

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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## PARISH OFFICE

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**DIOCESAN WEBSITE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)  
**AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302

**SAMARITANS** 1850 60 90 90 or 0902 73133  
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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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014* ✠ *Fifth Sunday of Lent Ordinary Time (A)* ✠

## ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> 10am** Stephen Ryan, Tinnecrannagh  
**Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> 10am** Bridget Flood, Main Street  
**Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> 10am** Mollie Slattery, Michael Slattery, St. Patrick's Tce & deceased members of the Slattery Family, St. Patrick's Terrace  
**Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> 10am** ----  
**Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> 10am** ----

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 6.15pm

Kathleen O'Reilly, Marian Hill, (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Mary Keating, Stephen Ryan, Tinnecrannagh, Annie Keegan, Cappakeel, (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 12.15pm

Myra Shortall, Bracklone St., (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Liam Shortall, Jim & Mary Carroll, Bracklone St., Elizabeth & John Fallon, St. Michael's Park, Elizabeth Nicholls, Bridie Brick & Joseph Brick, James Douglas & Pdraig Douglas, Bishopswood, Kate & Pat Sherlock, Monaghan  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 6.15pm**  
 John (Jacko) Roycroft, Bracklone St, (M.M.)  
 John Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce, Kit Sweeney, Shandra, Tom & Bridie McNulty, Droughill, Michael Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq, (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Matt Delaney, Ullard

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – 12.15pm

Tony Ryan, Lea Road (M.M.), Pauline Meredith, Kilkeeran, (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Andy Keegan, Cloneyhurke, Siobhan Keogh, St. Michael's Park

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am

Joan Tynan, Old Pound, John & Lilie Tynan, Old Pound, Elizabeth Donnelly, Killenard

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am

Margaret & James Raleigh, Garryvacum, Deceased members of the Raleigh family

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm

Baby Philip Rowe, Joe Hyland & deceased members of the Hyland family, Woodbrook, Dan & Lily Campion, Mountmellick, Rose Deegan, Lime Tree & Mountmellick, John & Ellen Dowling, Morette, Thomas Scully, Coolaghy, Nellie (Helen) Strong & Richard Strong, Coolbanagher, Annie Keegan, Cappakeel

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 11am

Eileen Kerry, Coolbanagher (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Annie Keegan, Cappakeel

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm

Anne Buggy, Knightstown, James & Annie Kelly, Caron & Ger & Matthew Kelly, Caron, Tom Corcoran, Killimy, Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette, Christy Gleeson, Morette, Mary Hyland, The Heath Course

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April – 9am

Tom Blanche, Catherine McHale, Michael & Theresa McHale, Pat & Mona McHale

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

*Noah George Whittle, Clonsast*

### MASSES DURING LENT

Mass will be celebrated next week as follows:-

**Portarlington:** 10am each day

**Killenard:** Friday 7.30pm Friday

**Rath:** 10am each day

**Emo:** Wednesday 9.15am

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

### SUN. 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Emo 3-7pm Vera Moran & Jimmy McEvoy  
 Rath 2.30–6.30pm Bill Carroll & Oonagh Carroll

## CHURCH COLLECTORS APRIL

### St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Seamus Fitzpatrick & Michael O'Connor

Sun. 11am Tom Scully & Ger Delaney

### Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Liam Flynn & Pat Behan

## COMMUNION CALLS

The sick & the housebound will be visited during the week as follows:

**Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> April:** Congress Tce., Sandy Lane, Main St., Station Rd., St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St., St. Michael's Pk., Kilbride, Corrig, Lea, Kilmullen, Ballintogher, Ballycarroll

**Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> April:** Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette, Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Killeen, Tinnakill, Coolaghy

**Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> April:** St. Mary's Tce., Assumpta Tce., St. Patrick's Tce., Avondale, Bog Rd., Gracefield, Cloneyhurke, Garryhinch, Patrick St., Shandra, Kilmalogue Gdn., Church View, Botley Court, Foxcroft Court, Marian Hill, Bishopswood Road, Sli Na Mona, Cushina

## CHRISM MASS

Parishioners from across the diocese are invited to join in celebrating the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral in Carlow on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. At this Mass Bishop Denis will bless the holy oils to be used in our parishes in the coming year. The priests of the diocese will also renew their vows and receive the support of the congregation. The diocesan choir will lead the music at this celebration which promises to be a beautiful occasion. Bishop Denis is looking forward to meeting and greeting as many people as possible over a 'cuppa' afterwards.

## ✠ DECEASED ✠

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-

*William (Bill) Storey, Garryhinch Cross*  
*Mary Mooney, Rosecourt (formerly Howth)*  
*Bernard O'Farrell, Killenure*  
*Patrick Mullally, Lea Road*

## LECTORS

### Palm Sunday - Portarlington

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> April 6.15pm** John Prior,

Mary Murphy & Noel Brennan

**Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> April 9am** Eileen Dunne,

Tom Hainsworth & Ailish Ridgeway

**Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> April 12.15pm** Paul Mitchell,

Ciaran Dunne & Sadie Hainsworth

### Palm Sunday - Killenard 10.30am

Johnny Carey, Vincent Hogan & Joyce Power

### Palm Sunday - Emo

**Vigil Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm** Tara Hanniffy &

Kieran McEvoy

**Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> April 11am** Anne Deering &

Ellen Dunne

### Palm Sunday - Rath - 9am

Michael Murphy & Kathleen Wilson

## EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Portarlington** 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> April Team A

**Killenard** 13<sup>th</sup> April Team D

## PENITENTIAL SERVICES - EASTER

Rath: Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

Emo: Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> April 8.30pm

Portarlington: Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

Mountmellick: Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

## CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all the children from the Parishes of Portarlington & Emo who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the past two weeks.

## SOLEMN NOVENA MONASTEREVIN

### ST. PETER & PAULS CHURCH

Rosary 7.10pm. Theme: *"My Faith Story"*  
 9<sup>th</sup> April Archbishop Charles J. Brown.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

### PALM SUNDAY

Stations of the Cross in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm on Palm Sunday (13<sup>th</sup> April). All very welcome.



## TROCAIRE

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of one of the most horrific events in modern history. Over the course of just 100 days in 1994, around one million people were killed in the Rwandan genocide - more than a fifth of Ireland's population. Irish people donated £6m to Trócaire's emergency appeal for Rwanda. This was, at the time, the largest public donation in the history of the organisation. Trócaire continues to work in Rwanda on your behalf, helping to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people. Thank you for continuing to support Trócaire's work, particularly during this Lenten season. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)

**MOUNT ST. ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE, KILLENARD**



**Upcoming Events at Mount St. Anne's, Killenard, Portarlinton, Co. Laois**  
**Green Cleaners Workshop** – Saturday 12th April, 2014 from 10am – 4pm. Learn how to make your own eco friendly house cleaners, soap, lip balm, etc. using everyday ingredients.

Take home all the products that you make. Facilitated by Ms. Katy Egan (Ecology Officer) Cost: €35 (includes all materials) Please bring packed Lunch – Tea/Coffee provided

**Palm Sunday Reflection** Sun. 13th April 3-6pm. Afternoon of prayerful reflection on the Passion of Christ. Facilitated by the Mount St. Anne's Team. No charge, donations at your discretion.

**Holy Week Retreat** – Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Begins with supper on Wednesday and ends after breakfast on Easter Sunday morning.

Prayerful reflections as we journey with Jesus through His passion, death and resurrection, (Easter Ceremonies included). Facilitated by Fr. Jack Rodgers SPS. €290 fully residential or €160 non-residential with all meals included.

**Series of 4 talks (April / May)** Guest speakers Bishop Denis Nulty / Johnny Murtagh / Alice Leahy & Mary Kennedy Further details nearer the time. **Contact Catherine on 057-8626153.**

**GRACEFIELD GAA**

**Training timetable:** Available from the club.

**Registration:** Will take place in the Clubhouse on Mon. 31st March @ 6-30pm. New Members welcome. Further info. from Breda 087-6391202

**Lotto Results:** 31/3/14 Jackpot €7,800

No Winner - Numbers 9,2,6,8

**Jackpot next week €8,000.**

**NATIONAL VIGIL FOR LIFE**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 from 3-4pm – Merrion Square, Dublin. Further info. phone Maria on 086-4069660 / Denise on 087-2668702.

NationalVigilforLife@gmail.com

**O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.**

**Run 6k Killenard** - Training is back to get you running our 6k on May 11<sup>th</sup> / Mon. & Wed. 7-8pm. Contact Louise 087-7854640 or Michelle 087-7659609 for further information.

**EMO TIDY TOWNS**

Annual clean-up will take place on Wed. 9th April. Meet at The Gate Lodge at 6.30pm. Please come along - All help welcome

**MONDAY NIGHT DANCING**

Dancing every Mon night in The Gandon Inn from 10 till 12. Music in the coming weeks as follows:- 7<sup>th</sup> April – Declan Aungier / 14<sup>th</sup> April Tony Nugent & Gerry Walsh / 21<sup>st</sup> April John & Terry / 28<sup>th</sup> April Adrian Ryan / 5<sup>th</sup> May Tony Bird / 12<sup>th</sup> May Twice Shy / 19<sup>th</sup> May J&S Sound. Adm. 5. All welcome.

**SET UP A BLOG FOR YOUR BUSINESS**

Laois County Enterprise Board, Portlaoise. Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> April from 9.45am-4.45pm. Cost €40. This course will focus on the skills needed to build, maintain and market an effective blog and will be illustrated by practical case histories using participants' sites where appropriate. Further details and booking phone 057 8661800 or [www.laoisenterprise.com](http://www.laoisenterprise.com)

**FOUND**

Pair of ladies spectacles outside St. Michael's Cemetery – Contact the Parish Office.

**GARRYHINCH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY**

**Text Alert Scheme**



Enrolling Forms are being distributed to all households in the area. Further info. contact Eddie Fitzpatrick 087-2580428.



**Irish Bake Sale** in aid of Temple Street Hospital will be held in the Fisherman's Pub on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April (today) at 2pm**. Come along and buy some lovely home cooked cakes / buns whilst supporting Temple Street Hospital.

**EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO 31.3.14**

Numbers 1,3,6,9 – No winner  
€25 to: John & Vera Donohue, c/o Hilary; Neil O'Reilly, c/o P. Gorman, James Duffy, c/o Francis John Duffy, Maura Hyland, Morette, Treacy Cooper, c/o Emo Shop  
**Next week's Jackpot €15,600**

**ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE**

**Easter Draw**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Two Garth Brooks Tickets  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize 100 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Easter Hamper  
Lots more prizes on the night. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Available from any Committee member of phone 087 2749693. Draw takes place in Murphy's, Cloneygowan on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

**ST. CONLETH'S FOOTBALL**

Training Schedule: See Club website.  
**Gaelic for Mothers & Other's**

This has recommenced and training will commence on Sunday evening at 6pm in O'Dempsey's grounds. New members welcome.

**MILLINERY / HATMAKING CLASSES**

**'Millinery for Beginners' Weekly Class.**

Starts on Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 10am to 12.30pm. Series of 5 classes, 6 people maximum to a class. This is a fun and sociable class, a chance to use your craft skills in a new way. Cost €120. Basic materials included. Please see details of Workshops and comments from previous students on [www.niavriley.ie](http://www.niavriley.ie) **087-6274259**

**TRIPLE 'P' PARENTING WORKSHOPS**

Portarlinton Primary Care Centre. Developing good bedtime routines Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> April commencing 10am. Phone 090-6434080 or phone Helen on 087 9875107. [www.triple-staypositive.net](http://www.triple-staypositive.net)

**PORTARLINGTON GAA**

Portarlinton GAA Club will be running "Stars in Their Eyes" – June bank Holiday weekend. We are looking for talented Singers & those not so talented to contact 086-2712121 [portarlingtongaaclub@gmail.com](mailto:portarlingtongaaclub@gmail.com).

**Good Friday 5 Card Draw Poker Classic.** Entry fee €25-Buy In €5-Top up €10. Information and Tickets from Joe Whelan or Cam McGettrick. **Lotto Results Wk. 13.** Numbers 6, 9, 23, 27 No winner. Next jackpot €4,400

**Membership 2014** – Fees now due. Contact Niall Slevin, Janet Bennett or Adrienne McCarthy. [portarlingtongaaclub@gmail.com](mailto:portarlingtongaaclub@gmail.com)

**EASTER REVISION CLASSES**

Courses are for Junior Cert & Leaving Cert ordinary & higher level Maths & Irish. The fee is €150 for 12 hours tuition which works out at €12.50 per hour for intensive specific preparation. On Thursday and Friday's we have an expert available to present Study Skills & Examination Preparation Techniques. Course €20 per student for a 3 hour Workshop. Parents may also be interested in attending this Course to gain insight on how they can support their children. Schedule available on [www.portarlinton.ie](http://www.portarlinton.ie)  
Contact [education@portarlinton.ie](mailto:education@portarlinton.ie)

**VINTAGE CAR SHOW / CAR BOOT SALE**

Portarlinton R.F.C. are holding a vintage Car Show & Car Boot Sale / Family Fun Day on Sun. **6<sup>th</sup> April (today) at 2pm** in the Rugby Club grounds, Lea Road. Phone 089-4145086

**TEACH MHUIRE**

"Life in the Spirit" Seminars will take place during April and May 2014. Venue: St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Portarlinton. Booklets & further information available & on [www.teachmhuire.ie](http://www.teachmhuire.ie)

**ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES**

April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> / May 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> / Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> / Oct 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> / Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. All are held on Friday evening/Saturday commencing 8pm on Friday & concluding at 5pm on Saturday. Course Venue: Maldron Hotel, Midway, Portlaoise. Booking through [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) of phone 057-8661581

**ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE, MAYNOOTH**

**New courses for 2014**

Master's Degree in Theology (MTh)  
Higher Diploma / Diploma in Pastoral Theology. Other postgraduate course on offer from Higher Diploma to Doctorate level. Further info. [www.maynoothcollege.ie](http://www.maynoothcollege.ie) or contact 01-7084772

**SUAIMHNEAS PRESENTS**

**Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation**

Thurs. May 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 7.30 - 9.30pm

**Sacred Stillness Course**

Facilitated by John Doherty

Starts 24th May - Wednesdays: June 04<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, July 02<sup>nd</sup>, 09<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> Sat. July 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Contact Anne or Mai at 057-8626541

**MEALS ON WHEELS MONSTER DRAW**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize of a 50lb Turkey! With twenty additional prizes. Raffle takes place Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> April. Tickets from Ann (Bourke) Dunne @ 087-4116101, Jenny Champ Hendy @ 057-8623522, Ronnie Ridgeway or in premises around the town.

**TRIP TO WEXFORD**

4 day trip to Wexford from 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Further details: Joan 086-8766138

**TENNIS CLUB**

Website: [www.portarlintontennisclub.ie](http://www.portarlintontennisclub.ie) with a link to a community Facebook page. Check us out if interested in joining.

**CARE TO DRIVE SERVICE**

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is seeking volunteer drivers to drive patients from Laois to & from their chemotherapy treatments in the Dublin hospitals. Volunteers needed to collect patients at their homes, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up again when they are finished treatment to bring them home. The service is free to the patient & all drivers expenses are paid. Further info. Gail on 01-2310 566 or [transport@irishcancer.ie](mailto:transport@irishcancer.ie)

**ST. PAUL'S LGFA CLUB**

**Sponsored walk – Deferred to Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> April** from Emo Community Centre at 12 noon. Money raised goes to children's registration cost. If you need a sponsorship card please contact the mentors or M. Keegan on 086 3619010.

**5K RUN / FAMILY DAY OUT**

A 5K Run / Family Day Out Walk or Run will take place on Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> April commencing at 11am at the Heritage Golf & Spa Hotel, Killenard. To donate or for Sponsorship Cards phone Fintan on 087-9850348 / Peter on 087-9872417 or Marie on 087-7589896. Proceeds to Portarlinton Lourdes Fund.

**OFFALY COMMUNITY GAMES**

**Gracefield / Walsh Island**

Best of luck to the boys & girls taking part in the Community Games Art Competitions. The competitions are taking place Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> April (today) from 2pm to 5pm in Birr.