



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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DIOCESAN WEBSITE [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

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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



Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 ✕ Palm Sunday ✕ Year B

## ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> March 10am ---

Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> 10am ---

Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> 10am ---

Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday

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

Nixon Shaw, Patrick St. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

Bridie & Peadar Hyland; Bill & Sheila Fingleton & their Son Paul, Patrick St; Dec. members of the Prenderville Family; Margaret & Eddie Rogers, Main St; Brendan & Celine Lawless, Patrick St; John & Sarah O'Keefe, Bishopswood; Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Pk; Michael (The Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); John & Moira Walsh (nee Maher), Dublin; John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield; Jim & Mer McEvoy, St. Michael's Pk; Dec. members of the Leavy Family, Shandra

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

Des Nolan, Congress Tce. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Margaret Slattery & her Son, John Slattery (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Stephen & Mollie Bolton, Cloneyhurke; Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Brendan, Frank & Mollie Martin; Mary Chambers, Derrymore

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 9pm Vigil

Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Tom & Mary Byrne, Cloneyhurke & dec. members of the Byrne Family; John & Helen Egan; Brigid Mahon, Patrick St;

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

Brian Crossan, Station Rd. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Elizabeth Dunne, Cushina (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Kathleen O'Reilly, Marian Hill (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Dec. members of the O'Reilly Family, Marian Hill, Spa St. & Cork; Patricia Murray, Cushina; James & Margaret Dunne, Tinnecrannagh; Dec. members of the O'Brien Family, formerly Congress Tce; John & Elizabeth Lanigan, Canal House James & Padraig Douglas, Bishopswood; John, Eileen & Son, Liam Hickey, The Square

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30am

Paul Maher, The Hermitage (M.M.)

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> April – 10.30am

Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

## RECENTLY DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-

Dennis (Dinny) Hayden, Rathangan (Son of Madeline & Dennis Hayden, Ballymorris) & Son-in-Law Dan O'Connell

Michael Gannon, Galway, formerly Marian Hill

## EASTER COLLECTION

### FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelope available in your development boxes or at the Church porches.

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm

Colette Coonan-Dowling, Kilmainhan John Deegan; Ellen Deegan; Rose Deegan, Limetree; Patrick & Mary Mulhall, Morette; Thomas Carroll, New Inn

### Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> March – 11am

Elizabeth (Betty) Doonan, Bellgrove Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill & Maura Fennelly; Christopher, Annie, Noel & Willie Lawlor, Woodbrook; Thomas & James O'Connor, Woodbrook; Colm Lawlor, Killimy; Patrick Lawlor, Kildare

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> April – 11am

Eileen Kerry, Coolbanagher (18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> March – 9am

Margaret Dunne; Veronica Dunne; Peter Dunne; Margaret (Rita) Dunne, Ballybrittas, Tom Connell, Coolroe

### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> April – 9am

Michael Nugent, Bellgrove (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Tone O'Connell, Coolroe

## BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into our Christian Community

### EMO PARISH

William Patrick Murray Behan, Whitefields  
**PORTARLINGTON PARISH**  
Túiren Grace Kelly, Lough Gate

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS PALM SUNDAY

Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm On Palm Sunday. All very welcome.

## CHRISM MASS 2018

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis & the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30pm Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate the Chrism Mass. During this Mass the Holy Oils that will be used across the diocese in baptisms, confirmations, ordinations & anointing of the sick will be blessed & the priests of the diocese will renew their vows of ordination. This Mass is followed by a cuppa in Carlow College. Please come early to be sure of a seat! Parking available in Carlow College; entrance opposite Court House on the Old Dublin Road. See [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie) for map.



All Trocaire boxes should be returned at Holy Thursday & Good Friday ceremonies or Easter weekend. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Church.

## EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next jackpot will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> March.  
Jackpot €13,800

## PALM SUNDAY / EASTER CELEBRATIONS

### Lectors / Eucharistic Ministers

Easter Lectors Rota & booklets have been sent to all Lectors involved.

Eucharistic Ministers Rota for Easter available on the Church Notice Board.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES 2018

### HOLY THURSDAY – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

(No morning Mass)



#### Portarlington – 7.30pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by procession to the Altar of Repose & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

#### Killenard – 7.30pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm

#### Rath – 7.30pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

#### Emo – 8.15pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

### GOOD FRIDAY – 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2018

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

#### Portarlington

3pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
7.30pm – Stations of the Cross & Communion

#### Killenard

7.30pm – Stations of the Cross & Communion

#### Emo

5pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
7.30pm – Stations of the Cross & Communion

### HOLY SATURDAY – 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018

Portarlington; 9pm – Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection

Emo: 9pm – Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection

### EASTER SUNDAY – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

Portarlington - 9am & 12.15pm

Killenard – 10.30am

Emo – 11am

Rath – 9am



## PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Portarlington Penitential Service:

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm

Mountmellick Penitential Service:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 7.30pm

## CONFESSIONS

Portarlington: After all masses & ceremonies during the week. Saturday 11am & 7.30pm

Killenard: After the Ceremonies

Emo / Rath: After Ceremonies Good Friday

### **EMO G.A.A. EASTER EGG HUNT**

Easter Egg Hunt will take place in the Community Centre, Emo on Easter Saturday at 2pm. All very welcome.

### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2018**

For 2018 any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. Forms available from the Parish Office & Church Porch. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.

### **CHEQUES**

Due to Bank requirements, all cheques made payable to the Parish should have the correct Account name.

### **Portarlington Parish:**

**Portarlington Parish Number 1 Account**

Emo Parish:

**Emo Parish Number 1 Account**

Priests Collections

**Portarlington: Portarlington Clergy Fund**  
**Emo: Emo Clergy Fund**

Individual Priests names / Trocaire etc. should **not** be written on the cheques.

### **ALASDAIR'S BANJO LESSONS**

Banjo lessons available Mon. to Fri. for beginners to advance levels. Portarlington / Killenard / Emo area. Further info. & booking contact Alasdair on 085-1157929.

### **PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

2018 Pilgrimage dates: **8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018**. 7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price € 819 PPS. Booking & further details from Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087- 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

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

**Sincere thanks** to all who supported the annual sponsored walk, especially the sponsors Bernie - Siopa Ioma & Glanbia. It was a great success. Check out Facebook St Paul's LGFA"

The next fundraiser is taking place on Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> March with a **Table Quiz** in The Gate House at 9pm in conjunction with Emo GAA.

Team of 4 / €40. Starting at 9pm.

The **Clothing Collection** will take place Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> March from 10-3pm. If anyone needs to drop off clothes outside of these hours, call Peadar O'Toole 086-2522768. Best of luck to our Feile Team today, Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> in Ballylinan where they take on St. Brigid's & Park Ratheniska.

### **FUNDRAISER**

#### **For Catholic & pro-life Organisation**

To help Save the Eight Amendment. On Erin's Isle - CD - Featuring a new profile composition. Irish Tenor Anthony McGorian - Accompanist William Smyth. CD €5. Available at the Parish Office, Portarlington.

### **C.E. SCHEME VACANCIES**

1. CES-2067666 Caretaker / Pitch Maintenance Worker (The Rock GAA) x 1
2. CES-2067663 Cleaner (Rosenallis) x 1
3. CES-2067664 Cleaner (Mountmellick) x 1
4. CES-2067679 Caretaker / Pitch Maintenance Worker (GAA Rosenallis) x 1
5. CES-2067682 General Maintenance Worker (Mountmellick) x 1
6. CES-2067684 Horticultural Worker (Mountmellick) x 2

Closing date is 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Anyone interested in further information should contact Sharon by phone on 057-8644150 or by email to mercescheme@gmail.com.

### **FAMILY CARERS IRELAND**

Family Carer's Ireland are providing Patient Moving and Handling training in Tullamore on 29<sup>th</sup> March. If interested, contact the Training Department on 05793 70223.

### **PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE**

Now booking Easter Swim Camps, Multi Activity camps and Soccer Skills Camps. Free Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Phone 057-8645800 to book any of our camps or book into our Easter egg hunt. Now booking new course of adult lessons + parent and baby classes started the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> March. until the 31<sup>st</sup> March for only €15, Only €1 a day membership!

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

**Membership:** is now due and is €20. Anyone looking to become a member of Emo GAA can contact Anne Lawlor on (086) 049 3035  
**Fundraiser:** Emo GAA and St. Paul's Ladies are holding a table quiz on Good Friday at 9pm in the Gate House Emo table of 4 is €40. Come along it will be a great night.

### **"PORTAL" TEENAGE DISCO**

Venue: Portarlington Community Centre  
Date: **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April**. Time: 8pm - 11pm  
Cost: €10 (on the door) or €8 pre-purchased tickets. Tickets sold in Portarlington community Centre.

### **PORT. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS**

We are moving! Our licence at Ballymorris Road comes to an end on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, when Laois County Council will take back the land for development. Fortunately, we have found a new home at the Old Convent Gardens next to St. Michael's Church, Patrick Street, Portarlington. If you wish to join us at St. Michael's you can contact Mike on 086-2056542 to secure a plot, as this area is not as big as the previous site. Also, if you have anything on your Allotment at Ballymorris, you will need to remove it by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SHOP**

Sale on in the shop on Main Street. Also raffle tickets on sale for €1. Raffle on-going for lots of hampers for Easter. Volunteers needed, both male & female. Call in to the shop if you can spare a few hours.

### **RATH PARENTS' COUNCIL DRAW**

#### **In aid of a Basketball Court for Rath N.S.**

Sincere thanks to all who supported us by buying / selling tickets.

- 1st prize €2000 / Winner Willie Duffy
- 2nd prize €1000 / Winner Lucy Lawlor
- 3rd prize €500 / Winner Brenda Smullen
- 4th prize €500 / Winner Peadar Murphy

### **PORTARLINGTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

'Portarlington's School Of Music, BSharp Studios, Presents, **'A Night At The Grammys'** on Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> (Junior Show) & Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> (Senior Show) of April at Judge Roy Beans, The Heritage, Killenard. Tickets are €10 and can be purchased from Eamon Bracken Menswear, Conor 086-163 9153 or Keith 085-751 6595, or in the Studio. B'Sharp will have a **Registration Evening** for the new term for new & existing students Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> in the Studio. All ages & levels welcome. Contact for details or check out our Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/bsharpstudiosportarlington](http://www.facebook.com/bsharpstudiosportarlington)

### **C.I. GOLF CLASSIC (COLAISTE IOSAGAIN)**

Taking place on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to raise funds for the school's extra-curricular subjects: Music, Art & Sports Department.  
Venue: Portarlington Golf Club. The cost of the event is €140 for a Team of 4 or €35 each. This includes golf & food. Tee times from 10am-3.30pm. To enter contact Seamus Muldowney, Great Irish Golf. E-mail [greatirishgolf@gmail.com](mailto:greatirishgolf@gmail.com) or phone 086-0596114. If businesses want to sponsor a hole it is €25 each & the business will be advertised on their sponsored hole. They can also contact Seamus at the above number.

### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**



Choir practice will take place on Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> March after the 7.30pm Penitential Service in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington. Everybody welcome.

### **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. Contact **0863034540**

### **"OPORTO"**

#### **War in West Africa - A Memoir by Noel Bradshaw cfc**

"Oporto" is the story of Bro. Noel Bradshaw, a Christian Brother who was born in Lea, during the desperate time of the Civil War in Sierra Leone. Bro. Noel stayed and supported medical teams in providing assistance to friend & foe alike. Despite the sad story of the tragedy of this violent war, the book presents the kindness, courage & love of many of the ordinary people of Sierra Leone. Available in the Parish Office or phone 087-2590369.

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

#### **Lotto Results 20/03/2018.**

Numbers were: 05,07,24,26. No Jackpot winner or Match 3 winner this week. Promoter Eddie Slevin. Next week's Jackpot: €6200. Thanks for your continued support.

### **Membership**

Club membership is now due. Contact Club Registrar Ivan Cunnane 087-9583564 to arrange payment. All Club Membership is due on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March.

### **ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB**

#### **GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE**

The next Book Club will take place on Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm. All very welcome.

### **PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND**

The Band are keen to increase their numbers for boys & girls aged 9 years & upwards. Classes take place every Thurs. between 4.30 & 6.30pm. Instruments offered are: Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone & Percussion. Further details contact Pat Donegan on 083-8510428.

### **PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB**

The Courts are in excellent condition and a pleasure to play on. At the recent AGM the Annual Membership Fees were decided. Family €160, Child €60, Adult €110. Tennis Coach Tony Lok will resume coaching on Tuesdays and Fridays starting 10th April. All levels and ages catered for. A limited number of places still available. Also a New adult beginner class on Fridays at 7pm. Rackets provided. New child Beginners class on Tuesdays 4/6 years at 3.15pm. If interested ring 087 1231135.

### **CHILDINDER AVAILABLE**

Kind, reliable lady available for full-time child-minding in her own home, Portarlington / Killenard area. Number of year's experience. Own transport. References available on request. Further info. contact Val 087-1741217.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

You are invited to Divine Mercy Liturgy on: April 8<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4.15pm at Saint Brochan's Church - Bracknagh. Divine Mercy Liturgy: 2- 3.15pm. Mass 3.15- 4pm. Confessions available: 2-3.30. Celebrant: Rev. Sean Hyland. All are welcome.