

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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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



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - SUNDAY 19TH APRIL, 2015

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 20th April 10am ---
Tues. 21st 10am Dead List
Wed. 22nd 10am ---
Thurs. 23rd 10am Elizabeth Gibson,
St. Michael's Park
Fri. 24th 10am Helen Langton, Crowe Lane
Saturday 18th April – 6.15pm
Mary McInerney, Rosecourt (M.M.)
Mary McNamara, Droughill (1st Anniv.); Lucy
Bennett, Kilbride (1st Anniv.); Angela Byrne,
Cushina (2nd Anniv.); Dec. members of the
Kirwan Family, Doolagh; Elizabeth O'Connor;
Miley McCormack, Dec. members of Hamilton
Family, Doolagh, William & Bridget Hoey, St.
Mary's Tce., Liam Bennett, Shiphouse, Patrick,
Nancy & Veronica Delaney, Bracklone St, Joan
& Larry O'Mahony, Patrick St., Patrick &
Bridget Delaney, Spa St., Mai & Johnie Lalor,
Cloneyhurke
Sunday 19th April – 12.15pm
Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (1st Anniv.)
Philip Loughran, Ballymorris Manor
Dec. members of the Tynan Family, Main St. &
deceased members of the Brennan Family,
Bracklone St., Benny Weldon (20th Anniv.),
Margaret & Jane Weldon, Aughrim,
Paul Butler, Station Road
Saturday 25th April – 6.15pm
Michael Murphy Snr., St. Michael's Pk. (M.M.)
Milo Bracken, Avondale (1st Anniv.)
Rosaleen Doyle, St. Brigid's Sq., Johnny
Whelan, Bishopswood; Thomas & Ellen
McEvoy, St. Michael's Pk.; James & Annie
Knight, Seskin, Anthony Muldowney, Rose &
Tom Mc Guinness, Bishopswood Rd.
Sunday 26th April – 12.15pm
Margaret Slattery & John Slattery (M.M.)
Carmel O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.)
Sean Moran, Droughill (10th Anniv.) & dec.
members of the Moran Family, Monasterevin,
Nan & Jack Ryan, Church Lane,
Terence McKenna, Cloneyhurke
Mollie Evans & Albert Evans; Thomas Keegan
Snr. & Jnr., Harry Byrne; Daniel & Kathleen
Hayden, St. Brigid's Square

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 19th April – 10.30am
Rita McDonnell, Springfield; Dec. members of
the Durkan & McDonnell Families, John Joe &
Pattie Bannon, Lea; Martin Slevin, Barrycarroll;
Bridie & Richard Slevin, Ballycarroll
Sunday 26th April – 10.30am
John McEvoy, Trim (M.M.); Terry Behan;
Terry, Dan & Eugene Culleton & Dec.
members of the Culleton Family, Tierhogar;
Phil O'Hora, Killenard, Maurice Dalton, Peter
Maher.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 18th April – 7.30pm
Paula Treacy, Morette; John & Kathleen
Treacy, Morette; Annie & James Kelly, Caron;
Jer & Matthew Kelly, Caron; Mary, Patrick &
James Young, Morette
Sunday 19th April – 11am
Noel Mee, Clonminch (6th Anniv.)
John Moran Snr. & John Moran Jnr., Killimy
Saturday 25th April – 7.30pm
Frank Langford, Emo;
Mary Hyland, The Heath Course

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 26th April – 9am
Narissa Carroll, Rath (1st Anniv.)
Patrick Dunne, Coolroe

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for:-
Sandra Carr, Lough Gate, Portarlington

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community
through Baptism:



PORTARLINGTON

Brooklyn Lee Fox, Whitefields
Emily Taylor Dunne, Lea Road
Eva Grace Smart, Avondale
Oliver Michael Slattery, Cloneyquinn
Clíodhna Belle Kiernan, Droughill
Oisín Paul William Owen, Canal Court
Ruth Nora Carroll, Shandra Woods
Matthew Gerard Ferguson, Mt. Henry Drive
Donnacha Jake Ryan, Closelands
Saoirse Christina Whelehan, Ballycarroll



All Trocaire boxes should be returned as soon
as possible. Please do not leave the Trocaire
boxes on the seats or around the Church.

ARTHUR MC CLUSKEY

MEMORIAL WALK

Emo – 26th April 2015

You are invited to take part in this annual
Charity Walk around Emo Court commencing
3pm from the Old National School, Emo & for
refreshments afterwards in the School. Tony
Byrne is organising the walk & can be
contacted at 086-1225833. We will honour
Arthur's memory by continuing to support the
projects he initiated in Bosnia Herzegovina.

LECTORS

Portarlington

Saturday 25th April 6.15pm Ailish Ridgeway
Sunday 26th April 9am Sadie Hainsworth /
12.15pm Noel Brennan

Killenard

Sunday 26th April 10.30am Marie McMahon

Emo

Saturday 25th April 7.30pm Sathbh Hanneffy
Sunday 26th April 11am Paula O'Rourke

Rath

Sunday 26th 9am Ted O'Loughlin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington

Sat. 25th & Sun. 26th April Team C

Killenard

Sun. 26th April 10.30am Team B

READERS OF THE WORD

Training course for Parish Readers:
Open to New and Existing Readers.
"Entrusted with the Word" is a three night
training course for parish readers offered by
Kildare and Leighlin Faith Development
Services. The next course will take place in
Mount St Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard, Co
Laois on Wednesday, April 22, 29 & May 6
from 8-9:30pm. Booking is essential. If you
would like to explore this ministry for the first
time or if you would like to renew your training
please contact the parish office.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2015

Sacred Heart NS – Rath

Saturday 2nd May, 2015 at 11.30am

St. Paul's NS – Emo

Sunday 3rd May, 2015 at 11am

Presentation Primary School & Cloneyhurke National School

Saturday 9th May, 2015 at 11.30am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Saturday 16th May, 2015 at 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS

Saturday 23rd May, 2015 at 11.30am

HOLY GHOST MISSIONARIES

Holy Ghost Missionaries will preach and make
an appeal at all Masses next weekend in both
Portarlington & Emo Parishes.

VEHICLE SECURITY

The Garda Síochána have reported a
significant rise in car break-ins at Church Car
parks & Graveyards in the diocese. Crime
prevention info. sheet available at Church
porches.

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL

Mindfulness & Stages of Life from "Deep Stillness"

This course provides a context to deepen & explore the skills of reflection, meditation & awareness. Facilitated by John Doherty & the Suaimhneas Team. Sat. 25th April 10am-4.30pm / Wed. 29th April / 6th May & 13th May (optional) 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Contact: Anne or Mai 057-8626541

Other courses for diary:

A Day of Reflection – 'Our Lady and Mother Earth' Saturday 9th May

Mindfulness & Mysticism from "Sacred Stillness" – Sat. 6th June. Facilitated by John Doherty and the Suaimhneas Team

Mindfulness: A tool for Navigating Loss Saturday 13th June. Facilitated by: Brid Shine

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 7 Days. Departure 19th August, 2015. Contact: Michael Nerney for Details [086 8157305](tel:0868157305)

FAI SUMMER CAMP:

27-31 July 10.30am-3pm daily at Castle Park, Lea Road - Age 6 yrs upwards. €65 for week includes kit, bag & ball / €10 multiple booking discount. www.summersoccerschools.ie Select Arlington & date.

EMO TIDY TOWNS:

Emo tidy towns will hold their annual clean up on Wed. 22nd & Thurs. 23rd April. Meet at the village pump at 6.30pm. Great opportunity to clean your area & be part of your community.

PORT. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

Full & halve plots available. Rotated and ready to go. Phone 086-3431169. Applications for the 2015 season – Will close on the 31st May.

BUSINESS INFORMATION CLINIC

Portarlington Enterprise Centre

Tues., 21st April 10am-1.30pm.

Wondering if there are supports available for your business? Meet one of the Local Enterprise Office staff to discuss your business needs. Pre-booking is essential.

Appointments can be made by contacting our office on 057 86 61800 or by emailing localenterprise@laoiscco.ie

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Friday 17th April the Laois / Offaly Specialist Palliative Care Team will join with bereaved families & friends to host a Remembrance Service at The Church of the Assumption, Tullamore at 7.30pm, where loved ones who have died will be remembered & we will give thanks for their lives. All very welcome.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season opens Sat. 2nd May with *One Day Retreats* which continue on 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19, 23, 25, 25 of May. *Advance booking is essential.* Contact Lough Derg 071-9861518 info@loughderg.org

GRACEFIELD / WALSH ISLAND

COMMUNITY GAMES

Best of luck to the boys & girls from Cloneyhurke & Walsh Island National School taking part in the Art competition in Birr today. Area meeting takes place Mon. 20th April in the Hawthorn Lounge, Portarlington. New & old members welcome.

EMO/RATH LOTTO 13.4.15

Numbers: 11, 17, 21, 24 – No winner.

€25 to each of the following:

Shirley Dempsey, c/o Ann Lowrey, Alan Dunne, c/o Ann Lowrey, Mary Hurley, c/o Courtwood Stores, Tara Kelly, c/o Emo Shop, Eddie Mulhall, c/o Hilary. **Next Jackpot €7,000**

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

4th – 11th June 2015 – 7 nights in Hotel Santo Amaro. €704 fully inclusive. €200 secures seat. Travel Agents: Joe Walsh Tours. Further info. contact Mary on 086-1627564.

GROW COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

MOVEMENT

This group are hosting a Community Education Programme commencing Tues. 21st April (for 4 Tuesday's) in Portarlington Community Centre. The course is entitled "Understanding and Minding Your Mental Health", it is free & all are welcome. It presents aspects of positive mental health. Contact John 086 8033 126 email midlandregion@grow.ie or visit www.grow.ie

SWIMMING

Can You Swim? Need to learn? Portarlington Leisure are now booking Adult, Children & Toddler Swimming Lessons, Children's Lessons Levels Little Swimmers to Level 8, Learn Lifesaving skills with Rookie Lifeguard aged 8-12yrs 10 Weeks €85 includes 10 Free Swims and Sibling Discounts. Adult Lessons Nervous Beginners to Learn to Lane Wednesdays at 7.45pm 5 Weeks only €50. Parent & Baby Swimming Thursday's at 9.30am 5 Weeks only €40. Book Today 057-8645800.



PORTARLINGTON BINGO

Every Tues. night at 8.30pm in the GAA Centre. Over € 2,000 in prizes – Bring a friend to support and help ensure the continuity of your local Bingo. Organised by the Portarlington Swimming Pool Assoc.

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

End of Season Bash on Sun. 3rd May in Portarlington Golf Club. Finger foods / dancing. €15 per person – See Facebook or any Committee members for tickets.

FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP

The above group meet on the last Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Talbot Hotel, Carlow - Wexford Room. Next meeting will take place on Tues. 28th April - Margot Kearney, nutritionist, will be talking about the role of diet in the management of fibromyalgia. We also meet every Thursday at 10.30 am for coffee in the Talbot Hotel. All welcome. Contact Katharine 089 4387283, Mary 086 1693887, John 086 1927547

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

13th April

Numbers 19-24-4-22 – No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot will be €18,600

KILLENARD SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Spring Clean-up Day on Sunday 19th April (today) between 1pm and 4pm in conjunction with Laois Clean Up Week. Please come out and give a hand anytime during the afternoon. Volunteers will meet at the Thatch car park. Adults and children welcome, the more the better! If you have any queries, please contact Sandie O'Leary on 087 7651396.

PORTARLINGTON GAA CLUB

Lotto: No Jackpot Winner – Numbers: 11-23-24-31. Jackpot next week €3,500
Stars in your Eyes 2015: Will take place in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard on Sun. 31st May. We are looking for contestants to take part. Contact the Club on 0862712121 portarlingtongaaclub@gmail.com or Portarlington GAA Facebook Page. Twitter @PortGAA or our website clgportarlington.com

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

Final registration night for St. Paul's LGFA will take place on Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015 from 7pm to 8pm, in Emo Community Centre.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S

Meditation Tuesday 8-9pm with Marie Manley Smith. No Charge–Donations accepted.
Art and Craft Group Thursday 8-10pm. Bring along your knitting, crochet, etc. All welcome. Further info. & booking contact Catherine on 057-8626153 or email: msannes@eircom.net

ST. PAUL'S GAELIC FOR MOTHERS

Looking for a fun way to keep fit for the summer months, St. Paul's Gaelic mothers n others are starting up there second season. Anyone interested in joining can contact Deirdre Lawlor on 087 2299457 or Rosaleen Kirwan on 085 1044223.

EMO COMMUNITY ALERT

Enrolment for Emo Community Text Alert is taking place over the next few weeks. Your area coordinator will be calling to you in the next few weeks with details of the network and how it works. A fee of €30 is payable that hopefully will cover three years running costs. The closing date to join is fixed for may 1st.

ST. CONLETH'S / LADIES FIGHT NIGHT

St. Conleth's, in association with the Laois Ladies Football Board, are holding a Fight Night in the Portarlington GAA Centre on Sat. May 2nd from 8 pm. Please support the girls and come along to cheer them on the night!

PILATES - KILLENARD

Pilates courses commencing in Killenard: Tues. 21st April from 6.45pm to 7.30pm Thurs. 30th April from 10.30am – 11.15am The cost for a course of 7 sessions is €85. Contact Yvonne 057 8645500 – The Heritage Golf & Spa Resort. www.theheritage.com ythompson@theheritage.com

COURSES

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE

Cash-flow, Pricing & Debt Collection

Tues. 21st April – Tues. 19th May (5 Tuesdays) 9.45am-4.45pm – Cost €100.

This course will enable participants to manage their business's financial affairs effectively.

HACCP – Food Safety & Food Hygiene

Thurs. 23rd April 9.45am – 4.45pm. Cost €40 All participants will learn legal requirements that all Food Handlers undertake Food Safety Training. If you wish to reserve a place, please book online www.localenterprise.ie/laois or contact us on 057 8661800.

ST. BRIGIDS ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Garryhinch/Cloneyhurke

BOOK CLUB: Wednesday 6th May at 8pm. New members welcome.

STRICTLY COME DANCING



Tickets on sale for TY Coláiste Íosagáin Strictly Come Dancing. The big show will be held on Friday 24th April at 8pm. Tickets €10 from school reception. Fundraising in aid of Light Up Port., the town's Christmas Lights fund.

PORTARLINGTON SPEAKERS

Portarlington Speakers will be travelling to the Killshin Hotel to join Toastmasters from Kilkenny, Carlow & Portlaoise for the Area 40 Speech Contests at 8pm on Tues. 21st April. So if you have ever wondered what Toastmasters is about why not come along & see? The next regular meeting of Portarlington Speakers at the upstairs meeting room of the Anvil Inn will be at 7.45pm on Tues. 5th May. Come along. First two meetings free. All are welcome to a fun supportive meeting where you can develop your communication and leadership skills among friends. Look on Facebook, MeetUp or on www.portarlington.toastmastersclubs.org/