



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 19th March, 2017 – Third Sunday of Lent – Year A

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 20th Mar. 10am Thomas Lawlor, Cushina (18th Anniversary)

Tues. 21st Mar. 10am ---

Wed. 22nd Mar. 10am Catherine & James Hennessy, Bracklone Street

Thurs. 23rd Mar. 10am ---

Friday 24th Mar. 10am Ned Dunne

Saturday 18th March – 6.15pm

Gerry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.)
Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive (M.M.)

Dora Madden (1st Anniv.) & Jack Madden, Bracklone St; Bridie McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Nancy Delaney, Bracklone St; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood; Patricia Bourke, Ballycullane; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill, Peggy Mooney, Rathangan

Sunday 19th March – 12.15pm

Elizabeth (Liz) McCormack, Coolraven (M.M.)
Jackie Gleeson, Portarlinton & Emo, (M.M.)
Christina (Teena) Carey, Bracklone St. (M.M.)
Paddy Carey & Son George Carey, Bracklone St. Tommy & Carmel O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Tim & Anna Maria Garry, Cloneyquinn & Dec. members of the Garry Family; Patricia Murray, Cushina; Chris Maher (17th Anniv.) & Peggy Maher (22nd Anniv.), St. Mary's Tce; Patrick & Mary Brennan, Derryvilla & Crowe Lane, Kathleen McGrath, (25th Anniv) Deceased members of the McGrath Family, Closelands

Saturday 25th March – 6.15pm

Paddy Doyle, Kilkeeran (M.M.)
Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.)
Stephen & Mary Kate Bolton, Cloneyhurke;
Michael (Mick) Murphy, St. Michael's Park (2nd Anniv.); Joan & Con (Denis) Coughlan, Assumpta Tce. Michael (Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane (14th Anniv.); Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Margaret Slattery & John Slattery, Botley Court & Spa Street; Margaret & Eddie Rogers, Main St; Patrick & Maura William, Crowe Lane; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; John & Sarah O'Keeffe, Bishopswood

Sunday 26th March – 12.15pm

Elizabeth Dunne, Cushina, (4th Anniv)
Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke

DECEASED

Michael Knight, Fairways Cottage, Annamoe
Leo Dempsey, Shandra
Roman Tomsia, Crann Nua
Jonathan (Jon) McCowen, Station Road
Christina Walsh, Knightstown, Mountmellick
P.J. O'Neill, formerly Marian Hill, who died in Dublin.

TROCAIRE

“Working for a just world”

Trocaire boxes available at Church porches.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 19th March – 10.30am

John McEvoy, Trim (2nd Anniv.);
Bridie Murray, Ballycarroll;
John Tynan, Springfield (4th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sunday 19th March – 11am

Jackie Gleeson, Emo & Portarlinton, (M.M.)
Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas
Patrick Maher, Killimy

Saturday 25th March – 7.30pm

Colette Dowling, Kilmainham, Mountmellick
John & Ellen Deegan, Limetree,
Rose Deegan, Limetree

Sunday 26th March – 11am

Betty Doonan, Bellgrove (10th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 19th March – 9am

Mary Patricia Duffy, Ballintogher

Sunday 26th March – 9am

Margaret Dunne, Veronica Dunne,
Peter Dunne, Rita Dunne, Ballybrittas

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Alex Edward Earley, French Church Street
Ellie Martha Earley, French Church Street
Brody Michael Murphy, St. Mary's Tce.
Ruby Annmarie Walsh, Droughill
Cillian Brendan Wright-Hoey, Kilbride

EMO PARISH

Oisín Thomas Poulain Fitzgerald, Fisherstown
Michael Aleksander Flynn, Courtwood

MASSES FOR LENT

Portarlinton: 10am each day

Rath: 10am each day (or as otherwise announced)

Killenard: Friday 7.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

Presentation Primary School & Cloneyhurke NS

Sat. 6th May, 2017 at 11.30am

Sacred Heart NS – Rath

Sat. 13th May, 2017 at 11.30am

St. Paul's NS – Emo

Sun. 14th May, 2017 at 11am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 20th May at 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS

Sat. 27th May at 11.30am

ST. CONLETH'S L.F.C.

Registration Fri. 24th March 7-9pm & Sat. 25th March 9.30-11am in O'Dempsey's Club House.

LECTORS – NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlinton Weekend 25th / 26th March

Sat. 25th March 6.15pm Margaret Doyle
Sun. 26th March 9am Eileen Dunne /
12.15pm Noel Brennan

Killenard

Sun. 26th March 10.30am Kieran Kehoe

Emo

Sat. 25th March 7.30pm Kieran McEvoy
Sun. 26th March 11am Ellen Dunne

Rath

Sun. 26th March 9am Michelle Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND

PORTARLINGTON

Weekend of 25th / 26th March Team A

Sat. 25th March 6.15pm J. Williams ; G. Cullen ;
M. Brady ; M. Larkin-Carey
Sun. 26th March 9am J. Tinkler ; B. Lawlor ; P.
Butler ; F. Cryan / 12.15pm S. Dunne ; B.
McElwaine ; M. Corcoran ; C. Kinsella

KILLENARD

26th March 10.30am Team B

E. O'Hara ; I. Sweeney ; J. O'Leary

9th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

“The strength of the family lies in its capacity to love & to teach how to love.”

Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia).

On behalf of the national Finance Committee I thank the people of the parish very sincerely for their generous response to last year's first national collection for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Almost €800,000 has been contributed by parishioners from around the Island. Pope Francis personally chose Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 22nd -26th Aug. 2018. Planning for this great national & international celebration of faith is well underway. As you know, hosting this event requires an enormous amount of planning & funding. In this regard the second national collection will be held on the weekend of the 1st & 2nd April 2017.

Bishop Francis Duffy

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

Commencing on Sun. 2nd April running until Sat. 8th April 2017. You are invited to give 30 minutes to prayer each day in your own home and meet for 30 minutes daily with your Prayer guide at a time that suits you in Mount St. Anne's. Contact Mount St. Anne's for enquiries / booking. 057-8626153

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO 13.3.2017

Winning numbers 10, 13, 16, 23 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following;
Lorraine McEvoy C/o Emo Shop / John C/o Emo Shop / Colin Delaney C/o P. Gorman / Ann Phelan C/o Vera / Helen Fenlon C/o Ann.
Next week's Jackpot €4,800.

JUNO & THE PAYCOCK

Play by Sean O'Casey. Takes place on Sat. 25th March at 8pm in Rath Community Centre, Ballybrittas. Admission Adults €10. Tickets available from Sinead Graham 086-8983999 or from Annette Long 087-2063899

EASTER CAMP 2017

Tues. 18th – Fri. 21st April. Camp times: 5-8 year olds 9.30-12 Noon / 9-12 year olds 12.30-3pm. Price €35 (plus sibling discounts). A fun filled activity camp including Sport, Music, Easter themed arts & crafts, Baking and much more. Application forms available from St. Patrick's Boys NS.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA

Lotto Results 13/3/17

Number were: 05,14,19,23. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners were: Mary McGrath, Tommy Melia & Mazie Curytone. Promoter - Jude McCormack. **Next week's Jackpot: €16,600.** Thank you for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Now taking bookings for our **Easter Swim Camp** starting on Monday April 10th. We are now booking for our new course of **Adult Lessons, Parent and baby swim classes, and Soccer Skills** all starting the week of the 20th of March. There is a limited number of places in all our classes. Further info. & enquiries or to book a place contact reception [056-78645800](tel:056-78645800)
info@portarlingtonleisurecentre.ie

DAFFODIL DAY – COFFEE DAY

Mary Miller, Number Fifty-Seven Boutique, will host her annual Coffee Day for the Irish Cancer Society at her premises on Main St., Portarlington on Fri. 24th March from 10am to 8pm. Refreshments served all day – All are welcome. This will be the 14th consecutive year for this event to be held. All proceeds go to the Irish Cancer Society.

PORTARLINGTON ENTERPRISE TOWN

Have you registered your business, sports club or community group for the Bank of Ireland Enterprise town day? This event takes place on Sat. 22nd April in Portarlington Community Centre from 11am-3pm. Businesses, Sports Clubs & Community Groups in Portarlington are being encouraged to get involved in the upcoming 'Enterprise Town Event'. To register email Maria at maria.harris@boi.com or call 087- 7550714, or alternatively contact Love Port Office by emailing info@portarlington.ie or call in to the Community Centre, or send a pm through Facebook. Spaces limited, so please register ASAP.

PORTARLINGTON GAA

Lotto Wk 11 – Numbers 4, 8, 9, 16 – No jackpot winner. Jackpot next week €6,200
Annual Good Friday Poker Classic
Takes place on April 14th at 8.30 pm in the GAA Centre. Refreshments served. Early Bird €20 or €25 on the night. Tickets from Joe Whelan 087 2529977 or Cam McGettrick 087 7799520
Portarlington GAA Club Facebook page (Portarlington GAA Club) or following us on Twitter @PortGAA or clgportarlington.com

PORTARLINGTON GETS A SPRING CLEAN

Portarlington Tidy Towns are organizing the cleaning of several areas in the town on Sat. 1st 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 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.

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION FOR

THE FIRST TIME

The children from the Parish of Portarlington will be celebrating their reconciliation for the first time next week:

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Tuesday 21st March in St. John's Church, Killenard at 7pm

St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Portarlington

Wednesday 22nd March in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington at 7pm

Cloneyhurke N.S. & Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Thursday 23rd March in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington at 7pm

EASTER SOCCER CAMP

Two Day Soccer Easter Camp for Girls age 7-12 years will take place on 12th & 13th April at Arlington AFC, Lea Road. €30 with sibling discount. Full kit and ball for every participant places limited. To book see Arlington AFC juveniles Facebook page or [1890-653-653](tel:1890-653-653)

SUAIMHNEAS, EMO – COURSES

Mindfulness meditation practice

Every Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Cost €5 incl. refreshments & home baking.

Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas)

Work Support – Facilitated by John Doherty

Work support is a series of four individual day workshops on supporting Therapists & Health Care Personnel in their work.

The Power of the Now & A New Earth

Awakening to your Life's Purpose

Sat. 1st April 10am – 4.30pm. Cost €65 incl. freshly cooked 3 course dinner & refreshments.

Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas)

Glimpses into the Mystery of the Unfolding Universe

Sat. 20th May 3-5pm. Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas) Cost €10. Incl. refreshments.

For full details of all the above and booking phone Mai or Anne on 057 8626541.

MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Tuesday Meditation on 21st March from 8-9pm. An opportunity for quiet reflection and guided prayer. Facilitated by Sr. Una Harman
Holy Week Retreat from Wed. 12th – Sun. 16th April. Prayer reflections as we journey through His passion, death and resurrection.

Residential or non-residential options available.

All Easter ceremonies throughout the retreat.

Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday at 6am.

Facilitated by Fr. Jack Rodgers SPS

For further details & copy of 2017 Programme phone Catherine on 057-8626153

MIGRAINE ASSOC. OF IRELAND

The Migraine Association of Ireland is delighted to announce a Free Public Information Seminar which will take place in Laois on Thursday, March 30th 2017. The seminar will take place in the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise from 7 pm until 9 pm.

SOPRANO BY A PIANO

Soprano By A Piano coming to the Dunamais Arts Centre on the 24th March, starring award winning soprano Clodagh Dunne along with Gavin Murphy, Caoimhe Fitzpatrick & Ella Carney. Piano Will be played by renowned Edward Newell. For tickets, phone 057 8663355 or visit www.dunamais.ie

TOMMY RYAN MEMORIAL

ROAD RUN

7th Annual Charity Run in aid of Laois Riding for the Disabled. Sun. 23rd April starting & finishing at Crean's, Vicarstown Inn. Sign on from 11.45am until 1pm. Starting at 1.30pm sharp. All cars and motorbikes welcome from Vintage to Present day. Your support will be welcomed. Further info. contact 087-2654001.



PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Portarlington Pilgrimage to Lourdes in conjunction with the Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage under the leadership of Bishop Denis Nulty – leaving 16th July.

7 nights - €819 single room extra €245. Names and deposits now required, limited number of seats available. Contact Marie 087 7589896 / Vera 087 9311813 or any Committee Member.

Emo Parish Pilgrimage

16th – 21st July 2017. 5 nights full board Hotel Astrid. €699 PPS (single supplement €150). Further info. & booking phone: 086-1225833 or the Parish Office 057-8643004

GRACEFIELD F.C.

Clothing Collection Day will take place on 25th March at our grounds on Botley Lane from 12 noon to 4pm or bring clothes down to the Community Centre Mon. – Fri.

Race Night will take place in the Dublin Bar on 25th March from 9pm until late. Horses available from club members. €15 per horse.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP – "My Faith Story"

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin.

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm).

The scheduled Speaker for **Wed. 22nd March** is Kate Liffey / **29th March** Fr. Gaspar Habara
5th April Liam McLoughlin

PIONEER NATIONAL BALL

The 21st Pioneer National Ball takes place on Sat 8th April 2017, in the Sheraton Athlone Hotel, after 6.30pm Mass in St. Mary's Church, Athlone. Tickets €30. Guest Speaker: Jim Bolger. Music by Nite Fever. For tickets / information - contact Brenda Lynch 087-6189411 or Dermot Fagan 085-7201646. Check out Facebook page [Leinster Pioneers.](https://www.facebook.com/LeinsterPioneers)

TENNIS CLUB

Tony's Tennis coaching starts 25th April. There are a limited number of places available for new members. Beginners of all ages very welcome.

Our 3.15pm class on Fridays for 4/5 yr old children does not require membership
If interested phone [0871231135](tel:0871231135).

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

MARCH DRAW RESULTS

€10,000 Gerry Gorry; €3,000 John McCowan
€2,000 – Frances Costello
€1,000 to Anne O'Neill & Percy Chadwick
€500 to each of the following:-
Noel McCormack; John Tynan; Antoinette Comerford; Bernadette Keenan; Martin & Margaret Donohoe; Christy O'Reilly

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

Annual sponsored walk: Sat. 1st April at 3pm from the Community Centre, Emo. All funds going towards registration costs. Sponsorship cards will be distributed this week through the schools & committee members.

Training: Training resumes for all girls from u6 / U8 / U10 / U12's on Thursday 23rd March in Emo from 6:30 – 7:30. We are actively trying to promote football for girls and would welcome any new members at any age.

Reg. for 2017: Registration will take place on 1st April at the Sponsored walk & on the following Tue. 4th & Wed. 5th April at 7pm. The club caters for all ages from U6 to Junior ladies.

NAOMH PÓL JUVENILE LGFA CLUB

Clothes collection – Sat. 15th April – Emo Community Centre. Please drop off all items between 9am & 4pm. You could donate all your clean unwanted clothes, Also bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys, laptops with lead, mobile phones. If you need collection, please contact Peadar O'Toole 086 2522768 or e-mail peadarotoole@gmail.com.