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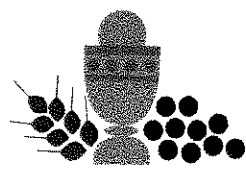
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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
 10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)
 6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday
St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am Sun.
St. Paul's Church, Emo
 7.30pm (Vigil – Sat.) & 11am Sun.
Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Sun.



CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>



Portarlington & Emo Parish
 @EmoParish

Sunday 20th March 2022 ✘ Third Sunday of Lent ✘ Year C

ANNIVERSARIES IN PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 19th March 6.15pm
 John (Jackie) Leavy, St. Brigid's Sq., M.M.
 Kevin O'Neill, Kilnacourt Woods, M.M.
 Dinah Kelly, Derryvilla (2nd Anniv.)
 Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq., (6th Anniv.)
 Denis & Joan Coughlan, Assumpta Tce.,
 Patricia Neylon; Margaret & Thomas Lawlor,
 Cushina; Madge & Edward Rogers, Main St.;
 Margaret Slattery, Spa St. & Botley Court
 (7th Anniv.) & Son, John Slattery, Spa St. &
 Germany (7th Anniv.); Bridie & Tom McNulty,
 Droughill; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill;
 Patricia Bourke, Ballycullane; Seamus Mullally,
 Castlegate; John & Eileen Clarke, Marian Hill

Sunday 20th March 12.15pm
 Elizabeth (Betty) Costello, St. Patrick's Tce, M.M.
 Lelia Carroll, Station Rd., (1st Anniv.)
 Kathleen Mc Grath, Closeland (30th Anniv.)
 Deceased members of the McGrath family;
 Annie Delaney, Bracklone St.; Jimmy & Sheila
 Mulhall, Bishopswood; Elizabeth Allen,
 Bishopswood; Patrick & Mary Brennan, Crowe
 Lane & Derryvilla; Frances O'Neill, St. Brigid's
 Sq.; Seamus Mullally, Castlegate

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY 10AM PORTARLINGTON

Monday 21st March
 Mary & John Scully, Stradbally,
Tuesday 22nd March
 Patricia Ryan, Portarlington & England
Wednesday 23rd March
 Ned Dunne
Thursday 24th March
 Catherine & James Hennessy, Bracklone St,
Friday 25th March
 Rachael Flanagan, St. Michael's Park
 (4th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES IN KILLENARD

Sunday 20th March 10.30am
 Kathleen (Kit) Kearney, Ballybrittas, M.M.
 Bridie Murray, Ballycarroll; John Hickey,
 'Braemor', Patrick St. & his parents Joseph &
 Maureen Hickey, brother, Joseph Hickey

ANNIVERSARIES IN EMO

Saturday 19th March – 7.30pm
 Attracta Hyland, Ballybrittas
 Jim & Lena Connolly, Killimy
Sunday 20th March – 11am
 Johnny Davis, Old Pound

ANNIVERSARIES IN RATH

Sunday 20th March 9am

MASS DURING THE WEEK FOR LENT:

Rath – Friday 25th March – 10am

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR LENT



Creator God,
*be with us as we make our
 Lenten journey together as a family.
 Give us the strength to do
 what we have promised,
 and the love to help one another
 along the way.
 When Easter comes,
 may our Lenten promises have brought
 us closer to You and to Your Son, Jesus.
 AMEN.*

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Tuesday's 10.30am–7pm
 Sunday's during Lent 3–6pm. All
 very welcome to attend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special
 Collection to be taken up at Masses on the
 weekend of 26 / 27th March to support
 humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially
 the families and children who had to flee their
 homeland The proceeds of this Special
 Collection will be directed to Caritas
 Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the
 Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the
 surrounding region. The Collection will be the
 offertory collection.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
 Community through Baptism:
Portarlington Parish
 Trent Patrick Knight, Derryounce
 Paidi Tomas Burke, Mountrath

TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Suffering for food, water & a basic
 livelihood should never be part of anyone's
 life. Yet it is for Thandekile & her family.
 Widowed by Covid, she is doing all she can
 to give her children a
 future. But in the grip of
 climate change & poverty,
 she's losing ground. Your
 Lenten donation of any
 size now means more
 families like hers can eat,
 children can stay in
 school, lasting livelihoods can be built & a
 better tomorrow can belong to us all.
www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/len-2022/
 Trocaire boxes are available at the Church
 porch. Please give generously.



Confirmation

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the
 Sacrament of Confirmation to the Children
 from the parish of Emo next week,
 as follows:-

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
 Thurs. 24th March at 11am in
 Sacred Heart Church, Rath

St. Paul's N.S., Emo
 Thurs. 24th March at 2pm in
 St. Paul's Church, Emo.

SERVICE OF LIGHT & RECONCILIATION

Service of Light & Reconciliation for the
 Confirmation candidates & their families
 will take place next week, as follows:-

St. Paul's N.S., Emo – Mon 21st @ 7pm

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath – Tues 22nd @ 7pm

KEEPING SAFE FROM COVID-19



The Irish Bishops recommend that we
 continue as follows, in an effort to
 "keep safe" from Covid-19

- The wearing of FACE MASKS inside Church buildings
 - The use of Hand Sanitizers
 - Suspension of the handshake
 - Holy Communion to be received in the hand
 - Holy Water fonts to remain dry
- These recommendations will be reviewed later this month, but, in the meantime, we ask that you take them into consideration.

ALONE

Older people need your support!
 ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide
 companionship & support through their
 Telephone Support & Befriending Service for
 older people. They ask interested volunteers to
 commit to one set shift for 2 hours per week for
 a minimum of 6 months. Visit
alone.ie/volunteers for further information.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

Keep Fit Friday's from 7pm-8pm. €5 per
 person. Suitable for all fitness levels.
Table Quiz organised for Fri. 25th March
 commencing 9pm. €40 per table of four.
Mindful Meditation & Movement Classes
 Commence Mon. 21st March 7-8pm.
 Contact Catherine on 087 7632415.
 We would like to invite anyone interested in any
 of the above activities to come along at the
 specified times. We guarantee you will be
 made feel very welcome.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Port. Further Education & Training Centre,
 Bracklone Street - The following items are
 needed: Nappies, Antiseptic wipes, Wet Wipes,
 Toothbrushes & Paste, Men's underwear,
 washing powder, colouring pencils and books,
 Dry food, Plastic bowls & cutlery, Tinned meat &
 fish, Shampoo, paracetamol, Ibuprofen,
 Drop off to Reception at Portarlington Further
 Education & Training Centre, Bracklone Street
 up until Fri. 1st April.

RELAY FOR LIFE

At Relay for Life, communities come together to
 Celebrate cancer. Survivors, remember those
 we have lost to cancer and Fight Back against
 this disease by raising awareness about cancer
 and raising funds for the Irish Cancer Society.
 When: Saturday 23rd July 2022 to Sunday 24th
 July 2022 - Where: Emo Court House
 Time: 1pm to 1pm. Further info. contact Caroline
 on 087 4499903 or Alan on 086 1222227 or
 email laoisrelayforlife@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/RelayForLifeLaois>

ONLINE PREGNANCY YOGA CLASSES

Online Pregnancy Yoga classes including a
 relaxation segment every Wednesday at 8pm.
 No yoga experience is needed to join. Booking is
 essential! Further info. & booking phone
 Catriona on 086-8890005

EASTER CAMP '22

Tues. 19th – Fri. 22nd April 2022.
 A fun filled camp for girls & boys, to include
 sport, orienteering, music, art, baking & lots
 more. Groups: 5-8 year old's & 9-12 year old's.
 Venue: Scoil Padraig, Canal Road. 9.30am –
 2pm. Cost €60 (sibling discounts). Application
 forms available from Scoil Phadraig.
 Email eastercampport@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Week of Guided Prayer
Sun. 20th – Sat. 26th March 2022.
 You are invited to give 30 minutes to prayer
 each day in your own home & meet for 30
 minutes each day with your Prayer Guide in
 Mount St Anne's. Opening session at 7.30pm
 on Sun. 20th at Mount St Anne's & closing
 session at 8pm on Sat. 26th – Donation €25

Spring Online Courses

7pm to 9pm on Zoom on the following dates:
 March 22, 29 (Kieran J. O'Mahony)
 March 9, 16, 23, 30 (Janet Forbes & Oonagh O'
 Brien) / April 5, 12, 19, 26 (Deirdre Ni
 Chinnéide) / April 6, 13, 20, 27 (Gráinne
 Doherty). €100 for each 4-night course
 To book a place you can email
ceo@mountstannes.com

Holy Week Retreat:

Thurs. 14th to Sun. 17th April 2022
 This Triduum programme consists of creative
 liturgies around the death & Resurrection of
 Jesus as experienced in the sufferings & hopes
 of our world today.
 Facilitated by Fr Diarmuid O'Murchú
 Cost: €300 residential. For Bookings/Enquiries,
 contact The Secretary on 057-8726153 or
 email: secretary@mountstannes.com

Reflections of a Prison Chaplain

This public event in Mount St. Anne's Retreat &
 Conference Centre, will be held on Thurs. 31st
 March. It hopes to engage in dialogue &
 conversation in an effort to find new & creative
 ways of developing a more humane & holistic
 justice system. Speakers:
 Sr. Imelda Wickhan, pbvm—former prison
 chaplain Ian O'Donnell—Professor of
 Criminology at UCD. Seán Duggan—Head of
 Chaplaincy Services,
 Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ—a priest in Inner City
 Dublin & founder of the Peter McVerry Trust.
 Begins with Tea/Coffee @ 7pm.
 Booking essential – E-mail
secretary@mountstannes.com by 24th March.

EMO G.A.A.

The €130 County Draw tickets are now on sale
 & are available from Committee Members.
 This is our main fundraiser & generates much
 needed funds to help run our club.

G.R.O.W.

Grow Mental Health Peer Support meeting
 Every Thursday 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Social
 Services Centre. Contact Assumpta
 086-8114135 assumpta@grow.ie

GRACEFIELD G.A.A. CLUB

Numbers 28, 16, 19, 06 – No jackpot winner.
 €50 each to Tracy Cooper, Aidan Slattery, Mary
 Dooley, Caroline Reid, Joe Whelan. Promoter
 Ciaran Direen - Next week's Jackpot €3,000

CENSUS – 3RD APRIL 2022

Census enumerators calling to deliver forms.
 They will carry I.D. Please remember to never
 engage with bogus callers. For queries on the
 Census log on to:- www.census.ie

BINGO

Every Tuesday night at 8pm in Portarlington
 G.A.A. Centre.

PORTARLINGTON ENTERPRISE CENTRE

We are debuting a podcast studio designed with
 innovation and creativity in mind. We aim to
 help local businesses and communities to
 capture their best conversations. Contact our
 team if you have an interest in podcasting. 057
 8645405.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to make a donation to
 Portarlington / Emo Parishes, please see
 bank details below, where you can transfer
 directly to the Parish Accounts.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH



B.O.I. Portarlington BOFIE2D
 Portarlington Parish No. 1 Account
 IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14
 Portarlington Parish Clergy Fund A/C
 IBAN: IE59 BOFI 9018 6196 5850 57

EMO PARISH



B.O.I., Mountmellick BOFIE2D
 Emo Church No. 1 Account
 IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54
 Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account
 IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE
 Available at the Church Porch.

SYNOD NEWS

Listening Lent

During Lent parishes across the diocese
 are hosting synod listening sessions. We
 invite as many people as possible to come
 to these sessions and to encourage others
 to come as well. Our listening session is in
 the MDA Centre, Mountmellick, on Monday
 28th March at 7.30pm. Refreshments from
 7.15pm. An open gathering of Clonaslee,
 Killeigh, Mountmellick, Portarlington &
 Rosenalfts parishes to "Voice and Listen".

AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

Praying Community

Sat. 26th March in Portlaoise Parish Centre
 (Campa Room). Spiritual Director – Ruairi
 O'Domhnaill. Schedule: Commencing with
 Mass at 10am / Confessions available after
 Mass. Exposition of the Blessed
 Sacrament at 10.45am / Rosary 11am /
 Praise & Worship (live music) 12 noon /
 Teaching 12.30pm (Be perfect as your
 Heavenly Father is perfect...)
 Final hymns & prayers.
 Contact Michael on 086-8157305.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

If you have any used postage stamps,
 please leave into Portarlington Pharmacy
 for the attention of Angela.

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC GOLF CLASSIC

O'Dempseys GFC are hosting a Golf
 Classic fundraiser at the Heritage Golf
 Resort, Killenard on Good Friday, the 15th
 April. All money raised will go towards the
 'Light Up O'Dempsey's' project. To register
 your team or for details on how to sponsor
 a Tee, go to www.odempseysgfc.ie

NATIONAL TREE WEEK



Sunday 20th March to Saturday 26th March

Laois County Council will have bundles of
 native tree saplings and root-balled trees
 available for collection on 25th March for
 community groups and Schools. To register
 your interest email porourke@laoiscoco.ie
 or call 057 8664000 by 22nd March.