



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS

Very Rev. Thomas Dooley P.P. Tel: (057) 8643004 Rev. Pat Hughes C.C., Tel: (057) 8646517
Very Rev. Michael Noonan P.E. Tel: (057) 8623431 Very Rev. Jack Walsh P.E. Tel: (057) 8626401



PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557

AWARE Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302



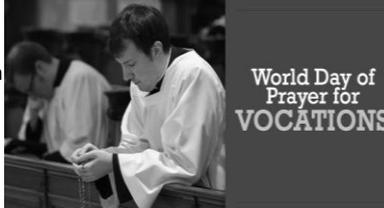
MASS TIMES

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 22nd APRIL, 2018 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – VOCATIONS SUNDAY - YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 23rd 10am Elizabeth Gibson,
9, St. Michael's Park
Tues. 24th April 10am Helen Langton,
Crowe Lane (10th Anniv.)
Wed. 25th April 10am ---
Thurs. 26th April 10am ---
Fri. 27th April 10am Arthur Hutchinson (20th
Anniv.) & Phyllis Hutchinson, Droughill &
deceased members of the Hooks Family

Saturday 21st April – 6.15pm

Denis Hayden, Rathangan (M.M.)
Annie Murphy, Marian Hill (1st Anniv.);
Sandra Carr, Lough Gate (3rd Anniv.); Milo
Bracken, Avondale (4th Anniv.); Amanda Knight,
St. Joseph's Tce; Angela Byrne, Cushina (5th
Anniv.); Tom & Bridie McNulty, Droughill;
Thomas & Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Park;
Johnny Whelan, Bishopswood; Dora Burke (nee
Horan) Romford, Essex & Marian Hill

Sunday 22nd April – 12.15pm

John Hickey, Braemor, Patrick St. (M.M.)
Liam Daly, St. Mary's Terrace; Ellen (Nellie)
Dunne, Avondale (1st Anniv.); Paddy
McGuinness, Avondale (1st Anniv.); Madge
Mulhall, Ballintogher (1st Anniv.); Penie Dunne,
Patrick St. (2nd Anniv.); Sean Moran, Droughill;
Dec. members of the Moran Family,
Monasterevin; Ted McKenna, Cloneyhurke,
Denis & Kitty Fingleton, Shandra, Philip
Loughran, Ballymorris Manor, (4th Anniv);
Mary Wilson, Cushina

Saturday 28th April – 6.15pm

Rachel Flanagan, St. Michael's Park (M.M.)
Nancy Nicholls, St. Michael's Park (M.M.)
Michael Gannon, Galway & Marian Hill (M.M.)
Mary Hoey, St. Joseph's Tce. (12th Anniv.); Mary
Milner, Lough & her parents John & Margaret
Delaney; Bernard & Ellen Yarrow, St. Michael's
Park; Christy O'Brien, St. Michael's Park;
Joseph, Bridget & Eamonn Coleman, Kilnacourt;
Dec. members of the O'Brien Family, Ballycarroll
Hughie & Grainne Emerson, Bishopswood Road

Sunday 29th April – 12.15pm

Paddy Whelan, Deerpark (1st Anniv.); Kathleen
Lawlor, Portlaoise Rd; Molly & Abb Evans;
Thomas Keegan Jnr. & Snr. Cloneyquinn; Harry
Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Oliver O'Reilly, Avondale
Daniel & Kathleen Hayden, St. Brigid's Square

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 22nd April – 10.30am

Madge Mulhall, Ballintogher (1st Anniv.); Peter
Maher, Ballintogher (4th Anniv.); Phil O'Hara,
Killenard; Elizabeth Donnolly, Killenard (16th
Anniv.); Gretta Fitzmaurice & Dave Fitzmaurice
Jnr., Killenard

Sunday 29th April – 10.30am

Tom Flanagan, Clonanny (M.M.)
Maurice Dalton, Ann Fox Dalton; Syl Mullen,
Tierhogar; Thomas & Margaret Mullen; Thomas,
Charles & Jack Mullen; Mary & Jim Kennedy;
Terry Behan, Tierhogar

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 21st April – 7.30pm

Matthew & Mary Hyland, The Heath Course
Richard & Helen (Nellie) Strong, Coolbanagher
Annie & James Kelly; Jer & Matthew Kelly,
Caron, Edward Fenlon, Killimy Road

Sunday 22nd April – 11am

Patrick (Benny) Connolly, Emo (1st Anniv.)
Larry & Bernie Skillington; John & Gerard
O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown

Saturday 28th April – 7.30pm

Frank Langford, Emo

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 22nd April – 9am

Madge Mulhall, Ballintogher (1st Anniv.)
Narissa Carroll; Paddy Dunne, Coolroe;
William Brennan, Jamestown,
Bill & Mary Donnelly, Courtwood

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into our
Christian Community

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

James Patrick McCallum, Castlegate
Grace Ella Lyons, Mount Henry, Killenard
Daisy Jeanne Kerrigan, Shandra Woods

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

People can register as individuals or as part of
groups – families, parishes, etc. U.18's go
free but must be registered. As soon as the
registration process for the Festival of Families
& the Closing Mass has been decided by the
organizers of WMOF 2018 we will let you
know. Registration & ticketing is planned
alongside access & safety plans, involving a
huge logistical operation for the organizers.
It will be sometime in late May at the earliest
before the registration process will be
finalized and ready to go.

RECENTLY DECEASED

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

Dora Burke (nee Horan), Essex and Marian
Hill, (Sister of Kathleen, Sean & Tommy)
Cecilia Broughan, St. Brigid's Square
James (Jimmy) Gallagher, Walsh Island



CONFIRMATION 2018



Confirmation will be administered by Bishop
Denis Nulty on Wednesday next,
25th April in Emo and Rath.
Sacred Heart Church, Rath at 11am
St. Paul's Church, Emo at 2pm

LECTORS (READERS)

Sat. 28th / Sun. 29th April

Portarlington: Sat. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne / Sun.
9am John Prior / 12.15pm Noel Brennan
Killenard: Sun. 10.30am Gretta Rafter
Emo: Sat. 7.30pm Stephanie Lewis / Sun.
11am Anne Deering
Rath: Sun. 9am Mark Behan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat. 28th / Sun. 29th April

Portarlington Team D
Killenard Team C

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

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

ICON

OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow

Fri. 27th April – 7pm – Taize Prayer Service of
Welcome for the Icon

S.S. Peter & Paul Church, Portlaoise

Mon. 30th April – 7.30pm – Mass of Welcome
for the Icon with a blessing for families &
formal opening of the Icon.

St. Conleth's Church, Newbridge.

Thurs. 3rd May – 7.30pm – Taize Prayer
Service of Welcome for the Icon.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO

KNOCK SHRINE

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine
takes place on Sun. 3rd June.
Further details later.

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.

THE CHOIR & PAPAL VISIT 2018

In 1979, we provided 18 singers for the Mass in the Phoenix Park - The biggest group in the Dioceses on the basis of the quality of the Choristers we then had with us.

A meeting to decide how to proceed this time will take place on Sat. 28th April and news will be provided as available. It has already been stated that places will be on the basis of the parts needed, which is perfect. The Choir refers specifically to the Phoenix Park Mass on Sun. 26th August. Arrangements for the rest of the week and Croke Park (Sat.) are not yet known. Please let us know if you would like to take part and are prepared to rehearse. Most of the rehearsals will take place in Portarlinton.
Larry Fullam.

C.I. GOLF CLASSIC COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

Taking place on 27th April 2018 to raise funds for the school's extra-curricular subjects: Music, Art & Sports Department. Venue: Portarlinton Golf Club. The cost of the event is €140 for a Team of 4 or €35 each. This includes golf & food. Tee times from 10am-3.30pm. To enter contact Seamus Muldowney, Great Irish Golf. E-mail greatirishgolf@gmail.com or phone 086-0596114. If businesses want to sponsor a hole it is €25 each & the business will be advertised on their sponsored hole. They can also contact Seamus at the above number.

GUITAR LESSONS

For beginners. Suitable for all ages. Tailored lessons to individual students. Rates reasonable. Available in your own home. Phone 087 6612470
E-mail seamusobhanain@gmail.com
Facebook [seamus.bannon.9250](https://www.facebook.com/seamus.bannon.9250)

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S.

KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON

Day of Reflection in Memory of Thomas Merton

12th May from 9.30am – 4.15pm. We will reflect upon the legacy of Merton. This day is held in collaboration with the Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology, Cambridge, UK. Facilitated by Dr. Melanie-Préjean Sullivan. Cost: €50 (includes Lunch). Booking essential

Mindfulness Retreat

Thurs. 24th – Sun. 27th May facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan. Integrating Meditation & Scripture with input on Mindfulness, recent research on Positive Psychology & Wellbeing. Residential and Non-residential options available. For further details & booking contact Catherine on 057-8626153

FAMILY CARERS

Are you caring for a family member at home? A spouse, a partner or a close relative or neighbour? Then you are a Family Carer, become a member of Family Carers Ireland and benefit from a local and national network that helps family carers who need advice and that informs and influences Government policy relating to home-based care. As a member you can also avail of our exclusive deals. For more information call 05793 22920 or visit our website www.familycarers.ie

LOST – PAIR OF SPECTACLES



Pair of spectacles (in blue case) may have been left in St. Michael's Church last weekend. Contact the Parish office (057) 8643004.

CHECK IT FITS

Did you know four out of five child car seats are incorrectly fitted? Get your child's car seat checked for free. At SuperValu Car Park Wed. 16th May from 10am to 5.30pm.



Viatores Christi is a lay missionary organisation. They will speak at Masses in the Parish next weekend. They will also hold a collection to help with their missionary work in Africa, Asia and the Americas where they help fight poverty, inequality, exploitation and injustice.

DRESSMAKING / LESSONS

Lessons Mon. & Tues. For anyone interested. Alterations / dress-making services. Wed. to Sat. Over La Belle Boutique (Main St.). Phone Ann on 0863531999

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Social Club

Thursday 26th April 2018
2.30pm – 4.30pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. Save the Date 3rd May Tea Day for the Laois Alzheimer's Society - 10am to 12.30pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. 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@alzheimers.ie

PORT. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

We have moved to our 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.

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Our annual clean up will take place on Mon. 23rd April at 6.30pm to coincide with Laois Clean Up Week. All rubbish gathered in County Council bags will be collected by Laois County Council on Tues. 24th April. This is a golden opportunity to clean up your area – Please come along and meet up at the pump, Emo village 6.30pm on either days.

ART AND CRAFT CLASSES

Includes Clay; Jewellery making; Ceramic painting; Paverpol; Button Art and Acrylic painting. For further details phone Brenda on 085-1322455.

TOMMY RYAN MEMORIAL ROAD RUN

This year the car / motor cycle charity run will take place on Sunday 29th April commencing 1.30pm sharp from Crean's, Vicarstown. Further information contact Tom on 087 2654001.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 16/04/2018. Numbers were: 03,05,18,22. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners were: Paddy Mulligan, Noel Byrne. Promoter - The Bridge Club. Next week's Jackpot: €7000. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

Club Mass (Change of date) - The club Mass will NOW be held in the clubhouse on Friday the 11th May. All members past and present are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Mass will be for present, past, sick and deceased members of the club. Tea and sandwiches will be served after Mass. Please pass on this message to anyone who you think may be interested.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Church Gate Collection Collection will take place on Sat. 28th and Sun. 29th April at all Masses. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

GARDA BAND

Comes to Portarlinton

Portarlinton Lions Club celebrating its 10th Anniversary & Lions International Centenary Year with Garda Band Concert

Venue: St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton on Sun. 20th May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Admission by ticket only. Tickets 10 each / Family ticket 2 adults / 2 children €30. Donations from this fundraiser will be given to Portarlinton Meals on Wheels and Portarlinton Senior Citizens. Tickets on sale from Brian Whelan Electrical / Marie Corcoran (Saoirse Care Charity Shop) and Willie Murphy Furniture Stone (all in Portarlinton. Any queries contact Berni on 087-6267694.

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.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES FUND

SPONSORED 5K RUN

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

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO 16.4.2018

Numbers: 2, 4, 9, 18 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following: Tom Mulhall, Cappakeel / Treasa Langford C/o Emo Shop / Seamus Connolly C/o P. Gorman / Pat Whelan C/o Emo Shop / Bernadette Behan C/o Emo Shop. **Next jackpot €14,400**

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

New members very welcome. Junior membership entitles the child to free participation in our Summer activities program Mon. – Fri. for 8 weeks in July & August. Rackets & balls provided. Adult Tennis Coaching places still available on Tues. or Fri. Phone 087 1231135 if interested. Adult social Tennis every Thursday at 8pm, weather permitting.

ST. PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

St. Pio's glove will be at Malone's home, Shindella, Rathangan. Sun. 29th April from 11am to 5pm. Items of St. Pio available on the day. Two important commemorations in the life of St. Pio – Centenary of the Stigmata / 50th Anniversary of his death. For any information call Betty on 045 525094. Everyone welcome.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

Portarlinton Comhaltas Branch are Hosting the launch of the new CD recording of The Bridge Ceili Band 'Curlews over Coolnafearagh' at 9pm on Saturday 28th April in the East End Hotel. Two Branch Members feature on this CD, Mary O'Donnell and Robert Gleeson. All musicians very welcome especially, accompanied young musicians. No cover charge.

IRISH DANCING CLASSES

Irish Dancing class takes place in Emo Community Hall each Friday at 6.30pm. Beginners and Advanced students welcome. Registered with Cumann Rince Naisiunta. Phone 085-2531131. E-mail nianglais83@gmail.com

FRIENDS TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB

Amount raised from recent raffle at Easter amounted to €627, which has been donated to the Cuisle Centre, Portlaoise. All prizes were donated by members of Friends Together. Many thanks to all who bought tickets.