

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 2nd FEBRUARY, 2020 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR 'A'

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 3rd Feb. 10am Feast of St. Blaise
Tues. 4th Feb. 10am Martin & Sarah Turley;
 Pat, Tomas, Breda & Andrew Turley
Wed. 5th Feb. 10am Josephine Duffy, Arlington
 Estate (10th Anniv. / Birthday Remembrance)
Thur. 6th Feb. 10am John Lawlor, Portlaoise Rd
Fri. 7th Feb. 10am Alice Brennan, French
 Church Street

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; Jim Grehan, Shandra

Sunday 2nd February – 12.15pm

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

Saturday 8th February – 6.15pm

John Gorman, Cloneygowan (M.M.); Norah
 Gorman, Rathmore & Dolores McCaul (nee
 Gorman); Mattie Colgan, St. Evin's Park (1st
 Anniv.); Paddy Maher, Gracefield (5th Anniv.);
 John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield; John &
 Moira Walsh, Dublin; Jim & Mer McEvoy & dec.
 members of the Leavy Family, St. Michael's Pk;
 Ollie Whelan, Marian Hill; Veronica (Ronnie)
 Moran, Droughill & Kilrush; John O'Reilly Snr.
 & Jnr. & Mary Culleton, Limetree

Sunday 9th February – 12.15pm

Charlie Mooney, Botley Court (1st Anniv.);
 Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Rd; Jane Moran,
 Cloneyhurke; Bill & Philomena Rogers,
 Bracknagh

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

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

Friday 7th February – 7.30pm (1st Friday)

Martin Slevin (8th Anniv.) & grandparents
 Richard & Bridie Slevin, Ballycarroll

Sunday 9th February – 10.30am

George Monagher, Lea

† DECEASED †

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

John (Seanie) Murphy, Shandra Lane
 John (Jack) Behan, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas
 Helena Kavanagh (nee Byrne),
 Millbrook Manor & Bluebell, Dublin

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

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; William &
 Kathleen Byrne, Killimy; Michael Moore, Morette

Sunday 2nd February – 11am

Deirdre Keogh, Morette (3rd Anniv.); Jeremiah
 O'Connor, Coolaghy; Mary O'Connor,
 Ballycullane; Margaret Sweeney, Dublin; Peter
 Kelly, The Derries, Ballybrittas

Saturday 8th February – 7.30pm

Mary Stronge, Emo (7th Anniv.)
 Maureen Fenlon, Ballybrittas

Sunday 9th February – 11am

John Dooley, Ballycullane (2nd Anniv.);
 Mary Stronge, Emo (7th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 2nd February – 9am

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

Sunday 9th February – 9am

Caroline Malone, Kilbracken (M.M.)

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community
 through Baptism



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

David James Keogh, UK

Thorvin Sean Brady, Railway Mews

Bonnie Mai Tweed, Riverside

Ollie Peter Finaly, Avondale

Mylo Tommy Madden, Corrig Lodge

EMO PARISH

Hailey Anna Strong, Morette

Louie Gene Conroy, Cappakeel

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)

Sat. / Sun. 8th / 9th Feb. 2020

Portarlington

Sat. 6.15pm Margaret Doyle / Sun. 9am
 Tom Hainsworth / 12.15pm Micheline

Killenard

Sun. 10.30am Kate Meredith

Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Sabhdh Hanneffy

Sun. 11am Paul Donnelly

Rath

Sun. 9am Margaret Donohoe

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. / Sun. 8th / 9th Feb. 2020

2nd Feb. Killenard – Team C

(See Rota)

1st / 2nd Feb. Portarlington – Team C

Niall Briody / Eamonn Bracken /

Dympna Campbell

EMO PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Wed. 3rd June – Mon. 8th June (5 nights). If
 interest contact Tony on 086-1225833 or
 Deirdre on 087-2299457.

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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 – 2nd FEBRUARY (TODAY)

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Tony Connell

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Elizabeth McNamara

FIRST FRIDAY – 7th FEBRUARY 2020

Friday next, 7th Feb. Is the 1st Friday of the

Month. Masses as follows:-

Portarlington 10am

Killenard 7.30pm

Emo 9.15am / Rath 9.30am (Thurs.)

BLESSING OF CANDLES

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

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BLESSING OF THROATS

Blessing of throats will take
 place on Mon. 3rd February at
 the 10am Mass in Portarlington.



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 27th January 2020

Numbers 2, 3, 9, 13 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-
Michael Woulfe C/o Rath Cards; Tom Bond C/o Tom Mulhall; Kieran McEvoy C/o P. Gorman
Bernie Behan C/o Emo Shop; Lorna, David & Maria Whyte C/o Emo Shop
Next Jackpot Monday next - €5,800.

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

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 27/01/2020

Numbers were: 04,09,11,14. No Jackpot winner this week. Match 3 winner's were Betty Davis, Peter O'Connell, Richie Cully, Willie Bannon, Marian Finlay. Promoter - Brian Noone. Next week's Jackpot: €2,600. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly Lotto.

Annual Dinner Dance

O'Dempsey's GFC Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday the 15th Feb. in The Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Tickets are €40 for Adults and €25 for student players. Ticket are available from any committee member. Visit our Facebook page 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, 1 session weekly. Rainbows is a support programme for children who have experienced death, separation or are struggling through a painful experience. If interested in finding out more information, or to have your child or children take part contact Ursula on 057-8623007. Application forms available from the school reception (Presentation Primary School, Station Road) Mon. - Fri. 9am-2.30pm.

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, phone the school office on [057-8623394](tel:057-8623394) and leave your contact details for the Rainbows Coordinator. Alternatively, E-mail rainbowsscoilphadraig@gmail.com

5K AROUND THE CLOCK

St. Conleth's Ladies football Club are hosting a 5K run & walk passing the Odlums clock on Sun. 9th Feb. starting 11am - Registration & start at McCann Park. €10 registration fee, U/16s €5. All welcome, including walkers and families. Contact: 087-6736170 for more information.

TEACH MUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

Teach Mhuire Praying Community Mass for Healing

Tues. 4th Jan. at 7.45pm – Mass 8pm.
St. Paul's Church, Emo
Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lalor cc Portlaoise

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT



Enrolment for Confirmation will take place next weekend. We welcome all the children from the following schools in our parishes:-

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road Presentation Primary School, Station Road Cloneyhurke N.S.

Sat. 8th Feb. at the 6.15pm Mass in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton
St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Sat. 8th Feb., at the 7.30pm Mass in
St. Paul's Church, Emo
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sun. 9th Feb. at the 9am Mass in
Sacred Heart Church, Rath
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sun. 9th Feb. at the 10.30am Mass in
St. John's Church, Killenard

ANNUAL CHARITY BALL

Friday 28th Feb. 2020 at the Heritage Hotel in Killenard. Contact: Marie 087 7589896 / Colette 086 2654277 / Maria 086 3058181 or call to Saoirse Care Shop, Main Street.

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)

SCÓR

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 Feb. at 8pm. Venue to be decided. Please contact Siobhan Byron McEvoy on 087- 2726245 for further info.

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 Devlin after a house fire. All welcome – Donations greatly appreciated.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS 21.1.2020

LETTERS: D X N J – No Jackpot winner.
€25 to Noel Foy & to Mary Foy
Sellers prize: Barrow Lodge.
Next Jackpot €10,000. Draw will be held in the Barrow Lodge on 4th February 2020.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Weekly Meeting: Meeting takes place on Tues. Next, 4th February. Please note annual Membership Fee is due on the night.
Footcare service: Chiroprapist Regina Connolly will be in attendance at Emo Old School on Tues. Next, 4th Feb. 2020 at 1.30pm. All are welcome. Thank you all for your custom.

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

Senior Citizens bingo returns next Wed. 5th Feb. At 8.30pm at the Portarlinton Social Services, Link Rd. Looking forward to seeing our regulars & hoping to see new people.

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.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE Maths Revision Course

Tuesday 14th - Thursday 16th April
2 ½ hours a day- In Portarlinton Higher Level and Ordinary Level classes.
Call 085-8301462 to book your place.

WANTED

Lady looking to rent or share a House or Apartment. Phone: 085-1299533.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Club will resume on Tues. 11th Feb. at 8.30pm with BINGO. New members very welcome.

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE

Learn for fun or prepare for music exams. Resident Pianist in Ballyfin Hotel for 5 years. Contact Tom Conroy at 087-2054720

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.

MOUNTMELICK MACRA

ANNUAL 22ND PANTOMIME

13th -16th February - Mountmellick Macra Hall - Snow White and seven dwarfs. Show times: Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8.15pm / Sun. matinee 3pm / evening 7pm. Tickets are €12 for adults and €6 for children. All support would be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY WELL- BEING VISION

Laois PPN are rolling out a new National Initiative on Community wellbeing. The PPN is bringing together social inclusion, environment & community development voices in our communities to develop a Wellbeing Vision Statement that sets out their shared vision for County Laois. Feed into this important vision by starting a conversation & attending a public meeting on Wed. 11th March in Midlands Park Hotel (7pm). Further info. ppn@laoiscoco.ie / Phone 057-8665661.

VACANCY

Position "Housekeeping" available at Oakdale Nursing Home – Approx. 20 hours per week. Must be flexible. Phone Imelda on 057 8645282 / Send your CV into Oakdale Nursing Home, Kilmalogue, Portarlinton, Co. Offaly.