

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



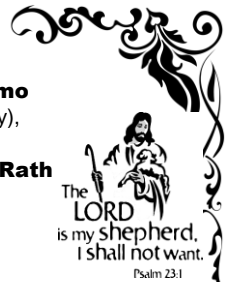
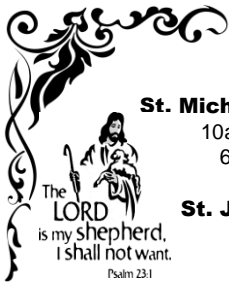
MASS TIMES

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (Vigil – Saturday),
 11am Sunday

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sunday



Sunday 4th March 2018 * Third Sunday of Lent * Year B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 5th March 10am ---
Tues. 6th 10am Luke Clarke, Bishopswood
Wed. 7th 10am Frances Allman, St. Joseph Tce.
Thurs. 8th 10am ---
Fri. 9th 10am Special Intention
Saturday 3rd 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; Tom & Peg Nolan, Bracklone St.;
 Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park

Sunday 4th March – 12.15pm

Camillus Kenna, Dublin & Bracklone St. (MM)
 William & Teresa Kenna, Bracklone Street;
 Donie O'Meara, Annamoe & his Son, Patrick
 O'Meara; Paddy O'Neill, Dun Laoghaire &
 Portarlinton; Barry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq;
 Michael O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Caoimhe
 Carroll, Garryhinch; Frank Higgins, Main
 Street; John Joe Cummins; John & Eileen
 Cummins, Marian Hill

Saturday 10th March – 6.15pm

Leo Dempsey, Shandra (1st Anniv.); Bill Storey,
 Garryhinch (4th Anniv.); Maura & Patrick
 Williams; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire;
 Mary (May) Connolly, Marian Hill; Sadie
 Cliffdale, Manchester; Thomas Kennedy Snr.,
 Gracefield; John (Jacko) Roycroft, Bracklone
 St. & deceased members of the
 Roycroft Family

Sunday 11th March – 12.15pm

Jonathan (Jon) McCowen, Station Rd. (1st
 Anniv.); Mick Knight, Annamoe (1st Anniv.);
 James (Jim) McMahon, St. Michael's Park (3rd
 Anniv.); William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (6th
 Anniv.); Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 4th March – 10.30am

Josie & Stephen Kiernan, Rathleash
 Marie Culleton-Ryan; Eva Nicholls (8th Anniv.)

Sunday 11th March – 10.30am

Nancy Whelehan, Closelands (3rd Anniv.); Paul
 Moore, Springfield (20th Anniv.)

*** RECENTLY DECEASED ***

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

**Paul Maher, Ballymorris Manor & The
 Hermitage**

LENTEN MASSES

Emo – Tues. at 8pm / Rath – Thurs. 10am
 Killenard – Friday 7.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 3rd March – 7.30pm
 Pat (Paddy) Brophy, Killeen (M.M.)
 Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park
 Ciss Wheeler, Killimy Road (5th Anniv.)
Sunday 4th March – 11am
 John Dooley, Ballycullane (M.M.)
Saturday 10th March – 7.30pm
 Mary Flynn, Hand Road (51st Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 4th March – 9am
 Alan Burke, Ballybrittas (29th Anniv.)
 Mary Brennan, Jamestown
Sunday 11th March – 9am
 Maureen Fenlon, Ballybrittas (M.M.)
 Mick Fenlon, Ballybrittas; Mick Kinsella,
 Fisherstown

BAPTISMS

**We welcome into the Christian Community
 through Baptism:-
 PORTARLINGTON**
 Tadhg Mark Costello, Train View, Station Rd.

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 next get-together will be held
 on Wed. 7th March at 7.30pm in Mount St.
 Anne's. 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

Emo: 7.30pm Willie Keegan & Pat Whelan /
 11am Liam Fitzpatrick & Kieran McEvoy
 Rath: 9am Willie Duffy & Liam Flynn

**FIRST HOLY
 COMMUNION**

We welcome the children from our Parish to
 the "Do this in Memory Programme Mass"
 who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy
 Communion this May of this year.

First Confessions

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard: Tues. 6th Mar.
 at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Killenard
St. Patrick's BNS, Portarlinton: Wed. 7th
 Mar. at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church.
**Presentation Primary School, Station Rd. &
 Cloneyhurke NS:** Thurs. 8th Mar. at 7.30pm in
 St. Michael's Church.
St. Paul's NS, Emo: Wed. 14th Mar. at 7pm in
 St. Paul's Church, Emo
Sacred Heart NS, Rath: Wed. 14th March at
 8.15pm in Sacred Heart Church, Rath

LECTORS 10th / 11th March

PORTARLINGTON: 6.15pm Anita Donoher /
 9am Sadie Hainswood / 12.15pm Kieran
 Dunne
KILLENARD: 10.30am Declan Kirrane
EMO: 7.30pm Doreen Dunne /
 11am Stephanie Lewis
RATH: 9am Eoin O'Connell

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS 10th / 11th March

Portarlinton: Team C Killenard: Team B

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018
 National Collection**

Hosting this national & international event
 requires an enormous amount of planning &
 funding. Collection will take place at all Masses
 this weekend in the form of a second collection.
 Special envelope in your development boxes
 also. Please be as generous as you can!

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 Cead Míle Fáilte?
 Sign up on our website, e-mail us at
volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie
 Or phone (01)5676800



24th Hours for the Lord

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
 Confessions, quiet prayer & other local prayer
 opportunities. Date: March 9th – 10th.
 Rathvilly / Bagnalstown / Newbridge /
 Allenwood / Portlaoise & Rhode.
 Bishop Denis invites families & individuals
 across the Diocese to join with Pope Francis
 once again this Lent in pledging some time
 together for the Lord.

COMMUNION CALLS

Due to the severe weather last Wednesday &
 Thursday, the sick and household will be
 attended during the coming week as follows:-

Wednesday 7th March, 2018

Ballybrittas, Bellgrove, Coolroe, Rath, Courtwood,
 Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette,
 Emo, Portlaoise Road, Coolbanagher,
 Knightstown, Killeen, Tinakill, Coolaghy

Thursday 8th 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

THE EIGHT AMENDMENT

Article 40.3.3 of the Constitution of Ireland

'The State acknowledges the right to life of the unborn and, with due regard to the equal right to life of the mother, guarantees in its laws to respect, and, as far as practicable, by its laws to defend and vindicate that right.'

The Eight Amendment is a very positive aspect of Irish society. It gives equal right to life to pregnant women and unborn babies. This is a unique protection which should be cherished.

RALLY TO SAVE THE 8TH

Saturday 10th March, 2018 at 2pm in Parnell Square, Dublin.

B SHARP STUDIOS ANNUAL SHOWCASE

B Sharp Studios presents "A Night At The Grammys" in Judge Roy Beans, Killenard on Thurs. 8th March & Fri. 9th 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 3rd to 10th 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. 7th, 14th & 21st 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.

Let Nothing Be Wasted

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." John 6:12
Tues. 6th March & 20th March from 7.30pm-9pm
Facilitated by Ailish Ridgeway

In this workshop Ailish will introduce how to overcome the "Throw Away Culture" that is destroying our planet and harming our health. Spaces are limited so booking is essential. Cost €10 includes refreshments & home baking. Further details contact Anne or Mai at 0578626541 Email: info@suaimhneas.ie Visit our website www.suaimhneas.ie

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

Registration is open to all girls in Portarlinton, 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. 19th March. Sponsorship cards available over next 2 weeks. **Table quiz** in conjunction with Emo GAA takes place Fri 30th 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.

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR LENT



Creator God, be with us as we make our Lenten journey together as a family. Give us the strength to do what we have promised and the love to help one another along the way. When Easter comes, may our Lenten promises have brought us closer to You and to Your Son, Jesus. **AMEN.**

TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY Mass for Healing

Date: Tuesday 6th March with Rosary at 7:45 pm - Mass at 8pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo. Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Lalor C.C.

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.

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 55's 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 16th & 23rd, April 6th & 13th, at 9.30am – 4.30am. Further info. and to secure your place contact Geraldine Delaney on 057-8664107 or Angela Mockler on 057-8664150 by Mon. 26th Feb. 2018.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Weekly Lotto (26th Feb.) There was no winner of this week's draw. Numbers drawn were: 6-10-20-27. Winners of €50 each were: Darren Kelly, Noel Hickey, Josephine Bryan, Susie Knight, Mary Walsh. Promoter's prize: John Mulligan. Next week's Lotto €5,400
Club Membership: All Membership is now due! **All PLAYERS** & club officials will have to have membership paid in order to participate in club activities, as is club policy.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Book Club resumes on Wed. 7th March at 8pm. New members always welcome.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Wide variety of activities happening over the Easter Holidays such as, Swim camps, Soccer camps, Multi activities camps and a Lifeguard course. For more info or to make a booking, call reception on 057-8645800 now!

O' DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 26/02/2018. Numbers: 14,15,17,26. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €5,600. Please note our lotto will be changing to 30 instead of 28 numbers in the coming weeks. Anyone on direct debit who wants to change their current numbers, contact 087-2243620. Sincere thanks to all.

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Social Club: On Tour Thursday 8th March from 2.30pm – 4.30pm in Rathdowney Day Care Centre & Thursday 22nd March 2.30pm – 4.30pm in Shaen Hospital. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnally on 057-8663398 / 086-8372168 - Home-care Coordinator Old Parochial House, Dublin Road Portlaoise Co Laois Email laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

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, 7th March. with Rosary at 7.10pm. Guest speaker: Martin Kennedy All very welcome to attend.

GUITARIST & SINGER

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

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO 26.2.2018

Numbers: 2, 6, 16, 23 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Helen Whyte C/o Emo Shop; Nicole Ryan C/o Red Ryan; Martin Crowley C/o Hilary; Dolores O'Connor C/o Emo Shop; Hilary Lawlor C/o Hilary
- Next jackpot €13,400

PCDA FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ

Portarlinton 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 Rd. New members welcome.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL

Fri. 9th March – Fri. 16th March.
Venue: Mountmellick Community Arts Centre. Commencing nightly at 8pm.
Fri. 9th March "Moonglow" / Sat. 10th March Abigail's Party / Sun. 11th March The Good Father / Mon. 12th March Duet for One / Tues. 13th March The Glass Menagerie Wed. 14th March unbroken Circle / Thurs. 15th March Death & the Maiden / Fri. 16th March Albertine in Five Times. Tickets available from Jessie 087 7942994 or Noreen 087-4121205 or jessieconroy61@gmail.com norsavage@eircom.net

FRIENDS TOGETHER SOCIAL CLUB

The club meet every Tuesday & Friday in the Scouts Den from 2.30pm – 5pm offering a selection of games & activities, social outings & refreshments & play area for children. New members welcome.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO

RESULTS

21st Feb. 2018. Letters G, T, O, W – No Jackpot winner. €25 to Deirdre Coleman & Sinead Ryan. Sellers prize Liz Waldron. Next Jackpot is €8,600 – Draw will take place in the Barrow Lodge on 6th March.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT

ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD.

Celebrating the Gift of Grandparents
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. 057-8626153 www.mountstannes.com

