

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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## PARISH OFFICE

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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 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 – St. Patrick's Day / Special Day of Prayer for Emigrants – Year C

### ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am** Gerard & Margaret

Kearney, Drogheda,

**Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am** Thomas Lawlor, Cushina

**Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am** ---

**Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. 10am** ---

**Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar. 10am** Ned Dunne

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 6.15pm

Maura Lawlor, Foxcroft St. (M.M.); Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill; Patricia Bourke, Emo; Mick & Kathleen Gannon, Marian Hill; Liam, Jimmy, John & Michael Gannon; Brendan, Frank & Mollie Martin; Donie McDermott, Garryhinch; Eddie & Margaret Rogers, Main St; John McCowen, Station Rd; John (Jacko) Roycroft & dec. members of the Roycroft Family, Bracklone St; Seamus Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Fergus Geoghegan, Crowe Lane; Con (10<sup>th</sup>) & Joan (20<sup>th</sup>) Coughlan, Assumpta Tce; Nancy Delaney, Bracklone St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St; Denis Delaney, Spa St; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Hugh, Annie & Mary O'Leary, Denis Hayden, Rathangan, Dan O'Connell, Naas,

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 12.15pm

Anna Maria Garry & Timothy Garry, Cloneyquinn; Dec. members of the Garry Family; Thomas Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Tony Ryan, Lea Rd; Jack & Dora Madden, Bracklone St; Seamus Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); John Kelly; Sarah McEvoy & Leonard McEvoy, Gracefield; Dec. members of the Comhaltas Portarlington Branch; Kathleen Kelly, Seskin; Elizabeth & Edward Coogan, Shiphouse, Patrick O'Neill, Dunmore & Marian Hill,

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 6.15pm

Rachael Flanagan, St. Michael's Pk. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Maura & Patrick Williams, Crowe Lane; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Pk. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Martha Wyse, Orchard Drive, Michael (Raz) Murphy (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv) Crowe Lane, Margaret Slattery, (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv) her son John Slattery, (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv) Botley Court & Spa St, William, Sheila & Paul Fingleton, Patrick St, dec members of the Prenderville family, Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq, (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv) Mick & Elizabeth Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce, Joseph & Catherine Malone, Jerry Farrell, Clonsast,

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 12.15pm

Nancy Nicholls, St. Michael's Pk, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Sandra Nicholls, Kilrush & Sandy Lane, Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke, Bill Storey, Garryhinch, (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv). Patricia Murray, Cushina,

**Prayers are requested for the following who died during the week.**

Sr. Mary Malone, (Mercy Convent, Waterford, (Sister of Susan Lynch)

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am

John Hickey, Braemar Hse. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Joseph & Maureen Hickey, their Son Joseph, Braemar Hse. & Bishopswood; Dec. members of the Hickey Family; John Tynan, Springfield & his parents John & Lillie Tynan, Old Pound; Bridie Murray, Ballycarroll; Alan Donnelly, Killenard; John Davis, Old Pound

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am

Eileen O'Leary, Ballintogher, M.M.  
John Mc Evoy, Trim, his parents Patrick & Kathleen, his brother Pat,

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm

Christina Walsh, Knightstown (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) Her Daughter Julann (58<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) John Davis, Old Pound; Tom Delaney, New Inn; Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas; Michael Fenlon, Ballybrittas; Thomas Carroll, New Inn, Patrick Maher, Killimy,

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – 7.30pm

Fr. Jack Rodgers, Ballymorris (M.M.)

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 11am

Elizabeth Doonan, Bellgrove

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 9am

Mary Patricia Duffy, Ballintogher

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March – 9am

Margaret, Veronica, Peter & Margaret (Rita) Dunne, Ballybrittas

### SUNDAY MASS - DIGGING DEEPER

March 17<sup>th</sup> We come together to meet the Lord Homily : Key points

Called by God (God's initiative) we come together as people who are equal, welcome, wanted and needed,

We support one another in our faith as we worship our God,

In the Introductory Rites, we stand together united in common prayer and meet our God of forgiveness and love.

### SIGNPOSTS ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

This programme will be hosted by a number of parishes across our Diocese. Each of the stand-alone sessions explores a different part of the Mass. This programme offers a fresh approach for our own personal reflection on and engagement with the Mass.  
Venue: Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick Community Arts Centre.

Four Thursday nights – March 21<sup>st</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup> from 7.30pm – 9pm. All very welcome.

### LECTORS (READERS)

(23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March)

READERS) (16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> March)

#### Portarlington

Sat.23<sup>rd</sup> 6.15pm Sarah Dunne / Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> 9am Tom Hainsworth / 12.15pm Micheline Murphy

#### Killenard

Sun. 10.30am Niall Briody

#### Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Kieran McEvoy  
Sun. 11am Sadhbh Hanneffy

#### Rath

Sun. 9am Aileen Doyle

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> March)

Portarlington Team D

Killenard Team C

### FIRST CONFESSIONS

**St. Patrick's BNS & Cloneyhurke NS:**

7.30pm Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> Mar. St. Michael's Church  
**Presentation Primary School:**  
7.30pm Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> March, St. Michael's Church

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community:

#### PORTARLINGTON

Skylar Bernie Kiernan, Walsh Island,  
Pilar Jadwiga Tejada, The Glen,  
Sophie Ruby Byrne, Clonkeen,  
Ryan Quick, Ballycarroll,

### LENTEN STATIONS

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish. Your donations were greatly appreciated.

### CONFIRMATION

**St. Paul's NS, Emo:** Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. at 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo  
**Sacred Heart NS, Rath:** Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm in Sacred Heart Church, Rath

### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019

#### Special Day of Prayer for Emigrants

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love,  
But who are absent from us.

Keep them safe from all harm,  
evil & danger.

Bless them with peace, laughter,  
wisdom, love & joy.

Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love; In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

### MASSES FOR LENT

Portarlington: Each day at 10am  
Killenard: Fri. 7.30pm

**CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME,  
THE EARTH**

One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction from Ireland. This is because we have drastically reduced the amount of food (flowers) and safe nesting sites in our landscapes. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is about all of us, from farmers to local authorities, to schools, faith communities, families, gardeners and businesses, coming together to try to create an Ireland where pollinators can survive and thrive. To see what you can do, check out [www.pollinators.ie](http://www.pollinators.ie)

**FRIENDS TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB**

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to our Church Gate Collection last Sunday. We collected a total of €400, which was very good despite the inclement weather.

Would you like to be a friend or to make a friend? Come along and have a cup of tea and a chat. Activities include: Board games / table quiz / Art and crafts / Mini-breaks. Call into the Scouts Den, Main Street, Portarlinton Tues. & Fri. from 2.30pm – 5pm. All very welcome.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2019**

7 Night Package Inclusive €705. 3 Oct. - 10 Oct.2019. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland CC - Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305.

**KIDS RUGBY INTRODUCTION**

Kids Rugby Introduction - Fun and Fitness classes in Portlaoise each Saturday morning. Classes for kids aged 2 1/2- 5 years. Check out [www.rugbytots.ie](http://www.rugbytots.ie) for more information or phone 087-3585762.

**BRIDGE CLASSES**

Bridge classes take place every Monday morning at 11am until 12.30am in Portarlinton Golf Club. Very enjoyable and friendly so come along and join us for bridge and a cuppa afterwards. Contact 087-6992854.

**GUITAR LESSONS**

Guitar lessons available in the Ballybrittas area – Friday evening & Saturday. Classes suitable for the 9–12 year age-group. Contact Chloe on 087-7724903.

**LAOIS ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY**

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Support Group is on Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm-9pm in Resource Centre. Free to family members affected by dementia and memory issues. Free Public Information Night on 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. at 7.30pm in Resource Centre presented by James McElwee from McElwee Solicitors covering issues for living with dementia / Know your rights / Enduring Power of Attorney / Ward of Court / Financial Issues. For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnely on 057-866 3398 / 086-8372168. Home-care Coordinator 47 Main Street, Portlaoise, Co Laois R32 VRX8 - Email [laois.branch@alzheimer.ie](mailto:laois.branch@alzheimer.ie)

**RATH / BALLYBRITTAS COMMUNITY ALERT**

A meeting will take place on Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 8pm in Rath Community Centre. Sergeant Graham Kavanagh (Crime Prevention Officer – Laois / Offaly) will attend the meeting. All very welcome.

**OAKDALE NURSING HOME**

Health Care Assistant required Part-Time shifts ( Mornings, Weekdays & Weekends) FETAC Level 5 in Care of the Elderly or Equivalent. Enquiries to Avril Finnerty (Director of Nursing) Tullamore Rd, Portarlinton Phone No. 057 8645282 or email [reception@oakdale.ie](mailto:reception@oakdale.ie) Closing date for applications Friday 29 March 2019.

**SENIOR ALERT ALARMS**

You may have heard about SENIOR ALERT ALARMS, but are still unsure how they work or would they be suitable for you or someone you know. Contact the Love Port office on 085 8568801 for more information. You can also call to our office in the Portarlinton Community Centre.

**CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN GROUP**

Conversational German Group for Secondary School Students has commenced this weekend and continues every Saturday at 3pm in the "Make Port" Enterprise Centre, Canal Road. Cost €5 per class of approx. 45 mins. Contact Elke 087-6427258.

**SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL – EMO**

**Spring 2019 Workshops**

**E.F.T. (Emotional Freedom Techniques)**  
23<sup>rd</sup> March 3pm-5pm

Helping deal with stress, anxiety and negative emotions. This technique can help alleviate your stress, anxiety and more. This new way really is a new way!

**Reflexology Network Meeting**

30<sup>th</sup> March 3pm-6pm

Relaxing afternoon where qualified Reflexologists meet, share information and offer one another a therapy treatment. Therapists can also gain CPD points. Further info. Phone Alice on 641-3749194

Further information on these & other weekly workshops visit [www.suaimhneas.ie](http://www.suaimhneas.ie) 057-8626541. [info@suaimhneas.ie](mailto:info@suaimhneas.ie) Spaces are limited so booking is essential

**BABY MASSAGE CLASSES**

Next course starting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March and the following three Monday's 1, 8, & 15 April 2019 from 10 to 11.30am at Yogaland Studio Portarlinton. Booking essential. For more details contact: Catriona 086-8890005.

**PORTARLINGTON GOLF MALE CHOIR**

Portarlinton Golf Male Choir and guests, including the Portarlinton Concert Band, Pat's Jazz Band, Pianist Oisín Ures Maher and Bob Batty will perform at the Monasterevin Community Centre at their CY Spring Concert Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 8pm. €5 entry. All welcome.

**PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION**

are celebrating 50 yrs in business next week, and it would not have been possible without you, our loyal members. To thank you all for your continued loyalty and support, we are hosting a coffee morning next Thursday 21st March from 11am to 2pm. Looking forward to seeing you all. Spot Prizes on the day.

**PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**

**Childrens Storytime**

Stories at your fingertips with Simone : Wednesday 20th March. 12:30-1:45 pm . Suitable for 3-6 year olds this delightful storytime will conclude with Simone showing the children how to paint their own hands to be puppets (old clothes advised ) Booking essential call 057 86453751

Tales of Mischief and Magic : Weds March 20th 3:45-4:30pm Suitable for 6-12 year olds. Booking essential call 057 86453751

**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 The Queen of Bloody Everything by Joanna Nadin.

**ST. MICHAEL'S FOLK CHOIR**

St Michael's Folk Choir will sing Aifreann na Clainne at 12.15 Mass on Sunday 24th March.

**EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO**

**Lotto results 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. 2019**

Numbers: 2, 4, 9, 24 – No Jackpot winner

€25 to each of the following:-

Mary Dunne C/o Parish Office

Martin Crowley C/o Hilary

Graham Delaney C/o P. Gorman

Betty Clancy C/o Rosemary, Parish Office

Maura Hyland, Morette

**Next week's Jackpot €2,600**

**Draw will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S**

**Taize Evenings**

Thur. 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> April and Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> April from 8-9pm. Join us for candle lit prayer each evening. No charge – donations at your own discretion.

**Meditation Day** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – 3.30pm with Sr. Anne Kearney. Enjoy a day of peaceful reflection away from the stresses of everyday life. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch – Tea/Coffee and biscuits provided). Bookings/Enquiries to: Catherine on 057-8626153 / email:[secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

**O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.**

**Lotto Results 11/03/2019.**

Numbers were: 13,21,24,28. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner's this week were Tommy Kehoe, Christy Grattan. Promoter - Willie Bannon. Next week's Jackpot: €9000.

**LEAVING CERT MATHS REVISION  
WORKSHOP**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Higher Level: 10:00am-12:30pm

Ordinary Level 2:00pm-4:30pm

Cost for 3 days: Higher Level €150

Ord. Level €120. Classes limited to 6per class. Please call [0858301462](tel:0858301462) to book your place now. Anyone interested in similar Junior Certificate workshops please call number above

**CHILDMINDER WANTED**

Kind, experienced childminder wanted to collect 4 children from primary schools in Portarlinton 3 days a week and to mind them until early evening. Lea area. Non-smoker, full drivers licence. Refs required. Please phone 0857351887.

**DAFFODIL DAY – COFFEE DAY**

Mary Miller, Number Fifty-Seven Boutique, will host her annual Coffee Day for the Irish Cancer Society at her premises on Main St., Portarlinton on Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 10am to 8pm. Refreshments served all day – All are welcome. All proceeds go to the Irish Cancer Society.

**ST. CONLETHS LGFC.**

Will be holding their annual information and registration morning from 10am - 11am Saturday 23rd March at O'Dempseys GAA grounds (Old Pound). New members all ages very welcome. Fun, Friends and Football. Contact Catherine 087-6842028.

**THE STORY OF VERA LYNN**

**A MUSICAL CELEBRATION**

Following sold out shows across Ireland We'll Meet Again .. the story of Vera Lynn comes to Birr Theatre & Arts Centre. March 24<sup>th</sup> commencing 3.30pm. Tickets €19. Ph: 057-9122911