

## Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred,  
let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.



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## How to Deliver an Enduring Message

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the world relying on nothing but your own devices. More importantly, you need to come up with a three-point strategy to ensure the message endures for at least the next two thousand years ... in fact until the end of time. No pressure!

Today we hear how Jesus sent out his disciples to teach the world about God's Kingdom. What was the strategy Jesus gave them to ensure the message survived the generations?

First Jesus promotes single mindedness. The disciples must travel light unhampered by any distractions. How many advertising campaigns fail because the heart of the message is cluttered and confused? How many Christians come out of church on a Sunday remembering only that they need to contribute to the church steeple restoration fund rather than remembering the central gospel lesson.

The second part of Jesus' plan was to choose the best audience. We are all familiar with the street preacher who stands in the middle of the city precinct whilst tides of shoppers give him a wide berth. For all his good intentions, this person has not chosen an audience who are in any mood to stop and listen. Jesus advises not to stay where we are not wanted nor try to teach those who refuse to listen. Choosing the best audience and setting are all important.

Thirdly, make the message clear and compelling. Jesus tells the disciples to teach a message of repentance and to cure the sick. In other words, we are to instigate a change for the better in the lives of others. It's a powerful message. Who doesn't want to change for the better? Who wouldn't listen if they were promised a better life?

So did Jesus' strategy work? That Christianity is so strong two thousand years down the line is a great testimony to Jesus and the work of those early disciples.

Single mindedness, choosing an audience and making the message clear and compelling. Now it's our turn.

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

**Monday - Friday:** 7.30am & 10am

**Saturday:** 10am

**Sunday**

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

**Sunday:** 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

**Sunday:** 10am

**CONFESSIONS**

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

## Welcome Fr. Octavian

Fr. Octavian Enache who spent some time with us last year during his summer break from studies in Rome, is with us again until the end of July. He is a colleague of Fr. Ciprian, both from the Diocese of Bucharest, Romania. We welcome him and hope he enjoys his stay and ministry among us.



## Our Lady of Mount Carmel 16<sup>th</sup> July

The Carmelites were known from early on as "Brothers of Our Lady of Mount Carmel." The title suggests that they saw Mary not only as "mother," but also as "sister." The word "sister" is a reminder that Mary is very close to us. She leads us to a new realization that all human beings belong to the family of God. **When such a conviction grows, there is hope that the human race can find its way to justice and peace.**



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*Laura Cooke and Alan Peavoy who were married in the Parish Church  
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*Josephine Delaney and Michael Conroy  
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*Pictured Above; Leona Delaney and John Fitzpatrick who  
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*Pictured Right;  
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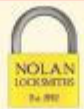
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The Fatima Candle will be lit at 10am Mass in the Parish Church,  
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**Top Score:** Tom Kearns | **1<sup>st</sup> Lady:** Lena Kelly | **2<sup>nd</sup> Lady (Tied):** Mary Killeen & Bernie Cahill

**1<sup>st</sup> Gent:** Frank Keenan | **2<sup>nd</sup> Gent:** Mary Delaney | **1<sup>st</sup> Half (Tied):** Tom Gowing | **2<sup>nd</sup> Half (Tied)** Tom Jacob & Kit Farrell

**Raffle:** 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Marie Farrell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Kearns, 3<sup>rd</sup> P.J. Cahill; 4<sup>th</sup> J Mulhare; 5<sup>th</sup> Bernie Cahill; 6<sup>th</sup> Sadie Chester

Whist continues every Tuesday evening in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm, new players welcome. Lessons available, please leave your name and number at Parish Centre reception.

### Graiguecullen Bingo, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July in St. Fiaccs Hall at 8.30pm;

Jackpot on 49 numbers €1,870. Double number €1,720. Lotto €1,650.

**A.G.M. of Blandsfort and District Gun Club (Ballyroan)** will be held in Whelan's Lounge, Ballyroan on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30pm. New members very 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-Saturday) and Sunday 3pm (Adoration).

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

**Portlaoise Parish Distribution of Lourdes Tickets;** Portlaoise Parish Lourdes Committee will be distributing Lourdes tickets on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** in the Parish Centre for all who are travelling to Lourdes. This will also be an information sharing meeting and we ask all to attend at 7pm. There will also be Mass Bouquets for anyone who wants to purchase them prior to travelling but it is important to have your list of names written.



St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

### *Pilgrimage*

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### *An Evening of Film & Photographs*

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**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm**

with refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.



### Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August.**

Bus leaving Lyster Square Carpark,  
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HANDING ON  
THE FAITH



## Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

It's the time of year when many people are going on holidays. If you have ever gone on a trip, you know that it takes a lot of preparation to get ready to go. You may need to get someone to bring in your newspaper and your mail while you are gone. If you have a dog or a cat, someone has to take care of your pet. Probably the most important thing

you have to do when you go on a trip is pack your suitcase. Let's imagine that we are going on a trip and make a list all of the things we will need to pack in our suitcase. Let's see, we will need socks, underwear, jeans, shirts, shorts, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, comb and brush, and a swim suit and flip-flops for the beach. Have I forgotten anything? Oh, I thought of something I forgot. My laptop! I can't go a week without checking my email or surfing the Internet!



When he was on the earth, Jesus travelled around from village to village teaching, healing people, and casting out demons. One day, he called his twelve disciples to him and said, **"I want you to go out two by two. I am giving you all of the authority you need to cast out evil spirits."**

That sounds like a pretty big task, doesn't it? That meant that they would have to travel from town to town just as Jesus had been doing. I imagine the disciples thought to themselves, "Wow! I had better go home and start packing!"

But then Jesus gave them further instructions. **"Take nothing for your journey except a walking stick -- no food, no traveler's bag, and no money. You can wear sandals, but no extra clothing."**

No food, no money, no extra clothes -- how could the disciples possibly make this journey? They found people who would welcome them and they stayed with them in their homes. These people fed them and gave them everything they needed for the journey. The Gospel tells us that the disciples went out telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God. They also cast out many evil spirits and they healed many sick people. In other words, they did exactly what Jesus told them to do and he gave them the power to do it.

Jesus told you and me to go and make disciples. I wonder if sometimes we delay following his command because we think we aren't ready. If we would just go, like the Twelve did, he would give us the ability to share the Good News with others. What do you think?

### My Prayer

Father, we know that many people need to hear the Good News. Jesus has told us to go and make disciples. Help us to be willing to go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



# Jesus Sends Out the Twelve

These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no bag, no money in your belts."  
Mark 6:8



Choose the word that best matches the definition.  
Answers can be found in Mark 6:6-13

- \_\_\_ 1. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked  
**A. fruit**    **B. vegetables**    **C. soup**    **D. bread**
- \_\_\_ 2. A trip over a great distance  
**A. walk**    **B. journey**    **C. vacation**    **D. visit**
- \_\_\_ 3. To instruct, train, or give knowledge to others  
**A. listen**    **B. watch**    **C. teach**    **D. help**
- \_\_\_ 4. A stick or cane carried as an aid in walking or climbing  
**A. tree**    **B. rope**    **C. sandals**    **D. staff**
- \_\_\_ 5. Coins or bills used to buy things  
**A. money**    **B. bread**    **C. staff**    **D. preach**
- \_\_\_ 6. A community where people live that is smaller than a town or a city  
**A. country**    **B. province**    **C. village**    **D. state**
- \_\_\_ 7. The number of disciples Jesus chose  
**A. six**    **B. twelve**    **C. twenty**    **D. eleven**
- \_\_\_ 8. To deliver a sermon; to proclaim the Word of God  
**A. journey**    **B. heal**    **C. repent**    **D. preach**
- \_\_\_ 9. Something that is bad or wrong; wicked  
**A. sick**    **B. evil**    **C. money**    **D. bread**
- \_\_\_ 10. Shoes consisting of a bottom part held onto the foot by straps  
**A. sandals**    **B. runners**    **C. boots**    **D. shoes.**



Imagine you are going on a trip and you can only take one bag. What would you take?

Write or draw the items in the suitcase beside.





# Time to Think!

## Lord Increase Our Faith

You don't just wake up one morning, light streaming in from the window, birds fluttering about, and jump from your bed with exuberance declaring "I have a faith!"

No, it's more like a slow crawl from your bed as you try to slam on the snooze button one last time. Getting faith isn't easy, even though people put the phrase "have faith!" on repeat like it's no big deal. It's a slow, sometimes agonizing process that many people give up on, but in truth, it's worth the wait. Having faith puts that pep in your step when you feel like you've busted a kneecap. It gets you to try one more time towards your righteous desires and keeps you smiling when all you want to do is crawl back into bed. Faith is the end result of a long journey, but makes the trip bearable. But sometimes it can be hard to see the road to faith, or at least the end of the road. If you've found yourself in this spot, Martin Luther King Jr. has some wise words. *"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."* So what is the first step? Honestly, it's different for everyone. But if you're having a hard time viewing that staircase, here are a few steps to get you started.

**Identify the Doubt:** What's causing you anxiety right now? What's making you worry? What's filling you with doubt? Pinpoint an area of your life that's weighing you down and take some time to ponder why it's so hard. If you need to, find a quiet space to meditate or pray about the things that are bothering you, and ask yourself why these things are having an impact on your life. Why are we doing this? Because in order to identify a solution, we need to identify the problem.

**Find Your Mantra:** Having a little saying you can repeat to yourself in times of trouble is a great way to dispel fear. Faith is a concept that's been around since the beginning of mankind, and you can find motivating quotes across the religious or spiritual spectrum. Take some time to search them out and find a phrase or quote that speaks to you. Put this quote somewhere you can see it often, like your phone. Then when you feel that fear or anxiety begin to rise, just take a deep breath, and repeat after them: *"Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone."* – Pope Francis *"If it can be solved, there's no need to worry, and if it can't be solved, worry is of no use."* -Dalai Lama *"For with God, nothing shall be impossible."* – Luke 1:37

**Take Action:** Now that we've identified the problem and have a mantra to keep us focused, let's work on



that solution. Write your problem down and start brainstorming ways to fix it, even the hard ones. What are the obvious ways you can fix it? The not-so-obvious? Make bullet points until you have a solid list, then go through and find the solution that would be the most effective. And now you'll take action. You might be afraid, but that's okay. Faith isn't about not having fear, it's about acting anyway. So take that solution and run with it, not looking back.

Faith isn't a one-step process, and it's also not a one-stop shop. In order to find and keep faith, you'll need to practice over and over again. But that's okay! With each step you'll become stronger and stronger until faith is your first reaction to challenges, not fear

**Prayer To Become Giving Person:** Loving Father I come to You today with grateful thanks for the gifts and promises that so readily stream in my direction from You. So often Lord my foolish heart is filled with worry and anxiety and I find myself looking at the problem of my supply instead of looking to You as my generous Supplier. Please forgive this lack of trust in You, for I know that You have promised to supply all our needs according to Your riches in glory – for which Lord I thank and praise You. Lord I want to be able to hand over each and every one of my worries to You and to develop a generous and outgoing personality – that keeps my eyes on Jesus.. rather than continuing to be the "worrier" that I have become. I know that this does not honour Your name and I so desire to walk in the paths of righteousness and become a person with a generous heart that flows from Your own generosity – a grateful heart that is full of trust and thanks to You, Who have done so much for me. Lord I know that I cannot change my nature myself – but I do know that in the power of the Holy Spirit I can take my worrisome thoughts captive and hand them over to You – and turn my worries and anxieties into purposeful praise, knowing that in all things You are the supplier of all I need. I ask this in Jesus name. *Amen.*

*Fr. Paddy invites you to follow him on Twitter @fpaddybyrne, now over 32,600 followers or @AbbeyleixP or leave a comment on his blog on our parish website; [www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles](http://www.portlaoiseparish.ie/articles)*



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**Fr. Simon celebrated the Whist Mass in the Parish Centre recently.**



# Portlaoise Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima

13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June 2024



*Maura, Committee and the five Priests who travelled with us on our Pilgrimage*



*L/R; Fr. Gerard Desmond, Fr. Adriano S.D., Fr. Nick Harnan, Fr. Pat Hennessey, Fr. Tom O' Reilly, Sr. Marena and Sr. Monica*



*Left; Presentation to Maura by the Committee on her Birthday and her 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of leading Pilgrims to Fatima*

*Below; 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our very popular Memorial Altar*

*All deceased Pilgrims who travelled with us over the years are remembered and displayed on the Memorial Altar. All who asked for their loved ones to be included were included. All petitions and special requests were left with Our Lady at the Capelinha in Fatima and all candles were lit at the Capelinha. Maura and the committee would like to thank all who supported us over the years.*



**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR  
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



**Willie Doyle**  
Green Road  
Portlaoise



**Eileen  
Loughnane**  
Rathnamanagh



**Sean Smyth**  
Cherrygarth



**Camillus Dunne**  
Died in England  
Formerly Portlaoise



**Ann Carroll**  
née Kelly  
Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**  
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
AND MONTHS MIND**

*In Loving Memory of  
MICHAEL McEVOY*

Block Road, Portlaoise.

Sunrise: 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1940 – Sunset: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



Michael's loving wife Joan, together with their family David (Sligo), Alan (Fermanagh), Michael (Cork) and Louise (Offaly) and their families wish to acknowledge most sincerely the many expressions of love and support shown to them during their recent immeasurable and heartbreaking loss of an exceptional husband and father, father-in-law and grandad.

In particular, we wish to extend a word of thanks to Ann Conroy Bergin and the 11:15am choir, of which Michael was a loyal member, along with soloists Joan White, Louise McEvoy, Paddy McEvoy, Aishling Rohan and Tadgh Maher for enhancing the celebration of Michael's life so beautifully.

To Msgr. John Byrne and the Priests of the Parish, for your kindness to Michael and for your support.

To the staff of the Emo Court Ward of the Midlands Regional Hospital for your tender loving care of Michael in his final days.

To Matthew Keegan and David Goode for your guidance, support and sensitivity during this difficult time. No words of ours can adequately convey the deep appreciation we feel for all you have done to help us on this difficult journey.

Michael was known and loved by so many, evident in the multitude who paid their respects in a variety of ways in the immediate days following his passing. There are so many people who deserve our special thanks for a host of different reasons - you know who you are - please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of our deep appreciation and gratitude. Your love and support will never be forgotten.

Michael's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church at 6.30pm on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

*'Rest in Peace dear loved one, and thanks for all you've done, we pray that God has given you the crown you've truly won.'*

*Rest in Peace Michael*

*The Spirit of truth will  
bear witness to me, says  
the Lord, and you also  
will be my witnesses*



*- John 15:26, 27*

**In Loving Memory of  
EILEEN GRIFFIN**

Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 10am



Our thoughts are ever with you,  
Though you have passed away,  
And those who have loved you dearly,  
Are thinking of you today.

Sadly missed and always loved by Mary & Tommy, Ger & Olive, Geraldine & Tommy, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her great-great-granddaughter.

*Rest in Peace Eileen*

**In Loving Memory of  
ANTHONY WALSH**

Late of 1 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Rd., Portlaoise.

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm.**

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



Missed and remembered daily by your loving sons John and Tony, daughter Catriona, daughter-in-law Lisa and grandchildren.

Also remembering Anthony's wife Kay at this time R.I.P.

*May Anthony Rest in Peace*

**Treasured Memories of Our Dear  
Mammy and Nanny**

**PATRICIA O' BRIEN** née Rice  
Cherrygrove, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

5<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home occurs 24<sup>th</sup> July.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.**

Mammy;  
To your resting place we visit, place  
flowers there with care, but no one  
knows the heartache when we turn  
and leave you there.

Missed beyond words by your daughters Yvonne and Sandra, also John and your grandchildren Gordon, Evan, Teagan and Grace.

*Rest in Peace Mammy*

**36<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
In Loving Memory of  
PATRICK FARRELL**

39 St. John's Square, Portlaoise.

36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

He left us quietly, his thoughts  
unknown, but left us a memory  
we are proud to own,  
So treasure him Lord in your  
garden of rest,  
For when on earth,  
He was one of the best.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm.

From his sons, daughters, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, sister-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family and friends.

*May Patrick Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
KEVIN GRIFFEY**

50 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.

9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Remembering. The beauty of a memory is that it's always there.

*Like a penny in your pocket, you take it anywhere*

*And when your heart is heavy, and your eyes are filled with tears,*

*You can focus on a memory and travel through the years*

*Your heart can visit happy times, when laughter filled the air,*

*And the presence of your loved one, will lessen your despair*

*So, as you travel on in life, take comfort as you go,*

*In a lifetime of "sweet memories" of one who loved you so.*

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm

Loved and remembered always by Martina, Sharon, Craig, Colin, Alda and Mollai, sisters and brother, extended family and friends.

*May Kevin Rest in Peace*

**Treasured Memories of  
CAMILLUS RYAN**

O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.

4<sup>th</sup> Year and 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from Home

Goodbye is not forever,  
It is not the end,  
It simply means I'll miss you,  
Until we meet again.



Sadly missed by his son James, daughters Denise, Aileen & Melissa, daughter-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren and extended family.

*Rest in Peace Camillus*

## *In Loving Memory of LIAM STYLES*

*Late of 1 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024*



*You struggled hard and  
you fought so long,  
As quiet as you were in life  
you told no one,  
We held your hand day  
and night,  
You didn't leave this world  
without a fight,  
For you're no longer  
in pain,  
Our loss on earth is  
Heaven's gain.*

*Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by  
Mary and Walter O'Loughlin and family from  
94 St. Brigid's Place.*

*Rest in Peace Liam*

## *In Loving Memory of THOMAS SCULLY*

*33 Colliers Court, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024*



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm.*

*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, loved and forever remembered by his  
sons Mark and Dylan and extended family.  
Also remembering his partner Dolores at this time.*

*Rest in Peace Thomas*

## *In Loving Memory of THOMAS (Tom) LALOR*

*Late of 19 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurs 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024*



*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated  
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6:30pm.*

*Life is a beautiful memory,  
Death is a silent grief,  
You sleep now in God's beautiful garden,  
In sunshine and perfect peace.  
We miss you oh so very much,  
but trust that God knew best,  
He let us have you for many years,  
And then gently let you rest.*

*Loved and sadly missed by his loving wife Bernie,  
daughter Anne-Marie, son-in-law Blane and  
grandchildren Harley and Bella-Rose.*

*Rest in Peace Tom*

## *In Loving Memory of LIAM STYLES*

*Late of 1 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise.  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary occurs 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024*



*We thought of you today,  
But that is nothing new,  
We thought about you yesterday  
and days before that too.  
We think of you in silence,  
We often speak your name,  
All we have are memories and  
your picture in a frame.*

*Your memory is a keepsake from  
which we will never part,  
God has you in His keeping, but we have you in  
our hearts.*

*Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by  
your brothers Joe, John and Noel, sisters Mag, Mary  
and Bid, nieces, nephews, grandnieces,  
grandnephews and extended family.*

*Rest in Peace Liam*

*Blessed are they who  
dwell in your house*

*cf. Psalms 83:5*



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**In Loving Memory of  
KAY DEVOY**

Late of Borris Great, Portlaoise.  
11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024.



*It doesn't take a special day to  
bring you to our mind,  
For days without a thought of  
you are very hard to find.  
You always tried to do your best,  
Your heart was true and tender,  
You simply lived for those you  
loved, and those you loved  
remember.*

*Loved and remembered by all your family and friends.*

*May Kay Rest in Peace*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
FERGUS (Patrick) DUNNE**

Late of Dr. Murphy Place and Kilminchy, Portlaoise.  
8<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home; Special Birthday Remembrance



*As I look upon your picture,  
Sweet memories I recall,  
Of a face so full of sunshine,  
And a smile for one and all.  
Missing you always,  
Forgetting you never,  
Rest in peace dear loved one, with  
Jesus in His Heavenly home.*

From your loving partner Esther, your  
brothers, sisters, relatives & friends.

Also remembering other deceased relatives and friends at this time.

*May Fergus Rest in Peace*

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE**

**In Loving Memory of  
MICHAEL CONROY**

Cooltoran, Ridge Rd, Portlaoise .  
1<sup>st</sup> Birthday away from Home.



*God called your name so softly,  
That only you could hear;  
And no one heard the footsteps,  
Of angels drawing near.  
The golden gates stood open,  
God saw you needed rest;  
His garden must be beautiful  
He only takes the best.*

*Loved and missed today and always, your loving  
wife Margaret, daughters Louise and Denise,  
son Michael and your adored grandchildren  
Leila, Eve and Charlie.*

*Rest in Peace Michael*

**Birthday Remembrance  
MARGARET HOULIHAN**

14 Oaklawn, Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.  
7<sup>th</sup> Birthday away from home occurred 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024



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

No present can be given and that's really very hard,  
But there's a world of love inside this special little card,  
Each memory is shining bright and treasured dearly too,  
But memories can't take the place of someone dear,  
like you.

*Sadly missed and always remembered from your  
husband James, sons and daughters, grandchildren and  
extended family.*

*May Margaret Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
KATHLEEN RIGNEY**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise  
Month's Mind Mass occurs 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024



Month's Mind Mass will be  
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Parish Church, this Saturday  
13<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm

*Kathleen's Family would like to  
sincerely thank all those who offered  
condolences and attended the funeral.  
Our thanks especially to Mam's  
neighbours and friends for their kindness, to the staff of  
Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise, the Priests of the  
Parish, Matthew Keegan and David Goode undertakers for  
their compassion and professionalism.*

*As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually,  
please accept this acknowledgement as an expression of  
our appreciation.*

*You left us beautiful Memories  
Your love is still our guide  
Although we cannot see you  
You are always at our side*

*Sadly missed by her loving family.*

*Rest in Peace*



Thus says the Lord, the God of your ancestor David:  
I have heard your prayer,  
I have seen your tears;  
indeed, I will heal you. 2 Kings 20:5



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*When the man who I love went  
out of my life, and left me as a  
widow, no longer a wife.  
Wondering just why he had to  
go, knowing how much we  
loved each other so.*

*Our time together passed by so  
fast, how could we know it  
wasn't to last,  
Life suddenly changed - when  
out of the blue,  
You were gone from my side,  
I was here without you.*

*But when the crying was over I just  
call your name,  
Hold on to our faith and continue  
to pray,  
Cling on to hope and trust every day,  
Knowing that one day we'll be  
together again.*



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