



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

21ST FEBRUARY 2016 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR 'C'

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 22nd Feb. 10am Dick O'Reilly, Spa St. & dec. members of the O'Reilly Family
Tues. 23rd Feb. 10am Carmel Finnegan (nee Kelly), USA & formerly Cushina
Wed. 24th Feb. 10am ---
Thurs. 25th Feb. 10am ---
Fri. 26th Feb. 10am Dec. members of the Keegan Family, Bishopswood

Saturday 20th February – 6.15pm

Patrick (Paddy) Bracken, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.); Elizabeth Dempsey, St. Evin's Park (M.M.); Elizabeth (Peg) Nolan, (1st Anniv.), Tom Nolan, Bracklone St., Paddy Finlay, Main St. (13th Anniv.); Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Jim Cooper, Arlington Estate

Sunday 21st February – 12.15pm

Veronica Mooney, Whitefields (M.M.)
Patrick Mitchell, Derrymore (Birthday remembrance); Mary Smith, Church View (1st Anniv.); Deceased members of the Smith & Byrne Families; Tommy Hoey, Kilbride, (4th Anniv.); Maura Murphy, St. Mary's Tce., Jerry Murphy; Alo Maher, Marian Hill; Daniel & Mary Cleary, Main Street

Saturday 27th February – 6.15pm

James (Jim) Keegan, Patrick St. (M.M.)
Sean Ryan, The Square (4th Anniv.)
Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe, Bob Foran, Annamoe, Tommy Lawlor, St. Patrick's Ave., Michele McNamara, Gracefield

Sunday 28th February – 12.15pm

Dora Keogh, Patrick Street
Charlie Keogh, St. Patrick's Terrace

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 21st February – 10.30am

Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House, Rathleash

Sunday 28th February – 10.30am

Patsy Connell, Lea (M.M.)

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO

✠ **DIED RECENTLY** ✠



Johanna (Cissie) Comerford, Kilkenny
(Mother of Tommy Comerford, Patrick St.)

Lizzie Evans, St. Joseph's Terrace

Frances Mason, Garryhinch

Patrick (Paddy) Moore, Rhode

(Brother of Mary Dunne, Woodbrook)



ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sunday 21st February – 11am

Sean & William Greene, Morette,
Cian Hand, (7th Anniv.)

Saturday 27th February – 7.30pm

Elizabeth (Lil) Prior, Morette (M.M.)
Jack & Nellie Pigott, Woodbrook & deceased members of the Pigott, Coughlan & Coleman Families

Sunday 28th February – 11am

Julia Morrin, Coolbanagher, Dan Doheny,
Catherine Doheny & Margaret Ryan

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 21st February – 9am

Mary Ellen O'Connell, Killaglush

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Tamara Linda Heffernan, Woodlands Park
Faolán Christopher Brennan-Ryan, Killenard
Óisín Patrick Costello, Millbrook Manor

LENTEN STATIONS – THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent Lenten Collection for the support of the Priests. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



MASSES FOR LENT

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

Emo: Thursday 7.30pm

Killenard: Friday 7.30pm.

SHORT-TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT

Pioneer Lenten Challenge

Many people abstain from alcohol & take the *Short-Term Pledge* for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten Pledge by contacting Lill on 057 8623919 / www.pioneerassociation.ie

BLESSING

St. Francis of Assisi, the rich young man who embraced poverty, teaches us the simple ways to know blessedness:

*It is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we attain eternal life.
May the blessing of this lent
be known in our openness
to the rewards for our unselfish giving.
AMEN*

LECTORS

Portarlington

Sat. 27th Feb. 6.15pm Margaret Doyle
Sun. 28th Feb. 9am Tom Hainsworth /
12.15pm Sinead Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 28th Feb. 10.30am Jerome Kelly

Emo

Sat. 27th Feb. 7.30pm Doreen Dunne
Sun. 28th Feb. 11am Frances Kerry

Rath

Sun. 28th Feb. 9am Michelle Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Port. Sat. & Sun. 27th & 28th Feb. Team C

Killenard Sun. 28th Feb. Team E

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sun. 21st August until 28th August
(7 nights). Hotel Solitude €799 per person sharing. Deposit secures seat. Further details and booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or contact Vera on 087 9311813.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

20th July, 2016 for 7 nights. Cost €639 per person sharing if paid after that date. Further details and booking contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

TEACH MUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY



Weekly Prayer Meetings take place each Tuesday in St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Patrick St., Portarlington at 8pm.

All very welcome.

"DO THIS IN MEMORY"

First Holy Communion Programme



This weekend, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

DATES 2016

Sacred Heart NS, Rath

Sat. 30th April 11.30am

St. Paul's NS, Emo

Sun. 1st May 11am

Presentation Primary School

Sat. 7th May 11.30am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 14th May 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS & Cloneyhurke NS

Sat. 21st May 11.30am

UPCOMING EVENTS AT

MOUNT ST ANNE'S KILLENARD

Glass Painting Workshop:

Beginners / Improvers. Sat. 5th March 10am-4pm. Theme is Family / Friendship & no previous painting or drawing experience necessary. Materials included. Cost: €30

Mindfulness and Wellbeing Workshop
Sat. 7th & 14th May 10am-5pm. 2-day course providing participants with an understanding of mindfulness, reduce stress, improve focus & increase our wellbeing. Cost: €125.

Meditation Tuesday's 8-9pm. All welcome.

Book Club Wednesday's 8.9.30pm. All welcome. Check out www.mountstannes.com
Contact Catherine 057-8626153

EMO / RATH LOTTO 15th Feb. 2016

Numbers 8, 14, 17, 19 – No winner. €25 to each of the following:- Eileen & Eddie Ryan C/o Parish Office; Shauna Dooley, Baltinglass C/o Parish Office; Ian Fennelly, Tinnakill; Anne Murphy, Ballybrittas Shop; Shirley Little C/o Rath N.S.

Next week's Jackpot €14,600

EMO G.A.A. CLUB

Annual Dinner Dance 27th Feb. in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, (tickets €40) in conjunction with the Emo Men's junior team and St. Paul's junior ladies champions.

County Draw Tickets €130 tickets are on sale at the moment – As this is our main fundraiser for the year to help with the running of the club.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Lessons in swimming programme still available. Phone Reception on 057-8645800 to book now! Lifeguard course running over the Easter holidays, contact reception for more info.

PORT TRAIL WALKING GROUP



Our weekly walks take place on Tues. & Thurs. nights. We meet up at the car park at Park Lane on Tues nights at 7pm & on Thursday nights at 7.30pm. All levels of fitness catered for. Our first weekend walk for 2016 will take place on Sun. 28th Feb. at 10.30am meeting up at the People's Park. Requirements: Rail gear; hiking boots; drinks and a snack. This is a moderate walk & will take approx. two hours. If you need a lift phone 086-3288858.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY GAMES

A public meeting will take place to decide if the Community Games will continue in Portarlinton in 2016. Wed. 2nd March at 8.15pm in Portarlinton Community Centre (Music Room). Parents of children aged 6 to 15 are encouraged to attend.

BINGO

Portarlinton Social Services Bingo has resumed every Wednesday at 8.30pm in the Centre. All welcome to come & enjoy a few games & a Cuppa after playing your Bingo.

FRIDAY CUPPA!



Portarlinton Social Services Friday Cuppa will take place on Fri. 26th Feb. 12 Noon-3pm. Come along & meet your friends & make some new friends. Further info: Ann (Bourke) Dunne 087-4116101.

BANRION GAELS – CAMOGIE CLUB

Training on Saturday's 4.15 to 5.30pm in McCann Park. Contact Facebook page banriongales or banriongales@gmail.com

FRIENDS TOGETHER – SUPPORT GROUP

Official launch on Tues. 1st March at 2pm in the Community Centre, Link Rd. Further info. or to help in any way contact 085 2148322 or 085 2148505 from 11-6pm daily.

EVENING WITH MELINDA DUMITRESCU

Renowned Violinist from Medjugorje

In St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise, on Tues. 23rd Feb. after 7.30pm Mass. Proceeds to St. Joseph & The Helpers Charity, (for the relief of poverty and advance education in Bosnia Herzegovina.)

EMO/RATH COMMUNITY GAMES

Registration night for community games will be held in the community centre in Emo, on Mon. 22nd Feb 6.30pm-7.30pm. Reg. €10 per child, €25 for a family of 3 or more. Details of upcoming events will be available on the night.

For details contact Barbara Dunne 086 2745536 or Claire Johnston 087 6747182.

SAMARITANS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Samaritans are seeking volunteers for the Newbridge Branch. Are you willing to give 3-4 hours per week to listen to those who are lonely, depressed & sometimes suicidal? No experience necessary as full training will be provided. Information Sessions being held Wed. 24th Feb. & Thurs. 25th Feb. at 8pm at No. 3 McElwaine Tce., Newbridge (Recruitment line). Ph: 086 0855785.

THE PORTERHOUSE PLAYERS

Presents – "Comparisons"

A comedy in three acts. Venue: Portarlinton Golf Club. Fri. 26th & Sat. 27th Feb. at 8pm. Admission €10 at the door.

LAOIS M.A.B.S.

Laois MABS Drop in Service Fri. 26th Feb. From 9am-1pm in Portarlinton Community Centre – NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY Further info: Phone 0761 072620

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto results 15th Feb. Numbers 8,9,22,24. No Jackpot winner. Next Jackpot: €8,800.
Kelly Cup: Round 3 of the Kelly Cup takes place today, Sun. 21st at home to Graiguecullen at 12 Noon.

2016 All County Clubs Members Draw: County Board tickets now available from any committee member. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PORTARLINGTON GAA CLUB

Lotto Week 7: Numbers 8,9,11,16 – No Jackpot winner. Next Jackpot €7,800
Laois All County Draw tickets: Available from Treasurer, John Lawlor on 0872934939. The first draw is March.

Coaching: We are in the early stages of preparation for our football season & we would welcome any persons who wish to get involved in coaching a team. Training will be provided & all applicants will have to be Garda vetted after application. Persons interested can email the club at secretary.portarlinton.laois@gaa.ie with their details or by ringing our club Number 0862712121

Keep up to date with what's going on in Portarlinton GAA Club by liking our Facebook page (Portarlinton GAA Club) or following us on Twitter @PortGAA or our website.

ANNUAL NOVENA - MONASTEREVIN

The Novena will be held at 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm) in St. Peter & Paul's Church. Theme: "Keeping The Faith".

Wednesday 24th February - Breda Drumm
Wednesday 2nd March - Joanne O' Riordan
Wednesday 9th March - David Vard
Wednesday 16th March - Br. Kevin Crowley

MASQUERADE CHARITY BALL

The most fabulous night of the year is fast approaching. This year the Annual Charity Ball is on Fri. 26th Feb in The Heritage Hotel, Killenard. To book your ticket or for a table of friends please phone Marie 087 7589896 / Colette 086 2654277 / Marie 086 3058181. All proceeds to local senior citizens.

EXAM TIME – ORAL IRISH

One day intensive course in Oral Irish, to prepare students for the Leaving Cert. Irish Examination. Students can achieve 40% of their required marks in the oral section of their exam! Course takes place on 22nd March from 9.30am until 15.30pm. For further info. & booking contact Mary on 0879291841 or email: education@portarlinton.ie. Numbers will be very limited, so if you need this course of study - do not delay.

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL, EMO

Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation
Wed. 2nd & 9th March 7.30-9.30pm.

Exploring the concept of mindfulness & meditation & will introduce participants to some of the basic principles & practice.

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Be part of a small group practicing Mindfulness / Meditation.

Mindfulness Meditation Retreat

Facilitated by Brid Shine – Sun. 13th March 10am-4.30pm.

The Mindful Way to Creating a Healthier Worklife – With Dominica Coogan

Sat. 16th April 10am-4.30pm. This workshop introduces participants to the potential of Mindfulness to allow us to take better care of ourselves in the workplace.

Nutrition a and Wellbeing

Sat. 23rd April 10am-4.30pm. Nutritional Therapist, Orla Mc Laughlin will talk about our body as a whole, what causes system imbalances & how to restore balance again via diet, supplement & lifestyle choices.

Further details & booking for any of the above, contact Anne or Mai 0578626541, email info@suaimhneas.ie or visit our www.suaimhneas.ie

PORTARLINGTON FIRST RESPONDERS

Portarlinton First Responders urgently need volunteers. No experience necessary as full, certified training will be provided. Our Responders are alerted to some life threatening emergencies within our community & offer assistance until the ambulance arrives.

Further info. contact Anne on 087 6256241 or Tom on 086 0255465 or message us on our Facebook page Portarlinton Community Responder Group.

www.portarlintonfirstresponders.com

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

Fri. 4th March – Fri. 11th March
Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick.
Tickets: One night €10 (€5 concession).
Season ticket €50 (€25 concession).

"Sharon's Grave" by John B. Keane

"The Quiet Moment" by Mike Finn

"Jane Eyre" adapted by Polly Teale

"Moonshine" by Jim Nolan

"Where He Lies" by John Barrett

"The Thrill of Love" by Amanda Whittington

"Proof" by David Auburn

"Steel Magnolias" by Robert Harling

Group bookings 087-7942994 or 087-4121205

PILATES / YOGA

Beginners Course Pilates Starts Tues. 1st March 6.45-7.30pm or Thurs. 3rd March 10.30-11.15am. 7 weeks course costs €85 for non-members & €65 for members. Levels 2 and 3 also available - details on enquiry.
Yoga course will commence Tues. 15th March 10.30-11.45am. Phone Yvonne at the Heritage, Killenard on 057 8695000.