



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2017 – Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday – Year A

### ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> April 10am** Mary & John Scully, Stradbally  
**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> 10am** Helen Langton, Crowe Lane  
**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> 10am** Richard & Alice McCann  
**Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> ---**  
**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> 10am** Kathleen Lawlor, Portlaoise Rd.

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 6.15pm

Leo Dempsey, Shandra (M.M.)  
Amanda Knight, St. Joseph's Tce. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.);  
Johnny Whelan, Bishopswood

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 12.15pm

Jonathan (Jon) McCowan, Station Rd. (M.M.)  
Ted McKenna, Cloneyhurke; Sean Moran,  
Droughill & dec. members of the Moran Family,  
Monasterevin; Jim & Mary Carroll, Bracklone  
St.; Pat & Kate Sherlock, Co. Monaghan

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 6.15pm

Mary Milner, Lough (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Tom & Bridie  
McNulty, Droughill; Rose & Tom McGuinness;  
Rosaleen Doyle, St. Brigid's Sq.; John &  
Elizabeth Callaghan, St. Michael's Park; Tom &  
Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Pk.; Hughie &  
Grainne Emerson, Bishopswood

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 12.15pm

Des Nolan, Congress Tce. (M.M.)  
Angela McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.);  
Mollie & Albert Evans; Thomas Keegan Snr. &  
Jnr. Cloneyquinn; Harry Byrne, Cloneyhurke;  
Daniel & Kathleen Hayden, St. Brigid's Sq.

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 10.30am

Peter Maher, Ballintogher (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Ann Fox-Dalton & Maurice Dalton; Phil O'Hora,  
Killenard; Elizabeth Donnolly, Killenard; Bridgit  
(Bidni) Donnolly, Monasterevin; Gretta  
Fitzmaurice & David Fitzmaurice (Junior),  
Killenard

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am

Syl Mullen, Corrig; Thomas & Margaret Mullen;  
Thomas, Charles & John Mullen; Jim & Mary  
Kennedy; Terry Behan, Tierhogar

### DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following  
who died recently:-

#### Brendan McNally, Spa Street

Joe Flynn, Monasterevin & Ballybrittas  
Sr. Fintan Davis, Kilcock & Ballybrittas  
Ellen (Nellie) Dunne, Avondale

Frances Evans, (nee Kelly), England  
& St. Michael's Park, (Sister of Mary Brady,  
Droughill)

Annie Murphy (nee Dunne), Marian Hill  
Burial on Tuesday next, 25<sup>th</sup> April after the  
10am Mass.

Margaret (Madge) Mulhall, Beechwood,  
Ballintogher

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April -7.30pm

Christy & Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette;  
Matthew & Mary Hyland, The Heath Course

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 11am

Tiernan Whyte, Coolbanagher

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm

Frank Langford, Emo

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 9am

Narissa Carroll; Paddy Dunne; Coolroe;  
William Brennan, Jamestown

### EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS

#### OF THE PARISH

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so  
generously to the recent collection for the  
Priests of the Parish.

### DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

#### MOORE ABBEY

The above group will celebrate the Feast of the  
Divine Mercy in the Moore Abbey Chapel on  
Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> April (today). Celebrations as  
follows: 2pm Confessions / 3pm Divine Mercy  
Chaplet / 3.15pm Mass. All very welcome.

### CONFIRMATION 2017

#### EMO PARISH



St. Paul's NS, Emo & Sacred Heart NS, Rath

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 11.00am & 2pm  
Emo / Rath

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017

#### Presentation Primary School & Cloneyhurke NS

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at 11.30am

#### Sacred Heart NS – Rath

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at 11.30am

#### St. Paul's NS – Emo

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 at 11am

#### Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

#### St. Patrick's Boys NS

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

### ST. PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

St. Pio's glove will be at  
Malone's home, Shindella,  
Rathangan. Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April  
from 11.30am to 5.30pm.  
Items of St. Pio available on  
the day. For any information  
call Betty on 045 525094.  
Everyone welcome.



### LECTORS – NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington: Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April

6.15pm Margaret Doyle

9am John Prior

12.15pm Emma Dunne

Killenard: Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April

10.30am Jackie Hogan

Emo: Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> April & Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April

7.30pm (Vigil) Doreen Dunne

11am Frances Kerry

Rath: Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April

9am Margaret Donohar

### EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington: Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April

#### TEAM D

Sat. 6.15pm F. O'Dwyer / F. O'Donnell /  
C. Reid / J. Shaw

Sun. 9am M. Scully / R. Doyle / M. Whelehan /

T. Harbelin 12.15pm A. Slattery-Gahan / F.

O'Reilly / M. Luttrell / E. McLaughlin

Killenard: Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April – TEAM E

U. Dunne / D. Stevin / E. Bracken

### WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following couples  
who were married recently:-



#### Portarlington Parish

Conleth Ryan, Jamestown &  
Karen O'Leary, Ballintogher  
Martin Comerford, Mountmellick &  
Cassandra O'Reilly, Avondale, Portarlington  
Christopher Grogan &  
Crystal Connaughton, Crann Nua  
Deirdre Woods, Clonanny &  
Frank Dunne, Clonemone  
Lorna Carroll, Crann Nua &  
John Dunphy, Corrig

#### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Church Gate Collection will take  
place on Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April.



All outstanding Trocaire boxes should be  
returned as soon as possible. Please do not  
leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or  
around the Church. Amount collected to date:-

Portarlington €7,342.00

Emo €3,071.00

### **CHURCH MUSIC**

#### **Guitarist and Singer**

Available for Weddings, funerals and all Church occasions. Contact Maria Whyte on 083-8778135.

### **PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB**

Tennis Coaching with Tony resumes this Tuesday and Friday. All established classes are full. Some places still left in the beginner classes. If interested ring 087 1231135. Children must be 4 years or older to participate in Tony's Coaching classes.

### **EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO**

Next Lotto draw will be held on Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Jackpot €5,600

### **LIFE COACHING**

Complimentary life coaching sessions available. People may like to be coached on: work life balance, relationships, getting motivated, improving health, fitness goals, finding your purpose, finances, or just feeling stuck. Contact: Bernie on 085-1264778. Bernie is a student of life coaching & has many years experience in the field of health & nutrition.



### **PORTARLINGTON**

#### **FIRST RESPONDERS**

Entry is now open for the VHI Women's Mini Marathon (5<sup>th</sup> June). If you are taking part & are looking for a worthy local cause, contact Portarlinton First Responders. Monies raised go towards the upkeep of our public Defibrillators, community training & keeping our Responder Phone activated. If interested & to get a sponsorship card e-mail [chairman@portarlintonfirstresponders.com](mailto:chairman@portarlintonfirstresponders.com), or leave your details with the Love Port office on 085 8568801 & we will contact you. To Register [www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie](http://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie). Entry closes 28 April.

### **PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID FUND**

#### **SPONSORED 5K RUN**

Family day out walk or run on Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> May. Commencing 11am at the Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard. Anyone interested in taking a Sponsorship Card contact any of the following: Red 087-9850348 / Peter 087-9872417 Niall 085 1542171

### **O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.**

#### **Annual Club Mass:**

O'Dempsey's GFC will be holding a club Mass for present, past, sick and deceased members of the club. The Mass will be held in the clubhouse on Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. All members past and present are welcome and encouraged to attend. Tea and sandwiches will be served after Mass. Please pass on this message to anyone who you think may be interested.

**Lotto:** Next week's Jackpot: €17,400.

### **GRINDS AVAILABLE**

Junior Cert. Metalwork / Technical Graphics Leaving Cert. Engineering. Contact Liam on 087 3359198.

### **ARLINGTON A.F.C. AGM**

Arlington AFC AGM Wed 10th May 2017 at 9pm in Portarlinton Community Centre.

### **FOUND**



House keys found – Upper Gracefield. Contact the Parish Office 057-8643004.

### **EMO TIDY TOWNS**

Emo tidy towns will hold their meeting on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the old school. If you have any ideas for tidy towns for the coming season please come along all welcome.

### **SUAIMHNEAS, EMO – COURSES**

#### **Glimpses into the Mystery of the Unfolding Universe**

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> May 3-5pm. Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas) Cost €10. incl. refreshments. For full details of all of the above and booking phone Mai or Anne on 057 8626541.

### **PORTARLINGTON RUGBY CLUB**

#### **Women's World Cup Trophy Tour:**

The Trophy will be at the club from 10.30am – 12 Noon on Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> April. U.12's, U.15's & U.18's girls will all play visiting teams. Newcomers welcome - Coaches available. Refreshments in the Clubhouse throughout the morning.

#### **KICK Music-Fest:**

Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April, featuring Smash Hits, Apella & Differential. Tickets €15 available from Centra, Main St., Portarlinton.

#### **Leinster Summer Camp:**

Bookings open. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July - boys & girls aged 6-12 years. Early-bird price €75 until 2<sup>nd</sup> June, then €90. Phone Patricia 086-6080262 for Application Form. Meet some Leinster players. Free Leinster Camp T-shirt. Free ticket to allocated Leinster Match. No rugby experience necessary.

### **PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE**

Now taking bookings for next course of adult lessons and parent and baby courses starting next week. New course of child 10-week swimming lessons starting the week if the 24<sup>th</sup> of April. Still a few available places in certain levels. 3-month pool membership for only €120 from 1<sup>st</sup> of May till 31<sup>st</sup> of July. For more info on any other activities around the leisure centre, contact reception on 057-864800 to book now!!

### **UPCOMING TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

#### **LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE LAOIS**

#### **HACCP In simple steps for SME's**

1. Lean for Business Programme
2. How to achieve a better work life balance
3. Digital marketing for the small business
4. The foodpreneur – 10 step recipe for success
5. Re-Energising your retail business
6. How to use Snap chat to boost your business.
7. To book any of the above log onto [www.localenterprise.ie/laois](http://www.localenterprise.ie/laois)

For further information on any of the above contact the Local Enterprise Office Laois on 057 86 61800

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT**

#### **MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD**



**Tuesday Meditation** taking a break for the coming months.

**Book Club** continues every Wednesday from 8pm-9.30pm with Marie Manley-Smith.

#### **Meditation Day**

Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> May 10am-3.30pm. Facilitated by the Mount St. Anne's Team. A day of relaxation and peace where you can come away from your daily pressures and stresses. Cost: €25 (Bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee served

#### **Mindfulness Retreat**

Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> June to Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> June. Facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan. Cost: €270 residential or €165 non-residential with all meals included.

#### **Gift Shop**

Open daily from 9am – 5pm Mon.-Fri. where we stock a lovely range of homemade cards for every occasion, gifts for baby / confirmation / communion, etc.

Further details or to get a copy of our current Programme of Events, contact Catherine on 057-8626153

### **ST PAUL'S L.G.F.A.**

#### **Sponsored Walk / Registration:**

The annual sponsored walk will take place at 12 Noon today (Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> April) from the Community Centre. All funds raised go towards registration for 2017. Registration is open to all girls from U6 to Junior in the Portarlinton / Emo Parish. We also have a 'Gaelic for Mothers & Others' team for those interested in making new friends in the community. If you have a few hours to spare each week please enquire about helping out with the various teams, all help welcome. Registration nights Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> & Thur. 27<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30 to 8pm.

#### **Club Celebration Night:**

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> May the Club Celebration night will take place for all players & families in The Gandon Inn, Emo commencing 7.30pm. U16 "A" County Champions presentation will also take place on the night with refreshments, music, spot prizes & great fun, so come along for a great night. **Well done** to the Junior Girls team on beating Sarsfield in the League during the week & continued success for the last two remaining games before the championship starts. Please follow us on **Facebook** for notifications & upcoming fixtures – "St Pauls LGFA"

### **CRIME PREVENTION ADVICE SESSION**

Laois Public Participation Network are holding a Crime Prevention Advice Session and a Meet your PPN Representative Session on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April from 7.30pm – 9.30pm in The Killeslin Hotel, Portlaoise. For further information please contact Pamela Tynan, Laois PPN on 057 8665661 or visit Laois PPN's website [www.laoisppn.ie](http://www.laoisppn.ie) or find Laois PPN on Facebook.

### **GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB**

Lotto draw results for 18<sup>th</sup> April – Numbers 12,9,18,19 – Jackpot €19,000  
No Jackpot winner.  
Next week's Jackpot €19,200

### **GRAIGUECULLEN / KILLESLIN PARISH**

#### **Solemn Novena**

#### **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

#### **24<sup>th</sup> April - Br Philip Mulryne**

Former Irish International & Manchester United Footballer to be ordained as Dominican Priest.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> May - Fr Paddy Byrne**

Curate of Portlaoise

#### **8<sup>th</sup> May - Fr David Collins**

Franciscan Friary, Killarney

#### **15<sup>th</sup> May - Richard Moore**

Founder of Children in Crossfire

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> May - Sean Mullan**

Third Space, a social Enterprise

#### **29<sup>th</sup> May - Alice Kearns**

Mother of Missing schoolboy Philip Kearns

#### **5<sup>th</sup> June - Bishop Brendan Comiskey**

Retired Bishop of Ferns

#### **12<sup>th</sup> June - Maria Steen**

Iona Institute

#### **19<sup>th</sup> June - Marty Morrissey**

RTE Sports Commentator.



### **INFORMATION SEMINAR**

Hosted by the Irish Farmers Association Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> April from 6-9pm in the Abbeyleix Manor Hotel. The seminar will bring statutory & voluntary groups together. Information stands are available for all to visit and cover a wide range of topics with the most up to date advice / information. Among the topics covered will be Fire Prevention, Grants for Home Improvements / Insulation, Farm Grants, Your Health / Free Health Screening / Diabetes information / Sustainability Ireland / Laois County Council / M.A.B.S. (Money Advice & Budgeting Service) / Citizens Information / Gardening, Legal Matters & Social Entitlements. This is FREE to all and we welcome everyone to come along on the day.