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15th June 2025

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY



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and of the
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and of the
Holy Spirit
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St. Peter & Paul's Church was opened on 4th July 1965. To commemorate 60 years we will have celebrations on 3rd to 6th.

Thursday 3rd Mass 7.30pm

Friday 4th Mass 7.30pm

Saturday 5th Mass 6.30pm

Details to follow



Pope Francis once said,
“Every family needs a father — a father who shares in the joys and sorrows of the family, who brings peace in times of trouble, who encourages with love.”

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**Happy Father's Day to all fathers
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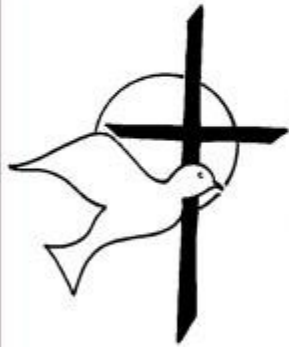
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Who Is God?

As children we might have wondered what God was like. We might have pictured an old man with a fluffy white beard and a kind face. As we get older we stop wondering what God looks like and think about who God is. We might think that the Trinity is some theological mystery, but perhaps it isn't as much a mystery as we think. We already know a

lot. We know that God is the Father who created a world for us to cherish, and who created each of us for an individual purpose. God is the Son who came and lived among us, teaching us how to become a part of God's Kingdom and saving the world from sin. God is the Holy Spirit left with us always to guide us towards truth. God is three persons but one God. God is certainly a mystery, but as Jesus himself points out, we are not expected to understand everything all of the time. All that is expected is that we keep searching for better understanding. In Jesus' farewell to his disciples he says, "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." It is clear that Jesus is teaching his disciples in stages. Like every good teacher, Jesus knows that we can only digest so much new information at a time. The original disciples had to learn to walk before they could run, and that goes for us too. We are all at different stages in our journey of faith, but that journey should never become static. "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now." Jesus implies that we will be ready to learn more at some future date and he is leaving us the Spirit of truth to guide us towards revelation. It is tempting in the face of great mysteries like the Trinity to give up and leave theology to the great academics; but we are reminded that God has revealed truth to all sorts of people from small children to acclaimed philosophers, and from simple fishermen to learned theologians. God is a sensitive teacher, but we have to play our part and be willing students. In an age of improved communications, discussion groups, television, competitive publishing and the internet, there's not much excuse for us to cease searching for insight and truth.

Mass times for the coming week
ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

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.



This weekend we welcome Br. Brian Johnson, a Franciscan Brother to speak at all our Masses in the Parish Church.

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We seem to be moving more and more towards a contactless society where our own existence and our own needs are of primary importance and meeting these needs can be done without contact with another live human being. Not only that, but less contact with others means less insight into the needs of others as well, and in that situation others suffer and we are deprived of the experience of developing empathy and of helping our fellow human beings. Our drive towards a contactless society will deprive us of many things, not least the richness that comes from sometimes messy face-to-face contact with another human being.

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7:00-8:00 PM (Beginners)**

Clinic : Tuesday Morning: Senior Exercise Class - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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Portlaoise Active Retirement : Weekly meetups continue with bowls on Monday 16th in St. Mary's Hall from 2-4pm (tuition provided), an afternoon with Moez on Wednesday 18th at 3pm in the Parish Centre, and cards and chat on Thursday 19th at 3pm in the Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy. Regular Wednesday gatherings at 3pm in the Parish Centre offer fun, friendship, and activities. New members always welcome. For more info, contact Maria at 087 918 7157.

An Spioraid Naoimh Praying Community will hold its third annual 24-hour sponsored fast on Friday, **June 20th, 2025**, in aid of Mary's Meals, which provides meals to children in impoverished areas. Just €22 feeds a child for a school year—so far, we've raised €15,270. Please support us by donating at [www.spioraidnaoimh.com]. Fast cards are available from **B. Reddin (086-8630039)**, **E. Cullinane (087-6595293)**, **M. Nerney (086-8157305)**, or in local parish churches. **Charity No: RCN 20061920**. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill, PP, St. Conleth's Parish, Newbridge.

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Parish Centre Whist Drive Results—June 10th : **Top Score** – M. Flanagan; **1st Lady** – M. Gowing & B. Fitzpatrick (tie); **1st Gent** – L. McCartney & Liz Cooper (tie); **1st Half** – A M. Farrell & T. Dunne (tie); **2nd Half** – A. Pearson. **Raffle winners: 1st** B. Fitzpatrick, **2nd** A. Healy, **3rd** S. Chester, **4th** P. Dowling, **5th** M. O'Brien, **6th** L. McCartney, **7th** C. Fitzpatrick. Thanks to all for your support. Whist continues every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre – new members always welcome, with lessons available if needed.



RELIGIOUS NOTES

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

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

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

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

Portlaoise Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima - 12th June to 19th June 2025 : Mass bouquet candle cards are available from **Michael Houlahan at 087-9212028** or from any committee member. If anyone would like candles lit at the Capileno in Fatima, we will gladly do that for you. For further information, please contact **Maura at 087-1210263**. Any special personal requests will be placed with Our Lady in Fatima.

Sacred Heart Crusade - Knock Shrine (June 22) : Join us for this historic event at Knock Shrine on Saturday, June 22, as **Archbishop Eamon Martin** leads the Consecration of Ireland to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—the first such consecration in over 150 years. This special day will also feature the relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Claude La Colombière, brought from Paray-le-Monial, France—the birthplace of the Sacred Heart devotion. For those interested in travelling by bus, please contact **Valerie at 087 780 0429**.



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JUBILEE 2025 – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

During the 18th–19th Century, in times of persecution, the Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin resided in Allen Parish, where people attended Mass at the Priests Corner Mass Rock in Ballyteague.

To mark the Jubilee Year, Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate Mass at the Mass Rock on Sunday 15th June at 2pm.

Pilgrimage walk (2.5km) departs at 12.30pm from Ballyteague GAA (W91 VEW8). For those not walking, parking will be available near the Mass Rock (signposted).

PARISHES ALIVE – MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE!

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Pastoral Council invite lay people and clergy to a reflection day on the future of our Diocese. With guest speakers, prayer, discussion, and keynote by Prof. Fr Michael Conway (St Patrick's, Maynooth).

Saturday 21st June 2025, Carlow College. Registration 9.30am, starts 10am–4pm. Booking essential via parishdevelopment@Kandle.ie or call 083 830 5681. Lunch included.

COLUMBAN DAY CELEBRATIONS – CARLOW, JULY 2025

Join us for the XXVI Columbanus Day, 11–13 July 2025, honouring St Columbanus of Myshall, one of Ireland's great missionaries.

Events include an exhibition launch, a symposium on creation & spirituality by Fr Sean McDonagh, and a walk along the Columban Way.

Former President Dr Mary McAleese will speak on *Columbanus, the Man from Myshall*, in Holy Cross Church, Myshall.

Celebrations end with Mass at the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on Sunday 13th July.

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Time to Think

Spirit of God, loving and free...

Time moves by too quickly, soon we arrive at the longest day of the year June 21st. These long bright days I pray will bring blessing of faith hope and health for us all. Traditionally in the month of June devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus takes place. This Sacred Heart is one of deep love that pours out affection and grace to all our lives. I pray, that we all will afford ourselves the opportunity to find rest and a sense of renewal during the summer. I am sure we all would warmly welcome lots of sunshine! I am very conscious; thousands of young students have sat through their leaving and junior certificate exams. I do hope that our wonderful young students own their gifts and talents. No state exam can ever measure how valued and loved these young people are to their families and friends. May the spirit of God bless them with knowledge, wisdom, and confidence.

Recently in Church we celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit, the great feast of Pentecost. The night before he died Jesus, aware of the implications for his followers of his forthcoming death and eventual return to his Father in Heaven, promised that he would not leave his disciples to make their way in this world on their own and would send the Holy Spirit to guide them on their journey. In that sense the Holy Spirit gives expression to the on-going presence of Jesus with his followers. This is what we celebrate on this Feast.

Pentecost is not just something that happened, but rather is a living gift for all generations. As followers of Christ, the Spirit of his love anoints us all with great hope and rich blessings. The Spirit of Christ, this Pentecost, offers opportunity to indulge in a wonderful gift. The Spirit of God anoints each one of us with courage, wisdom, hope, resilience, and a deep confidence that all will be well.

In the last years of his life, the great cellist and conductor Pablo Casals suffered from rheumatoid arthritis and emphysema. At 90, he was badly stooped, his head thrust forward, and his breathing laboured. He needed the help of his wife, Marta, to dress up in the morning. Marta would then help him shuffle into his studio where he would, with great difficulty, arrange himself on the piano bench. Casals would then manage to raise his swollen, clenched fingers above the keyboard. A visitor describes what he saw next, one morning: "I was not prepared for the miracle that was about to happen. The fingers slowly unlocked and reached toward the keys like the buds of a plant toward the sunlight. His back straightened. He seemed to

breathe more freely. Now his fingers settled on the keys. Then came the opening bars of Bach's Wohltemperierte Klavier [Well-tempered Clavier], played with great sensitivity and control . . . He hummed as he played, then said that Bach 'spoke to him here' – and he placed his hand over his heart. "Then he plunged into a Brahms concerto and his fingers, now agile and powerful, raced across the keyboard with dazzling speed. His entire body seemed fused with the music; it was no longer stiff and shrunken but supple and graceful and completely freed of its arthritic coils. "Having finished the piece, he stood up by himself, far straighter and taller than when he had come into the room. He walked to the breakfast table with no trace of a shuffle, ate heartily, talked animatedly, finished the meal, then went for a walk on the beach." (From Anatomy of an Illness as Perceived by the Patient: Reflections on Healing and Regeneration by Norman Cousins).

Like music that inspires and exhilarates, the Spirit of God is the melody that energizes the Church, uniting our countless different voices into the song of the Love of God. God has formed us into a community, or Church, an instrument for bringing His life and love into our world. But what makes our Church more than just a gathering of good people is His "Breath" infusing the Church, His Mystical Body, with the music of His Divinity. Today we celebrate that presence. In Jesus' breathing upon the assembled disciples on Easter night the new life of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Resurrection — the Church — takes flight. That same Holy Spirit continues to "blow" through today's Church, giving life and direction to our mission and ministry to preach the Gospel to every nation, immersing all of humanity in the music of God's love, the symphony of the Resurrection.

Holy Spirit, move our hearts and let your bright fire burn. Be our guide, there at our side, when to our God we turn. Holy Spirit, move our hands, our feet, our mouths, our eyes. May our actions speak your Word forever in our lives.

Spirit of God, Loving and free, Spirit of God, flow through me....



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The Most Holy Trinity

What do you remember from today's reading?

This story is part of Jesus' farewell conversation to the disciples before he dies on the cross.

Jesus says to the disciples that after he has gone, the Holy Spirit will guide them. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when he was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name.

Who teaches you and guides you? Teachers, parents, friends and family all teach us and guide us. And the Holy Spirit is there to guide us too.

God is made up of three parts: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is what we call the Trinity. Trinity means three. Their relationship is a relationship of being together but each having different tasks to do. This is like our families - we have mums and dads, sisters and brothers, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, cousins and grandparents. Whatever the size of our family, we know there are different people in our family who are of different ages, have different relationships and jobs, and live in different places, but they are all connected to us through our family bond.

Who do you live with? Do you live with lots of people or just a few? Do all your friends and family live close by or are they spread far apart?

We are also all part of one big global family that includes everyone in the world. We are all God's children. We are all special, and even though we are all different we are all equally important. We all have our own job to do depending on our talents.

We are all called to care for one another and for the earth that we live in. But how we do this depends on who we are and our own gifts.

We believe that Jesus' promise to the disciples - that the Holy Spirit would be with them and guide them, is still true for all of us today and all people after us. The Holy Spirit can guide us to do what is right and to use our talents in the best way to help others.

Can you listen to the Holy Spirit in the coming week, and see how the Spirit guides you, especially in the way you treat those you live with and the members of our global family throughout the world?

Let us all do our best this week to listen to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and try to live as he asks us to.



When you love
what you have,
you have
everything
you need.



Loving God,
you are with us always.
Send us your Spirit to teach
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Amen.



Trinity Sunday

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

John 16:13

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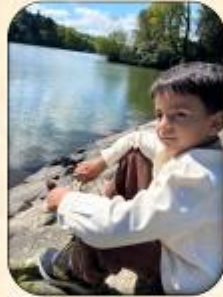
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*Father's Day Remembrance
In Loving Memory of
**WILLIAM (Willie)
O' REILLY***



*28 Lakeglen, Portlaoise.
8th Father's Day away from home.*



Daddy,

*You meant so much to all of us
You were special and that's no lie
You brightened up the darkest day, and the
cloudiest sky*

*Your smile alone warmed hearts,
Your laugh was like music to hear,
We would give anything to have you well
and standing here,*

*Not a second passes, when you're not on our minds,
Your love we will never forget, the hurt will
ease in time*

*Many tears we have seen and cried,
They have all poured out like rain,
We know that you are happy now and
no longer in any pain
You left behind a silence*

*We miss you in life's smallest details, in places,
songs you would have made more beautiful
If longing had a voice, the world would be
filled with noise, calling out your name.*



Happy Father's Day

*Never more than a thought away
Your Sons and Daughters, Daughters in Law, Son in
Law, Grandchildren, Great grandchild
Thomas William and your wife Anne.*

Rest in Peace William

1st ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
MICHAEL MCEVOY
 Block Road, Portlaoise.
 3rd Dec 1940 – 19th June 2024.



*Our minds still talk to you
 Our hearts still look for you – but
 Our souls know you're at peace.
 We miss you every single day.*

The family of the late Michael McEvoy wishes to thank relatives and friends for their prayers and continued support as they grieve and come to terms with their immeasurable loss. In particular, we are most grateful to all of the medical staff who cared so tenderly for Michael in his final weeks and to the Garda Síochána Retired Members Association for their guidance and support.

Michael will be remembered at 11.15am Mass on Sunday 22nd June.

Also remembering baby MJ - Michael's grandson who was born sleeping on 13th February 2025. An angel too precious for this world. Loved and missed beyond measure. In the arms of his grandad.

May they both Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of
IAN LAWLOR-AMARAL
 Oakleaf Place, Portlaoise.
 4th Anniversary occurs 14th June 2025.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 14th June at 6.30pm.

*You can shed tears that Ian is gone,
 Or you can smile because he has lived.
 You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back, or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.
 Your heart can be empty because you can't see him, or you can be full of the love you shared.*

*You can turn your back on tomorrow and live for yesterday,
 Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
 You can remember him only that he is gone,
 Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.
 You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,
 Or you can do what Ian would want;
 Smile, open your eyes, open your heart, love and carry on.
 Deeply loved and missed by his mother Annette, brothers Owen, Paul and Wayne, sister Gemma and brother-in-law Fahad, niece Sara, nephew Sameer, extended family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Ian

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Father's Day Remembrance
In Loving Memory of our Daddy
KENNETH (Ken) CLEAR
 44 O' Moore Place, Portlaoise.
 12th Father's Day away from home.



Our Father kept a garden.
 A garden of the heart;
 He planted all the good things
 That gave our lives their start.
 He turned us to the sunshine,
 And encouraged us to dream:
 Fostering and nurturing
 The seeds of self-esteem.
 And when the winds
 and rain came,

He protected us enough;
 But not too much because he knew
 We would stand up strong and tough.
 His constant good example,
 Always taught us right from wrong;
 Markers for our pathway that will last
 a lifetime long.
 We are our Fathers garden,
 We are his legacy.
 Thank you Daddy we'll love you for all eternity.

Happy Father's Day Daddy
You are never more than a thought away,
We love and miss you everyday
From Becky and Dylan and
your grandson Thomas William

**In Loving Memory of
NOREEN COSS**

26 Grattan Street, Portlaoise.
5th Anniversary occurs 17th June 2025.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Saturday, 14th June at 6:30pm.

You left us special memories,
Your love is still our guide,
Ant though we cannot see you
You are always by our side.

Fondly remembered by your loving family, much
loved grandchildren, extended family and many
friends.

Rest in Peace NoREEN

**FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRENCE
In Loving Memory of
DARREN (HAGI) BREEN**
Hillview Drive, Portlaoise



1st Father's Day in heaven.

May all our tears and
treasured memories,
be a note of our love,
Rising to meet you Daddy,
husband.

Forever loved and missed by
Your heartbroken wife Olivia,

Children and grand children xx

May Darren (Hagi) Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of our Brother
WILLIAM (Willie) MILLS**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

28th Anniversary occurs 17th June 2025.



William's Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated at **Sts Peter and Paul Church** on
Saturday 14th June at 6.30 pm.

William, years slip by
But our memories stay
We only wish with all our hearts
You were still here with us today

Sadly missed everyday since, with love your brother
and four sisters xxxxx

Rest In Peace Willie

**In Loving Memory of
PATRICIA LAMBE**

Ballydavis, Portlaoise.

2nd Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at
the Church of the Assumption, The Heath,
on Sunday, 15th June at 9:30 AM.



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 and always remembered by your
loving family.

Rest in Peace Patricia

**10th ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory Of
EDWARD (NED) MURPHY**

The Oak, Clonadacasey, Mountrath.

10th Anniversary occurs on
20th June 2025.



Anniversary Mass for Ned and his son
Brian will be celebrated on Sunday,
22nd June in St. Peter and Paul's
Church at 11:15 a.m.

He left us quietly, his thoughts
unknown,

But left us memories we are proud to own.
So treasure him, Lord, in your garden of rest,
For when on earth, he was one of the best.

From your loving family and friends.

May they both Rest in Peace

**In Loving Memory of
PADDY BRACKEN**

Ballyfin Road, Portlaoise.

whose Anniversary occurs at this time.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in
Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, on
Saturday 14th June at 6.30pm.

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

Loved always by the Dunne family
Also remembering Mary and Laurence Dunne

Rest in Peace Paddy

Planted in the house of the Lord,
they will flourish.

Psalms (112:1)

Love
your neighbour
as yourself

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
In Loving Memory of
MARIE MURPHY
(née Delaney)
 Clonadacasey, Portlaoise



The family of the late Marie Murphy greatly appreciate the support and expressions of sympathy extended to us in our sad loss of Marie.

Thank you to everyone who visited Marie in hospital, and for your many messages and cards of well wishes throughout her illness. Thanks to the consultants, nurses and staff of Portlaoise General Hospital. Thanks to the Cedar Clinic for their support, and also to the staff in Laois Pharmacy.

Our sincere thanks to all who called to our family home, and those who travelled long distances to attend the rosary, Mass and burial. We greatly appreciate the Mass cards, sympathy cards, floral tributes and messages. We are touched by your messages of comfort and support. Words cannot convey our gratitude to our wonderful neighbours, extended family and friends who catered for the large numbers who came to the house, brought food and helped out in any way.

Thank you to Fr. Pat Hennessy and Fr. P.J. Fitzgerald for calling to the house, for their thoughtful tribute and for officiating at a beautiful Mass celebrating the life of Marie. Thanks also to Monsignor Byrne and to the Gardai for their assistance.

Thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode Undertakers for their care and professionalism. Also, thanks to the organist and singer, Heather Fogarty.

We hope everyone accepts this acknowledgement as a token of our gratitude

You are much missed.

Rest In Peace and God Bless, Marie.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
In Loving Memory of
PAULA COSS
(née Jennings)
 Parnell Crescent, Portlaoise / Mountrath
 Whose 66th Birthday occurred on 13th June 2025.



Happy Heavenly Birthday to our angel in the sky.

*Nothing will ever be as hard,
 As having to say goodbye.
 We love you more than you'll ever know
 And can't bare that we're apart,
 We miss you each and every day,
 You're always in our heart.*

Happy 66th birthday in heaven

Love from your heartbroken family.

Husband Paddy, Children Sarah, Ricky, Emma, Katie, Scott, Holly, Chloe, Paddy and all your Grandchildren.

Rest In Peace Paula

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT &
1ST ANNIVERSARY
In Loving Memory of
NORA LALOR (née McNamara)

Coole, Raheen.

Died 22nd June 2024



Nora's First Anniversary Mass will be celebrated as part of the Raheen Cemetery Mass on Saturday, 21st June 2025 at 7:00 PM.

The family of the late Nora Lalor would like to express our sincere gratitude to all who supported us during our sad loss. We deeply appreciate everyone who attended the wake and funeral, sent messages of condolence, and gave Mass cards.

A heartfelt thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff of A&E and CCU at Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise; to Dr. Peter Kemple and the staff of the Health Centre, Abbeyleix; and to O'Donnell's Pharmacy for their dedicated care.

Thank you to Seamus Burke Undertakers and Kevin Ring for their compassion and professionalism. We are also grateful to Doogue's Bar, Raheen, and Eddie Phelan's Catering for their kind services.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Petru Madves for the beautiful Funeral Mass and for his monthly visits. Thank you also to Fr. Paddy Byrne, Fr. Joe Brophy, and Fr. Liam Morgan for their presence, and to Martin Delaney for the lovely music and singing.

We hope everyone accepts this acknowledgement as a token of our gratitude.

Rest In Peace Nora

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1st ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
VERA KAVANAGH

28 Main St./42 Kylebrook, Portlaoise.
Died 16th June 2024



Vera's First Anniversary Mass will be offered in
**Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise, on
Sunday 21st July 2025 at 11.15 a.m.**

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the large number of people who offered condolences, attended her funeral and continue to remember Mum during the passed year. All who knew and loved Vera are warmly invited to join us in prayer and thanksgiving for her life.

She's the whisper of the leaves as we walk down the street.
She's the smell of certain foods we remember, flowers we pick,
the fragrance of life itself.

She's the cool hand on our brow when we are not feeling well.
She's our breath in the air on a cold winter's day.
She is the sound of the rain that lulls us to sleep,
the colours of a rainbow.
She is our Christmas morning.

Our Mother lives inside our laughter,
She's the place we come from, our first home.
She's the map we follow with every step we take.

She's our first love, our first friend, even our first enemy!
But nothing on Earth can separate us—
Not time, not space, not even death.

Grace was in her every step,
In every gesture,
Dignity and love,
A mother, and a Lady.

Though a year has passed, your spirit is ever-present in our everyday moments—the shared jokes, the quiet cups of tea, the unwavering love that shaped us, the faith that steadies us. Knowing you are reunited with Dad after 20 Years brings us comfort and memories that keep us close to both of you.
Forever loved, sadly missed and always remembered by your children, grandchildren, extended family, neighbours and friends.

*Rest in gentle peace, Mum,
until we meet again.*

ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
JACK & SHEILA DUFF

Ballyknockan, Portlaoise.



Will those who think of them today,
Say a prayer to Jesus,
we pray.

May they both Rest In Peace

In Loving Memory of
JOHNNIE ALLEN

Eyne, Portlaoise.

10th Anniversary occurred on 13th June 2025.



As time unfolds another year,
Memories keep you ever near.
Our many thoughts of time together,
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Rest in Peace Johnnie



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