

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 March, 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – Year C

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 25th Mar. 10am ---
 Tues. 26th Mar. 10am ---
 Wed. 27th Mar. 10am ---
 Thurs. 28th Mar. 10am Peady & Bridie Hyland
 Fri. 29th Mar. 10am Frances Kathleen O'Neill,
 St. Brigid's Sq. & dec. members of the O'Neill
 Family, Castledermot

Saturday 23rd March – 6.15pm

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

Sunday 24th March – 12.15pm

Nancy Nicholls, St. Michael's Pk., (1st Anniv)
 Sandra Nicholls, Kilrush & Sandy Lane,
 Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke,
 Bill Storey, Garryhinch, (5th Anniv.)
 Patricia Murray, Cushina; James & Margaret
 Dunne, Tinnecrannagh

Saturday 30th March – 6.15pm

Brid Whelan, Bishopswood Road (M.M.)
 Kathleen (Kit) Fitzpatrick, Barrowbank (M.M.)
 Anne Rave, Walsh Island, (M.M.)
 Eileen Finlay, Patrick St. (1st Anniv.)
 Frank Kelly, Cushina (3rd Anniv.)
 John & Helen Egan, Patrick Street; Bridgid
 Mahon; Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Dessie
 Nolan, Congress Tce; John & Sarah O'Keefe,
 Bishopswood; Patrick & Mary Brennan,
 Derryvilla

Sunday 31st March – 12.15pm

Brian Crossan, Station Rd. (4th Anniv.); Veronica
 Kiernan (nee O'Reilly), North Yorkshire &
 Cushina; Denis & Kitty Fingleton, Shandra; Mary
 & Jim Carroll, Bracklone St; Deceased
 members of the Carroll Family; Kate & Pat
 Sherlock, Monaghan & dec. members of the
 Sherlock Family; Kitty Murphy, St. Michael's Pk.
 Elizabeth Dunne, Cushina (6th Anniv.)

DECEASED

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



Owen O'Neill, Donegal & formerly Gracefield
 Andy Lambe, Daingean (Brother of Arthur
 Lambe, Avondale

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 24th March – 10.30am

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

Sunday 31st March – 10.30am

Tom Flanagan, Lea (1st Anniv.)
 John & Una Kehoe, Ballycarroll

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 23rd March – 7.30pm

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

Sunday 24th March – 11am

Elizabeth Doonan, Bellgrove
 Patrick & Mary Mulhall, Morette
 Christopher & Annie Lawlor, Woodbrook
 Willie, Noel, Colm & Patrick Lawlor
 Thomas & James O'Connor, Woodbrook

Saturday 30th March – 7.30pm

John & Ellen Deegan, Limetree
 Rose Deegan, Limetree
 Colette Coonan-Dowling, Kilmainhan,
 Mountmellick & Shinrone (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 24th March – 9am

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

Sunday 31st March – 9am

Tom Connell, Coolroe

SUNDAY MASS - DIGGING DEEPER

Homily Key Points

*We come together to listen to God speaking
 to us.*

God is speaking directly today into the
 circumstances of our lives. Our task is to
 listen to the word and really hear what God is
 saying to us for today so that we can respond.
 In our prayer of the faithful we pray for the
 world and ourselves, reminding us of the call
 for us to care for others and God's constant
 care for us.

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.

Thursday nights – March 28th, April 4th and
 April 11th from 7.30pm – 9pm.

All very welcome. Come along and bring a
 friend and together we'll share the journey to
 Emmaus while keeping a close eye on the
 signposts along the way.

LECTORS (READERS)

30th / 31st March Portarlington

Sat. 6.15pm Margaret Doyle / Sun. 9am Ailish
 Ridgeway / 12.15pm Anne Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 10.30am Tony Harbelin
Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Niamh Conroy
 Sun. 11am Grace Hanneffy

Rath

Sun. 9am Mena Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

30th / 31st March

Portarlington Team A
 Killenard Team D

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community:

PORTARLINGTON

Sienna Angela Speirs, Canada &
 St. Joseph's Tce.

Caoimhe Alanna Canavan, Lough Gae

CONFIRMATION

*Congratulations to the children from St.
 Paul's N.S., Emo and Sacred Heart N.S.,
 Rath who received the sacrament of
 Confirmation during the week.*

CONFIRMATION DURING THE WEEK AS FOLLOWS

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the
 Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish
 during the week, as follows:-
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
 Thurs. 28th March at 11.30am



St. Patrick's Boy's N.S., Portarlington
 Friday 29th March at 11am



**Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.
 & Cloneyhurke N.S.**
 Friday 29th March at 2pm

MASSES FOR LENT

Portarlington: Each day at 10am
 Please note there will be no Mass on Friday in
 Killenard due to the Confirmation on Thursday
 and on Friday in the Parish



We welcome St Michael's Folk Choir who will
 sing *Aifreann na Clainne* at 12.15pm
 Mass today, Sun. 24th March, 2019.

FRIENDS TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB

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.

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 057-8645282 or Email reception@oakdale.ie Closing date for applications Fri. 29th Mar. 2019.

PORTARLINGTON SPRING CLEAN

This year's 'Spring Clean' of Portarlinton will take place at **10am Sat. 6th April**. Over 30 separate cleanups are happening around the town and surrounding areas. The Tidy Towns are asking people on the day to give an hour or two to help in this voluntary effort to clean up your local area. Gloves, rubbish bags and a truck to transport away the rubbish will be available on the day. David Maher (086) 3475357.



EASTER ART CAMP



Looking for some creative fun for children over the Easter break..... Explore Pop up Art & Craft Workshops with artist Cathy Whelan, for ages 7-10 years at Laois Arthouse, Stradbally.

From **Tues. 23rd to Thurs. 25th April from 11am-1pm**. 'Enjoy creative crafts over three fun filled Easter workshops. On day one and day two children will learn to work with clay using hand building and sculpting techniques. Day three will explore fabric and fibre including felting techniques.' Organised by the Arts Office, Laois County Council. Fee €15 per child. Booking essential as spaces are limited T: 057 8664033/13 or email artsoff@laoiscoco.ie Over the month of July the Laois Summer Arts Programme will run a series of workshops for children over 3 days in venues around county Laois. Register your interest and we will send you the brochure E: artsoff@laoiscoco.ie or call 057 866 4033/13.

MUDDY PUDDLES MONTESSORI, GRACEFIELD



Easter Outdoor Camp for Pre-school children aged 2 ½ to 5 years.

Mon. 15th – Thurs. 18th April 10.15am – 1.15pm. €50 per child (reduced days & sibling discount available). To gain an appreciation of the natural world, children will be invited to take part in many outdoor activities such as: Building forts / Nature art & crafts / Explore the sand pit, mud kitchen & tunnel / Egg hunt / Planting seeds / Baking healthy treats and much more. Contact Bernie at 087-7152978 or muddypuddlesmontessori@gmail.com to book your place.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Active Retirement group will travel to Mullingar on Sat. 27th April for a night out "Dog Racing". Some seats still available. In the meantime members will be busy over next 3 weeks with exercise for beginners classes using activator poles.

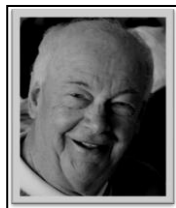
BINGO – CLONASLEE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sun. 4th March (today) 3pm. Over €1800 prizes.

FR. JACK RODGERS - SPS

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FAMILY THANKS!



We thank the Priests, Religious Sisters, family and friends who gathered in "This Holy Place", (St. Paul's Church, Emo) to celebrate the life and to grieve for the loss of the magnificent man that

was Jack Rodgers. Extraordinary priest, brother, brother-in-law, Uncle, Grand-Uncle, cousin and friend to many. Jack left our lives too soon but in his life he was always, totally, with his God. Once again, we express our sincere gratitude to all the people who were so caring and a comfort to us, his family, at the time of Jack's sudden departure from this mortal life. May Jack rest in peace and enjoy eternal reward with the God he loved and served so faithfully.

From Joseph, Mary & Kathleen
(Fr. Jack's brother & sisters).

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

Reflexology Network Meeting

30th March 3pm-6pm - Relaxing afternoon where qualified Reflexologists meet, share information and offer one another a therapy treatment. Further info. Alice on 641-3749194

"Awakening to who you are"

1st Day – Sat. 6th April / 2nd Day – 18th May / 3rd Day 29th June - Introduces participants to a pathway of personal development / spiritual awakening.

Introduction to centering Prayer

2nd April 7.30pm-9.30pm

Further information on these & other weekly workshops visit www.suaimhneas.ie 057-8626541. info@suaimhneas.ie Spaces are limited so booking is essential

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

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.

ART THERAPY SERVICE

Art Therapy

Art Therapy provides a safe, confidential space to unpack what is going on inside and help to make sense of it. Contact Aisling Brennan, M.A.A.T on 087-7139015 or trueselftrueart@gmail.com for further info.



"Self Image" Wellness Workshop for Children

In this workshop children will create art around how they view themselves internally. The workshop will begin with a mindfulness activity followed by art making and group sharing.

Location: Mount Henry Art Studio
Dates: 22nd, 29th March, 5th, 12th April
Cost €48. Contact the above number for further information & booking.

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PRAYING COMMUNITY

Praise and Worship Meeting for all Prayer Groups and Friends.

Venue: Parish Centre, St. Peter and Paul's Church Portlaoise.

Date: Saturday 30th March, 2019
Start Time: 10:40am immediately after 10am Mass, finishing around 12.15pm
Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill
Contact Michael Nerney for details 086-8157305.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto results 11th Mar. 2019

Next draw will take place on Monday 25th March, 2019 - Jackpot €2,600

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Taize Evenings

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.

Meditation Day

Saturday 6th 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

LEAVING CERT MATHS REVISION

WORKSHOP

Tuesday 16th - Thursday 18th 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 **085-8301462** to book your place now. Anyone interested in similar Junior Certificate workshops please call number above

CHILDMINDER WANTED

Kind, experienced child minder 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.

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 24th commencing 3.30pm. Tickets €19. Phone: 057-9122911

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

Next course starting tomorrow, Mon. 25th 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.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 19/03/2019

Numbers were: 02,25,29,30. No Jackpot or match 3 winner this week. Promoter - Christy Slevin. Next week's Jackpot: €9,200. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

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.