



Second Sunday of Christmas



Remembering
Loved Ones at
The Shrine on
New Year's Eve



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Called to Witness

People often declare that their faith is a private and a very personal thing. Of course our faith is very personal, but does that mean it

should be private? In keeping our faith private we are missing a very important opportunity. How often has our own faith taken a little leap forward because of something we have heard or something we have read? Similarly there maybe something you have heard or learnt that would help someone else. You might not consider yourself a theologian, but there might be something seemingly small that you could contribute that would make a big difference to someone else.

Without the internet, books, Catholic papers, TV documentaries, homilies and the testimonies of friends and family, how would we develop our faith? Without the work of missionaries, teachers and parents, how would our faith have been handed from generation to generation? Without the gospel writers, how would Jesus' work and God's word be remembered? Without John the Baptist and the first disciples, how else would Jesus' identity have been known?

Bearing witness is essential. Without witnesses we would know nothing of Jesus. Staying quiet and making religion a private matter is simply not an option. There are still those that would benefit from Christ's teaching either directly or indirectly. If Christianity is something very important to us, why be reticent about sharing it? If bearing witness to Christ can change lives, shouldn't we make our voices ever more persistently heard by friends, neighbours, family, politicians, community leaders TV producers and anyone else with the willingness and the know-how to bring about change?

Mass times for the coming week

(Parish Church or otherwise stated)

Monday (The Epiphany of the Lord)

8.30am, 10am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm

The Heath: 9.30am

Ratheniska: 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 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA 10am

CONFESSIONS

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

The Priests of the Parish wish to thank all who contributed to their support at Christmas and wish all our Parishioners a very Happy and Peaceful 2025!

Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord



Next Sunday

12th January

Blessing of Babies

1.30pm

Parish Church

ALL ARE WELCOME

New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,

But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;

Not by making your path easy,

But by making you sturdy to travel any path;

Not by taking hardships from you,

But by taking fear from your heart;

Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,

But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;

Not by making your life always pleasant,

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Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

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Christmas Midnight Mass 2024



Msgr. John celebrant for our Midnight Mass with Deacon Eugene and the priests of the parish.



Sean Thomas placed in our Crib for the 9pm Mass. He was so comfortable that he remained there for the whole Mass. Thank you to Sean's parents, Sarah and Joe.



Parish Choir filling the Church with their beautiful singing.

Thank you to David Maher for taking these wonderful photographs.



Is Christmas Really Over?

This is the second Sunday after Christmas. It has been hardly more than a week since we were celebrating, opening gifts, and eating a huge Christmas dinner. What is left of the Christmas celebration? A trash bag full of used wrapping paper and empty boxes. The Christmas tree and all the decorations will have to be taken down and stored in the attic for another

year. Christmas is over and our lives have returned to normal. It is back to work for the adults and back to school for the children. Yes, Christmas is over - at least for another year.

Wait! Is it really over? Is that all there is to Christmas? Is it just a time for parties, giving gifts to friends and family, and a brief period of "Peace on earth, good will toward men?" Surely there is more to it than that.

Our Gospel today reveal the true meaning of Christmas. The Bible says that, "The Word became flesh and came to live among us." The "Word" that the Bible is talking about is Jesus. He came, full of unfailing love, and we have seen his glory. We have seen the glory of God's only begotten Son.

What did you get for Christmas? No doubt you received some toys and clothes, but the most important gift any of us received was Jesus who came to earth as a gift from God. To those who receive him and believe in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God.

Jesus came to the world, but many did not recognize him. For those who do not know the Saviour, Christmas is over. But for those of us who received the gift of the Father, Christmas goes on all year long.



Dear Jesus, we seek you today because we want to worship you, you are our King. We are thankful for all our priests and teachers who want to help us and we are thankful for the Bible which we have been given to lead us to you. Amen.



The Visit of the Magi



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



After Jesus was born in _____ in Judea, during the time of King Herod, _____ from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been _____ king of the Jews? We saw his _____ in the east and have come to _____ him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it _____ over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother _____, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of _____ and of _____ and of _____. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

BETHLEHEM

GOLD

MAGI

MYRRH

BORN

INCENSE

MARY

STAR

WORSHIP

STOPPED



If we were planning to go to visit someone in another town or city, we might first ask someone who knew how to get there to give us directions. They might give us some general directions and suggest the best roads to take. Another thing we should do is look at a map. The map will show us exactly how to get where we want to go. As we travel, we should keep checking the map to be sure that we are headed in the right direction. If we follow the directions that we receive and use the map to guide us, we will surely find the way.

After Jesus was born, some wise men, also called Magi, saw a star in the sky which they believed announced the birth of a king. They travelled to Jerusalem and began to ask, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as

it rose, and we have come to worship him."

Herod heard about the Magi and their search for a king and he was deeply disturbed. He called a meeting of the priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?" The priests told Herod that the prophet Micah had written that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. So Herod called for private meeting with the wise men and said to them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

As you know, the wise men did not have a map to guide them to Bethlehem, but they had something even better -- they had a star to guide them. So the wise men followed information that the priests had given to Herod and the star that God had given to guide them and it led them right to Jesus. When they found him, they gave him gifts and bowed down and worshiped him.

Wise men, women, boys, and girls are still searching for Jesus. There is no map to help us find Jesus and there is no star to follow, but we do have the Bible. We can find the way to Jesus by reading God's Holy Word! The Bible is the map and star that will lead to Jesus. All of us should read it every day to make sure we are headed in the right direction!

Dear Jesus,

we seek you today because we want to worship you and crown you as our King. We are thankful for all our priests and teachers who want to help us and we are thankful for the Bible which we have been given to lead us to you. Amen.





Time to Think!

Jubilee Year of Hope

Where does time go by? It's hard to believe that it is now 25 years since the world anxiously embraced the new Millennium now we know the tech world did not implode but the 1st 25 years of this Millennium has proven to be a turbulent chapter in the history of humanity. As Christians this is a year of jubilee a time to give thanks to seek justice and to share our common values that will enhance the lives of many. Beginning the new year, we can all make resolutions perhaps the greatest ones are the simplest let's not take love for granted, appreciate the gifts of health and well-being and be kind and compassionate as we reach out to others sincerely I pray that our pathway throughout 2025 will be one that is level and smooth.

I pray that 2025, will be a blessed and healthy one for us all. Every new year brings with its expectation, uncertainty, hope and a degree of anxiety. 2025, invites us to begin again. The greatest gifts are really only appreciated when they are made vulnerable, particularly our health and well-being. This time when we make resolution and prioritize, a fitting New Year's resolution, is to safeguard our physical, mental and spiritual health. Making time for ourselves, being good to ourselves, fuels our ability to reciprocate and share with generosity our gifts and talents. Already the green shoots in our gardens and pathways celebrate that sense of new beginning. Christmas isn't just something that happened, but its effects linger throughout the year. I was greatly taken by the huge amount of people who made priority to coming to visit church this Christmas. I pray that the Lord will truly bless you with all what's good throughout 2025.

New Year is often seen as an opportunity to improve ourselves or what we have. But while this can be a healthy practice, it is also beneficial to reflect on the blessings that we already have. On New Years Eve, people around the world watched their clocks strike midnight and brought in the new year with fireworks, celebrations, and time with loved ones. It seems like, at least for a little while, we were all united in our gratitude for another year of life. For many, a new year brings hope because it represents a chance for a new start.

All of us need a new beginning, a fresh start. The good news is that Jesus is with us along the way and turning our eyes to Jesus renews us every time. As we begin a new year, we often desire change like weight loss or having a better work/life balance. These things are good; however, the change Jesus brings, impacts this life and the life to come.

He can change us on the inside in such a way, that everything becomes new. He brings a new beginning to how we see God and ourselves. He brings a new beginning to our purpose. He may not change our problems, but he can help us overcome our troubles. He may not change the way you look, but he will make you confident in the skin you are in. He may not bring back the person you lost, but he will comfort you so you can comfort others. He is the Light and he knows how to chase away the darkness. We have a new beginning in Jesus. We do not have to wait another year to get our fresh start. Our Jesus knows how to make everything

new. 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. As we begin 2025 may we embrace what is given to us all, the opportunity to Begin Again.

This New Year 2025, let us open our hearts and ears and receive what God has already given us. Let us experience his grace and love and deep peace. Happy new year.

New Year's Prayer for 2025—The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us

in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,

and the flame of charity enkindled

in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

reawaken in us the blessed hope

for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us

into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,

your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee

reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer

throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



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From all your loving family.

Rest in Peace James

**In Loving Memory of
JOSEPH & BRIDGET
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Whose Anniversaries occur at this time.



Will those who think of them
today,

A little prayer to Jesus say.

*Always remembered by your
loving family.*

May Joseph and Bridget Rest in Peace

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2nd Anniversary occurs 5th January 2025

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11.15am in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish
Church.

Suaimeanas Dé ar d'anam dilis

In Loving Memory of **LILY BYRNE**

Late of Capoley, Portlaoise. (Died 7th January 1981)



Each time we look at your picture
You seem to smile and say;
"Don't be sad, but courage take and
love each other for my sake"

Sadly missed by your son Martin,
daughter-in-law Jacqueline,
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May Lily Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of **PATRICK KEVIN SCULLY**

5 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise
43rd Anniversary occurred 25th December 2024

Anniversary Mass was celebrated in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, on
Sunday 22nd December at
12.30pm.



We hold you close within our
hearts and there you shall
remain,
To walk with us throughout our
lives, until we meet again xxx

*Sadly missed and never forgotten by all your
loving family.*

Also remembering his loving wife Johanna at this time.

Rest in Peace Patrick

In Loving Memory of **STEPHEN CONROY**

34 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.
11th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2024.



Memories of you we will keep and
treasure,
In our hearts they will live forever.

Sadly missed today and always by his
loving wife Pauline, sons, daughters,
sons-in-law, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren & great-grandchildren.

May Stephen Rest in Peace

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

In Loving Memory of **Michael Phelan**

The family of the late Michael Phelan, Derrylahan,
wish to express our heartfelt
gratitude for the messages of
sympathy and gestures of
kindness shown to us
following Michael's untimely
passing.

To our relations, neighbours
and wide circles of friends,
your presence and
expressions of sympathy and kindness both in
person and online were a huge source of comfort
to us. Many thanks to each and every person who
sent mass cards, letters, phone calls and
messages of support. We took great comfort in
reading the fond memories you shared of Michael.
We send our sincere thanks to those who called to
our house, brought food, helped with catering and
planning, especially our neighbours who helped to
facilitate the parking of cars and general traffic
management during Michael's funeral.

Michael received the best of care in all
departments of Midlands Regional Hospital,
Portlaoise and with his GPs Dr. Doherty,
Dr. Campion, Liz and Bernie.

We are grateful for the kindness of our parish
community. Fr. Paddy was compassionate and
gentle in celebrating Michael's life, and along with
Nora Tobin made his Requiem Mass so special.
We would like to extend a special word of thanks
to the Abbeyleix Parish Choir for enriching our
celebration with their beautiful hymns. Thank you
to Eamonn Kelly for his professionalism, patience
and attention to detail in the days around
Michael's funeral.

Thanks to those who prepared the grave.
To those who helped in any way, your
contribution made our loss more bearable.
It is simply impossible to thank everybody
individually, so please accept this message
of our sincere appreciation.

**Michael's 1st Anniversary Mass was
celebrated on Sunday 22nd December 2024 at
11:00am in the Church of the Most Holy
Rosary, Abbeyleix.**

Rest in Peace Michael

THEY RECOGNISED HIM IN THE

Breaking of Bread

**In Loving Memory of
JULIA TIMMONS**

53 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
34th Anniversary occurred 1st January 2025



*Within our store of memories,
She holds a place apart,
For no one else can ever be,
More cherished in our hearts.*

*Sadly missed, loved and
remembered by her son Michael,
daughter-in-law Philomena,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Julia

**Death Anniversary
In Loving Memory of Mam
JULIA TIMMONS**

53 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
34th Anniversary occurred 1st January 2025



*Will those who think of Mam today,
A little prayer to Jesus say.
Love always, Margaret, Brendan and
family.*

Rest in Peace Mam

**Death Anniversary
In Loving Memory of Mam
JULIA TIMMONS**

53 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
34th Anniversary occurred 1st January 2025



*Precious memories are forever,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
But we have you in our heart.*

*Sadly missed by your son Thomas and
daughter-in-law Teresa*

May She Rest In Peace

*Peace I bequeth to you,
my own peace I give you*

John 14:27

**In Loving Memory of
JANE BYRNE** née Dempsey

Old Knockmay Rd. Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 8th January 2025.



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

*Silent thoughts of times together,
Hold memories that will last forever.*

*Sadly missed by her husband Joseph,
sons Joe, John and James and
daughters-in-law Aisling and Sinead.*

Granny

*Remembering you is easy, we do it every day;
Missing you is a sorrow that never goes away.*

*Loved & missed every day,
Robyn, Oran, Caoimhe, Oisin, AoiBheann.*

Rest in Peace Jane

**In Loving Memory of
JANE BYRNE** née Dempsey

Old Knockmay Rd. Portlaoise.
3rd Anniversary occurs 8th January 2025.



*Your life was a blessing,
Your memory a treasure...
You are loved beyond words,
And missed beyond measure.*

*Sadly missed by her sons Joe, John
and daughters-in-law
Aisling and Sinead.*

Granny

*Remembering you is easy, we do it every day;
Missing you is a sorrow that never goes away.*

*Loved & missed every day,
Robyn, Oran, Caoimhe, Oisin, AoiBheann.*

Rest in Peace Jane

**In Loving Memory of
MARY DONOVAN**

First Anniversary occurred on Monday
30th of December 2024.

*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...
Mary.*

*Loved and missed by her Husband, Kids & Grandkids.
Rest in Peace Mary*



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

*In Loving Memory of a Precious
Son and Brother*

DEAN BERGIN

6th Birthday away from home.



Today is your birthday in Heaven above, our blessings we send on the wings of a dove, not just for today, but everyday here'of, we think of you always with all our love.

Always missed, love forever,
your Mother Mossie, sisters
Martina, Lisa, Sandra, nieces
and nephews xxxxxx



May Dean Rest In Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICK (Pat) BOWLER**

6 The Cottage, New Road, Portlaoise.
6th Anniversary occurs 9th January 2025.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this **Sunday 5th January at 11.15am.**

*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered every day,
No longer in our lives to share,*

But in our hearts you're always there.

*Missed by his wife Maureen, sons, daughters-in-law,
grandchildren and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Patrick

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

*In Loving Memory of
PETER CULBERT*

Portarlington, formerly Dr. Murphy's, Portlaoise.

Peter's First Anniversary occurs Monday 6th January 2025



Your hand we cannot touch,
Still we have so many memories,
Of the ones we loved so much,
Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.

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

Sadly missed and always remembered by his loving family.

Rest in Peace Peter

**In Loving Memory of
MARIE NOLAN**

Dundrum, Dublin formerly

Timahoe Road, Portlaoise. Sister to Frank Sheehan



*Whose interment occurred last
Monday 30th December.*

May She Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
MARY MAHER**

42 Borris Rd. Portlaoise and formerly of Eyne.



*It's your Second anniversary in
Heaven granny. We miss you more
than you could know.*

*We are thinking of you always.
Love Julia, Bonnie, Martha
and Dickie X*

*On your Second Anniversary,
The year has passed, the season have
changed, loving thoughts and memories of
you remain.*

Missing you always, not just today.

*With all of our love, Gerry, Geraldine and
Caitriona x*

*On your second Anniversary Mary,
Loved and missed always, the extended
Allen and Maher Families.*

Rest in Peace Mary

**In Loving Memory of
MARY MAHER**

42 Borris Rd. Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary occurs 8th January 2025



*Your memory is our keepsake,
With which we'll never part,
God has you in his keeping,
We have you in our hearts.
Forever loved and sadly
missed by Mam, brothers,
sisters and extended family*

Rest in Peace Mary

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
MARGARET (Mag) LAWLESS

Lakeglen, Portlaoise.

Thinking of you on your 70th Birthday which
occurred 1st January 2025.



*Birthday wishes I send today to a star
in the sky, not far away,*

*Engraved in gold on a cloud above,
Just for you Mag, with all my love.*

*Thinking of you on your birthday,
But that is nothing new,*

*For no day dawns and no day ends,
Without a thought of you.*

From your husband Sonny.

*Put your arms around her Lord,
Don't leave her on her own,*

*For today it is my Mums birthday,
Another one away from home.*

*Thinking of you on your birthday,
We talk of you still,*

*We haven't forgotten you,
And we never will.*

**From your son Thomas and daughter in law Louise,
Grandchildren Tamara, Thomas (Jnr), Jack, Rhea & Billy.**

*Tears instead of wishes,
Flowers instead of cards,*

*You left us precious memories,
That will stay within our hearts.*

Instead of a card,

*We send our love, instead of a gift,
A prayer to the one we thought the world of,*

And miss beyond compare.

**From your son Terry and daughter in law Siobhan
and Grandson Luke.**

You are the kind of person who leaves lovely memories behind,

*And special days like your birthday,
Bring many fond memories to mind,*

*And memories are possessions,
That time can never destroy,*

*For it is in happy remembrance,
The heart finds its greatest joy.*

No birthday cards today,

*A heartache, a tear, a memory so dear,
Every day of our lives, we wish you were here.*

From your son Alan and Son in law David.

Rest in Peace Margaret



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Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12 | Psalm 147

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