

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 1ST MARCH, 2020 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR 'A'

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 2nd Mar. 10am ---
 Tues. 3rd Mar. 10am Frank Higgins, Main St.
 Wed. 4th Mar. 10am Caoimhe Carroll,
 Garryhinch
 Thur. 5th Mar. 10am Phil Feehan, Church View
 (2nd Anniversary)
 Fri. 6th Mar. 10am ---

Saturday 29th February – 6.15pm

John (Seanie) Murphy, Shandery (M.M.)
 Anthony Kinsella; Kathleen Kinsella;
 Anthony Kinsella Jnr. & dec. members of the
 Kinsella Family; Elizabeth Maree, Gracefield;
 Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Barrowbank (1st Anniv.);
 Michael Keegan, Garryhinch (7th Anniv.)
 Mary-Kate & Sonny Bolton, Cloneyhurke;
 Paddy & Michael Doyle, Kilkeeran;
 Christina McCormack, Avondale & Ullard (3rd
 Anniv.); Dec. members of the McCormack,
 Broughall, Power & Delaney Families;
 Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield (9th Anniv.)

Sunday 1st March – 12.15pm

Eamonn Gallagher, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.)
 Sarah & William Kelly, St. Patrick's Tce;
 Donal O'Meara & Son, Patrick, Annamoe;
 Steve & Nellie Allen & Son, Paddy Allen; Dec.
 members of the Moran & Allen Families;
 Gerry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square

Saturday 7th March – 6.15pm

Denis & Joan Coughlan & Patricia Neylon;
 William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (8th Anniv.);
 Frances Allman, St. Joseph's Tce; William
 (Billy) Whelan, Marian Hill; John Knight Snr., St.
 Mary's Tce. Eileen Finlay (2nd Anniv.) Jack
 Finlay (28th Anniv.), Patrick St; Margaret Slattery
 (5th Anniv.) & John Slattery (5th Anniv.), Spa St.
 & Botley Court; Tom (Nesh) Shortall, St. Brigid's
 Sq; Mary Connolly, Marian Hill; Luke Clarke,
 Bishopswood

Sunday 8th March – 12.15pm

Elizabeth (Betty) Sheedy, Clondoolusk;
 Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale (19th Anniv.)
 Eva Nicholls, Railway Mews (10th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 1st March – 10.30am

Paul Moore Snr., Springfield

Sunday 8th March – 10.30am

Nancy Whelehan, Closeland (5th Anniv.)
 Bridget & William Coleman, Closeland;
 Sean Keogh, Rathleash

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests
 of the parish will be held this weekend. It will
 take the form of a 2nd collection. Envelopes
 available in Church porches if you haven't got
 envelope boxes & wish to contribute.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 29th February – 7.30pm

Mary Nerney, The Poplars, Cappakeel (M.M.)
 Jimmy Conroy, Cappakeel; Dec. members
 of the Conroy Family; John & Elizabeth Lewis,
 Morette; Dec. members of the Lewis Family;
 Dan Kavanagh, The Commons;
 Julia Morrin; Catherine Doheny; Margaret Ryan

Sunday 1st March – 11am

Fr. Jack Walsh (M.M.)

Saturday 7th March – 7.30pm

Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park;
 Mary Flynn, Hand Rd., Morette (53rd Anniv.);

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 1st March – 9am

Jack Behan, Rath (M.M.)

Fr. Jack Walsh (M.M.)

Andy Mulhare, Rath, Ballybrittas
 Mary Brennan, Jamestown, Joseph Molloy,
 Fisherstown, Ballybrittas,

Sunday 8th March – 9am

Michael Kinsella Snr., Fisherstown
 Alan Burke, Ballybrittas (31st Anniv.)

BAPTISM

*We welcome into the Christian Community
 through Baptism*

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Isabella Elizabeth Deirdre Byrne, Whitefields

CORPORAL WORKS OF

MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- Feed the hungry**
- Give drink to the thirsty**
- Clothe the naked**
- Harbour the homeless**
- Visit the sick**
- Visit the imprisoned**
- Bury the dead**



SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- Instruct the ignorant**
- Counsel the doubtful**
- Admonish the sinner**
- Bear wrongs patiently**
- Forgive offences willingly**
- Comfort the afflicted**
- Pray for the living and the dead**



PRO-LIFE TALK

Pro Life talk - Speakers: Carol Nolan and
 Michael Dwyer from Family & Life. Date:
 Thursday March 5th at 7:30pm
 Venue: Portlaoise Parish Centre in the
 Campur Room. All welcome!

LECTORS (READERS)

Sat. 7th / Sun. 8th March 2020

Portarlington

Sat. 6.15pm Margaret Doyle / Sun. 9am
 Tom Hainsworth / 12.15pm Lector

Killenard

Sun. 10.30am Stephen Kealy

Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Sadhbh Hanneffy
 Sun. 11am Doreen Dunne

Rath

Sun. 9am Sinead Boland

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. 7th / Sun. 8th March 2020

Killenard – Team D

(Ann Allen / Pauline Dalton / Jimmy O'Leary)

Portarlington – Team D (See Rota)

DIGGING DEEPER – LIVING LENT

Stepping into Lent together

- Some suggestions for the week
- Make the sign of the cross when leaving your home, passing a church, cemetery, before and after a meal.
 - Give up social media for an evening (or more)!
 - Take some time to go on a walk and say a prayer along the way.
 - Take a pause when you feel you want to give out.
 - Give up a coffee / a meal out and donate the money you saved.
 - Support Trociare's Lenten appeal

FIRST FRIDAY - MARCH

Friday next is the First Friday of the

Month. Masses as follows

Rath: Thurs. 5th March 9.30am

Emo: Fri. 6th March 9.15am

Portarlington: Fri. 6th March 10am

Killenard: Fri. 6th March 7.30pm

Portarlington 10am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – LENT 2020

COMMENCING 1ST MARCH 2020

Eucharistic Adoration will be held
 each Sunday afternoon during Lent
 in St. Michael's Church,

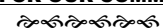
Portarlington from 3pm – 5pm,

commencing today, Sun. 1st March.

All very welcome to attend.



CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME



Conference – Wed. 4th March 2020 - Venue:

Dolmen Hotel, Carlow 10am to 4.30pm.

Free event with Lunch. Registration:

Mary.Boyce@trociare.org 01-6293333

TROCAIRE

"Hold fast to love and justice"

This lent Trocaire is focusing on two families, one in Kenya and one in Honduras, to highlight how mothers work to protect their families & communities from the devastating impact of climate change & from the actions of corporations. Madris, in Kenya, & Angela, in Honduras, are two such women. We think of them & women like them all over the world this Lent. Resources available on Trocaire website www.trocaire.org.

ARISE - Young Adults 18+ National Event

Takes place in Knock Shrine on March 7th 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.

EMO / RATH LOTTO

Lotto Draw Mon. 24th February 2020

Numbers 9, 12, 16, 24 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Pat Duffy C/o Maeve / Brianna & Liam O'Reilly / Ciaran Boland C/o Mick / Michael Woulfe C/o Rath Cards / Helen Hanlon C/o Hilary Lawlor
Next week's Jackpot €6,400

UPCOMING EVENTS MT. ST. ANNE'S



LENTEN PRAYER EVENINGS

Thursday 5th March, 12th March, 19th March, 26th March & 2nd April
At Mount St. Anne's, Killenard
Commencing 8pm.

Theme: Next Sunday's Readings

Join us for these evenings of prayer and meditation using the readings of the following Sunday. You can come for one evening or all five if you wish. All very welcome.

Prayerful Meditation Day:

Sat. 7th March 10am – 3.30pm. A day designed to offer a space for you to relax, pray, think and feel. Through Scripture, poetry, music and movement you will have the opportunity to take time out and be yourself. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney. Cost: €25 (please bring packed lunch) Tea/Coffee provided. For bookings / enquiries, contact Catherine on 057-8626153
Our full Programme of Events is currently available from Mount St. Anne's office or check out: www.mountstannes.com

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 24/02/2020.

Numbers were: 03,24,25,30. No Jackpot or match 3 winners this week. Lucky Dip winners were - Conor Meredith, Marian Finlay, Mick & Anne Aherne, Mag Downey. Promoter - Hurbert O'Leary. Next week's Jackpot: €3,400. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly Lotto.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2020

6th – 13th March at the Community Art Centre, Mountmellick – Commencing 8pm sharp.
Programme includes: One Flew over the Cuckoos Nest / Palace Players / Alone it stands / The Blacksmith / Closer / Sive / Eurydice / The Cripple of Inishmann. For details of the full programme / dates & prices plus booking phone either 087-7942997 / 087-4121205.

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

Next course starting Monday 2nd March and the following 3 Mondays from 10am to 11.30am at Yogaland Studio Portarlington. Booking essential. Further details: Catriona 086-8890005

LENT ONLINE RETREAT

Do a 3 day online Lenten Retreat focusing on **Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving**
Register now with the Priory Institute.
prioryinstitute.com - Phone 01-4048124

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SUN. 1ST MARCH 2020

Emo 3-5pm Michael Nerney & Mary Delaney
Rath 2.30–4.30pm PJ Kelly & Mark Behan

CHURCH COLLECTORS MARCH 2020

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm Willie Keegan & Seamus Fitzpatrick /
11am Tom Fennelly Jnr. & Tom Mulhall
Sacred Heart Church, Rath
9am Liam Flynn & Pat Behan

KILBRIDE ART STUDIO ART CLASSES

Adult – Beginners & advanced
10 week course. Commencing Mon. 2nd March.
10am – 12 Noon. Phone 086-2392997 for further details and booking.

SOLEMN NOVENA

To Our Lady of Perpetual Help

In St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin until Wed. 1st April 2020 (6 Wednesday nights of Lent). Speaker Wed. 4th March 7.30pm
Julie Anne Moran – World Mission Ireland.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

Development Fund Monster Draw

€3,000 in prizes. Draw takes place on 20th June. Tickets will shortly be on sale at €20 each. Your support is much appreciated.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Book Club resumes Wed. 4th March at 8pm.

CHIME – NATIONAL CHARITY FOR

DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS

CHIME - The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss Portlaoise Outreach Clinic is now being held in the Citizens Information Centre, Kellyville Centre, Portlaoise. It is held on the last Tuesday of every month from 10am – 12pm. For more details contact Chime, Church Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Tel/Minicom: (057) 9351606 Fax: (057) 9326425 Videophone: (057) 9326421 Text: (057) 9326421 Email: tullamore@chime.ie

PARENTS' ASSOC. EMO N.S.

The Parents' Association Committee of Emo National School sincerely thank all those who contributed & supported the Cake & Book Sale last Wednesday. It was a tremendous success. Monies raised will go directly towards the purchase of IT equipment for the school children.

GET INTO GOLF WOMEN'S PROGRAMME

Information Evening:

Tues. 24th March at Portarlington Golf Club 8pm

Programme Starts:

Tues 31st March 6.30 to 7.30 and 7.30 to 8.30
8 Week programme, 4 lessons with PGA Pro and 4 weeks on course scramble with Lady Members. Equipment provided if required
Fun and friendly environment. Cost €80

Only 24 places available

For more information contact : Mary Foy
Phone: 083 1846539 or email maryfoy@live.ie

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB AGM

Portarlington Tennis Club AGM will be held in the Clubhouse this Monday 2nd March at 9pm. Meeting will finish at 10.15 pm. All senior members and parents of Junior members invited to attend. Please arrive on time.

TEACH MUIRE PRAYING

COMMUNITY



Mass for Healing - Tues. 3rd March 2020.
Rosary 7:45pm Holy Mass at 8m.
Venue: St. Paul's Church Emo.
Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lalor.

CHARITY 5K RUN

St. Michael's Athletic Club are holding a 5K Run on Sun. 8th March at the Heritage Hotel, Killenard, starting 11am. Changing / showering facilities available. In aid of the Senior Citizens Christmas Party. Cost €10.

EMO 2020

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Four nights from Mon. 3rd August – Home Fri. 7th August. Hotel Astrid. €589 per person sharing. If interest in travelling with this pilgrimage contact Tony on 086-1225833 or Deirdre on 087-2299457.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE 2020

The 2020 Pilgrimage will take place from **7th 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.

COURTWOOD G.A.A.

Lotto: No Jackpot winners for 20th February. Jackpot now heading for €15,000. Thanks to everyone for their continued support of our Club Lotto.

€130 tickets: Deadline for the €130 ticket sales fast approaching. Get your ticket as soon as possible to support our club.

Quiz Night: A Table quiz scheduled for Fri. 13th March in the Final Furlong promises to be a very entertaining night. All welcome.

Best wishes: Continued best wishes to all our club members involved with County teams. We have great representation at all levels of male and female footballers.

Laois Public Participation Network

Let's Talk Insurance

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. 14th March in the IDA Mountmellick. To reserve your place please contact us on **057-8665661** or email ppn@laoiscco.ie

Q.P.R.

QUESTION PERSUADE REFER

SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

O'Dempsey's, in collaboration with Scoil Naomh Eoin, Banríon Gaels & St Conleth's will host accredited QPR training in the clubhouse. This new initiative is aimed at raising awareness & identifying mental health issues in our community. QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is a life skill which helps identify if someone may be suicidal & how to act, what to say, what not to say & how to offer the support they need.

Training open to all adults over 18 yrs. Attendees do not need to be a member of any of the clubs & the €10 charge is a donation to the Talk to Tom charity.

Taking place from 10am until 4pm on Saturday 21st March, lunch will be provided and we encourage everyone to attend.

Further info. & booking through: www.eventbrite.com or Aidan on (086-8263135).

LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK 2020

Making it happen (2nd – 6th March)

Enterprise week starts Monday next, 2nd March – We still have a few places left for our FREE events. If you want to plan, start or grow your own business in 2020, get involved in Local Enterprise Week and together we can **#makeithappen**.

www.localenterprise.ie/laois

Ph: 057 8661800