

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 11th February 2018 ✳ **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

World Day of the Sick ✳ **Year B**

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 12th Feb. 10am Betty Spain

Tues. 13th 10am Luke & Bernard Masterson; Owen & Brigid Finlay; Paddy & Maggy Brady

Wed. 14th 10am Gerry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.) / Mossie Kelly, St. Michael's Park

Wed. 14th 7.30pm Bridget & Bernard Downey, Droughill

Thurs. 15th 10am Martin, Sarah, Pat, Tom, Breda & Andrew Turley

Fri. 16th 10am May Higgins, Patrick Street

Saturday 10th February – 6.15pm

Lorcan Fullam, Ballymorris & Dublin (1st

Anniv.); Marija-Konstancija Venslauskieni,

Lithuania; Jim Cooper, Arlington Est; Charlie

Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce. Dec. members of the

Keogh Family; Ollie Whelan, Marian Hill;

Joseph Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce; Nuala Doyle (nee Shaw), "Acacias", Patrick St. (10th Anniv.)

James, Mary & Tom Barnes, Tierhogar

Edward Gaffney, Main Street

Sunday 11th February – 12.15pm

Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Rd.; Esther Jane

Moran, Cloneyhurke; Veronica (Ronnie)

Moran, Droughill (10th Anniv.); Bill & Philomena

Rogers, Cushina; Maura Greene, St. Mary's

Tce. (6th Anniv.)

Saturday 17th February - 6.15pm

Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive (1st Anniv.); Lizzie

Evans, St. Joseph's Tce. (2nd Anniv.); Jim

Grehan, Shandra (4th Anniv.); Kathleen Earley,

St. Patrick's Tce.; Paddy Gallagher, Lea; Dick

O'Reilly, Spa St. Dec. members of the O'Reilly

Family; Michele McNamara, Gracefield; Dan &

Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran,

Annamoe; James Maloney, St. Michael's Park

Sunday 18th February – 12.15pm

Liam Hickey, Market Square (M.M.)

Elizabeth McCormack, Cloneygowan

(1st Anniv.); Gerry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq.

(1st Anniv.); Jacqueline (Jackie) Gleeson

(1st Anniv.); Paddy Crossan, Ballymorris;

Mary Smith, Church View

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 11th February – 10.30am

Kathleen Costello, Bracklone St, M.M. Janina

Guidine, George Monagher, Lea; Mossie &

Kathy Stack; Ann Mooney, Treascon

Sunday 18th February – 10.30am

Pat Keane, Killenard, (6th Anniv)

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-

Pat Brophy, Killeen

John Dooley, Ballycullane

Camillus Kenna, Dublin & Bracklone Street

Maureen Fenlon, Ballybrittas

Helen Mulrennan (nee Dunne), Geashill (Sister of Teresa Bolton, Blackhall)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 10th February – 7.30pm

Tom Dowling, Morette

Saturday 17th February – 7.30pm

Dora Green, Cloneyhurke; Sean & William

Greene, Morette; Charlie Morris, Clonemone

(2nd Anniv.); Michael & Brigid Bourke,

Ballycullane;

Sunday 18th February – 11am

Jacqueline (Jackie) Gleeson (1st Anniv.); Mary

O'Connor, Ballycullane; Jeremiah O'Connor,

Coolaghy; Elizabeth Kelly, Emo Park; Margaret

Sweeney & Peter Kelly, Dublin

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:- EMO

Christine Angela O'Brien, Debbycott

Liam Patrick O'Connell, Shaen, Emo

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wed., 14th February (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 10am

LENT / ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of retreat; an opportunity to renew our relationship with God. Today, we receive the ashes on our foreheads with the words: 'Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return'. This ancient rite is a salutary and sober reminder of our human frailty and our mortality. The ashes are a public, visible sign of our willingness to enter Lent, to be willing and open to examining our conscience, undergo a conversion of heart and experience an inner renewal.

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held next weekend. It will take the form of a 2nd collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got Envelope Boxes & wish to contribute.

LET'S TALK FAMILY!

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During Lent you are invited to meet with parishioners from our neighbouring parishes for some chat and reflection on family life in the world today – the challenges, fragilities and hopes for the "Gospel of the Family" (*Pope Francis*). The get-togethers will be in Mt. St. Anne's at 8pm, for 5 Wednesdays, beginning on Feb 21st. Join us. Together we will be richer for making this important conversation part of what we 'do' for Lent this year.

LECTORS

PORTARLINGTON:

Ash Wed. 10am Morning Lector / 7.30pm

Emma Dunne

Sat. 17th Feb. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne /

Sun. 18th Feb. 9am Ailish Ridgeway /

12.15pm Micheline Murphy

KILLENARD:

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Maureen Molloy

Sun. 18th Feb. 10.30am John O'Byrne

EMO:

Ash Wednesday 7.30pm Ellen Dunne

Sat. 17th Feb. 7.30pm Kieran McEvoy

Sun. 18th Feb. 11am Paul Donnelly

RATH:

Ash Wednesday 8.30pm Ted O'Loughlin

Sun. 18th Feb. 9am Deirdre Hartigan

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington: Team C

Killenard: Team B

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday in St. Michael's Church after 10am

Mass until 7pm.

TROCAIRE

Trocaire has been supporting communities since their foundation in 1973, as a caring and compassionate organization inspired by Gospel values. For 45 years, Trocaire has been the practical outreach of the Irish Church to those most in need in the poorer countries where they work. This year's campaign focuses on Sierra Leone and Kumba Koroma is the little girl featured on our Trocaire box. In August last year, a devastating landslide struck her village and destroyed Kumba's community, Matome, with only 1 in 5 of those who lived in the path of the landslide surviving. As you can imagine, this tragedy deeply affected those left behind.

Trocaire boxes are available at the Church Porches.

BRINGING THEOLOGY HOME

Join our supportive student community and study theology by distance learning, attend lectures in Tallaght or from your own home – Join us this Spring. Application deadline 27th

February. Phone 01 4048124 /

enquiries@priorityinstitute.com

www.priorityinstitute.com

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE

The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place from the **8th to the 15th August 2018** 7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price € 819 per person sharing. For booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or Vera on 087 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 3rd to 10th October.
€689 per person sharing / Seven night's pilgrimage package inclusive, departing Dublin to Dubrovnik. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

DECLUTTER COACH TALK

Would you like to declutter your home and are not sure where to start? Join Kiera Hernon, Declutter Coach for a talk on the practical ways to declutter your home and organise what remains. Portarlington Golf Club 15th Feb. at 7.30. €10 entry – Email kiera@decluttercoach.ie or text 0838583015.

WANTED

Kind, caring, live-in companion required for elderly lady, preferably female. Double room available €300 per month. Portarlington area. Please contact 087-7545352 or 086-3127300 for further information.

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL

Upcoming courses.

Mindfulness Meditation Practice
Evenings – Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Cost €5.
Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation
Tues. 20th Feb. 7.30-9.30pm. Exploring the concept of mindfulness & meditation introducing participants to the basic principles & practice, practicing different approaches to meditation. Cost €10.

Let nothing be wasted – Wed. 21st Feb. & 7th Mar. 7.30-9pm. Learn how to live a more natural & sustainable lifestyle. Practical tips & information on how to reduce waste & live plastic free. Cost €10.

I am with you always – Wed. 28th Feb. & 7th, 14th & 21st March 3-4pm. Experience the richness & value of reflective meditation in the quiet & stillness of Suaimhneas. Cost €5. All courses include refreshments & home baking. Spaces are limited so booking is essential. Further details contact Anne or Mai on 057-8626541 or visit www.suaimhneas.ie

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

6.2.18

Letters: X, T, V, R – No winner. €25 to Aidan Colgan & Daryl Foy. Sellers prize Jack Kenny. Next Jackpot on 20th Feb. is €8,500

STORY MASSAGE COURSE

Learn how to give Story Massage - Starting Wed. 21st Feb. until 7th March from 8pm – 9.30pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Story massage is combining simple massage strokes (through clothes) while telling a story, using your hands to "illustrate" the story on someone's back, shoulders, arms and head. Course suitable for parents / carers / grandparents. If interested in learning Story Massage call Catriona on 086-8890005. Cost €50. Places limited so please book early.

RATH LADIES CLUB

Information health talk will take place in the Fisherman's Inn at 8.30pm on Mon. 12th Feb. All very welcome.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GARRYHINCH CLONEYHTURKE

Bingo resumes on Tues. 20th February at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD.

Celebrating the Gift of Grandparents
Takes place on Wed. 6th March from 7.30pm – 9pm. During the "Year of the Family" we invite grandparents to join us to celebrate the gift that they are. Facilitated by Breda O'Shea OSU. No charge – donations at your discretion. Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre 057-8626153 www.mountstannes.com

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

Sincere thanks to all who attended the recent AGM & to the outgoing Committee Members. We wish the incoming committee success for 2018: Chairperson: Peadar O'Toole, Secretary: Mary Keegan, Asst. Secretary: Deirdre Lawlor, Treasurer: Elaine Dempsey, Asst. Treasurer: John Langford, Child Welfare Officer: Peadar O'Toole

Registration is now open for the 2018 Season & we are happy to report that fees will remain the same as last year. St. Paul's cater for all ages right through to 'Mothers & Others'. Registration in the Community Centre on Tues. 13th Feb. from 6.30-8.30pm. A short meeting will take place after registration at 8.30pm – all welcome. Please keep in touch with the club by following us on Facebook – St. Paul's LGFA.

EASTER CAMP FOR GIRLS

Easter Camp For Girls
26th & 27th March at Arlington A.F.C., Castle Park. Camp cost €30 (sibling discounts). Participants receive 2 day coaching, a soccer kit and ball. To book: www.socceristers.ie and select Arlington.

Senior Men's Preseason Training

Commencing Tues. 13th Feb. At 7.30pm at Castle Park. New players 16 and over
Ladies Recreational football
Fridays In Port Community Centre from 8-9pm €5. New members 16 and over are welcome. Contact Peter Lawlor [087-2520052](tel:087-2520052)

SACRED HEART N.S., RATH

A **Cake Sale** will be held on Tues. 13th Feb. commencing 9am in the Community Hall, Rath. This cake sale is organised by the Rath N.S. Parent's Council to fund the children's after party for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Donations of cakes/buns etc. can be handed in to the hall from 9am on the day. Come along and buy some lovely home made cakes and help to support the fund. It is **Grandparents Day** for Junior Infants & 6th Class Pupils which will be celebrated by a Prayer Service in Sacred Heart Church, Rath commencing 11.30am.

IRISH ORAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION

One day preparation for Leaving Cert Students 29th March from 9.30am – 3pm in the Jobs Club, Portarlington. All aspects of the examination will be covered. Cost is €50 for the full day (Cost reasonable as this is a non-profit community group). Places limited. Deposit of €20 will secure a place. Remember...40% of your marks can be achieved via the oral examination! education@portarlington.ie or TEXT your name to 0879291841 and Mary will contact you with further information.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

New course of child swimming lesson, adult swimming lessons, parent and baby course starting the week of the 12th Feb. Still a few available places. Lean for Lent membership promotion starting the 14th Feb. until 31st March. Only €75 for full gym and pool membership. New Fitness Class timetable starting the 12th Feb. Members can book classes on our new gym sync app. Call reception on 057-8645800 for more info or to book any of our upcoming courses.

VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING FOR HOPE FOUNDATION

Margaret Kennedy is preparing to return to Calcutta in March of this year and would be very grateful for support in reaching her fundraising target. All donations can be left into the Parish Office in Portarlington or to her home in Avondale, Portarlington. Contact Margaret on 087 9024900.

LAOIS ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

Laois Alzheimer's Society **Support Group** Wed. 14th Feb. from 7.30pm-9pm In Parochial House, Portlaoise. The support groups provide an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation, to access information & practical advice in supportive environment. Free to family members affected by dementia and memory issues.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP



Theme: "The Family - A place of Faith, Hope & Love".

Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin
Six Wednesday nights commencing on 14th Feb. - 21st Mar. 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm)
Wed 14th Feb. 7.30pm Terry Thorpe
Mental Health Advocate with Hope (d)
Counselling Services. All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD

CHARITY BALL

This fabulous night of the year is fast approaching – Fri. 23rd Feb. in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Proceeds are in aid of Portarlington Senior Citizens. To book your ticket or a table of friends, please contact: Marie 087-7589896 / Colette 086-2654277 / Maria 086-3058181.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA

Lotto Results 05/02/2018.

Numbers were: 04,08,16,25. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €5,000.
2018 All County Clubs Members Draw
Tickets are currently on sale. This is the Club's primary revenue sources with O'Dempsey's GAA taking home close to 3/4's of the purchase price. Contact any Club member for further info.

Membership

Adult members – Don't forget to renew your membership for 2018. Membership entitles you free admission to home games and social activities in the club house. For forms contact Catherine 087-6306555 / Ivan 0879583564.

Juvenile Registration day

O'Dempsey's Juvenile Club are holding their Annual Registration Day Sun. 18th Feb. 11.30am – 1pm in the Clubhouse. Reminding existing and new members that the option of direct debit will be available on the day, which is a great way of signing up for membership, lotto and a County Board ticket.

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EMO G.A.A.

2018 All County Clubs Members Draw
Tickets currently on sale at €130 each – Can be paid in installments. Prizes of €100,000 in total (4 yearly draws). Tickets available from any Committee Members.

GUITARIST & SINGER

Available for all Church occasions.
Contact Maria on 083-8778135.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

5.2.2018

Numbers: 1, 6, 8, 20
No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Margaret O'Brien C/o Hilary / Pat Duffy C/o Mena / Vera & Sam C/o Vera / Stephen Connelly C/o Rath Cards / John Lewis, New Inn C/o Gate House
Next jackpot €12,800