



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

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

31st JANUARY 2016 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR 'C'

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 1st Feb. 10am St. Brigid's Day
Tues. 2nd Feb. 10am Nora Gorman, Rathmore, Dolores McCaul (nee Gorman), Rathmore
Wed. 3rd Feb. 10am St. Blaise Day
Thurs. 4th Feb. 10am ---
Fri. 5th Feb. 10am John Lawlor, Portlaoise Rd.
Sat. 6th Feb. 11am Jean Butler (nee Dempsey)
Burial of Ashes

Saturday 30th January – 6.15pm

Seamus Dowling, Station Court (1st Anniv.)
Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (2nd Anniv.)
Tim & Bridget Coughlan, Bracklone St.; Jim & Bridget Ryan, Spa St. & sons Tommy & John Ryan; Johnie Lalor, Cloneyhurke; Eamon O'Boyle, Church View; Joe Horan, Church View; Vera Breen, Portlaoise & daughter-in-law Magdalene Breen, Galway

Thomas & Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage Jack McCormack, Ullard; Dec. members of the O'Connor Family, Old Pound; Ned & Beth Bailey, Cappakeel; Christy & Kathleen Carroll; Christy Carroll Jnr., Ballybrittas; Dec. members of the O'Connor Family, Old Pound; Ned & Beth Bailey, Cappakeel; Christy & Kathleen Carroll & Christy Carroll Jnr., Ballybrittas

Sunday 31st January – 12.15pm

Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Maureen & Pat Gorman, Church View

Saturday 6th February – 6.15pm

Patrick (Paddy) Ryan, Arlington Est. & Lea Rd. (M.M.); Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.); Paddy Maher, Gracefield (1st Anniv.); Tommy Ryan, Sandy Lane (1st Anniv.); James Grehan, Shandra, Ollie Whelan, Marian Hill; Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh

Sunday 7th February – 12.15pm

Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.); Carmel M. Finnegan (nee Kelly), Cushina & USA (M.M.); Robert Francis Magee, Station Rd. (10th Anniv.); Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Road; Alice Brennan, French Church Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 31st January – 10.30am

James Brophy, Lough

Sunday 7th February – 10.30am

George Monaghan, Lea

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY:

James (Jim) Keenan, Patrick Street
John Dunne, Rathmiles, Killenard

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sun. 21st August until 27th August (7 nights). Hotel Solitude €799 per person sharing. Deposit secures seat. Further details and booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or contact Vera on 087 9311813.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 30th January – 7.30pm

Michael & Elizabeth Moore, Morette
Mary Stronge, Morette; Bertie Dowling, Morette
Fintan Duff (Snr.), Limetree; William & Kathleen Byrne; Patrick Kirwan, Killimy (29th Anniv.); James Kehoe, Coolbanagher

Sunday 31st January – 11am

Mary Stronge, Morette; Mary O'Connor, Ballycullane; Jeremiah O'Connor, Coolaghy, Elizabeth Kelly, Emo Park

Saturday 6th February – 7.30pm

Peter & Norah O'Connor, Old Pound, Ballybrittas, Dec. members of the O'Connor Family; Robert McGuirk, Knightstown

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 31st January – 9am

Joseph & Julia McCormack; Frank Dempsey, Monasterevin; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove

Sunday 7th February – 9am

Peter O'Connell, Coolroe

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Lori Rose Donoher, Crann Nua
Kyle Daniel Murphy, The Oaks, Kilnacourt
Maddie May O'Brien, Abhann Dubh, Patrick St.

ST. BRIGID'S DAY – MON. 1ST FEBRUARY

Mon. 1st February is the Feast of St. Brigid, the Patron Saint of our Diocese.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

TUES. 2ND FEBRUARY

Blessing of Candles for home use.

Candles will be blessed in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton at the 10am Mass for Church and home use.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – WED. 3RD FEB.

BLESSING OF THROATS

Blessing of throats will take place after 10am Mass on Wed. 3rd February in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton.

Blessing of throats will also take place at the 7.30pm Mass in Rath on Thurs. 4th Feb. / at the 9.15am Mass in Emo on Fri. 5th Feb. & at the 7.30pm Mass in Killenard on Fri. 5th February.

FIRST FRIDAY

FRI. 5TH FEBRUARY 2016

Friday next, 5th February is the First Friday of the Month. Masses as follows:-

Portarlinton: Fri. 5th 10am

Killenard: Fri. 5th 7.30pm (Blessing of Throats)

Emo: Friday 5th 9.15am (Blessing of Throats)

Rath: Thurs. 4th 7.30pm (Blessing of Throats)

LECTORS

Portarlinton

Sat. 6th Feb. 6.15pm Sarah Dunne
Sun. 7th Feb. 9am John Prior
12.15pm Mary Murphy

Killenard

Sun. 7th Feb. 10.30am Niall Briody

Emo

Sat. 6th Feb. 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke
Sun. 7th Feb. 11am Stephanie Lewis

Rath

Sun. 7th Feb. 9am Marie O'Loughlin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Port. Sat. & Sun. 6th & 7th Feb. TEAM C

Killenard Sun. 7th Feb. TEAM A

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2016

Begins Sunday 31st January (today)

Theme: Challenged to proclaim God's Mercy.

During this Catholic Schools week, we will explore with the children how they can be the face of God's mercy in our classrooms, the playground, our school, our families & our community.

EMO/RATH

ENVELOPE BOXES

The boxes have been distributed and begin this Sunday, 31st January. The envelope collection is used for the upkeep of churches, parish schools and parish properties. The boxes also contain envelopes for other collections during the year. If you have not received a box, please contact the Parish Office or you can collect a box at the Church porches.
Thank you for your continued support.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT SUN. 7TH FEBRUARY

Emo 3-7pm

Jimmy McEvoy & Tony Connell

Rath 2.30-6.30pm

Sheila McNeir & Margaret Shaughnessey

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

FOLK CHOIR



Are you interested in joining our Folk Choir in Portarlinton for the Easter Season? If so contact Ann Dunne on 087-4146600.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT
MOUNT ST ANNE'S KILLENARD**



Meditation Day – Sat. 20th Feb. 10am-3.30pm with Ms. Marie Manley Smith. Cost: €25
Places limited so book early.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing Workshop Sat. 7th & 14th May - 10am-5pm each day. 2-day course providing participants with an understanding of mindfulness & the practical tools we can use to reduce stress, improve focus & increase our wellbeing. Cost: €125
Facilitated by Marie Manley Smith.

Meditation - Tuesdays 8-9pm

Book Club - Wednesdays 8-9.30pm

All welcome. www.mountstannes.com

Bookings: Phone Catherine 057-8626153

PORTARLINGTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC

B S#ARP STUDIOS is enrolling new students. All ages catered for. Located above Eamonn Bracken Menswear. Voice & all instruments catered for - Piano, guitar, flute, tin whistle, fiddle, drums and more! We are also offering **Leaving Cert Revision Courses** during the February midterm in the following subjects: German; French; Music. Find us on Facebook at B S#ARP Studios. Keith 085-7516595. Conor 086-1639513.

GRINDS

Junior and Leaving Certificate **Irish Grinds** available from an experienced Irish speaker. All levels catered for. Ph: Áine 0858344378.

Native German speaker available to give

German grinds. Phone 087-7799504

Leaving Cert Maths & Physics grinds

One to one or groups. All levels catered for. Reasonable rates. Ph: Ciaran 087-3161799.

EMO / RATH LOTTO 25th JAN. 2016

Numbers 9, 10, 11, 13 – No winner. €25 to each of the following:- Tom O'Connell C/o Colette; Deirdre Hyland C/o Ballybrittas Shop; The Gorman Family C/o Pat Gorman; Paul & Eva C/o Hilary; Eileen Nolan C/o Emo Shop.

Next week's Jackpot €14,000

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

Book Club resumes Wed. 3rd February at 8pm.

EMO G.A.A. CLUB

Annual Dinner Dance will take place on the 27th February in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, in conjunction with the Emo Men's junior team and St. Paul's junior ladies champions.

County Draw Tickets €130 tickets are on sale at the moment – As this is our main fundraiser for the year to help with the running of the club, your support would be most appreciated.

GROW COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Grow Community Mental Health Movement meet every Tues. at 7pm in the Annexe, Portarlinton (located beside school, opposite St. Michael's Church). If you are lonely, isolated or suffering from stress why not come along and learn a practical psychology of mental health. Phone: John 086 8033126".

EMO RATH COMMUNITY GAMES

We need adult volunteers to keep the community games going for the year. If you can give a few hours of your time to help at some of the events, please contact Barbara Dunne 085 2745536 or Claire Johnston 087 6747182. Annual registration for kids in the area will take place in early Feb., date to be advised. €10 per child / €25 for 3 or more in the same family.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

21st – 28th July 2016 (7 nights)

Hotel Santo Amaro – Breakfast, lunch & dinner included. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Full religious program. €714 fully inclusive. Further info. phone Mary Murphy 086-1627564 or the Parish Office

CLASSICAL FLUTE TUITION / GRINDS

Academy qualified teacher – All levels and ages welcome. Limited spaces available. Contact Magali 089-4412929 / 057-8647056.

French Grinds: Native French speaker available to give grinds. Phone 057 8647056 or 089 4412929

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA CLUB

Lotto results - Numbers 01,06,12,19.

No Jackpot winner. Next Jackpot: €8,200.

2016 All County Clubs Members Draw
Tickets are currently on sale for the Laois GAA All County Clubs Members Draw. Tickets are €130 each. Contact any club committee member for more information.

Annual Dinner Dance - Takes place on Sat. 20th Feb. in The Heritage Killenard (Our Clubs Main Sponsor). Entertainment will be provided on the night by DJ Mark Neilon. Tickets €30 and are available from club committee members.

PORT SCOUTS 4TH LAOIS

Thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Church Gate Collection.

AGM: Wed. 10th Feb. at 8pm in the Scouts Den, Main Street, Portarlinton.

ST. CONLETS DINNER DANCE

Saturday 13th Feb. in The Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore. Tickets at €25 each available from Catherine Burbage 087 6842028 & Catherine Downey 086 3502888. Admission by ticket only.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collections for the above cause. Amount collected €866.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

AGM will take place on Sat. 6th Feb. at 7pm in Our Lady's Side Chapel, St. Michael's Church. New members especially welcome.

FOUND

Pair of men's spectacles – Patrick Street during the week. Contact the Parish Office

PORTARLINGTON SOCIAL SERVICES

Weekly Bingo: Returns Wed. 3rd Feb. at 8.30pm. Look forward to seeing you all there.
Friday Cuppa: Resumes Fri. 12th Feb. from 12 Noon – 3pm & every two weeks thereafter. Come along & have a cuppa, a sandwich / cake. Have a chat, play a game of Bingo or join in the sing song. Further info: Ann (Bourke) Dunne on 087-4116101.

ÁR nÓIGE PRESCHOOL

Patrick Street, Portarlinton

Now enrolling for September 2016. Application forms can be obtained from pre-school or call Ann at 087-6270988.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Booking now for the next course of child swimming lessons from Mon. 1st Feb. New courses of fitness Pilates, deep water jogging, adult lessons & parent / baby swim classes starting soon. Further info. phone Reception on 057-8645800.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS N.S.

School Enrollment night for First Class Boys will take place Tues. next, 2nd Feb. at 7.30pm in the main Boys school on Patrick Street.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

20th July, 2016 for 7 nights. Cost €589 per person sharing if paid by 17th February 2016. Cost €639 per person sharing if paid after that date. Further details and booking contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

Mass for Healing

St. Paul's Church, Emo on **Tues. 2nd February** commencing with Rosary at 7.45pm followed by Mass at 8pm. Celebrant Fr. Jim Bermingham.

Prayer Meetings

Weekly Prayer Meetings take place each Tuesday in St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Patrick St., Portarlinton at 8pm. All very welcome.

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Lady available to mind child/children in her own home. Own transport, Garda vetted and first aid trained. Contact 087 2370942.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL TABLE QUIZ NIGHT

Portarlinton Lions Club are holding their table quiz on Friday 12th February at 8pm in Portarlinton Golf Club. Table of four €40. Fundraiser for Portarlinton Senior Citizens and Kieran Donagher Fund.

SUAIMHNEAS, CAPPAKEEL, EMO

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Group practice of mindfulness / meditation.

Facilitated by Suaimhneas Team.

Feb. 4th, 11th, 18th from 7.30p-8.30pm

Power of Now with John Doherty

Sat. 6th Feb. 10am- 4.30pm. This workshop is based on an exploration & experience of The Power of Now, the bestselling book by Eckhart Tolle. This workshop includes effective practices for inner peace & change.

Mindfulness Meditation Retreat

Facilitated by Brid Shine – Sun. 14th March 10am-4.30pm. Retreat into the stillness & peace of Suaimhneas. Be supported with guided mindfulness meditations. Phone Mai or Ann on 057-8626541

PORTARLINGTON GAA

County Draw tickets now available. This enters you into 4 draws with a top prize of €10,000 in each draw. Tickets are available from the committee.

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 visit clgportarlinton.com<http://clgportarlinton.com>

PORTARLINGTON SPEAKERS

An Opportunity to Succeed

Do you want to improve your performance in business meetings, motivating people, job interviews, selling ideas or products & solving problems? At Portarlinton Speakers all meetings are open to the public & people are encouraged to come along & see for themselves. Meetings are on Tues. 2nd & Tues. 16th Feb. at Killenard Community Centre from 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Come along on the night. www.portarlinton.toastmastersclubs.org/

ANNUAL NOVENA - MONASTEREVIN

Monasterevin Parish will be holding their annual Novena for six weeks during the Lenten period commencing Wed. 10th Feb. The Novena will be held at 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10 pm) for six Wednesday nights of Lent in St. Peter & Paul's Church. The theme of the Novena is "Keeping The Faith".

Wednesday 10th February - Oisín McConville

Wednesday 17th February - Kathleen Chada

Wednesday 24th February - Breda Drumm

Wednesday 2nd March - Joanne O' Riordan

Wednesday 9th March - David Vard

Wednesday 16th March - Br. Kevin Crowley