

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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 Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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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 26th JANUARY, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR 'A'

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 27th Jan. 10am Jim & Bridget Ryan;
 Tommie & John Ryan
 Tues. 28th Jan. 10am Michael Webster, French
 Church St. (7th Anniv.)
 Wed. 29th Jan. 10am Alice McCann
 Thurs. 30th Jan. 10am Joe Horan, Church View
 Fri. 31st Jan. 10am ---

Saturday 25th January – 6.15pm

Brendan Carey, Lea (M.M.)
 Eileen Callanan, Lea Rd. (M.M.)
 Dolores Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (1st Anniv.)
 John Mitchell, NaCluainte (9th Anniv.);
 James Keenan, Patrick St; Joseph & Brigid
 Ryan, Kilmalogue; Ann Ryan, Ballymorris Road;
 Dr. Noreen & Dr. Bernard Honan, Cork;
 Margaret & Joseph Bredin, Dublin,
 James & Kathleen Walsh, Leah Youster

Sunday 26th January – 12.15pm

Christy Smith, Ballymorris Rd. (M.M.)
 Esther Dunne, St. Michael's Pk. (M.M.)
 Rose Hoey, Kilbride (1st Anniv.); Tommy Hoey
 (8th Anniv.); Eamon O'Boyle, Church View;
 Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Michael Webster
 (7th Anniv.), French Church St. & Dec. members
 of the Webster & Gaffney Family;
 Kevin Coogan, Station Road

Saturday 1st February – 6.15pm

Jack Hyland, Garryhinch (M.M.)
 Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (6th Anniv.)
 Tim & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone St.
 Dec. members of the O'Connor Family,
 Old Pound.

Sunday 2nd February – 12.15pm

Robert Francis Magee, Station Rd. (14th Anniv.)
 Lill & John Tinkler, Station Road

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 26th January – 10.30am

John Dunne, Rathmiles (4th Anniv.)
 James & Bridget Dunne, Rathmiles
 Patsy Connell, Lea (4th Anniv.)

Sunday 2nd February – 10.30am

Jake Connolly; Terence Connolly Snr. & dec.
 members of the Connolly Family, Doolagh;
 James Brophy, Lough
 Michael Kavanagh, Lough
 Thomas & Elizabeth Maher & Son,
 Paul Maher, The Hermitage

† DECEASED †

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

Niall McElwaine, Station Road,
 Portarlington
 Irene Walsh, Bayside, Dublin

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 25th January – 7.30pm

Patrick Kirwan, Killimy Road
 James Kehoe, Coolbanagher
 Fint Duff, Limetree

Saturday 1st February – 7.30pm

Mary O'Rourke, Kennell Cross (2nd Anniv.)
 Paddy Brophy, Killeen, (2nd Anniv.)
 Deirdre Keogh, Morette (3rd Anniv.)
 Elizabeth Prior, Morette (3rd Anniv.)
 Margaret Kelly; Peter & Norah O'Connor, Old
 Pound & dec. members of the O'Connor Family;
 Robert McGuirke, Knightstown.
 Michael Moore, Morette

Sunday 2nd February – 11am

Deirdre Keogh, Morette (3rd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 26th January – 9am

Frank Dempsey, Monasterevin
 Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove
 Joe Treacy, Courtwood
 Andrew & Bridget Heffernan
 John & Tom Murphy; Brigid Burke, Ashgrove,
 Ballybrittas (19th Anniv.)

Sunday 2nd February – 9am

Liam Tynan, The Canal, Fisherstown (4th Anniv.)
 Peter O'Connell, Coolroe

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community
 through Baptism



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Conor Emmett Feery, Riverside, Kilmalogue
 Tommy Tyson Stokes, Kilnacourt Woods
EMO PARISH

Raina Wynter Roker, Jamestown
 Aoife Elizabeth Aherne, Closeland
 Katie Ellen Rowe, Hill view, Ballybrittas

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE 2020



The 2020 Pilgrimage will take
 place from **7th August 2020 for**
7 nights. Full board Hotel
 Solitude. For booking & further
 details contact Marie on 087
 7589896 or Vera on 087
 9311813, or, indeed, any
 member of the Committee.

LECTORS (READERS)

Portarlington

Sat. 1st Feb. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne
 Sun. 2nd Feb. 9am Dan Fingleton
 12.15pm Emma Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 2nd Feb. 10.30am Dympna Campbell

Emo

Sat. 1st Feb. 7.30pm Ann Deering
 Sun. 2nd Feb. 11am Mark Bastow

Rath

Sun. 2nd Feb. 9am Eoin O'Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

2nd Feb. Killenard – Team B

Gretta Rafter; Elena O'Hora; Imelda Sweeney

1st / 2nd Feb. Portarlington – Team B

(See Rota)

EMO PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Going for five nights Wednesday
 3rd June, 2020 to Monday 8th June.
 Anyone interested can contact
 Tony on 086-1225833 or Deirdre on
 087-2299457.

CHURCH COLLECTORS FEBRUARY

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Paul O'Connor & PJ Gleeson

Sun. 11am Tom Scully & Ger Delaney

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Sun. 9am James Duffy & Liam Duffy

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT - FEBRUARY

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Tony Connell

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Elizabeth McNamara / Sheila McNeir



St. Brigid

LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE

Saturday 1st

February 2020

Saturday next,
 1st February is St. Brigid's
 Day (Patron Saint of
 our Diocese).



PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sunday 2nd February

Presentation of the Lord



BLESSING OF CANDLES

Blessing of Candles (for Church and
 home use) will take place at Masses next
 weekend. Candles or donation of candles
 gratefully received.

EMO PARISH ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are being distributed at the moment. Boxes also available at the Church porches. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks to all who contribute.

YOUTH 2000

Annual St. Valentine's fundraiser Ball takes place in The Osprey Hotel, Naas on the 8th February. Mass at 5pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane followed by dinner at 7pm. Tickets €50. Booking and further info. <http://youth2000.ie/youth-2000-st-valentines-fundraising-ball-2020/>

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Results 20th January 2020

Numbers 1, 8, 19, 24 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-
Ursula Dunne, C/o Parish Office; The Ramblers C/o Vera; Danielle O'Shaughnessy C/o Colette; Bernie Whelehan C/o Mick Kevin Lawlor C/o Hilary
Next Jackpot Monday next - €5,600.

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. If you are lonely, isolated or suffering from stress why not come learn a practical psychology of mental health. Contact Assumpta 086-811 4135. Visit www.grow.ie. Info. line 1890 474 474
GROW Promoting Positive Mental Health.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 20/01/2020

Numbers were: 01,10,23,24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner's this week were John Cahill, Jack Kenny, Thomas Finlay, Brian Noone. Promoter - Enda Behan. Next week's Jackpot: €2,400. Thanks for your continued support.

Dinner Dance

O'Dempsey's GFC Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday the 15th of February in The Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Tickets are €40 for Adults and €25 for student players. Ticket are available from any committee member. Contact Louise 087-7854640 or Barry 087-7707511 for further information.

RAINBOWS PROGRAMME

Rainbows which is a support programme for Primary School children will commence at the beginning of February in the **Presentation Primary School, Station Road**. The programme consists of 9 sessions, one session weekly. Rainbows is a support programme for children who have experienced death, separation or are struggling through a painful experience. If you are interested in finding out more information, or to have your child or children take part in this programme, contact Ursula on 057-8623007. Application forms are available from the school reception (Presentation Primary School, Station Road) Mon. - Fri. 9am-2.30pm (school hours).

Scoil Phadraig Portarlinton is now providing this service to children attending our school and to the wider community. If you would like to find out if a programme to suit your child will be running in our school, please ring the school office on 057-8623394 and leave your contact details for the Rainbows Coordinator.

Alternatively, E-mail

rainbowsscoilphadraig@gmail.com

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

Present "The Hen Night Epiphany"
Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick on Thurs. 6th, Fri. 7th & Sat. 8th Feb. commencing 8pm sharp. Tickets €10 available on the door.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020



26th January – 2nd February 2020

Theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is:-
"Living in harmony with God's creation".
Resources available on www.catholicschools.ie

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 22nd – 29th July 2020. Cost €645. Direct Flight To Mostar reduces journey by three hours. Booking after 1st Feb. 2020 cost €695. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305 further info. & for booking.

ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

Friday 28th Feb. 2020 at the Heritage Hotel in Killenard. The charity this year will be The Laois / Offaly Palliative Care. Please support these wonderful nurses and the great work they do. To book a ticket / table contact: Marie 087 7589896 / Colette 086 2654277 / Maria 086 3058181 or call to Saoirse Care Shop (beside Burbage's Supermarket), Portarlinton.

COMPUTER TRAINING

Computer Training on a **One - To - One** basis from beginners to Advanced users. All ages catered for. Choose Email, Internet, Skype, Facebook, Booking Tickets, Holidays ,Shopping, Using iPads, Tablets, I phones, Messenger, Viber, Whatsapp, Memory Sticks, Music, Photos, Word, Excel etc
Contact [086-3034540](tel:086-3034540)

EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS

A.G.M.

AGM will take place on Friday 31st January in the Gandon Inn at 8pm. Welcome to all new members. Please come along.

SCÓR

It's that time of year again when Scór comes to the fore in Courtwood GAA club. Scór is the GAA's inter club and county talent competition and caters for ballad singing, solo singing, instrumental music, recitation and Irish dancing. There's also a quiz competition and a short drama sketch competition for any budding actors out there. This year's competition will take place on Friday 28th February at 8 p.m. Venue to be decided. Please contact Siobhan Byron McEvoy on 087 2726245 for further details if you think you'd like to take part.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE

Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register now for Spring 2020. enquiries@prioryinstitute.com
prioryinstitute.com 01 4048124.

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Emo Tidy Towns will hold their first meeting of 2020 on Thursday 30th January in the Old School at 8.30p.m. New members always welcome please come along with new ideas for the coming year.

FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING



McCarthy's Pharmacy (beside Supervalu) are hosting a Coffee Morning on Wed. 5th February from 10am to 1pm. Proceeds from the coffee morning will be donated to the fund for local man, Paddy Devil after a house fire. All welcome – Donations greatly appreciated.

COMMUNION CALLS

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

Tuesday 28th January 2020

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

Wednesday 29th January 2020

Ballybrittas, Bellgrove, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Morette, Coolaghy; Killimid; Coolbanagher; Knightstown; Killeen; Tinnakill; New Inn; Portlaoise Road

Thursday 30th January 2020

Patrick St; Assumpta Tce., St. Mary's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce., Avondale, Annamoe, Bog Rd., Main St; Garryhinch, Marian Hill; Bishopswood, Cushina; Clondoolusk.

CLONEYHURKE ENROLMENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020 / 2021

Cloneyhurke NS is now accepting applications for Junior Infants for September 2020. Forms available directly from the school or email cloneyhurkens@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON

Lá Fhéile Bhríde

Celebrating our Celtic Consciousness

Sat. 1st Feb. from 10am-3.30pm. Brigid, champion of peace, justice and hope, invites us to connect with the sacred ordinariness of this world and our daily lives. Through practical and reflective methods, we explore the intuitive and creative aspects of our own spiritual being. Facilitated by Ms. Geraldine Faherty. Cost: €40 (includes materials)

Prayerful Meditation Day

Sat. 7th March 10am-3.30pm. A day designed to offer a space for you to relax, pray, think and feel in our beautiful peaceful surroundings. Booking is essential. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney. Cost: €25
Contact Catherine on 057-8626153
For further details and booking.

PORTARLINGTON SOCIAL SERVICES

Senior Citizens Bingo

Wed. 5th Feb. at 8.30pm. Looking forward to seeing our regulars & hoping to see new people. Lovely social night for all.

WANTED

Old wicker / hamper baskets unwanted. Preferably in good condition. Needed to make spot prizes in aid of Cancer Charity (Fisherstown Tractor Run). Also old biscuit tins / sweet tins for collecting money in.

Could you leave into Ballybrittas Service Station.

COURTWOOD GAA

The adjourned AGM of Courtwood GAA club has been re-scheduled for next Wednesday evening 29th January at 8pm. All members and intending members for the coming year should attend.

EMO / RATH ATHLETIC CLUB & FIELD COMMITTEE

Emo Rath Athletic Club & Field Committee in conjunction with Laois Sports partnership and Operation transformation invite you to fitness sessions on Tuesdays at 8pm in Emo Community Centre and Walking on Saturdays' at 10am also starting at the Community Centre. Let's get fit together, come along and bring some friends.

USED STAMPS

Used stamps needed for the missions. Drop them into Angela in Portarlinton Pharmacy or Delaney's of Bracklone Street.