

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 24TH FEBRUARY, 2019 – SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 25th Feb. 10am Jackie O'Reilly; John O'Reilly, St. Joseph's Terrace
Tues. 26th 10am George & Annie Ridgeway
Wed. 27th 10am Steve & Nellie Allen, Main St. their son Paddy Allen, dec members of the Allen & Moran families.
Thurs. 28th Feb. 10am ---
Fri. 29th Feb. 10am ---

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, Alo Maher, Marian Hill; Deceased members of the McGuinness Family; Maisie & Christie Quinn; John Dooley & daughter Marie Dooley; Stephen, Jack & Alice Byrne, Cloneyhurke & deceased members of the Byrne Family

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.)

Saturday 2nd March – 6.15pm

Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield (8th Anniv.); Stephen & Mary Kate Bolton, Cloneyhurke; Paddy & Mikie Doyle, Kilkeeran; Mary Connolly, Marian Hill; Christina & Jack McCormack, Ullard; Deceased members of the Bishop & Dorrian Families; Bridget O'Reilly, Congress Tce. Thomas Lawlor, Patrick's Ave,

Sunday 3rd March – 12.15pm

Frank Kenny, Shannon & Portarlington (1st Anniv.); Frank Higgins, Main St; Donie O'Meara & Son, Patrick, Annamoe; Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Tce; Daniel & Mary Cleary, Main St.

Prayers are requested for the following who died during the week

Maura Lawlor, Foxcroft Street
 Brid Whelan (nee Ryan), Bishopswood
 Claire Allen (nee Slattery), U.K. & formerly St. Patrick's Tce. (Sister of the late Jody Slattery)
 Teddy Whiteley, Newbridge (Brother of Jack Whiteley)

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.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 24th February – 10.30am

Catherine McGill, Ballycarroll (M.M.)
 Paul Maher, Ballymorris Manor & The Hermitage, Ballybrittas; Richard (Dick) Slevin, Mount Henry & Corrig

Friday 1st March – 7.30pm (1st Friday)

Martin Slevin & grandparents Richard & Bridie Slevin, Ballycarroll

Sunday 3rd March – 10.30am

Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House (10th Anniv.)
 William Paul Moore, Springfield

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 23rd February – 7.30pm

Dan Kavanagh, The Commons
 John Furlong; Helen Furlong; Deceased members of the Furlong Families

Sunday 24th February – 11am

Jimmy Conroy, Cappakeel (1st Anniv.)
 Cian Hand, Julia Morrin, Coolbanagher, Catherine Doheny, Margaret Ryan,

Sunday 3rd March – 11am

Christopher Booth, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 24th February – 9am

Joseph & Julia McCormack, Ballybrittas
 Mary Ellen O'Connell, Kilaglush

Sunday 3rd March – 9am

Mary Brennan, Jamestown

COMMUNION CALLS

The sick and housebound will be attended during the week as follows:

Tuesday 26th February, 2019

Crowe Lane, Orchard Drive, Whitefields, Station Rd; Canal Court; St. Brigid's Sq., Corrig, St. Michael's Pk., Portlaoise Road, Lough; Lea Road

Wednesday 27th February, 2019

Ballybrittas, Bellgrove, Coolroe, Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Morette, Coolaghy; Killimy, Coolbanagher; Knightstown; Killeen; Tinnakill; New Inn

Thursday 28th February, 2019

Church View; Patrick St; Assumpta Tce., St. Mary's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce., Gracefield, Avondale, Bog Rd., Main St; Rosecourt; Garryhinch, Sweep Road, Marian Hill, Droughill; Bishopswood, Cushina; Clondoolusk

FIRST FRIDAY – FRI. 1ST MARCH, 2019

Friday next is the First Friday of the month.

Masses as follows:-

Portarlington: Fri. 10am

Killenard: Fri. 7.30pm

Emo: Friday 9.15am

Rath: Thurs.9.30am

LECTORS (READERS)

2nd / 3rd MARCH, 2019

Portarlington

Sat. 6.15pm Margaret Doyle Sun. 9am John Prior 12.15pm Noel Brennan

Killenard

Sun. 10.30am Clare Kirrane

Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Ellen Dunne

Sun. 11am Frances Kerry

Rath

Sun. 9am Kathleen Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

2nd / 3rd MARCH 2019

Portarlington Team D

Killenard C

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto results 18th February 2019

Winning Numbers 1, 4, 10, 15

Jackpot winner: Barry Clegg C/o Maeve

€25 to each of the following:-

Margaret Fitzgerald C/o Maeve / Mairead &

Robert Phelan C/o Maeve

Stephanie Lewis C/o Vera

Angela Keane, Ballymaddock

The Ramblers C/o Vera

Next week's Jackpot €2,000

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT SUN. 3RD MARCH

Emo 3-6pm Mary Delaney

Rath 2.30–5.30pm ---

CHURCH COLLECTORS MARCH

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

"TOWARDS PEACE"

"Towards Peace" is a service offering spiritual support to those who have experienced abuse individually or institutionally. "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, this is for you. www.towardspeace.ie Tel: 01-5053028 / Mob: 086-7710533. Up to twelve sessions are available and there is no fee.

✠ BAPTISMS ✠

We welcome into the Christian Community:

PORTARLINGTON

Eli Anthony James Hanlon, Corrig

**KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN
PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2019**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 1st to the 6th Aug. 2019. Cost €759. All bookings 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.

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: Mountmelick Community Arts Centre at 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*
Tue. 12th Mar. *A Fine Bright Day Today*
Wed. 13th Mar. *Bloomsday*
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 February. All Adult members, student members and parents of Junior members are invited to attend.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

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

75TH ANNIVERSARY OFFALY MACRA

Are you a past member of Offaly Macra? This year marks the 75th anniversary of Offaly Macra. To celebrate we are having a dinner dance on March 9th in the Bridge House Hotel. Music by Alex Roe. For more information or to order tickets, please contact Martina on 085 1650746 or Deirdre on 087 9537023

LOCAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Committee invite local community and voluntary groups to submit proposals to organise a community event to mark National Community Day over the May Bank Holiday Weekend, 4-6 May 2019. Small grants may be available to assist with event costs. Closing date for application forms is Wed. 6th March, 2019. This event will be held for the first time in 2019 to celebrate the great spirit of community that exists across the country and to focus an effort to help people who share communities to come together and get to know each other.

Application forms & guidelines contact Community Dev. Section, Laois Co. Co., Email dce@laosicoco.ie or phone 057-8664169.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

CASH DRAW WINNERS – 16 FEB. 2019

€10,000 Marie Carroll / €2,000 each to Karen Maher & James Dooley/Catherine Doyle €1,000 each to Christine Doyle & to Margaret Lynch / €500 each to Julie Moran, Brian Burke, Denis Whelan, Larry Tynan, Imelda Murray & Carmel Jess / €350 Andrew Burbage. Well done everyone. Next cash draw on April 13th.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S

Meditation Day on Sat. 2nd March from 10am – 3.30pm. Enjoy a day of total relaxation and peace in the beautiful surrounds of Killenard.

Facilitated by Sr. Breda O'Shea.

Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee provided.

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

For Booking/Further information. Contact Catherine on 057-8626153

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.

A.G.M. – LEA CASTLE:

AGM will take place on Thurs. 21st Feb. Time 8pm. Venue: Portarlington Library, Main Street. All welcome. Lea Castle Conservation Project is committed to sharing the great work completed on the castle so far. The project's aim is to understand and conserve Lea Castle within its natural and built landscapes for the local community and beyond because of its local, national and international significance. As part of this, the group has carried out a number of surveys that includes the castle, its conservation as well as investigations of the wider landscapes of Lea's historic past. New members very welcome.

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

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2019

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

FOLK CHOIR

We welcome the Folk Choir who will sing at the 12.15pm Mass in St. Michael's Church today, Sun. 24th February.

DIOCESAN ADORATION COMMITTEE

DAY OF PRAYER

Day of Prayer takes place in Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre, Killenard on Sat. 9th March commencing 9.45am.

Introduction: Music & Song to prepare for Holy Hour of Adoration. A guided Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Sharing: Personal testimonials. Fr. Patrick Cahill, Clencomeragh House speaking on Faith Formation in relation to Eucharistic Adoration for young people. Talk from the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration John Howard. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Ruairi O Domhnaill. Lunch is provided. All welcome, especially those involved in or intending to join Parish Eucharistic Adoration.

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. Wednesday's (5 weeks). Portarlington Community Centre 11am-12.30pm. Phone Catriona Slattery, Laois Sports Partnership 057-8671248 / 086-7935234. Fee. €35.

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

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

CHARITY 5K RUN

St. Michael's Athletic Club are holding a 5K Run on Sun. 3rd March at the Heritage Hotel, Killenard, starting 11am. Changing/Showering facilities available at the Spa. Supporting local Charity "Brave Hearts". Cost €10.

FUN TABLE QUIZ

Ráth NS Parents' Association are holding a fun table quiz for the whole family on Sat. 2nd March at 6pm. There will be questions for children and adults alike. €15 per table. Great prizes and a raffle on the night. All family members welcome. We would really appreciate if families could indicate if they will be attending as we need to secure a suitable venue. You can do so by sending an email to rathnsquiz@gmail.com.

PORTARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Draw held on 19th Feb. 2019. Letters: B, O, H, C – No Jackpot winner. €25 to Emma Carey / Geraldine Lowry. Sellers prize: Michelle Carey. Next draw will take place in the Barrow Lodge on 5th March – Jackpot €10,000