

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
 Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE www.kandle.ie SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557

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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 17TH FEBRUARY, 2019 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 18th Feb. 10am May Higgins, Patrick St.
 Tues. 19th 10am Dorrie Galvin, Cloneyhurke;
 Dec. members Dempsey Family, Shandra;
 Jimmy Mulhall; Chris Boyle; Chrissie Dunne
 Wed. 20th 10am ---
 Thurs. 21st Feb. 10am Bridie Gribbin (nee
 Lynch), Cavan & UK – Funeral today in London
 Fri. 22nd Feb. 10am ---

Saturday 16th February – 6.15pm

Margaret (Maisie) O'Brien, The Curragh (1st
 Anniv.); Jimmy Murphy, Congress Tce. (1st
 Anniv.); Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive (2nd Anniv.);
 Lizzie Evans, St. Joseph's Tce. (3rd Anniv.);
 Frances Mason, Garryhinch (3rd Anniv.); May
 Higgins, Patrick St; Paddy Gallagher, Lea;
 Maura Greene, St. Mary's Tce. (7th Anniv.);
 Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran,
 Annamoe; Dick O'Reilly, Spa St.; Dec.
 members of the O'Reilly Family; Charlie Keogh,
 St. Patrick's Tce. & dec. members of the Keogh
 Family, Peter & Bridget Dunne, Cushina, Jack &
 Paddy Quinn; Edward Gaffney, Main Street

Sunday 17th February – 12.15pm

Elizabeth (Liz) McCormack, Coolraven,
 Cloneygowan (2nd Anniv.); Teena Carey (2nd
 Anniv.); Paddy Carey, Bracklone St., their Son
 George & Granddaughter Aine; Jackie Gleeson
 (2nd Anniv.); Kathleen Earley St. Patrick's Tce;
 Paddy Crossan, Ballymorris & deceased
 members of the Crossan Family, Cloneygowan;
 Gerry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square,
 Mossie Kelly, St. Michael's Pk.
 Michael & Kaye Mooney, Main St.

Saturday 23rd February – 6.15pm

Paddy Cullen, St. Michael's Pk. (3rd Anniv.)
 Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes;
 Margaret & John Bolton; Michele McNamara,
 Gracefield; Maura Breen; James Dunne;
 Kathleen & Patrick Dunne; Mabel & Brendan
 McMahon & daughters Ann & Dolores;
 Anna & James Doyle, St. Brigid's Sq.
 & daughter Rosaleen Doyle

Sunday 24th February – 12.15pm

Brigid (Briggie) Costello, Avondale (M.M.)
 Rose Hoey, Kilbride (M.M.); Thomas Hoey,
 Kilbride (7th Anniv.); Noel Kenny, Station Rd.
 (3rd Anniv.); Maura Murphy, St. Mary's Tce, (6th
 Anniv.); Mary Smith, Church View;
 Dec. members of the Byrne & Smith Family;
 Sarah & William Kelly, St. Patrick's Tce;
 Dora Keogh, Patrick St. (22nd Anniv.)

Prayers are requested for the following who
 died during the week

Charlie Mooney, Botley Court
 Willie Malone, Portlaoise & Emo
 Fr. Pierce Murphy, P.E., Borris

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 17th February – 10.30am

Pat Keane, (7th Anniv)

Ann Mooney, Treascon

Sunday 24th February – 10.30am

Catherine McGill, Ballycarroll (M.M.)

Paul Maher, Ballymorris Manor & The

Hermitage, Ballybrittas

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 16th February – 7.30pm

Kathleen (Kitty) Lynch, Killeen, (M.M.)

Mary & Betty Lynch, Killeen

Charlie Morris, Clonemone

Joseph & Margaret Duffy, Ballycullane

Sunday 17th February – 11am

Bridget & Michael Bourke; Jackie Gleeson

Saturday 23rd February – 7.30pm

Dan Kavanagh, The Commons

Sunday 24th February – 11am

Jimmy Conroy, Cappakeel (1st Anniv.)

Cian Hand

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 17th February – 9am

Frank Lonergan, Courtwood; Alex Luttrell

Sun. 17th February

Patrick, Brigid & Edward Wilson, Coolroe

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The 2019 Pilgrimage will take place from the
 8th to the 15th August 2019 - 7 nights full
 board Hotel Solitude****. Price € 839 per
 person sharing. Transport to airport included.
 For booking contact Marie 087 7589896 or
 Vera 087 9311813 or any member of the
 Committee.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take
 place from 1st to the 6th August, 2019. Cost
 €759. All bookings on the Pilgrimage should
 be made through Joe Walsh Tours, 143 Lower
 Baggot St., Dublin 2. Phone 01-618208790
www.ioewalshstours.ie. Booking forms
 available also in the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community
 through Baptism



PORTARLINGTON

John Anthony Christopher Ryan Nevin,
 Mountmellick

Jason Desmond Dunne, Clonanny Road
 Danny Michael Crampton, Shandra Woods

LECTORS (READERS)

23rd / 24th FEBRUARY 2019

Portarlington

Sat. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne / Sun. 9am Ailish
 Ridgeway / 12.15pm Anne Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 10.30am George O'Sullivan

Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke

Sun. 11am Ann Deering

Rath

Sun. 9am Greg Fogarty

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

23rd / 24th FEBRUARY 2019

Portarlington Team C

Killenard B

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto results 11th February 2019

Winning Numbers 11, 18, 19, 22 – No Jackpot
 winner. €25 to each of the following:-
 Kathleen Bourke C/o The Parish Office
 The Family C/o Maeve
 Florence Fennelly, Tinnakill C/o Florence
 Joe Walsh C/o P. Gorman
 Coilin Duffy, Ballyadden C/o Peadar Duffy
Next week's Jackpot €4,800

"TOWARDS PEACE"



"Towards Peace" is a service offering spiritual
 support to those who have experienced abuse
 individually or institutionally. The vision of
 "Towards Peace" is to provide a safe
 supportive space for people and their families,
 whose spiritual life has been damaged by
 abuse. "Towards Peace" provides spiritual
 support through one-to-one spiritual direction
 sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion.
 If you have been abused & would like a space
 to reflect on the impact of the trauma of abuse
 on your own relationship with God and
 spirituality, "Towards Peace" is here for you.
www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01-5053028 /
 Mob: 086-7710533. Up to twelve sessions are
 available and there is no fee.

PRAY AS YOU GO

Daily prayers & reflections.
 Free App can be downloaded
 from Google Play Store or I phone App Store.



NOTICE

A Months Mind Mass for Fr. John Cummins
 will take place Sat. 2nd March in The Church of
 the Holy Rosary, Abbeyleix at 7.30pm.

HOPE FOUNDATION – QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night on Friday 22nd Feb. at 8.30pm - Gate House Emo. Help local girl from Ballybrittas Hannah Flynn travel to Kolkata, India with her school in aid of Hope Foundation. Sponsorship / Donations very appreciated. Contact Siobhan 086-6048298.

CHILDMINDER WANTED BALLYBRITTAS AREA

Child-minder wanted to pickup after school at Rath National School & take care of 3 children in their own home, maximum 4 days per week. Own transport, non-smoker. References required. Contact 087-6616821.

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

CALLING GIRLS BORN 2004 & 2005

Now recruiting a number of players to join their squad. Seeking girls interested in having fun whilst enjoying sport & a winning mentality. If interested in playing in goals or outfield, come & join our training sessions. New league season's begins in April. Monday's 6-7 at the Leisure Centre Astro Pitch & Wednesday's 6-7 at Portarlington Community Centre. Contact Darren on 087-1306687 to register interest.

JOB VACANCY

Iosa Linn Preschool, Rath, Ballybrittas, Portlaoise. Currently seeking a qualified Childcare Practitioner with a minimum FETAC Level 5. Applicants must be enthusiastic / have previous experience working in an early years setting / excellent communication skills / the ability to work well as part of a team / have a genuine love of children & a strong interest in early childhood education. They also need to be familiar with Siolta standards & have a good understanding of the Aistear curriculum. The position is available with an immediate start until the end of June 2019, the hours will be 9:15am-12:15pm Mon. – Fri. If interested, forward your CV with cover letter to: colettebehan@hotmail.com

EMO G.A.A.

2019 All County Clubs Members Draw

Tickets currently on sale at €130 each – Can be paid in installments. Prizes of €100,000 in total (4 monthly draws). Tickets available from any Committee Member.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2019

Fri. 8th – Fri. 15th March (incl.)

Venue: Mountmellick Community Arts Centre
Commencing 8pm each night.

Season ticket (8 nights) €50 / Concessions €25
1 night €10 / Concessions €5. Group booking available. Programme:

Fri. 8th Mar. *The Lonesome West*

Sat. 9th Mar. *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*

Sun. 10th Mar. *Rabbit Hole*

Mon. 11th Mar. *Same Old Moon*

Tues. 12th Mar. *A Fine Bright Day Today*

Wed. 13th Mar. *Bloomstoday*

Thurs. 14th Mar. *The Mill on the Floss*

Fri. 15th Mar. *The Quare Land*

Further details and booking contact: Jessie 087-7942994 E-mail jessieconroy61@gmail.com

Noreen 087-4121205 E-mail

norsavage@eircom.net

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PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Portarlington Tennis Club 2019 A.G.M. will be held in the Clubhouse at 8.30pm. on Tues. 26th Feb. All Adult members, student members and parents of Junior members are invited to attend.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Emo Active Retirement group will hold their A.G.M. on Tues. 26th Feb. in the Old School Emo at 8pm. Earlier in the day from 2pm members can meet with Regina from Total Foot Care and avail of her excellent service.

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL – EMO Mindfulness Meditation Practice Evenings

Thursdays 7.30pm-8.30pm

Meditation and Prayer

Thursday afternoons 3.30 - 4.30pm

The Suaimhneas Zero Waste Group

First Monday of every Month 7.30pm. - 9pm

Introduction to Centering Prayer

Sat. 2nd March – 11am-1.30pm

Facilitated by Members of Contemplative Outreach Ireland. This workshop with introduce participants to the Method of Centering Prayer. Cost: €20. This includes refreshments & home cooked lunch.

Reflexology Network Meeting

Sat. March 9th – Qualified Reflexologists meet, share information & offer one another a therapy treatment. Therapists can also gain CPD points - Further info. Alice 085 7183538. Contact www.suaimhneas.ie 057-8626541.

MENINGITIS VACCINE

The Medi-Centre is now stocking a new Meningitis Vaccine. This vaccine protects against the strains ACW and Y. The HSE have advised that this is one of these strains identified in the recent outbreak in Ireland over Christmas. One vaccine is the recommended dose – Cost €90. Remember... this vaccination does NOT guard against Meningitis B which is also available at the Medi-Centre. Two vaccines is the recommended dose for Meningitis B. Cost €150 per vaccine. The HSE introduced Bexero (Meningitis B) into the free Childhood Primary Immunisation Schedule for children born on or after 1st October 2016. There is currently no "catch up" program for those born before this date. Phone 057-8623138 to arrange an appointment.

ENHANCING EQUALITY OFFALY (EEO)

Enhancing Equality Offaly (EEO) is a development group comprised of people with disabilities, as well as representatives from disability organisations. EEO are hosting a launch on the 18th Feb. in The Tullamore Court Hotel from 9.30-1pm. There are many interesting speakers due to attend the launch that will focus on accessibility, inclusion and equality. For more information log on to offalydc.ie or call or email Caroline Brickland on 087 6028801/ cbrickland@offalydc.ie

DIGITAL SKILLS PORTARLINGTON

Would you like to join a free course in Digital Skills in Portarlington? The not-for-profit organisation, "Third Age" is starting new classes in Portarlington soon, date and time to be confirmed. Classes are for people aged 45 and over, those with a disability or unemployed. The 10-hour programme is over five weeks. It covers the Internet, email, accessing services online, use of apps and smart phones. To register your interest, phone

Third Age on 046-9557766, email nationaloffice@thirdageireland.ie, or log on to www.thirdageireland.ie

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Mid-term Children's Art Workshops

Mosaics Workshop: Thurs. 21st Feb. 11-11.45am. Open to children aged 5-7 years. Free workshop but booking essential.

Card Basket Weaving: Thurs. Feb 21st 12:15-1pm. Open to children aged 8-12 years. Workshops are free but booking is essential. Ph: 057-8643751 to book a place.

Knitting Group: Our knitting group continues to meet every Friday morning from 10:30am. New members are always welcome.

Book Group: The adult book group meets on the last Thursday of the month. Our next meeting is on 28th March. We will be discussing Ordinary People by Diane Evans.

RATH / BALLYBRITTAS COMMUNITY

ALERT

A meeting will take place on Wed. 20th Feb. In Rath Community Hall at 8pm. Sergeant Graham Kavanagh (Crime Prevention Officer – Laois / Offaly) will attend the meeting. All very welcome.

CHARITY GALA BALL

Gala Ball will take place on Fri. 22nd February, 2019 in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Tickets available from Marie on 087-7589896 / Colette on 086-2654277 or Maria on 086-3058181 or call to Saoirse Care beside Burbage's. Please book your ticket or table of friends for this great charity night and avoid disappointment.



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FREE TRIPLE 'P' PARENTING WORKSHOPS

For parents of children 2 – 10yrs. & Teenagers 11 – 15yrs

Workshop for 2–10 yrs old in Portlaoise Education Centre on Tues 26th Feb. 7 – 9pm and in MDA Mountmellick on Weds 27th Feb 9.30-11.30am. Each Workshop is for 7 weeks and gives tips and strategies to make family life less stressful with children by giving a good understanding of positive parenting.

Workshop for 11–15yrs old in Treo Nua Family Resource Centre, on Tues 26th Feb. from 10am-12 noon. This programme looks at ways to build a stronger relationship with your teenager, tips to reduce conflict, strategies to manage problem behaviours and ways to support your teenager's independence & to stay safe. Further info. & booking contact 090-6447111 or txt Deirdre 086-0274837 / Sinead 086-8215102. www.triple-staypositive.net

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

U'8 and u10's St. Paul's L.G.F.A. recommencing training Sun. 17th February (today). New players very welcome.

ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Portlaoise Library will be running an Essay Writing Workshop on Wed. 27th Feb. at 5.30pm. This workshop should be of particular interest to Leaving Cert. History Project students & 3rd Level students. Free 30-page handout of essential essay writing tips will be given out. All welcome.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE MENTORING WEEK

Laois Local Enterprise Office is running a number of free events and one-to-one mentoring clinics during "Enterprise Week" which runs from the 4th to the 8th March. If you wish to avail of a place, please book online www.localenterprise.ie/laois or contact Local Enterprise Office Laois 057-86 61800. Places limited – Booking is advisable.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Book Club will be held again on Wed. 6th March at 8pm in the Hall, Cloneyhurke.

SPORT IRELAND / WALK IRELAND

Activator poles for beginners. Suitable for people who want to learn about Activator Poles. Wed. 13th Feb / Wed. 13th March & every Wednesday for 5 weeks. Portarlington Community Centre 11am-12.30pm. Phone Catriona Slattery, Laois Sports Partnership 057-8671248 / 086-7935234. Fee. €35.