Memory of
PADDY RANKIN**

Kiloughan, Stradbally, Laois.

5th Anniversary occurs Wednesday 15th January 2025



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Holy Cross Church, Ratheniska,
Sunday 19th January at 10am.

*Thinking of you today and always.
Sadly missed by his loving family
and friends.*

Rest in Peace Paddy

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Sing for Joy Choir: We recommence rehearsals on Wednesday 15th January at 11am in St. Mary's Hall, Dublin Road, Portlaoise. All persons with additional needs very welcome with their carers or family members. Enquiries to Maureen on 087-6482038 or email; seanchistin@gmail.com.

Portlaoise Active retirement: Meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Parish Centre at 3pm for an afternoon of friendship, activities and fun. We welcome everyone back after the Christmas break and snow break.

Monday January 13th : No Bowls

Wednesday January 15th: fun and activities with either Caroline or Moez.
Watch out for text from Trudy.

Thursday January 16th: Cards in Sue Ryders at 3pm.

We hope to see everyone back and in good form and new members also welcome.
For further information, Contact p.r.o Sheila at 0876204617.

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 recited in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church every evening at 7pm.

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

Portlaoise Group Pilgrimage To Lourdes: accompanied by a Spiritual Director. 9th September 2025, 4 nights, 5 days. €735 per person. €200 Deposit secures your seat, For more details please contact any of the following: John 087-1254841, Mary 0852829231, Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

Portlaoise Parish



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Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11
Responsorial Psalm 103
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Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

Support for the Parish

We have traditionally depended on the passing of collection baskets at Sunday Masses for support but have not reintroduced them since Covid. **Thank you** to the many who have found new ways to support the Parish. The generosity of so many means we **continue to** be well supported and our liturgies are not interrupted - Please find your way to contribute.

- * Making your offering in the boxes at the entrances
- * Using the Envelope boxes for regular donations - boxes available at Church porches and Parish Centre
- * Direct payment by cheque or cash
- * Cashless Point at the back of the Parish Church
- * Donation facility on our website
- * Standing Order forms available at the Parish Centre
- * Or Transfer directly to our Account

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