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The 'I'm All Right Jack' Mentality

"Woe to those who are rich." "Woe to those with plenty to eat." "Woe to those who laugh." "Woe to those who are honoured." Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well-earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?



Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

"Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep." Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but is that a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour? Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean?

In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our "I'm all right Jack" mentality and do something about the "woes" in other people's lives.



Fáilte

We welcome into our Parish Community

Eliza Evangeline Therese Treacy,
Roselawn

Iga Aleksandra Lechicka,
Lawlor Way, Fairgreen.

who was baptised last weekend

Mass times for the coming week

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Saturday: 10am

Sunday

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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.



The Chair of
St. Peter,
Apostle

Saturday
22nd February

This ancient feast relates to early Roman custom at this time of year of remembering the ancestors of the family, those who presided over the family fortunes. The feast celebrates Peter as Bishop of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

Thought for Today!

In this age of artificial intelligence, we cannot forget that poetry and love are necessary to save our humanity. No algorithm will ever be



able to capture, for example, the nostalgia that all of us feel, whatever our age, and wherever we live, when we recall how we first used a fork to seal the edges of the pies that we helped our mothers or grandmothers to make at home. All these little things, ordinary in themselves yet extraordinary for us, can never be captured by algorithms. The fork, the joke, the window, the ball, the shoebox, the book, the bird, the flower: all of these live on as precious memories 'kept' deep in our heart.

Pope Francis, *Diligit Nos*,
On the Human and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus Christ

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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**.

Couch to Céilí All are welcome to join us each Monday at 11am in Parish Centre, Portlaoise for learning and practising of all your favourite dances in preparation for a Céilí Mór on Monday 10th for Seachtain na Gaeilge. A truly enjoyable celebration of our culture is promised. Come alone or bring a partner. Event concluding on Monday March 10th. For further details contact Catriona at Laois Sports Partnership or Maureen at **087-6482038**

Portlaoise Active Retirement Wednesdays: Meetings at Parish Centre, friendship & activities.

Monday 17th: Bowls, St. Mary's Sports Hall (2-4 PM). Tuition available.

Wednesday 19th: Sing-along with Caroline.

Thursday 20th: Cards & chat, Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy (3 PM). Tuition available. New members

welcome! For more info, contact **Sheila: 087 620 4617**.

Chime – Free Hearing Loss Support Clinic in Portlaoise : Chime – National Charity for Deaf and Hearing Loss in Ireland - Laois Outreach Clinic held in Portlaoise Parish Centre, Wednesday 26th February (10.00am – 12.30 pm). Our free and confidential clinic provide one to one support , information and advice about deaf and hearing loss. For more information contact Chime 057-9351606 / text (086-1436476)



Portlaoise Tidy Towns AGM will take place in the **Parish Centre on Wednesday, 26th February 2025**. All are welcome to attend. We are always looking for new volunteers.

Results of Whist Drive – Parish Centre, Tuesday, 11th February

Top Score: Theresa Mulhare

Ladies: 1st Paric Dowling, 2nd Margaret Flanagan

Gents: 1st Ann O'Dowd, 2nd (tie) Mary Dunne & Tom Gowing

Halves: 1st Frank Keenan, 2nd Ann Marie Farrell

Raffle Winners: 1st Mary J. Dunne, 2nd Mary Killeen, 3rd Paula McEvoy, 4th Frank Keenan

Thanks for your support! Whist continues Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Parish Centre.

New players welcome.



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.

Divine Mercy Conference: RDS Dublin, Day return bus (from Jn17 plaza Portlaoise) **Saturday 22nd February**. Fantastic speakers including His Excellency Archbishop Farrell, Fr. Pat Collins, Fr. Jim Blount and many more, great day of spiritual inspiration and refreshment. €70 for bus and entry ticket. Contact via WhatsApp/text please: Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-2752578 for enquiries and bookings. €40 deposit via Revolut, PayPal or Post secures bus seat.

Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community - Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat; Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Saturday 22nd February 2025, 10am to 1.30pm. Holy Mass at 10am, Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre (Rathenska Room) @10.45am. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P. All are welcome. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

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The Heaths St Patrick's Day Parade:

- We are reaching out to all musicians, bands, businesses, organisations and community groups to participate in The Heaths St Patrick's Day Parade.
- To participate, you will need to create and design your own banners, floats and signs and to really stand out, maybe add costumes and props to enhance the overall parade experience.
- Taking place on Monday 17th of March.
- The parade will commence at The Heath GAA Community Hall and proceed to The Heath church for 9:30am mass.
- For any information please contact Samantha 086 366 7583.



Cystic Fibrosis Ireland - Volunteer Appeal



Cystic Fibrosis Ireland are looking for volunteers to help them with their collections in Dunnes Stores, Green Road and at the Kyle Centre on Friday, 11th April 2025. If you or a member of the community are available from 10am to 2pm or 2pm to 7pm on this date and would like to help with our collections by sitting at table with another volunteer. Linkto: <https://65roses.ie/> email 65roses@cfireland.ie or call 01 4962433 and as we would love to hear from you. Thank you so much, CFI Fundraising Team For more details, email 65roses@cfireland.ie or call 01 4962433. Thank you for your support! CFI Fundraising Team.

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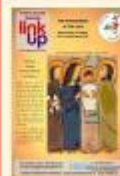
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HANDING ON
THE FAITH



Happiness is.....

Have you ever heard of a man named Charles M. Schultz? He wrote a comic books called Peanuts which has been out since 1950. Wow! That is before any of you were even born! The main characters in the comic are Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Schroeder and a dog named Snoopy.



Charles Schultz has also written a lot of books. One of my favourite books by Schultz is "Happiness Is A Warm Blanket." The book is mostly about a little boy named Linus who carries his cuddly blue blanket with him wherever he goes. Linus carries that blanket to make him feel secure. According to Schultz, "Everyone has things that make them feel secure." You know what? When we feel secure, we are also happy!



Jesus had something to say about being happy. In the Gospel today is one of those times. Jesus is surrounded by a huge crowd of people. Have you ever noticed that wherever Jesus went, he drew large crowds of people? Why do you suppose that was? Maybe it was because many of them were sick, crippled, or injured and wanted Jesus to heal them. Perhaps some of them had a troubled mind and they had heard that Jesus was able to cast out demons and evil spirits just by just speaking a word. In other words, many people came to Jesus because they had heard what he could do for them, and that is exactly what happens in today's Gospel. The Bible says that people crowded around Jesus and tried to touch him because power was coming from him and healed them all. Do you think that made the people happy? It sure did! Jesus then turned to his disciples and said:



**"God blesses you who are poor, for the Kingdom of God is yours.
God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied.
God blesses you who weep now, for in due time you will laugh.
Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you
and insult you and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.**

When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy!

For a great reward awaits you in heaven.

And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way."

Notice that Jesus didn't say, "Happy are they who have a lot of money" or "Happy are they who have plenty to eat and dine in fancy restaurants." He didn't even say, "Happiness is a warm blanket." What he did say was, "When you follow me, happiness will come. Leap for joy! A great reward awaits you in heaven."



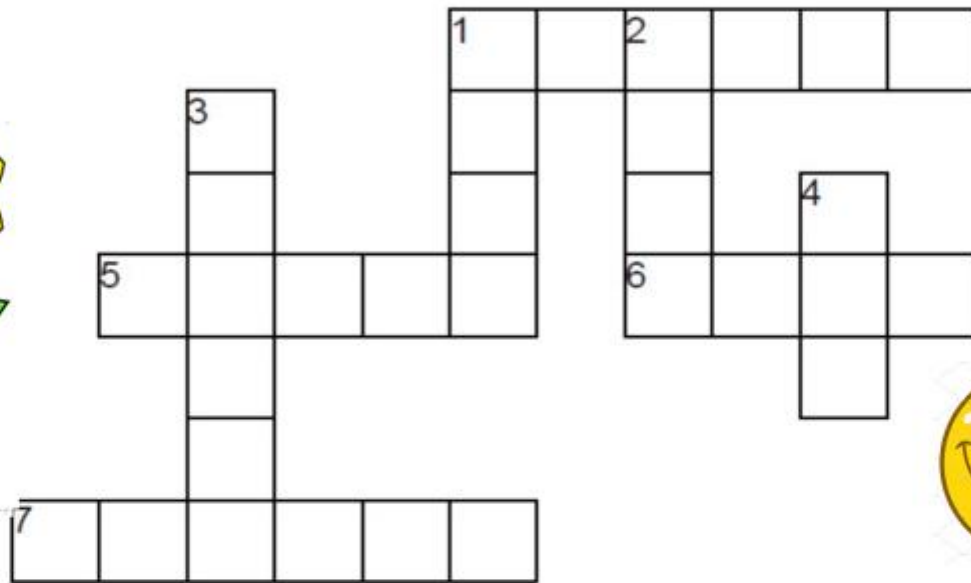
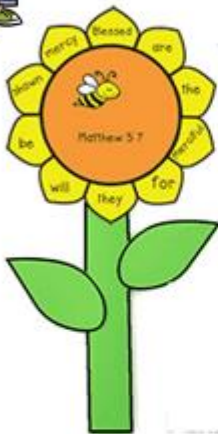
Our Prayer

Dear Father, help us to remember that we can never find happiness by seeking the things this world has to offer. True happiness can only be ours by following Jesus. Amen.

Happiness is....

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God”.

The words in this puzzle are taken from Luke 6:20-23



HORIZONTAL

1. Something given or received in return for good behaviour.
5. The sound which expresses happiness or delight
6. Having very little money or few Possessions
7. To have a desire or need for food

VERTICAL

1. Having a great amount of money
2. To shed tears happiness or delight
3. The home of God, the angels, and those who have been saved
4. A feeling of great happiness

JOY

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HEAVEN

LAUGH

HUNGRY

POOR

REWARD

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Wednesday 26th March



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Time to Think!

Matt Talbot: A Powerful Recovery

Addiction is a reality for many, but the life of Matt Talbot, an Irish man who overcame alcoholism, serves as an inspiring example of recovery. Born in May 1856 in Dublin, Matt was one of twelve children. His father was an alcoholic, and the family lived in poverty. At just twelve, Matt entered the workforce, working at a beer bottling company, and soon started drinking by taking leftover beer from returned bottles. By sixteen, he was regularly coming home drunk.

In his twenties, Matt's life revolved around alcohol, and he spent all his wages at O'Meara's Pub. His life became a cycle of borrowing money, pawning his belongings, and even stealing to fund his addiction. By twenty-eight, Matt was heading toward self-destruction. One Saturday in 1884, after being ignored by his friends outside the pub, Matt had a moment of clarity. He realized he was enslaved by alcohol. He went home, told his mother he was going to take the pledge, and sought a local priest's help to take the vow to abstain from alcohol.

The withdrawal symptoms were intense, but Matt's iron will kept him going. He spent the next three months struggling through the physical and mental effects of withdrawal. During this time, he found strength through prayer, began attending Mass every morning, and made visits to a church to pray for the strength to resist alcohol. After completing the initial three months, Matt extended his commitment, eventually pledging to remain sober for life.

Matt's commitment to sobriety led him to an ascetic lifestyle. He woke early for Mass, worked long hours at a lumberyard, and spent his evenings attending religious meetings. Though his lifestyle was austere, Matt's generosity was well-known. He was



Blessed Matt Talbot

Prayer for the Addicted

God of mercy, give Your strength to (name), who is bound by the chains of addiction. Enfold him in Your love and restore him to sobriety. Lord, look with compassion on all those who have lost their health and freedom to alcohol and drugs. Restore to them the assurance of Your unfailing mercy, and strengthen them in the work of recovery. To those who care for them, grant patient understanding and a love that perseveres.

Amen.

respected for his hard work and kind-hearted nature. He would lend money to his coworkers, helping them with clothes, rent, or other needs. His personal devotion to God was deep, and his routine was dedicated to prayer and penance.

Matt Talbot passed away suddenly in 1925 from a heart attack while on his way to Mass. His burial was humble, and he was laid to rest in Glasnevin Cemetery. After his death, it was discovered that he had worn three chains around his body, signifying his deep devotion to the Virgin Mary and his spiritual commitment.

In 1975, the Vatican recognized Matt Talbot's life of holiness by declaring him "Venerable," a step toward possible canonization. His story continues to inspire those struggling with addiction and those seeking strength through faith and self-discipline. As the Serenity Prayer states: "God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

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Come to me,
all you who labour & are overburdened
Matthew 11:29

*We Remember with love
Our Mother*

HELEN BYRNE

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*On her 1st Anniversary
"You gave us years of happiness,
then sorrow came with tears,
You left us lovely memories
We will treasure through the years"
Loved and remembered always
by her loving family.*

*Also remembering at this time Our father,
John Byrne.*

May they both Rest in Peace

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of a Dear Sister
BERNIE COYNE**

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.
Birthday occurred on 11th February 2025



*Think of her as living in the hearts
of those she touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And she was loved so much.*

Sadly missed and always remembered
by your sister Kitty, brother-in-law
Donie and family, your sisters Mary,
Peggy and Trish and brothers-in-law.

Rest in Peace Bernie

**In Loving Memory of
BILL (William) WHELAN**

And his Wife

MARGARET (Rita) WHELAN

Corrigeen, Stradbally



Bill's 10th Anniversary
occurred on 15th February 2025



Rita's 3rd Anniversary
occurs on 2nd March 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at The Church of the Assumption, The Heath, on **Sunday, 23rd February 2025, at 9:30 AM.**

*When we look upon your picture, sweet memories we recall,
Of faces that are so full of sunshine,
And a smile it brings for one and all.*

*Sadly missed by your daughter Anne, sons Seamus
and Ray, in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
relatives and friends.*

*You will both always be in our thoughts and
forever in our hearts.*

May Bill and Rita Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
WILLIAM (Mick) FENNELLY

Late of 30 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
48th Anniversary occurs 20th February 2025.



Memory drifts to scenes long past,
Time rolls on, but memories last,
Sunshine passes, shadows fall,
Love's remembrance outlasts all.

*Loved and remembered always by
Mary, Eugene, Sean and Ronan.*

Rest in Peace William

In Loving Memory of
SEÁN CLEAR

Farren Cross, Ballacolla, Co. Laois



Remembering Seán on his 2nd anniversary
on the 17th and 27th birthday on 20th
February 2025.

Seán's 2nd Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in The Immaculate Conception
Church, Ballacolla, on Saturday,
15th February, at 7:00 PM.

*Dearly missed and never forgotten by Dad Tom, Mum Julie,
sister Ella, Granddad Gerry, Grandmother Mary, Aunties,
Uncles, and cousins.*

Rest in Peace Seán

In Loving Memory of
THOMAS ROBINSON

Beladd, Portlaoise.
13th Anniversary occurs 15th February 2025.



*May the God of love and mercy,
Care for our loved one that is gone,
And bless with consolation,
Those left to carry on.*

*Always remembered by
your loving family.*

Rest in Peace Tom

In Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN BRACKEN

(née Dume)
Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.

11th Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 15th February at 6.30pm.

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

Loved always by Frances and family.

May Kathleen Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
SHEILA HARNAN WHELAN

Doirefea, Ballydavis, Portlaoise.
4th Anniversary occurs 18th February 2025



4th Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in the Church of the
Assumption, the Heath, on
Sunday 23rd February at 9.30am.

*Sheila, you are forever in our
thoughts and prayers.*

Sadly missed by her loving family,
John, Sharon, Seamus, Nicoli,
Siobhan, Fr. Nick, Fr. Jim,
grandchildren, relatives
and friends.

Rest in Peace Sheila

In Loving Memory of

**Mary Kate (Kitty)
McCormack**

Late of Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise
Who died 20th February, 1984 RIP.
41st anniversary.



Whose anniversary occurs at this time

*Time may pass and fade away,
But silent thoughts and memories stay.*

*Loved and always remembered
by all your family*

In Loving Memory of
CATHERINE DOWLING

7 Borris Road, Portlaoise.
Anniversary occurs 19th February 2025



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

*Always remembered by all
her loving family.*

Rest in Peace Catherine

In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL RIGNEY

St. Brigid's Place
9th Anniversary occurs 18th February 2025.



*No words can tell, no tears express,
The love, the loss, the emptiness.
You are not just a memory or part of the
past, you are ours to remember,
as long as life lasts.*

*Sadly missed and always remembered by
your loving wife Kathleen, family & friends.*

May Mick Rest in Peace

**Acknowledgement
&
First Anniversary**
BRIGID CONNELL (née Quigley)
Tonduff, Abbeyleix



**Brigid's Anniversary Mass
will be celebrated at 5:00
pm on Saturday, 22nd
February, in the Church of
the Most Holy Rosary,
Abbeyleix.**

The family of the late Brigid Connell wish to express our sincere gratitude for the sympathy and kindness shown to us over the past year. We are deeply grateful to our relatives, neighbours, work colleagues, and friends for your presence and support, which brought immense comfort to us during this time of great grief.

We sincerely thank those who visited our home, brought food, helped with catering and cleaning, looked after traffic, and provided lighting. A special thanks to the entire **Cole family, Tonduff**, for your unwavering support and all you have done for Brigid over the years.

We would also like to thank everyone who attended Brigid's wake and funeral service. We deeply appreciate the efforts made by so many who came to say goodbye to her. To those who sent Mass cards, made phone calls, and posted messages of condolence online—thank you.

The heartfelt celebration of Brigid's funeral Mass, led by **Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. Ger Ahearne, and Fr. Sean Conlon**, along with the wonderful singing of the **Abbeyleix Parish Choir**, brought us great comfort. We also sincerely appreciate the efforts of everyone who participated in the planning and offering of her funeral Mass.

We extend our gratitude to **Dr. Peter Kemple, the staff at Abbeyleix Health Centre, and O'Donnell's Pharmacy** for their exceptional care of Brigid over the years. Our thanks also go to the staff at **Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise and St. James's Hospital Dublin** for their care during her illness.

A sincere thank you to **Eamon Kelly and the staff of Kelly Funeral Directors** for their kindness, professionalism, and care during this difficult time, as well as to those who prepared Brigid's final resting place.

Faith was at the heart of Brigid's life, and as a family, we wish to thank **Fr. Ger Ahearne, Fr. Paddy Byrne, and Fr. Petru Medves** for their continued kindness and support.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually, please know that your expressions of care and compassion have helped make our loss more bearable. Kindly accept this acknowledgment as a token of our heartfelt gratitude.

**The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been
offered for your intentions.**

May Brigid Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

Our Mother

ANN DELANEY

Cappagh North, Portlaoise.

8th Anniversary occurs 23rd February 2025.

And Our Father

JAMES DELANEY

9th Anniversary occurred 17th January 2025.



*Treasured thoughts of ones so dear,
Often bring a silent tear,
Thoughts of scenes long past,
Years roll on but memories last.*

*Sadly missed by your loving daughter Ruth, son
Mark and grandchildren Alannah, Elisha and Kody.*

May They Rest in Peace

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of our Wonderful Mother
BERNADETTE COYNE

Boughlone, Portlaoise, Co. Laois.

Birthday occurred on 11th February 2025



*In heavens land our Mother is
On this her special day
Lord send her flowers full of blooms
And hold her close we pray
Tell her how much we miss her
And always feel her near
Keep her safe beside you lord
Because to us she is so dear*

**Happy birthday to our beauti-
ful Mother from all her loving family**

May Bernie's gentle soul

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Unless a wheat grain dies, it
remains only a single grain

Jn 12:24



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Portlaoise Parish



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