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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 6TH MAY, 2018 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 7th May 10am ---Tues. 8th May 10am ---Wed. 9th May 10am ---

DIOCESAN WEBSITE www.kandle.ie

Thurs. 10th May 10am ---Fri. 11th May 10am ---

Saturday 5th May - 6.15pm

Edward Moore, St. Patrick's Tce. & Son John & Daughter in Law, Kathleen Moore, Manchester; Sheila Bradley (nee Moore) Manchester; Mary & William Blanc & William Blanc Jnr; Teresa Blanc; Angela McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (2nd Anniv.); Philomena & Michael McCormack. Cloneygowan; John & Elizabeth Callaghan, St. Michael's Park; Sheila & Thomas Troy, Bracklone St. & deceased members of the Troy Family; Fergus Murphy, Congress Terrace; Nan & Jack Ryan, Church Lane

Sunday 6th May - 12.15pm

Kathleen Garry, Cloneyquinn (11th Anniv.); Finian Wyse, Canal Road Majella Hyland (nee Milner), The Borness (12th Anniv.)

Saturday 12th May - 6.15pm

Dolores Shortall, Arlington Est. (6th Anniv.) Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Hoey, Botley Court (B/Day Rem.); Mary (Mal) Keogh, St. Michael's Park; Dec. members of the Keogh Family, St. Patrick's Terrace; Bernie O'Leary, Clonanny: Pat McCann, St. Brigid's Sq: Patrick O'Reilly, Marian Hill

Sunday 13th May – 12.15pm Gus Hynes, Cushina (1st Anniv.); Kathleen Carey, St. Brigid's Square; Anthony Carey, Germany & St. Brigid's Square; Michael & Sarah Slevin, French Church St; Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, Assumpta Tce; John Harney, Cushina; Elizabeth & John Cleary, Cushina Martin Dunne, Cloneyhurke (3rd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 6th May – 10.30am
Tom Whelehan, Closelands; Mary Kearns (nee Carroll), 2nd Anniversary; Tom, Jimmy & Liam McCormack, Lea

₩ RECENTLY DECEASED ₩

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

Mary Delaney, New Inn, Emo Patrick (Paddy) Hynan, Portlaoise Road (Funeral Mass 12 Noon Tues. 8th May)

CEMETERY MASSES 2018

Killenard – Friday 6th July – 7.30pm **Portarlington -** Fri. 13th July – 7.30pm Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 20th July – 7.30pm Emo Old Cemetery – Wed. 15th Aug. 7.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 5th May - 7.30pm

Kieran Dooley; Michael & Mary Dooley, Morette; Bernard Scully, Coolaghy Johnny Keegan; Jim Keegan; Julia (Dilly) Keegan & deceased members of the Keegan Family, Morette

Saturday 12th May - 7.30pm

Tom & Bridget Fitzpatrick, Dangans & their daughter, Lily Fitzpatrick, Dangans

Sunday 13th May - 11am

Michael Whyte Snr., Killimy

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into our Christian Community

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Aidan Dylan Ryan Gunn, Bellgrove Jack Swift, The Glen, Kilnacourt Jack Noel O'Reilly, Shandra Woods

CONFIRMATION 2018



Congratulations to the children from Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Portarlington Cloneyhurke N.S. & Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Who received the sacrament of Confirmation during the week.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018

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Congratulations to the children from Sacred Heart N.S, Rath & St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Who receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place next weekend as follows: Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard – Sat. 12th May at 11.30am

KANDLE FAMILY FUN DAY

Kildare & Leighlin Diocese

Date: 16th June 2018. Carlow College, St. Patrick's from 2-6pm. This is a FREE event. All welcome. #KandLeFamilyFunDay

STAND UP FOR LIFE

Final Rally before the Vote!

There won't be any second chances to save the 8th Amendment. The time is now. Sat. 12th May at 2pm in Merrion Square, Dublin. A bus will travel from Bracknagh, Walsh Island, Portarlington leaving at 10.30am from St. Michael's Church. If interested text. Fr. Sean Hyland on 087-9486769.

LECTORS (READERS) & Sun. 12th & 13th May, 2018

Portarlington 6.15pm Frank Smith / 9am Dan Fingleton / 12.15pm Sinead Dunne Killenard 10.30am Claire Kirrane Emo 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke / 11am Mark Bastow Rath 9am Ted. O'Loughlin

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sat. & Sun. 12th & 13th May, 2018

Portarlington Team B Killenard Team A

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun. 3rd June with the Diocesan Choir directed by Fr. Liam Lawton. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica. Cost of bus to Knock €20 per head. To book transport & for further information contact: Josie Hanlon, Portarlington 086-3425944 or Vera Moran, Emo 086-2515271. Bus leaving SuperValu at 8am and Emo at 8.30am on the morning.



INVALID PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

The Invalid Pilgrimage will travel to Knock Shrine on Sun. 3rd June, which will coincide with the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Full funding is available for invalids wishing to be placed in the care of St. John's in Knock before and after the ceremonies. Otherwise seats that may become available will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and will cost €30 per person. (Includes food/beverages). Enq: to Teresa 087-1343174 or Mary 087 7870889.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to

Sr. Breda Dempsey Cloneyhurke & Kilcock, who celebrates the Golden Jubilee of her religious profession.



FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Registration for Festival of Families & the Closing Mass on Sunday can be done as part of registering for three days or one day of the Pastoral Congress in the RDS. The diocesan day at the congress is Wed. 22nd August. Registration can be done online at: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S,

KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON Week of Guided Prayer

From Sunday 13th May – Saturday 19th May. You are invited to give 30 minutes to prayer each day in your own home and meet for 30 minutes each day with your Prayer Guide in Mount St. Anne's at a time to suit you. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

Mindfulness Retreat

From Thursday 24th May to Sunday 27th May. Facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan. Integrating Meditation and Scripture with input on Mindfulness, recent research on Positive Psychology and Wellbeing. Residential and Non-residential options available.

For further details & booking contact Catherine on 057-8626153

CHECK IT FITS

Did you know four out of five child car seats are incorrectly fitted? Get your child's car seat checked for free. At SuperValu Car Park Wed. 16th May from 10am to 5.30pm.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Weekly Lotto:

There was no winner of the draw held on Tues. 26th March. Numbers drawn were: 1, 3, 18, 29. Winners of €50 each were: Tommy Weldon, Josie Hanlon, Ann Cobbe, Noelle & Liam Roycroft, Sine-Marie & Eilis O'Reilly. Promoters prize: Anvil Inn. Next week's Lotto will be €6,200

Juvenile Training

All Juvenile Training has started back on the field. Please see Facebook for details.

Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Quiz Night on Friday!!!

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP GARRYHINCH / CLONEYHURKE

Book Club will meet on Wednesday 9th May at 8pm. New members welcome.

TABLE QUIZ

In aid of Children with Autism

Table quiz in aid of My Canine Companion will take place in the Dublin Bar on Fr. 25th May from 8.30pm. All proceeds will go directly to the charity, which provides service dogs for Children with Autism. €10 per person / Table of four €40. Great raffle on the night / Spot prizes.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO RESULTS 1ST MAY 2018

Letters U, J, Z, P – No Jackpot winner. €25 to Emma Carey & Michael Hogan. Sellers Prize Lórcán Carey. Next draw will be held on 15th May – Jackpot €9,100.

COFFEE MORNING

In aid of temple Street Children's Hospital

Thursday May 10th for Temple Street Children's Hospital. Time. 10am – 12 Noon. Venue: Portarlington Primary Care. Please Support.

PORTARLINGTON JUNIOR TENNIS CLUB

Portarlington Lawn Tennis Club welcomes new members. Junior membership entitles the child to free participation in our Summer activities program. Every weekday afternoon Monday to Friday for 8 weeks in July and August. Rackets and balls provided. Very few places available in Tony's Child Coaching classes. If interested contact 087 1231135.

LOST

Mans Wedding Ring lost last week in Portarlington area. If found contact the Parish Office 057 8643004.

DRESSMAKING / LESSONS

Lessons Mon. & Tues. For anyone interested. Alterations / dress-making services. Wed. to Sat. Over La Belle Boutique (Main St.). Phone Ann on 0863531999

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Laois Alzheimer's Society
Social Club on Tour
Thursday 10th May 2018
2.30pm – 4.30pm in Rathdowney Day Care
Centre. Pop in for a cuppa and a chat
Would you hold a Tea Day?
www.alzheimer.ie 01 2073833.

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A big thank you from Laois Alzheimer's Society and to everyone who supported us for our Tea Day. An enjoyable time was had by all.

ART AND CRAFT CLASSES

Includes Clay; Jewellery making; Ceramic painting; Paverpol; Button Art and Acrylic painting. For further details phone Brenda on 085-1322455.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Club Mass

The club Mass will be held in the clubhouse on Friday the 11th May. All members past and present are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Mass will be for present, past, sick and deceased members of the club. Tea and sandwiches will be served after Mass. Please pass on this message to anyone who you think may be interested.

CARER AVAILABLE

Qualified, experienced Carer with references, available to mind person in their own home. Overnight's also. Further information contact Jason on 085-2006999.

FREE TRANSPORT - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



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.

PORT. TRAIL WALKING GROUP

Beginners walks take place every Monday night at 7.30pm from Park Lane, Car Park. All walks are local and can be done at your own pace. We also do walks on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6.45pm. These are also local walks but with the brighter evenings, we will vary the walks to different places. Do come along and Join us. Phone Donie on 086-3288858.



PORTARLINGTON TRAIL WALKING GROUP FAMILY WALK - DERRYOUNCE WALKWAY

In aid of St. Patrick's Boy's N.S. Thurs. 10th May – Registration 6.45pm.

At the Scouts Wood opposite the entrance to Derryounce Walkway. Start time 7.15pm. Duration 2 hrs. approx. Cost €5 per person or €10 per family. All other donations gratefully accepted. This is the first fundraiser in aid of the Astroturf Pitch for our new school. Further info. / Donations contact 057 8623394 or E-mail info@stpatricksbns.ie

GARDA BAND



Comes to Portarlington

Portarlington Lions Club celebrating its

10th Anniversary & Lions International
Centenary Year with Garda Band Concert
Portarlington Lions Club celebrating its 10th

Anniversary and celebrating Lions International Centenary Year are hosting the Garda Band in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Sunday 20th May, 2018 from 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. A donation from this event will be given to Portarlington Meals on Wheels and Portarlington Senior Citizens. Admission is by ticket only €10.00 each - family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) €30.00. No tickets will be on sale on the day of the concert. Tickets can be purchased in Brian Whelan Electrical, Main Street, Marie Corcoran (Saoirse Care Charity Shop (beside Burbage's), Main Street, and Willie Murphy Furniture Store, Patrick Street (all in Portarlington). If you have any questions regarding purchasing tickets you can contact Berni 087-6267694 or Tricia 0861604363 (after 6 pm).

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

2018 Pilgrimage dates: 8th to the 15th August
2018. 7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price
€ 819 PPS. Booking & further details from
Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087- 9311813 or
any member of the Committee.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES FUND SPONSORED 5K RUN

Family Day out walk or run on Sun. 20th May commencing 11am at the Heritage Spa & Golf Hotel, Killenard. Refreshments served in hotel / Further info. & sponsorship cards from Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417 / Niall 085 1542171 / PJ 087 0910489.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO 30.4.2018

Numbers: 6, 14, 16, 20 – No jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:
Breda Mulhall C/o Tom / Liam Lewis, New Inn
/ Liz Whelan C/o P. Gorman / Brian O'Reilly,
Emo / Frank Duffy C/o Meabh
Rosemary Joan and Eileen C/o Parish Office
Next jackpot €14,800 – Draw will take place
Mon. 14th May, 2018.

TULLAMORE PHOENIX MARKET

Tullamore Phoenix Market supporting local charities is open every Saturday from 10am to 3pm. Located in Kilcruttan, close to Tullamore Court Hotel and beside Food Market.

Bargains Galore! Any queries please call Andy at 087/1361784.

ST. CONLETH'S

All-Ireland Football Fundraiser

St Conleth's U/14 girls will represent the parish and the County (Laois) in this year's All-Ireland Feile Finals in County Down.

A Fundraiser is organised in Clown Around from 6pm -7:30pm Friday 11th May - All entrance fees collected on the evening will go directly towards the girls fundraising. Your support at this fundraising Fun event would be very welcome.

GAELIC 4 MOTHERS & OTHERS

St Paul's, Emo Gaelic4Mothers and Others are looking for new players to join our team. Whether you are a past player or have never played before, come down and interact with other women/mothers in our community, in a fun non competitive environment.

Training Thursday evening at 7.15pm. Contact 085-7123822.