

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 31st March, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year C

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 1st April 10am ---

Tues. 2nd April 10am Veronica (Ronnie) Moran,
Droughill & Kilrush (Birthday Rem.)

Wed. 3rd April 10am James Gorman

Thurs. 4th April 10am ---

Fri. 5th April 10am Terry Doyle (25th Anniv.) &
brothers Eamonn & Paddy Doyle

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; Brigid
Mahon; Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Dessie
Nolan, Congress Tce; John & Sarah O'Keefe,
Bishopswood; Patrick & Mary Brennan,
Derryvilla; Brigid Gorman, Borness
Kathleen O'Reilly, Marian Hill

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.)

Saturday 6th April – 6.15pm

Eamon Gallagher, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.)
Lucy Bennett, Kilbride (5th Anniv.)
Stephen Ryan, Tinnecrannagh
Thomas & Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Park
Matt Delaney, Ullard; Agnes Power, Ullard

Sunday 7th April – 12.15pm

James Douglas, Bishopswood
Liam Shortall, Bog Road
Myra Shortall, Bracklone St. (10th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 31st March – 10.30am

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

DECEASED

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

Stasia Hooper (nee Costello) Manchester
(Sister of Liam Costello & the late Dolores Hunt).

Sr. Ellen Collison, Presentation Sister, Kilcock,
Kildare Town & Moneygall (Formerly Principal
Presentation Convent, Portarlington)

Pat Cullen, Fisherstown, Ballybrittas
Requiem Mass 12 Noon Monday 1st April in
Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 30th March – 7.30pm

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

Saturday 6th April – 7.30pm

Frederick & Elizabeth Prior, Morette & their
Daughter, Caitriona Prior; Baby Philip Rowe,
Portlaoise; Thomas Scully, Coolaghy

Sunday 7th April – 11am

Kitty Brophy, Killeen (2nd Anniv.)
Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill
Maura Fennelly, Tinnakill
Eileen Kerry, Coolbanagher (19th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 31st March – 9am

Tom Connell, Coolroe; Tone O'Connell,
Coolroe; Thomas Blanche (35th Anniv.);
Michael & Theresa McHale; Thomas &
Catherine McHale

Sunday 7th April – 9am

Michael Nugent, Bellgrove (3rd Anniv.)

SUNDAY MASS - DIGGING DEEPER

*We come together to share in Christ's
Body and Blood.*

We continue to do what Jesus asked us to do;
As Jesus did, we take, bless, break and share.
In the liturgy of the Eucharist Jesus' once and
for ever sacrifice on the cross is present to us,
being poured into our lives. In the liturgy of the
Eucharist Jesus is present to us in His Body
and Blood. By taking, blessing, breaking and
sharing we come to share in Christ's Body and
Blood in order to be nourished for the Christian
life and to go and be Christ's Body in the
world. (Christ has no body but ours – St.
Teresa of Avila).

"Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

*Yours are the eyes through which he looks
Compassion on this world. Yours are the feet
with which he walks to do good.*

*Yours are the hands through which He blesses
all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are
the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours."*

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Are you a tradesperson aged between 20 and
68 years. The Ray of Sunshine Foundation is
seeking your help. A group of volunteers will
travel to Kenya in January, 2020 to build
classrooms in Mombasa. Duration of stay
11 days / Cost €3000 (covers flights,
accommodation, insurance & all the materials
for the build. Visit www.rayofsunshine.ie or
contact Olive on 087-6994599 for further
information

LECTORS (READERS)

6th / 7th April, 2019

Portarlington Sat. 6.15pm Frank Smith /
Sun. 9am John Prior / 12.15pm Noel Brennan

Killenard 10.30am Marie McMahon

Emo Sat. 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke / Sun.
11am Ann Deering

Rath 10am Mark Behan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6th / 7th April 2019

Portarlington Team B
Killenard Team A

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community:

PORTARLINGTON

Ciaran Eoin Johnston, Castlegate, Station Rd.

EMO

Rory Vincent O'Connell, Ballyshanduff

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the children from
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard / St. Patrick's
Boys N.S., Portarlington / Cloneyhurke N.S.
and Presentation Primary School, Station
Road who received the Sacrament of
Confirmation during the week.

FIRST FRIDAY – FRI. 5TH APRIL, 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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT SUN. 7TH APRIL

Emo 3-6pm Vera Moran

Rath 2.30-5.30pm Sheila McNeir /
Margaret Shaughnessey

CHURCH COLLECTORS APRIL

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm Michael O'Connor &
John Joe O'Rourke

11am Martin Dunne & Liam Fitzpatrick

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Pat Nolan & Henry McLoughlin

TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

Mass for Healing

Tuesday 2nd April in St. Paul's Church Emo.

Rosary 7:45pm. Mass 8pm.

Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lalor CC

SIGNPOSTS ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

Venue: Balcony Theatre, Mountmellick
Community Arts Centre. Thursday nights:
April 4th and April 11th from 7.30pm – 9pm.
All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON SPRING CLEAN

This year's 'Spring Clean' of Portarlington will take place at **10am Sat. 6th April**. Over 30 separate clean-ups 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 & truck to transport away the rubbish will be available on the day. David Maher (086) 3475357.

EASTER ART CAMP

Explore Pop up Art & Craft Workshops with artist Cathy Whelan, for ages 7-10 years at Laois Arthouse, Stradbally.

Tues. 23rd to Thurs. 25th April from 11am-1pm. 'Enjoy creative crafts over three fun filled Easter workshops. Organised by the Arts Office, Laois County Council. Fee €15 per child.

Booking essential as spaces are limited Over the month of July the Laois Summer Arts Programme will run a series of workshops for children. Register your interest and we will send you the brochure. T: 057 8664033/13 or email artsoff@laoiscoco.ie

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 TIDY TOWNS

Emo Tidy Towns are looking for Volunteers for 'Clean Up Laois' Week. Emo tidy towns will hold their clean up on Thursday 11th April at 7pm - Please meet at Emo Garden Centre. Only litter in County Council bags will be accepted for the pick-up. So come along and lend a hand cleaning up our Village.

OPEN CALL FOR PANEL OF FACILITATORS FOR ARTS & CULTURE PROGRAMME

Laois County Council Arts Service is seeking to create a panel of Creative facilitators to support the delivery of our creative arts programme 2019/2020. Open to artists, creative practitioners and teachers with a deep understanding of creativity and its potential to transform the lives of children and young people. Open to creative professions such as artists, musicians, film makers, videographers, designers, street artists, circus artists, dance artists, graphic novelists, and craftspeople. To be considered for the panel, please email the following:

1. A current facilitators CV with contact details /
2. A brief biography including your experience in facilitation /
3. Rates /
4. 2 x references relating to facilitation (a maximum of 4 images may be submitted) Email artsoff@laoiscoco.ie on or before Friday 12th April.

INTENSIVE ONE DAY EASTER PREPARATION

Leaving Cert. Irish Written Examination 2019 Intensive One-Day Easter Preparation Course Conducted by an Experienced Dept. of Education examiner. All areas of the exam covered: Essay questions / Listening test / Comprehension / Prose / Poetry. Higher level Tues. 16th April 9.30am-3.30pm. Cost €60 for full day. Places very limited (in Portarlington). If interested E-MAIL idealcareers@eircom.net or TEXT 0879291841

CHRISM MASS 2019

Having journeyed together, 'Digging Deeper' into our Sunday Mass this Lent, I warmly invite each of you to join me for our annual diocesan Chrism Mass on Mon. 15th April at 7.30pm in Carlow Cathedral. The diocese is a family of parishes and on this night, we get to gather as a family, priests and people from our 56 parishes. This is a wonderful celebration of the Mass, rich in music and ritual. Come early to get a seat and stay for a cuppa afterwards!

EMO VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Emo Village Farmers market will take place this Sunday, 31st March, located beside the Garden Centre in Emo Village from 11am to 3pm. Everyone welcome to come along!

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL – EMO Spring 2019 Workshops

"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

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

All proceeds go to the Astro Turf for the new Boys School, Canal Road. Takes place Fri. 5th April from 10am to 2pm. €5 per car. Venue: St. Patrick's Boys (Girls old school, Patrick Street).

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Kind, reliable lady available to mind children/children in her own home, Portarlington / Killenard area. Number of year's experience / Garda vetted / First aid trained / Own transport. References available on request. Further information. contact 087-1741217.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT

MOUNT ST ANNE'S



Celtic Spirituality Workshop

1st & 2nd April with Sr. Trinita Laffan. Non-residential. 9.30am–3.30pm each day. €120 which includes Lunch on both days and Tea/Coffee breaks.

The Accompanied Journey Inward

4th & 5th April with John Doherty. Non-residential. 9.30am – 3.30pm each day. €120 which includes Lunch on both days and Tea/Coffee breaks.

Art, Literature and "the ginger of life"

8th & 9th April with Brian Dooney. Non-residential. 9.30am – 3.30pm each day. €120 which includes Lunch on both days and Tea/Coffee breaks.

Journeying with some women from Scripture

16th & 17th April with Grainne Doherty. Non-residential. 9.30am–3.30pm each day. €120 which includes Lunch on both days and Tea/Coffee breaks.

Sharing Life with the 'excluded'

15th April with Fr. Peter McVerry and Sr. Imelda Wickam. 9.30am–3.30pm. €60 which includes Lunch and Tea/Coffee breaks

A Day of Relaxation

Saturday 6th April from 10am–3.30pm. Enjoy a day of total relaxation and peace in the beautiful surrounds of Killenard. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee provided. For Booking/Further information – Contact Catherine on 057-8626153.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto results 25th March, 2019

Numbers 7, 9, 16, 22 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following: Vera Moran C/o Vera; Richard Maher C/o Emo Shop; Ann O'Brien C/o Rath Cards; Ellie Dunne C/o Anne; Martin Crowley C/o Hilary. Next week's Lotto Jackpot €2,800.

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 Portarlington 3 days a week and to mind them until early evening. Lea area. Non-smoker, full drivers licence. Refs required. Please phone 0857351887.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 25/03/2019.

Numbers were: 1,05,06,26. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner's this week were Seamus Connolly, Ursula Dunne. Promoter - Marie Fallon. Next week's Jackpot: €9,400. Thanks for your continued support.

TRUCK RUN

In aid of The Cuisle Cancer Support Centre
Truck run in aid of the Cuisle Cancer Support Centre on 6th April at Pedigree Corner. Trucks, tractors, cars & bikes welcome. Registration from 2pm, run starts 4pm. Entry fee is by donation. Children's entertainment, live music, raffle and lots of spot prizes on the day. Contact Sean Doyle 086 0775767 or Pat Devoy 086 0776452.

BRIDGE CLASSES

Bridge classes take place every Monday morning at 11am until 12.30am in Portarlington Golf Club. Very enjoyable and friendly so come along and join us for bridge and a cuppa afterwards. Contact 087-6992854.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

The Book Club will take place on Wed.3rd April at 8pm. All very welcome.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Emo active Retirement will travel to Mullingar on Sat.27th April for a night out at dog racing. Some seats still available. In the meantime members will meet Regina from Total Foot care in the Old School on Tuesday 2nd April from 1.30pm and avail of her excellent treatment .Weekly Meeting at 8pm on Tuesday .

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.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS

Jackpot letters W, V, M, H – No Jackpot winner. €25 to Michelle Carey & Mary Foy. Sellers prize: Paul Kelly. Next Jackpot 2nd April in the Barrow Lodge. €10,000.