



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



Sunday 15th October, 2017 - 28th Sun. in O.T. Year A

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 16th Oct. 10am ---
Tues. 17th Oct. 10am ---
Wed. 18th Oct. 10am Bernadette Keogh-O'Reilly
Thurs. 19th Oct. 10am Albert & Patricia Haines, St. Michael's Pk; Christopher Jencairlii / Dec. members of Portarlington Credit Union
Fri. 20th Oct. 10am John Dooley & his daughter, Marie Dooley



Saturday 14th October – 6.15pm

Ina Keenan, Gracefield; Finbarr Fitzpatrick, Barrowbank; Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family; Mick & Mary Fingleton; Nora Fingleton & Paddy Fingleton

Sunday 15th October – 12.15pm

Dolores Keogh, St. Michael's Park (M.M.); Larry McCann, Bishopswood; Mai Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Olive Dunne, Cloneyhurke (19th Anniv.) & deceased members of the Dunne Family, Cloneyhurke, Mollie Coogan, Corrig, (24th Anniv); Stella Daly, St. Mary's Terrace

Saturday 21st October – 6.15pm

Madeline Orange, St. Michael's Park (M.M.)
Joan Bourke, St. Brigid's Square (3rd Anniv.)
Deceased members of the Bourke, Walsh, Douglas & O'Meara Families; Bernadette Keogh-O'Reilly; John Dooley & his daughter Marie Dooley

Sunday 22nd October – 12.15pm

James, Josephine, Patricia & Vincent Nolan, Walsh Island; Maureen Weldon, Cushina (10th Anniv.); Christopher & Della Dunne, St. Brigid's Square; Maureen Glynn, St. Brigid's Square; Bernadette Keogh O-Reilly

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 15th October – 10.30am

Breda Fitzpatrick; Mark & Margaret Fitzpatrick, Tierhogar; John & Christine Whelehan; Michael Whelehan, Lea, David Fitzmaurice, (Snr.) Killenard

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES



Rosary & Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sun. 5th November. Blessing will take place in Killenard after the 10.30am Mass & St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm.

CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEE

The Committee are carrying out their annual door-to-door collections during the months of October & November. We look forward to your continued support.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 14th October – 7.30pm

Victor Brydone, New Inn Cross (M.M.)
James & Ellen Lewis, Morette; Michael Lewis, Morette; Peter Hyland, Emo Park; Thomas & Mary Walsh & deceased members of the Woods Family, Emo Park; Deceased members of the Slevin Family, Coolroe

Sunday 15th October – 11am

James Dempsey, Tinnakill

Saturday 21st October – 7.30pm

Josephine Dunne, Clonamone (5th Anniv.) & Edward Dunne, Clonamone; Frank Behan, Clonamone; Richard Sinnott, Clonamone; Martin Joe Keating, Emo; Betty Carolan, England

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 22nd October – 9am

Liam Hogan, Jamestown;
Jimmy McLoughlin, Jamestown

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-
Harper Lea Broughan, St. Brigid's Square

BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING



Anam Cara the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Wed. 18th Oct. at 7:30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This is a free event and open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for teas, coffees, etc, please RSVP info@anamcara.ie before Tues. 17th Oct. or call the Information Line 085 2888 888.

ENROLMENT FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Next weekend is the first weekend of our Parish Preparation Programme "Do this in Memory". We will welcome the children who are preparing for First Eucharist and their families to the Mass Celebrations.

Enrolment as follows:-

Sat. 21st October – 6.15pm

St. Patrick's Boys NS, Presentation Girls Primary & Cloneyhurke NS

Sat. 21st October - 7.30pm - Emo NS

Sun. 22nd October 9am - Rath NS

Sun. 22nd October 10.30am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

LECTORS

NEXT WEEKEND 21st & 22nd Oct.

PORTARLINGTON: Sat. 6.15pm Lector / Sun. 9am Lector / 12.15pm Sinead Dunne
KILLENARD 10.30am Margaret Rose
EMO: Sat. 7.30pm Sadhbh Hanneffy / Sun. 11am Ellen Dunne
RATH: Sun. 9am Kathleen Wilson

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

NEXT WEEKEND 21st & 22nd Oct.

PORTARLINGTON TEAM B
KILLENARD: TEAM A

MISSION MONTH OF OCTOBER 2017



Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection. Every person in every parish in every country where the Church is present will be celebrating together and sharing what they have no matter how little. It is the only Sunday in the year when the Mass is Celebrated exclusively for missionary activity. Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. It is also the one Sunday in the year when your generosity goes directly to help mission parishes overseas and reach out with Jesus' message of hope and love. World Missions Ireland is the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission. It is responsible for coordinating Mission Sunday in Ireland and, through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations around the world, ensuring that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Please give what you can. All of the Mission Sunday materials are available on World Missions Ireland's website – www.wmi.ie



Mission Sunday collection will be held next weekend at all Masses. Extra envelopes available at the Church porch.

ARTHUR MC CLUSKEY MEMORIAL WALK

Annual Charity Walk around Emo Court commencing at 3pm on Sun. 15th October (today) from the Old National School, Emo. Refreshments afterwards in the Old Emo N.S. Tony Byrne, organiser of the walk, can be contacted on 086-1225833. You can honor Arthur's memory by continuing to support the projects he initiated in Bosnia Herzegovina.

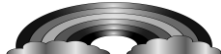
EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO 9.10.17

Numbers: 5, 7, 9, 18 – No Jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following
Joe Keegan C/o Emo Shop
Doreen Dunne C/o Annie / Ann Murphy,
Bellgrove / Annie McLoughlin C/o Vera /
Maeva Ryan C/o Maeve.
Next Jackpot €10,000

REVISION SESSIONS JUNIOR & LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Love Port Education committee are running revision sessions for Junior and Leaving Cert Mathematics and Irish (already commenced) and Leaving Cert Biology Higher revision sessions from 7th Nov.. Both Higher & Ordinary levels are being catered for. Cost per session is still a very reasonable - €20 for ninety minutes. Tutors are experienced and supportive. Need more info or wish to book a place. Contact: education@portarlington.ie

RAINBOW PROGRAMME



The Rainbow Programme for Primary School children of the parish aged 7-12 years will commence in the Presentation Primary School, station Road on Wed. 8th November from 2.30pm – 3.15pm and every Wednesday at the same time. The programme consists of twelve sessions, one session weekly with two 'Celebrate Me' days. Rainbows' is a support programme for children who have experienced death, a separation or are struggling through a painful experience. If you are interested in acquiring more information to have your child or children take part in this programme, contact Ursula or Dolores on 057-8623007 (Mon. – Fri. 9am-2.30pm – School Hours)

MID LEINSTER P.T.A.A. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Takes place on Fri. 10th November in the Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix. Dinner served at 9pm. Subscription €25. Contact Lill Ryan, Marian Hill.

LAOIS PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS DISABILITY SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The first meeting of the above group will take place on Wed. 25th Oct. at 8.15pm in The Parish Centre, Portlaoise. This meeting is open to all. Topics up for discussion include access in our towns to mental health services, equal opportunities /access for people with disabilities. Further info. contact Pamela Tynan, Laois PPN Coordinator on 057 8665661 or email ptynan@laoiscoco.ie

SCÓR NA NÓG - COURTWOOD G.A.A.

Scór na nÓg season begins with the U.17 competition. As it's the 2018 competition, anyone born on or after 1st January 2001 is eligible to take part. If interested, contact the club's Cultural & Irish Officer, Siobhan Byron McEvoy (087 2726245). She would love to hear from you if interested in acting, singing, Irish dancing, recitation or maybe you'd like to take part in our quiz team. When a date is available for the County Final we will let you know.

CHILDMINDER WANTED

Child-minder wanted – Approx. 3 hours per week / One day for two children.
Phone 087-6427258.

CRAFT CLUB

Do you knit, crochet, embroider etc? If you do, come and join us on Monday mornings from 10am – 12 noon for crafts, chat and coffee. Venue: Judge Roy Beans, The Heritage Hotel, Killenard

EMO VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

Emo Village Farmers Market takes place every Sunday from 11pm to 4pm – This is a Craft and Food Market and new stallholders are always welcome. Contact David on 086-2395614 or call into Emo Garden Centre.

CLASSICAL FLUTE LESSONS

All levels catered for to exam level.
Phone Magali on 089-4412929 or 057-8647056



VIOLIN CLASSES

NEW Violin Classes commencing on Thursdays for beginners to advanced. Group, Paired or Individual places available. Call the office for more details on 057 8664127. Last few places still available in **Drums and Advanced Guitar** - Adult pupils most welcome! Contact Nuala Kelly at Laois School of Music, Portlaoise 057 8664127.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDMINDER NEEDED

Childminder needed to pick up 2 children, 7 and 10 from Emo School and care for them in their own home from 2.30 to 5.30pm Mon. – Fri. approx. 15 hrs a week. Needs to be an energetic person who will help with homework, cook the dinner & entertain the children. Full-time care needed during school holidays & the summer. Phone 086-8135600 after 6pm.

O'DEMPSEYS LOTTO RESULTS 2.10.17

Numbers were: 05,10,23,27. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €1,800. Sincere thanks for your continued support.

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Local Enterprise Office Laois have developed a new Export Development Programme for Laois companies with 10 or less employees who export & who would like to minimise the impact of Brexit on their business. Early booking essential as programme is limited to 10 participating companies.

<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Laois/Training-Events/Online-Bookings/T1761-Brexit-Export-Development-Programme.html>

BOOKS, BAGS & BAKES SOCIAL EVENING

Cookery, Gardening books, Handbags & accessories, Cakes. Bring & Buy Sale Wed. 18th Oct. 7.30pm in the Parochial Hall, The Square, Portarlington. Adm: €5 (incl. supper & raffle draw ticket).

OFFALY COUNTY CHILDCARE COMMITTEE

Childcare Subsidies - Are you getting what you are eligible for? Offaly County Childcare Committee will host FREE information clinics to inform parents of the extra supports that may be available to their family under the More Affordable Childcare Scheme. Contact us on 057 9135878 to book into a clinic which will be private and confidential. Clinics will take place as follows: 25th October: Arden View Family Resource Centre, Tullamore / 26th October: Dooley's Hotel, Birr / 1st November: Clara Family Resource Centre, Clara / 3rd November: OLDC office (above library) Edenderry between 10am and 1pm. Offaly CCC will be distributing information in the Bridge Centre, Tullamore on the 19th October, Tesco in Birr and Dunne's Shopping Centre, Edenderry on the 20th October.



ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Garryhinch / Cloneyhurke

10-Pin Bowling commencing Tues. 17th Oct. at 8pm. New members very welcome.

MOUNT ST. ANNES, KILLENARD CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Annual Christmas Fair will take place on Sun. 3rd Dec. 2017 from 11am to 4pm. We are now taking bookings for those who wish to sell their produce on the day. Early booking is essential as places are limited. Contact Catherine on 057-8626153 for further details/booking.

MEDITATION DAYS

Sat. 18th Nov. 10am – 3.30pm. A day of relaxation & peace where we come away from our daily pressures allowing you to experience the peace within. Facilitated by the Mount St. Anne's Team. Cost €25. 057 8626153

SUAIMHNEAS AUTUMN PROGRAM

Program of workshops planned over the coming months to help you live & embrace this wonderful time of year in a mindful & meaningful way.

Workshops planned for Autumn 2017

- *The Power of Now & A New Earth Awakening to Your Life's Purpose* 21st Oct. 10am-4.30pm.
- *Mindful Christmas Workshop* 25th Nov. 10am-4.30pm. Spaces limited so booking essential. Tea/Coffee & delicious home baking to look forward to. E-mail info@suaimhneas.ie or Phone 057 8626541.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

Lessons for Beginners and Intermediate commenced & will continue every Thursday in the former girls school Patrick Street (now used by the boys NS). Boys & Girls 9+ & enthusiastic adults welcome. Musical instruments provided. If interested contact: Joan Hennessy 087-6229172 or Pat Donegan 083-8510423.

EMO ART & CRAFT FAIR

Takes place Sun. 12th Nov. in The Community Centre, Emo at 11.30am to 5pm. Cost of table €25. If interested call Stephanie on 086-8378659 by text or call after 4pm.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

We invite you to come celebrate International Credit Union Day on Thurs. 19th Oct. Refreshments and spot prizes on the day. Call down and meet the team.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

New Adult lessons, parent and baby classes and soccer skills classes starting next week. Now taking bookings for our Halloween Creepy Swim Camp and multi activity camp. To book your place in any of our upcoming courses call reception on 057-8645800 now!!

GRACEFIELD / WALSH ISLAND

COMMUNITY GAMES

Area AGM takes place Sat. 14th Oct. At 8.30pm in Gracefield Clubhouse. New and old members welcome!

GROW

Community Mental Health Support

Group meets every Thurs. at 7.30pm in the Jobs Club, Oriel House, Main St. Contact Michelle 086 418 3805 - www.grow.ie

COOLAGHY BOYS EMO

Lip sync Tractor Run Fundraiser. Will take place on Sun. 22nd Oct. at 2pm from Emo Football Pitch. Entry €20 per tractor / Tea & Sandwiches served afterwards. Phone Tom on 087-2770108