



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



Sunday 22nd February 2015 – First Sunday of Lent

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 23rd Feb. 10am ---
Tues. 24th Feb. 10am Dead List
Wed 25th Feb. 10am Tom Kelly, Congress Tce
Thur. 26th Feb. 10am James Bergin, Rathmore
Fri. 27th Feb 10am George & Annie Ridgeway

Saturday 21st February – 6.15pm

Seamus Dowling (M.M.), Dolores McMahon,
French Church St., Willie Flanagan,
Cloneyhurke (2nd Anniv.), Willie Barnes, Tom
Dowling, Emo, James & Anna Doyle, St.
Brigid's Sq. & daughter Rosaleen, Tommy
Lawlor, St. Patrick's Ave., Michele McNamara,
Gracefield, Dick O'Reilly, Spa St. & deceased
members of the O'Reilly Family, Anna Doyle,
St. Brigid's Sq, James, Mary & Tom Barnes

Sunday 22nd February – 12.15pm

Maura Murphy (2nd Anniv.), Jerry Murphy,
Tommy Hoey, Kilbride (3rd Anniv.), Josephine
Duffy, Arlington Est., Alo Maher, Marian Hill (9th
Anniv.), Paddy & Marie Daly & daughter Anne,
Daniel & Mary Cleary, Main St, Dora Keogh,
Patrick St., Daniel & Mary Cleary, Main St.,
Alice, Jack & Stephen Byrne, Cloneyhurke &
deceased members of the Byrne Family,
Mary & Denis Whittingham

Saturday 28th February – 6.15pm

Paddy Gallagher, Lea, Nuala Doyle (nee
Shaw), Acacias, Patrick St., (7th Anniv.)
Anthony & Kathleen Kinsella & Anthony (Jnr.)
& deceased members of the Kinsella family

Sunday 1st March – 12.15pm

Sean Ryan, The Square (3rd Anniv.),
Tommy O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq.,
Stephen, Nellie & Paddy Allen, Main St.,
Sarah & William Kelly, St. Patrick's Tce.,

ANNIVERSARIES – KILLENARD

Sunday 22nd February – 10.30am

Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House, Killenard

Sunday 1st March – 10.30am

Paul Moore, Springfield

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 21st February – 7.30pm

Mary Strong, Morette
Dan Kavanagh, The Commons

Sunday 22nd February – 11am

Sean & William Green, Morette
Cian Hand, Morette (6th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 22nd Feb. – 9am

Mary Ellen O'Connell, Killaglush

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the
following who died recently:-
Mrs. Marie Swinburne, Riverside, Portarlington



Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2015

Theme: "Trocaire working for a just world"
Your Trocaire box has arrived.

LENTEEN STATIONS

The Lenten Stations for the support of the
priests of the parish will be held this weekend.
It will take the form of a second collection.
Envelopes are available in the Church porches
for those who have not got Envelope Boxes
and wish to contribute.

MASSES FOR LENT

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

Emo: Thursday evening 7.30pm

Killenard: Friday evening 7.30pm



LENTEEN REFLECTION

Each year the trees give us
a lesson in renewal.

First the bud, then the blossom,
and finally the shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe,
and makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn
they let go of their old leaves,
and in between endured a period
of nakedness.

Lent is in the springtime of the spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of old
habits, and to face our spiritual poverty,
in order that you may renew us,
and so at Easter we will feel
young again in our discipleship.

FIRST PENANCE

First Penance will take place as follows:-

St. Patrick's Boys NS

Mon. 23rd Feb. at 7.30pm in St. Michael's
Church

Presentation Primary School & Cloneyhurke NS

Tues. 24th Feb. at 7.30pm in St. Michael's
Church

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Wed. 25th Feb. at 7.30pm in St. Michael's
Church

St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Tues. 3rd March at 7pm in St. Paul's Church,
Emo

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Tues. 3rd March at 8.15pm in Sacred Heart
Church, Rath

LECTORS

Portarlington

Sat. 28th Feb. 6.15pm Ailish Ridgeway
Sun. 1st March 9am Dan Fingleton
12.15pm Noel Brennan

Killenard

Sun. 1st March 10.30am Thomas Davis

Emo

Sat. 28th Feb. 7.30pm Anne Deering
Sun. 1st March 11am Grace Hanneffy

Rath

Sun. 1st March 9am Marie O'Loughlin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington

Sat. 28th Feb. / Sun. 1st March Team C

Killenard

Sun. 1st March Team D

READERS OF THE WORD

A course will take place in Mount St. Anne's on
April 22nd, 29th & May 6th, 2015 (Wednesdays).
All participants will receive a certificate & the
Diocesan Guide for Readers. If you would like
to become a Reader in the Parish, please
leave your name into the Parish office.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community
through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON

Rian Michael Moran, Whitefields
Isaac Joseph McCluskey, Whitefields

COMMUNION CALLS

The sick & the housebound will be visited
during the week as follows:

Tuesday 24th February 2015

Congress Tce., Sandy Lane,
Main St., Station Rd., St. Brigid's Sq.,
Bracklone St., St. Michael's Pk., Portlaoise
Road, Kilbride, Corrig, Lea, Kilmullen,
Ballintogher, Ballycarroll

Wednesday 25th February 2015

Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken,
Cappakeel, Morette, Coolbanagher,
Knightstown, Killeen, Tinnekil, Coolaghy

Thursday 26th February 2015

St. Mary's Tce., Assumpta Tce., St. Patrick's
Tce., Avondale, Bog Rd., Gracefield,
Cloneyhurke, Garryhinch, Patrick St., Shandra,
Kilmalogue Gdn., Church View, Botley Court,
Foxcroft Court, Spa Street, Marian Hill,
Bishopswood Road, Slí Na Mona, Cushina

P.T.A.A.

Make a leap of faith. Take the **Short-Term
Pledge** and abstain from alcohol for the
duration of Lent. Join online:
www.pioneerassociation.ie or by contacting the
local pioneer representative on 057 8623919.

SYNOD ON THE VOCATION & MISSION OF THE FAMILY

Rome 4th – 25th Oct. 2015

You are invited to participate in another round of consultation in preparation for the second & final part of the Synod, which will take place in Rome in October 2015. Parish groups and individuals are being asked to respond to questions which will shape the next part of the work of the Synod. These responses will help those attending the Synod to find ways that the Church can better listen, look to Christ & then act to support marriage & family life.

A Meeting will be held in Mt. St. Anne's, Killenard on Thurs. 12th March at 7.30pm. Individuals or Groups can also respond by E-mail to bishop@kandle.ie or post to Bishops House, Dublin Road, Carlow before Fri. 13th March 2015. Participant's Leaflet & questionnaire available at the Church porches or Parish Office.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin
Wed. 25th Feb. **Alice Taylor (Author of the book "School through the Fields")**. Time 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm). Theme "My Faith Story" Further details on poster at Church porches.

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Upcoming Events Saturday 21st March from 10am – 4pm. **Calligraphy Workshop** with Sr. Róisín. €35 (all materials included) Bring packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided.
Tuesday 3rd March from 8pm – 9.30pm.

Reflections on Pope Francis' "Joy of the Gospel" with Fr. Gerard O'Hanlon SJ. This will be followed by 3 consecutive Tuesdays evenings of reflection and prayer.

These evenings will be welcoming, reflective and simple. No Charge – donations at your discretion. *Further Details: Phone Catherine on 057-8626153*

DRIVE TO CARE

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments in all Dublin hospitals. We are looking for volunteers to pick patients up at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished their treatment and bring them home. The service is free to the patient and all drivers expenses are paid. Telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

MILLINERY CLASSES

'Millinery for Beginners' Weekly Class. Commences Wed. 25th Feb. 10am-12.30pm. A series of 5 classes / 6 people max. per class. Price €120. Basic materials included. Please see details of Workshops available on www.niavriley.ie or phone 0876274259

PORTARLINGTON ARTS & HERITAGE

Sincere thanks to all who supported our recent Coffee Morning in aid of the lea Castle Conservation Project. Thanks also to Portarlinton Coder Dojo & Killenard Historical Society for their very generous support. The event raised over €1,000 which will be used for ongoing work on the project."

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY

ALLOTMENTS

Vacancies for full and half plots for the 2015 season. Phone: 086-3431169.

IRISH HEART FOUNDATION

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent Church Gate collection s in Portarlinton & Emo in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation. Your support is much appreciated.

LET NOTHING UPSET YOU



*Let nothing upset you;
Let nothing frighten you.
Everything is changing;
God alone is changeless.
Patience attains the goal.
Who has God lacks nothing.
God alone fills every need.*



St. Teresa of Avila

EMO/RATH LOTTO 16/2/15

Numbers 2, 9, 18, 23, – No winner.
€25 to each of the following:- Rosie Connelly, C/o R. Kirwan, Mark Carroll, C/o Pat Brophy, Anne Lawlor, C/o Hilary, Mary Bastick, Emo, C/o Hilary, Cora Carroll, Emo, C/o Emo Shop
Next week's Jackpot €5,600

IRISH GRINDS

Junior and Leaving Certificate Irish Grinds available from an experienced Irish speaker. Practice orals, essay-writing, grammar and all areas of course covered. All levels catered for. Contact Áine on 0858344378

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL

Introduction to Mindfulness/ Meditation
Thurs. 26th Feb. & 5th Mar. 7.30-9.30pm.
Facilitated by the Suaimhneas Team. Exploring the concept of mindfulness & meditation & introduction to basic principles & practice.
Contact Anne or Mai 057-8626541

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA CLUB

Lotto results for 9th Feb.
Numbers 5, 7, 14, 22 – No jackpot winner.
Membership now due. Adult player membership €50. Adult membership €25. Juvenile €20 & Associate Membership €10.
Contact Club Registrar Barry Finlay.

SATURDAY MORNING WALK

Daniels Centra, Main St., Portarlinton invites you to come along to their 5k walk every Saturday morning at 11am. Go out and join them and have a chat and a laugh, and you could also win a €10 voucher.

7 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Departure Wed. 19th Aug., 2015. Charter Flight Dublin to Dubrovnik, Cost all in €659 per person sharing. Contact: Michael Nerney Emo, Portarlinton 086 8157305

LOST

Sum of money lost on Sat. last around Patrick Street / Kilmalogue. Contact the Parish Office.

COURSES

The Carers Association are hosting a "Challenging Behaviour" one day workshop in Tullamore on Fri. 6th March. QQI Level 5 "Care of the Older Person" training module will start on Thurs. 26th March in Tullamore. Further info. 057 9322920 or training@carersireland.com

SOCCER TODS 2015

8 week programme for children aged 3-6 years. Fun educational activities / Improve motor skills / Develop soccer skills / Help meet new friends; All coaches are FAI qualified.

Venue: Portarlinton Leisure Centre –
Commencing 28th Feb. from 11am-12 Noon.
€30 for 8 sessions.

Also Portlaoise Leisure Centre – Commencing 28th Feb. from 1pm – 2pm. €30 for 8 sessions. Register now through Sport & Leisure Section, Laois County Council 057 8674363 or e-mail sports@laoiscoco.ie

EMO ALL WEATHER PITCH

Emo All-weather pitch is almost complete. We will shortly be taking bookings: Off peak hours: 3pm-6pm €40 per hour / Peak hours: 6pm-10pm €60 per hour. Contact John on 087-2442740 for further details and bookings.



ST. BRIGIDS ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Garryhinch/Cloneyhurke

BOOK CLUB: Wednesday 4th March at 8pm.

COURTWOOD GAA DINNER DANCE

Presentation Dinner Dance takes place on Fri. 6th March in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Tickets €40 each can be obtained any of the committee members or from Donohoe's Service Station, Ballybrittas. Music by the Cork band, The Pearls, with DJ Michael Murphy following. Special guest Uachtarán CLG, Liam O'Neill.

RING FOUND

Ring found last week on the Morette Road, Emo. Contact 086-3502888.

GRINDS IN MATHS

Student seeking grinds in Leaving Cert Higher / Pass level. Emo/ Portarlinton Area. Please contact 086 1637828.

FRENCH GRINDS AVAILABLE

Junior and Leaving Cert. Qualified, experienced French native Teacher. Excellent results assured / reasonable rates. Phone: 087-9013343 / 057-8661825

PORTLAOISE PARISH NOVENA

Commencing Sat. 28th Feb. until 8th March. Novena Masses: 7.30am, 10am, 7.30pm and Midnight. Priests and Guests speakers will lead this occasion. All are welcome.

PORTARLINGTON G.A.A. CLUB

Club Lotto Week 7

No Jackpot Winner - Numbers 8-12-14-24. Jackpot next week €2,700

Poker Tournament: Tournament will be held in the GAA Centre on Fri. 3rd April (Good Friday). Further details on Port. Facebook page. Keep up to date with what's going on in Portarlinton GAA Club by liking our Facebook page (Portarlinton GAA Club) or Twitter @PortGAA or clgportarlinton.com

LAP THE LAKES – WALK FOR DIABETES

Diabetes Ireland is inviting all walkers to support the charity by taking part in an all new fundraising walk. Lap The Lake 2015 is a 28km walk around the Blessington Lakes in Co.

Wicklow encompassing 4.5km of the Blessington Greenway Trail with the remaining on the incredibly scenic Lake Drive. Enjoy the stunning scenery of water and mountains on Sunday June 21st and help raise much needed funds for Diabetes Ireland. Full details at www.diabetes.ie or lo-call 1850 909 909.

Registration fee €25 plus minimum €100 fundraising required.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE LAOIS

Business Information Clinic

Mon. 23rd Feb. in Portarlinton Enterprise Centre, Canal Rd. from 10am-1pm. If you wish to talk to one of our advisers on the supports that the Local Enterprise Office Laois can offer your start up or existing business, contact 057 8661800 to meet with our adviser who will be in Portarlinton next Monday morning.

Start your own Business Course

Wed. 4th March – Wed. 6th May (10 mornings) 9.30am-1pm. Cost €100. Venue: Portarlinton Enterprise Centre, Canal Road. The course will cover every aspect of starting a business from preparing business plans, Marketing for the small business to Sources of Finance, Costing, Pricing and ICT. If interested in booking this course you can book online www.localenterprise.ie/laois or contact 057 86 61800. Numbers are limited.

GAA CLUBS' COUNTY DRAW TICKETS

Tickets for the County Draw are available from Committee Members for all the local Clubs. There are 4 draws in total /€100,000 in prizes. Please support your local Club.