



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

23rd November, 2014 – Christ the King

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 24th Nov. 10am Bridie Hyland
Tues. 25th 10am James Bergin, Rathmore
Wed. 26th 10am Vera Carroll
Thur. 27th James & Michael Callan
Fri. 28th 10am Jim Gorman & deceased members of the Gorman Family, Rathmore

Saturday 22nd November – 6.15pm

Rita Kenny, The Dales, Kilmalogue (M.M.)
Liam Bennett, Main St. & USA (M.M.), Declan Murphy, Woodbrook, Tom Burbage, Spa St., Dec. members & past members of ARCH Club, Portarlington, Maureen & Michael Mulligan, Bishopswood, Willie Delaney, Bishopswood, Michael & Anne Boylan, Marian Hill, Deceased members of the Boylan Family, Mick & Mollie Dunne, Cloneyquinn, Deceased members of the Kavanagh Family, Lough Cottage, Liam O'Connor, Patrick St., Mollie Wyr, Cushina, Dec. members of the Dillon Family, Derryvilla

Sunday 23rd November – 12.15pm

Elizabeth Keane & Con Keane, Station Rd., Sarah Keogh & deceased members of the Keogh Family, St. Patrick's Tce., Gerard & Esther Kelly, St. Michael's Pk., Ann Hyland (nee Kelly), Loughlin Sweeney, St. Michael's Pk., May Cummins, Gracefield, Patsy & Esther Murphy, Station Rd. & Lea, William, Ann & Mai Doyle, Treascon, Dec. members of the O'Connor Family, Treascon, Timothy & Eilish Devaney, Nenagh, Kathleen (Kay) Murphy (nee Doyle), Treascon & London, Garreth Keogh Snr., Patrick St., Colleen Finnegan, Arlington Est. (9th Anniv.)

Saturday 29th November – 6.15pm

Christopher & Margaret Broughall,
Willa Murphy, Droughill, George

Sunday 30th November – 12.15pm

Elizabeth Flanagan, Glasshouse (1st Anniv.), Jimmy Gannon, Marian Hill, Colin Loughran, Mary Boland, Main Street, Oliver O'Reilly, Avondale, Tom & Susan Guinan, Tullamore, Bridie O'Donnell, St. Brigid's Square, Kay & Mae Dempsey & deceased members of the Dempsey Family, Treascon

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 23rd November – 10.30am

Jeremiah Culleton, Rathleash, Bridget Finane, The Heritage, Gemma O'Sullivan, Killenard, Fr. Tom Keogh, James & Bridie Keogh, Alice Lalor, Rathleash, Gary Moran, Congress Tce.

Sunday 30th November – 12.15pm

Jim McDonnell, Springfield, Mary McHale, Killenard, Thomas McHale Jnr., Killenard

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sunday 23rd November – 11am

Catherine Horne & deceased members of the Horne Family, Caron
John & Bridget Christie, Coolbanagher



DECEASED

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

Daisy Walsh, Station Rd., Portarlington & Cappakeel, Emo

James Muldowney, Borris Great & Portarlington

John Pat Donnelly, Killenard

EMO CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday nights in the Old School starting 7.30pm. New members welcome.

KILLENARD CHURCH CHOIR

Practice on Wednesdays 7pm in St. John's Church, Killenard. New members very welcome.

CHRISTMAS STATIONS

The Christmas Stations for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up as a second collection at all Masses next weekend. There are envelopes in the envelope boxes and envelopes are available at the Church Porch. This is one of the five times during the year that you give to the direct support of the priests of the parish.

THANK YOU

Fr. Sean Hyland thanks, most sincerely, everyone who supported and attended the Ordination Mass and Mass of Thanksgiving and the Social Evening in the GAA Centre. Special thanks for all the good wishes, prayers, cards and gifts.

ADVENT NIGHT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Advent Night for young Adults (16+) will take place on Friday 28th November in Ballycane Church at 8pm. The evening will comprise of a Led Reflection, Music and Prayer

GARDA BAND IN CONCERT

The Garda Band will perform a Concert in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Sat. 6th Dec. from 4-6pm. This concert is free – Refreshments served afterwards in the Convent Assembly Hall & transport will be provided by the Gardai.



LECTORS

Portarlington

Sat. 29th Nov. 6.15pm Katie Dunne
Sun. 30th Nov. 9am Tom Hainsworth
Sun. 30th Nov. 12.15pm Mary Murphy

Killenard

Sun. 30th Nov. 10.30am Dympna Campbell

Emo

Sat. 29th Nov. 7.30pm Stephanie Lewis
Sun. 30th Nov. 11am Ellen Dunne

Rath

Sun. 30th Nov. 9am Mark Behan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington

Sat. 29th & Sun. 30th Nov. Team C
Killenard Sun. 30th Nov. Team C

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish

Lucy Kate Majella McCormack, Bogtown

Emo Parish

Evan Bernard O'Connor, Coolaghy
Lee Brendan James, Graigaverne
Kate Ellen Sheeran, Morette
Mary-Kate O'Connell, Coolroe
Lauren Elizabeth O'Connor, Bellegrave
Mia Ann McCormack, Courtwood

READERS OF THE WORD

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

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER

Committee Meeting will take place on Friday 28th November at 7pm (note the time) in Fr. Noonan's House. This year's Emigrant Newsletter will be on sale after all Masses next weekend – Sat. 29th / Sun. 30th November.

LIAM LAWTON IN CONCERT

In Concert in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Fri. 5th Dec. 2014. Doors open 7.30pm – Concert commences 8pm with special guests ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH CHURCH CHOIR. Proceeds in aid of "Supporting Shirley" - Tickets €20
Phone: Julia on 087-2602003 / Pauline on 087-9580558 or they are available from the Parish Office.

MUSIC LESSONS

The Faherty Family are providing music lessons in the Portarlinton area. Lessons available in the following instruments: Flute, Tin Whistle, Fiddle, Viola, Mandolin, Harp, Concertina, Button Accordion, Melodeon, Drums, Piano, Keyboard & Music Theory. Experienced in a variety of genres including: Traditional Irish; Classical; Rock & Pop. We are All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil winners & have ABRSM & SCT qualifications. Children & adults, beginners & advanced players welcome. Competitive rates for individual or groups. Ph: 086-8921348 or at our Facebook page at: The Faherty's

DRESSMAKING - LESSONS

Contact Ann Joyce, Cloneygowan
086-3531999.

UPCOMING EVENT AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON

Advent Afternoon Reflection: Sun. 14th Dec. 3-6pm. An afternoon of reflection as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Facilitated by the Mount St. Anne's Team. No charge – donation at your discretion.

Carol Singing: Portarlinton Folk Choir will host an evening of Carol Singing on Fri. 19th Dec. commencing 7.30pm. All welcome. Our current Programme of Events is available in our office & you are welcome to call in at any time. We also have a lovely range of Christmas items and homemade cards available in our Bookshop. If you have any queries, please contact Catherine on 057-8626153

IRISH GUIDE DOGS

Christmas cards, 2015 Calendars & Gift boxed glass baubles. Cards €6 / pack of 8
Contact Anne Allman, Avondale 087-9177324 or the Parish Office.

GROW COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Meets every Tues. at 7pm in the Annexe, Portarlinton (located beside school, opposite St. Michael's Church). Ph: John 086 8033126.

SIOPA NOLLAIG

An Siopa Nollaig is a Pop-up Christmas Craft shop which will be opened until Christmas. There are 20 local artists & crafters, everything handmade/handcrafted. Located at Mitchells, Main Street (near The Library).

FASHION SHOW

Portlaoise College Parents Council is hosting an Autumn/Winter Fashion Show on Thurs. 27th Nov. commencing 8.30pm in the College Sports Hall. Guest model is Irish International Rugby star & Laois woman Allison Miller. Compère is Faith Almond. Adm: €10. Raffle on the night. All proceeds in aid of Student Services and Scholarship Programme.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

Christmas Club cheques will be available for collection from 25th Nov. to 13th Dec. during office hours. Please have your credit Union account number with you.

FRENCH GRINDS

Native French Teacher available for grinds. All age groups catered for. Nicole 086 1937388.

CONCERN FAST – PORTARLINGTON GROUP

Annual Fast / Street Collection Thurs. 27th, Fri. 28th November at Aldi, Portarlinton. Proceeds will go towards Ebola outbreak in Africa & Concerns many other projects.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Children's Swimming Lessons Little Swimmers(3+) Level 8 & Rookie Lifeguard, 10 Weeks Only €85. Each Child receives 10 Free Swims with booking. Book Now 057-8645800.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - EMO SCHOOL

Two Junior & two Senior Concerts. The junior concerts for children from junior infants to 2nd class will take place on Mon. 8th & Tues. 9th Dec. commencing 7.30pm. The senior concerts for children from 3rd to 6th class will take place on Wed. 10th & Thurs. 11th Dec. commencing 7.30pm. There will be no matinee shows. Tickets available from the school priced at €5 each. If you are interested in attending phone the school secretary Bernadette Fitzpatrick on 057-8646868 from Mon. – Fri. (incl.) between 9am & 1pm.

HEART SCREENING IN PORTLAOISE

Heart Screening comes to the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise on Thurs. 4th Dec. Clinic held up until 11pm by appointment only. This Medical device "Bpro" will detect arterial problems which could cause heart attack & check overall Cardiovascular health / stroke. Cost €50. Contact Heartsavers at 086-8178718 for appointment.

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Emo Tidy Towns thank everyone who donated to us during the recent collections at Super Valu, Portarlinton. Your help is greatly appreciated. Special thanks to the Management & Staff for their on-going support.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Portarlinton St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Christmas Raffle on Tues. 23rd Dec. Tickets will be on sale in our shop from now until the day of the Raffle. 1st Prize will be a large homemade Christmas Cake & Pudding. Many other great prizes include Hampers, vouchers etc. Tickets €1 per strip. Call in, buy a ticket and see our vast range of clothes on display - many with original price tags still on them. Also great selection of shoes, books and toys.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

4th – 11th June 2015 – 7 nights in Hotel Santo Amaro. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. €704 fully inclusive. Discounts for early payment. Further info: Mary on 086-1627564

EMO G.A.A.

Emo GAA - Moving In The Right Direction - Forum for the Future takes place on Thurs. 4th Dec. from 7pm in the Community Centre in Emo. Guest speakers on the night include John Lonergan, Author & Public Speaker, Dara O'Shea, Kerry Footballer, All Ireland Medal Winner & GAA All Star, and Pat Ryan - International Boxing Coach and Emo GAA Trainer. The Forum is open to all members of the Emo Community 16 years+. Admission free.

LAOIS MABS

Need advice on money management? The Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free, confidential service. Laois MABS drop in service takes place on Fri. 28th Nov. from 9.30am-1pm in Portarlinton Community Centre. No appointment necessary. This service available the last Friday of each Month. Phone for further info. 0761072620.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Letter to Santa: Call into the Community Centre where you can write & post your Christmas Letter to Santa. You can take part in a Christmas Colouring Competition – Lots of prizes. Community Centre is located beside the Leisure Centre on Link Rd. Opened 9am–9pm.

Christmas Fair: Sun. 7th Dec. A variety of trades & crafts available on the day. Bring your little one to visit Santa's Grotto. €5 inclusive of gift & photo. Don't forget your Santa letter to post in our magical post box or you can write you own Santa letter there. Refreshments served, face painters, entertainment. Sun. 7th Dec. 12-6pm in Port. Community Centre.

ST. CONLETH'S FOOTBALL CLUB

St Conleth's minor training & matches will be posted on Facebook as times & venue are subject to change. ANNUAL DINNER DANCE – Dec. 5th in the Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore. Tickets limited so please contact any Committee Member for tickets.

DIAMONDS & TIARA CHARITY GALA BALL

The great night of the year is on Friday 27th February in the Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard. The chosen charity is Laois Hospice. Tickets are now available. Why not give a gift of a ticket at Christmas and support Laois Hospice. Tickets available from:- Marie 087-7589896; Colette 086-2654277 Maria 086-3058181

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

It's that time of year again when our hard-working Christmas Tree Committee are getting ready for the lighting of the Christmas Tree. This will take place on 7th Dec. It's always a great evening with lots of local entertainment in Market Square. All very welcome.

LAOIS HOSPICE CHARITY SHOP

Located French Church St. In need of all types of clothes, footwear, furniture, toys etc. in good condition. You are welcome to call in & visit us or phone us at 085 2801276.

PORT GAA U.6 INDOOR PROGRAMME

Port GAA U6s (school going kids) fitness, football & fun indoor programme currently ongoing in the GAA Hall every Sunday morning at 10am-11am (check out Portarlinton GAA Facebook page).

HAIRSPRAY MUSICAL

Presented by Coláiste Iosagain

Portarlinton can hear the bells all the way to Coláiste Iosagain secondary school. Experience "Hairspray" the musical as you've never seen it before! Casting over 70 students & directed by Conor Mitchell, Ceire Hogan & Emily Seery. Sit back, relax & watch the show accompanied by a live orchestra. Tickets on sale every Tues., Wed. & Thurs. from 1.30-1.50pm in the school (057-8623407) right up until the day of the show. Make sure you get your tickets soon, they're selling fast! Tickets are €10 for Adults & €5 or students. Come along & enjoy this fantastic Musical experience.

LAOIS HERITAGE SOCIETY

Journal Launch: You are invited to the launch of the latest journal of the Society, which will take place at Ena's Restaurant at the Mill Museum in Irishtown, Mountmellick, Thurs. 27th Nov. commencing 8pm. Refreshments served.

Forthcoming Lectures: How Laois won the All-Ireland Hurling Championship of 1915 by Paul Rouse. Formerly an award-winning journalist with RTE's Prime Time, Paul Rouse has written extensively on the history of Irish sport & was co-author of the GAA – A People's History published in 2009.

Thurs. 11th Dec. Music in Maryborough 1900-1950 by John Dunne. Until 1920, Portlaoise was known as Maryborough. This multimedia presentation describes the part music played in the lives of the townspeople – Covering lots of topics & lots of great music. 8.30pm in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise. Free admission to both lectures.

HEALTH & SAFETY (SMALL BUSINESS)

Course takes place Wed. 3rd & Thurs. 4th Dec. 9.45am – 4.45pm at LEO Offices, Cloninnam Business Park, Portlaoise. Cost €60 (Subsidised). Book online www.localenterprise.ie/laois or contact 057 86 61800 or email localenterprise@laiscoco.ie