

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 15th APRIL, 2018 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 16th 10am ---

Tues. 17th April 10am Richard & Alice McCann

Wed. 18th April 10am Dec. members of the Kirwan Family, Doolagh; Elizabeth O'Connor, Miney McCormack; Dec. members of the Hamilton Family, Doolagh; William & Brigid Hoey, St. Mary's Terrace

Thurs. 19th April 10am Tom, Patricia & Eddie Ryan, England and Portarlington

Fri. 20th April 10am ---

Saturday 14th April – 6.15pm

Brendan McNally, Spa St. (1st Anniv.); Mary Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce. (2nd Anniv.); Pauline Meredith, Kilkeeran (13th Anniv.); Kathleen & John McGettrick, St. Patrick's Avenue; Mai & Johnie Lalor, Cloneyhurke; Matt Delaney, Ullard; Liam Shortall, Bog Rd.

Sunday 15th April – 12.15pm

Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (4th Anniv.)
 Siobhain Keogh, St. Michael's Pk;
 Michael Collins, Station Rd.; Benny, Margaret & Jane Weldon, Aughrim; Patrick, Nancy & Veronica Delaney, Bracklone St; Joan & Larry O'Mahoney, Patrick St; Patrick & Bridget Delaney, Spa St.; Andy & Joe Keegan, Cloneyhurke; Brian Conroy (B/Day Rem.)

Saturday 21st April – 6.15pm

Annie Murphy, Marian Hill (1st Anniv.); Sandra Carr, Lough Gate (3rd Anniv.); Amanda Knight, St. Joseph's Tce; Angela Byrne, Cushina (5th Anniv.); Tom & Bridie McNulty, Droughill; Thomas & Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Park; Johnny Whelan, Bishopswood;

Sunday 22nd April – 12.15pm

John Hickey, Braemor, Patrick St. (M.M.)
 Ellen (Nellie) Dunne, Avondale (1st Anniv.);
 Penie Dunne, Patrick St. (2nd Anniv.); Liam Daly, St. Mary's Tce.; Sean Moran, Droughill; Dec. members of the Moran Family, Monasterevin;
 Ted McKenna, Cloneyhurke, Denis & Kitty Fingleton, Shandra, Philip Loughran, Ballymorris Manor, (4th Anniv)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 15th April – 10.30am

Sr. Fintan Davis, formerly Presentation, Kilcock & Old Pound, Ballybrittas, (1st Anniv)
 Rita McDonnell, Springfield & deceased members of the Durken Family; Margaret & James Raleigh & deceased members of the Raleigh Family, Garryvacum

Sunday 22nd April – 10.30am

Peter Maher, Ballintogher (4th Anniv.); Maurice Dalton & Ann Fox-Dalton; Phil O'Hara, Killenard; Elizabeth Donnolly, Killenard (16th Anniv.); Gretta Fitzmaurice & Dave Fitzmaurice Jnr.

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

ROGER (RODY) PHELAN,

Formerly St. Brigid's Sq. & Mountmellick.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 14th April – 7.30pm

Joe Hyland & deceased members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook; Noel Mee; Frederick Prior, Morette & deceased members of the Prior Family; Paula Treacy, Morette; Mary Treacy, Morette; John & Kathleen Treacy, Morette; Ann Buggy, Knightstown; Christy Gleeson & Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette; Mary Lewis, Morette; Jim Lewis, Dublin; Annie & James Kelly; Jer & Matthew Kelly

Sunday 15th April – 11am

Mary, Patrick & James Young, Morette

Sunday 22nd April – 11am

Patrick (Benny) Connolly, Emo (1st Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 15th April – 9am

Paddy Fitzgerald, Bellgrove (2nd Anniv.)
 Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale & formerly Bellgrove

Sunday 22nd April – 9am

Narissa Carroll; Paddy Dunne, Coolroe; William Brennan, Jamestown, Bill & Mary Donnelly, Courtwood

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into our Christian Community



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Adam Scott Geoghegan, Crann Nua
 David Martin Mikoucak, Foxcroft House

EMO PARISH

JJ Michel Kelly, The Hill, Caron
 Leo William Hayden, Barrow View, Droughill
 Ben Anthony Carroll, New Inn, Emo
 Ola-Abudwahjuda Paul Duro Amoo, Kildare

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

People can register as individuals or as part of groups – families, parishes, etc. U.18's go free but must be registered. As soon as the registration process for the Festival of Families & the Closing Mass has been decided by the organizers of WMOF 2018 we will let you know. Registration & ticketing is planned alongside access & safety plans, involving a huge logistical operation for the organizers. It will be sometime in late May at the earliest before the registration process will be finalized and ready to go.



LECTORS (READERS)

Sat. 21st / Sun. 22nd April

Portarlington 6.15pm Anita Donohoe / 9am Liam Kinsella / 12.15pm Anne Dunne
 Killenard 10.30am Kate Meredith
 Emo 7.30pm Emmet Conroy /
 1am Grace Hanneff
 Rath 9am Mena Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. 21st / Sun. 22nd April

Portarlington Team C
 Killenard Team B

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID

FUND - SPONSORED 5K RUN

Family Day Out Walk or Run

Sun. 20th May commencing 11am at the heritage Spa & Golf Hotel, Killenard. Entry fee €10 / Prizes also. Further info. & sponsorship cards from: Red 087-9850348 / Peter 087-9872417 / Niall 087-0910489.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

This weekend we welcome the children for First Holy Communion to the weekend Masses. We wish them well in their preparation for their First Holy Communion.

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

PASTORAL MESSAGE

A pastoral message from Bishop Denis on the upcoming referendum is available in the Church porches this weekend.

"THE MESSENGER"

The Messenger celebrates 130 years with a Thanksgiving Mass in SS Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise on. Sun. 15th April (today) at 3pm. Bishop Denis Nulty will be principal celebrant at Mass. All welcome at Mass & for light refreshments afterwards.

www.messenger.ie

ICON

OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Fri. 27th April – 7pm – Taize Prayer Service of Welcome for the Icon – **Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow.**

Mon. 30th April – 7.30pm – Mass of Welcome for the Icon with a blessing for families & formal opening of the Icon. **S.S. Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise**

Thurs. 3rd May – 7.30pm – Taize Prayer Service of Welcome for the Icon – **St. Conleth's Church, Newbridge.**

CAKE SALE - KILLENARD N.S.

Killennard National Scoil Parent's Association Annual Cake Sales takes place this Sunday (April 15th) TODAY, after 10.30am mass in Killennard school. All welcome!



C.I. GOLF CLASSIC COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

Taking place on 27th April 2018 to raise funds for the school's extra-curricular subjects: Music, Art & Sports Department. Venue: Portarlinton Golf Club. The cost of the event is €140 for a Team of 4 or €35 each. This includes golf & food. Tee times from 10am-3.30pm. To enter contact Seamus Muldowney, Great Irish Golf. E-mail greatirishgolf@gmail.com or phone 086-0596114. If businesses want to sponsor a hole it is €25 each & the business will be advertised on their sponsored hole. They can also contact Seamus at the above number.

ST. CONLETH'S L.G.F.C.

REGISTRATION: Registration ongoing. The club caters for players from U.6 up to Senior level including Gaelic for Mothers and Others. Training times Saturday 10am – 11am in O'Dempsey's GAA Club for our underage and our U.12, U.14, U.16 and Seniors who also trains on evenings during the week. For further information contact our website.

CAKE SALE: St. Conleth's L.G.F.C. are holding a Cake Sale on Sun. 15th April (today) after the 10.30am Mass in Killennard Community Hall. We would appreciate your support.

GUITAR LESSONS

For beginners. Suitable for all ages. Tailored lessons to individual students. Rates reasonable. Available in your own home. Phone 087 6612470

E-mail seamusobhanain@gmail.com
Facebook [seamus.bannon.9250](https://www.facebook.com/seamus.bannon.9250)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S,

KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON

Meditation Day takes place on Saturday 21st April from 10am – 3.30pm. Why not treat yourself to a day of relaxation and peace in the beautiful Killennard countryside. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch, Tea/Coffee provided)

Day of Reflection in Memory of Thomas Merton

12th May from 9.30am – 4.15pm. We will reflect upon the legacy of Merton. This day is held in collaboration with the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge, UK. Facilitated by Dr. Melanie-Préjean Sullivan. Cost: €50 (includes Lunch). Booking essential

Mindfulness Retreat

Thurs. 24th – Sun. 27th May facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan. Integrating Meditation & Scripture with input on Mindfulness, recent research on Positive Psychology & Wellbeing. Residential and Non-residential options available. For further details & booking contact Catherine on 057-8626153

FAMILY CARER'S

Are you caring for a family member at home?

A spouse, a partner or a close relative or neighbour? Then you are a Family Carer, become a member of Family Carers Ireland and benefit



from a local and national network that helps family carers who need advice and that informs and influences Government policy relating to home-based care. As a member you can also avail of our exclusive deals. For more information call 05793 22920 or visit our website www.familycarers.ie

HEALING THE FAMILY RETREAT



"In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him for God is our refuge".

Psalm 61:8-9.

Venue: St. Paul's National School, EMO.

Date: Sat. 21st April 2018

Start Time: 9:30 Registration (Donation). Refreshments on arrival. Celebrant Fr. Brendan Walsh SAC (Pallottines Thurles). Morning session: Praise & Worship & Talk No. 1 / Break / Praise & Worship & Talk No. 2. Lunch 1-2 (Bring packed lunch). Afternoon session Praise & Worship & Talk No. 3 & No. 4. Mass approx. 4pm. Closing session concludes with individual Prayer for Healing. www.teachmhuire.ie

PORTARLINGTON SPRING CLEAN

As part of this year's 'Spring Clean', Portarlinton Tidy Towns intend to organise the cleaning of several areas in the town on Saturday 21st April from 10am which will be completed within 2 hours. Can anyone who wishes to have their road or housing estate included in the clean up please contact David Maher (086) 3475357. The Tidy Towns are asking people on the day to give an hour or two to help in this voluntary effort to clean up your local area. Gloves, rubbish bags and a truck to transport away the rubbish will be available on the day. "

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Support Group – Wed. 18th April - 7.30pm-9pm in Old Parochial House, Portlaoise. The support groups provide an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation, to access information and practical advice in supportive environment. Free to family members affected by dementia and memory issues. For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnally on 057 866 3398/086 8372168. Home-care Coordinator Old Parochial House, Dublin Road Portlaoise. Email laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

FIERCE – PERFORMING ACADEMY

Dance, sing and drama – Tuesday at the Health & Nutrition Centre, Main St., Portarlinton (Over Euro Zone). Booking & further info. contact Tarik on **086-8723356**.

PORT. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

We have moved to our new home at the Old Convent Gardens next to St. Michael's Church, Patrick Street, Portarlinton. If you wish to join us at St. Michael's you can contact Mike on 086-2056542 to secure a plot, as this area is not as big as the previous site.

PORTARLINGTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC

B'Sharp will have a **Registration Evening** for the new term for new & existing students Tues. 27th in the Studio. All ages & levels welcome. Contact for details or check out Facebook. www.facebook.com/bsharpstudiosportarlinton

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Our annual clean up will take place on Fri. 20th April from 6.30pm & Mon. 23rd April at 6.30pm to coincide with Laois Clean Up Week. All rubbish gathered in County Council bags will be collected by Laois County Council on Tues. 24th April. This is a golden opportunity to clean up your area – Please come along and meet up at the pump, Emo village 6.30pm on either days.

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.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO 9.4.2018

Numbers: 2, 13, 14, 18 – No. Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:
Pat Clarke / Celia Duffy C/o Vera / Ger Weir C/o P. Gorman / Rosemary Whelan C/o Martha / Anthony Aylesbury C/o Colette
Next jackpot will take place on 16th April. Jackpot €14,200

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Coaching has resumed. Places still available for the following: Children 4 to 6 years - Tuesday at 3.15pm. Intermediate Adults – Tuesday at 8pm. Beginner Adults on Friday at 7pm. Rackets provided for beginner classes. Very few junior places available in other age groups. Inexperienced players 11 to 14 have 2 places available. Experienced players 10 to 16 years have 2 places available. Phone 087 1231135 if interested.

ST. PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

St. Pio's glove will be at Malone's home, Shindella, Rathangan. Sun.

29th April from 11am to 5pm.

Items of St. Pio available on the day. Two important commemorations in the life of St. Pio – Centenary of the Stigmata / 50th Anniversary of his death. For any information call Betty on 045 525094. Everyone welcome.



COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

Portarlinton Comhaltas Branch are Hosting the launch of the new CD recording of The Bridge Ceili Band 'Curlews over Coolnafearagh' at 9pm on Saturday 28th April in the East End Hotel, Portarlinton. Two Branch Members feature on this CD, Mary O'Donnell and Robert Gleeson. All musicians very welcome especially, accompanied young musicians. No cover charge.

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Irish Dancing class takes place in Emo Community Hall each Friday at 6.30pm. Beginners and Advanced students welcome. Registered with Cumann Rince Naisiunta. Phone 085-2531131. E-mail nianglais83@gmail.com

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 9th April.

Numbers were: 09,10,12,24. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €6,800. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

Annual Club Mass

O'Dempsey's GFC will be once again holding a club Mass for present, past, sick and deceased members of the club. The Mass will be held in the clubhouse Friday 4th May. All members past and present are welcome and encouraged to attend. Tea and sandwiches will be served after Mass.

CLOTHING FUNDRAISER

Colaiste Iosagain Parents Council

Clothing can be dropped into the school up until lunchtime on 21st April. Please donate any clean clothes, shoes, handbags, linen towels (no duvets, pillows or cushions) Pick-up's can be arranged if unable to get to the school - Contact Colm 087-6307526.

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.