



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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**DIOCESAN WEBSITE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) **SAMARITANS** 1850 60 90 90 or 0902 73133 **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 087 7640557  
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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

## 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR 'C'

### ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** ----  
**Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** May Higgins, Patrick St.  
**Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Kathleen Earley, St. Patrick's Tce,  
**Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Dorrie Galvin, Cloneyhurke, (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv) Dec members of the Dempsey family, Christopher Boyle, Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood,  
**Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am** Thomas Keegan, Bishopswood,

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 6.15pm

Michael (Mick) Murphy, Annamoe (M.M.)

Tony McGonigle, Rosecourt (M.M.)

Paddy Gallagher, Lea; Joseph Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce., Bridget & Joseph Ryan, Kilmalogue; John Dooley & Marie Dooley; Patrick, Kathleen & James Dunne, St.

Michael's Pk. Maura Breen (nee Dunne); Jimmy Kelly, Church View, James, Mary & Thomas Barns, Edward Gaffney, Main St,

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 12.15pm.

Veronica Moran, Droughill & Kilrush (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Patrick (Paddy) Crossan, Kilbride; Mossie Kelly, St. Michael's Pk. Martin, Sarah, Pat, Tomás, Breda & Andrew Turley; Esther & Jane Moran, Cloneyhurke, Maura Greene, St Mary's Tce, (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv), Tom Kelly, Congress & Clonbullogue,

#### Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February – 6.15pm

Patrick (Paddy) Bracken, St. Brigid's Sq, M.M. Elizabeth Dempsey, M.M. St. Evins Park, Monasterevin, Elizabeth (Peg) Nolan, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv), her husband Tom Nolan, Bracklone St, Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke,

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 12.15pm

Veronica Mooney, Whitefields, M.M. Patrick Mitchell, Derrymore, (birthday rem) Tommy Hoey, Kilbride, (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv) Maura Murphy, St. Mary's Tce, & her husband Jerry Murphy, Mary Smith, Church View, Dec members of the Smith & Byrne families, Alo Maher, Marian Hill,

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 10.30am

Ann Mooney, Treascon; Tommy Sharpe, Closelands, Pat Keane, Killenard. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 10.30am

Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House, Rathleash,

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Fr. P.J. Byrne, P.P. *Kilcock/Tinryland,*  
*Julia Ann Bracken, Portnahinch,*  
*John Conroy, Mountmellick, (father of Jodie Horan, Avondale,) Bridie Pinney, (nee Keogh), Lake Rd, who died in England.*

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm

Michael & Bridget Bourke, Ballycullane, Joseph & Margaret Duffy, Ballycullane, Mary & Betty Lynch, Killeen,

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February – 11am

Tom Dowling, Emo

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 11am

Sean & William Greene, Morette, Cian Hand, (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

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### BAPTISMS

*We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:*

#### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Larissa Polanowska-Da Silva, The Sycamores, Kilnacourt Woods,  
Sophia Kate Carroll, Sli na Mona,  
Michael James Twomey, Railway Mews,

### LENTEN STATIONS

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

### BLESSING FOR LENT

As this holy season begins may we think more of the blessings than of the hardships it will bring. As we received the Ashes on our forehead, so may that sign, as the sign of the Cross given at baptism, remind us of the Christian dignity we carry – a daily blessing. May we know each day that our faith is a source of blessing for us and for others.



### MASSES FOR LENT

**Portarlington:** 10am each day  
**Rath:** 10am each day (or as otherwise announced)  
**Emo:** Thursday 7.30pm  
**Killenard:** Friday 7.30pm.

### SHORT-TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT

#### Pioneer Lenten Challenge

Many people abstain from alcohol & take the **Short-Term Pledge** for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten Pledge by contacting Lill on 057 8623919 / [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

### LECTORS

#### Portarlington

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.15pm Katie Dunne  
Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 9am Dan Fingleton  
12.15pm Ciaran Dunne

#### Killenard

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10.30am Joyce Power

#### Emo

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30pm Paul Donnelly  
Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 11am Tara Hanneffy

#### Rath

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. 9am Margaret Donohar

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Port.** Sat. & Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. TEAM B

**Killenard** Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. TEAM D

### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> August until 28<sup>th</sup> August (7 nights). Hotel Solitude €799 per person sharing. Deposit secures seat. Further details and booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or contact Vera on 087 9311813.

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 for 7 nights. Cost €589 per person sharing if €100 paid by 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Cost €639 per person sharing if paid after that date. Further details and booking contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

## TROCAIRE

### Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2016

**Theme this year "Join the fight for justice"**  
Amos is 11yrs old and lives in Tharaka Nithi, Kenya. Amos and his family were able to support themselves from what they grew on their small farm. Now they are struggling due to drought and heavy rain which erases their hard work and main food source in an instant. Amos' father was forced to leave in search of work to try to earn a living to feed his family and keep his son in school.

With your support their community would be able to install a system to water their land so that families just like Amos can be reunited and grow crops to earn an income.

When you donate to Trocaire you're not just giving, you're directly helping struggling communities in their fight for justice. As the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church, Trocaire works in partnership to find practical, innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and thrive.

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT

#### MOUNT ST ANNE'S KILLENARD

**Meditation Day:** Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. From 10am-3.30pm with Marie Manley-Smith. Enjoy a lovely calm, peaceful and relaxing day. Cost: €25. Tea/Coffee provided. Places limited.

**Glass Painting Workshop:** Beginners / Improvers. Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> March 10am-4pm with Mary Corcoran. Theme is Family / Friendship & no previous painting or drawing experience necessary. All materials included. Cost: €30

**Mindfulness and Wellbeing Workshop**  
Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> May 10am-5pm. 2-day course providing participants with an understanding of mindfulness, reduce stress, improve focus & increase our wellbeing. Cost: €125.

Facilitated by Marie Manley Smith.

**Meditation** Tuesday's 8-9pm. All welcome.

**Book Club** Wednesday's 8.9.30pm. All welcome. Check out [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)  
Contact Catherine 057-8626153

#### EMO / RATH LOTTO 8/2/2016

Numbers 9, 10, 20, 24 – No winner. €25 to each of the following:- Cian O'Leary, c/o Hilary, Liam Browne, c/o Gate House, Treasa Langford, c/o Emo Shop, Bridget Mulhall, c/o Tom, Jean Horne, c/o Emo Shop,  
**Next week's Jackpot €14,400**

#### EMO G.A.A. CLUB

**Annual Dinner Dance** 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, (tickets €40) in conjunction with the Emo Men's junior team and St. Paul's junior ladies champions.

**County Draw Tickets** €130 tickets are on sale at the moment – As this is our main fundraiser for the year to help with the running of the club.

#### FIRST AID

St. Brigid's Social Club, Cloneyhurke, in conjunction with the V.E.C. are holding First Aid classes for 5 consecutive Thursday evenings from Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. (7.30pm-9.30pm) in St. Brigid's Hall. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Phone 057-8645784 Or 087 1343174.

#### CARER AVAILABLE

Carer available for private work. 087-9771005

#### PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

All new courses starting next week, Child Swimming Lessons, Rookie, Lane Swimming, Fitness Pilates, Deep water jogging, Parent and baby classes and Adult lessons. Still a few available places left, call reception on 057-8645800 to book now. Also booking for our next Lifeguard course during the Easter holidays from March 28<sup>th</sup> til 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

#### PORTARLINGTON GAA CLUB

**Lotto:** Numbers Drawn 7-13-16-31

No Jackpot Winner, Next Weeks Jackpot €7700

**Portarlington GAA** are having a clothing collection. Unwanted clothes, belts, pairs of shoes and mobile phones are welcome. These can be dropped off in the Centre Mon - Fri between 9am-12noon, the week prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb or we can arrange collection if you contact us on our club No 0862712121.

**Laois All County Draw tickets** are now available from our Treasurer John Lawlor on 0872934939.

We are in the early stages of preparation for our football season and we would welcome anyone who wishes to get involved in coaching a team. Training will be provided and all applicants will have to be garda vetted after application.

Persons interested can email the club at [secretary.portarlington.laois@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.portarlington.laois@gaa.ie) with their details or by ringing out club Number 0862712121

#### ÁR nÓIGE PRESCHOOL

**Patrick Street, Portarlington**

Now enrolling for September 2016. Application forms can be obtained from pre-school or call Ann at 087-6270988.

#### MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

Presents- "PLAZA SUITE" by Neil Simon - A Comedy in Three Acts In Mountmelick Community Arts Centre on Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. / Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. / Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8pm nightly. Tickets: €10 / Concessions €5.

#### PORTARLINGTON PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Portarlington Photography Club offers many opportunities to improve your photography, meet people with a common interest, share ideas & participate in fun & friendly photography workshops. Our club is committed to creating a comfortable and stimulating environment for learning and sharing experiences related to our photographic journey. E-mail [portphotoclub@eircom.net](mailto:portphotoclub@eircom.net)  
[Facebook.com/Portarlington-Photography-Club](https://www.facebook.com/Portarlington-Photography-Club)



#### COUNSELLING SERVICE

Private & Confidential. Don't suffer in silence. Phone 087-9771005

#### FRIENDS TOGETHER

**Support Group**

Official launch on Monday Feb 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in the Community Centre, Link rd. For more info or to help in any way contact 085 2148322 or 085 2148505 from 11 - 6pm daily.

#### BANRÍON GAELS

**Camogie Club**

Training has resumed on Saturdays at 4.15 to 5.30pm in McCann Park, Portarlington. Contact [banriongaels@gmail.com](mailto:banriongaels@gmail.com) or see our facebook page banriongaels.

#### AN EVENING WITH

**MELINDA DUMITRESCU**

**Renowned Violinist from Medjugorje**

In St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. after 7.30pm mass. Proceeds to St. Joseph & The Helpers Charity, (for the relief of poverty and advance education in Bosnia Herzegovina.)



#### PORTARLINGTON SPEAKERS

Where you can practise speaking before an audience in a friendly supportive club; you can learn communication and leadership skills, and make new friends. Anyone interested is invited to come along of one of the meetings. Next meeting is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at the Killenard Community Centre from 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Facebook, MeetUp, [www.portarlington.toastmastersclubs.org/](http://www.portarlington.toastmastersclubs.org/) or just come along on the night.

#### EMO/RATH COMMUNITY GAMES

Registration night for community games will be held in the community centre in Emo, on Mon 22nd Feb at 6.30pm-7.30pm. Registration is €10 per child, €25 for a family of 3 or more. Details of upcoming events will be available on the night. For details contact Barbara Dunne 086 2745536 or Claire Johnston 087 6747182.



#### TEACH MUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY



Weekly Prayer Meetings take place each Tuesday in St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Patrick St., Portarlington at 8pm. All very welcome.

#### ST. BRIGIDS ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

**Garryhinch/Cloneyhurke**

**BOWLING:** Tues 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. New members welcome

#### MASQUERADE CHARITY BALL



The most fabulous night of the year is fast approaching. This year, the Annual Charity Ball is on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb in The Heritage Hotel, Killenard. To book your ticket or for a table of friends please phone Marie on 087 7589896 / Colette on 086 2654277 / Marie on 086 3058181. All proceeds to local senior citizens.

#### ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

**Lotto Results 9/2/16**

Letters: A, Z, B, I, No Winner  
€25 winners Mick Gallagher, Emma Brennan, Sellers prize Ter Lawlor  
Next draw 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Jackpot €3,300.

#### ANNUAL NOVENA - MONASTEREVIN

Six week Lenten Novena. The Novena will be held at 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm) in St. Peter & Paul's Church. Theme: "Keeping The Faith".  
*Wednesday 17th February - Kathleen Chada*  
*Wednesday 24th February - Breda Drumm*  
*Wednesday 2nd March - Joanne O' Riordan*  
*Wednesday 9th March - David Vard*  
*Wednesday 16th March - Br. Kevin Crowley*

#### CLONEYHURKE N.S.

Now accepting applications for enrolment for the school year 2016 / 2017. Application forms available from the school or by e-mail at [cloneyhurkens@gmail.com](mailto:cloneyhurkens@gmail.com)



#### EXAM TIME

We are running a one day intensive course in Oral Irish to prepare students for the Leaving Cert Irish Examination. Students can achieve 40% of their required marks in the oral section of their exam!!! This intensive one day course is being held on the 22nd March from 9.30.am until 15.30pm. If you wish to be considered for a place on this course or need further information, please contact Mary at 0879291841 or email: [education@portarlington.ie](mailto:education@portarlington.ie). Numbers will be very limited so if you need this course of study - do not delay.

#### O'DEMPSEY'S GAA NOTES

**Annual dinner dance** takes place on Saturday the 20th of Feb at 7.30pm in The Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Tickets are €30. Please contact Louise on 0877854640 ASAP

**Lotto Results** Numbers were: 08, 18, 24, 27. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners : Ann & Willie Duffy and Michael Dunne. Promoter: Willie Bannon. Next weeks Jackpot: €8,600.

**Registration 2016** for Juveniles and Adults this Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11.30am in the Clubhouse. All are welcome. Current players, new players, non playing members or coaches. **Fixtures:** Kelly Cup this Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb in Barrowhouse at 2pm. **County Board Draw Tickets:** are now available from any committee member. There are 4 draws with a top prize of €10,000 in each draw.

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