



# Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

An eternal and universal kingdom  
A kingdom of truth and life  
A kingdom of holiness and grace  
A kingdom of Justice,  
Love and Peace.  
*(from today's preface)*



CHRIST <sup>+</sup>he KING

The background of the lower half of the page is a photograph of a large, white stone statue of Christ the King. The statue is standing on a dark, rocky base, wearing a golden crown and a long, flowing white robe. His arms are outstretched to the sides. The background is a bright blue sky with large, white, fluffy clouds. The text 'CHRIST <sup>+</sup>he KING' is overlaid on the left side of the image, with a red cross symbol above the word 'he'.

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## Making A Stand



We tune in to the news to elicit some kind of truth, but we suspect what we are viewing is 'fake news'. A television interviewer tries to elicit the truth from a politician. We recognise of old the politician's strategies for avoiding the interviewer's questions.

We are called to do jury service and determine to get to the

bottom of the case, but suddenly everyone's version of the same truth is slightly different.

We pick up on a charged atmosphere at home, but when we quiz our children or spouse, we are met with evasion and equivocation.

The opposite of truth is not always a lie. Truth can be avoided, twisted, disguised, or simply not recognised. One thing is for sure though; we all have some kind of sixth sense for knowing when we are not getting the truth. That's why it's so refreshing and so powerful when somebody gets up and speaks a simple truth from the heart. The truth makes us sit up and listen. Perhaps this is what Jesus meant when he told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Standing in front of Pilate, Jesus doesn't back down or compromise the truth because the truth is too important. The trouble with earthly kingdoms is that the truth is not always of paramount importance. In earthly kingdoms the truth gets in the way of our personal agendas. In our quest for territory, power, resources and a comfortable life style, the truth takes second place. We might think that we are truthful people and that we never tell lies, but it is all too easy to live a lie without admitting it even to ourselves.

Pilate was not able to understand the kingdom Jesus alluded to, and he was not able to see Jesus as King. Pilate failed to recognise the truth. Today's challenge is to recognise truth in all of life's circumstance, to stand up for the truth in all of life's difficulties, and to live by the truth to the best of our ability.

### Shepherd King,

Transform our desire for power, wealth and approval into a longing to serve you and others. Make us ever aware of how our lives impact those most in need of our generous service, and give us the courage to change the way we live. Amen.



Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory!

PSALM 24:10

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

**Monday — Friday:** 7.30am, 10am & 7.30pm.

**Saturday:** 10am

**Sunday**

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

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

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, THE HEATH

**Sunday:** 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

**Sunday:** 10am

**CONFESSIONS**

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



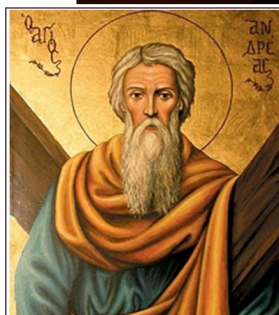
### We welcome into our Parish Community

Caoimhe Carmel O'Brien-Dowdall, Esker Hills  
Bobby Patrick Heffernan, Kiltalea  
Skyler Leigh Tynan, Conniberry Way  
Dara David Hearn, Liogard  
Éada Theresa Tynan, Ballydavis

### Who were baptised last weekend.

### This week Masses for the Dead List will be celebrated on:

Monday at 7.30pm  
Wednesday at 7.30am  
Thursday at 7.30am.



### Saint Andrew the Apostle November 30th

As one of the twelve apostles, Andrew worked closely with Our Lord during his public life. He was present at the Last Supper, beheld the risen

Lord, witnessed the Ascension and shared in the graces and gifts of the first Pentecost.

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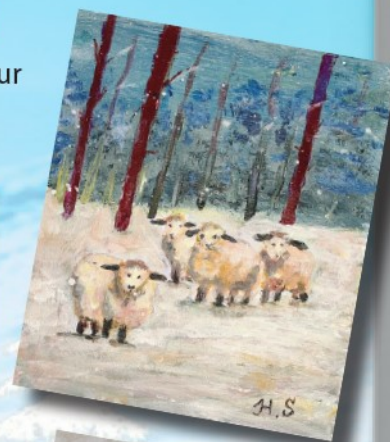
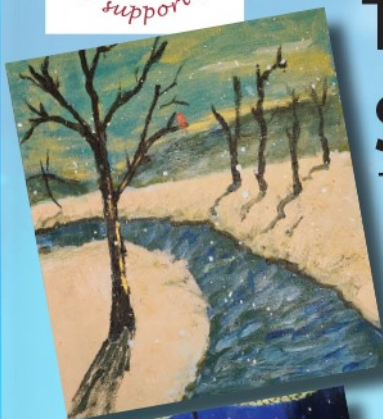
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Enrolment forms are available directly from each school:

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Holy Family Junior School

Holy Family Senior School

Ratheniska NS

Scoil Bhríde

Scoil an Fhraoich Mhóir, The Heath



## Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe

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Hats, scarves, belts, suits, jewellery &, etc.  
Soft toys (no plastic parts)

All items must be in good, wearable condition.

#### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

No Pillows or duvets  
No Ripped, damaged, wet, soiled or mouldy clothes & shoes  
No Single shoes  
No Slippers or flip-flops  
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Applications for Admission 2025-2026

The school will be accepting **Applications for Admission to Junior Infants for the school year 2025-2026** from Monday, 4th November 2024 to Monday, 25th November 2024.

A waiting list for our **Sonás Autism Class** is currently in operation and you can forward an 'Application for Admission Form' should you wish for your child to be placed on that list.

All information regarding 'Applications for Admission' including 'Application for Admission Forms' for both Junior Infants and the Sonás Class can be found on the dedicated 'Parents' section of the school website [www.shanahoens.net](http://www.shanahoens.net)

'Application for Admission Forms' can also be obtained from the school by emailing [shanahoens@gmail.com](mailto:shanahoens@gmail.com), by phoning the school office at (057) 87 39715 or by writing to Ms. Isobel Magner (School Secretary) at Scoil Fionntáin Naofa, Shanahoe, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois R32 F899.

In addition to finding information about the school on our website, you can also follow us on Facebook at 'Shanahoe National School', Instagram at 'shanahoe\_ns' and Twitter/X at 'ShanahoeNs'

There is now an independent after-schools facility namely 'Na Bláthanna Beaga' in operation in Shanahoe Community Hall which is adjacent to the school.

For further enquiries about admissions for the school year 2025-2026, please contact the school Principal Mr. Barry Whelan at [principalshanahoens@gmail.com](mailto:principalshanahoens@gmail.com) or at (057) 87 39715

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1st Gent: Frank Keenan

2nd Gent: Tom Dunne

1st Half: Tied; Catherine Brennan

2nd Half: Austin Kavanagh

Raffle: 1st T Jacob, 2nd P.J. Cahill, 3rd T Hearn, 4th B Kennedy, 5th B Cahill.

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.

**Night Vigil to Knock** Saturday 7th December, Seats to be booked by Maura 0871210263/

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**Wednesday 27th** Quiz.

**Thursday 28th** Cards in Sue Ryder centre Kilminchy at **3pm** New members always welcome tuition given

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**Divine Mercy Chaplet** 3pm every Sunday in the Parish Church.

**Rosary in the Church of the Assumption, the Heath;** Daily 2pm (Monday to Saturday). Sunday 3pm (Adoration).

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

**Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community** Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise Saturday 30th. November 2024 [ 10.00 am to 1.30 pm] Holy Mass @ 10.00 am Confessions available

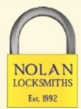
Retreat continues in Parish Centre after Mass from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry) Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305 Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P [www.spioraidnaoimh.com](http://www.spioraidnaoimh.com). All Welcome

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**14<sup>th</sup> Dec: Dermot & Irene Ring**

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec: Alistair Fingleton**

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**04<sup>th</sup> Jan: Muriel & Fran**

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For further information please contact  
Grainne Roche Duff **087-6075037**  
grainne.rocheduff@alzheimier.ie

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## CROWN HIM KING!



The crown is a symbol of power and authority. Who wears a crown? That's right! A king or queen wears a crown. Being a king is different from being the president of a country. A president is elected by the people, but a king is not elected, he is born to be king.

Have you seen the movie "Lion King?" As a lion, Simba was born to be the "King of the Beasts." In one scene from the movie Simba sings, "I Just Can't Wait to Be King." If you have seen the movie, you will remember that one reason why Simba was so anxious to become king was that he didn't want anyone telling him what to do. He didn't want to hear anyone saying, "do this" or "stop that." He wanted to be free to run around all day doing everything his way.

It wasn't just that Simba didn't want anyone to tell him what to do, he was also looking forward to telling everyone else what to do. Just listen to what he says! "I'm gonna be a mighty king so enemies beware! I'm gonna be the mane event like no king was before. I'm brushing up on looking down. I'm working on my ROAR! Oh, I just can't wait to be king!"

I think that Simba had a very poor idea of what it means to be a king. You see, the real role of a king is to look after the needs of his people. A good king is more concerned with caring for his people than he is in being served.

During his last days on earth, Jesus was arrested and put on trial. When asked if he was a king, Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world." Yes, Jesus was a king, but he wasn't interested in running around free and doing things his way. He was only interested in doing the will of his Father. He was born to be king, but his kingdom is not on this earth - it is in heaven. He only came to earth to make a way for us to live with him in heaven.

Jesus "Just can't wait to be your king." He has invited you to enjoy eternal life in his heavenly kingdom. If you haven't already accepted his invitation, I hope you will crown him as your King today.



## Our Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son to be our Lord and King. Help us today, and every day, to honour him, obey him, and follow his will for our life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

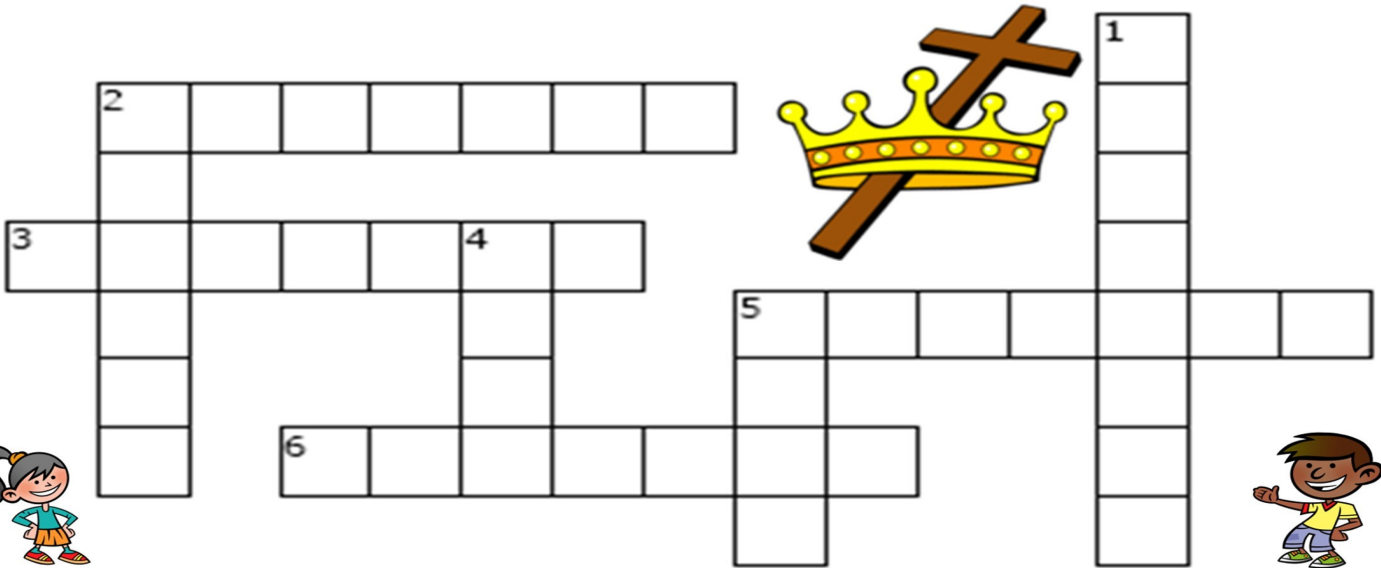


## Christ the King



Christ The King

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37



### ACROSS

- Things such as dresses and trousers that you wear
- To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
- A person who is in an army and wears a uniform
- To stop blaming, or not punish someone for something they have done.

### DOWN

- Someone who commits a crime
- The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament
- The emotion you feel when you are frightened or worried
- To keep someone from being killed or injured; to rescue

**FORGIVE**

**SAVE**

**FEAR**

**CRIMINAL**

**SOLDIER**

**CLOTHES**

**CRUCIFY**

**CHRIST**



### Night Prayer

God our Father I come to say,  
 thank you for your love today,  
 thank you for my family,  
 and all the friends you give to me,  
 guard me in the dark of night,  
 and in the morning send your light.  
 Amen.





# Time to Think!

## Advent...Come Lord Jesus

There is a story of six people who froze to death around a campfire on a bitterly cold night. Each had a log of wood they might have contributed to the fire, but for reasons satisfactory to themselves, each person refused to give what they had. A woman would not give because she said she hated men. A homeless man would not give because there was a rich man in the group. The rich man would not give because he did not want to warm someone who was obviously shiftless, lazy, and drunk. Another would not give up his log because he recognized someone not of his race or religious faith. And the fire died, as each person withheld their piece of fuel for reasons justifiable to themselves, and so, they all died. This story was originally told in a poem that ends with these tragic lines: six logs held fast in death's still hand were proof of human sin; they did not die from cold without, they died from cold within. This week marks the end of the liturgical year with the celebration of Christ the King. Soon we will begin the season of advent perhaps one of the most hope filled occasions of the entire church liturgical year. The Advent Season is a time to get ready for the approaching feast of Christmas. Liturgically this is a time when we prepare for the joyful celebration of the Lords birth at Christmas. These dark and chilly days can indeed be a challenging time, where often our vulnerable selves can experience a sense of struggle. Yet, where there is darkness there is also a burning light of hope and healing. Advent is a time to be open for the blessings of Gods gifts that will be given abundantly to us this Christmas. Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope. This is a real good news story that is a daily reality but often is unrecognised and truly appreciated. One of the greatest and most powerful gifts available to us all is the gift of Hope. In a time when we can be consumed by the negative, hope is an invitation to constantly embrace the possible. Hope is that gentle presence calling us everyday, to begin again. Advent is a Season of hope. Every year the Christmas season seems to visit us earlier. This is true in terms of decorations and streetlights well visible in all Towns and shops by now. This time of year is both welcomed and dreaded with the same amounts of childhood enthusiasm and perhaps adult anxiety, excitement, fear and stress. Christmas is much more than a winter holiday. In a Secular Christmas can become as superficial as Black Friday sales, concluding with heartburn after too much stuffing on Christmas Day!! The Christian story of simplicity and new life can be as life changing in 2024 as it was in an unknown village called Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. Advent is a time of preparation and indeed a time for all of us to grow in our hope that God wants us to possess in our heart. The Prophet Isaiah foretold "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light," Advent is a time for all of us to grow in hope and to avail of the spiritual gifts that are truly greater than any we may long for and may not afford. Advent is the great gift for anyone who has experienced darkness and vulnerability, which in truth is perhaps all who may read this article. Jesus whose birth we prepare for during this time of Advent is often forgotten in the busy run up to Christmas. Perhaps if we ponder more on Jesus our lives will change for the better in a

very real way this Christmas. Jesus wants to plant his light and hope in the places of our stories that may be darkened and overshadowed by the bruises of life that we all carry and indeed feel at times. Where sickness, addiction, bereavement, separation, depression and anxiety prevail Christ the lord of light, wants to heal and transform. Just as his birth happened in a place of poverty and humility, so too in this time of winter darkness, the light of Christ wants to shine firstly in the places of pain and uncertainty that are felt in our lives. The more we long for God the greater his birth will be in our hearts. The more we are in need of his presence and relevance the greater the gift of faith and fulfilment, Jesus will bless us in our lives. Christ's light is a bright source of love and joy that is freely available for all people. The heart of Christ is firstly open to the places where we may be lost and broken. My prayer is that all of us will grow in a peace and joy this advent that God wants us to enjoy. Ask God with confidence every day to be born again in my heart. The great prayer of Advent is simply, Maranatha, "Come Lord Jesus". Celebrating the Birth of Christ is a wonderful opportunity. There is just abundance and plenty in Gods love for us all. Jesus is the reason for the season. We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become a vessels of Gods compassion for others.

### Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, during Advent, may we remember the greatest gift ever given: Your only Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our hearts with joy day by day as we think of our Savior putting aside His heavenly glory and coming among us.

As a newborn, only a stable roof sheltered Him and ordinary, impoverished parents cared for Him. Your angels couldn't contain themselves, but broke into the quiet night-watch of a group of humble shepherds. The heavenly messengers proclaimed the glorious news of the Savior who would pay the price for our sins, the sign of Your goodwill to all people and Your desire for peace on earth. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, grow our understanding and wonder of His birth. By Christmas day, may our hearts overflow with rejoicing and thanksgiving. Let our gratitude overflow to each person we meet by demonstrating the peace and goodwill in our hearts -- not just at this joyful season but all the year round.



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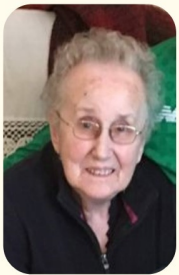
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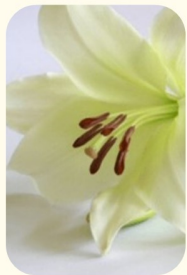
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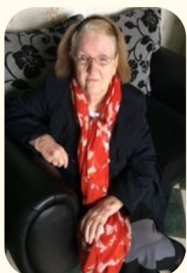
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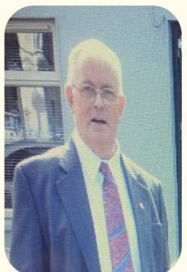
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Portlaoise



**Jim Lalor**  
The Heath

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

*You are the*  
**Light**  
*of the World*



**In Loving Memory of  
BRIDGET SEXTON**

*"Padua", Clonminam Road, Portlaoise.*  
*6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



Anniversary Mass for Bridget and her late Husband Jim whose anniversary occurred on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 11.15am.  
*Our loved ones leave behind a light that will never dim or fade,  
It's kept bright by the love we feel and the memories we made.*

*Sadly missed by and always remembered by Pat, Mary, Frank, daughter-in-law Hilda, grandsons, great-granddaughters, her sister Mary and extended family and friends.*

*May Bridget and James Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of  
MARGARET BERGIN**

*Millhouse, Boley, Abbeyleix.*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary occurs 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024*



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in St. Brigid's Church, Shanahoe on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 12 noon.**

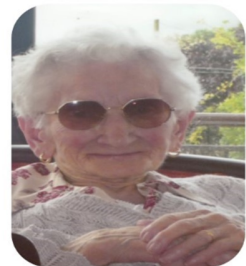
*Those we love don't go away,  
They walk beside us everyday,  
Unseen, unheard, but always near,  
Still loved and missed and very dear.*

*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by her loving husband Jimmy, sons James, John and Owen, extended family and friends.*

*Rest in Peace Margaret*

**In Loving Memory of  
PETER AND KATIE MOLLOY**

*2 Upper Grattan Street, Portlaoise.*  
*Whose 34<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries occur at this time.*



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

*Sadly missed and remembered by your loving family.*

*May Peter & Katie Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**

**ANGELA HYLAND**

*Mountmellick - Portlaoise*

*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024*



*Your needs in life were simple,  
Your love for your family true,  
As long as we were happy,  
you were happy too.*

Loved and missed by Mary, Jimmy  
and family, nieces, nephews and  
her many friends.

*Also remember;*

Granny Hyland whose anniversary occurred  
26<sup>th</sup> September.

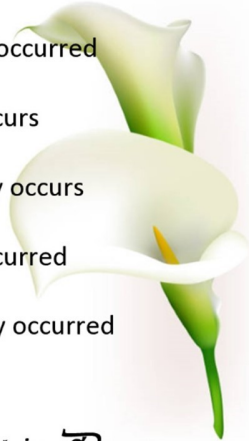
Mary Santry whose anniversary occurs  
29<sup>th</sup> November.

Nancy Campbell whose anniversary occurs  
30<sup>th</sup> December.

Brian Santry whose anniversary occurred  
21<sup>st</sup> May.

Eileen Callaghan whose anniversary occurred  
20<sup>th</sup> November.

Chris Farell 39 St. John Square



*May They Rest in Peace*

**In Loving Memory of**

**ELIZABETH (Lil) BARTLEY**

*91 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary occurred 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024*



Anniversary Mass was celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.30pm.

**In Memory of Mum**

You carried me as a child and held onto  
my hand,

You loved and treasured me every day  
and taught me how to stand,

Of all the scary things in life that I could ever fear,  
Nothing is so frightening as you not being here.

But you taught me to be strong and you taught me  
how to stand, even when you aren't here to hold onto  
my hand,

I am grateful for what you taught me, and I'm grateful  
for your love, and I know that you watch over me from  
the Heavens up above.

*Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by her  
daughter Monalisa, son-in-law Donal and  
grandchildren Darryl and Stefan.*

**Someone Special**

You are too precious to be forgotten,

And too priceless to ever replace,

I wish I could share another moment with you,  
And see that smiling face.

Someone so special as you is truly rare to find,

Someone with a heart so pure, so caring and so kind.

I'll cherish the memories we made,

All the times we spent together,

And I'll hold them dearly in my heart from now until  
forever.

*Loved and missed by her sons John, Oliver, Shay and  
Darren, daughters-in-law, grandchildren,  
great-grandchildren and the Conroy family.*

*Rest in Peace Elizabeth*

**In Loving Memory of**

**KEVIN YOUNG**

*34 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise and formerly  
Derreen, Cloneygowan, Co. Offaly.*

*6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



Anniversary Mass will be  
celebrated in

Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish  
Church, next Saturday,

**30<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm.**

Six years have passed since  
you left us in November,

Treasured memories still fill our hearts,  
Fond times we all remember.

Six years away from home you are, and missed  
dearly every day, to have one last minute to sit  
with you, "I love you", I would say.

*Thinking of you always, from Pamela, Roger,  
Rosie, Melanie, Aaron, Chloe, Hannah, Nicole  
and all your grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Kevin*

**In Loving Memory of**

**GEORGE BUGGY**

*9 Green Rd., Portlaoise.*

*12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.*



Anniversary Mass was celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,  
Saturday 23<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.

Your life was love and labour,  
Your love for your family true,  
You did your best for all of us,  
We will always remember you.

*Sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.*

*May George Rest in Peace*

## **Birthday Remembrance**

### **In Loving Memory of THOMAS CLEAR**

17 Liogard, Portlaoise, whose birthday occurred 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.



*Time slips by and life goes on,  
But in our hearts you are always  
there.*

From his loving wife Mary, sons,  
daughters, sons-in-law,  
daughters-in-law and grandchildren.

*May Tommy Rest in Peace*

## **In Loving Memory Of**

### **MARY RAMSBOTTOM**

Timogue, Stradbally

8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurs on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024



*You always had a smile to share,  
A laugh, a joke and time to care,  
A good life came to an end,  
You died as you lived,  
everyone's friend.*

*Always remembered, never forgotten by her family*

*May Mary Rest in Peace*

## **In Loving Memory of DAVID HARNEY**

Late of 82 Marian Avenue. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*A man so popular, do you remember  
his smile,*

*A heart of gold, do you remember his  
style.*

*A presence about him that turned  
dark into light,*

*A funny way of saying things that  
always turned out right,*

*A loving smile, a fully hearted laugh,  
That's how we remember you Dave, for as long as life  
lasts.*

*From his sister Bridget, brothers Liam, John and Niall and  
families*

*May David Rest In Peace*

## **BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE of a Very Special Son DANIEL (Danny) WHELAN**

29<sup>th</sup> Birthday occurred  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2024



*It seems to me the day you left,  
The sun forgot to shine.  
Because it feels as though the light's gone  
out, within this heart of mine.  
My body feels so broken now,  
Because we had to say goodbye,  
and my tears they fall like raindrops  
every time I cry.*

*The pain that I am feeling is like a storm inside my heart,  
and it only grows much stronger everyday that we're apart.  
It's hard to see the future and to make it through the day,  
but I know you will be with me son,  
and will help to light my way.  
for when the light goes out for me too Danny,*

*I know what I shall do,  
I'll close my eyes one final time,  
And there I'll be with you..*

*You are Loved & missed So Much Danny.  
Your forever in my thoughts, from your loving Parents  
Christine & Mick, your brothers Shane & Michael, Your  
sister Lucy, your sister-in-law Briget, all your special  
nephews & nieces, both your grandmothers, and all your  
extended family & friends.*

*May Danny's Soul Rest with the Angels*

## **In Loving Memory of Bridgie Styles**

5 New Road, Portlaoise

12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary occurred 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2024



Anniversary Mass was celebrated in  
Sts. Peter & Paul's Church on  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30**

*We don't need a special day to bring you  
to mind*

*The days we do not think of you are very  
hard to find*

*Each morning when we wake, we know that you are gone  
And no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on  
Our heart still aches with sadness and secret tears still flow  
What is meant to lose you, no one will ever know  
Our thoughts are always with you  
Your place, no one can fill  
In life we love you dearly  
In death we love you still.*

*Sadly, missed and always remembered by your  
husband John, your children and their spouses, your  
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

*Rest in Peace Bridgie*

## **In Loving Memory of Mena Foley**

Earls Garden, Ballyousskill, Co.Laois

Whose first anniversary occurred  
14th November 2024.



*Sadly missed by all her  
loving family*

*May She  
Rest in Peace*

Love your neighbour  
as yourself

MATTHEW 22:39



## Never Say Goodbye

*There can be no goodbyes for us  
It'd be too painful, dear  
Our connection still lives on  
Although you're far from here*

*I miss the times that we once had  
But one day, once again  
I'll hold you close and laugh with you  
I just wish I knew when*

*Each moment 'til that day arrives  
Until my time is through  
I'll miss you more than words can say  
And always think of you*

*I'll look for you among the stars,  
And each dawn's pastel sky,  
And whisper words of love to you  
But never say goodbye*

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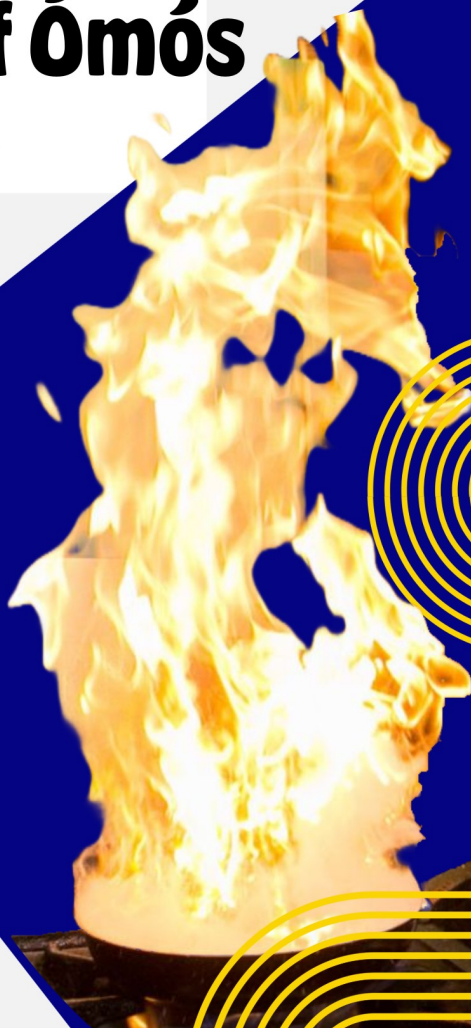
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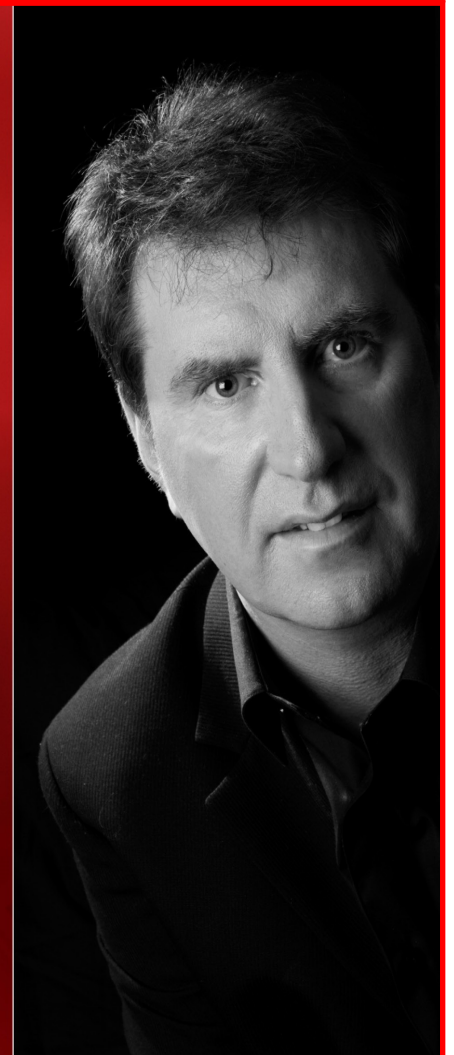
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12

15

21

31

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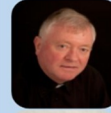
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## Clergy of the Parish



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**Fr. Simon Jin**  
Tel: 057 8661605



**Fr. Adriano de Oliveira**  
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**Deacon Eugene Keyes**  
Tel: 057 8621142

To contact the Priest on Duty:  
Parish Centre during office hours  
9am - 5pm Tel: 057 8621142  
Outside office hours  
in emergency only Tel: 0852134285

## Safeguarding

All safeguarding statements and policies can viewed on our website and our Church Porches.

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person  
Ailish Higgins [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto:safeguarding@kandle.ie)

## Parish Centre



Office Hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm

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MANAGER Declan Kelly

Parish Secretary Michelle Bartley

Accounts Michelle Conroy

Sacristans Parish Church

Sr. Sybil and Sr. Julie

(Sacristy phone attended prior to Mass times 057 8600119)

All Masses and services from the Parish Church and the Health Church are live streamed on our website



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2 Samuel 5:1-3 | Psalm 121:1-2.5  
Apocalypse 1:5-8 | John 18:33-37

## 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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