

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.



DIOCESE www.kandle.ie

SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557

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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



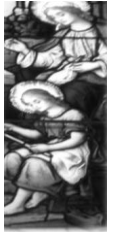
MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),
11am Sunday

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sunday



SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR 'A'

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 10th Feb. 10am Lorcan Fullam, Ballymorris & Dublin (3rd Anniv.)
Tues. 11th Feb. 10am Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes – World Prayer Day for the Sick
Wed. 12th Feb. 10am ---
Thur. 13th Feb. 10am ---
Fri. 14th Feb. 10am ---

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, St. Michael's Park; Deceased members of the Leavy Family, Shandra; Ollie Whelan, Marian Hill; Veronica (Ronnie) Moran, Droughill & Kiltrush; John O'Reilly Snr. & Jnr. & Mary Culleton, Limetree; Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Road; Lorraine Dodson, Crann Nua (7th Anniv.); Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive, (3rd Anniv.); Seamus Hynes & deceased members of the Hynes Family, Roscrea; Ann Keegan, Bishopswood & dec. members of Keegan Family

Sunday 9th February – 12.15pm

Charlie Mooney, Botley Court (1st Anniv.); Bill Murray, Ballymorris Manor (2nd Anniv.)
Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Road;
Jane Moran, Cloneyhurke;
Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh;
Lorraine Dodson, Crann Nua (7th Anniv.)
James Gilligan Snr., Lea
Maura Greene, St. Mary's Terrace

Saturday 15th February – 6.15pm

Maura Lawlor, Foxcroft Street (1st Anniv.)
Jimmy Murphy, Congress Tce. (2nd Anniv.)
Frances Mason, Garryhinch (4th Anniv.)
Deceased members of the Mason Family
Lizzie Evans, St. Joseph's Terrace
Paddy Gallagher, Lea; Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran, Annamoe;
Joe Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce. (30th Anniv.)
Charlie Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce. & dec. members of the Keogh Family;
Michele McNamara, Gracefield (30th Anniv.)

Sunday 16th February – 12.15pm

Elizabeth McCormack, Coolraven (3rd Anniv.)
Teena Carey, Bracklone St. (3rd Anniv.), husband Paddy, Son George & granddaughter Aine. Mossey Kelly, St. Michael's Park;
Gerry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (3rd Anniv.)
Paddy Crossan, Ballymorris & deceased members of the Crossan Family, Cloneygowan
May Higgins, Patrick Street; Vincent Ennis, Main Street (35th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 8th February – 7.30pm

Peter Andrews, Morette (4th Anniv.)
Mary & Betty Lynch, Killeen
Mary Stronge, Emo (7th Anniv.)
Maureen Fenlon, Ballybrittas

Sunday 9th February – 11am

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

Saturday 15th February – 7.30pm

Charlie Morris; Richard Sinnott
Sean & William Greene & dec. members of the Greene Family, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 9th February – 9am

Caroline Malone, Kilbracken (M.M.)
Joseph & Julia McCormack, Ballybrittas

Sunday 16th February – 9am

Patrick, Brigid & Edward Wilson & dec. members of the Wilson Family, Coolroe

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 9th February – 10.30am

George Monagher, Lea

Sunday 16th February – 10.30am

Dick Slevin, Corrig & Mount Henry (2nd Anniv.)
Pat Keane, Killenard

† DECEASED †

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

Mary Nerney (nee Dunne),
The Poplars, Cappakeel, Emo
†

Very Rev. John (Jack) Walsh,
Rath / Emo

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Jamie Michael Knight, Kilmalogue Downs
EMO PARISH
Ischa Brophy, Killeen
Ollie Killian O'Loughlin, Portnahinch

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Last Monday's lotto did not take place as a mark of respect for Fr. Jack Walsh. The next draw will take place Monday 10th February.
JACKPOT - €5,800

LECTORS (READERS)

Sat. / Sun. 15th / 16th February 2020

Portarlington

Sat. 6.15pm Catherine Finegan
Sun. 9am Ailish Ridgeway/
Sun. 12.15pm Anne Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 10.30am Gretta Rafter

Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Ellen Dunne

Sun. 11am Frances Kerry

Rath Sun. 9am Greg Fogarty

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. / Sun. 15th / 16th February 2020

9th Feb. Killenard – Team D

(See Rota)

8th / 9th Feb. Portarlington – Team D

Ann Allen; Pauline Dalton; Jimmy O'Leary

EMO PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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

CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT

This weekend we welcome the children for Confirmation who are starting out on their preparation journey. We remember them in our prayers at this time.

TRAINING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Presentation Primary School / Cloneyhurke NS / Scoil Phadraig, Canal Rd / Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Wed. 19th February at 7.30pm in

Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.
St. Paul's NS, Emo & Sacred Heart NS, Rath – Thurs. 20th February at 7.30pm in St. Paul's NS, Emo.

FIRST NIGHT OF THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME AS FOLLOWS:

Wed. 26th Feb. at 8pm in each of the children's schools. It is very important that all Confirmation candidates attend the programme.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE 2020

The 2020 Pilgrimage will take place from 7th 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.

CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Conference – Wed. 4th March 2020
Venue: Dolmen Hotel, Carlow
10am to 4.30pm. The day is free & lunch will be provided. Registration
Mary.Boyce@trocaire.org - Ph: 01-6293333

MOUNTMELICK MACRA

ANNUAL 22ND PANTOMIME

Mountmellick Macra 22nd Annual Pantomime takes place from 13th – 16th Feb. in Mountmellick Macra Hall – Production Snow white & the 7 Dwarfs. Show times are Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 8.15pm / Sun. Matinee 3pm and 7pm in the evening. Tickets are €12 for adults and €6 for children. All support greatly appreciated.

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

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

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY



Laois Alzheimer's Society Resource Centre, 47 Main St., Portlaoise – Mon. – Fri. 9am-5pm. **Social Club** is Thurs. 13th Feb. from 2.30-4.30pm in Portlaoise Parish Centre for people with dementia & their carers. All welcome. **Support Group** is on Wed. 19th Jan. 7.30- 9pm in the Resource Centre, Portlaoise. Provides an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation, to access information & practical advice. Free to family members affected by dementia & memory issues. **Week's respite care** in Waterman's Lodge Care Centre, Ballina / Killaloe, Co Tipperary. To access respite care please contact Ann on 057-866 3398/086-8372168 Places limited so get in touch with us. Further info. Ann Munnally 057-8663398 / 086-8372168 Email amunnally@alzheimier.ie

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS

Letters: M H V T – No Winner €25 to each of the following: Tianna, Liz & Prya / Paul Kelly. Seller's prize: Liz Waldron. Next draw will take place on 18th February in the Barrow Ledge. Jackpot 10,000

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE

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



WANTED

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

VERY REV. FR. JACK WALSH

R.I.P.

It was with sadness that we learned of the death of Fr. Jack Walsh on Sat. 1st February 2020. He was born in Naas in 1930.

He served in Graiguenamanagh & Geashill before being appointed Curate in Emo Parish on the 15th August 1975. Fr. Jack was appointed Parish priest of Emo/Rath in 1981. He retired in 2005. Fr. Jack served the Priesthood with dedication & loyalty. May he rest in peace after all his labours.



O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 03/02/2020

Numbers were: 05,22,24,25. No Jackpot winner or match 3 winners this week. Lucky dip winners were - Orla Melia, Ger Colgan, Rita Finlay, Mick Cahill. Promoter - Liam Finlay. Next week's Jackpot: €2,800. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly Lotto.

Dinner Dance

O'Dempsey's GFC Dinner Dance will take place next Saturday the 15th February in The Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Tickets are €40 for Adults and €25 for student players. Tickets are available from any committee member. Visit our Facebook page for further information.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



Positive Ageing Talk

Billy O'Keeffe from Age Action Ireland will speak about Positive Ageing and the theme of "Ageing in Place"

Wednesday 12th February at 4pm - Free event. Call 057 8643751 for further info. & booking.

Children's Art Therapy Workshop

Aisling Brennan will lead the children through this lovely workshop

Wednesday, 19th February at 4:30pm

Suitable for Ages 8-12 – Free event

Booking essential. Phone 057 8643751 for more information and to book a place

MID-TERM EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Story Cuddle (6 months – 3 years)

Thursday 20th February – 11am-11.30am

& 12 Noon-12.45pm

Stories on Your Fingers

(3-6 yrs) / 2.30-4.00pm

Revoluting Villains – Roald Dahl Writing

Workshop

(7-12 yrs) - Events free but booking essential. Phone 057 8643751 for further info. & booking

EMO G.A.A.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP:

Club Membership of €25 per person now due & can be given to Deirdre Lawlor or Darren Strong.

ANNUAL COUNTY BOARD DRAW TICKETS:

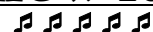
The club are now selling the annual County Board draw tickets at €130 which can be had from any club committee member. This is the club's main fundraiser and is used for the upkeep of our facilities and the day to day running of the club. We would ask that everyone tries to get behind this fundraiser by either buying a full ticket or even a share of a ticket, every contribution is greatly appreciated by the club.

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.

PORT. VARIETY

SHOW 2020



The "Port Variety Show" will take place on Sunday 16th February commencing 8pm at the Heritage Hotel in Killenard. Proceeds in aid of Portarlinton Tidy Towns.

Tickets €15/ OAP €10 – Available from Margaret on 087-6715668 / Lillian on 087-2213591 or the Love Port Office in Portarlinton Community Centre.

Come along for a wonderful nights entertainment. The following talent will be showcased on the night:-

Portarlinton Concert Band / Portarlinton Golf Club Men's Choir / Anna Bergin- Soloist / Brendan Lawlor- Soloist / Jack Holmes- Pianist / Patricia Newell- Soloist / The Newell Choral Ensemble / Caoimhe Fitzpatrick- Soloist / Gavin Murphy- Soloist / Lucy Hood- Soloist / Music Generation / Paula Hennessy- Soloist / The Salt N Pepper Jazz!

Come along for a wonderful evenings' entertainment and to support a great cause.

RATH LADIES CLUB

Rath Ladies Club on Monday 10th February with a talk on Wellness. All welcome at 8.30 in the Fisherman's Pub

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.

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.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Club will resume on Tues. 11th Feb. at 7.30pm with



New members very welcome.

BOOK CLUB

Resumes Wednesday 4th March at 8pm.

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.