



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.

DIOCESAN WEBSITE www.kandle.ie

SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123

Email: jo@samaritans.org

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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 20TH MAY, 2018 – PENTECOST SUNDAY – YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 21st May 10am Paddy & Rose Clancy & dec. members of Clancy Family, St. Patrick's Tce

Tues. 22nd May 10am Michael Chambers, Ballymorris

Wed. 23rd May 10am Thomas Kennedy, St. Michael's Park

Thurs. 24th 10am John Cardiff, Derrymore

Fri. 25th 10am ---

Saturday 19th May – 6.15pm

Eileen Finlay, Patrick Street (M.M.)
Bridie Power, Avondale (M.M.)

Michael Power, Avondale; Kathleen & James McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce; Patrick Geoghegan Jnr. & Snr., Cushina; James Phillips, Seskin; William & Kathleen Murphy, Main Street
Margaret (Peg) Mullally, Portlaoise Road
Kieran Mc Evoy, Ballymorris Manor, (6th Anniv);
John Corbett & Mairead Corbett, Foxcroft St.

Sunday 20th May – 12.15pm

Cecila Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq, (M.M.)
Attracta (Attie) Jaffray, Foxcroft Ave, (3rd Anniv)
Mel Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Paddy & Kitty O'Hora, Foxcroft Street; Pdraig & James Douglas, Bishopswood; Michael & Imelda St. John, Kilmalogue; Patricia and Liam Woulfe, Patrick Street; Jim Shortall, Bracklone St; Tom Keegan & dec. members of the Keegan Family, Bishopswood;
Andrew Turley

Saturday 26th May – 6.15pm

Aggie Power, Ullard; Dec. members of the Power Family; Ellen & Danny Malone, Gracefield & dec. members of Malone Family
Brigid, Mary & Elizabeth Knight, Patrick St.

Sunday 27th May – 12.15pm

Maria Magee, Station Road (3rd Anniv.)
John, Evelyn, Tony, Maura & Annemarie Ready;
Andrew Buckley; Edward & Sarah Roycroft;
William Murphy, Cloneyhurke; Patrick Dyer & dec. members of Dyer Family, Bracklone St;
Edward, Maisie, Dessie & Eamonn Shortall;
Phyllis Hallissey (nee Shortall), St. Michael's Park; Laurence Hyland, Station Rd; Dec. members of the Hyland Family, Station Rd. & the McCormack Family, Kilmullen

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 20th May – 10.30am

Julie Stevin, Garryvacum
Kathleen & Christopher Carroll;
Christy Carroll Jnr., Ballybrittas

Sunday 27th May – 10.30am

Joseph & Christina Sweeney, Lea
Dick Sweeney, Dundrum
Conil Boland (31st Anniv.) & parents, Sylvester & Sarah Boland & Aunt Peg Boland
Nicholas Fenlon, Lea & Station Road

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 19th May – 7.30pm

Nora (Peg) McGuirk, Knightstown (2nd Anniv.)
William Ramsbottom, New Inn

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 20th May – 9am

Michael & Brigid McEvoy; Johnny Murphy,
Courtwood

Sunday 27th May – 9am

Michael Chambers, Ballymorris

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-
PORTARLINGTON

*Oliver Wesley Ronan, Kilnacourt Woods
Isla Felicia Delmer, The Glen, Kilnacourt*

EMO

Ely Zandar Mihajlovic, Emo

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

Congratulations to the children from **St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Portarlington** Who receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place next weekend as follows:
Presentation Primary School, Station Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.
Sat. 26th May at 11.30am

✠ RECENTLY DECEASED ✠

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:

Patrick (Paddy) Sweeney, Mullingar
(Brother of Joan Kenna)

Paul Dalton, Raheny, Dublin
(Brother of Bernard Dalton, Killenard)

Noel Martin, New Orleans
(Brother of Joyce Canney (nee Martin).

THE EIGHT AMENDMENT

Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution of Ireland.
'The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right'.

The Eight Amendment is a very positive aspect of Irish society. It gives equal right to life to pregnant women and unborn babies. This is a unique protection which should be cherished.

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Bishops pastoral message "Supporting a Culture of Life" available at the Church porch or on www.kandle.ie

LECTORS (READERS)

26th / 27th May

Portarlington 6.15pm Sarah Dunne / 9am Ailish Ridgeway / 12.15pm Michelle Murphy

Killenard 10.30am Siobhain Fallon
Emo 7.30pm Kieran McEvoy / 11am Paul Donnelly

Rath 9am Eoin O'Connell

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

26th / 27th May

Portarlington Team D
Killenard Team C

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR

RETIRED PRIESTS

A collection will take place in all parishes in the diocese next weekend, 26th / 27th May, to assist with the ongoing support of the Retired priests. Envelope available in your boxes of envelopes & available at the back of the Church. Cheques can be made payable to :- **Portarlington No. 1 A/C or Emo No. 1 A/C.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun. 3rd June with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr. Liam Lawton. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Cost of bus to Knock €20 per head. To book transport & for further information contact: Josie Hanlon, Portarlington 086-3425944 or Vera Moran, Emo 086-2515271. Bus leaving SuperValu at 8am and Emo at 8.30am on the morning.

INVALID PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

The Invalid Pilgrimage will travel to Knock Shrine on Sun. 3rd June, which will coincide with the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Full funding is available for invalids wishing to be placed in the care of St. John's in Knock before and after the ceremonies. Otherwise seats that may become available will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will cost €30 per person. (Includes food/beverages).
Enq: to Teresa 087-1343174 or Mary 087 7870889.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Registration for Festival of Families & the Closing Mass on Sunday can be done as part of registering for three days or one day of the Pastoral Congress in the RDS. The diocesan day at the congress is Wed. 22nd August. Registration can be done online at: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets

LOURDES COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting will take place on Sat. 19th May after the 6.15pm Mass in St. Mary's side Chapel of St. Michael's Church. Please attend.

CHOIR - WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

World Meeting of Families have granted an extension until Tues. 22nd May to give choir members a chance to make their application. We are particularly in need of altos, basses and tenors! Forms available in the Parish Office.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB - LOTTO

Draw was held on 15th May 2018. Letters E, G, P, J - No jackpot winner. Next Jackpot will take place on 29th May 2018. JACKPOT €9,200

KANDLE FAMILY FUN DAY

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Date: 16th June 2018. Carlow College, St. Patrick's from 2-6pm. This is a FREE event. All welcome. #KandLeFamilyFunDay

WORKSHOP FOR PARENT / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS OF PRIMARY PUPILS ON

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS INITIATIVE

This presentation is aimed at parent/caregiver or guardian of children in primary school. As a result of this presentation, participants will: Gain a better understanding of mental health and the key issues impacting on the mental health of young people. Learn to promote positive mental health in children. Learn the value of listening as a way of supporting young people. Learn about other resources available to parents/caregivers. The presentation will offer practical tips on how to best support and promote the mental health of all children and is not targeted at children with specific mental health issues. **Venue:** Laois Education Centre, Block Road, Portlaoise / Mon. 28th May from 7-8.30pm - **Facilitator:** Frankie Andrews, Primary Teacher & Mental Health Trained Facilitator

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S,

KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON

Mindfulness Retreat on Friday 25th -

Sunday 27th May, 2018. Retreat begins with registration at 3pm and ends on Sunday at 5pm. Integrating Meditation and Scripture with input on Mindfulness, Positive Psychology and Wellbeing. Facilitated by Ms. Martina Lehane Sheehan. Residential or non-residential option available. €200 residential with all meals/€120 non-residential with meals included
Contact Catherine on 057-8626153

TABLE QUIZ

In aid of Children with Autism

Table quiz in aid of My Canine Companion will take place in the Dublin Bar on Fri. 25th May from 8.30pm. All proceeds will go directly to the charity, which provides service dogs for Children with Autism. €10 per person / Table of four €40.

PORTARLINGTON JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Portarlington Lawn Tennis Club welcomes new members. Junior membership entitles the child to free participation in our Summer activities program. Every weekday afternoon Monday to Friday for 8 weeks in July and August. Rackets and balls provided. Very few places available in Tony's Child Coaching classes. If interested contact 087-1231135.

LAOIS AGE FRIENDLY / LAOIS PPN

Tea Dance in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix on Wed. 30th May from 2pm to 5pm. RSVP to Geraldine Delaney - 057 8664017 before 25th May.

PORT. TRAIL WALKING GROUP

Beginner's walks every Monday night at 7.30pm from Park Lane, Car Park. We also do walks on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6.45pm. Come along & join us. Ph: Donie 086-3288858.

HISTORY TALK

"The Joly's of Bracknagh and the Great Famine" Rathangan Library on 24th May at 7pm.

LET ME SEE THE WORLD

*It's a miracle, a sweet mystery
How an act of love has created me
Let me leave this haven with dignity
So that I can see the world.
Let me hear the skylark greet the morn
Let me walk through fields of golden corn
Say yes to life and let me be born
I just want to see the world.*

*Keep me here inside you, safe and warm
Don't heed those others who'd do me harm
So that someday soon I'll be in your arms
And then I can see the world.
Will I build cathedrals tall and grand?
Be a surgeon skilled, with healing hands?
Or marry a farmer, and love the land?
Who knows if I see the world.*

*Will I see my mother's smiling face?
As she cradles me in a fond embrace
Don't let me vanish, without a trace
I just want to see the world.
I have ten small fingers, ten small toes
I have two blue eyes, and a button nose
And how far I'll go, God only knows
If I just can see the world.*

Oh, please let me see the world.

By Garry McMahon

FREE TRANSPORT - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Volunteer drivers needed in the Offaly area to drive Offaly patients to and from their chemotherapy appointments in **Tullamore Hospital** and to our partner Dublin hospitals - **St. Vincent's University Hospital, Mater Hospital, Tallaght Hospital and St. James's Hospital**. All volunteer expenses are paid. If interested contact Gail 01 2310 566 or visit the Society's website at irishcancer.ie

VINTAGE FILM NIGHT

Digitally restored film of Dublin & Portarlington from the 1920's, following the discovery & restoration of over 20 reels of film from the 1920's. June 6th in the Dunamais Arts Centre, Portlaoise. The film, recorded by George Mathews, features life in Dublin & Portarlington in the early years of the last century & has never been shown in public. Also on view the Ronnie Mathews vintage postcard collection. Tickets €10 each from the Dunamais Arts Centre Portlaoise.

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VACANCIES - CE SCHEME

CES-2073243 Receptionist / Administrator (Mountmellick) & CES-2073242 Arts Centre Administrator (Mountmellick)
Vacancies for people who have computer / admin skills, good telephone manner, interpersonal and communication skills. Closing date 30th May. Contact Sharon on 057-8644150 mercescheme@gmail.com.

LITTLE STARS PLAYSCHOOL

GRACEFIELD

Enrolling for September 2018. ECCE & Non-ECCE places available. Enrol by contacting Lisa 057-8643633 / 087-6441853.

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Emo Tidy Towns will meet on Thurs. 24th May at 7pm at the village pump for a clean-up of the area. If you have one hour to spare please come along as your help badly needed and greatly appreciated.

ADORATION FOR LIFE

In St. Michael's Parish Church Portarlington on Tues. 22nd May after 10am Mass until 12 Midnight. Teach Mhuire Praying Community will lead "Adoration for Life"



CEMETERY MASSES 2018

Killenard - Friday 6th July - 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 13th July - 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery - Fri. 20th July - 7.30pm
Emo Old Cemetery - Wed. 15th Aug. 7.30pm

GARDA BAND - THIS SUNDAY 20TH MAY!

Please note time change:

Starting 1.30pm - 3pm

Portarlington Lions Club celebrating its 10th Anniversary & Lions International Centenary Year with Garda Band Concert
The Lions Club are hosting the Garda Band in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on **Sunday 20th May, 2018 from 1.30 to 3pm.**

A donation from this event will be given to Portarlington Meals on Wheels and Portarlington Senior Citizens. Adm. by ticket only €10 each - Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) €30. Tickets available at Centra, Kilmalogue from 12 Noon to 1pm on the day.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES FUND

SPONSORED 5K RUN

Family Day out walk or run on Sun. 20th May (today) commencing 11am at the Heritage Spa & Golf Hotel, Killenard. Refreshments served / Further info. from Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087-9872417 / Niall 085-1542171 / PJ 087-0910489.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO 14/5/2018

Numbers 8, 21, 23, 24 - No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:
Henry McLoughlin, Jamestown
Ger Hayden C/o Anne / Molly McEvoy C/o Emo Shop / Barry Deering C/o Anne
John & Lily Strong, Morette
Next week's jackpot €15,000

PORTARLINGTON ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

Annual Golf Classic will be held in Portarlington Golf Club on Thurs. 24th May. Time sheet available in the Golf Club. 4 person scramble. Your support would be much appreciated.

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Social Club On Tour

Thursday 24th May 2018 - 1.30pm - 3.30pm in Portlaoise Day Care Centre, Timahoe Road. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Further info. on dementia contact Ann Munnally on 057 866 3398/086 8372168 - Home-care Coordinator Old Parochial House, Dublin Road Portlaoise. Email laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 14/05/2018.

Numbers were: 09,15,18,19. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners were: Oliver Connolly, Fr Tom Dooley. Promoter - Jackie McCormack. Next week's Jackpot: €7800. Many thanks for your continued support.

Set of Keys found in St. Michael's Church during. Call into the Parish Office.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION

Virgin Media are hosting a Community Information session on Wed. 23rd May from 5.30-7.30pm in the Community Centre, Portarlington. The aim of the event is to inform residents about the upcoming Fibre Network build in the area. This is a drop in event and everyone is welcome.