

# 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 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2020 - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR 'A'

### ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am ---  
Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am ---  
Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am Philip O'Sullivan, Main St  
Thur. 12<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am Brigid Hoey, St. Mary's Tce., Lynda Hoey, Clanmalire  
Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> Mar. 10am Leo Dempsey, Shandra (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 6.15pm

Denis & Joan Coughlan & Patricia Neylon; William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Frances Allman, St. Joseph's Tce; William (Billy) Whelan, Marian Hill; John Knight Snr., St. Mary's Tce. Eileen Finlay (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) Jack Finlay (28<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Patrick St; Margaret Slattery (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & John Slattery (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Spa St. & Botley Court; Tom (Nesh) Shortall, St. Brigid's Sq; Mary Connolly, Marian Hill; Luke Clarke, Bishopswood; George & Annie Ridgeway

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 12.15pm

Elizabeth (Betty) Sheedy, Clondoolusk  
Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale (19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Eva Nicholls, Railway Mews (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 6.15pm

Donie McDermott, Garryhinch; Seamus Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq; James (Jim) McMahon, St. Michael's Park; Bridie & George Quinn, Bishopswood Rd; Gerard & Margaret Kearney, Drogheda; Patricia Bourke, Emo; Eddie & Margaret Rogers, Main St; Thomas Kennedy, Gracefield; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill; John (Jacko) Roycroft, Bracklone & dec. members of the Roycroft Family; Bridie McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 12.15pm

Tom Gorman, Lea Road (M.M.); Michael (Mick) Knight, Annamoe (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Bill Storey, Garryhinch (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Timothy & Annamaria Garry, Cloneyquinn; Dec. members of the Garry Family, Cloneyquinn; Nancy Delaney, Bracklone St; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood; John & Eileen Clarke, Marian Hill; Michael O'Neill & Barry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am

Nancy Whelehan, Closeland (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Bridget & William Coleman, Closeland;  
Sean Keogh, Rathleash

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am

John Tynan, Springfield (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Joseph & Maureen Hickey, sons John & Joseph Hickey, Braemer House, Portarlington;  
John McEvoy, Trim, brother Pat McEvoy & parents Patrick & Kate McEvoy; John & Lilie Tynan, Old Pound; Stephen & Josephine Kiernan; Marie Ryan

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm

Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park; Mary Flynn, Hand Rd., Morette (53<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
James O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown  
Jack & Nellie Piggott, Woodbrook & dec. members of the Piggott Family; Tony Coleman, Tinnakill & dec. members of the Coleman & Coughlan Families

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 11am

James O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown  
Christy Booth, Morette

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm

Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 11am

Christina Walsh (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) & her daughter Julian, Knightstown

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – 9am

Michael Kinsella Snr., Fisherstown  
Alan Burke, Ballybrittas (31<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

### † DECEASED †

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

Sarah Chambers, Congress Terrace  
Jimmy Hanlon, Gracefield

### ✠ BAPTISM ✠

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism

### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Kara Annemarie Murphy, Shandra  
Zofia Scislowska, Kilnacourt Woods

### MEDJUGOEJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Direct Flight To Mostar reduces journey by 3 hours. Cost €695. Accompanied by Fr. Sean Hyland as Spiritual Director. Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305 for booking

### FIRST PENANCE

First Penance for the First Holy Communion children will take place next week as follows:

### Presentation Primary School, Station Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington**  
Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**  
Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Killenard

### LECTORS (READERS) (14/15 March)

### Portarlington

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> March 6.15pm Catherine Finegan  
Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> March 9am Ailish Ridgeway & 12.15pm Anne Dunne

### Killenard

Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am Jackie Hogan

### Emo

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Ann Deering  
Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> March 11am Mark Bastow  
**Rath** Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> March 9am Ann Lawlor

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (14/15 Mar.)

**Killenard** – 10.30am Team A  
Sheila Dunne/Johnny Carey /Teresa Briody  
**Portarlington** – Team A (See Rota)

### DIGGING DEEPER – LIVING LENT

Some suggestions for the week:

- Check that you have a copy of a Catholic edition of the bible in your home & take some time to read from it.
- Have a proper chat! Reconnect with someone you havent spoken to in a while.
- Pick up at least 5 pieces of litter from the road / countryside.
- Pray the Stations of the Cross.
- Find out how you can help a local charity.
- Cut down on screen time & pay attention to the people around you.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – LENT 2020

Eucharistic Adoration will be held each Sunday afternoon during Lent in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington from 3pm – 5pm. All very welcome to attend.

### LENTEN STATIONS

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent Lenten Stations collection for the support of the priests of the parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### PRO-LIFE TALK

Pro Life talk - Speakers: Carol Nolan and Michael Dwyer from Family & Life. Please note date has changed to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. Venue: Portlaoise Parish Centre in the Campur Room. All welcome!

### RATH LADIES CLUB

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – We will be making up Easter Door Wreaths. Venue/Time: Fisherman's pub at 8.30. All welcome.

# TROCAIRE

**"Hold fast to love and justice"**

This Lent Trocaire is focusing on two families, one in Kenya and one in Honduras, to highlight how mothers work to protect their families & communities from the devastating impact of climate change & from the actions of corporations. Madris, in Kenya, & Angela, in Honduras, are two such women. We think of them & women like them all over the world this Lent. Resources available on Trocaire website [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

## EMO / RATH LOTTO

**Lotto Draw Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

Numbers 2, 5, 13, 17 – No Jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Gabriel Lawlor / Sarah McLoughlin C/o Meabh / Imelda Calagy C/o Anne / Vera Moran C/o Vera / Billy Hayden C/o Anne  
**Next week's Jackpot €6,600**

## UPCOMING EVENTS MT. ST. ANNE'S

### LENTEN PRAYER EVENINGS

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March, 26<sup>th</sup> March & 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Mount St. Anne's, Killenard Commencing 8pm.

**Theme: Next Sunday's Readings**

Join us for these evenings of prayer and meditation using the readings of the following Sunday. You can come for one evening or all five if you wish. All very welcome. Contact Catherine on 057-8626153 for the full Programme of Events in Mount St. Anne's or check out: [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

## O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

### Lotto Results 02/03/2020

Numbers were: 11, 19, 25, 30. No Jackpot winner this week. Match 3 winner was Mary Lalor. Promoter - The Railway Bar. Next week's Jackpot: €3,600. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly Lotto.

### QPR Training

#### (Question – Persuade – Refer)

O'Dempsey's, in collaboration with Scoil Naomh Eoin, Banríon Gaels & St Conleth's will host accredited QPR training on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020 in the clubhouse. QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) is a life skill which helps identify if someone may be suicidal and how to act, what to say, what not to say and how to offer the support they need. The training is open to all adults (over 18), out to people in need and know how to help if a friend, teammate, pupil, neighbour or even stranger reaches out to them for help. Delivered by Ray Cullen from the Talk to Tom charity ([www.talktotom.ie](http://www.talktotom.ie)), the QPR training is akin to CPR as it literally saves lives. Attendees do not need to be a member of any of the clubs and the €10 charge is a donation to the Talk to Tom charity. Taking place from 10am until 4pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March, lunch will be provided. Further info. & booking through: [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or Aidan on (086-8263135).

## MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2020

On until 13<sup>th</sup> March. Commencing 8pm sharp. Programme includes: One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest / Palace Players / Alone it stands / The Blacksmith / Closer / Sive / Eurydice / The Cripple of Inishmann. For details of the full programme / dates & prices plus booking phone either 087-7942997 / 087-4121205.

## ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO RESULTS

Draw held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Letters O, S, G, X No Jackpot winner. €25 to Dessie Molloy & to Noel Foy. Sellers prize Dessie Molloy. Next Jackpot will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> March.  
**Jackpot €10,000**

## SOLEMN NOVENA

### To Our Lady of Perpetual Help

In St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin until Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 (6 Wednesday nights of Lent). Speaker Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm Cuan Mhuire, Athy. Team speaking about addictions, drugs, alcohol and gambling. All very welcome.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

### CLONEYHURKE

#### Development Fund Monster Draw

€3,000 in prizes. Draw takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets will shortly be on sale at €20 each. Your support is much appreciated.

## CHIME – NATIONAL CHARITY FOR

### DEAFNESS & HEARING LOSS

CHIME - The National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss Portlaoise Outreach Clinic is now being held in the Citizens Information Centre, Kellyville Centre, Portlaoise. It is held on the last Tuesday of every month from 10am – 12pm. For more details contact Chime, Church Street, Tullamore, Co. Offaly. Tel/Minicom: (057) 9351606 Fax: (057) 9326425 Videophone: (057) 9326421 Text: (057) 9326421 Email: [tullamore@chime.ie](mailto:tullamore@chime.ie)

## GET INTO GOLF WOMEN'S PROGRAMME

### Information Evening:

Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> March at Portarlington Golf Club 8pm  
**Programme Starts:**

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> March 6.30 to 7.30 and 7.30 to 8.30  
8 Week programme, 4 lessons with PGA Pro and 4 weeks on course scramble with Lady Members. Equipment provided if required Fun and friendly environment. Cost €80

### Only 24 places available

For more information contact : Mary Foy  
Phone: 083 1846539 or email [maryfoy@live.ie](mailto:maryfoy@live.ie)

## PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

### Fuel Your Roots

As part of Healthy Ireland, Mary Fitzpatrick will deliver a talk on healthy eating and living. Portarlington Library .Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 11<sup>th</sup> commencing 6pm.  
Free event & all are welcome.

### Café & Comhrá

Portarlington library would love you to join them for coffee and chat as part of Seachtain na Gaeilge. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March from 11.00am – 12.00 noon. Free event & all are welcome

### Yoga for Kids

Portarlington Library 18<sup>th</sup> March commencing 3:30pm. Suitable for 8 -12yr olds. Free Event but booking essential, call 057-8643751 to secure a place.

## TOMMY RYAN MEMORIAL ROAD RUN

10<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Run in aid of Laois Riding for the Disabled. Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April starting & finishing at Crean's, Vicarstown Inn (9 miles from Monasterevin). Cars and motorbikes welcome. From vintage to present day – your support will be welcomed. Further info. contact Tom on 087-2654001. Registration €20.

## PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

### Station Road, Portarlington

Adult Social Tennis has now resumed every Thursday at 8pm (weather permitting). Our newly elected committee are hoping you will come and join them. All levels welcome. Spring is in the air and now is the time to once again pick up your rackets & enjoy some Tennis.

## GRACEFIELD G.A.A. LOTTO RESULTS

Jackpot €7200 – No Jackpot winner. Winners of €50: Philomena Hynes, B. Costello, Thomas Gorry, Saul Whelan, Laura O'Brien Promoters Prize: Graham Delaney  
Next week's jackpot €7,400

## COMMUNION CALLS

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

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020

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

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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.

## EMO 2020

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Four nights from Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Home Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> August. Hotel Astrid. €589 per person sharing. If interest in travelling with this pilgrimage contact Tony on 086-1225833 or Deirdre on 087-2299457.

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

### PILGRIMAGE 2020

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

## COURTWOOD G.A.A.

**€130 tickets:** Deadline for the €130 ticket sales fast approaching. Get your ticket as soon as possible to support our club.  
**Quiz Night:** A Table quiz scheduled for Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> March in the Final Furlong promises to be a very entertaining night. All welcome.

## Laois Public Participation Network

### Let's Talk Insurance

#### Basic C.P.R. Training - Free

Laois PPN offer FREE "Hands for LIFE" Basic CPR Training to all member groups in association with the Irish Heart Foundation. The training will take place on Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> March in the IDA Mountmellick. To reserve your place please contact us on **057-8665661** or email [ppn@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:ppn@laoiscoco.ie)

## KILBRIDE ART STUDIO

### ART CLASSES

Adult – Beginners & advanced  
10 week course. Commencing Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> March. 10am – 12 Noon. Phone 086-2392997 for further details and booking.

## LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre at 47 Main Street Portlaoise is open Mon. – Fri. 9am-5pm. Our next **Social Club** is **Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> Mar. at 2.30-3.30pm in Ballard Lodge** for people with Dementia & their carers'. Our next **Support Group** is on **Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> Mar. at 7.30- 9pm in Resource Centre, Portlaoise.** Laois Alzheimer's are offering a **week's respite care** to people who have a dementia in Waterman's Lodge Care Centre, Ballina / Killaloe, Co Tipperary.  
**You do not have to be availing of homecare services to apply.** Further info: on dementia: Ann Munnally 057 866 3398/086 8372168 [amunnally@alzheimer.ie](mailto:amunnally@alzheimer.ie)

## ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.A.

St Pauls LGFA Sponsored Walk is happening Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March AT 12pm Starting in Emo GAA Field. Please bring all cards back on the day. Membership is now due please contact Peadar O Toole (086) 252 2768.