



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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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

24th JANUARY 2016 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR 'C'

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 25th Jan. 10am ---
Tues. 26th Jan. 10am Dead List
Wed. 27th Jan. 10am William Hoyey
Thurs. 28th Jan. 10am Michael Webster (3rd)
Fri. 29th Jan. 10am Alice McCann
Saturday 23rd January – 6.15pm
Michael (Mel) O'Reilly (1st Anniv.); John Mitchell, Na Cluainte; Josie Lynch, Ballymorris; Tom Flood, Portlaoise Rd.; Ann Ryan, Ballymorris; Frances Ellard, Clanmalire, Dr. Noreen Honan & Dr. Bernard Honan, Cork
Sunday 24th January – 12.15pm
Michael Dolan, St. Brigid's Sq. (2nd Anniv.)
Daniel & Mary Mulvihill, Droughill
Michael Webster, French Church St.
Mary O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square
Saturday 30th January – 6.15pm
Seamus Dowling, Station Court (1st Anniv.)
Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (2nd Anniv.)
Tim & Bridget Coughlan, Bracklone St.
Jim & Bridget Ryan, Spa St. & sons Tommy & John Ryan; Johnie Lalor, Cloneyhurke
Eamon O'Boyle, Church View
Joe Horan, Church View
Vera Breen, Portlaoise & daughter-in-law Magdaline Breen, Galway
Thomas & Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage
Jack McCormack, Ullard
Sunday 31st January – 12.15pm
Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 24th January – 10.30am
Mark & Margaret Fitzpatrick; Brian Duncie
Sunday 31st January – 10.30am
James Brophy, Lough

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Michael Murphy, Annamoe
Patrick Bracken, St. Brigid's Square
Elizabeth Dempsey, (nee Knight), St. Evin's Park, Monasterevin & St. Mary's Terrace, Portarlington
Carmel M. Finnegan, Cushina and U.S.A. (sister of Maureen Cummings, Noel, Frank & Larry Kelly)
Jake Connolly, Mountmellick

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sun. 21st August until 27th August (7 nights). Hotel Solitude €799 per person sharing. Deposit secures seat. Further details and booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or contact Vera on 087 9311813.



ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 23rd January – 7.30pm
Thomas Flynn, Hand Road; Brian Dunne, Fielbrook, Portlaoise & Coolbanagher; Elizabeth Kelly, Coolbanagher
Saturday 30th January – 7.30pm
Michael & Elizabeth Moore, Morette
Mary Stronge, Morette
Bertie Dowling, Morette
Sunday 31st January – 11am
Mary Stronge, Morette
Mary O'Connor, Ballycullane, Jeremiah O'Connor, Coolaghy, Elizabeth Kelly, Emo Park

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 24th January – 9am
Bridget Burke, Ashgrove

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Patrick Anthony Donal Maughan, Canal Rd.
Dylan Anthony Maughan, Canal Rd.
Louis William McCallum, Castlegate

EMO PARISH

Freya Ann Carroll, Courtwood

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

20th July, 2016 for 7 nights. Cost €589 per person sharing if paid by 17th February 2016. Cost €639 per person sharing if paid after that date. Further details and booking contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

COMMUNION CALLS



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

Tuesday 26th January 2016

Congress Tce., Crowe Lane, Main St., Orchard Drive, Station Rd., St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St., St. Michael's Pk., Foxcroft St., Portlaoise Road, Kilbride, Woodbrook, Corrig, Lea Rd., Closelands, Ballycarroll, Kilmullen, Rathleash, Killenure

Wednesday 27th January 2016

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

Thursday 28th January 2016

Assumpta Tce., St. Patrick's Tce., St. Joseph's Tce., Avondale, Bog Rd., Gracefield, Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Patrick St., Shandra, Kilmalogue Gdn., Church View, Botley Court, The Square, Clondoolusk, Cushina

LECTORS

Portarlington

Sat. 30th Jan. 6.15pm Margaret Doyle
Sun. 31st Jan. 9am Liam Kinsella
12.15pm Anne Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 31st Jan. 10.30am Kate Meredith

Emo

Sat. 30th Jan. 7.30pm Kieran McEvoy
Sun. 31st Jan. 11am Sadhbh Hanniffy

Rath

Sun. 31st Jan. 9am Ted O'Loughlin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Port. Sat. & Sun. 30th & 31st Jan. TEAM B

Killenard Sun. 31st Jan. TEAM E

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2016

Begins Sunday 31st January

Theme: Challenged to proclaim God's Mercy.
During this Catholic Schools week, we will explore with the children how they can be the face of God's mercy in our classrooms, the playground, our school, our families & our community.

MERCY – A REFLECTION

'The Power of the Love of the Father excludes no one.'

At a General Audience recently, Pope Francis asked people to volunteer to list the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. The response was surprise & a muffled silence!

The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of mercy are:

- Counsel the doubtful
- Instruct the ignorant
- Admonish sinners
- Comfort the afflicted
- Forgive offences
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Pray for the living & the dead



CONFIRMATION ENROLMENT



Congratulations to all the children who have enrolled for the "You Shall Be My Witnesses" Confirmation programme this weekend. We wish them well in their preparation for Confirmation.

FOLK CHOIR

Are you interested in joining our Folk Choir in Portarlinton for the Easter Season? If so contact Ann Dunne on 087-4146600.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT

MOUNT ST ANNE'S KILLENARD

Meditation Day – Sat. 20th Feb. 10am-3.30pm with Ms. Marie Manley Smith. Enjoy a lovely calm, peaceful & relaxing day. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee provided. Places limited so book early.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing Workshop Sat. 7th & 14th May - 10am-5pm each day. 2-day course providing participants with an understanding of mindfulness & the practical tools we can use to reduce stress, improve focus & increase our wellbeing. Cost: €125 Tea/Coffee provided – please bring packed Lunch. Facilitated by Marie Manley Smith.

Meditation - Tuesdays 8-9pm

Book Club - Wednesdays 8-9.30pm

All welcome. www.mountstannes.com
Bookings: Phone Catherine 057-8626153

PORTARLINGTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC

B S#ARP STUDIOS is now enrolling new students. All ages catered for. Located above Eamonn Bracken Menswear. Voice & all instruments catered for - Piano, guitar, flute, tin whistle, fiddle, drums and more!

We are also offering **Leaving Cert Revision Courses** during the February midterm in the following subjects: German; French; Music Find us on Facebook at B S#ARP Studios. Keith 0857516595. Conor 0861639513.

GRINDS

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

Native German speaker available to give **German grinds**. Phone 087-7799504

Leaving Cert Maths & Physics grinds available. 1-1 or group grinds. All levels catered for. Reasonable rates. Contact Ciaran 087-3161799.

EMO / RATH LOTTO 18TH JAN. 2016

Numbers 8, 9, 18, 21 – No winner. €25 to each of the following:- Angela Strong, Morette / Helen Donnelly, Ballybrittas; Maria O'Reilly C/o Olivia Hudson / Kathleen O'Connor C/o Emo Shop / Phena Horne C/o Phena.

Next week's Jackpot €13,800

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Club resumes with Bingo on Tues. 26th January at 7.30pm. Book Club resumes on Wed. 3rd February at 8pm. Wishing everyone a happy & healthy New Year.

COMPUTER TRAINING

One to one training from beginners to advanced users. All ages catered for. Ph: 086-3034540

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Emo Tidy towns announce **Free Electrical Recycling** of end of life household goods on Tues. 26th Jan. from 4-7pm in Emo Sports Field car park. All electrical or battery operated household goods accepted.

PORTARLINGTON TRAIL WALKING GROUP

Why not get involved in your own operation transformation and join the Port Trail Walking Group. They meet up weekly on Tuesday & Thursday and one walk a month at the weekend. We have an expert on hand for any advice or tips. Contact 086-3288858. All levels of fitness catered for and there is no charge for the walks.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

An Invitation to all!

Opening of Jubilee Door in Kildare

Parishioners across the diocese are warmly invited to join Bishop Denis for the opening of the Jubilee Door in the Church of St Brigid, Kildare Town on Sunday, January 31st. The liturgy will begin at St Brigid's Well at 10 am with prayer and a solemn procession to the Church of St Brigid where Bishop Denis will formally open the door and preside at the 11 am Mass. Free parking available in the National Stud from 9.30am to 2pm. See kandle.ie for more details on this event and on the Year of Mercy.

PILRIMAGE TO FATIMA

21st – 28th July 2016 (7 nights)

Hotel Santo Amaro – Breakfast, lunch & dinner included. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Full religious program. €714 fully inclusive. Further info. phone Mary Murphy 086-1627564 or the Parish Office

CAST WANTED FOR LOCAL DRAMA

GROUP

Fun-loving easy-going drama group are looking for cast – Male / female 18/80 years for present & future productions. 0866004628.

SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES

Taking place in Portarlinton Community Centre every Wednesday night from 8.15pm-10.30pm. Refreshments served. 10 per class / No partner needed. Come & enjoy the fun. Jive / Waltz / Quick Step / Foxtrot & more.

CLASSICAL FLUTE TUITION

Academy qualified teacher – All levels and ages welcome. Limited spaces available. Contact Magali 089-4412929 / 057-8647056.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY

ALLOTMENTS

A.G.M. will be held on the 27th Jan in the Community Centre at 8pm. Anyone wishing to rent a plot is welcome to attend fees will be taken on the night or you can contact Colette on 086 3431169.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Thurs. 28th Jan. from 5pm-8.30pm in St. Patrick's N.S., Mountmellick. Giveblood.ie

JOHNNY CASH TRIBUTE

The Mountmellick Arts Centre is hosting a Johnny Cash Tribute Show on Sat. 6th Feb. commencing 8pm. Tickets are available from the Arts Centre @ 057-8697600 or O'Horain's shop in Mountmellick. Check out the video on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMlc5brUmcM>

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA CLUB

18th Jan. Lotto Results Numbers 8,15,27,28. No Jackpot winner.

Next week's Jackpot: €8,000.

2016 All County Clubs Members Draw

Tickets are currently on sale for the Laois GAA All County Clubs Members Draw. Tickets are €130 each with plenty of payment options available. Your support is greatly appreciated. Contact any club committee member for more information.

Annual Dinner Dance - Takes place on Sat. 20th Feb. in The Heritage Killenard (Our Clubs Main Sponsor). Entertainment will be provided on the night by DJ Mark Neilon. Tickets €30 and are available from club committee members.

Operation Transformation - This group meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 7.15 in Killenard Community Centre. Everyone welcome to meet for a chat and a walk around the village. If you want to be added to this groups text alerts please text 083-4567009 with your name, number & email. www.odempseysgfc.ie or Twitter or Facebook

TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

Mass for Healing

St. Paul's Church, Emo on Tues. 3rd February commencing with Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Mass at 8pm. Celebrant Fr. Jim Bermingham.

Prayer Meetings

Weekly Prayer Meetings take place each Tuesday in St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Patrick St., Portarlinton at 8pm. All very welcome.

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Lady available to mind child/children in her own home. Own transport, Garda vetted and first aid trained. Contact 087 2370942.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ NIGHT

Portarlinton Lions Club are holding their table quiz on Friday 12th February at 8pm in Portarlinton Golf Club. Table of four €40. Fundraiser for Portarlinton Senior Citizens and Kieran Donagher Fund.

GIRLS SOCCER CAMP

The FAI is hosting a 2 day girls only soccer camp at Arlington AFC Lea Road, ages 7-12 22nd & 23rd March, 10am-2pm, cost €20 which includes a soccer top. To book visit FAI.ie/soccersisters

SUAIMHNEAS, CAPPAKEEL, EMO

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Group practice of mindfulness / meditation.

Facilitated by Suaimhneas Team.

Thurs. 28th Jan 7.30-8.30pm & Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th from 7.30p -8.30pm

Power of Now with John Doherty

Sat. 6th Feb. 10am- 4.30pm. This workshop is based on an exploration & experience of The Power of Now, the bestselling book by Eckhart Tolle. This workshop includes effective practices for inner peace & change.

Mindfulness Meditation Retreat

Facilitated by Brid Shine – Sun. 14th March 10am-4.30pm. Retreat into the stillness & peace of Suaimhneas. Be supported with guided mindfulness meditations. Phone Mai or Ann on 057-8626541

YOGA CLUB FOR CHILDREN

Yoga Club Kids Yoga Class commences on Mon. 18th Jan. - €10 per week. 6-12 year olds. Time 4-5pm in Yogaland Studios, Riverside, French Church Street. Phone 087 6174048.

PORTARLINGTON GAA

Club Lotto Wk 3 - Numbers Draw were 15-20-22-30 - No Jackpot Winner.

Jackpot Next Week €7400

County Draw tickets now available. This enters you into 4 draws with a top prize of €10,000 in each draw. Tickets are available from the committee.

Keep up to date with what's going on in Portarlinton GAA Club by liking our Facebook page (Portarlinton GAA Club) or following us on Twitter @PortGAA or visit clgportarlinton.com <http://clgportarlinton.com/>

CHILDMINDER REQUIRED

Child-minder required, minders own home, Portarlinton area, non-smoker, own car a must. 2 children, one is school going. Contact 0878260355

PORTARLINGTON SPEAKERS

An Opportunity to Succeed

Do you want to improve your performance in business meetings, motivating people, job interviews, selling ideas or products & solving problems? At Portarlinton Speakers all meetings are open to the public & people are encourage to come along & see for themselves. Meetings are on Tues. 2nd & Tues. 16th Feb. at Killenard Community Centre from 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Come along on the night.

www.portarlinton.toastmastersclubs.org/