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# PARISH OFFICE

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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



### **ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON**

Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> 10am Leo Dempsey, Shandra (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> 10am Patrick Daly (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Marie Daly, & daughter Ann Daly-Rogers
Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> 10am Gerard & Margaret Kearney, Drogheda

Thurs. 15th 10am Gertie Healy, St. Patrick's Tce. & grandson Michael Healy **Fri.** 16<sup>th</sup>10am ---

# Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March - 6.15pm

William (Bill) Murray, Ballymorris Manor (M.M.) Leo Dempsey, Shandra (1st Anniv.); Bill Storey, Garryhinch (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Maura & Patrick Williams; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Mary (May) Connolly, Marian Hill; Sadie Cliffdale, Manchester; Thomas Kennedy Snr., Gracefield: John (Jacko) Rovcroft, Bracklone St. & dec. members of the Roycroft Family; Bridie McEvoy, St. Joseph's Terrace

# <u>Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> March – 12.15pm</u>

Jonathan (Jon) McCowen, Station Rd. (1st Anniv.); Mick Knight, Annamoe (1st Anniv.); James (Jim) McMahon, St. Michael's Park (3rd Anniv.); William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale; Stephen, Jack & Alice Byrne, Cloneyhurke & dec. members of the Byrne Family: Kathleen Mulvey, Canal Rd; Elizabeth (Betty) Sheedy, Clondoolusk

# Friday 16th March - 6.15pm

Maise O'Brien, Curragh, Brownstown (M.M.)

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March - 9am - St. Patrick's Day People of the Parish

#### Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March - 12.15pm (Comhaltas) Deceased members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri

Eireann; Seamus Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq; Donie McDermott, Garryhinch; Sarah & Leonard McEvoy, Gracefield; John Kelly; Thomas Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Tony Ryan, Lea Rd; Daniel & Mary Cleary, Main St; Elizabeth & Edward Coogan, Shiphouse; Kathleen Kelly, Seskin; Patrick & Mary Brennan, Derryvilla & Crowe Lane

# Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March - 6.15pm (Vigil)

Jimmy Murphy, Congress Tce. (M.M.) Fergus Geoghegan, Crowe Lane (9th Anniv.) Patricia Bourke, Ballycullane; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill

# Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> March - 12.15pm

Tim & Annemarie Garry & dec. members of the Garry Family, Cloneyquinn; Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Tce; Jack & Dora Madden, Bracklone St.; Nancy Delaney, Bracklone St; Dotie Allen, Bishopswood; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Tommy & Carmel O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square

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#### **ANNIVERSARIES - EMO**

# Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm

Pat (Paddy) Brophy, Killeen (M.M.) Mary Flynn, Hand Road (51<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

# Sun. 11th March - 11am

John Dooley, Ballycullane (M.M.); Christopher (Christy) Booth, Morette; James O'Connor,

Rossmore, Vicarstown (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March – 11am – St. Patrick's Day Tom Delaney, New Inn

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm (Vigil) Christina Walsh, Knightstown (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & her daughter Julan (57<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Maria Greene, St. Brigid's, Portlaoise; Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas

<u>Sun.18<sup>th</sup> March – 11am</u>

Jimmy Conroy, Cappakeel (M.M.)

# ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

# Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> March - 9am

Maureen Fenlon, Ballybrittas (M.M.) Mick Fenlon, Ballybrittas; Mick Kinsella, Fisherstown

#### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

# Sunday 11th March - 10.30am

Nancy Whelehan, Closelands (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Paul Moore, Springfield (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Sean Keogh, Rathleash

# Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March - 10.30am St. Patrick's Day

Dick Slevin, Mount Henry & Corrig (M.M.) John Davis, Old Pound

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am

John Tynan, Springfield (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Denis

Donoher (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); John McEvoy, Trim & parents Patrick & Kathleen McEvoy; Bridget & William Coleman, Closelands

# ₩ RECENTLY DECEASED ₩

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

Philomena (Phil) Feehan, Church View Frank Kenny, Shannon & Kilmalogue Brian Kelly, Rathmiles

Thomas (Tom Nesh) Shortall, St. Brigid's Sq. Thomas Naughton, Foxcroft Avenue formerly Station House.

Mick Sharpe, London & formerly Treascon

who died during the week. John Hickey, UK & formerly Braemor Hse. Patrick Street

#### MASSES - ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Portarlington:** Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> March 6.15pm Vigil for St. Patrick's Day / Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March 9am Mass / 12.15pm Comhaltas

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March - 6.15pm Evening Vigil Mass

Killenard: Sat. 17th March 10.30am

Emo: Fri. 16th March 7.30pm Vigil for St. Patrick's Day & Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March 11am. Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm Evening Vigil Mass

Rath: Sat. 17th March 9am

# LECTORS 17th / 18th March

**PORTARLINGTON**: Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.15pm Lector h 9am Lector / 12.15pm Comhaltas Sat. 17<sup>t</sup> 6.15pm Vigil Sarah Dunne Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> 9am Dan Fingleton / 12.15pm Sinead Dunne **KILLENARD**: Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Johnny Carey

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Kelly

EMO: Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> 11am Sadhbh Hanneffy Sat. 17 7.30pm Vigil Mark Bastow / Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Frances Kerry

RATH: Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> 9am Brian Nolan Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> 9am Margaret Donoher

#### EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS 17th / 18th March

PORT: 17<sup>th</sup> (Vigil) & Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Team D KILLENARD 17<sup>th</sup> Team C / 18<sup>th</sup> Team D

#### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 National Collection**

Hosting this national & international event requires an enormous amount of planning & funding. Collection will take place at all Masses this weekend in the form of a second collection. Special envelope in your development boxes also. Please be as generous as you can!

### Volunteer now!

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and international pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of thousands of volunteers. Will you consider being part of a team to help us deliver the famous Irish welcome - the Céad Míle Fáilte? Sign up on our website, e-mail us at volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie Or phone (01)5676800



### LET'S TALK FAMILY! LET'S BE FAMILY!

During Lent you are invited to meet with parishioners from our neighbouring parishes for some chat & reflection on family life in the world today. <u>The next get-together will be held on</u> <u>Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Mount St.</u>

Anne's. Together we will be richer for making this important conversation part of what we 'do' for Lent this year.

# 1ST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

We welcome the children from our Parish who will receive the sacraments to First Holy Communion & Confirmation this year.

# First Confessions next week:-

St. Paul's NS, Emo: Wed. 14th Mar. at 7pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sacred Heart NS, Rath: Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8.15pm in Sacred Heart Church, Rath

#### **ALASDAIR'S BANJO LESSONS**



Banjo lessons available Mon. to Fri. for beginners to advance levels. Portarlington / Killenard / Emo area. Further info. & booking contact Alasdair on 085-1157929.

# PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

2018 Pilgrimage dates: 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018. 7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price € 819 PPS. Booking & further details from Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087- 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

#### SUAIMHNEAS - CAPPAKEEL

Mindfulness Meditation Practice Evenings – Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Cost €5. I am with you always

Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### Let Nothing Be Wasted

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." John 6:12

Tues. 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm-9pm

Facilitated by Ailish Ridgeway
In this workshop Ailish will introduce how to overcome the "Throw Away Culture" that is destroying our planet and harming our health.

Cost €10 includes refreshments & home baking. Further details contact Anne or Mai at 0578626541 Email: info@suaimhneas.ie

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

Registration is open to all girls in Portarlington, Rath & Emo, for the following age groups U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, Minor, Junior and Gaelic Mothers & Others.

Newcomers very welcome. Further info. contact Peadar O' Toole 0862522768.

# Fundraising

Annual sponsored walk Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> March. Sponsorship cards available over next 2 weeks. **Table quiz** in conjunction with Emo GAA takes place Fri 30<sup>th</sup> March in The Gate House. – Plenty of spot prizes.

# **Annual Clothes collection**

Takes place Easter Saturday, so clear out the wardrobes & donate all unwanted clothes. This has been a great success in previous years - so let's try & better last year's total.

# **GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB**

Weekly Lotto: Numbers 21, 26, 27, 30
No jackpot winner. Next week's Lotto €5,600
Club Membership: All Membership now due!!
Quiz Night! Table Quiz night postponed due
to adverse weather conditions. A new date will
be posted soon.

#### **LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY**

Social Club: Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>March 2.30pm – 4.30pm in Shaen Hospital. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Further info. on dementia contact Ann Munnelly on 057-8663398 / 086-8372168 - Email laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

#### **PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND**

The Concert Band are keen to increase numbers (boys & girls - 9 years & upwards). Classes held Thurs. between 4.30 & 6.30pm. Instruments offered are: Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone & Percussion. Contact Pat Donegan 083-8510428.

### THANK YOU - PORT. SOCIAL SERVICES

Portarlington Social Services/Meals on Wheels thank all who helped during the bad weather. To the ladies in the kitchen, the people who delivered meals & to all those who offered to help. We were so sorry to have to cancel meals on Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> March. Again, sincere thanks.



Blessing & Prayer Tribute to all Mothers
Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.
Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **MEETINGS ROOMS AVAILABLE**

Small and large meetings with tea & coffee making facilities. Portarlington town. Phone John on 086-2596618.

# **PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE**

Now booking Easter Swim Camps, Multi Activity camps and Soccer Skills Camps. Free Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Phone 057-8645800 to book any of our camps or book into our Easter egg hunt. Now booking new course of adult lessons + parent and baby classes starting the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> March. St Patrick's day membership offer, sign up from the 17<sup>th</sup> March till the 31<sup>st</sup> March for only €15, Only €1 a day membership!

#### **RATH LADIES CLUB**

Makeup Artist, Roisin, in attendance at a get-together of Rath Ladies Club on Monday next, 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8.30pm in the Fisherman's Inn. All very welcome.

# **LOST**

Opal Ring (Sentimental Value) lost in or around St. Michael's Church last Wed. week. Phone the Parish Office (057) 8643004.

# CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

A mature reliable woman available to mind children in her own home. Own transport available. Portarlington / Killenard / Emo area. Further details contact Caroline 086-1667656.

# FIERCE - PERFORMING ACADEMY

Dance, sing and drama – Tuesday at the Health & Nutrition Centre, Main St., Portarlington (Over Euro Zone) – Free class on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Booking & further info. contact Tarik on 086-8723355.



# EMO G.A.A.

Emo GAA Dinner Dance: Takes place Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> March in Judge Roy Beans, Killenard. Tickets €30 can be purchased from Emo Shop, The Gate House or from Anne Lawlor (086) 049 3035.

# Laois GAA Club Membership Tickets:

Sincere thanks to all who bought and sold €130 tickets for the Laois GAA club members Draw. We had no winner this time. Next draw will take place Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Membership:

Now due €20. Anyone wishing to become a member of Emo GAA contact Anne Lawlor on (086) 049 3035

# Fundraiser:

Emo GAA and St. Paul's Ladies are holding a table quiz on Good Friday at 9pm in the Gate House Emo table of 4 is €40. Come along it will be a great night.

# SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March with Rosary at 7.10pm. Guest speaker: Fr. Philip Mulryne (Former Irish International & Manchester United Footballer recently ordained a Dominical Priest).

All very welcome to attend.

#### **GUITARIST & SINGER**

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

#### EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO - 5.3.2018

Numbers: 3, 15, 19, 20 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Angela Strong, Emo / Helen Langford C/o Emo Shop / Mick & Kate Lindsey C/o The Gate House / Terry Moran C/o Vera / Margaret Langford C/o Emo Shop - Next jackpot €13,600

#### **MOUNTMELLICK DRAMA FESTIVAL**

Mountmellick Community Arts Centre.
Commencing nightly at 8pm.
Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> March The Good Father /
Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> March Duet for One /
Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> March The Glass Menagerie
Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> March unbroken Circle / Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup>
March Death & the Maiden / Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> March
Albertine in Five Times. Tickets available from
Jessie 087 7942994 or Noreen 087-4121205 or
jessieconroy61@gmail.com norsavage@eircom.net

#### **FRIENDS TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB**

The club meet every Tuesday & Friday in the Scouts Den from 2.30pm – 5pm offering a selection of games & activities, social outings & refreshments & play area for children.

New members welcome.

#### **COMPUTER TRAINING**

Computer Training on a **One-to-One** basis from beginners to Advanced users. <u>All ages catered for.</u> Choose Email, Internet, Skype, Facebook, Booking Tickets, Holidays, Shopping, Using IPads, Tablets, Kindle, Iphones, Memory Sticks, Music, Photos, Word, Excel etc. Contact <u>0863034540</u>

# PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION CASH DRAW (17TH FEBRUARY) WINNERS

€10,000 Robert Doyle / €2,000 Paul Ward €2,000 Robert Gallagher / €1,000 John Connolly / €1,000 Demin Chen / €500 Deirdre Kavanagh / €500 Anthony Quinn / €500 Helen McMahon / €500 Geraldine Joyce

# PPN (PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK) Municipal District meetings

Birr: 14<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the Civic offices / Edenderry 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm in the Edenderry Library / Tullamore 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in the Tullamore Library

Topics: Funding Applications /
Do you wish to avail of the following training? /
Establishing groups that are representative of specific issue in the following areas:
Community Dev: Social Inclusion:
Environmental: Contact Offaly PPN
087-1198591 info@offalyppn.ie



# PORTARLINGTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

St Patrick's Day Parade Committee

URGENTLY require volunteers

to help out on the day. If you can spare 3 hours, from 2pm to 5pm, please contact 087-2638149.

Festivities due to start from 2pm in The Square.
Free face painting, bouncing castles, Birds of
Prey, Bumble Bee Bus, and loads more.
Parade starting at 3pm from top of Station
Road. Please come and join us in the
festivities and pain the town green!





