

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 4th February 2018 ✕ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ Year B

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 5th Feb. 10am Patrick & Emily Lambe & children Sr. Pacifique, Sr. Albert, Josie & her husband Pat, & Son Gussie

Tues. 6th 10am John Lawlor, Portlaoise Road

Wed. 7th Feb. 10am Alice Brennan

Thurs. 8th Feb. 10am Norah Gorman, Rathmore & dec. members of the Gorman Family, Rathmore & Fightry Family, M/Mellick

Fri. 9th Feb. 10am Christy Kennedy, Lucan

Saturday 3rd February – 6.15pm

Paddy Maher, Gracefield (3rd Anniv.); Thomas & Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage; Bridget & Joseph Ryan, Kilmalogue; Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (4th Anniv.); Tim & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone St; Peter & Betty Kavanagh, Monasterevin; Lorraine Dodson (5th Anniv.)

Sunday 4th February – 12.15pm

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

Saturday 10th February – 6.15pm

Jim Cooper, Arlington Est.; Charlie Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce. & dec. members of the Keogh Family; Ollie Whelan, Marian Hill; Joseph Murphy, St. Patrick's Terrace; Nualla Doyle (nee Shaw), "Acacias", Patrick St. (10th Anniv.)

Sunday 11th February – 12.15pm

Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Rd; Esther Jane Moran, Cloneyhurke; Veronica (Ronnie) Moran, Droughill (10th Anniv.); Bill & Philomena Rogers, Cushina; Maura Greene, St. Mary's Tce. (6th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 4th February – 10.30am

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

Sunday 11th February – 10.30am

George Monagher, Lea

DECEASED

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

Mary O'Rourke, Kennell Cross, Emo
Kathleen Costello, Killenard Village

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 3rd to 10th October. €689 per person sharing. Discount of €50 applies if booked by 1st Feb. Seven nights pilgrimage package inclusive, departing Dublin to Dubrovnik. Contact Michael Nerney on 086-8157305.

TEACH MHUIRE MASS FOR HEALING

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

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 3rd February – 7.30pm

Deirdre Keogh, New Inn (1st Anniv.); Elizabeth & Fred Prior & their daughter Catriona, Morette; Peter Andrews (2nd Anniv.), Dublin & Florida; Mary Strong (nee Dowling), Morette (5th Anniv.); Robert McQuirk, Knightstown; Peter & Norah O'Connor, & deceased members of the O'Connor Family, Old Pound; Mary & Betty Lynch, Killeen; John & Elizabeth Lewis & deceased members of the Lewis Family, Morette

Sunday 4th February – 11am

Mary Strong (nee Dowling),
 Morette (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 4th February – 9am

Peter O'Connell, Coolroe; Frank Dempsey, Monasterevin; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove
 Patrick & Alice Dobbyn, Courtwood

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

PORTARLINGTON

Avery John Fanning, Annamoe

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

HOST A PILGRIM

World Meeting of Families Host a Pilgrim
 Do you have a spare room in your home and want to help? Thousands of people will be travelling from very distant places to participate in World Meeting of Families 2018 (Dublin, 21-26 August 2018). Many would be unable to come if they also had to cover the cost of accommodation. Do you have a spare room? Would you be willing to host a person, a couple or a family next August? Help us welcome visiting families to Ireland and have a home-from-home experience. Learn more at www.worldmeeting2018.ie/hostafamily.

Email us at

hostingteam@worldmeeting2018.ie or call us on 01 567 6800.

LET'S TALK FAMILY!

LET'S BE FAMILY!



During Lent you are invited to meet with parishioners from our neighbouring parishes for some chat and reflection on family life in the world today – the challenges, fragilities and hopes for the "Gospel of the Family" (Pope Francis). The get-togethers will be in Mt. St. Anne's, Killenard at 8pm, for five Wednesdays, beginning on Feb 21st. Join us. Together we will be richer for making this important conversation part of what we 'do' for Lent this year.

LECTORS

10th & 11th February 2018

PORTARLINGTON:

6.15pm Anita Donohoe / 9am Tom Hainsworth / 12.15pm Sinead Dunne

KILLENARD:

10.30am Michael O'Hara

EMO:

7.30pm Mark Bastow / 11am Frances Kerry

RATH:

9am Mark Behan

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

10th & 11th February 2018

Portarlington: Team B

Killenard: Team A

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 4TH 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

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO 29.1.2018

Numbers: 1, 3, 15, 22

No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Steven Whelan C/o Rosemary; Mena O'Connell C/o Mena; Des O'Connell C/o Rath Cards; Ann & Andy C/o Vera; Anna Byrne C/o Martha.
Next jackpot €12,600

BLOOD DONATION

Your next blood donation clinic will take place on Tues. Next, 6th Feb. from 4.30 to 8pm in Portarlington Community Centre.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE

The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place from the **8th to the 15th 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.

RETIRED CIVIL & PUBLIC SERVANTS

ASSOCIATION

A meeting for form a Laois/Offaly Branch of the Retired Civil & Public Servants Association will take place in Portlaoise Parish Centre on Wednesday next, 7th Feb. commencing 11.30am.

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.

FREE HEARING AID TRIAL

FREE EYE TEST

Call into McGreals Hearing Centre at McGreals Pharmacy, Kilnacorb for your FREE hearing aid trial. Also Free Eye Test. Phone: 1890 929259 www.mcgreals.ie

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

160 YEARS OF HEALING & CELEBRATION IN LOURDES

Feb. 11th marks the 160th 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. 8th filled with information on the apparitions, St. Bernadette & the miracles which have happened. The Irish Catholic is available each weekend. Cost €1.80

VALENTINES BALL

In Monasterevin Community Centre. Music by Adrian Ryan. Red roses for the ladies plus sweets on arrival & complimentary tea/coffee, buns/cakes. Wed. 14th February – Dancing 9.30-12 Midnight. Admin. €10. All welcome.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Loads of new courses starting the week of the 12th Feb. at Portarlington Leisure Centre, Child Swimming Lessons, Adult lessons, parent & baby classes, Rookie lifeguard classes & many more. To book your places or to find out more information call 057-8645800.

DECLUTTER COACH TALK

Would you like to declutter your home and are not sure where to start? Join Kiera Hernon, Declutter Coach for a talk on the practical ways to declutter your home and organise what remains. Portarlington Golf Club 15th Feb at 7.30. €10 entry – Email kiera@decluttercoach.ie or text 0838583015.

PORTARLINGTON SOCIAL SERVICES

The 47th AGM of Portarlington Social Services took place on Fri. 26th January. In 2017 there were 6, 643 meals cooked which were delivered by 80+ volunteers, without whom the Centre and the service could not function. It cost over €44,000 to run the centre last year, thanks to the help of the HSE, donations from the public and help from the Community Employment scheme. The Committee for 2018 are as follows:-
Chairman Paul Mooney, Vice Chairman Rory Whelan, Secretary Ann Bourke Dunne, Treasurer Geraldine O'Reilly, Committee Ken Dunne, Jenny Champ, Mary Maher & Deirdre Hyland. Card Secretaries Breda Dunne & Vincent Hogan. Trustees Dorothy Odlum, Adrian Honan, Geraldine O'Reilly & Ken Dunne.
BINGO - Social Services Bingo resumes Wed. 7th Feb. at 8.30pm in the Centre, Link Road.

"PORTAL" TEENAGE DISCO

Venue: Portarlington Community Centre
Date: Friday 9th 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.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Weekly Lotto: Numbers 10,11,24,30 – No Jackpot winner. Next week's Lotto: €4,600
Club Membership: All Membership now due. Players & Club Officials have to have membership paid in order to participate in club activities, as is club policy.

SOLEMN NOVENA



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Theme "The Family – A place of faith, hope & love" In St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Wed. 14th Feb. – Wed. 21st March (6 Wednesday nights of Lent). At Mass each evening our guest speaker will speak about their work, faith journey and how their faith strengthens them in their ministry & work. Further details next week.

EASTER CAMP FOR GIRLS

Easter Camp For Girls

26th & 27th March at Arlington A.F.C., Castle Park. Camp cost €30 with sibling discounts. Each participant receives 2 day coaching, a soccer kit and ball. To book go to www.soccersisters.ie and select Arlington.

Senior Men's Preseason Training

Commencing Tues. 13th Feb. At 7.30pm at Castle Park. New players 16 and over
Ladies Recreational football
Fridays In Port Community Centre from 8-9pm
€5. New members 16 and over are welcome.
Contact Peter Lawlor [087-2520052](tel:087-2520052)

SACRED HEART N.S. , RATH



A **Cake Sale** will be held on Tues. 13th Feb. commencing 9am in the Community Hall, Rath. This cake sale is organised by the Rath N.S. Parent's Council to fund the children's after party for both First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Donations of cakes/buns etc. can be handed in to the hall from 9am on the day. Come along and buy some lovely home made cakes and help to support the fund. It is **Grandparents Day** for Junior Infants & 6th Class Pupils which will be celebrated by a Prayer Service in Sacred Heart Church, Rath commencing 11.30am.

IRISH ORAL EXAMINATION PREPARATION

One day preparation for Leaving Cert Students 29th March from 9.30am – 3pm in the Jobs Club, Portarlington. All aspects of the examination will be covered. Teacher with over 20 years experience, who will ensure the students are ready for the orals. He has also facilitated the testing of students on behalf of the Department. Cost is €50 for the full day (Cost reasonable as this is a non-profit community group). Places limited. Deposit of €20 will secure a place. Remember...40% of your marks can be achieved via the oral examination! education@portarlington.ie or TEXT your name to 0879291841 and Mary will contact you with further information.

WANTED

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

PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD

CHARITY BALL



This fabulous night of the year is fast approaching – Fri. 23rd 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 No on catering for beginners & advanced students using all mediums. Also available are sketching & drawing classes. Ph: 086-2392997.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA

Dinner Dance: Annual Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday the 10th 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST.

ANNE'S, KILLENARD.

Celebrating the Gift of Grandparents

Takes place on Wed. 6th 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

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 or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

RESULTS 23.1.2018

Letters X, K, Q, G – No Jackpot winner. €25 to Ethna Kenny & Paul Kelly. Sellers prize Jack Kenny. Next draw will take place on 6th Feb. Jackpot €8,400

EMO G.A.A.

2018 All County Clubs Members Draw

Tickets currently on sale at €130 each – Can be paid in installments. Prizes of €100,000 in total (4 yearly draws). Tickets available from any Committee Members.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT

GARRYHINCH CLONEYHZURKE

Bingo resumes on Tues. 20th February at 7.30pm. New members welcome.