



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



Sunday 22nd March 2015 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 23rd March 10am James Hynes
Tues. 24th 10am Ned Dunne
Wed. 25th 10am Feast of the Annunciation
Thurs. 26th 10am Kitty & James Hennessy, Bracklone Street
Fri. 27th 10am Bridget & Christopher Flynn, Rathmore

Saturday 21st March – 6.15pm

Mary Smith, Church View (M.M.)
Elizabeth (Peg) Nolan, Bracklone (M.M.)
Maura & Patrick Williams, Crowe Lane,
Mary, Terence & Joseph McGuire, Martha Wyse, Orchard Drive (1st Anniv.), Mick (Raz) Murphy, Bridie McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce., Brendan & Celine Lawless, Patrick Street, Peggy Mooney, Rathangan,

Sunday 22nd March – 12.15pm

Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke (40th Anniv.), Patricia Murray, Cushina, Bridget, Mary & Elizabeth Knight, Patrick St., Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Tce. Kitty Murphy, St. Michael's Park

Saturday 28th March – 6.15pm

Bernie Murray, Na Cluainte (M.M.); Bill Storey, Garryhinch (1st Anniv.), Brendan, Frank & Mollie Martin, Kathleen & John O'Reilly, sons Paddy & Ger & daughter Bernadette, Marian Hill, Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield, Peter Hyland, Denis (Con) and Joan Coughlan, Assumpta Tce., Sarah & John O'Keefe, Bishopswood, John & Helen Egan, Brigid Mahon, Patrick St.

Sunday 29th March – 12.15pm

John (Jackie) Madden, Bracklone St., Elizabeth Dunne, Cushina

ANNIVERSARIES – KILLENARD

Sunday 22nd March – 10.30am

Greeta Fitzmaurice, Killenard
Peter Murphy, Closelands (1st Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 22nd March – 9am

Margaret & Veronica Dunne
Peter & Rita Dunne, Ballybrittas

LENT / TROCAIRE 2015

Moses then raised his hand and struck the rock twice with the branch; water gushed out in abundance, and the community and their livestock drank." *Numbers 20:11.*
22nd March is World Water Day and is a timely reminder of the millions of people in the world who do not have access to clean water for drinking, washing, sustaining livestock or growing food. Trócaire continues to work with communities to ensure they have access to this most precious resource.
Visit trocaire.org/lent

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 21st March – 7.30pm

Joe Kennedy, Arklow (M.M.)
(Father of Linda Greene, Morette)

Sunday 22nd March – 11am

Betty Doonan, Bellegrave
Christopher & Annie Lawlor, Noel, Willie & Colm Lawlor, Woodbrook, James & Tommy O'Connor, Woodbrook, Larry & Bernie Skillington, Cork

Saturday 28th March – 7.30pm

Colette Coonan–Dowling (1st Anniv.)
Joe Hyland & deceased members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook,

Sunday 29th March – 11am

Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill (2nd Anniv.)
Martin Warren, Galway, John & Helen Egan, Patrick St., Brigid Mahon, Patrick St.,

MASSES FOR LENT

Portarlington: 10am each day
Rath: 10am each day (or as announced)
Emo: Wednesday 7.30pm
Killenard: Friday 7.30pm

COMMUNION CALLS

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

Tuesday 24th March 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 March 2015

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

Thursday 26th March 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

PRIESTHOOD

COULD IF BE FOR YOU?

A "Come and See" afternoon will take place in the Cathedral Parish Centre, Carlow Town on the 12th April from 2-5pm for anyone who may be interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood. During the afternoon there will be some input from students for the priesthood, some of the priests of the Diocese and also an opportunity to meet, pray & chat with others who are also considering this calling. Further info. contact Fr. Ruairí O Domhnaill 045-897470, vocations@kandle.ie or visit kandle.ie

LECTORS

Palm Sunday – PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 28th March 6.15pm John Prior, Mary Murphy & Sarah Dunne

Sun. 29th March 9am Eileen Dunne, Tom Hainsworth & Ailish Ridgeway

Sun. 29th March 12.15pm Ciaran Dunne, Sinead Dunne & Dan Fingleton

Palm Sunday – KILLENARD - 10.30am

Johnny Carey, George O'Sullivan & Joyce Power

Palm Sunday - EMO

Vigil Sat. 28th March 7.30pm

Paula O'Rourke & Kieran McEvoy

Sun. 29th March 11am

Anne Deering & Sadhbh Hanneffy

Palm Sunday – RATH – 9am

Margaret Donoher & Michelle Carroll

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington

Sat. 28th & Sun. 29th March Team D

Killenard

Sun. 29th March 10.30am Team D

PENITENTIAL SERVICES – EASTER

Rath: Thurs. 26th March 7.30pm

Emo: Thurs. 26th March 8.30pm

Portarlington: Tues. 31st March 7.30pm

Mountmellick: Wed. 1st April 7.30pm

BAPTISMS



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON

Sean Robert Conlon, Slí Na Móna

EMO

Liam Anthony O'Reilly, Killimy Road



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

PALM SUNDAY

Stations of the Cross in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm on Palm Sunday (29th March). All very welcome.

CHRISM MASS

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis & the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7.30pm on Mon. 30th March to celebrate the Chrism Mass – the largest diocesan celebration held during the year!

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice will take place on Mon. 30th March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church. All very welcome.

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL



Deeper Mindfulness & Stages of Life

From "Deep Stillness". Sat. 25th April 10am-4.30pm. Facilitated by John Doherty. Wed. 29th, 6th & 13th May (optional). 7.30am-9.30pm facilitated by Anne & Mai.

Mindfulness & Mysticism

From "Sacred Stillness" Mindfulness, Meditation, Contemplation. Sat. 6th June – Facilitated by John Doherty. Wed. 10th, 17th & 24th June (optional) 7.30am-9.30pm. Facilitated by Anne & Mai. Phone Ann/Mai 057-8626541

PORTARLINGTON GAA

Membership for 2015 is now due.

Family €60 Adult €40 Child €25.

Portarlington GAA will be having its usual Poker Tournament in the Hall on Good Friday. Details on the Port. Facebook Page

Poker Tournament: Takes place in the Hall on Good Friday – See Facebook page. Following us on Twitter @PortGAA or our website clqportarlington.com

KILLENARD TIDY TOWNS AGM

Killennard Tidy Towns AGM will take place on Mon. 23rd March at 8pm in the Ballycarroll Room of Killennard Community Centre. We invite everyone to come & bring your ideas on how we can best serve the community through the 'Tidy Towns' effort. Come along on the night & show your support. As always we would like to encourage as many as possible to get involved with this initiative.

MUIRIOSIA FOUNDATION

Become a volunteer and make a difference!

Volunteers required for one/two hours per fortnight. Male and Female. Contact Gerry McLaughlin on 087-8059667.

EMO BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Meet on Friday mornings from 10am-12 Noon in the Old School, Emo. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat while the little ones play.

COMPUTER TRAINING

Computer Training on a one to one basis from beginners to Advanced users. *All ages catered for.* Choose Email, Internet, Skype, Facebook, Booking Tickets, Holidays, Shopping, Using iPads, Tablets, Kindle, iPhones, Memory Sticks, Music, Photos, Word Excel etc. [086-3034540](tel:086-3034540)

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection in aid of the **Portarlington Benefit Group for Children with Special Needs.** Amount collected €1,042.46. Thanks also to all the collectors.

LEAVING CERT EXAM STUDENTS

Intensive preparation for Irish exams (oral & written, / ordinary & higher). Small groups / Results focused. Further info. 086-1023411.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto Draw Results: 16/03/2015.

This week's number were 13-22-7-15. There was no winner of this week's Jackpot WEEKLY WINNERS OF €50 EACH: Andrew & Niall Morrissey, Marian Monaghan, Sally Murray, Joe Lawrence, Noah Carroll. Promoters Prize: Patsy Murphy. Next week's Jackpot €17,800.

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

AGM takes place on Tues. 24th March at 8.30pm in the Club House. All adult & student members & parents of junior members invited.

ST. PADRE PIO GLOVE

St. Pio's Glove will be back in Malone's Home, Shindella, Rathangan, Sun. 29th March from 11.30am-5.30pm. Everyone welcome. Items of St. Pio available on the day. Further information call Betty on 045-525094.

5TH SUNDAY OF

LENT

In the Gospel today we see the image of the wheat grain that falls on the ground and dies. We are reminded of the process of death that comes before new life. Each day we are called to die to our selfishness so that we can be renewed and become who we are meant to be in the eyes of our Creator. Take some time this week to remind yourself of the story of Mahlet, the child on this year's Trocaire box by reading the side of your Trocaire box at home. Pray that our lifestyles may be renewed so that young lives like Mahlet's who are experiencing first-hand the destructive effects of climate change may be eased.

A GRAIN OF WHEAT MUST DIE...

Each of us is like a grain of wheat planted by God.

Just as a grain of wheat must die so as to produce a harvest, so we must die to self in order to bear the fruits of love.

This dying to self is a gradual process and happens in little ways.

Each act of humility involves dying to pride.

Every act of courage involves dying to cowardice.

Every act of kindness involves dying to cruelty.

Every act of love involves dying to selfishness.

Thus the false self dies, and the true self, made in God's image, is born and nurtured.

It is by giving that we receive;

it is by forgiving that we are forgiven;

it is by dying that we are born to eternal life.

DAFFODIL DAY FUNDRAISER

Mary Miller, Fifty Seven Boutique, Main Street, Portarlington will host her annual fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society in the form of a Coffee Day on Friday next, 27th March from 10am-8pm.

This is the 13th consecutive year Mary has hosted this event and it is now a major fundraiser for this great cause. All are welcome to Fifty Seven on Friday next, 27th March.

KNOCK SHRINE INVALID COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who generously contributed and helped with the recent Church gate collection. Notice will be given as soon as pilgrimage date is known.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Emo G.A.A. are holding an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday 4th April at 4pm in the Sports field. Tots to Under 12s.

LAOIS ARCH CLUB (social club for adults with intellectual disabilities) presents

THE DUBLIN WELSH MALE

VOICE CHOIR

for a Choral Evening on Sat. 28th March commencing 8pm with local guest choir at St. Peter's Church of Ireland, Portlaoise. Tickets €15 are available from Breslin's Pharmacy Portlaoise or from: Mary Butler 087 632 3269 / Mary Kerr 086 326 1512. Your support is greatly appreciated.

EMO/RATH LOTTO 16.3.15

Numbers: 6, 13, 16, 24 – No winner.

€25 to each of the following:

Barry Deering C/o Ann; Cyril Duggan C/o Emo NS; Sarah McLoughlin C/o Maeve; Attracta Corcoran, Emo; Chrissie Fenlon C/o Rath Cards - **Next Jackpot €6,400**

ST. CONLETH'S LADIES FOOTBALL

CLUB

We're back! Training commences for U8, U10, U12 and U14s – Saturday 28th March at 10am at O'Dempsey's GAA Pitch. Beginners welcome. Free gift for every player registered on the day. Contact: Caitriona 086-3502888

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.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin
Wed. 25th March commencing with Rosary at 7.10pm – Speaker commencing 7.30pm – Ned Prendergast, married family man and well known speaker.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON, CO. LAOIS

Our next talk on **Pope Francis** takes place on Tuesday 24th March from 8pm – 9.30pm with Marie Manley Smith and Fr. John Cummins. An evening of reflective prayer. Tea/Coffee served. No Charge – donations at your discretion.

Meditation Day on Saturday 28th March from 10am – 3.30pm with Marie Manley Smith. Enjoy a day of relaxation and peace where we come away from our daily pressures in the beautiful peaceful surrounds of Mount St. Anne's. Cost: €25 (please bring Packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee and biscuits provided.

Sunday 29th March from 3-6pm. **Palm Sunday**

Afternoon of Reflection in preparation for Easter led by Marie Manley Smith

No Charge – donations at your discretion. Photography Course beginning on Monday 13th April for 4 Mondays with local photography Con

Murphy. Suitable for beginner/intermediate level. You will learn new tips and techniques in a relaxed environment. Cost of full course: €50 (please bring your camera each evening)

If you require any further information on the above or wish to make a booking, please contact Catherine on 057-8626153 or email: msannes@eircom.net

ST. BRIGID'S COMMUNITY

TEXT ALERT

Table Quiz will take place in Portarlington Golf Club on Sat. 21st March commencing 8pm. €5 per person / Table of 4 €20. We will make up tables or if you can fill a table all the better!!!

What a better way to meet people in our community. Our quiz master has assured us that the questions are not too mind boggling! All proceeds are in aid of the ongoing costs of running our text alert in our community.

CARER TRAINING

The Carers Association are providing QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Care of the older person training in the Tullamore on the 02/04/2015. This training will run one day a week for five weeks from 9.30am to 4.30pm for more info contact the training unit on 057 93 70221. Workshops also available on demand.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Easter Camp Week 1 – March 30th

Swim Camp for little swimmers through to Level 6 10.45am. €42 / Lanes Swim Camp Levels 7 and 8 at 11.30am €35 / Soccer Skills Camp 12 Noon €25 / National pool Lifeguard Course 8.15am – 4.30pm €400

Easter Camp Week 2 – April 6th

Kayactive Teen Camp 10.30am-1pm €60 This includes pool kayaking, lifesaving, fitness classes & Gym workouts.

Other Activities

Adult Swimming Lessons (Nervous Beginner, Beginner, Improver, Deep Enders & Learn to Lane) Starting 25th March, 5 Weeks Only €50 Parent & Baby Swim Class Starts Thursday 26th March 5 Weeks Only €40 Book today on 057 8645800.