

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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## MASS TIMES

### St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

10am Daily Mass (Mon. – Fri.)  
 6.15pm (Vigil – Saturday),  
 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

### St. John's Church, Killenard

10.30am Sunday



## MASS TIMES

### St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),  
 11am Sunday

### Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sunday



## SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR 'A'

### ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Kathleen Earley, St. Patrick's Terrace  
**Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Dorrie Galvin, Cloneyhurke; Chris Boyle; Deceased members of the Dempsey Family; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall; Chrissy Dunne  
**Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Christy & Patricia Kennedy, Lucan, Dublin  
**Thur. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Brid Whelan, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Bishopswood Road  
**Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10am** Martin & Sarah Turley; Pat, Tom, Breda & Andrew Turley

### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February – 6.15pm

Maura Lawlor, Foxcroft Street (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 Jimmy Murphy, Congress Tce. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
 Frances Mason, Garryhinch (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Deceased members of the Mason Family  
 Edward Gaffney, Main Street; Lizzie Evans, St. Joseph's Terrace; Paddy Gallagher, Lea; Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran, Annamoe; Joe Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce. (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Charlie Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce. & dec. members of the Keogh Family;  
 Michele McNamara, Gracefield (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.), His brother Seamus & dec. members of the Hynes Family, Roscrea; Dick O'Reilly, Spa St; Dec. members of the O'Reilly Family

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February – 12.15pm

Elizabeth McCormack, Coolraven (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
 Teena Carey, Bracklone St. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.), husband Paddy, Son George & granddaughter Aine. Mossey Kelly, St. Michael's Park; Gerry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
 Paddy Crossan, Ballymorris & deceased members of the Crossan Family, Cloneygowan May Higgins, Patrick Street; Vincent Ennis, Main Street (35<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Jim Cooper, Arlington Est.

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 6.15pm

Helena Kavanagh, Millbrook Manor & Bluebell, Dublin (M.M.)  
 Bríd Whelan, Bishopswood Rd. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes; Kathleen & Patrick Dunne; Maura Breen; James Dunne; Anna & James Doyle & daughter Rosaleen, St. Brigid's Sq; Thomas Lawlor, Patrick's Ave; Tom & Peg Nolan, Bracklone St; Brendan & Céline Lawless, Patrick Street

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 12.15pm

Niall McElwaine, Station Road (M.M.)  
 Noel Kenny, Station Rd. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Mary Smith, Church View; Maura Murphy, St. Mary's Tce; Daniel & Mary Cleary, Main Street

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm

Charlie Morris; Richard Sinnott  
 Sean & William Greene & dec. members of the Greene Family, Morette

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7.30pm

Fr. Jack Rodgers, Emo & Ballymorris (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 Michael & Brigid Bourke, Ballycullane

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 11am

Cian Hand, Morette  
 Jackie Gleeson, Morette

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February – 9am

Patrick, Brigid & Edward Wilson & dec. members of the Wilson Family, Coolroe  
 Mary Ellen O'Connell, Kylaglush

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 9am

Tim & Chris Brennan, Ballybrittas

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February – 10.30am

Dick Slevin, Corrig & Mount Henry (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
 Pat Keane, Killenard

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 10.30am

Eileen O'Leary, Ballintogher (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 James, Mary & Tom Barnes;  
 Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House  
 Thomas & Elizabeth Maher & their Son, Paul Maher, The Hermitage

## † DECEASED †

**Prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-**

**Des Copeland**, Emo Park  
**Tommy Mulkern**, Urney, Cloneygowan

## ✠ BAPTISM ✠

*We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism*

### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

*Odhán Peter Holden, Whitefields*

### AN SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

#### Praise & Worship meeting

Venue: Parish Centre St. Peter and Paul's Church Portlaoise. Date: Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2020. Commencing 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Rosary; Praise & Worship with Music Ministry. Guest speaker: Fr. Sean Hyland C.C. - *Whisperings Of My Soul* a Powerful Testimony. Contact Michael Nerney for details on 086-8157305

### LECTORS (READERS)

#### Sat. / Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2020

#### Portarlington

Sat. 6.15pm Frank Smith  
 Sun. 9am John Prior  
 Sun. 12.15pm Noel Brennan

**Killenard** Sun. 10.30am George O'Sullivan

#### Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Kieran McEvoy  
 Sun. 11am Stephanie Lewis

#### Rath

Sun. 9am Mark Behan

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Sat. / Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2020

#### Killenard – Team A

Sheila Dunne; Johnny Carey; Teresa Briody

#### Feb. Portarlington – Team A

(See Rota)

### EMO PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> June (5 nights).  
 If interest contact Tony on 086-1225833 or Deirdre on 087-2299457.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

#### Do this in Memory – Week 3

This weekend we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. We remember them in our prayers on this step of their Faith Journey.

### TRAINING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

#### NEXT WEEK

*Presentation Primary School / Cloneyhurke NS / Scoil Phadraig, Canal Rd / Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard*

Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in Presentation Primary School, Station Rd. *St. Paul's NS, Emo & Sacred Heart NS, Rath* – Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in St. Paul's NS, Emo.

### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2020

The 2020 Pilgrimage will take place from **7<sup>th</sup> August 2020 for 7 nights**. Full board Hotel Solitude. For booking & details contact Marie 087 7589896 / Vera 087 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Conference – Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
 Venue: Dolmen Hotel, Carlow  
 10am to 4.30pm. The day is free & lunch will be provided. Registration [Mary.Boyce@trocaire.org](mailto:Mary.Boyce@trocaire.org) - Ph: 01-6293333



### **FROM GRIEF TO GRACE**

A holy hour of prayer for those affected by sexual abuse will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. beginning at 7.30pm. All welcome.

### **ARISE**

#### **Young Adults 18+ National Event**

Takes place in Knock Shrine on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2020. Includes inspirational speakers, music, celebration, fun, a chance to meet with other young adults & much more. Further information & booking, contact Robert Norton, Youth Co-Ordinator 059-9164084.

### **52<sup>ND</sup> INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS**

Join the official Irish Pilgrimage with Bishop Kevin Doran to the 52<sup>nd</sup> International Eucharistic Congress 2020 in Budapest, Hungary. Prices from €1050 p.p.s. for 9 nights. Departs Dublin Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Sept., returns Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. Further info. available from Joe Walsh Tours on 01-2410800 [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie) or email [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

### **EMO / RATH LOTTO**

#### **Lotto Draw Mon. 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Numbers 5, 9, 16, 19 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-

Bernadette Wheeler C/o Emo Shop / Christine Conroy C/o Maeve / Helen Whyte C/o Emo Shop / The Foy Boys, Kilbracken Shirley Dempsey C/o Ann Lowry  
**Next week's Jackpot €6,000**

### **PORTARLINGTON G.R.O.W. GROUP**

"GROW Community Mental Health Movement support group meets on Thursdays at 2.30pm in the Social Services Centre, Link Road. If you are lonely, isolated or suffering from stress why not come learn a practical psychology of mental health. Contact Assumpta 086-811 4135. Visit [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie). Info. line 1890 474 474

### **PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE**

Learn for fun or prepare for music exams. Resident Pianist in Ballyfin Hotel for 5 years. Contact Tom Conroy at 087-2054720

### **CAKE & BOOK SALE**

The Parents' Association of Emo National School invite you to our annual CAKE & BOOK SALE next Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 8.35pm to 1.30pm approx. Please come along & support us. All are very welcome.

On the day there will be a \* MEGA DRAW \* TICKETS are on sale from the school or in local outlets in Emo: Siopa Ioma (Bernie's) and The Gate House public house.

Tickets are 3 FOR €5 or €2 each. The mega draw plus Cake & Book sale will benefit the school children as monies raised will go directly towards the purchase of I.T. equipment. Thanks to all our sponsors. The local communities support is really valued and hugely appreciated.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON**

#### **Prayerful Meditation Day**

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> March 10am-3.30pm. A day designed to offer a space for you to relax, pray, think and feel in our beautiful peaceful surroundings. Booking is essential.

Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney. Cost: €25  
**Contact Catherine on 057-8626153**

For further details and booking.

### **ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.A.**

#### **MEET & GREET**

St Paul's LGFA Meet and Greet Family Day Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. at 11am. All ages welcome. Come along for some light refreshments.



### **SAMARITANS**

Newbridge & Kildare Samaritans are recruiting new volunteers. If you live in County Kildare or surrounding counties & are interested in volunteering with the Samaritans, please come along to one of our upcoming information nights for prospective volunteers. Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. Time 8pm. Venue@ 3 McElwaine Terrace, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. For further info. phone 086-0855785 or email [samaritansrecruitment@gmail.com](mailto:samaritansrecruitment@gmail.com)

### **PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**



#### **Children's Art Therapy Workshop**

Aisling Brennan will lead the children through this lovely workshop on Wed., 19<sup>th</sup> February at 4:30pm. Suitable for Ages 8-12 – Free event Booking essential. Phone 057 8643751 for more information and to book a place

#### **MID-TERM EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY**

##### **Story Cuddle (6 months – 3 years)**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 11am-11.30am & 12 Noon-12.45pm

##### **Stories on Your Fingertips**

(3-6 yrs) / 2.30-4.00pm

##### **Revolting Villains – Roald Dahl Writing**

##### **Workshop**

(7-12 yrs) - Events free but booking essential. Phone 057 8643751 for further info. & booking

### **EMO G.A.A.**

#### **CLUB MEMBERSHIP:**

€25 per person now due & can be given to Deirdre Lawlor or Darren Strong.

#### **ANNUAL COUNTY BOARD DRAW TICKETS:**

The club are now selling the annual County Board draw tickets at €130 which can be had from any club committee member. This is the club's main fundraiser and is used for the upkeep of our facilities and the day to day running of the club. We would ask that everyone tries to get behind this fundraiser by either buying a full ticket or even a share of a ticket, every contribution is greatly appreciated by the club.

### **ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB**

#### **CLONEYHURKE**

##### **Development Fund Monster Draw**

€3,000 in prizes. Draw takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets will shortly be on sale at €20 each. Your support will be very much appreciated. **Social Dance takes place this Saturday night, 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9.30pm to 12.30am.** Music by Footloose.

### **ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB**

#### **GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE**

##### **BOOK CLUB**

Resumes Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.

#### **LEAVING CERTIFICATE**

##### **Maths Revision Course**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2 ½ hours a day- In Portarlinton Higher Level and Ordinary Level classes. Call 085-8301462 to book your place.

### **O'DEMPSEYS G.A.A.**

#### **Lotto Results 10/02/2020**

Numbers were: 02,10,16,27. No Jackpot winner this week. Match 3 winners were Pat Fitzpatrick, Tony Kenny, Jill McCormack. Promoter - Bernie Whelehan. Next week's Jackpot: €3,000. Thanks for supporting our weekly lotto.

### **CLONASLEE MONTHLY**

#### **BINGO**

next Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February commencing 3pm. All welcome to come along.

### **PORT. VARIETY SHOW 2020**

#### **Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> February (tonight)**

The "Port Variety Show" will take place tonight, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February commencing 8pm at the Heritage Hotel in Killenard. Proceeds in aid of Portarlinton Tidy Towns. Tickets €15 / OAP €10 – Available from Margaret on 087-6715668 / Lillian on 087-2213591 or the Love Port Office in Portarlinton Community Centre. Come along for a wonderful evenings' entertainment and to support a great cause.

### **LAOIS ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY**

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Our next **Support Group** is on **Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30-9pm** in **Resource Centre, Portlaoise.**

Laois Alzheimer's are offering a **week's respite care** to people who have a dementia diagnosis in Waterman's Lodge Care Centre, Ballina/Killaloe. **You do not have to be availing of homecare services to apply.** To access respite care please contact Ann on 057 866 3398/086 8372168 Places are limited so get in touch with us. Further info. on dementia contact Ann Munnely on 057-866 3398 / 086-8372168 Email [amunnely@alzheimer.ie](mailto:amunnely@alzheimer.ie)

### **COURTWOOD G.A.A.**

Courtwood GAA would like to extend a warm welcome to its new Chairman, Niall Little, new secretary, Joe Carroll and returning treasurer PJ Kelly.

#### **Fundraiser**

The clubs biggest fundraiser of the year is the €130 draw & tickets are now available. They can be purchased from any committee member or usual ticket seller.

#### **Club membership**

Now being collected & all intending members are urged to register as soon as possible. A reminder to all players that membership is your insurance and without one the other doesn't exist.

#### **Lotto Draw**

Our weekly Lotto continues.

**Jackpot €14,000**

### **LAOIS P.P.N.**

#### **Laois Public Participation Network**

##### **Let's Talk Insurance**

Laois PPN will hold our first plenary of the year on Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7:30pm in Treo Nua, Portlaoise. This will be a great opportunity for community groups to come and listen to our guest speakers from Bloom HQ/Mountrath Community Forum, BHP Insurance and the Alliance for Insurance Reform. All Welcome, pre booking essential..

To reserve your place contact us on 057-8665661 or e-mail [ppn@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:ppn@laoiscoco.ie)

##### **Basic C.P.R. Training - Free**

Laois PPN offer FREE "Hands for LIFE" Basic CPR Training to all member groups in association with the Irish Heart Foundation.

The training will take place on Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> March in the IDA Mountmellick. There are three different times to choose from:

Session 1: 10:30am to 11:30am,

Session 2: 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Session 3: 1:30pm to 2:30pm

To reserve your place please contact us on **057-8665661** or email [ppn@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:ppn@laoiscoco.ie)

### **LENT ONLINE RETREAT**

Do a 3 day online Retreat focusing on **Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving** Available throughout Lent.

Register now with the Priority Institute. [priorityinstitute.com](http://priorityinstitute.com) - Phone 01-4048124