



# 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> 10am** Seamus Hynes  
**Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> 10am** William Hoey, St. Mary's Tce  
**Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> 10am** Michael Webster, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.  
**Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am** Alice McCann  
**Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am** Deceased members of the O'Connor Family, Old Pound, Ned & Beth Bailey, Cappakeel, Christy & Kathleen Carroll & Christy Junior, The Derries



### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 6.15pm

Michael Mooney, Main St. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Kay Mooney, Main St. (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Tom O'Reilly, Congress Tce., John Mitchell, NaCluainte, Jack McCormack, Ullard, Anne Ryan, Ballymorris, Peadar Foster & dec. members of the Foster Family, Gerry Kirwan, Station Rd., Dr. Noreen Honan & Dr. Bernard Honan, Cork, Frances Ellard, Clanmalire (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 12.15pm

James & Kathleen Walsh, Brian Conroy, Maisie & Danny Mulvihill, Fintan & Elizabeth Duff, Limetree, Michael Webster, French Church St. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.), Mary O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq., Patrick & Una Mitchell & deceased members of the Mitchell Family

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 6.15pm

Michael Mooney, Rosecourt (M.M.), James (Jim) Grehan, Shandra (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Thomas O'Neill, Thomas Morris, Eamonn O'Boyle, Church View, Thomas & Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage, Tony Coleman, Bracklone St., Tim & Bridget Coughlan, Bracklone St.

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – 12.15pm

Joe Horan, Church View, Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke, Norah Gorman, Rathmore, Dolores McCaul (nee Gorman), Rathmore, Jack Finlay



### ANNIVERSARIES – KILLENARD

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am

Mark & Margaret Fitzpatrick, Tierhogan, Brian Ducie, Margaret & Thomas Grattan, Rathleash, Jim & Christina Byrne, Deceased members of the Grattan & Kiernan families.

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – 10.30am

James & Christina Brophy, Lough

### DECEASED

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



Seamus Dowling, Monasterevin  
Frances O' Sullivan, (nee Hanlon) Australia & formerly Gracefield  
Patrick Holbrook, Ballymorris Manor

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January – 7.30pm

Thomas Flynn, Hand Rd., Morette  
Brian Dunne, Fieldbrook, Portlaoise & Coolbanagher, Elizabeth Kelly, Coolbanagher

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 7.30pm

Brendan Copeland, Killimy (M.M.), Mary Stronge (nee Dowling), Emo, Bertie Dowling, Morette, Michael & Elizabeth Moore, Morette, William & Kathleen Byrne

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February – 11am

Mary Stronge, (nee Dowling) Emo

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January – 9am

Bridget & Andrew Heffernan, Courtwood  
Tom & John Murphy, Courtwood  
Brigid Burke, Ashgrove, Paddy & Alice Dobbyn, Courtwood, Bridget Chambers, Michael Chambers & deceased members of Chambers Family

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 26-30 Jan.

All this week, our schools will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week. This annual celebration of Catholic education gives us all the opportunity to be more aware of the unique contribution that our Catholic schools make to Irish life. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Called to Serve. During this week we invite you to take time to reflect on the service that Catholic schools give to children, parents, families and communities.

### ST. BRIGID'S DAY – SUN. 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

Feast of St. Brigid, the Patron Saint of our Diocese.

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

### MON. 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY

**Blessing of Candles for Church & Altar**  
Candles will be blessed in Emo, Rath & Killenard at Masses on Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> February. Candles will be blessed in Portarlington at the 10am Mass on Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

### BRINGING THEOLOGY HOME

The Priory Institute - Theology matters! Join our student community & study theology from home or in class. Application by is 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Enquiries [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) [www.prioryinstitute.ie](http://www.prioryinstitute.ie) 01-4048124

### TEACH MUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

**Mass For Healing** - Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. at 8pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo.

Celebrant Fr. Jim Bermingham

**Faith Talks - Jesus at Prayer** (Michael Nerney) Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. / **Vocation** (Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill) Tues. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Venue: St. Patrick's Boy's National School Patrick St., Portarlington. Time 8pm. All very welcome.

### LECTORS

### Portarlington

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 9am Agnes Holland  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 12.15pm Sinead Dunne

### Killenard

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10.30am Kate Meredith

### Emo

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke  
Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 11am Grace Hanniffy

### Rath

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 9am Sinead Boland

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

### Portarlington

Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan / Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Team B

### Killenard

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. Team D

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:



### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Jake Donal Leavy, Station Court

### PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – 7 nights in Hotel Santo Amaro. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. €704 fully inclusive. €100 off is paid in full before 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb.. Ph: Mary on 086-1627564.

### PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO

### LOURDES 2015

Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> August (7 nights) Full board in a 4\* Hotel. Spiritual Director and medical staff will travel with us. Further information contact: Marie on 087-7589896, Vera on 087-9311813 or any member of the Lourdes Committee. Deposit secures seat. Fare can be paid for by instalments.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

### SACRAMENT SUN. 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

### Emo 3-7pm

Jimmy McEvoy & Tony Connell

### Rath 2.30–6.30pm

Meave Ryan & Michael Murphy

### CHURCH COLLECTORS FEBRUARY

### St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Paul O'Connor & PJ Gleeson  
Sun. 11am Tony Byrne & Michael Maloney

### Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am David Carroll & James Duffy

## **MOUNT ST. ANNE'S RETREAT CENTRE**

### **KILLENARD - WORKSHOPS**

#### **Taking Better Care of Ourselves**

Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. for 8 Tuesdays from 7.30-10pm & One day Workshop Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> March. This is a mindfulness-based stress reduction benefiting those who want to increase their ability to relax & appreciate what life has to offer. Details from Dominic on 086-4072536

**Enneagram Workshop** - Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 7.30-9.30pm & Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am-4pm. This workshop will allow you to discover what motivates you, your coping strategy and keys to personal development. Cost: €45.

**Meditation** every Tues. 8-9pm with Marie Manley Smith - All welcome.

**Art & Craft Group** - Thurs. evening 8-10pm. In the coming months **Calligraphy**, **Photography** etc. Enquiries/Booking - please contact Catherine on 057-8626153

### **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 I Pads, Tablets, Kindle, Memory Sticks, Music, Photos, Word Excel etc. Contact 0863034540

### **PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

Presentation Primary School, Station Road Scoil Náisiuntá Naomh Eoin, Killenard Scoil Náisiuntá an Chroí Ró-Naofa Rath St. Paul's N.S., Emo Application Forms are now available between 9.30am & 1.30pm from the School Offices. Closing date for application Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2015.

### **ST. PATRICK'S BOYS N.S.**

Enrolment for 1<sup>st</sup> Class Boys will take place on Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 7.30pm in the Boys School on Patrick Street. The Enrolment Packs will be distributed to the children next week.

### **LAOIS (Money Advice & Budgeting)**

Experiencing financial difficulty? Need advice on money management? The Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) is a free, confidential & non-judgmental service for people in debt or at risk of getting into debt in Ireland. Laois MABS "Drop in Service" on Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 9am - 1pm in Portarlinton Community Centre - No appointment necessary. This service will run on the last Friday of the month. Further info. 0761 072620

### **O'DEMPSEY'S GAA**

County Draw tickets on sale. This is our primary source of revenue for the year, with our club keeping almost three quarters of the price of each ticket sold. Four draws in total with €100,000 in prizes on offer. There are various standing order options available. Contact any committee member.

### **O'Dempsey's Annual Dinner Dance & Medal Presentation** - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. in the Heritage

Golf & Spa Killenard. @ 7:30 sharp. Music on the night is by Damien Bowe & the Vows. DJ Afterwards. Tickets available from Enda 0879765406 Louise 087 7854640 or Michelle 0877659609 or from the committee. <https://www.facebook.com/#!/odempseys.gfc> <https://twitter.com/ODempseysgfc>

### **PORTARLINGTON ARTS & HERITAGE**

The group were delighted to recently receive an award from Laois Co. Co. under the Community & Voluntary Awards Scheme, for their Lea Castle Conservation Project. The award, presented at a function in County Hall, was accepted by Ronnie Mathews on behalf of the group. A Coffee Morning is organised to raise funds for urgent conservation work on the Castle & it will take place in ETBI, Bracklone St. on Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 11 to 1pm. All are welcome - The award will be on display.

## **PORTARLINGTON 4<sup>TH</sup> LAOIS SCOUT GROUP**

AGM will take place on Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Scout Den, (Back of Gogarty's) Main Street. All very welcome to attend. We appreciate feedback from parents.

### **RESPIRE CARE STAFF NEEDED!**

The Carers Association require Respite Care Staff in Portarlinton for immediate start. E-mail Alison at [ahackett@carersireland.com](mailto:ahackett@carersireland.com) or phone 057 93 22920 for further information.

### **EMO/RATH LOTTO 19.1.15**

Numbers 5, 21, 22, 24. - No winner. €25 to each of the following:- Gabriel Lawlor C/o Hilary, Michael Lawlor, C/o G.A.A. Johnny Duffy, C/o Emo Shop, Nettie Emerson, C/o G.A.A. Eddie Mulhall, C/o Hilary. **Next week's Jackpot €4,800**

### **EMO G.A.A. CLUB**

#### **€130 TICKETS ARE ON SALE!**

As this is our main fundraiser for the year we would urge our members & supporters to support this draw. You can contact any Committee Member for a ticket.

### **SUAIMHNEAS - CAPPAKEEL**

#### **Introduction to Mindfulness/ Meditation**

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. & 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30-9.30pm. Repeat Course. Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. & 5<sup>th</sup> Mar. 7.30-9.30pm. Facilitated by the Suaimhneas Team. This course will explore the concept of mindfulness & meditation & will introduce participants to some of the basic principles & practice. Contact Suaimhneas, Cappakeel, Emo - contact Anne or Mai 0578626541

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

St. Paul's LGFA will hold an **AGM** on Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 7.30pm in Emo Community Centre. Membership of the club is open to all in the Emo/Portarlinton Parishes & surrounding areas. The Club now caters from U6 up to Minor & Junior level.

The club's **Annual Sponsored Walk** will take place on Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm. Sponsorship cards will be circulated by the team mentors or can be obtained from Mary Keegan at 086-3619010 or can be collected in Emo Shop. For queries on membership, sponsored walk etc. contact Dominica Scully 086-1637828 or Declan Lawlor 086-8055022.

### **ZUMBA**

Classes in Portarlinton Community Centre every Tues. 8-9pm & Wed. 9-10pm. Come & join us for great fun and relaxed cardio training, which will speed up your metabolism as well as increase your positive vibrations for 2015. Further details: Sebastian on 087 7514884

### **SOCIAL SERVICES AGM**

Portarlinton Social Services/Meals on Wheels will hold their AGM on next Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in our Centre on Link Road.

### **FRIDAY CUPPA!**

Portarlinton Social Services start their Social event on Friday Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon-3pm. You can contact the Centre any morning from 9am to 12pm @ 057-8623461. Also Ann Dunne (Secretary) @ 087-4116101.

### **PARENT & BABY SWIMMING CLASSES**

Thursdays 9.30am. 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. - 19<sup>th</sup> March only €39. Kayaking Level 1 booking for Wednesday's 9.15pm & Fridays at 8.45pm from 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. (3 weeks only €60), Level 2 now booking for course starting Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> March 9.15pm (€150 for 7 sessions). Ph: 057-8645800

### **PARKRUN**

5k timed run (free of charge) on Grand Canal grass path in Vicarstown every Saturday morning at 9.30am. Tea afterwards in the Old School. See [www.parkrun.ie](http://www.parkrun.ie) for details.

## **DANCING IN THE GANDON**



Monday nights commencing 9.30pm until 11.30pm. Adm. €6 - Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul, Portarlinton.

Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. Dermot Lyons / Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. John & Terry / Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Philip English / Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. J & S Sound / Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Declan Aungier

## **ST. BRIGIDS ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB**

### **Garryhinch/Cloneyhurke**

We welcome our members back to the club after the Christmas break & wish all our members a healthy and happy 2015. BINGO: Resumes on Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 7.30pm. BOWLING: Resumes on Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at 8pm. New members welcome.

### **COLAISTE IOSAGAIN**

#### **(BUDDY UP PROGRAMME)**



Colaiste Íosagáin are looking for volunteers to participate in a programme designed to "buddy up" a participating transition year student with an older person from their community to share skills with each other. The programme will commence on Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. At 10.05am for 8 weeks. Modules within the programme will enable the student to share common IT skills including the use of the Internet for common tasks. The one-to-one aspect of the training will enable the students to tailor the training to suit each older person's needs. This 7-module programme will take the older person's initial skill level, learning pace, interests & hobbies into account & aims to build confidence & have fun surfing the net, booking holidays & organising their finances from the comfort of their own home. Anyone interested in participating in the programme should contact the school on 057-8623407 & ask for Ms. Aisling Carroll.

### **COURTWOOD GAA DINNER DANCE**

Courtwood GAA Presentation Dinner Dance takes place on Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> March in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. This promises to be a great night of celebration. Tickets €40 each can be obtained any of the committee members.



### **PORTARLINGTON GAA**

#### **Lotto Week 3 No Jackpot Winner**

Numbers Drawn 12-22-25-29.

Jackpot next week €2,300

After the **Club AGM** the elected Officers for Portarlinton GAA for 2015 are as follows: Chairman-Seamus Hunt, Vice Chair.- Canice McCarthy, Secretary- Adrainne McCarthy, Asst. Sec.- Mairead Murphy, PRO-Canice McCarthy, Registrar-Grainne McCann, Players Rep.- Cathal Ryan, Treasurer and Vice Treasurer are yet to be confirmed.

### **Portarlinton GAA Club is now a Hurling and Football Club.**

The Club will field teams in U8 and U10 age grades in Hurling for 2015

### **Portarlinton GAA Dinner Dance**

Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in the Heritage Hotel Killenard. Music is by Epic with Disco afterwards. Tickets are €35 can be paid in full or by the week.

For tickets contact 086 2712121 or by Private Message on the Club Facebook Page Closing date for final numbers going is Tues.

Next, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan.

**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 our website [clgportarlinton.com](http://clgportarlinton.com)