



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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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 7th January 2018

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year B

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 8th Jan. 10am Michael Keegan, Bishopswood
Tues. 9th Jan. 10am ---
Wed. 10th Jan. 10am ---
Thurs. 11th Jan. 10am ---
Fri. 12th Jan. 10am ---

Saturday 6th January – 6.15pm

Patricia Cunningham, Station Rd. (M.M.)
Ann Burbage, Bishopswood Rd. (M.M.)
Carmel Finnegan (nee Kelly); James & Bridget Kelly, Cushina; Eamon Scott, Shandra; Stephen McCormack, Direen, Cloneygowan; Tom Murphy, Corrig; Mary Kenna, Graiguecullen; Patrick Ryan, Bracklea Hse., Lea Rd. & Arlington Est. (2nd Anniv.)
David & Theresa Malone, Assumpta Tce., Mary Kinsella (nee Malone) & deceased members of the Malone Family; Dermott Crossan & Catherine Crossan; Derek Dunne, Garyhinch (28th Anniv.)

Sunday 7th January – 12.15pm

Kevin Slattery, Botley Court (M.M.)
Liam Daly, St. Mary's Tce. (M.M.)
Paddy (Doody) Dunne & his parents, Michael & Elizabeth Dunne, Bracklone Street; Ann Connolly, Spa St; James & Kathleen Walsh; Leah Youster; John & Diana McCague, Station Road

Saturday 13th January – 6.15pm

Tom Carey, St. Brigid's Square (1st Anniv.)
Brendan Sharpe (1st Anniv.)
Maurice Kelly, St. Michael's Park (7th Anniv.)
Joseph Sweeney, Ann Sweeney, Thomas Sweeney & Declan Sweeney, Marian Hill

Sunday 14th January – 12.15pm

Maureen McEvoy, Avondale
Molly Coughlan, Kilmalogue
John & Bridget O'Donnell

DECEASED

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



Mary Mulhall, New Inn, Emo

Margaret Gleeson, Morette, Emo

Kathleen Keegan, Lough

Alex Luttrell, Courtwood

Mick McEvoy, Edenderry, formerly Emo

Mollie Moloney, England, (Sister of Jimmy O'Connor, St. Brigid's Square)



ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 7th January – 10.30am

Alf Whelehan, Doolagh (10th Anniv.)

Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacum

Sunday 14th January – 10.30am

J.J. Bannon, Lea; Eberhard Bauer, Clonanny; Eugene, Ellen & Terry Sullivan & dec. members of the Sullivan Family
Thomas & Margaret Gratten;
Jim & Christina Byrne; Deceased members of the Grattan & Kiernan Families

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 6th January – 7.30pm

Matthew & Mary Ellen Dunne, Coolaghy

Sunday 7th January – 11am

Paddy Delaney, New Inn Cross (6th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 7th January – 9am

Anne Tynan, "Copperbeech", Jamestown & her mother, Anne Delaney, Coole, Monasterevin
Paddy & Mary Flynn, Cobh, Cork (1st Anniv.)

Sunday 14th January – 9am

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BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Frankie James McDermid, St. Joseph's Tce.
Eabha-Jane Sandra Crosbie, Shandra Woods
EMO PARISH

Fiachra James O'Faolain, Green Mill Lane

PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD



*Open the heavens almighty Father,
and pour out your spirit upon your people.
Renew the power of our baptismal
cleansing*

*& fill us with zeal for good deeds.
Let us hear your voice once again,
that we may recognize in your beloved Son
our hope in inheriting eternal life.
Grant this through Jesus Christ,
your Word made flesh, who lives & reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
in the splendor of eternal light,
God forever and ever.*

AMEN

LECTORS

13th / 14th January 2018

PORTARLINGTON: 6.15 Anita Donohoe / 9am

Liam Kinsella / 12.15pm Micheline Murphy

KILLENARD: 10.30am Tony Harbelin

EMO: 7.30pm Kieran McEvoy /

11am Paul Donnelly

RATH: 9am Michael Murphy

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS

13th / 14th January 2018

Portarlington: Team B

Killenard: Team A

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT SUN. 7th JANUARY

Emo 3-7pm

Angela Pigott & Antoinette Mullen

Rath 2.30-6.30pm

CHURCH COLLECTORS - JANUARY

St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Liam Fitzpatrick &

Michael Whyte Jnr.

Sun. 11am John Joe O'Rourke &

Aidan Crowley

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Frank Duffy & Tommy Donohoe

PARISH NEWSLETTER

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NOTICES FOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER MUST BE IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Resumes Tues. 2nd January in St. Michael's Church after Mass until 7pm.

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

We remember:

For all that has been we give thanks.

We look forward:

For all that will be we say yes.

All time is God's time.

We let go of the past and
we welcome what is to come.

And all the time we pray in the name of Jesus,
who is the same yesterday, today and forever.
Amen.

ADORATION GROUP - Portarlington & Emo

As part of the Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Committee you are invited to a Prayer Day on Sat. 27th Jan. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise commencing 10am. It will include Mass, a guided Holy Hour of Adoration, Hymns, prayers, a cuppa & time for a chat. This Prayer Day is organised to support and to thank the Adoration centres. If you wish to attend, phone Margaret on 086-3149610 by Jan. 13th.



CONFIRMATION 2018



Sacred Heart NS, RATH
Wed. 25th April at 11am

St. Paul's NS, EMO
Wed. 25th April 2pm

Scoil Naomh Eoin, KILLENARD
Wed. 2nd May at 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS PORTARLINGTON
Fri. 4th May at 11am

Presentation Primary School,
PORTARLINGTON & CLONEYHURKE NS
Fri. 4th May at 2pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2018



Sacred Heart NS, RATH
Sat. 5th May at 11.30am

St. Paul's NS, EMO
Sun. 6th May at 11am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, KILLENARD
Sat. 12th May at 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS, PORTARLINGTON
Sat. 19th May at 11.30am

Presentation Primary School,
PORTARLINGTON & CLONEYHURKE NS
Sat. 26th May at 11.30am

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



2018

The 2018 Pilgrimage will take place from the **8th to the 15th August 2018** 7 nights full board Hotel Solitude. Price €799 per person sharing. For booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or Vera on 087 9311813, or, indeed, any member of the Committee.
Wishing everyone a Happy & Peaceful New Year.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2018

K & L Diocesan Pilgrimage leaving 16th July 2018 for 5 nights. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty. €739 per person sharing. If interested contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410802 or email info@joewalshstours.ie

PRO-LIFE CAMPAIGN

Would you be interested in helping out distributing leaflets for the Pro Life Campaign. Ph: 087-6832674 or email ailishr29@gmail.com

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

Would like to take this opportunity to invite Incoming First Years to our **Open Night** in Coláiste Íosagáin. The evening will commence at 8pm on Thurs. 11th Jan., 2018. Speakers on the night will outline the induction procedures, the care processes in the school and the extensive range of subjects on offer. You will be offered an application form to enrol your son/daughter. We will be only too happy to answer any questions or queries that you may have. Refreshments will be served on the night.

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

St. Patrick's College, Carlow is running an Introduction to Psychology Evening Course from 1st Feb. – 8th March every Thurs. from 7-9pm. Further info. contact: Alison Brennan, E:AHayden@CarlowCollege.ie, T: 059 91 53200, or see www.CarlowCollege.ie.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM



Gordon Wilson's daughter was killed by a bomb in Enniskillen on Remembrance Day 1987. Instead of calling for revenge, he forgave her killers and began a campaign for peace and reconciliation. He said:
'I am a very ordinary sort of man. I have few personal ambitions and no political aspirations.

I just want to live and let live. Life has been kind to me in the main, and I have tried to live by the Good Book. I do not profess to be a good man, but I aim to be. I would like to leave the world a better place than I found it, but I have no exaggerated ideas of my ability to do so. I have hitched my wagon to a star, a star of hope, the star of Bethlehem.'

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next jackpot €11,800
Draw will take place on Mon. 8th January.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018



Registration Notice: Registration for all WMOF2018 events is open via www.worldmeeting2018.ie Individual pilgrims and families can now register for the main three-day WMOF2018 Congress from August 22nd – 24th, guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Sat. 25th August and for the Closing Mass on Sun. 26th August. Don't miss out on these once in a generation events. REGISTER NOW! www.worldmeeting2018.ie
Volunteering for WMOF2018:

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. Why not make volunteering for WMOF2018 a New Year's resolution for 2018? You can sign up on www.worldmeeting2018.ie / email volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie or phone (01) 5676800.



Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering non-judgmental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123, Text 087 2609090 or Email jo@samaritans.org

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

RESULTS 29-12-2017

Letters X K B D – No winner.
€25 to Martina Smyth & Alex, Luke & Emma Dunne. Sellers prize: Jack Kenny
Next draw will take place on the 9th January in the Barrow Lodge – Jackpot €8,200

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

Parish Calendar for 2017 now available at the Church porch or in the Parish Office



PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD CHARITY

BALL



This fabulous night of the year is fast approaching – The glitz and glamour night is on the 23rd February 2018 in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Proceeds are in aid of Portarlinton Senior Citizens. To book your ticket or a table of friends, please contact: Marie 087-7589896 / Colette 086-2654277 / Maria 086-3058181. A great night is guaranteed!

IMPORTANT DATES

2018

Ash Wednesday 14th February

Good Friday 30th March

Easter Sunday 1st April

Ascension 13th May

Pentecost 20th May

Trinity Sunday 27th May

Corpus Christi 3rd June

1st Sunday of Advent 2nd December

ENROLMENT TO SCHOOLS

Scoil Naomh Eoin - Killenard

Enrolment forms available from the School Reception from Mon. 8th Jan. Closing date for enrolment is Fri. 26th Jan. at 5pm.

Presentation Primary School – Station Road

Collect a form to request an enrolment available from the Junior School Office from the 8th January – 31st January 9am – 1pm.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches this weekend. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. To register write your name & address on 1st envelope. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Thank all who contributed during the past year.

"TOWARDS PEACE"

The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied, as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Phone 1800 303 416 (ROI) & 0800 096 3315 (NI & UK) Email coordinator@towardshealing.ie www.towardshealing.ie



PUBLIC MEETING

Laois Public Participation Network warmly invites you to attend a public meeting and discussion about the following Laois County Council Social and Cultural Strategies. The Creative Ireland Laois Plan 2018-2022, The Arts Strategy 2018-2022, The Recreation, Play and Sports Strategy 2018-2022, The Library Development Strategy 2018-2022 in The Killeshin Hotel, Dublin Road, Portlaoise on Wednesday 17th January, 2018 at 7pm. Please arrive at 6.45pm for registration, meeting will commence at 7pm. Refreshments will be served.

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES



Next course starting Monday 22nd January from 10am-11.30am for 4 weeks at Yogaland Studio, Portarlinton. Booking essential. For more details contact: Catriona 086-8890005.