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MASS TIMES

10am Daily Mass (Mon. - Fri.) 6.15pm (Vigil - Saturday),

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



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LECTORS (READERS) Sat. & Sun. 19th & 20th May

Portarlington 6.15pm Anita Donoher / 9am Tom Hainsworth / 12.15pm Emma Dunne Killenard 10.30am Jerome Kelly

Emo 7.30pm Ellen Dunne 11am Frances Kerry Rath 9am Marie O'Loughlin

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sat. & Sun. 19th & 20th May

Portarlington Team C Killenard Team B

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun. 3rd. June with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr. Liam Lawton. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Cost of bus to Knock €20 per head. To book transport & for further information contact: Josie Hanlon, Portarlington 086-3425944 or Vera Moran, Emo 086-2515271. Bus leaving SuperValu at 8am and Emo at 8.30am on the morning.

INVALID PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

The Invalid Pilgrimage will travel to Knock Shrine on Sun. 3rd June, which will coincide with the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Full funding is available for invalids wishing to be placed in the care of St. John's in Knock before and after the ceremonies. Otherwise seats that may become available will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will cost €30 per person. (Includes food/beverages). Enq: to Teresa 087-1343174 or Mary 087 7870889.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Registration for Festival of Families & the Closing Mass on Sunday can be done as part of registering for three days or one day of the Pastoral Congress in the RDS. The diocesan day at the congress is Wed. 22nd August. Registration can be done online at: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE **MEETING**

Meeting will take place on Sat. 19th May after the 6.15pm Mass in St. Mary's side Chapel of St. Michael's Church. Please attend.

ADORATION FOR LIFE
Adoration on Tues. 22nd May will take place
after 10am Mass until 12 Midnight. Teach Mhuire Praying Community will lead "Adoration for Life"

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 12th May - 7.30pm

Tom & Bridget Fitzpatrick, Dangans & their daughter, Lily Fitzpatrick, Dangans

> Sunday 13th May - 11am Michael Whyte Snr., Killimy

<u>Saturday 19th May – 7.30pm</u> Nora (Peg) McGuirk, Knightstown (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 13th May - 9am

Larry & Nancy Ryan, Bellegrove, son Tom Ryan, Myles & Alice Christie, Monasterevin; Andrew & Elizabeth Mulhare, Courtwood; Joe Behan, Rath

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018



Congratulations to the children from Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard Who receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place next weekend as follows: St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Portarlington Sat. 19th May at 11.30am

KANDLE FAMILY FUN DAY

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Date: 16th June 2018. Carlow College. St. Patrick's from 2-6pm. This is a FREE event. All welcome. #KandLeFamilyFunDay

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

A collection will take place in all parishes in the diocese on the weekend of 27th May to assist with the ongoing support of the Retired priests. Envelope available in your boxes of envelopes & available at the back of the Church. Cheques can be made payable to :-Portarlington No. 1 A/C or Emo No. 1 A/C.

GATHERING FOR RETURNED VOLUNTEERS / MISSIONARIES

Have you ever worked overseas as a volunteer or missionary in Africa, Asia or South America? Join us for a gathering of returned volunteers and missionaries in an informal setting. Meeting takes place at Ballycane Church (Church of Irish Martyrs) in Naas on Tues. 15th May at 7.30pm. For more info email jim.farrell@amri.ie or phone/text 083 8422468.

All are welcome!

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

9am & 12.15pm Sunday

SUNDAY 13TH MAY, 2018

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 14TH May 10am ---Tues. 15th May 10am ---Wed. 16th May 10am ---

Thurs. 17th May 10am ---Fri. 18th May 10am Michael Barry & Kevin Barry, Patrick Street

Saturday 12th May - 6.15pm

Dolores Shortall, Arlington Est. (6th Anniv.) Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Hoey, Botley Court (B/Day Rem.); Mary (Mal) Keogh, St. Michael's Park; Dec. members of the Keogh Family, St. Patrick's Terrace; Bernie O'Leary, Clonanny; Pat McCann, St. Brigid's Sq; Patrick O'Reilly, Marian Hill, William & Margaret Smith, Seskin, their daughter Agnes Powell, (nee Smith), Deceased members of the Smith & Enright families, P. Beacon, Clanmalire; James (Jimmy) Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce;

Sunday 13th May – 12.15pm Gus Hynes, Cushina (1st Anniv.); Kathleen

Carey, St. Brigid's Square; Anthony Carey, Germany & St. Brigid's Square; Michael & Sarah Slevin, French Church St; Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, Assumpta Tce; John Harney, Cushina; Elizabeth & John Cleary, Cushina Martin Dunne, Cloneyhurke (3rd Anniv.)

Saturday 19th May - 6.15pm

Eileen Finlay, Patrick Street (M.M.) Bridie Power, Avondale (M.M.) Michael Power, Avondale, Kathleen & James McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce; Patrick Geoghegan Jnr. & Snr., Cushina; James Phillips, Seskin; William & Kathleen Murphy, Main Street Margaret (Peg) Mullally, Portlaoise Road Kieran Mc Evoy, Ballymorris Manor, (6th Anniv)

Sunday 20th May – 12.15pm Mel Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Paddy & Kitty O'Hora, Foxcroft Street; Padraig & James Douglas, Bishopswood; Michael & Imelda St. John, Kilmalogue; Patricia and Liam Woulfe, Patrick Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 13th May - 10.30am

John Keogh, Lake Rd., son, Sean & daughters Kathleen, Bridie & Teresa

Sunday 20th May - 10.30am Julie Slevin, Garryvacum

PLEASE NOTE:

Months Mind Mass for Roger (Rody) Phelan will take place on Sun. 20th May Two Mile Borris at 10.30am.

₩ RECENTLY DECEASED ₩

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:

James (Jimmy) Lynam, Kennel Cross & Dublin

Sr. Mary Laurance Culleton, Limetree, Emo

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S,

KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON

Mindfulness Retreat

From Thursday 24th May to Sunday 27th May. Facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan. Integrating Meditation and Scripture with input on Mindfulness, recent research on Positive Psychology and Wellbeing. Residential and Non-residential options available.

For further details & booking contact Catherine on 057-8626153

VACANCY - FAITH DEVELOPMENT

CO-ORDINATOR (Mount St. Anne's, Killenard)

Vacancy for Faith Development Co-ordinator Main purpose of the Co-ordinator is to coordinate, plan and deliver, with occasional members of the team, retreats for school students ranging from pre-Confirmation to Leaving Certificate age & to assist in the further development of Mount St Anne's Heart Aflame Visitor Centre and our broader interest in heritage/pilgrimage/spiritual tourism. For further details on this position and requirements etc. contact Mount St. Anne's. Ceo.mountstannes@gmail.com Closing date June 18th, 2018.

CHECK IT FITS

Did you know four out of five child car seats are incorrectly fitted? Get your child's car seat checked for free. At SuperValu Car Park Wed. 16th May from 10am to 5.30pm.

TABLE QUIZ

In aid of Children with Autism

Table guiz in aid of My Canine Companion will take place in the Dublin Bar on Fri. 25th May from 8.30pm. All proceeds will go directly to the charity, which provides service dogs for Children with Autism. €10 per person / Table of four €40. Great raffle on the night / Spot prizes.

PORTARLINGTON JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Portarlington Lawn Tennis Club welcomes new members. Junior membership entitles the child to free participation in our Summer activities program. Every weekday afternoon Monday to Friday for 8 weeks in July and August. Rackets and balls provided. Very few places available in Tony's Child Coaching classes. If interested contact 087 1231135.

RATH LADIES CLUB

Rath Ladies Club are hosting Medical Herbalist, Emmet Walsh on Monday 14th May at 8.30pm in the Fisherman's Inn. All very welcome.

LAOIS AGE FRIENDLY

Laois Age Friendly in association with Laois PPN are hosting a Tea Dance in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix on Wed. 30th May from 2pm to 5pm. Special Guest is Mary O'Rourke and music is by Paddy Bracken, Clara. RSVP to Geraldine Delaney - 057 8664017 or agefriendly@laoiscoco.ie before 25th May.

PORT. TRAIL WALKING GROUP

Beginners walks take place every Monday night at 7.30pm from Park Lane, Car Park. All walks are local and can be done at your own pace. We also do walks on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6.45pm. These are also local walks but with the brighter evenings, we will vary the walks to different places. Do come along and Join us. Phone Donie on 086-3288858.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION CASH DRAW RESULTS 14TH APRIL.

€10,000 Sharon Storey / €2,000 Edward Murphy €2,000 Bartlomiez Migas / €1,000 Patrick Lee €1,000 Brigid McEvoy / €500 Chelsea O'Callaghan / €500 Paul Wallace / €500 Christine Byrne / €500 Sharon Moore / €400 Natalia Sojka.

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The day of the Lord's triumphant return to his Father is not a day for narrowness or sadness. Rather, it is a day for openness and joy. Therefore, let us lift up our hearts. Let us raise up your minds. Let our spirits soar and be free. For sin & evil & death have been overcome. We know nothing of the mystery of the beyond. All we have is His word: 'Where I am, you too will be.' Lord, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Guard this hope with your grace & bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of

heaven. Amen **CEMETERY MASSES 2018**

Killenard – Friday 6th July – 7.30pm Portarlington - Fri. 13th July – 7.30pm Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 20th July – 7.30pm Emo Old Cemetery – Wed. 15th Aug. 7.30pm

O'DEMPSEYS GAA CLUB

Lotto Results 08/05/2018.

Numbers: 03,07,10,24. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners: JJ Moynihan, Andy O'Connor, Lesley Nolan, Conor Finlay, Jack Donnelly, Vera Moran, Liam Pearce, Jack Behan, Pawel Starkowski. Promoter - Mick Aherne. Next week's Jackpot: €7,600. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

ART AND CRAFT CLASSES

Includes Clay; Jewellery making; Ceramic painting; Paverpol; Button Art and Acrylic painting. For further details phone Brenda on 085-1322455.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

Portarlington Community Allotments are now located behind Presentation Convent, Portarlington (Patrick Street). There are 4 allotments still available - If interested contact Mike at 086-2056542

FREE TRANSPORT - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The Irish Cancer Society is looking for volunteer drivers in the Offaly area to drive Offaly patients to and from their chemotherapy appointments in Tullamore Hospital and to our partner Dublin hospitals - St. Vincent's University Hospital, Mater Hospital, Tallaght Hospital and St. James's Hospital.

All volunteer expenses are paid. If interested in becoming a Volunteer Driver or for further info. contact Gail 01 2310 566 or visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie for an application form.

VINTAGE FILM NIGHT

Enjoy an evening of digitally restored film of Dublin and Portarlington from the 1920's. Following the discovery and restoration of over 20 reels of film from the 1920's the Lea Castle Conservation Group are proud to present a unique opportunity to see this rare film of a bye gone era on June 6th in the Dunamaise Arts Centre, Portlaoise. The film, recorded by George Mathews, features life in Dublin and Portarlington in the early years of the last century and has never been shown in public before. On the night there will also be an opportunity to view the Ronnie Mathews vintage postcard collection.

Tickets are strictly limited and cost €10 each from the Dunamaise Arts Centre Portlaoise, and locally, details to follow.

COMMUNION CALLS



The sick and housebound will be attended during the week as follows:

Tuesday 15th May, 2018

Crowe Lane, Orchard Drive, Whitefields, Station Rd; St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St., Corrig, St. Michael's Pk., Portlaoise Road, Kilbride, Lea Rd., Ballycarroll, Canal Court

Wednesday 16th May, 2018

Ballybrittas, Bellgrove, Coolroe, Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette, Emo, Portlaoise Road, Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Killeen, Tinakill, Coolaghy Thursday 17th May, 2018

Kilmalogue Garden, Church View, Patrick Street, Assumpta Tce., St. Mary's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce., Gracefield, Avondale, Bog Rd., Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Sweep Road, The Square, Marian Hill, Bishopswood, Clondoolusk, Cushina,

GARDA BAND



Comes to Portarlington Portarlington Lions Club celebrating its 10th Anniversary & Lions International Centenary Year with Garda Band Concert

Portarlington Lions Club celebrating its 10th Anniversary and celebrating Lions International Centenary Year are hosting the Garda Band in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Sunday 20th May, 2018 from 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. A donation from this event will be given to Portarlington Meals on Wheels and Portarlington Senior Citizens. Admission is by ticket only €10.00 each - family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) €30.00. No tickets will be on sale on the day of the concert. Tickets can be purchased in Brian Whelan Electrical, Main Street, Marie Corcoran (Saoirse Care Charity Shop (beside Burbage's), Main Street, and Willie Murphy Furniture Store, Patrick Street (all in Portarlington). If you have any questions regarding purchasing tickets you can contact Berni 087-6267694 or

Tricia 0861604363 (after 6 pm). **PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

2018 Pilgrimage dates: 8th to the 15th 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.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES FUND SPONSORED 5K RUN

Family Day out walk or run on Sun. 20th May commencing 11am at the Heritage Spa & Golf Hotel, Killenard. Refreshments served in hotel / Further info. & sponsorship cards from Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417 / Niall 085 1542171 / PJ 087 0910489.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next jackpot €14,800 - Draw will take place Mon. 14th May, 2018.

GAELIC 4 MOTHERS & OTHERS

St Paul's, Emo Gaelic4Mothers and Others are looking for new players to join our team. Whether you are a past player or have never played before, come down and interact with other women/mothers in our community, in a fun non competitive environment.

Training Thursday evening at 7.15pm. Contact 085-7123822.

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