



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.

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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

12th February, 2017 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 13th Feb. 10am ---
Tues. 14th Feb. 10am ---
Wed. 15th Feb. 10am ---
Thurs. 16th Feb. 10am Feb. May Higgins,
Patrick Street

Fri. 17th Feb. 10am Kathleen Earley,
St. Patrick's Terrace

Saturday 11th February – 6.15pm

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Evans, 1st Anniv. St.
Joseph's Tce; Veronica (Ronnie) Moran
Droughill & Kilrush; Paddy Gallagher, Lea;
Joseph Ryan & Bridget Ryan, Kilmalogue;
Jim Grehan, Shandra; Joseph Murphy, St.
Patrick's Tce; Bill & Philomena Rogers,
Bracknagh; Charlie Keogh & Dec. members of
the Keogh Family, St. Patrick's Tce; Patrick,
Kathleen & James Dunne & Maura Breen,
St. Michael's Park; Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Rd.
Elizabeth Nolan (2nd Anniv.) & Thomas Nolan
(42nd Anniv.), Bracklone Street; Ollie Whelan,
Marian Hill; Maura Greene, St. Mary's Tce;
Jim Cooper, Arlington Estate; Edward Gaffney,
Main Street; Paddy Finlay, Main St.
(14th Anniv.)

Sunday 12th February – 12.15pm

Tom Carey, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.)
Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Road; Esther Jane
Moran, Cloneyhurke; Daniel &
Mary Mulvihill, Droughill

Saturday 18th February – 6.15pm

Brendan Sharpe, Kilmalogue Garden (M.M.)
Frances (Teresa) Mason, Garryhinch (1st
Anniv.); Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; James
& Mary Flanagan; Michael & Elizabeth Woulfe;
William Barnes; Alo Maher, Marian Hill;
Michele McNamara, Gracefield

Sunday 19th February – 12.15pm

Mary Smith, Church View (2nd Anniv.);
Deceased members of the Smith & Byrne
Families; Thomas Hoey, Kilbride (5th Anniv.);
Paddy Crossan, Kilbride; Dora Keogh,
Patrick St.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD



Sunday 12th February – 10.30am

George Monagher, Lea; Paddy & Lulu Hughes
Tommy Sharpe, Closelands

Sunday 19th February – 10.30am

Pat Keane, Killenard (5th Anniv.)
Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO



Saturday 11th February – 7.30pm

Mary & Betty Lynch, Killeen; Jack, Ellen,
Michael, Bernard, Mary & Tom Dowling,
Morette, Joseph & Margaret Duffy, Ballycullane

Saturday 18th February – 7.30pm

Charlie Morris, Clonemone, (1st Anniv.)
Michael & Bridget Bourke, Ballycullane

Sunday 19th February – 11am

Sean & William Greene & deceased members
of the Greene & Conroy Families

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH



Sunday 12th February – 9am

Anne Tynan, "Copper Beech" Jamestown (MM)
Frank Dempsey & Elizabeth Fitzgerald

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community
through Baptism:



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Peter James Murphy, Tara Hse., Kilmalogue
David James Flynn, Grace Hill Cottage,
Bishopswood Road
Michael Joseph Harty, Woodlands Park
Edward Harty, Woodlands Park

EMO PARISH

Finn Conell Wheeler, Killimy Road

SAMARITANS



Now seeking volunteers for the Newbridge
Branch for 3-4 hours per week to listen to
those who are lonely, depressed & sometimes
suicidal. Full training provided. Further info.
call to No. 3 McElwain Tce., Newbridge Wed.
8th Feb. & Thurs. 9th Feb. at 8pm.
Recruitment line 086-0855785

EMO PARISH

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

From the 16th – 21st July 2017.
5 nights full board Hotel Astrid. €999 per
person sharing (single supplement €150).
Further info. & booking phone: 086-1225833
or the Parish Office 057-8643004.

LECTORS – NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington

Sat. 18th Feb. 6.15 Katie Dunne / Sun. 19th
Feb. 9am Eileen Dunne / 12.15pm Anne
Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 19th Feb. 10.30am Siobhain Fallon

Emo

Sat. 18th Feb. 7.30pm Ellen Dunne
Sun. 19th Feb. 11am Kieran McEvoy

Rath

Sun. 19th Feb. 9am Kathleen Wilson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington TEAM B

Sat. 18th Feb. 6.15pm S. Knight / S. Kiernan /
P. Dempsey / M. Finlay / H. McGinn
Sun. 19th Feb. 9am H. Tinkler-Dunne / A.
Hennessy / J. Murphy 12.15pm M. Smith / C.
Garry / E. Mitchell / J. Dempsey / L. Cooper

Killenard TEAM E

Sun. 19th Feb. 10.30am U. Dunne / D. Slevin /
E. Bracken

CONFIRMATION 2017

Portarlington Parish

We welcome the children from Portarlington
Parish, who will receive the Sacrament of
Confirmation next month. This weekend they
celebrate the Ceremony of Light and they will
take their Pledge. We wish them well as they
continue their preparation for Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION 2017

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thursday 9th March 2017 at 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS

Friday 10th March 2017 at 11am

Presentation Primary School &

Cloneyhurke NS

Friday 10th March 2017 at 2pm

EMO PARISH

St. Paul's NS, Emo & Sacred Heart NS, Rath

Thursday 4th May 2017 at 11.00am & 2pm
Emo / Rath

Prayer for the sick

Mary, our Mother,
in Christ you welcome each of us as a son or
daughter. Sustain the trusting expectation of
our hearts, succor (help) us in our infirmities
and sufferings and guide us to Christ, you Son
and our brother. Help us to entrust ourselves to
the Father who accomplishes great things.

Pope Francis (2017 World Day of the Sick)

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO 6.2.2017

Numbers 1,4,8,16 – No Winner
€25 to each of the following:
Mark Deering C/o Ann / Sarah O'Reilly C/o
Brian / Ailish Mahon C/o Emo Shop
Darragh Wheeler C/o Emo Shop
Noel Costello C/o Emo N.S.
Next week's Jackpot is €3,800

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Befriending Laois

Befriending Laois is a free visiting service which offers friendship to older people. Volunteers are trained and Garda vetted and visit people in their own homes. If you would like to volunteer or wish to avail of the services of Befriending Laois, please contact Laois Partnership Company on 087 2720715 or email befriending@volunteerlaois.ie

GALA CHARITY BALL

This brilliant glitz and glamour ball is on Friday 24th February in the Heritage Golf and Spa Resort, Killenard in aid of Laois Down Syndrome.



Book your ticket or table of friends and enjoy the night of the year. Tickets available from:

Marie: 087-7589896 / Colette 086-2654277 or call to Saoirse Care Charity Shop beside Burbage's, Main Street.

GRANT FOR REPLACEMENT OF LEAD PIPES

Laois County Council advise that a grant scheme is now available to assist householders with the cost of replacing lead pipes in their homes. Application forms, which include details of eligibility, may be obtained from the Water Services Department, Laois County Council, Aras an Chontae, Portlaoise. Further info. may be obtained at www.laois.ie. If you have any queries please phone 057 87 64120.

PORTARLINGTON GAA CLUB **Lotto Wk. 6 -**

Registration for 2017 You can now register in the GAA Centre every Wed. between 7-9pm

U6 football training has started again for 2017 and is on Sunday Mornings at 10am in the hall

Hurling training for ages is at 11am every Sunday in the hall.

Laois GAA All County Draw Tickets can be obtained from our Treasurer Madeline Ward at 085 1018048 or in the GAA Centre every Wednesday night or from any committee member.

Annual Good Friday Poker Classic will take place on April 14th at 8.30 pm in the GAA Centre. Refreshments served. Early Bird €20 or €25 on the night. Tickets from Joe Whelan 087 2529977 or Cam McGettrick 087 7799520

Keep up to date with what's going on in Portarlington GAA Club by liking our Facebook page (Portarlington GAA Club) or following us on Twitter @PortGAA or our website clgportarlington.com

CHILDMINDER NEEDED

Childminder required to mind children in the children's own home 5 days per week Mon-Fri. Own transport essential / References required. Further details contact 087-9611545.

CAR BOOT SALE



takes place on Sunday the 12th March from 11am to 2pm in Portarlington Community Centre

Only €10 per stall, free to the public.

EASTER SOCCER CAMP

Two Day Soccer Easter Camp for Girls aged 7-12 years will take place on 12th & 13th April at Arlington AFC, Lea Road. €30 with sibling discount. Full kit and ball for every participant places limited. To book see Arlington AFC juveniles Facebook page or [1890-653-653](tel:1890-653-653)

PORT TRAIL BEGINNERS WALKING GROUP

This is an open group and you can join in at anytime. There is a new walk suitable for beginners which takes about 30 minutes. They meet at Park Lane car park, beside the Medi Centre, on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, so please feel free to join in and stay fit for 2017. Further info. from Donie (086) 3288858.

SUAIMHNEAS, EMO - COURSES **Mindfulness meditation practice**



Every Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Commencing 23rd Feb. These evenings are an opportunity to be part of a small group & feel supported in the practice of Mindfulness / Meditation.

Cost €5 incl. refreshments & home baking. Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas)

Work Support - Facilitated by John Doherty

Work support is a series of four individual day workshops throughout the year on supporting Therapists & Health Care Personnel in their work. Therapists & Health Care personnel are free to attend one or all of the four workshops. For full dates of times and costs phone Anne or Mai on 057 8626541.

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

Sat. 1st April 10am - 4.30pm. Cost €65 incl. freshly cooked 3 course dinner & refreshments.

Glimpses into the Mystery of the **Unfolding Universe**

Sat. 20th May 2017 - 3-5pm. Cost €10 incl. refreshments.

For full details of all the above and booking please phone Mai or Anne at Suaimhneas 057 8626541.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, **KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON**

Tuesday Meditation on 14th February from 8-9pm - "God is Love". An opportunity for quiet reflection and guided prayer. Facilitated by the Mount St. Anne's Retreat Team. All are welcome.

Holy Week Retreat from Wednesday 12th - Sunday 16th April. Prayer reflections as we journey through His passion, death and resurrection. Residential or non-residential options available. All Easter ceremonies throughout the retreat. Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday at 6am. Facilitated by Fr. Jack Rodgers SPS

For further details or to receive a copy of our 2017 Programme, please contact Catherine on 057-8626153

VICARSTOWN SCHOOL ANTIQUES ROAD **SHOW**

Sun. 19th Feb. 2-5pm - Get your antiques valued - Antiques, art, books, collectables - Jewellery and memorabilia. One item €5 / Three items €10 for valuation. Valuations by Sheppard's Irish Auction House, Durrow. Venue: Old Community Centre, Vicarstown. info@sheppards.ie Phone: 057 8740000.

HOME HELP WANTED

Lady required for light housework and meal preparation for a busy family each Tuesday for 4 hours (flexible times) Ballybrittas/Killenard area. Ph 0872957938

DR. BOLGER (TULLAMORE HOSPITAL)

Retirement Mass: In the Church of the Assumption, Tullamore Wed 15th Feb at 6pm.

PORT SOCIAL SERVICES **BINGO**

Bingo has resumed on Wednesday nights in the Social Services Centre at 8.30pm. We welcome back all the old players & also welcome new players. Come along & enjoy a few games & a cuppa & meet your old friends or make new ones.

HAPPY HEARTS

Portarlington Active Retirement / Happy Hearts Club meet every Thursday between 2 and 4 in the Community Centre. Over 55's welcome to join us in lots of activities which include Bingo, Bowls, Cards, Art, Table Tennis, Darts, Rings, Table Quiz, Talks, Sing-along, Crafts & Dancing. You can also come along on day trips (approx. 7 short breaks throughout the year).

New members over 55 always welcome. Further info. contact Barbara on 086-1999405.

PORTARLINGTON CLOSED GROUP OF **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday Nights at 8.30pm. Sunday Mornings at 12pm.

SLEEPING BEAUTY PANTOMIME

Mountmellick Macra Presents their 19th Pantomime, Sleeping Beauty, for all the family to enjoy in Mountmellick Macra Hall on Thurs., Fri. & Sat. Feb. 17th, 18th & 19th at 7pm. The final show is on Sun. 19th Feb. at 7pm. Tickets are priced at €8 for adults and €5 for children with a special price of €5 on Thursday (for all). These are available in O'Gorman's newsagents, or on the door.

MEETING OF RETURNED OVERSEAS **VOLUNTEERS & LAY MISSIONARIES**

Have you ever volunteered overseas in any kind of profession or have worked as a lay missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Would you like to meet up with like-minded people? Join us for a special meeting which takes place on Thurs. 16th Feb. at 7.30pm at the Church of the Irish Martyrs (Ballycane Church) in Naas. For more info email Jim at jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone /text 083 8422468.

CAST WANTED

Would you like to be on stage? The Porterhouse Players, a fun loving easy going Amateur Drama Group based in Portarlington, are now auditioning cast for forthcoming productions. Age 18/80 years. No experience necessary. Interested? Please call 086-6004628.

KESTRELS BASKETBALL CLUB

Old Clothes Collection

Where: PE hall in Coláiste Íosagáin
When: Saturday Feb. 25th between 3- 5pm.

All support is greatly appreciated. Any questions please contact Josie on 087 4026970.

TABLE QUIZ

A Table Quiz will take place on Fri. 17th Feb. commencing 8.30pm in Portarlington Golf Club, Garryhinch. ALL welcome. €40 for a team of 4. Hot snacks will be served on the night.



PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Now taking bookings for our next 10-week course of Child swimming lessons, Rookie Lifeguard & Lane Swimming starting the week of the 13th Feb. New parent & baby classes starting Thurs. 16th of Feb. Now booking - Phone reception on 057-8645800.