



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

7TH FEBRUARY 2016 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR 'C'

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 8th Feb. 10am ----
Tues. 9th Feb. 10am ----
Wed. 10th Feb. 10am ----
Wed. 10th Feb. 7.30 Bernard & Brigid Downey,
Droughill
Thurs. 11th Feb. 10am Ciaran Kilgunn
Fri. 12th Feb. 10am ---

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;
Josephine Duffy, Arlington Est.
Christy Kennedy, Lucan

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;
Lorraine Dodson (3rd Anniv.); Jackie & John
O'Reilly, Gracefield

Saturday 13th February – 6.15pm

Michael (Mick) Murphy, Annamoe (M.M.)
Tony McGonigle, Rosecourt (M.M.)
Paddy Gallagher, Lea; Joseph Murphy, St.
Patrick's Tce., Bridget & Joseph Ryan,
Kilmalogue; John Dooley & Marie Dooley;
Patrick, Kathleen & James Dunne, St.
Michael's Pk. Maura Breen (nee Dunne);
Jimmy Kelly, Church View

Sunday 14th February – 12.15pm

Veronica Moran, Droughill & Kilrush (8th Anniv.)
Patrick (Paddy) Crossan, Kilbride; Mossie
Kelly, St. Michael's Pk. Martin, Sarah, Pat,
Tómas, Breda & Andrew Turley; Esther & Jane
Moran, Cloneyhurke

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 7th February – 10.30am

George Monaghan, Lea
Janina Gudienne, Mary Cooper, Clonanny,
Sunday 14th February – 10.30am
Ann Mooney, Treascon; Tommy Sharpe,
Closelands, Pat Keane, Killenard. (4th Anniv)

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Liam Tynan, Canal House, Fisherstown
Patsy Connell, Lea
Tom Quinn, Orchard Drive, Portarlington
Elizabeth (Lil) Prior, Morette, Emo

FOLK CHOIR

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

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 6th February – 7.30pm

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

Saturday 13th February – 7.30pm

Michael & Bridget Bourke, Ballycullane
Sunday 14th February – 11am
Tom Dowling, Emo

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 7th February – 9am

Peter O'Connell, Coolroe

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Quin Lily-Mae Duffy, Lough Gate

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held next weekend. It will take the form of a 2nd collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got Envelope Boxes & wish to contribute.

LENT - A SEASON OF MERCY

Lent is a blessed & anointed time in the Church's cycle & in our lives, holding out the opportunity for the gift of conversion, the blessing of the Sacrament of Reconciliation & the joy of renewing our baptismal promises. We tend to think of Lent in terms of doing: Denying ourselves, praying, fasting & giving alms. Whereas, Lent is less about doing and more about receiving. In this Holy Year of Mercy we can receive a new sense & experience of the abundant mercy & forgiveness of God. We can grow in our understanding of God's mercy by putting into practice the Corporal & Spiritual works of Mercy.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 10TH FEBRUARY 2016

Lent begins on Wed. next, 10th February (Ash Wednesday) & is a day of fast & abstinence.

Masses & the blessing of Ashes on Ash

Wednesday as follows:

Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard 7.30pm

Emo 7.30pm Rath 10am

Mass in Rath 10am each day during Lent unless otherwise announced.

SHORT-TERM PLEDGE FOR LENT

Pioneer Lenten Challenge

Many people abstain from alcohol & take the **Short-Term Pledge** for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten Pledge by contacting Lill on 057 8623919 / www.pioneerassociation.ie

LECTORS

Portarlington

Wed. 10th Feb. 10am – Zelig Young
Wed. 10th Feb. 7.30pm - Lector
Sat. 13th Feb. 6.15pm - Lector
Sun. 14th Feb. 9am Sadie Hainsworth /
12.15pm Noel Brennan

Killenard

Wed. 10th Feb. 10.30am Vincent Hogan
Sun. 14th Feb. 10.30am Claire Kirrane

Emo

Wed. 10th Feb. 7.30pm Grace Hanneffy
Sat. 13th Feb. 7.30pm Ellen Dunne
Sun. 14th Feb. 11am Jean Horne

Rath

Sun. 14th Feb. 9am Sheila McNeir

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Port. Wed. 10th Feb. Team D
Sat. 13th & 14th Feb. TEAM A
Killenard Wed. 10th Feb. Team B
Sun. 14th Feb. TEAM C

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

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.

TROCAIRE

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2016

Theme this year "Join the fight for justice"
Trocaire believes in fairness and the dignity & potential of every person. They work to empower people so that they can determine a better future for themselves. They stand together with women, men & children who face poverty & injustice. Working through local partner organizations, Trocaire right the root causes of poverty & their work transforms lives & it is only possible because of your support. When you donate to Trocaire you're not just giving, you are joining the fight for justice. Trocaire boxes available at Church porches.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT

MOUNT ST ANNE'S KILLENARD

Meditation Day: Sat. 20th Feb. From 10am-3.30pm with Marie Manley-Smith. Enjoy a lovely calm, peaceful and relaxing day. Cost: €25. Tea/Coffee provided. Places limited.

Glass Painting Workshop: Beginners / Improvers. Sat. 5th March 10am-4pm with Mary Corcoran. Theme is Family / Friendship & no previous painting or drawing experience necessary. All materials included. Cost: €30

Mindfulness and Wellbeing Workshop
Sat. 7th & 14th May 10am-5pm. 2-day course providing participants with an understanding of mindfulness, reduce stress, improve focus & increase our wellbeing. Cost: €125.

Facilitated by Marie Manley Smith.

Meditation Tuesday's 8-9pm. All welcome.

Book Club Wednesday's 8.9.30pm. All welcome. Check out www.mountstannes.com
Contact Catherine 057-8626153

PORTARLINGTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC

B S#ARP STUDIOS - Portarlinton's School of Music is enrolling new students. We are located above Eamonn Bracken Menswear. Voice and all instruments catered for. Piano, guitar, flute, tin whistle, fiddle, ukulele, accordion and more!

Find us on Facebook at B S#ARP Studios.

Keith 0857516595. Conor 0861639153.

EMO / RATH LOTTO 1/2/2016

Numbers 1, 2, 7, 17 - No winner. €25 to each of the following:- Kieran Delaney C/o Rath NS / Mary O'Rourke C/o Martha / Declan Lawlor C/o R.K. / Betty Sheridan C/o Emo Shop
Hugh Boyle C/o Pat Gorman

Next week's Jackpot €14,200

EMO G.A.A. CLUB

Annual Dinner Dance 27th Feb. in the Heritage Hotel, Portlaoise, (tickets €40) 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.

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN, PORTARLINGTON National Big Travel Challenge

Part of a nationwide Green Schools initiative the aim is to improve the number of students walking to school over a ten week-day period from the 8th Feb. to 26th Feb. 2016. On Friday 26th Feb. an event will be held called '**Funky Friday Feet**'. Students will be encouraged to wear funky shoes / runners if they walk to school. To encourage all students to get involved designated drop off & start points will be set up for students who walk to school but usually travel by car. Students who travel by bus can walk to & from their bus stop to get involved. Prizes are on offer for the person who walks the most over the ten days & the class who walks the most.

FIRST AID

St. Brigid's Social Club, Cloneyhurke, in conjunction with the V.E.C. are holding First Aid classes for 5 consecutive Thursday evenings from Thurs. 18th Feb. (7.30pm-9.30pm) in St. Brigid's Hall. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Phone 057-8645784.

GROW COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

Grow Community Mental Health Movement meet every Tues. at 7pm in the Annexe, Portarlinton. Phone: John 086 8033126.

CARER AVAILABLE

Carer available for private work. 087-9771005

GRACEFIELD / WALSHISLAND COMMUNITY GAMES

Area meeting in Gracefield Club House Fri. 12th Feb. at 9pm. New & old members welcome.

PORT SCOUTS 4TH LAOIS

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.

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.

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

Now booking for next course of child swimming lessons, commencing Mon. 15th Feb. Other upcoming courses: Adult lessons, parent & baby classes, deep water jogging, fitness Pilates. All starting the week of Mon. 15th Jan. Check out our new fitness class timetable starting soon - Ph: Reception on 057-8645800.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

Presents- "PLAZA SUITE" by Neil Simon - A Comedy in Three Acts In Mountmelick Community Arts Centre on Thurs. 18th Feb. / Fri. 19th Feb. / Sat. 20th Feb. at 8pm nightly. Tickets: €10 / Concessions €5.

PORTARLINGTON PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Portarlinton Photography Club offers many opportunities to improve your photography, meet people with a common interest, share ideas & participate in fun & friendly photography workshops. Our club is committed to creating a comfortable and stimulating environment for learning and sharing experiences related to our photographic journey. E-mail portphotoclub@eircom.net
Facebook.com/Portarlinton-Photography-Club

COUNSELLING SERVICE

Private & Confidential. Don't suffer in silence. Phone 087-9771005

PORTARLINGTON SOCIAL SERVICES AGM

The 45th AGM took place recently. Last year there were 5,403 meals cooked & delivered to people in the town & surrounding rural areas.

The people who receive the Meals are recommended to the Committee by their Doctor & Nurses. Sincere thanks to our ladies in our kitchen for the high standard & quality of their work. Also thanks to our 60 plus volunteers who deliver the meals. In 2015 it cost €51,000 to run the facility. Without the generosity of the public & the HSE we could not continue to function.

The Committee 2016

Chairman: Paul Mooney Secretary: Ann (Bourke) Dunne Treasurer: Geraldine O'Reilly. Card Secretary: Breda Dunne
Committee: Ken Dunne, Jenny Champ-Hendy, Rory Whelan, Mary Maher & Rita Behan.

Trustees 2016

Dorothy Odlum, Dr Adrian Honan, Ken Dunne & G O'Reilly

Thanks: Over the past year two of our long-time Committee members have resigned - Patsy McGuinness & Eva Carter - Who gave many years of their time to our Committee & the running of our Centre. We wish them health & happiness always.

Bingo Wednesday at 8.30pm in the Centre. Thanks to our Hostesses who help each week.
Friday Cuppa starts on Friday Feb 15th from 12 Noon to 3pm. The plan is to have people gather together, to have lunch, be it for a chat, a game of cards or Bingo, or a sing song.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA

Lotto Results 1st Feb. - Numbers 13, 19, 27, 28 - No winner. Next week's Jackpot €8,400
First round of the Kelly Cup: Today (Sun. 7th Feb.) away to Killeshin 2pm.

Condolences: The club sends its deepest sympathy to the Dunne family Rathmiles on the death of John last week. John has been synonymous with the O'Dempsey's club for its entire history and we are indebted to him for his efforts. The esteem with which John was held was clear to see from the large number of club members who took part in a guard of honour at his funeral. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

Annual Dinner Dance: Sat. the 20th Feb. at 7.30pm in The Heritage Killenard. Tickets are €30 available from any club committee member.

TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY

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

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.

ST. BRIGIDS ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

Garryhinch/Cloneyhurke

BINGO: Commences Tues 9th Feb at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

BOWLING: Tues 16th March at 8pm. New members welcome.

SUAIMHNEAS, CAPPAKEEL, EMO

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

Group practice of mindfulness / meditation.

Facilitated by Suaimhneas Team.

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

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

Club Lotto Wk 4: Numbers Drawn 2-13-17-24 No Jackpot Winner. Jackpot Next Week €7500
Laois All County Draw tickets available from Treasurer John Lawlor 087-2934939. We would ask that you make every effort to support our club during this annual fundraising drive.

Keep up to date with what's going on

By liking our Facebook page (Portarlinton GAA Club) or following us on Twitter @PortGAA or 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? Meetings are on Tues. 16th Feb. at Killenard Community Centre 7.45pm to 9.30pm.
www.portarlinton.toastmastersclubs.org/

ANNUAL NOVENA - MONASTEREVIN

Six week Lenten Novena. The Novena will be held at 7.30pm (Rosary at 7.10pm) in St. Peter & Paul's Church. Theme: "*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

CLONEYHURKE N.S.

Now accepting applications for enrolment for the school year 2016 / 2017. Application forms available from the school or by e-mail at cloneyhurkens@gmail.com