

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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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 3RD MARCH, 2019 – EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 4th Mar. 10am Caoimhe Carroll, Garryhinch
 Tues. 5th Mar. 10am Phil Feehan, Church View, (1st Anniv)
 Wed. 6th Mar. 10am Ash Wednesday
 Wed. 6th Mar. 7.30pm Bernard & Bridget Downey, Droughill
 Thurs. 7th Mar. 10am Frances Allman, St. Joseph's Tce.
 Fri. 8th Feb. 10am John & Brigid Lovern, Foxcroft St. & their son, John Lovern, Galway

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. Eva Nicholls, (9th Anniv)

Saturday 9th March – 6.15pm

Tom (Nesh) Shortall, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.); Leo Dempsey, Shandra (2nd Anniv.); James (Jim) McMahon, St. Michael's Park; William (Billy) Whelan, Marian Hill; Joseph Kelly, Marian Hill; John Knight Snr., St. Mary's Tce; Nan & Jack Ryan, Church Lane;

Thomas Kennedy Snr. Gracefield (65th Anniv.); Bridie McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce.

Sunday 10th March – 12.15pm

Dolores Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.); Thomas Naughton, Foxcroft Ave. (1st Anniv.); Michael (Mick) Knight, Annamoe (2nd Anniv.); Luke Clarke, Bishopswood; William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (7th Anniv.); Tommy & Carmel O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale

Prayers are requested for the following who died during the week

Fr. Jack Rodgers SPS – Kiltegan & Emo
 Eileen O'Leary (nee Barnes), Ballintogher
 Anne Rave, Walsh Island & Crumlin, Dublin
 Kathleen (Kit) Fitzpatrick (nee Keegan), Barrowbank, Portarlington
 Anna Bergin, Mountmellick & Treascon
 Eamonn Gallagher, St. Brigid's Square

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community:

PORTARLINGTON

Amelia Dawn Bradley-Heavey, Gracefield
 Frankie Geoffrey Bradley-Heavey, Gracefield

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 3rd March – 10.30am

Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House (10th Anniv.)
 William Paul Moore, Springfield
 Sean Keogh, Rathleash; Stephen & Josie Kiernan, Rathleash; Marie Culleton-Ryan

Sunday 10th March – 10.30am

Brian Kelly, Killenard
 Nancy Whelehan, Closeland (4th Anniv.)
 Bridget & William Coleman, Closeland;

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 2nd March – 7.30pm

Ciss Wheeler, Emo

Sunday 3rd March – 11am

Christopher Booth, Morette

Saturday 9th March – 7.30pm

Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park
 Mary Flynn, Hand Rd. (52nd Anniv.)
 Jack & Nellie Pigott, Woodbrook; Tony Coleman, Tinnakill; Dec. members of the Pigott, Coughlan & Coleman Families

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 3rd March – 9am

Mary Brennan, Jamestown; Alan Burke, Ballybrittas (30th Anniv.)
 Joe Treacy, Courtwood

Sunday 10th March – 9am

Michael Kinsella Snr., Fisherstown

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday next, 6th March (Ash Wednesday) & is a day of fast & abstinence. Masses & the blessing of Ashes on Ash Wednesday as follows:

Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard 7.30pm

Emo 7.30pm Rath 9.30am

LENT / ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of retreat; an opportunity to renew our relationship with God. As Catholics we are asked to abstain from meat and to fast on two days in the year, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In the past, Irish Catholics were required to abstain from meat every Friday. While still not a requirement, the Irish Bishops' Conference has suggested it as a form of Friday Penance during Lent.

LENTEN STATIONS



Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held next weekend (9th / 10th March). It will take the form of a 2nd collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got envelope boxes & wish to contribute.

LECTORS (READERS)

Portarlington

Wed. 6th Mar. 10am Lector / 7.30pm Kieran Dunne

9th Mar. Sat. 6.15pm Frank Smith Sun. 9am Sadie Hainsworth 12.15pm Sinead Dunne

Killenard

Wed. 6th Mar. 7.30pm Jerome Kelly
 Sun. 10.30am Siobhain Fallon

Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Emmet Conroy
 Sun. 11am Paul Donnelly

Rath

Sun. 9am Michael Murphy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington Ash. Wed. Team A / Weekend Team B

Killenard Ash Wed. Team D / Sun. Team A

PORTARLINGTON G.A.A. MASS

Mass will be celebrated in Portarlington G.A.A. Centre for all members of Portarlington GAA (living and deceased). This will be held on Friday next, 8th March commencing 8pm. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

TROCAIRE

Lent 2019 highlights the different ways land is stolen from vulnerable people – by corporate land grabs, or simply because they are women. Lent 2019 ask people in Ireland to show their love by supporting people in the world's poorest countries who are often defenceless against these attacks. This Lent you can help the world's poorest people whose land and futures are being stolen from them. Trocaire envelopes containing literature and a box are available at the Church Porches.

OUR KANDLE FAMILY LENTEN PROMISES

This Lenten resource will be available on www.kandle.ie for families & individuals to use as they begin their Lenten journey.

Page 1 explores the Lenten actions of fasting, almsgiving & praying, & offers examples of possible actions family members can promise to undertake for Lent. Families & individuals are also invited to name their own.

Page 2 is a sheet for family to complete by listing their chosen individual / family Lenten promises, & signing. This page also has a Family Prayer for Lent.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

The AGM of the Lourdes' Committee will take place on Sat. 9th March in "Our Ladies Chapel" after the 6.15pm Mass at 7pm.

New members very welcome.

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.

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, Portarlington Tues. & Fri. from 2.30pm – 5pm. All very welcome.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2019



Fri. 8th – Fri. 15th March (incl.) Venue: Mountmellick 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*
Tues. 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
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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.

CHARITY 5K RUN



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

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Book Club will be held again on Wed. 6th March at 8pm in the Hall, Cloneyhurke.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2019

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

FR. JACK RODGERS - SPS

1940 – 2019

It was with great sadness we learned of the sudden death of Fr. Jack Rodgers on Sunday last. Fr. Jack was born in Cappamore, Limerick in 1940 & ordained on Easter Sunday 1966. He served in Kitui Diocese (Kenya) and later in Brazil where he remained for 23 years.

Fr. Jack returned to Ireland in 2011 & retired to his maternal home, Emo. He was a very artistic & poetic person & was a frequent contributor to Africa magazine. Mission was part of the life-blood that coursed through his veins. He loved conversation and social interaction. He was very close to his family and had a wide circle of friends who were very loyal to him. He lived life to the full right up to the end. He was still full of plans when the Lord called him home.



MASS FOR HEALING

Teach Mhuire Praying Community
Tues. 5th March - Feast of the Holy Face
St. Paul's Church Emo
Rosary 7:45 pm. Mass 8pm
Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lalor CC

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.

CONVERSATIONAL GERMAN GROUP

Conversational German Group for Secondary School Students have 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 Mindfulness Meditation Practice Evenings

Thursdays 7.30pm-8.30pm

Meditation and 30pm

The Suaimhneas Zero Waste Group

First Monday of every Month 7.30pm. - 9pm

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.

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

Next course starting Monday 25 March 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.

EMO TIDY TOWNS

A.G.M.



Emo Tidy Towns will hold their AGM on Thurs. 7th March at 8pm in the Old School, Emo. If you wish to be involved in your local Tidy Towns please come along - New members always welcome. Our recent used battery recycling project with Emo National school was a great success and will continue. Please collect all used batteries and the school children will dispose of them safely for collection by KMK Tullamore Metal Recycling.

CONFIRMATION 2019

Service of Light & Pledge

This weekend we welcome the children who will be receiving their Confirmation this month to the Service of Light and Pledge.

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

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto results 25th Feb. 2019

Numbers: 1, 7, 12, 17 – No Jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:-
Ursula Dunne, Rathmiles C/o Parish Office
Ciaran Boland C/o Mick Behan
Paddy Behan C/o Ann Lowry
Maura Hyland, Morette
Emma Lawlor C/o R.K.

Next week's Jackpot €2,200

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.

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.

AUTISM RESEARCH

Would you like to help with Autism research? Are you a parent of a child or teenager aged 3-17 years? At the Irish Centre for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Research at NUI Galway we conduct research with families who have a child on the autism spectrum. To conduct this research it is very important for us to recruit families to complete a questionnaire, whose children do not have a diagnosis of autism. This will allow us to form a comparison between children who have the condition & those who do not. Below is a link to the questionnaire. Your participation will be very much appreciated. <https://bit.ly/2S1VDPb>



UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S



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. Booking / further info. contact Catherine on 057-8626153.