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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 25th February 2018 

■ Second Sunday of Lent 

■ Year B

#### ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am George & Annie Ridgeway, Garryhinch Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am Jackie O'Reilly & his

Son, John, Patrick Street

Wed. 28st Feb. 10am Stephen, Nellie & Paddy Allen, Main St. & deceased members of the Allen & Moran Families

Thurs. 1st March 10am Ann Keegan & dec. members of the Keegan Family, Bishopswood Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10am Special Intention

## Saturday 24th February - 6.15pm

Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes; James & Anna Doyle & their daughter Rosaleen, St. Brigid's Sq.; Maisie & Christie Quinn; Michael McGuinness & Family; Dec. members of the Donegan Family; Dolores McMahon (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & dec. members of the McMahon Family; Tommie Lawlor, Patrick's Avenue; Anthony & Kathleen Kinsella, Anthony Jnr. & dec. members of the Kinsella Family

Sunday 25th February - 12.15pm

Christine (Teena) Carey, Bracklone St. (1st Anniv.) & her Grandaughter Aine (25th Anniv.); Paddy & Mikie Doyle, Kilkeeran; Noel Kenny, Station Rd. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Frances Mason, Garryhinch; Maura Murphy, St. Mary's Tce. (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Thomas Hoey, Kilbride (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Garret & Dora Keogh, Patrick St; Sarah & William Kelly, Patrick's Tce.; John Walsh, Bracklone St; Baby Louis Smith, Dublin;

# Harry Milner, Ballymorris Road Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 6.15pm

Christina McCormack, Ullard (1st Anniv.); Patrick (Paddy) Cullen, St. Michael's Pk. (2nd Anniv.); Tom & Peg Nolan, Bracklone St.; John Knight Snr., St. Mary's Tce; Con & Joan Coughlan, Assumpta Tce, Margaret & William Kavanagh, Ballymorris; Thomas & Bridget O'Reilly, Congress Tce; Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield; William (Billy) & Kathleen Whelan,

Marian Hill Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March - 12.15pm

Donie O'Meara, Annamoe & his Son, Patrick O'Meara; Eva Nicholls (8th Anniv.); Paddy O'Neill, Dun Laoghaire & Portarlington; Barry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Michael O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Caoimhe Carroll, Garryhinch; Frank Higgins, Main Street

# ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 10.30am Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 7.30pm First Friday Martin Slevin, Ballycarroll (6th Anniv.) & his grandparents, Richard & Bridie Slevin

Sunday 4th March - 10.30am

Paul Moore, Springfield (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Josie & Stephen Kiernan, Rathleash Marie Culleton-Ryan

#### **ANNIVERSARIES - EMO**

Saturday 24th February - 7.30pm Dan Kavanagh, The Commons

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 11am

Mary O'Rourke, Kennell Cross (M.M.) Ciss Wheeler, Killimy Rd. (4th Anniv.) Cian Hand, Morette (9th Anniv.) Julia Morrin, Catherine Doheny, Margaret Ryan

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - 7.30pm

Pat (Paddy) Brophy, Killeen (M.M.) Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park Sunday 4th March - 11am John Dooley, Ballycullane (M.M.)

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

<u>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 9am</u> Rose Byron, Bellgrove (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Paddy Byron, Bellgrove Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 9am

## Alan Burke, Ballybrittas (29th Anniv.) **BAPTISMS**

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-**PORTARLINGTON** 

Ciarán Patrick O'Reilly, Clanmalire Maurizio David Riozzi, Kilmalogue Park **EMO** 

Lila Noelle O'Connor, Windmill Tce. Killenard

#### FIRST FRIDAY - MARCH 2nd 2018

Friday next is the First Friday of the Month. Masses as follows:

Portarlington: 10am / Killenard: 7.30pm Rath: (Thurs.) 10am / Emo: Fri. 9.15am

#### LET'S TALK FAMILY! LET'S BE FAMILY!

During Lent you are invited to meet with parishioners from our neighbouring parishes for some chat & reflection on family life in the world today. The get-togethers continue each Wednesday in Mt. St. Anne's at 7.30pm, continuing next Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. The theme for this meeting is "The Christian vision for the Family". Join us! Together we will be richer for making this important conversation part of what we 'do' for Lent this year.

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED** SACRAMENT SUN. 4th MARCH

Emo 3-6pm Mary Delaney Rath 2.30-5.30pm --

## **CHURCH COLLECTORS MARCH**

St. Paul's Church, Emo 7.30pm Willie Keegan & Pat Whelan / 11am Liam Fitzpatrick & Kieran McEvoy Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Willie Duffy & Liam Flynn

#### $^ ot H$ recently deceased $^ ot H$

Your prayers are requested for:-James (Jimmy) Conroy, Cappakeel Patrick McDonough, Athlone

#### LECTORS 3rd / 4th March

PORTARLINGTON: 6.15pm Frank Smith / 9am John Prior / 12.15pm Noel Brennan KILLENARD: 10.30am Tom Coleman EMO: 7.30pm Emmet Conroy /

11am Ann Deering RATH: 9am Marie O'Loughlin

#### EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS 3rd / 4th March

Portarlington: Team B Killenard: Team A

#### **BRINGING THEOLOGY HOME**

Join our supportive student community and study theology by distance learning, attend lectures in Tallaght or from your own home – Join us this Spring. Application deadline 27<sup>th</sup> February. Phone 01 4048124 / enquiries@prioryinstitute.com www.prioryinstitute.com

## **CONFIRMATION 2018**

This weekend our Confirmation candidates start their journey of preparation. We welcome them & their families & pray that this time of preparation will be filled with graces & blessings.

## **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018**

## Volunteer now!

The World Meeting of Families 2018 will attract thousands of Irish and international pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of thousands of volunteers. Will you consider being part of a team to help us deliver the famous Irish welcome - the Céad Míle Fáilte? Sign up on our website, e-mail us at volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie Or phone (01)5676800

#### **National Collection**

Hosting this national & international event requires an enormous amount of planning & funding. In this regard a national collection is taking place & everyone is encouraged to support this. We realize there are big demands at every parish level, but hosting this World

Event is a once in a lifetime opportunity. In Portarlington & Emo Parishes this collection will take place next weekend (3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> March) in the form of a second collection. There is also a special envelope available at the back of your box of envelopes & some at the Church porches. Please give generously!

# 24th Hours for the Lord

A number of parishes will host "24 hours for the Lord". This is a time for prayer & Confession over a 24 hour period. The Churches hosting this event on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> March / Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March, are:

Rhode; Portlaoise; Newbridge; Allenwood; Rathvilly; Bagnelstown

#### **EMO TIDY TOWNS**

Reminder that the hedge cutting season will close on Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> February. Hedge cutting out of season can incur a hefty County Council financial fine. We lost marks in the National Tidy Towns competition in 2017 due to out of season hedge cutting. Please be careful in 2018 so as to avoid a repetition.

## **B SHARP STUDIOS ANNUAL SHOWCASE**

B Sharp Studios presents " A Night At The Grammys" in Judge Roy Beans, Killenard on Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> March & Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm each night. A great night's entertainment guaranteed from a vast variety of talented local musicians and singers from the Studio! Tickets on sale from the Studio or Eamonn Bracken's Menswear Shop, Main St. costing €10 each. Tickets on sale at the door each night, but they are selling fast. Contact Conor 086-1639153 or Keith 085-7516595 for queries or tickets.

#### **FUNDING & RESOURCES EVENT**

Laois Public Participation Network are holding a Funding & Resources Event for all Community Groups in Laois, on the 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 5.30-8pm in Midlands Park Hotel. This will be an exhibition style event with different organisations providing info. on grants/funding training, insurance, advertising... Further info. & booking contact Pamela Tynan, Laois PPN on 057 8665661, find us on facebook or visit our website www.laoisppn.ie

#### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October. €689 per person sharing / Seven night's pilgrimage package inclusive, departing Dublin to Dubrovnik. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

#### SUAIMHNEAS - CAPPAKEEL **Mindfulness Meditation Practice**

Evenings – Thurs. 7.30-8.30pm. Cost €5.

I am with you always – Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. & 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March 3-4pm. Experience the richness & value of reflective meditation in the quiet & stillness of Suaimhneas. Cost €5. All courses include refreshments & home baking. Spaces are limited so booking is essential. Further details contact Anne or Mai on 057-8626541 or visit www.suaimhneas.ie

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT** ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD.

Celebrating the Gift of Grandparents Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm – 9pm. During the "Year of the Family" we invite grandparents to join us to celebrate the gift that they are. Facilitated by Breda O'Shea OSU. No charge - donations at your discretion. 057-8626153 www.mountstannes.com

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

Registration is open to all girls in Portarlington, Rath & Emo, for the following age groups U6, U8, u10, U12, U14, U16, Minor, Junior and Gaelic Mothers & Others. Newcomers very welcome. Further info. contact Peadar O' Toole 0862522768. Exciting news for our U12s & u14s who will have the Heath girls with them for the coming season. A great opportunity to make new friends while being able to compete in competitions with a full squad.

## **Fundraising**

Annual sponsored walk Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> March. Sponsorship cards available over next 2 weeks. Table quiz in conjunction with Emo GAA takes place Fri 30<sup>th</sup> March in The Gate House. Plenty of spot prizes.

Annual Clothes collection Takes place Easter Saturday, so clear out the wardrobes & donate all unwanted clothes. This has been a great success in previous years - so let's try & better last year's total.

#### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2018 7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price € 819 per person sharing. For booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or Vera on 087 9311813 or any member of the Committee.

#### **EASTER CAMP FOR GIRLS Easter Camp For Girls**

26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March at Arlington A.F.C., Castle Park. Camp cost €30 (sibling discounts). Participants receive 2 day coaching, a soccer kit and ball. To book:

www.soccersisters.ie and select Arlington.

#### **VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISING FOR HOPE FOUNDATION**

Margaret Kennedy is preparing to return to Calcutta in March of this year and would be very grateful for support in reaching her fundraising target. All donations can be left into the Parish Office in Portarlington or to her home in Avondale, Portarlington. Contact Margaret on 087 9024900.

#### **BABY JAM MUSIC CLASSES**

Baby Jam Music Class take place every Monday at 11am in Portarlington Community Centre. The class is from 1-5 years of age and it's a parents and toddler class where children get to interact with each other, explore musical instruments and different music themes while learning and singing along to songs. Further info. can be found on Facebook :baby jam music group. Or phone Carrie 085-7179963

#### START YOUR OWN BUSINESS - OVER 55's

Have you been thinking of starting up a small business of your own? The Start Your Own Business Course for over 55s focuses on those with a business idea and are unsure as to how to develop the idea into a business plan. This course will run for 1 day a week for 4 weeks. The programme will be delivered in Laois Local Enterprise Office, County Hall, Portlaoise on March 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>; April 6<sup>th</sup> & 13 at 9.30am - 4.30am. Further info. and to secure your place contact Geraldine Delaney on 057-8664107or Angela Mockler on 057-8664150 by Mon. 26th Feb. 2018.

#### **GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB**

Weekly Lotto: Numbers 14, 17, 25, 26 - No Jackpot winner. Next week's Lotto will be €5,200. All Club Membership now due. Quiz Night! A Table Quiz will be held in The Hawthorn Bar on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9pm. Table of 4 is €40 with Spot Prizes on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

#### ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP **GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE**

Bowling resumes on Tues. 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8pm. Book Club resumes on Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. New members always welcome.

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

Lotto Results: 19/02/2018 Numbers were: 06,08,10,22. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €5,400. Thank you for your continued support. Membership: Attention all adult members don't forget to renew membership for 2018. Membership entitles you free admission to home games and social activities in the club house. Contact Catherine on 087-6306555 or Ivan on 087-9583564 registration form.

#### ST. CONLETH'S L.G.F.C. REGISTRATION **DAY 2018**

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am in O'Dempsey's GAA Club house. St. Conleth's cater for all ages from U6 right up to Seniors level plus Gaelic4Mothers and Others. We welcome all new members to our Club.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S FOLK CHOIR

We welcome the St. Michael's Folk Choir who will sing "St. Michael's Celebration" at the 12.15pm Mass today in Portarlington.

#### **COMMUNION CALLS**



The sick and housebound will be attended during the week as follows:

## Tuesday 27th February, 2018

Crowe Lane, Orchard Drive, Whitefields, Station Rd; St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St., Corrig, St. Michael's Pk., Portlaoise Road, Kilbride, Lea Rd., Ballycarroll, Canal Court

Wednesday 28th February, 2018

Ballybrittas, Bellgrove, Coolroe, Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette, Emo, Portlaoise Road, Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Killeen, Tinakill, Coolaghy Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2018

Kilmalogue Garden, Church View, Patrick Street, Assumpta Tce., St. Mary's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce., Gracefield, Avondale, Bog Rd.,

Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Sweep Road, The Square, Clondoolusk, Cushina, Bishopswood, Marian Hill

#### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

Meeting will take place on Sat. 3rd March in Our Lady's Chapel, St. Michael's Church after the 6.15pm Mass. All are asked to attend.

#### **SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Theme: "The Family - A place of Faith, Hope & Love".

Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin Wednesday next, 28th Feb. with Rosary at 7.10pm. Guest speaker: Maria Steen, The Iona Institute. Well known writer and Broadcaster. All very welcome to attend.

#### **GUITARIST & SINGER**

Available for all Church occasions. Contact Maria on 083-8778135.

#### EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO - 19.2.2018

Numbers: 1, 9, 11, 21 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-Mick Behan C/o M.B. / Des O'Connell C/o Rath Cards / David Gorman C/o P. Gorman / Pat Behan, Bellgrove / Clodagh Coss C/o Emo Shop - Next jackpot €13,200

## **PCDA FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ**

Portarlington Community Development Association / Love Port office are holding a fundraising Table Quiz in the Hawthorn Bar, Patrick Street on Fri. 9th March commencing 8.30pm. All monies raised will go towards the support of our ongoing local projects. The biggest project at the moment is the Derryounce walks & lakes. Please come out and support us on the night. Cost- €40 per table with 4 to a table. If you need to book a table PM the Love port Facebook page or call Nikki on 085 8568801.

#### **BINGO**

Social Services Bingo takes place every Wednesday night at 8.30pm in the Centre, Link Road. New members always welcome.

MOUNTMELLICK DRAMA FESTIVAL Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> March – Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> March. Venue: Mountmellick Community Arts Centre. Commencing nightly at 8pm. Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> March "Moonglow" / Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> March Abigail's Party / Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> March The Good Father / Mon. 12th March Duet for One / Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> March The Glass Menagerie Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> March unbroken Circle / Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> March Death & the Maiden / Fri. 16<sup>th</sup> March Albertine in Five Times. Tickets available from Jessie 087 7942994 or Noreen 087-4121205 or iessieconrov61@gmail.com norsavage@eircom.net