

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 18th February 2018 ✕ First Sunday of Lent ✕ Year B

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 19th Feb. 10am Ann Keegan & deceased members of the Keegan Family, Bishopswood
Tues. 20th Feb. 10am Dorrie Galvin, Cloneyhurke & dec. members of the Dempsey Family; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall & Chris Boyle
Wed. 21st Feb. 10am Thomas Keegan, Bishopswood
Thurs. 22nd 10am Eddie Dunne, Ballinagar
Fri. 23rd 10am Josephine Duffy, Arlington Est.

Saturday 17th February - 6.15pm

Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive (1st Anniv.); Lizzie Evans, St. Joseph's Tce. (2nd Anniv.); Jim Grehan, Shandra (4th Anniv.); Kathleen Earley, St. Patrick's Tce. (10th Anniv.); Paddy Gallagher, Lea; Dick O'Reilly, Spa St. Dec. members of the O'Reilly Family; Michele McNamara, Gracefield; Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran, Annamoe; James Maloney, St. Michael's Park; Alo Maher, Marian Hill; Patrick & Kathleen Dunne, St. Michael's Pk., Maura & James Dunne & deceased members of the Dunne Family

Sunday 18th February – 12.15pm

Liam Hickey, Market Square (M.M.)
 Elizabeth McCormack, Cloneygowan (1st Anniv.) & dec. members of the Dunne Family; Gerry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.); Jacqueline (Jackie) Gleeson (1st Anniv.); Paddy Crossan, Ballymorris; Mary Smith, Church View

Saturday 24th February – 6.15pm

Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes; James & Anna Doyle & their daughter Rosaleen, St. Brigid's Sq.; Maisie & Christie Quinn; Michael McGuinness & Family; Dec. members of the Donegan Family

Sunday 25th February – 12.15pm

Christine (Teena) Carey, Bracklone St. (1st Anniv.) & her Granddaughter Aine (25th Anniv.); Paddy & Mikie Doyle, Kilkeeran; Noel Kenny, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.); Frances Mason, Garryhinch; Maura Murphy, St. Mary's Tce. (5th Anniv.); Thomas Hoey, Kilbride (6th Anniv.); Garret & Dora Keogh, Patrick St; Sarah & William Kelly, Patrick's Tce.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 18th February – 10.30am

Pat Keane, Killenard, (6th Anniv.)

Sunday 25th February – 10.30am

Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-

William (Bill) Murray, Ballymorris Manor
 Richard (Dick) Slevin, The Cottage, Corrig (formerly Mount Henry)
 Philip Lowry, Tullamore (Father of Cartage Lowry, Garryhinch)
 Lillian Bentley (nee Ridgeway), The Rock (Sister of Anne Tinkler, Canal Road)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 17th February – 7.30pm

Dora Green, Cloneyhurke; Sean & William Greene, Morette; Charlie Morris, Clonemone (2nd Anniv.); Michael & Brigid Bourke, Ballycullane; Margaret & Joseph Duffy, Ballycullane

Sunday 18th February – 11am

Jacqueline (Jackie) Gleeson (1st Anniv.); Mary O'Connor, Ballycullane; Jeremiah O'Connor, Coolaghy; Elizabeth Kelly, Emo Park; Margaret Sweeney & Peter Kelly, Dublin; Thomas Hanneffy, Kilcormack

Saturday 24th February – 7.30pm

Sunday 25th February – 11am

Mary O'Rourke, Kennell Cross (M.M.)
 Ciss Wheeler, Killimy Rd. (4th Anniv.)
 Cian Hand, Morette (9th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 18th February – 9am

Mary Ellen O'Connell, Kilglush

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-
PORTARLINGTON

Cian Daniel Walker, Arlington Estate
Finn Christopher Cantwell, Station Court
Dylan Karl Dunne, Lough Gate
Poppy Mae Carey & Parker Michael Carey from Ballymorris Manor
Cian Ward, Graigaverne

MASSES FOR LENT

Portarlington: Each day at 10am
 Emo: Wednesday 7.30pm
 Rath: Thursday 10am
 Killenard: Friday 7.30pm

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 2nd collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got Envelope Boxes & wish to contribute.

LET'S TALK FAMILY!

LET'S BE FAMILY!

During Lent you are invited to meet with parishioners from our neighbouring parishes for some chat and reflection on family life in the world today – the challenges, fragilities and hopes for the "Gospel of the Family" (Pope Francis).

The get-togethers will be in Mt. St. Anne's at 8pm, for 5 Wednesdays, beginning next February 21st. The theme for this meeting is "The reality of family life today". Join us!

Together we will be richer for making this important conversation part of what we 'do' for Lent this year.

LECTORS 24th / 25th Feb.

PORTARLINGTON: 6.15pm Margaret Doyle / 9am Liam Kinsella / 12.15pm Anne Dunne
KILLENARD: 10.30am Margaret Rose
EMO: 7.30pm Niamh Conroy / 11am Grace Hanneffy
RATH: 9am Ted O'Loughlin

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS 24th / 25th Feb.

Portarlington: Team A Killenard: Team D

TROCAIRE

This year's Trocaire Lenten campaign focuses upon the Koroma family in Freetown, Sierra Leone, who were affected by recent landslides in their area. This tragic event affected the Koroma family in various ways and cost them their home, possessions, work tools and changed the course of this family's future forever. Join Trocaire in prayer and thanksgiving this Lenten season to celebrate the resilience, hope and steadfast spirit of the Koroma family and the people of Sierra Leone. Trocaire boxes are available at the Church Porches and in the Parish Office.

REFLECTION

UNTIL LOVE CONQUERS FEAR

Fear is the deafening sound of war.
 LOVE is the hand that quietens it.
 Fear is the voice that's never heard.
 LOVE is breaking the silence.
 Fear is the truth that's locked in the dark.
 LOVE is the courage that frees it.
 Fear is the hunger that starves all hope.
 LOVE is the food that feeds it.
 As long as pain exists,
 As long as suffering is here,
 Trócaire will stay - Until LOVE conquers fear.

BRINGING THEOLOGY HOME

Join our supportive student community and study theology by distance learning, attend lectures in Tallaght or from your own home – Join us this Spring. Application deadline 27th February. Phone 01 4048124 / enquiries@priorityinstitute.com www.priorityinstitute.com

LENT



Lent is a gateway to Easter, a time when the Church leads her children through a spiritual programme of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the Easter celebration. Lent is a season that reminds us to get our lives back on track, to decide where our priorities lie and to purge our old way of life. This holy season offers us a new chance to say, "yes" to God. Lent is a season of hope, and with ashes on our foreheads and hope in our hearts, we go forth to love and serve.

FUNDING & RESOURCES

EVENT

Laois Public Participation Network are holding a Funding & Resources Event for all Community Groups in Laois, on the 27th Feb. from 5.30 – 8pm in Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. This will be an exhibition style event with different organisations providing information on grants/funding opportunities, training, insurance, advertising.....

Workshops on how to complete a successful grant application and fundraising ideas will also take place – To book your place in the workshop or for further information please contact Pamela Tynan, Laois PPN on 057 8665661, find us on facebook or visit our website www.laoisppn.ie

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 3rd to 10th October. €689 per person sharing / Seven night's pilgrimage package inclusive, departing Dublin to Dubrovnik. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

WANTED

Kind, caring, live-in companion required for elderly lady, preferably female. Double room available €300 per month. Portarlinton area. Please contact 087-7545352 or 086-3127300 for further information.

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL

Upcoming courses.

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Evenings – Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Cost €5.

Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation

Tues. 20th Feb. 7.30-9.30pm. Exploring the concept of mindfulness & meditation introducing participants to the basic principles & practice, practicing different approaches to meditation. Cost €10.

Let nothing be wasted – Wed. 21st Feb. & 7th Mar. 7.30-9pm. Learn how to live a more natural & sustainable lifestyle. Practical tips & information on how to reduce waste & live plastic free. Cost €10.

I am with you always – Wed. 28th Feb. & 7th, 14th & 21st March 3-4pm. Experience the richness & value of reflective meditation in the quiet & stillness of Suaimhneas. Cost €5. All courses include refreshments & home baking. Spaces are limited so booking is essential. Further details contact Anne or Mai on 057-8626541 or visit www.suaimhneas.ie

STORY MESSAGE COURSE

Learn how to give Story Message - Starting Wed. 21st Feb. until 7th March from 8pm – 9.30pm in Portarlinton Community Centre. Story message is combining simple massage strokes (through clothes) while telling a story, using your hands to “illustrate” the story on someone’s back, shoulders, arms and head. Course suitable for parents / carers / grandparents. If interested in learning Story Message call Catriona on 086-8890005. Cost €50. Places limited so please book early.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT

GARRYHINCH CLONEYHURKE

Bingo resumes on Tues. 20th February at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT

ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD.

Celebrating the Gift of Grandparents

Takes place on Wed. 6th March from 7.30pm – 9pm. During the “Year of the Family” we invite grandparents to join us to celebrate the gift that they are. Facilitated by Breda O’Shea OSU.

No charge – donations at your discretion. Mount St Anne’s Retreat & Conference Centre 057-8626153 www.mountstannes.com



PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE



The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place from the **8th to the 15th August 2018**
7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price € 819 per person sharing. For booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or Vera on 087 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

EASTER CAMP FOR GIRLS

Easter Camp For Girls

26th & 27th March at Arlington A.F.C., Castle Park. Camp cost €30 (sibling discounts). Participants receive 2 day coaching, a soccer kit and ball. To book: www.soccersisters.ie and select Arlington.

Ladies Recreational football

Fridays In Port Community Centre from 8-9pm €5. New members 16 and over are welcome. Contact Peter Lawlor [087-2520052](tel:087-2520052)

IRISH ORAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION

One day preparation for Leaving Cert Students 29th March from 9.30am – 3pm in the Jobs Club, Portarlinton. All aspects of the examination will be covered. Cost is €50 for the full day (Cost reasonable as this is a non-profit community group). Places limited. Deposit of €20 will secure a place. Remember...40% of your marks can be achieved via the oral examination! education@portarlinton.ie or TEXT your name to 0879291841 and Mary will contact you with further information.

VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING FOR HOPE

FOUNDATION

Margaret Kennedy is preparing to return to Calcutta in March of this year and would be very grateful for support in reaching her fundraising target. All donations can be left into the Parish Office in Portarlinton or to her home in Avondale, Portarlinton. Contact Margaret on 087 9024900.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Weekly Lotto

There was no winner of this week’s draw. Numbers drawn were: 7-11-13-23
Winners of €50 each were: Alannah Keegan, Gussy Duffy, Thomas Davis, Paul Nolan, D. Molloy. Promoters prize: Joe Keegan
Next weeks Lotto will be €5,000

Club Membership

All Membership is now due!!
ALL PLAYERS and club officials will have to have membership paid in order to participate in club activities, as is club policy.

Quiz Night!

Please come along to our first Fund Raising event of the year. We are holding a Table Quiz in The Hawthorn Bar on at March 3rd at 9pm. All proceeds go towards the running of the club for both Adults and Juveniles. Table of 4 is €40 and there will be plenty of Spot Prizes on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Support Group: Wednesday 21st Feb. 2018 7.30pm-9pm in 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.

Social Club: Thursday 22nd February 2018 2.30pm – 4.30pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat
For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnely Home-care Coordinator on 057 866 3398/086 8372168 Old Parochial House, Dublin Road. Portlaoise, Co Laois
Email laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

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PERPETUAL HELP



Theme: "The Family - A place of Faith, Hope & Love".

Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin
Wednesday next, 21st Feb. with Rosary at 7.10pm.

Guest speaker: **Cyril Farrell (former Galway Hurling Manager & TV Pundit).**
All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD

CHARITY BALL

This fabulous night of the year is fast approaching – Fri. 23rd Feb. in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Proceeds are in aid of Portarlinton Senior Citizens. To book your ticket or a table of friends, please contact: Marie 087-7589896 / Colette 086-2654277 / Maria 086-3058181.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA

Lotto Results 12/02/2018

Numbers were: 02,09,14,17. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners were: Conor Meredith, Sinead Whelehan. Promoter - Jude McCormack. Next week's Jackpot: €5,200.
Thank you for your continued support.

Membership

Attention all adult members don't forget to renew your membership for 2018. Membership entitles you free admission to home games and social activities in the club house. Contact Catherine on 087-6306555 or Ivan on 087-9583564 registration form.

Juvenile Registration day

O'Dempsey's juvenile club are holding their annual registration day on Sun. 18th Feb. from 11:30 to 1pm in our clubhouse. We remind all existing and new members that the option of direct debit will be available on the day, which is a great way of signing up for membership, lotto and a county board ticket

EMO G.A.A.

2018 All County Clubs Members Draw

Tickets currently on sale at €130 each – Can be paid in installments. Prizes of €100,000 in total (4 yearly draws). Tickets available from any Committee Members.

GUITARIST & SINGER

Available for all Church occasions.
Contact Maria on 083-8778135.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO - 12.2.2018

Numbers: 2, 3, 11, 21 - No Jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:-
Declan O'Mahoney C/o The Gate House; Anne Duffy, Ballyadden; Hilary Lawlor, Emo; Jack Hayden C/o Anne; Derek Keogh, New Inn
Next jackpot €13,000

PCDA FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ

Portarlinton Community Development Association / Love Port office are holding a fundraising Table Quiz in the Hawthorn Bar, Patrick Street on Fri. 9th March commencing 8.30pm. All monies raised will go towards the support of our ongoing local projects. The biggest project at the moment is the Derryounce walks & lakes. Please come out and support us on the night. Cost- €40 per table with 4 to a table. If you need to book a table PM the Love port Facebook page or call Nikki on 085 8568801.

BINGO

Social Services bingo has returned. In the Centre, Link Road. It will continue every Wednesday night at 8.30pm. Looking forward to seeing all our regular bingo players & we welcome new players to join us.