

# 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

# DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

## MASS TIMES

### St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),  
 11am Sunday

### Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sunday



## SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2020

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## YEAR 'A'

### ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Fr. Jack Rodgers (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.)  
**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** ---  
**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** ASH WEDNESDAY  
**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30pm** Bernard & Bridget Downey, Droughill  
**Thur. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** ---  
**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Kathleen Mulvey, Canal Road (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
**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.)  
 Patrick (Paddy) Cullen, St. Michael's Park;  
 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 & Celine Lawless, Patrick Street; Alo Maher, Marian Hill

### 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; Harry Milner, Ballymorris; Walter Walsh, Durrow; Dinny Fingleton (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Kitty Fingleton (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Shandra

### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February – 6.15pm

Anthony Kinsella; Kathleen Kinsella; Anthony Kinsella Jr. & dec. members of the Kinsella Family; Elizabeth Maree, Gracefield; Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Barrowbank (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Mary-Kate & Sonny Bolton, Cloneyhurke; Paddy & Michael Doyle, Kilkeeran; Christina McCormack, Avondale & Ullard (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of the McCormack, Broughall, Power & Delaney Families; Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 12.15pm

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

### † DECEASED †

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

Tom Gorman, Lea Road  
 Ambrose Doyle, Gracefield  
 Philomena (Phil) Butler, Station Road  
 Jane Deegan, The Heath



### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7.30pm**  
 Fr. Jack Rodgers, Emo & Ballymorris (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 Michael & Brigid Bourke, Ballycullane;  
 Joseph & Margaret Duffey, Ballycullane  
 Ciss Wheeler, Killimy  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 11am**  
 Cian Hand, Morette; Jackie Gleeson, Morette  
**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm**  
 Jimmy Conroy, Cappakeel; Dec. members of the Conroy Family; John & Elizabeth Lewis, Morette; Dec. members of the Lewis Family; Dan Kavanagh, The Commons  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 11am**  
 Fr. Jack Walsh (M.M.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 9am**  
 Tim & Chris Brennan, Ballybrittas  
 Lar Nolan, Courtwood; Joe Flanagan, Dunamasc; Paddy & Rose Byron, Bellgrove; Dec. members of the Byron & O'Toole Families; Mary Lalor, Jamestown (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 9am**  
 Jack Behan, Rath (M.M.)  
 Fr. Jack Walsh (M.M.)  
 Andy Mulhare, Rath, Ballybrittas

### ANNIVERSARIES - 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  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – 10.30am**  
 Paul Moore Snr., Springfield

### ✠ BAPTISM ✠

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism

### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Maeve Rose Gill-McDarby, Crann Nua

### EMO PARISH

Ciara Catherine Wilson, Coolroe  
 Sophie Mary O'Connell, Bellgrove  
 Ollie Liam James, The Close, Graigaverne Ldg.

### ASH WEDNESDAY – 26<sup>th</sup> FEB. 2020

Lent begins on Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. (Ash Wednesday) & is a day of fast & abstinence. Masses & the blessing of Ashes on Ash Wed. as follows:

Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm  
 Killenard 7.30pm  
 Emo 7.30pm Rath 9.30am

### LENTEN STATIONS

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

### LECTORS (READERS)

Sat. / Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. / 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

### Portarlington

Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. Ash Wednesday  
 9am Morning Lector / 7.30pm Anita Donohoe  
 Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne / Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 9am Dan Fingleton / 12.15pm Emma Dunne

### Killenard

Ash Wednesday 10.30am Clare Kirrane  
 Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> March Jerome Kelly

### Emo

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Grace Hanneffy  
 Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. Niamh Conroy / Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. Paula O'Rourke

### Rath

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. Michael Murphy

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. / Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Feb / 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Killenard – Team B - Ash Wednesday  
 Killenard – Team C 1s March  
 Portarlington Ash - Wed. Team B  
 Portarlington 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. / 1<sup>st</sup> March Team C

### PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

*Temper my desires, O Lord, and turn my focus towards you.  
 Deliver me from the tendency to go to extremes that strain both body and soul.  
 Help me to be content with what I have instead of constantly seeking more.  
 May I come to recognize the grace of moderation that brings both contentment and appreciation. Let temperance grow in me and lead me to discover other virtues that bring deeper union with you.  
 In your sacred name, I pray. AMEN*

### LENT / ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of annual retreat and renewal for all of us. It is a time when we embrace the Lenten disciplines of



### PRAYER FASTING ALMSGIVING

The following, from the Irish Bishops' Conference are suggestions for Lent.

- Abstain from meat or some other food
- Abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Make a special effort to pray together
- Participate in the Mass
- Visit the Blessed Sacrament
- Make the Stations of the Cross
- Fast from food for a longer period than usual giving what is saved to the needy
- Help the poor, sick, old or lonely.



## TROCAIRE

### "Hold fast to love and justice"

Trocaire's Lenten campaign for 2020 highlights the different ways in which mothers are protecting their families, from the effects of climate change & from the actions of corporations. Lent 2020 asks people in Ireland to show their love by supporting people in the world's poorest countries. This year, we hear the stories of two families, living in Honduras & Kenya. Each story shows us how women around the world are overcoming great obstacles to protect their families. Resources available on Trocaire website [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

### 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.

### EMO / RATH LOTTO

#### Lotto Draw Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Numbers 3, 4, 15, 22 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Ger Hayden C/o Ann / Linda Hooban C/o Emo N.S. / Sinead O'Rourke C/o Martha / Matt Houlihan C/o Emo / Bernadette Wheeler C/o Emo Shop  
**Next week's Jackpot €6,200**

### 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. All welcome. Contact Assumpta 086 811 4135.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Would you like to do something special for Lent?

If so, come along to:-

#### Preparation of the Sunday Readings for Lent

At 8pm on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb., 5<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> March & 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Portarlington, Killenard, Emo & Rath parishioners especially welcome.

#### 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. 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](http://www.mountstannes.com)**

### O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

#### Lotto Results 17/02/2020.

Numbers were: 01,07,09,12. No Jackpot winner this week. Match 3 winners were Yona Behan, Angie & William Barrett, James McElwee, Astrid Madsen. Promoter - Willie Bannon. Next week's Jackpot: €3,200.

### MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2020

6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March at the Community Art Centre, Mountmellick – Commencing 8pm sharp. Programme includes: One Flew over the Cuckoo's 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.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SUN. 1<sup>ST</sup> 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> March. 10am – 12 Noon. Phone 086-2392997 for further details and booking.

### TEACH MUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

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

### SAMARITANS

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

### SOLEMN NOVENA

#### To Our lady of Perpetual Help

In St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin from Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. – Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 (6 Wednesday nights of Lent). Speaker Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30pm Fr. Paul Lawlor (Dominican Priest who spent a long number of years in Iran). All very welcome.

### 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 is much appreciated.

### ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

#### GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Book Club resumes Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm.

### THANK

Nuala from McCarthy's pharmacy (SuperValu) thank most sincerely everyone who donated to the Paddy Devlin Fund. Amount raised €2,020.

### 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, February clinic Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:tullamore@chime.ie)

### FOUND

Gold / Silver link bracelet – Found at Kilmalogue Cross on Monday last. Contact Parish Office.

### ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.A. MEET & GREET

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

### 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.

### CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Conference – Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
Venue: Dolmen Hotel, Carlow  
10am to 4.30pm. Free event with Lunch.  
Reg: [Mary.Boyce@trocaire.org](mailto:Mary.Boyce@trocaire.org) 01-6293333

### EMO PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

5 nights from Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Home Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> 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 **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.

### COURTWOOD G.A.A.

**Lotto:** Thanks to everyone for their continued support of our Club Lotto. The jackpot is now over €14,000. There were no €20 winners in the 13<sup>th</sup> February draw. **€130 tickets** now on sale. Available widely through club members, all support welcome. **Quiz Night:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March promises to be lucky for those who attend our upcoming quiz night. Always entertaining and well run. Venue: The Final Furlong.

### 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 an 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. To reserve your place contact 057-8665661 [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. 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 Lenten Retreat focusing on **Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving**  
Register now with the Priory Institute. [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) - Phone 01-4048124

### BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

Next course starting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and the following 3 Mondays from 10am to 11.30am at Yogaland Studio Portarlington. Booking essential. For more details contact: Catriona 086-8890005"

### PRO-LIFE TALK

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

### PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION DRAW

€10,000 Oonagh McEvoy / €2000 each to Denise Guckian / Barry Mulhall / €1000 each to Agnes Fenlon / Tommy Weldon / €500 each to Una Mc Keagney / Connor Dunne / Alexandra Zabra / Mary Foy / Mary Donnelan / Elaine Connolly / Pauline McEvoy. Congratulations to all our winners.

### ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Letters W, L, T, C – No Jackpot Winner. €25 to Martina Smyth & to Kevin McGrath. Sellers Prize – Jack Kenny. Next draw 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Jackpot €10,000