



# 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



**10<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Year C**

## ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> April 10am** ---  
**Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> 10am** Terry Doyle, Dublin  
**Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> 10am** Molly Slattery, St. Patrick's Tce. & dec. members of the Slattery Family  
**Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> 10am** Kathleen McGettrick, St. Patrick's Avenue (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
**Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> 10am** ---

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 6.15pm

Elizabeth & John Fallon, St. Michael's Park;  
Bridie Brick, Joseph Brick, Elizabeth Nicholls,  
St. Michael's Park; John Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce;  
Matt Delaney, Ullard

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 12.15pm

Michael Collins, Station Road (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Pauline Meredith, Kilkeeran (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Liam Shortall, Bog Road; Myra Shortall, Bracklone St. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Michael Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Andy Keegan & Joe Keegan, Cloneyhurke

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April – 6.15pm

Dora Madden, Bracklone St. (M.M.)  
Sandra Carr, Lough Gate (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Lucy Bennett, Kilbride (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
Angela Byrne, Cushina (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Thomas & Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Park

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – 12.15pm

Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue  
Siobhán Keogh, St. Michael's Park;  
Patrick Delaney, Bracklone St., Joan & Larry O'Mahony, Patrick St., Patrick & Bridget Delaney, Spa St., Veronica Delaney, Bracklone St., Deceased members of the Tynan & Brennan Families, Canal Hse., Bracklone St., Deceased members of the Tynan Family, Main St., Kathleen McGettrick, St. Patrick's Ave. (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm

Baby Philip Rowe, Ballybrittas  
Noel Mee, Tullamore (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
John & Ellen Dowling, Morette  
Matthew Flynn, Knightstown  
Anne Buggy Knightstown  
Frederick Prior, Morette  
Patrick & Mary Mulhall, Morette  
Joe Hyland, Woodbrook & deceased members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April – 11am

50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration for

Fr. Jack Rodgers

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm

Christy Gleeson, Morette  
Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette  
Paula Treacy; John & Kathleen Treacy, Morette; Larry & Bernie Skillington, Cork

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am

Rita McDonnell, Springfield & deceased members of the Durkin & McDonnell Families  
Margaret & James Raleigh & deceased members of the Raleigh Family, Garryvacuum

## DECEASED

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

*Frank Kelly, Cushina*

*Michael Nugent, Portlaoise & Rath*

*Sean Copeland, Emo (who died in England during the week)*

## BAPTISMS

*We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:*

### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

*Lily-May Mary Delaney, Cathair Na gCapaill  
Tom George Walsh, Lea*

## CONFIRMATION 2016

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the parish of Portarlington during the week.



### Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 11.30am

### St. Patrick's Boys NS & Cloneyhurke NS

Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 11am

### Presentation Primary School

Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 2pm

## PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR CONFIRMATION

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard** – Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Killenard  
**St. Patrick's BNS & Cloneyhurke NS** – Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in St. Michael's Church  
**Presentation Primary School**  
Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8.15pm in St. Michael's Church.

## VOCATIONS SUNDAY

The diocese will hold a 'COME AND SEE' afternoon on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> of May in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, for those who are interested in discovering what a vocation to priesthood actually entails. Time 2.30pm to 5pm. Further details contact Ruairí O'Domhnaill 045-897470 or [vocations@kandle.ie](mailto:vocations@kandle.ie)

## FRIENDS OF NANO NAGLE & ASSOCIATES

### 'Seeing Anew'

Opened to all inspired by the legacy of Nano Nagle, a woman who responded to the needs of her times with courage, ingenuity, perseverance & grace. Keynote address: Martina Lehane-Sheehan & Pat Sheehan. Mount St. Anne's Retreat Centre on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> April from 9.45-4.15pm. Voluntary Donations. Lunch included. RSVP essential. E-mail [Miriam@Presprone.com](mailto:Miriam@Presprone.com) for registration form.

## LECTORS

### Portarlington

Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> April 6.15pm Sarah Dunne  
Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April 9am Sadie Hainsworth  
Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April 12.15pm Ciaran Dunne

### Killenard

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am Marie McMahon

### Emo

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Doreen Dunne  
Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April 11am Frances Kerry

### Rath

Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April 11am Michelle Carroll

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Portarlington 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> Team:** B

**Killenard 17<sup>th</sup> Team:** Team B

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

### PENTECOST RETREAT



Mount St. Anne's, Killenard with Mass at 7.30pm each night. Praise & Worship at 7.15pm.

**Wk 2: 12<sup>th</sup> April** Fr. John Harris (Spiritual Director Youth 2000)

**Wk 3: 19<sup>th</sup> April** Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill (Diocesan Vocations Director) & Sr. Mary O'Duffy SMG (Evangelisation 2000)

**Wk 4: 26<sup>th</sup> April** Fr. Sean Hyland

**Wk 5: 3<sup>rd</sup> May** Fr. Pat Collins C.M (Spiritual Director New Springtime Community)  
**Wk 6: 10<sup>th</sup> May** Fr. Thady Doyle (Jesus Power Ministries and Curates Diary)

**Wk 7: 17<sup>th</sup> May** Fr. Jim Bermingham (Spiritual Director Teach Mhuire Community) & Eddie Stones (Emmanuel House – Clonfert)

**Wk 8: 24<sup>th</sup> May** Archbishop Charles Brown (Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland)

Further details of speakers [www.teachmhuire.ie](http://www.teachmhuire.ie)

## CONFERENCE

**CONFLICT, MIGRATION & IDENTITY IN MODERN IRELAND – GLOBAL & TRANSITIONAL PERSPECTIVES**

At Carlow College (St. Patrick's) and VISUAL Centre for Contemporary from 12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April. A unique conference presented by Trinity College Dublin, Carlow College & VISUAL Centre for Contemporary Art featuring lectures, talks & master classes on conflict, migration & identity in modern Irish history & culture.

## GOLDEN JUBILEE CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to Fr. Jack Rodgers and to Fr. Jim Bermingham, who, this weekend, celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their Ordination.*



## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT**

### **MOUNT ST ANNE'S KILLENARD**

**Calligraphy Workshop** – Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April.  
10am-4pm. This workshop is for people who have some experience in Calligraphy.  
Materials included. Cost €35.

**Mindfulness Workshop** – Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> / Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am-5pm. Facilitated by Marie Manley-Smith. Participants will gain an understanding of mindfulness & positive psychology & daily tools to use in helping to reduce stress & improve focus & increase wellbeing. €125

**Meditation Day** – Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> May 10am-3.30pm With Marie Manley-Smith. A day of relaxation in the beautiful Killenard countryside. €25.  
Further details of the above and booking contact Catherine on 057-8626153  
[www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

### **EMO / RATH COMMUNITY GAMES**

The County Final of the Talent Events will take place in the Arts Centre (old cinema) in Mountmellick on Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

Emo/Rath will not be holding an area final this year, however, we will need all entries for the talent events to be registered with us on Mon.

11<sup>th</sup> April from 7-8pm in Emo Community Centre. If you do not register on the night of the 11<sup>th</sup>, you will not be able to take part in the County Final. Registrations for Emo/Rath Community Games will also be held that night for anyone who missed the first night. €10 per child, €25 for a family of 3 or more. Any child taking part in any county event MUST be registered at area level. Details & rules of all talent events available on:-

[www.communitygames.ie](http://www.communitygames.ie) under the download section. For queries contact Barbara Dunne 0852745536 / Claire Johnston 087 6747182.

### **EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO**

#### **1000<sup>TH</sup> DRAW**

This week (Monday) is the 1000<sup>th</sup> Draw of the Emo/Rath Parish Lotto. To honour your loyalty there will be a draw of 10 prizes of €100 each.

#### **This week's Jackpot €15,800**

Thank you for your support since the Lotto began. Lotto Draw results for 4<sup>th</sup> April: Numbers 4, 11, 15, 22 – No Jackpot Winner €25 to each of the following:

Olive Slevin, Killenard C/o Parish Office  
Betty Costello C/o P. Gorman  
Paula McCormack, Courtwood  
Noreen O'Connor C/o Emo Shop  
Fr. Pat Hughes C/o Martha

### **COURTWOOD G.A.A. PRESENTATION NIGHT**

Last year's Division 3 league winning squad will be presented with their medals at a function in The Heritage Resort Clubhouse in Killenard Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> April. Admission strictly by ticket (€15) only. Tickets available in Donohoe's Service Station, Ballybrittas.

### **OIL PAINTING EXHIBITION**

#### **Artist Pat Fox**

Exhibition takes place in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard (Meeting Room 6) on Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> April commencing 7.45pm. Opening the Exhibition: PETE ST JOHN (Author of Fields of Athenry, Dublin in the Rare Auld Times etc.)  
All very welcome, please bring a friend.

### **GRACEFIELD / WALSH ISLAND**

#### **COMMUNITY GAMES**

**County Art Competition** Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April in the Marian Hall in Birr. **County Hand-writing Competition** Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> May in Ferbane School. **Area Athletics** Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> May in Gracefield GAA pitch. **County Athletics** in Tullamore Harriers. **County Swimming** June Bank Holiday – If interested in taking part contact Area Sec. Pauline on 086-8268176 or 087 7944288 or any Committee Member.

### **SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL, EMO**

#### **Mindfulness Meditation Practice**

From Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> April 7.30-8.30pm. Practice of Mindfulness / Meditation. Cost €5

#### **Mindful way to creating a healthier Work life**

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 4.30pm

#### **Nutrition & Wellbeing**

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10am-4.30pm with Orla McLaughlin

#### **The Power of Now & A New Earth Awakening to your Life's Purpose**

With John Doherty – 7<sup>th</sup> May 10am-4.30pm

#### **Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation**

Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May 7.30-9.30pm.

#### **Laudato Si – Care of our common Home**

With Fr. Donal Dorr. Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> May 11am-4pm.

#### **Advanced Power of Now Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Further details & booking contact Anne or Mai 0578626541, email [info@suaimhneas.ie](mailto:info@suaimhneas.ie) or visit our [www.suaimhneas.ie](http://www.suaimhneas.ie)

### **LAOIS COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY**

#### **AWARDS 2016**

The Laois Community & Voluntary Awards 2016 are being held in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard on the 11<sup>th</sup> May. Nomination Forms & details available from Geraldine Delaney, Community & Enterprise Section or email [gdelaney@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:gdelaney@laoiscoco.ie) Closing date for Nominations is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2016.

#### **THANK YOU**

Sincere thanks to all who entered the St. Patrick's Day Parade; to all who came out in such large numbers; to the businesses who contributed so generously thus allowing the parade to be organised; to our judges, our MC's for the day, our music our stewards and Marshalls, and all who decorated the town & their premises to add to the festive atmosphere and a special thanks to the committee for their hard work.

#### **ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO**

Results for 4<sup>th</sup> April. Letters: C,N,M,K, - No Jackpot Winner. Next Jackpot €3,700.  
Draw will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **FAMILY CARERS COURSES**

Family Carers Ireland QQI Level 5 Care of the Older person module on the 27<sup>th</sup> April & QQI Level 5 Safety & Health at work module on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. Also a one day programme on Challenging Behaviour on the 29<sup>th</sup> April in Tullamore. The QQI Care Support module is scheduled for Portlaoise on 11<sup>th</sup> April. Further info. Phone 057-9370221.

#### **LITTLE STARS PRE-SCHOOL**

##### *Gracefield, Portarlinton*

Enrolling for Sept. To find out if you child is eligible for the ECCE Scheme contact Lisa on 087-6441853 or 057-8643633.

#### **FRIDAY CUPPA!**

Friday Cuppa will take place on Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> April from 12 Noon to 3pm in Portarlinton Social Services Centre. Come along & meet your friends & also some new friends. Further info. contact Ann (Bourke) Dunne @ 087-4116101.

#### **YOGA**

Commencing at the Heritage Spa & Leisure Club, Killenard on 19<sup>th</sup> April for five weeks each Tuesday 10.30-11.45am. Cost €62.50 for non-members & €50 for members.  
Enquiries to Linda on 087-9852682.

#### **O'DEMPSEY'S GAA**

##### **Lotto Results 4<sup>th</sup> April:**

Numbers: 10,17,22,23. No Jackpot winner.  
Next week's Jackpot: €10,000.

##### **Laois GAA All County Draw**

Congratulations to Micheál Costello, Lea, winner of €500 in the Laois County Board draw. Next Draw Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

### **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

The Laois/Offaly Palliative Care Team invite families, friends & carer's of those who have died in the past two years & have been known to the Palliative Care Team to a Remembrance Service on **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm in St Peter and Paul's Church, Portlaoise.**

### **LAOIS HORSE-RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

Tommy Ryan Memorial Road Run – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Run will take place Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April starting & finishing at the Fisherman's, Fisherstown, Ballybrittas. All cars, lorries, motorbikes & tractors welcome from vintage to present day. Your support will be welcomed.  
Further info. contact 087 2654001.

### **LEISURE CENTRE**

Child swimming lessons commence the week of the 25<sup>th</sup> April. Limited places available. Lane lessons & Rookie course both starting week of 25<sup>th</sup> April with places available. New Soccer Skills starting Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> April from 4-5pm. Further info. & booking 0578645800.

### **EMO TIDY TOWNS**

AGM will take place on Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> April commencing 8.30pm in the Old School. As membership is low, a good attendance would be appreciated. New members are always welcome, so please come along.  
Our Clean-Up takes place on Tues. next, 12<sup>th</sup> April – Meet at the village pump at 6.30pm.

### **PORTARLINGTON SPEAKERS**

Do you want to better yourself with skills that will help you socially and jobwise?  
Portarlinton Speakers meet every 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in Killenard Community Centre. It's fun, entertaining & welcoming. You are invited to the next meeting on Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> April in Killenard Community Centre from 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Facebook MeetUp  
[www.portarlinton.toastmastersclubs.org](http://www.portarlinton.toastmastersclubs.org)

### **HOST FAMILIES – SPANISH STUDENTS**

Host families wanted for Spanish Students. June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 27<sup>th</sup> 2016. In Laois, Offaly, Kildare & Dublin. Generous payments / One student per family / Host family must have a teenager who is willing to host the visiting student / The student integrates into family for four weeks / urban and rural families welcome. Further info. contact 087-2062162 after 4.30 (Mon. – Fri.) or anytime at weekends.

### **PORTARLINGTON 1916 COMMEMORATION**

Events organized in Portarlinton to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rising.  
**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** The unveiling of the Proclamation etched in granite & mounted on a plinth outside Portarlinton Library along with the raising of the Tricolor. The Proclamation will be read by local school children.

**Sun. 15<sup>th</sup> May:** A sculpture of the 'Starry Plough' will be placed on the Kilnacourt roundabout. This sculpture will be created using a 100 year old plough kindly donated to us by Jim Hyland. The unveiling will be done by Cathal McSwiney Brugha who is grandson of Cathal Brugha who took part in the rising.

There will be a parade then from the roundabout to the Peoples Park where 7 native Irish trees (white beam) will be planted, one for each of the seven signatories of the Proclamation along with a boulder with an inscription marking the tribute. Also a tree will be planted by Cathal McSwiney Brugha in memory of all the men, women & children who died at this time. This will be followed by music from local musicians & choirs.

### **PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB**

#### **TABLE QUIZ**

Table Quiz will take place in the Clubhouse, Garryhinch on Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 8.30pm.