

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

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 March 2018 ✕ Fifth Sunday of Lent ✕ Year B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 19th 10am Thomas Lawlor, Cushina

Tues. 20th 10am ---

Wed. 21st 10am ---

Thurs. 22nd 10am ---

Fri. 23rd 10am Ned Dunne

Sat. 17th March – 6.15pm (Vigil)

Jimmy Murphy, Congress Tce. (M.M.)
 Fergus Geoghegan, Crowe Lane (9th Anniv.)
 Patricia Bourke, Ballycullane;
 Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill

Sun. 18th March – 12.15pm

Tim & Annemarie Garry & dec. members of the Garry Family, Cloneyquinn; Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Tce; Jack & Dora Madden, Bracklone St.; Nancy Delaney, Bracklone St; Dotie Allen, Bishopswood; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Tommy & Carmel O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square; Bridie & George Quinn, Bishopswood Road; Thomas & Kathleen McGrath & deceased members of the McGrath Family, Closelands

Saturday 24th March – 6.15pm

Nixon Shaw, Patrick St. (1st Anniv.); Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (2nd Anniv.)
 Bridie & Peadar Hyland; Bill & Sheila Fingleton & their Son Paul, Patrick St; Dec. members of the Prenderville Family; Margaret & Eddie Rogers, Main St; Brendan & Celine Lawless, Patrick St; John & Sarah O'Keeffe, Bishopswood; Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Pk; Michael (The Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane (15th Anniv.); John & Moira Walsh (nee Maher), Dublin; John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield; Jim & Mer McEvoy, St. Michael's Pk; Dec. members of the Leavy Family, Shandra

Sunday 25th March – 12.15pm

Des Nolan, Congress Tce. (1st Anniv.); Margaret Slattery & her Son, John Slattery (3rd Anniv.); Stephen & Mollie Bolton, Cloneyhurke; Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Brendan, Frank & Mollie Martin

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 18th March – 10.30am

John Tynan, Springfield (5th Anniv.); Denis Donohoe (20th Anniv.); John McEvoy, Trim & his parents Patrick & Kathleen McEvoy; Bridget & William Coleman, Closelands; Richard Terrett, Tierhogar

Sun. 25th March – 10.30am

Paul Maher, The Hermitage (M.M.)

✕ RECENTLY DECEASED ✕

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

Lynda Hanlon (nee Hoey), Annaharvey, Tullamore & Portarlinton

John Hickey, formerly 'Bramaer' Hse., Patrick St. whose funeral takes place after 12.15pm to St. John's Cemetery, Killenard

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 17th March – 7.30pm (Vigil)

Christina Walsh, Knightstown (1st Anniv.) & her daughter Julian (57th Anniv.); Maria Greene, St. Brigid's, Portlaoise; Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas; Patrick Maher, Killimy

Sun. 18th March – 11am

Jimmy Conroy, Cappakeel (M.M.)

Sat. 24th March – 7.30pm

Colette Coonan-Dowling, Kilmainhan
 John Deegan; Ellen Deegan;
 Rose Deegan, Limetree;

Sun. 25th March – 11am

Elizabeth (Betty) Doonan, Bellgrove
 Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill & Maura Fennelly

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 25th March – 9am

Margaret Dunne; Veronica Dunne; Peter Dunne; Margaret (Rita) Dunne, Ballybrittas

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into our Christian Community



PORTARLINGTON

Kayleigh Anne Morton, Crann Nua
 Megan Patricia Patton, Castlelea Avenue
 Andrew James Hendry, Lea
 Sofie Brigid Coleman, Lake Road, Ballybrittas

PALM SUNDAY – 25TH APRIL 2018

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week. A time when we contemplate that Jesus is God made man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on the cross.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS PALM SUNDAY

Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlinton at 3pm On Palm Sunday. All very welcome.

CHRISM MASS 2018

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis & the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at **7.30pm Mon. 26th March** to celebrate the Chrism Mass. During this Mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations & anointing of the sick will be blessed & the priests of the diocese will renew their vows of ordination. This Mass is followed by a cuppa in Carlow College. Please come early to be sure of a seat! Parking available in Carlow College; entrance opposite Court House on the Old Dublin Road. See kandle.ie for map.

PALM SUNDAY / EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers

Palm / Sunday & Easter Rota & booklets will be sent to all Lectors involved next week.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota available on the Church Notice Board from next week.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018

National Collection

Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent Collection for World Meeting of Families 2018.

Amount collected from:-

Portarlinton Parish: €2584.00

Emo Parish: €1010.00

LET'S TALK FAMILY! LET'S BE FAMILY!

During Lent you are invited to meet with parishioners from our neighbouring parishes for some chat & reflection on family life in the world today. *The next get-together will be held on Wed. 21st at 7.30pm in Mount St. Anne's.* Together we will be richer for making this important conversation part of what we 'do' for Lent this year.

KNOCK SHRINE INVALID COLLECTION



Sincere thanks to all who so generously contributed and helped out with our recent Church Gate Collection. This year's pilgrimage will be advertised as soon as we have confirmed the date.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF

PERPETUAL HELP

Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin
 Wednesday 21st March with Rosary at 7.10pm.
 Guest speaker: *Dr. Lorna Gold – Well known speaker and head of Policy Advocacy in Trócaire.* All very welcome to attend.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

12.3.2018

Numbers 7, 14, 18, 23 – No jackpot winner
 €25 to each of the following: Margaret Langford C/o Emo Shop; Margaret Langford C/o Emo Shop; Rich O'Connor C/o Cards; Colin Delaney C/o P. Gorman; Shauna & Lily Strong, Emo - **Next jackpot will take place on 26th March - Jackpot €13,800**



PENITENTIAL SERVICES

EASTER

Rath: Wednesday 21st March - 7.30pm
Emo: Wednesday 21st March - 8.15pm
Portarlinton: Tuesday 27th March - 7.30pm
Mountmellick: Wednesday 28th March 7.30pm



ALASDAIR'S BANJO LESSONS



Banjo lessons available Mon. to Fri. for beginners to advance levels. Portarlinton / Killenard / Emo area. Further info. & booking contact Alasdair on 085-1157929.

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.

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

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

I am with you always

Wed. 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.

Let Nothing Be Wasted

Tues. 20th March from 7.30pm-9pm

Facilitated by Ailish Ridgeway

In this workshop Ailish will introduce how to overcome the "Throw Away Culture" that is destroying our planet and harming our health. Cost €10 incl. & home baking. Further details contact Anne or Mai at [0578626541](tel:0578626541)
Email: info@suaimhneas.ie

Visit our website www.suaimhneas.ie

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

Registration is open to all girls in Portarlinton, Rath & Emo, for the following age groups U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, Minor, Junior and Gaelic Mothers & Others. Newcomers very welcome. Further info. contact Peadar O' Toole [0862522768](tel:0862522768).

Fundraising

Annual sponsored walk Mon. 19th March. Sponsorship cards available over next 2 weeks.

Table quiz in conjunction with Emo GAA takes place Fri 30th March in The Gate House. – Plenty of spot prizes.

Annual Clothes collection

Takes place Easter Saturday, so clear out the wardrobes & donate all unwanted clothes. This has been a great success in previous years - so let's try & better last year's total.

FUNDRAISER

For Catholic & pro-life Organisation

To help Save the Eight Amendment. On Erin's Isle – CD – Featuring a new profile composition. Irish Tenor Anthony McGorian – Accompanist William Smyth. CD €5. Available at the Parish Office, Portarlinton.

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Support Group: Wed. 21st March 2018.

7.30pm-9pm in Old Parochial House, Portlaoise. The support groups provide an opportunity to meet others in a similar situation, to access info. & practical advice in supportive environment. Free to family members affected by dementia & memory issues.

Laois Alzheimer's Society

Social Club On Tour Thursday 22nd March

2.30pm – 4.30pm in **Shaen Hospital**

Pop in for a cuppa and a chat

For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnely on 057 866 3398/086 8372168
Home-care Coordinator Old Parochial House, Dublin Road Portlaoise Co Laois
Email laois.branch@alzheimier.ie

MEETINGS ROOMS AVAILABLE

Small and large meetings with tea & coffee making facilities. Portarlinton town. Phone John on 086-2596618.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Now booking Easter Swim Camps, Multi Activity camps and Soccer Skills Camps. Free Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Phone 057-8645800 to book any of our camps or book into our Easter egg hunt. Now booking new course of adult lessons + parent and baby classes starting the week of the 19th March. St Patrick's day membership offer, sign up from the 17th March till the 31st March for only €15, Only €1 a day membership!

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

A mature reliable woman available to mind children in her own home. Own transport available. Portarlinton / Killenard / Emo area. Further details contact Caroline 086-1667656.

FIERCE – PERFORMING ACADEMY

Dance, sing and drama – Tuesday at the Health & Nutrition Centre, Main St., Portarlinton (Over Euro Zone) – Free class on April 10th. Booking & further info. contact Tarik on 086-8723355.

EMO G.A.A.

Emo GAA Dinner Dance: Takes place Sat. 24th March in Judge Roy Beans Killenard tickets are €30 tickets can be purchased from Emo Shop, The Gate House or contact Anne Lawlor (086) 049 3035
Membership: is now due and is €20. Anyone looking to become a member of Emo GAA can contact Anne Lawlor on (086) 049 3035
Fundraiser: Emo GAA and St. Paul's Ladies are holding a table quiz on Good Friday at 9pm in the Gate House Emo table of 4 is €40. Come along it will be a great night.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

RESULTS 6.3.2018

Letters: T, P, R, C - No Jackpot winner. €25 to Yvonne Luttrell & Alan Dunne. Sellers prize Alan Dunne. Next Jackpot €8,700. Draw will take place in the Barrow Lodge on 20th March.

LAOIS CRIME PREVENTION SEMINAR

For Older people, with Sergeant Steve Mulqueen & Community Policing & Crime Prevention Officer Sergeant Graham Kavanagh. 21st March, 2018 at 2.30pm in the County Hall, Portlaoise.

"PORTAL" TEENAGE DISCO

Venue: Portarlinton Community Centre
Date: Friday 6th April. Time: 8pm – 11pm
Cost: €10 (on the door) or €8 pre-purchased tickets. Tickets sold in Portarlinton community Centre.

PORT. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS



We are moving! Our licence at Ballymorris Road comes to an end on the 31st March, when Laois County Council will take back the land for development. Fortunately, we have found a 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. Also, if you have anything on your Allotment at Ballymorris, you will need to remove it by 31st March, 2018.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP

Sale now on in the shop on Main Street. Includes clothes, household items & lots more. Also raffle tickets on sale for €1. Raffle on- going for lots of hampers for Easter. Volunteers needed - Both male & female. Call in to the shop if you can spare a few hours.

FRIENDS TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB

The club meet every Tuesday & Friday in the Scouts Den from 2.30pm – 5pm offering a selection of games & activities, social outings & refreshments & play area for children. New members welcome.

COMPUTER TRAINING

Computer Training on a **One-to-One** basis from beginners to Advanced users. All ages catered for. Choose Email, Internet, Skype, Facebook, Booking Tickets, Holidays, Shopping, Using iPads, Tablets, Kindle, iPhones, Memory Sticks, Music, Photos, Word, Excel etc. Contact [0863034540](tel:0863034540)

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

Registration for St. Conleth's LGFC 2018 is ongoing. The club cater for all ages from U6 up to Senior level plus Gaelic 4 Mothers n' others. Reg. fees remain the same as last year. Further info. Contact Catherine Burbage at 087 6842028 or any committee member. Check out the Facebook page at St. Conleth's LGFA.

"OPORTO"

War in West Africa – A Memoir by Noel Bradshaw cfc

"Oporto" is the story of Bro. Noel Bradshaw, a Christian Brother who was born in Lea, during the desperate time of the Civil War in Sierra Leone. Bro. Noel stayed and supported medical teams in providing assistance to friend & foe alike. Despite the sad story of the tragedy of this violent war, the book presents the kindness, courage & love of many of the ordinary people of Sierra Leone. Available in the Parish Office or phone 087-2590369.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 12/03/2018.

Numbers: 09,14,17,25. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €6,000. Please note our lotto will be changing to 30 instead of 28 numbers in the coming weeks. For anyone on direct debit who wants to change their current numbers please contact 087-2243620.

Membership: 2018 club membership is now due and should be paid to Club Registrar Ivan Cunnane by the 31st March.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Bingo: Tues. 20th March at 7.30pm
The next Book Club will take place on Wed. 4th April at 8pm. All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

The Band are keen to increase their numbers for boys & girls aged 9 years & upwards. Classes take place every Thurs. between 4.30 & 6.30pm. Instruments offered are: Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone & Percussion. Further details contact Pat Donegan on 083-8510428.

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

The AGM of Portarlinton Tennis Club will be held on Wed. 21st March at 8.30pm. in the Clubhouse. All Adult members and parents of Junior members are invited to attend. Coaching with Tony Lok will resume in early April. Ring Nuala 087 1231135 if interested in joining Tony's classes. Coaching available for Adults and Children. All ages and levels catered for.

LAOIS HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING



57 Boutique, Main Street, Portarlinton will hold their annual Coffee Day Fundraiser on Fri. 23rd March from 10am to 8pm. Please support this worthy cause. This is the 16th consecutive year we have held this Coffee Morning Fundraiser.