



# 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 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018 ✠ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ Year B

### ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am Alice McCann

Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am Mollie Maloney (nee O'Connor) Funeral taking place today in the UK. & deceased members of the O'Connor Families, Old Pound & also remember Margaret Gleeson, Morette (MM) today

Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 10am Jim & Bridget Ryan & Sons John & Tommy Ryan

Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10am Feast of St. Brigid

Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. 10am Presentation of the Lord

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 6.15pm

James Keenan, Patrick St; Jim & Bridget Ryan & sons John and Tommy Ryan; Joe Horan, Church View; Jack & Christina McCormack, Ullard; Johnie & Mai Lalor, Cloneyhurke

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January – 12.15pm

Eamon O'Boyle, Church View; Michael Dolan, St. Brigid's Sq; Veronica Mooney, Whitefields & Dublin; Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Michael Webster, French Church Street

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 6.15pm

Paddy Maher, Gracefield (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Thomas & Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage; Bridget & Joseph Ryan, Kilmalogue; Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Tim & Bridget Coughlan, Bracklone St; Peter & Betty Kavanagh, Monasterevin

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 12.15pm

Pat & Maureen Gorman, Church View  
Robert Francis Magee, Station Road (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am

Margaret Gleeson, Morette (M.M.)  
John Dunne, Rathmiles (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

Patsy Connell, Lea (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

Bridget & James Dunne, Rathmiles

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 7.30pm

Thomas & Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 10.30am

Breda Mullaney, (nee Maher), Church View, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); James Brophy, Lough

### DECEASED

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

James Lalor-Fitzpatrick, Mountrath (nephew of Anne & Celine Knight)

### PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. €689 PPS. Discount of €50 applies if booked by 1<sup>st</sup>

Feb. Seven nights pilgrimage package inclusive, departing Dublin to Dubrovnik. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

### TEACH MUIRE MASS FOR HEALING

Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. In St. Paul's Church, Emo commencing Rosary 7.45pm & Mass 8pm. Celebrant Fr. Eddie Lawlor CC Portlaoise

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 7.30pm

Kathleen Keegan, Lough (M.M.)

Thomas Flynn, Hand Road (49<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

James Hyland, Limetree; Elizabeth & Fintan

Duff, Limetree; William & Kathleen Byrne,

Killimy; Michael & Elizabeth Moore, Morette

Patrick Kirwan, Killimy;

James Kehoe, Coolbanagher

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January – 11am

Mary Mulhall, New Inn (M.M.)

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 7.30pm

Deirdre Keogh, New Inn (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Elizabeth

& Fred Prior & their daughter Catriona,

Morette; Peter Andrews (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.), Dublin &

Florida; Mary Strong (nee Dowling), Morette

(10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Robert McGuirk, Knightstown;

Peter & Norah O'Connor, & deceased

members of the O'Connor Family, Old Pound

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 11am

Mary Strong (nee Dowling),

Morette (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January – 9am

Liam Tynan, The Canal, Fisherstown,

(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Joseph & Julia McCormack,

Ballybrittas; Tom & John Murphy, Courtwood;

Andrew & Bridget Heffernan,

Joe Treacy, Courtwood

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 9am

Peter O'Connell, Coolroe; Frank Dempsey,

Monasterevin; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove

### BAPTISMS

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

*Sophie Mary Daly, The Avenue, Graigaverne*

### FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

Friday next is the first Friday of the Month.

Masses as follows:-

**Rath: 9.30am Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> February**

**Emo: 9.15am Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Portarlington: 10am Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**Killenard: 7.30pm Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> February**



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February St. Brigid's Day

(Patron Saint of our Diocese)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Presentation of the Lord

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February Feast of St. Blaise



**Blessing of Candles & Blessing of Throats.**

Blessing of Candles (for Church and home use) and Blessing of Throats will take place at all of the above First Friday Masses.

### LECTORS

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**PORTARLINGTON:** 6.15pm Frank Smith /

9am Dan Fingleton / 12.15pm Kieran Dunne

**KILLENARD:** 10.30am Kieran Kehoe

**EMO:** 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke /

11am Sadhbh Hanneffy

**RATH:** 9am Mena Connell

### EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Portarlington: Team A / Killenard: Team B

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration is held every Tuesday in St. Michael's Church after 10am Mass until 7pm.

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

**SACRAMENT 4<sup>TH</sup> FEB.**

**Emo 3-6pm - Tony Connell**

**Rath 2.30-5.30pm -**

### CHURCH COLLECTORS FEBRUARY

**St. Paul's Church, Emo**

Sat. 7.30pm Paul O'Connor & PJ Gleeson

Sun. 11am Michael Maloney

**Sacred Heart Church, Rath**

9am David Carroll & James Duffy

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018



Dublin has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the World Meeting of Families 2018. From 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018, families & others from all over the world will gather to celebrate their lives together, to share their experiences from different parts of the world, to reflect on the different challenges they face and to grow together in faith. This event presents a special opportunity for school families to celebrate not only the fact that parents are the primary educators of their children, but also the vital role that Catholic schools play in assisting parents. The theme is "Catholic Schools: Called to be a Family of Families".

### PRAYER FOR MOTORISTS

*Holy Mother, hear our prayer,  
keep us in your loving care.  
Whatever the perils of the way,  
let us not add to them this day.  
So to our caution and attention,  
we add a prayer for your protection,  
to beg God's blessing on this car,  
to travel safely near and far. Amen*

### 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.

### **PORT. COMMUNITY TEXT ALERTS**

Sign up for Text Alerts now with Port Text Alerts. Community Text Alerts is now up and running in Portarlington & Killenard. Forms to sign up to the scheme are available in the Loveport office in the Community Centre or by emailing porttextalert@gmail.com. or visit www.portarlington.ie and download it from the site. Phone Love Port office at 085-8568801.

### **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 €799 per person sharing. For booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or Vera on 087 9311813, or, indeed, any member of the Committee.

### **INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY**

St. Patrick's College, Carlow - Introduction to Psychology Evening Course from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. – 8<sup>th</sup> March every Thurs. from 7-9pm. Further info. contact: Alison Brennan. Phone 059-9153200 E:AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie www.CarlowCollege.ie

### **PORTARLINGTON GROW GROUP**

GROW will hold a Community education programme in Wolfe Tone Court, Townparks, Mountmellick starting at 7.30pm on Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> February. All welcome.

### **PARENTS FIRST - Volunteers needed!**

Would you be interested in volunteering with Parents First for 1-2 hours each week? We are looking for parents or grandparents to pass on their valuable knowledge and experience in bringing up children. Phone Dolores or Mary at 057 9322996 / 086 1959221.

### **PORTARLINGTON G.A.A.**

**All County Draw Tickets:** Now available with 4 monthly draws. Prize money of €100,000. Tickets €130 (can be paid in installments), available from any Committee Member.

### **FREE HEARING AID TRIAL / FREE EYE TEST**

Call into McGreals Hearing Centre at McGreals Pharmacy, Kilnacourt for your FREE hearing aid trial. Also Free Eye Test. Phone: 1890 929259 [www.mcgreals.ie](http://www.mcgreals.ie)

### **NEW YEAR - NEW YOU**

New Fitness Classes - Unit 6 – Portarlington Business Park – Instructor Karol James. All fitness levels welcome. Mon. 9am – 9.45am Wed. & Fri. 8pm – 8.45pm. €5 per class pay as you go / €12.50 per week (3 classes) / €45 per month (12 classes). Booking essential – Places limited. Phone 086-3771154.

### **MINDFULNESS MEDITATION PRACTICE**

**Evenings at Suaimhneas with Anne & Mai.** Practice sessions have resumed on Thursday & will continue every Thursday evening from 7.30-8.30pm. These evenings give participants an opportunity to practice different approaches to meditation. Cost €5 includes refreshments & delicious home baking. Spaces limited / booking is essential. Phone 057-8626541 Email [info@suaimhneas.ie](mailto:info@suaimhneas.ie)

### **160 YEARS OF HEALING & CELEBRATION IN LOURDES**

Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> marks the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Marian Apparitions to St. Bernadette. To celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes, The Irish Catholic newspaper is publishing a commemorative edition on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> filled with information on the apparitions, St. Bernadette & the miracles which have happened. The Irish Catholic is available each weekend. Cost €1.80

### **WANTED**

Live in companion wanted for elderly lady - preferably female. Accommodation for companionship. Phone Patricia on 087-2911807

### **REFLECTION**

#### **Speaking with authority**

*Ideally words should always be preceded by deeds.*

*When people who have done something begin to speak, people listen.*

*Their words carry enormous weight.*

*They have real authority.*

*The weakness of a lot of words arises from the fact that they are not preceded, or accompanied, or even followed by deeds. At the root of innumerable wrongs in our world is the discrepancy between word and deed.*

*It is the weakness of Churches, parties, and individuals.*

*It gives people and institutions split personalities.*

*Lord, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe with our hearts, and practice with our lives.*

### **EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO 22.1.18**

Numbers: 11, 14, 19, 21

No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Peter & Siobhain Malone C/o Martha; Deirdre Lawlor C/o Hilary; John & Abbey Strong C/o John Strong; L. Fennelly C/o Florence; Ann Aherne C/o Colette  
**Next jackpot €12,400**

### **EMO PARISH ENVELOPES**

The envelope boxes have been distributed as the new envelope year begins this weekend.

If you haven't had a box of envelopes delivered, they are available at the Church porches. (Just write your name/address on the first envelope). We very much encourage you to take one. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks to all who contributed during the past year.

### **NEW YEARS RESOLUTION**

#### **Why not join the Choir?**

We are in St. Michael's Church at the 9am Mass every Sunday. All very welcome to come along and join in.

### **ELOCUTION, SPEECH & DRAMA CLASSES**

A unique & fun way to learn the art of communication. End of Year performance, Dunamais Theatre, Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> March. Students help each other to grow and develop, encourage each other in confidence building and self-expression. Classes will be held in the Community Hall, Rath after school on Tuesdays & on Wednesdays in the Leisure Centre, Portarlington at 4pm & 5pm Further info. & to register contact contact Anita 0862478052 or email [ceiltissd@hotmail.com](mailto:ceiltissd@hotmail.com)

### **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 086-3034540

### **"PORTAL"**

#### **TEENAGE DISCO**

Venue: Portarlington Community Centre Date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Time: 8pm – 11pm Cost: €10 (on the door) or €8 pre-purchased tickets. Tickets sold in Centra Main Street, Portarlington Pharmacy, Clown around, Coglans Sports & community Centre.

### **BLOOD DONATION**

Your next blood donation clinic will take place on Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 4.30 to 8pm in Portarlington Community Centre.



### **PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD**

#### **CHARITY BALL**

This fabulous night of the year is fast approaching – Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Proceeds are in aid of Portarlington Senior Citizens. To book your ticket or a table of friends, please contact: Marie 087-7589896 / Colette 086-2654277 / Maria 086-3058181.

### **KILBRIDE ART GROUP**

#### **Catering for Students / Adults**

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 10am – 12 Noon catering for beginners & advanced students using all mediums. Also available are sketching & drawing classes. Ph: 086-2392997.

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

#### **Lotto Results 22/01/2018.**

Numbers were: 15,16,18,23. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €4,600.

**Dinner Dance:** Annual Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7.30pm in the The Ballesteros Suite, The Heritage Resort Clubhouse, Killenard. Entertainment will be provided on the night by DJ Mark Neilon. Tickets are €35. Please contact Barry 087-7707511 or Louise 087-785640

**Calendar:** A limited edition of our 2018 Club Calendar are still on sale for €5! Calendar's will be on sale at the Lotto draw each Monday night from 9pm or by contacting Barry 087-7707511 or Paul 087-6615586.

#### **2018 All County Clubs Members Draw:**

Tickets currently on sale. This is the Club's primary revenue sources with O'Dempsey's GAA taking home close to 3/4's of the purchase price. Your support is greatly appreciated. Contact any Club member for more information.

### **ARLINGTON A.F.C.**

Under14 girl football training Wednesdays 6-7 in Portarlington Community Centre  
New players are welcome.

### **PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE**

Swimming Lessons for the Course Starting February 12<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April. 10 Weeks only €90, Levels Little Swimmer – Level 8, Rookie Lifeguard & Survive & Save. Book now 057-8645800. Limited Places. We also have annual, 6 month, 3 month & 1 month membership. Direct debit memberships also available.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST.**

#### **ANNE'S, KILLENARD.**

##### **Meditation Day**

Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. from 10am – 3.30pm. Treat yourself to a day of relaxation & peace. The theme is "Appreciating Nature". Facilitated by Breda O'Shea OSU. Cost €25 (bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee & biscuits provided. Booking essential.

##### **Celebrating the Gift of Grandparents**

Takes place on 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. Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre 057-8626153 [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

### **FREE TRANSPORT**

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free transport service for patients attending hospital for chemotherapy treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door, then when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the Society's website at [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie) or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.