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Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

250 Years since the birth of

Daniel O'Connell

(born 6th August 1775)

The Liberator

**We thank God for the
Religious Freedom we enjoy.**



This week marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of **Daniel O'Connell** (1775–1847), one of Ireland's greatest political leaders, affectionately remembered as *The Liberator*. Born in Co. Kerry, O'Connell was a man of deep conviction and towering intellect, who changed the course of Irish history through peaceful, constitutional means.

Above all, O'Connell is remembered for his central role in achieving **Catholic Emancipation**—a long and bitter struggle that culminated in 1829 when the British Parliament finally lifted many of the legal restrictions that had been imposed on Catholics for over a century.

O'Connell's achievement was not just political—it was deeply spiritual. He was a devout Catholic who believed that faith and justice must go hand in hand. He once declared, *"My political creed is short and simple. It consists in believing that all men are entitled as of right and justice to religious and civil liberty."*

O'Connell aided and abetted by the Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin JKL

O'Connell did not stand alone. Among his greatest allies was **Bishop James Doyle of Kildare & Leighlin**, (1736–1834) better known by his initials **JKL**. Bishop Doyle's powerful writings and public witness gave a calm but forceful Catholic voice to the campaign. He defended the rights of Catholics with a clarity and charity that impressed even his opponents, famously telling a parliamentary committee: *"The poorest man in Ireland has the same rights before God as the proudest peer."*

Together, O'Connell and Doyle helped change the course of Irish history — with lessons still worth remembering: the power of peaceful protest, the strength of unity, and the enduring hope for justice.

As we remember O'Connell and Bishop Doyle, we're reminded that the fight for justice and dignity is not just history — it's a living call to each of us, in our parish and community, to stand for what is right with courage and faith.



The statue of JKL in Carlow Cathedral .
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God's Pension Plan

A farmer has a lucky year and finds himself with an abundant crop. He decides to tear down his barns and build bigger ones in which to store it. In the meantime, he decides to take a well earned rest, eating drinking and making merry, confident that his future is financially secured. "You fool," says, God, "this very night your life is being demanded of you." Does the parable seem a little harsh? The farmer seemed an honest enough character. He wasn't making money from an illegal activity. He simply seemed to be enjoying the benefits of a bumper harvest. Any one of us could have an unexpected windfall. Any one of us could enjoy a lottery win, a tax refund or an unexpected inheritance. It would be considered prudent in most circles that we invest the proceeds. It is drummed into us from an early age to save for a rainy day or to pay into a pension plan in order to cater for our twilight years. Any one of us could be the farmer in today's reading. Was his behaviour so very wrong?



There's an often misquoted proverb. It reads, "Money is the root of all evil." Of course it should read, "The love of money is the root of all evil." Jesus isn't advising us not to work hard or not to earn money. Jesus is probably not encouraging us to avoid planning for our old age. Jesus is certainly not promoting that we spend money in a big hurry because tomorrow we might be dead. The farmer is a fool, not because he builds bigger barns, that's a farmer's job, but because he thinks he can manage the future. Worse, he believes that his money and his money alone can safeguard his future. He is great at managing his money, but not great at managing his soul. Too late, he learns this truth at death's door.

The message is simple and comes in the last line of the reading. There is absolutely no point storing up treasures if you are not rich towards God. Being rich towards God is the only worthwhile pension policy, because at the end of the day, you can't take your money with you and you certainly can't buy your way into heaven. If we are financially well off, being rich towards God will mean sharing our wealth. If we are successful business people we must make sure our businesses benefit our communities and those on the margins of our communities. If we are not well off, being rich towards God will mean sharing our time and our skills. Whatever age you are, it's not too late to start investing in God's pension plan!



Tomorrow (Monday 4th August) is the anniversary of the episcopal ordination of Bishop Denis Nulty. Bishop Denis celebrates the 12th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin.

Mass times for the coming week

ST. PETER & PAUL'S CHURCH

Monday (Bank Holiday): 10am

Tuesday—Friday: 7.30am & 10am

Saturday: 10am

Sunday

Vigil 6.30pm (Saturday)

8.30am, 10am, 11.15am & 12.30pm

Church of the Assumption, The Heath

Sunday: 9.30am

Church of the Holy Cross, Ratheniska

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

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



HEATH CEMETERY MASS
Friday, 15th August

Feast of the Assumption
Procession, Rosary at 7pm
Mass at 7.30pm



We welcome into our Parish Community

Lily Brigid McEvoy, Ballycaman

Darcy Foy, Rockview Green

Mina Beth O'Connor Murphy, Mount Stewart.

Who were baptised last weekend.

There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself 'What am I to do...?'

The Feast of the Transfiguration

6th August

Jesus is an excellent life mentor. Today we see him recognise that Peter James and John were downhearted and in need of some kind of emotional boost. He took them up a high mountain and treated them to a vision. The vision showed a transfigured Jesus, as dazzling as the sun speaking with Elijah and Moses. The vision showed the disciples a glimpse of the glory that they would one day share. Doubtless it was a vision they could conjure whenever they were in need of motivation. As Christ's disciples we might motivate ourselves with a vision of a world without poverty or war ... or simply to improve the life of one other person.



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Weekly Class Schedule:

Monday: Osteo Class with John (Parish Centre, 9:30am)

Tuesday: Senior Exercise Class with Conor (Clinic, 11:00am)

Wednesday: Online Pilates (9:30am)

Osteo Class (Clinic, 10:30am)

Thursday: Osteo Class (Clinic, 5:00pm)



**Scoil Fionntáin Naofa,
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There will be a display of Quilts, Tablecloths, Table Runners, Ring cushions & Framed Pieces. Ladies will be on hand to demonstrate a stitch or two.



Taking place in National Heritage week the exhibition is open to everyone all are welcome to come along

between 10am-6pm on Wednesday August 20th

We wish to acknowledge the great help of staff of Parish Centre for facilitating this exhibition and our Heritage Officers Oisín & Thomas with Laois County Council.

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A Fool and His Money

Do you like to watch game shows on television? I have always been a big fan of TV game shows. One of my favourite game shows of all time was a show called "Let's Make a Deal." On that show, contestants would be given a chance to trade a prize that they had already won for a prize that was hidden behind curtain #1, #2, or #3. Sometimes they would win a great prize, but sometimes they would end up with a worthless prize.

And also, it doesn't always work that way in real life. Sometimes people go through life making deals and trying to build up more and more wealth. They think that the more money and possessions they have, the happier they will be. Jesus warned about that. He said,

**"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed;
a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."**

He then told the story of a man whose land had produced so much grain that he had no place to store it. Even though he had plenty, he wanted more, so he decided to tear down his barns and build bigger ones. Jesus said the man was a fool, for when his life was over, he would leave everything behind. He would leave this world with nothing. Life is not a TV game show and God doesn't make deals. God has promised to supply all of our needs, but He has not promised to fulfil every selfish wish.

Jesus said, "Watch out!" What did He warn us to be on guard against? (All kinds of greed.) Greed means wanting more than you need. There are many types of greed. We can be greedy for more money, candy, attention, food, toys and other things we like. Jesus doesn't say it is wrong to have lots of money or to save things, but we must use them to be rich toward God instead of keeping everything for ourselves. To be rich toward God is to use our money and things to build His kingdom. We do this when we give our offering and when we use our time and treasures to focus on Him and to serve our neighbours.

The Parable of the Rich Fool



Dear Father,
help us to be content with the blessings which you so
generously give us and help us to be on guard against
selfishness and greed.

Amen



The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then God said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet.
Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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RICH
GRAIN

BARN
EAT

DRINK
MERRY

LIFE
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Colour this picture



REMEMBER!
The things we own are temporary. God's kingdom lasts forever.



Pray that we will always put God first in our lives and place everything else below Him.

Time to Think...

A Rich Harvest



The month of August traditionally marks the beginning of autumn. For the Celtic people, this time of year was filled with festivity, engaging in many rituals which expressed gratitude for the bounty of the harvest. All-Ireland GAA finals in Croke Park, The Forest Fest, Electric Picnic and The National Ploughing Championships, continue a rich tradition that celebrates Lunasa, a Gaelic festival marking the beginning of the harvest season.

Gratitude is a wonderful mindset and way of life that sustains a positive perspective in our outlook on life. Generations before us intuitively connected the bounty of harvest to the rich gratuitous love of our creator God. Without the bounty of harvest, the months ahead would have been perilous for a people totally dependent on the produce to be harvested.

The scripture makes many references to this sacred season of harvest. Christianity and prayer are deeply practical, never pious, not prescriptive, but an invitation to be nourished by God's bounty. I think these days of thousands of children in Gaza whose starving bellies swollen with hunger and malnutrition have no bread.

I ponder also on lands arid with drought and extreme heat, no longer able to produce the green shoots that sustained life. It is often in our vulnerability where we experience a desire, a hunger for the presence of our living God. The following story inspires such hope!

In a quaint village nestled between rolling hills and valleys of Mount Kilimanjaro, Thomas, a humble farmer, faced a severe drought that threatened his crops and livelihood. With each passing day, the parched fields seemed to mock his efforts. Desperation crept in, and Thomas turned to God for guidance. One night, as he knelt in prayer, a vision filled his mind: a vivid image of a bountiful harvest and abundant rainfall. Emboldened by this revelation, Thomas decided to plant seeds despite the arid conditions.

His friends mocked him; the villagers laughed at him. On the verge of doubt, he wanted to stop but devoted his thought to making an irrigation system and a water reservoir. It's been months since he planted his crops. One day, he stood on this farm, and in a loud voice, he prayed. He reminded God of the dream he had some months ago. The sun scorched on his skin till tiny sores emerged and sweat rolled on his face like showers. After planting the last seed, he removed

his raffia hat and wiped his sweat away with the back of his palm. Miraculously, a cold drop fell on his arm. He looked at it and glanced up at the bright sky.

Suddenly, gentle rain began to fall, and Thomas could hear the villagers jumping for joy. The field transformed— the cracked earth turned to fertile soil. Thomas' joy knew no bounds his land was wet, and the reservoir was filled with water. His plants grew as he watered his crops both day and night. The villagers marvelled as Thomas's crops flourished, defying the odds. News of this miraculous harvest spread, and he became a rich farmer. He used his wealth to renew the faith of his entire community.

Planting seeds of hope in the midst of adversity can yield miraculous results. The once-barren fields now stood as a testament to the power of belief and the unexpected blessings that can sprout from the seeds of faith.

An Inspirational Prayer

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day.

Either He will shield you from suffering,
or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then.

Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually:

“The Lord is my strength and my shield.

My heart has trusted in Him
and I am helped.

He is not only with me but in me,
and I in Him.”

St. Francis de Sales



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Thanks to all for your support. Whist continues each Tuesday night at 7.30 in the Parish Centre, new members always welcome, lessons available if required.

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTION – PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA A Church Gate Collection will be held in Portlaoise, The Heath, Ratheniska, Emo, Rath on the weekend of 9th and 10th August (in aid of the parish pilgrimage to Fatima) We kindly ask for your generous support. Thank you.

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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, and Prayer for Vocations Every Friday at 3PM in the Parish Church.

LEGION OF MARY invites you to join us every Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Parish Prayer Hall as we come together in prayer and service to Our Lady.

COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP: Please join us in community prayers every Tuesday at 11:00am via WhatsApp. For further details, please contact Noreen on 085-2689767. All are welcome

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Mary's Meals Walk from Kilkenny to Knock Shrine will arrive in Portlaoise on Friday 8th August and leave from Market Sq. on Saturday 9th to walk to Killeigh. Walkers will travel from 7 different locations across Ireland from the 7th August, all meeting in Knock on Friday 15th August. Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger, feeding hungry children in their place of education in 16 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. Please go to marysmeals.ie to learn more and support this amazing charity. Any donation, big or small, is very welcome. Thank you.



PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday 17th August

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



Emlyn O'Reilly

Liogard, Portlaoise



Julia Quinn

Limetree Avenue, Kilminchey



**Annie Kirwan
(née Lalor)**

Boley, Abbeyleix, Laois



Pat O'Connor

Bianconi Way, Portlaoise

**Esther (Ciss)
Dunne (née Troy)**

Glendowns, Portlaoise



*MAY THEY REST IN PEACE, OUR SYMPATHIES
ARE WITH THEIR FAMILIES*

In Loving Memory of
TOM PHELAN

Clonkeen, Portlaoise

3rd Anniversary occurs 31st July 2025

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, Saturday 2nd August at 6.30pm.



*Everyday in some small way,
Memories of you come our way.
Though absent, you are always near,
Still loved, missed and always dear.*

*Loved and missed always by
your family & friends
Rest in Peace Tom*

In Loving Memory of a Beautiful Daughter
ANNEMARIE HELLY

28.7.82-29.4.24

Ashes Scattering & Memorial Service
3.8.2025



*We think about you always,
we talk about you still.
You haven't been forgotten
and you never ever will.*

*We hold your smile and memory in
our hearts and there you will remain.*

To walk and guide us through our lives, until we meet again.

*Always in our Hearts Motty & Pop Pops, Debbie,
Cathy Anthony Callum, Gemma, Hannah, Kayla,
Brooke, Lily, Sienna-Mae.*

Rest in Peace Anne

In Loving Memory of a dear Brother
KIERAN DELANEY

St. Brigids Place, Portlaoise.

12th Anniversary occurs 2nd August 2025



*When I come to the end of my journey
and I travel my last weary mile,
Just forget, if you can, that I ever frowned
and remember only my smile.*

*Forget unkind words I have spoken,
Remember some good I have done,
Forget that I ever had a heartache,
and remember I've had loads of fun.*

*In summer just gather some flowers
and remember the place where I lay.
And come in the evening, stand for a few moments
beside me and remember only my best.*

*Always in our thoughts Kelley, Chloe, Skye
May Kieran Rest in Peace*

In Loving Memory of
SEAN DUNNE

Meelick, Clonad.

21st Anniversary occurred
20th July 2025.

Anniversary Mass in Sts. Peter &
Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday
3rd August 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 by his sons Sean, Denis, Pat, Tom and
Terry, daughters Mary and Bridget, sons-in-law,
daughters-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
nieces, nephews and extended family.*

Rest in Peace Sean

In Loving Memory of
NOEL BRACKEN

Beladd, Portlaoise.

3rd Anniversary occurs

5th August 2025.

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Sunday 3rd August at 11.15am

You were always there when we needed you,

No task too great or small,

With a loving heart and willing hands,

For us you did it all.

Loved and missed today and every day.

*From his wife Elsie, children Brendan, Fintan and Noelle,
daughters in law Janice and Jenny, son in law Mick,
grandchildren and all your loving family and friends.*

May Noel Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
**EUGENE
O'CONNOR**

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurs 4th August
2025.

*Thinking of you today, on your
anniversary, as we do every day.*

Never Forgotten

**Loved and missed by your loving family
and friends, children and grandchildren.**

Rest in Peace Eugene



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
TOMMY SKELLY
St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.

3rd Birthday away from home; 30th
July 2025

*We cannot have the old days back
when we were altogether,
But silent tears and loving thoughts will
be with us forever.*

**Missed, loved and remembered always
by your loving wife Laura and family.**

Rest in Peace Tommy



*In Loving Memory of A Precious
Mother & Grandmother*

SHEILA READY

**Formerly O' Moore Place,
Portlaoise.**

5th Anniversary occurs

2nd August 2025

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Saturday 2nd August at 10am.

To a Dearest Mother

Your life was a blessing, your memory a treasure.

You are loved beyond words, and missed beyond measure.

Always in our hearts, your loving family.

Rest in Peace Sheila



In Loving Memory of
PATRICK CONROY JNR.

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.

42nd Anniversary occurs 3rd August
2025.

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

*Remembered always by
his loving family.*

Rest in Peace Patrick



In Loving Memory of
THOMAS MAHER

56 Hillview Drive, Portlaoise

3rd Anniversary occurs

3rd August 2025

Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
on Saturday 2nd August at 10am.

Those we love don't go away,

They walk beside us every day.

Unseen, unheard, but always near,

Still loved, still missed and very dear.

**Sadly missed and always remembered by your wife
Breda, loving daughters Sarah and Claire, sons
Jamie and Alan and all your grandchildren.**

May Thomas Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of
EUGENE O'CONNOR

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
14th Anniversary occurs 4th August
2025.

*Your presence we miss
Your memory we treasure*

Loving you always

Forgetting you never

**With love from James, Zoe,
Odin, Zane and Ange**

Rest in Peace Eugene



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE of our Father



WILLIAM KERRY

61 Knockmay Estate, Portlaoise
26th Birthday away from home occurred
2nd August 2025. Aged 91 yrs.

and our Mother

ROSANNA KERRY

8th Birthday away from home occurs
9th August 2025. Aged 84 yrs.

A picture of you I carry in my heart, I close my eyes to see it when the world gets dark. A memory of you I carry in my soul, I wrap it close around me when the nights get cold. If you ask how I am, I'd say just fine, but the truth is if you could read my mind, not a day goes by that I don't think of you both.

Happy Birthday Mam and Dad, from your loving daughter Annemarie and granddaughters Katie, Rachael and Roisín xx

Rest in Peace Mam & Dad

In Loving Memory of

MARY HORAN

(NÉE COLBERT)

Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church on Saturday 2nd August 6.30pm

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Rest in Peace Mary

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