



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 26th March, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 27th Mar. 10am ---
Tues. 28th Mar. 10am ---
Wed. 29th Mar. 10am Kathleen Frances O'Neill (14th Anniv.)
Thurs. 30th 10am Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield
Friday 31st Mar. 10am Deceased members of the Deegan Family, Kilcappagh

Saturday 25th March – 6.15pm

Paddy Doyle, Kilkeeran (M.M.)
Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.)
Stephen & Mary Kate Bolton, Cloneyhurke;
Michael (Mick) Murphy, St. Michael's Park (2nd Anniv.); Margaret Slattery, Botley Court (2nd Anniv.) & Son John Slattery, formerly Spa St. (2nd Anniv.); Mary Chambers, Derrymore;
Joan & Con (Denis) Coughlan, Assumpta Tce.
Michael (Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane (14th Anniv.); Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Margaret & Eddie Rogers, Main St; Patrick & Maura William, Crowe Lane; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; John & Sarah O'Keefe, Bishopswood

Sunday 26th March – 12.15pm

Elizabeth Dunne, Cushina, (4th Anniv.)
Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke
Brendan, Frank & Mollie Martin
Saturday 1st April – 6.15pm
Christine McCormack, Ullard (M.M.)
Bill Storey, Garryhinch (3rd Anniv.)
Kathleen O'Reilly, Marian Hill; Matt Delaney, Ullard; Martha Wyse, Orchard Drive; Helen & John Egan; Brigid Mahon, Patrick St.

Sunday 2nd April – 12.15pm

Brian Crossan, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.)
Tom & Mary Byrne & dec. members of the Byrne & Larke Families

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 26th March – 10.30am

Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny (6th Anniv.)

DECEASED



Joseph (Nixon) Shaw, New Mill Court, Canal Road
Nancy Hughes, Baltinglass (Mother of Fr. Pat Hughes C.C.)

FOLK CHOIR SINGING THIS WEEKEND



St. Michael's Folk Choir will be singing at the 12.15pm Mass this weekend.

CLOCKS GO FORWARD



ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 25th March – 7.30pm

Colette Noonan Dowling, Kilmainham, Mountmellick; John & Ellen Deegan, Limetree, Rose Deegan, Limetree

Sunday 26th March – 11am

Betty Doonan, Bellgrove (10th Anniv.)

Saturday 1st April – 7.30pm

Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill; Maura Fennelly, Tinnakill; Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park; Nellie & Jack Pigott, Woodbrook; Dec. members of the Pigott & Coughlan Families, Woodbrook; Tony Coleman, Woodbrook

Sunday 2nd April – 11am

Eileen Kerry, Coolbanagher; Christopher, Annie, Noel & Willie Lawlor, Woodbrook; Thomas & James O'Connor, Woodbrook; Colm Lawlor, Killimy; Patrick Lawlor, Kildare

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 26th March – 9am

Margaret Dunne, Veronica Dunne, Peter Dunne, Rita Dunne, Ballybrittas
Tom Connell, Coolroe

Sunday 2nd April – 9am

Michael Nugent, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Harry Gerard Kirwan, Whitefields

EMO PARISH

Ella Rose Mahony, Upper Main Street

MASSES FOR LENT

Portarlington: 10am each day

Rath: 10am each day (or as otherwise announced)

Killenard: Friday 7.30pm.



Blessing & Prayer Tribute to all Mothers
Loving God,

as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always

with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LECTORS – NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington Weekend 1st / 2nd April

Sat. 1st April 6.15pm Sarah Dunne
Sun. 2nd April 9am Agnes Holland / 12.15pm Kieran Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 2nd April 10.30am Dymyna Campbell

Emo

Sat. 1st April 7.30pm Stephanie Lewis
Sun. 2nd April 11am Grace Hanneffy

Rath

Sun. 2nd April 9am Daire Hartigan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND

PORTARLINGTON

Weekend of 1st / 2nd April Team B

Sat. 1st – S. Knight; S. Kiernan; P. Dempsey; M. Finlay; H. McGinn / Sun. 2nd April 9am H. Tinkler-Dunne; A. Hennessy; J. Murphy / 12.15pm M. Smith; C. Garry; E. Mitchell; J. Dempsey; L. Cooper

KILLENARD

2nd April Team C

10.30am C. Cahill; D. Campbell

9th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

'The strength of the family lies in its capacity to love & to teach how to love.'

Pope Francis personally chose Dublin to be the host diocese for the World Meeting of Families from 22nd-26th Aug. 2018. Planning for this great national & international celebration of faith is well underway. As you know, hosting this event requires an enormous amount of planning & funding. In this regard the second national collection will be held next weekend the 1st & 2nd April 2017. This collection will take the form of asking you to give a little extra to the plate collection next weekend.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER

Commencing on Sun. 2nd April running until Sat. 8th April 2017. You are invited to give 30 minutes to prayer each day in your own home and meet for 30 minutes daily with your Prayer guide at a time that suits you in Mount St. Anne's. Contact Mount St. Anne's for enquiries / booking. 057-8626153.

CHRISM MASS

2017

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis & the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7:30pm Mon. 10th April 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. We will be led in song on the night by the Diocesan Choir.

CAST MEMBERS WANTED



The Porterhouse Players urgently require one lady and one gentleman to complete the cast for a forthcoming production. If interested call Frank on 086 6004628.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO 20.3.2017

Winning numbers 11,15,18,19 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following; B & J Phelan C/o Maeve; Mary O'Rourke C/o Martha; Marie Fenlon-Connolly; Noah Lawlor C/o Hilary; Liam Phelan C/o Vera.
Next week's Jackpot €5,000

FRIENDS TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB

1st Year Anniversary

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated to the recent Church gate collection. €500 was the amount raised and it will be used by the club to provide free refreshments every Tuesday & Friday from 2.30pm to 5pm. It will also help provide free transport for those who need it.

EASTER CAMP 2017

Tues. 18th – Fri. 21st April. Camp times: 5-8 year olds 9.30-12 Noon / 9-12 year olds 12.30-3pm. Price €35 (plus sibling discounts). A fun filled activity camp including Sport, Music, Easter themed arts & crafts, Baking and much more. Application forms available from St. Patrick's Boys NS.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Now booking for our **Easter Swim Camp** Starting the 10th of April, 2 time slots available. Further info. & enquiries or to book a place contact reception [056-78645800](tel:056-78645800)

PORTARLINGTON GAA

Annual Good Friday Poker Classic

Takes place on April 14th at 8.30 pm in the GAA Centre. Refreshments served. Early Bird €20 or €25 on the night. Tickets from Joe Whelan 087 2529977 or Cam McGettrick 087 7799520
Portarlington GAA Club Facebook page (Portarlington GAA Club) or following us on Twitter @PortGAA or clgportarlington.com

PORTARLINGTON GETS A SPRING CLEAN

Portarlington Tidy Towns are organizing the cleaning of several areas in the town on Sat. 1st April from 10am which will be completed within 2 hours. Can anyone who wishes to have their road or housing estate included in the clean up contact David Maher [086-3475357](tel:086-3475357). The Tidy Towns are asking people on the day to give an hour or two to help in this voluntary effort to clean up your local area. Gloves, rubbish bags and a truck to transport away the rubbish will be available on the day.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE / GARRYHINCH

Book Club will be held on Wed. 5th April at 8pm in the Cub House, Cloneyhurke. All very welcome – New members welcome.

KILLENARD TIDY TOWNS

Are holding a Clean Up Killenard day on Sat. 1st April. Meeting at 10am in the Community Centre Car Park. Cleaning materials supplied. We are hoping to give the village a Spring clean on this day and would appreciate if all members of Killenard community would come out to help. Contact Georgina 087-7373428.

EMO TIDY TOWNS AGM

Emo Tidy towns will hold their A.G.M. on Thurs. 30th March in the Old School, Emo at 8pm. As our membership has decreased in number over the past couple of years it is important we have a good attendance. We need new members to ensure the future of Emo Tidy Towns. Emo Tidy Towns will hold their annual clean up on Wed. 5th April. Meet at the village pump 7pm.

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Tennis club membership now due. New members of all levels and ages very welcome. New beginners teenage coaching with Tony Lok starts Friday 28th April at 7pm. If interested ring 087 1231135 or check out our website portarlingtontennisclub.ie

EASTER SOCCER CAMP

Two Day Soccer Easter Camp for Girls age 7-12 years will take place on 12th & 13th April at Arlington AFC, Lea Road. €30 with sibling discount. Full kit and ball for every participant places limited. To book see Arlington AFC juveniles Facebook page or [1890-653-653](tel:1890-653-653)

SUAIMHNEAS, EMO – COURSES

The Power of the Now & A New Earth Awakening to your Life's Purpose

Sat. 1st April 10am – 4.30pm. Cost €65 incl. freshly cooked 3 course dinner & refreshments. Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas)

Glimpses into the Mystery of the Unfolding Universe

Sat. 20th May 3-5pm. Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas) Cost €10. Incl. refreshments. For full details of all the above and booking phone Mai or Anne on 057 8626541.

MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Holy Week Retreat from Wed. 12th – Sun. 16th April. Prayer reflections as we journey through His passion, death and resurrection. Residential or non-residential options available. All Easter ceremonies throughout the retreat. Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday at 6am. Facilitated by Fr. Jack Rodgers SPS. For further details & copy of 2017 Programme phone Catherine on 057-8626153

MIGRAINE ASSOC. OF IRELAND

Free Public Information Seminar will take place on Thurs. 30th March. The seminar will be held in the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise 7-9pm.

CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEE AGM

A.G.M. of the Christmas Tree Committee takes place Fri. 31st March in the Anvil Inn at 9.30pm.

TOMMY RYAN MEMORIAL ROAD RUN

7th Annual Charity Run in aid of Laois Riding for the Disabled. Sun. 23rd April starting & finishing at Crean's, Vicarstown Inn. Your support will be welcomed. Further info. contact 087-2654001.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 20/03/17. Numbers were: 13,14,15,17. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €16,800. Thank you for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Befriending, one-to-one volunteer sought for person with Intellectual Disabilities with Muiriosa Foundation. A commitment of only two hours a fortnight to escort this person on social outings e.g. local football matches. Contact Gerry McLaughlin on 087 8059667
Email: gerry.mclaughlin@muiriosa.ie

EASTER ART & CRAFTS CAMP

Easter Art & Crafts Camp, Portarlington Community Centre Mon - Thurs, 10th - 13th April, 10am - 2pm. Tues. - Fri. 18th - 21st April, 10am - 2pm. €60 per child per week
Booking Essential. Ph: Annette 083 8004096

HOST FAMILIES WANTED FOR SPANISH STUDENTS

Kind host families wanted for Spanish Students June 30th – July 28th 2017 in Laois, Offaly, Kildare & Dublin. Generous payments / One student per family / Host family must have a teenager who is willing to welcome & host the visiting student / Student integrates into family for four weeks / urban & rural families welcome. Further info. phone 087-2062162.

KNOCK SHRINE INVALID

COLLECTION & PILGRIMAGE

Many thanks to all who generously contributed and helped out with our recent Church Gate collection. This year's invalid pilgrimage will travel on Sunday 9th July. Further details will become available nearer the time.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Portarlington Pilgrimage to Lourdes in conjunction with the Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Pilgrimage under the leadership of Bishop Denis Nulty – leaving 16th July.

7 nights - €819 single room extra €245.

Names and deposits now required, limited number of seats available. Contact Marie 087 7589896 / Vera 087 9311813 or any Committee Member.

Emo Parish Pilgrimage

16th – 21st July 2017. 5 nights full board Hotel Astrid. €699 PPS (single supplement €150). Further info. & booking phone: 086-1225833 or the Parish Office 057-8643004

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF

PERPETUAL HELP – "My Faith Story"

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin.

Time: 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm).

The scheduled Speaker for **29th March** Fr. Gaspar Habara **5th April** Liam McLoughlin

PIONEER NATIONAL BALL

The 21st Pioneer National Ball takes place on Sat 8th April 2017, in the Sheraton Athlone Hotel, after 6.30pm Mass in St. Mary's Church, Athlone. Tickets €30. Guest Speaker: Jim Bolger. Music by Nite Fever. For tickets / information - contact Brenda Lynch 087-6189411 or Dermot Fagan 085-7201646. Check out Facebook page [Leinster Pioneers.](https://www.facebook.com/LeinsterPioneers)

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

Annual sponsored walk: Sat. 1st April at 3pm from the Community Centre, Emo. All funds going towards registration costs. Sponsorship cards will be distributed this week through the schools & committee members.

Reg. for 2017: Registration will take place on 1st April at the Sponsored walk & on the following Tue. 4th & Wed. 5th April at 7pm. The club caters for all ages from U6 to Junior ladies.

NAOMH PÓL JUVENILE LGFA CLUB

Clothes collection – Sat. 15th April – Emo Community Centre. Please drop off all items between 9am & 4pm. You could donate all your clean unwanted clothes, Also bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys, laptops with lead, mobile phones. If you need collection, please contact Peadar O'Toole 086 2522768 or e-mail peadarofoole@gmail.com.

CAKE SALE

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard Parents Assoc. Sun. 2nd April after the 10.30am Mass. Venue: School Hall, Scoil Naomh Eoin. You can hand in cakes / bakery before mass to the School hall. Prize for the best Easter Bonnet.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS 21.3.17

Letters Q, I, N, Y – No winner.

Next draw will take place in the Barow Lodge on 4th April 2017.

MONSTER AUCTION

In Aid of the Ben & Jake Connolly Trust On Easter Sunday April 16th - 2pm. to 6pm. In Mountmellick Community Sports Complex Contact Deirdre Connolly 086-1635239
If you have items to donate (no Bedding or books). Free Entry.

FOUND

Sum of money found on Sunday last around Upper Main Street. Contact the Parish Office 057-8643004 (Mon. – Fri. 9.30 – 1.30pm).