



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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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 May, 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Year A WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 8th May 10am P. Beacon, Clanmalire
Tues. 9th 10am Betty Spain (Died recently)
Wed. 10th May ---
Thurs. 11th May Dead List
Fri. 12th May 10am Anne Keegan, dec.
members of the Keegan family, Bishopswood,

Saturday 6th May – 6.15pm

John Joe Cummins, Marian Hill (1st Anniv.);
William & Kathleen Murphy, Main St; Edward
Moore, St. Patrick's Tce; John Moore &
Kathleen Moore; Sheila Bradley (nee Moore);
Pat McCann, St. Brigid's Sq; Bernie O'Leary,
Clonanny; Fergus Murphy, Congress Terrace

Sunday 7th May – 12.15pm

Kathleen Garry, Cloneyquinn (10th Anniv.)

Saturday 13th May. 6.15pm

Brendan McNally, Spa St. (M.M.);
Dolores (Leonie) Shortall, Arlington Est. (5th
Anniv.); Mairead Corbett, Foxcroft Street (5th
Anniv.); John Corbett, Foxcroft St. (18th Anniv.)
Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Hoey,
Botley Court; Finian Wyse, Canal Rd; Mary
Ennis (Mal Keogh) & dec. members of the
Keogh Family; Paddy O'Reilly, Marian Hill (55th
Anniv.) James & Bridget Kelly, Cushina, dec.
members of the Kelly family,

Sunday 14th May – 12.15pm

Thomas Flaherty, St. Michael's Park (M.M.);
James & Kathleen Walsh; Kathleen Carey, St.
Brigid's Sq; Anthony Carey, St. Brigid's Sq. &
Germany; Margaret (Peggy) Murphy,
Assumpta Tce; Tom & Mary O'Callaghan,
Geashill; Martin Dunne, Cloneyhurke; John
Harney, Cushina; James & Elizabeth Cleary,
Cushina; William Smith, Seskin & dec.
members of the Smith Family; Margaret Smith
& dec. members of the Enright Family

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 7th May – 10.30am

Tom Whelehan, Closeslands (1st Anniv.); Mary
Kearns (1st Anniv.); John Joe & Patti Bannon,
Lea; Jim Cooper, Clonanny; Tom, Jimmy &
Liam McCormack, Lea Road

Sunday 14th May – 10.30am

Sr. Fintan Davis, Kilcock & Ballybrittas (MM)

DECEASED

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

Patrick (Pa) Whelan, Deerpark

CEMETERY MASSES 2017

Killenard – Fri. 7th July – 7.30pm
Portarlington – Fri. 14th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 28th July – 7.30pm
Ballyadden Cemetery – Wed. 9th Aug. 7.30pm
Emo Old Cemetery – Tues. 15th Aug. 7.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 6th May – 7.30pm

Kieran Dooley, Emo (1st Anniv.)
Tom & Bridie Fitzpatrick & their daughter,
Lily Fitzpatrick, Dangans; Bernard Scully,
Coolaghy; Richard & Helen (Nellie) Strong,
Coolbanagher; Martin Kelly, Coolbanagher;
John Kelly, Newbridge; Edward Fenlon, Killimy
Saturday 13th May – 7.30pm
Kathleen (Kitty) Brophy, M.M.
James & Annie Kelly, Caron; Ger & Matthew
Kelly, Caron

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2017



Congratulations to the
children from Presentation Primary School,
Station Road, Portarlington & Cloneyhurke NS
who received the Sacrament of First Holy
Communion in the Parish this weekend.

Sacred Heart NS – Rath

Sat. 13th May, 2017 at 11.30am

St. Paul's NS – Emo

Sun. 14th May, 2017 at 11am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 20th May at 11.30am

St. Patrick's Boys NS

Sat. 27th May at 11.30am

CONFIRMATION 2017



Congratulations to the children from St. Paul's
NS, Emo and Sacred Heart NS, Rath, who
received the sacrament of Confirmation
during the week.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT SUN. 7th MAY

Emo 3-6pm

Michael Nerney & Teresa Coman
Rath 2.30-4.30pm

CHURCH COLLECTORS

MAY 2017

St. Paul's Church, Emo
Sat. 7.30pm John Joe O'Rourke &
Aidan Crowley
Sun. 11am Tom Fennelly & Michael Moloney
Sacred Heart Church, Rath
9am Pat Nolan & Bill Carroll

LECTORS – NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington: Sat. 13th & Sun. 14th May
6.15am Katie Dunne / 9am Dan Fingleton /
12.15pm Ann Dunne
Killenard: Sun. 14th May
Margaret Rose
Emo: Sat. 13th & Sun. 14th May
7.30pm Anne Deering /
11am Sadhbh Hanneffy
Rath: Sun. 14th May Deirdre Hartigan

EUCHRISTIC MINISTERS – NEXT WEEKEND

Portarlington: Sat. 13th & Sun. 14th May
TEAM B & Killenard: Sun. 14th May – TEAM B

COMMUNION CALLS

The sick and housebound will be
attended during the week as follows:

Tuesday 9th May, 2017

Congress Tce., Crowe Lane, Orchard Drive,
Whitefields, St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St.,
Corrig, St. Michael's Pk., Portlaoise Road,
Kilbride, Lea Rd., Ballycarroll, Canal Court

Wednesday 10th May, 2017

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

Thursday 11th May, 2017

Kilmalogue Garden, Church View, Patrick
Street, Assumpta Tce., St. Patrick's Tce.,
St. Joseph's Tce., Gracefield, Avondale, Bog
Rd., Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Sweep Road,
Botley Court, The Square, Clondoolusk,
Cushina, Bishopswood, Marian Hill

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PENTECOST RETREAT

Nourish your life in the Spirit at the Eucharistic
table. Venue: St. Paul's N.S., Emo
Weekend of Fri. 26th, Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th May
2017 – Fri. 7.15pm; Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun.
10am-5pm
Fri. 26th May at 7.15pm – Opening Mass
Bishop Denis Nulty
Sat. 27th May at 10am Eddie Stones - Mass
will be celebrated at 4pm
Sun. 28th May 10am – Sr. Mary O'Duffy
(Evangelisation 2000)
Sun. 28th May 2pm Fr. Adrian Crowley
(Missionary Priest). Mass celebrated at 4pm.

COME AND SEE

Come and see afternoon for those interested in
or curious about priesthood in Kildare &
Leighlin will take place in the Cathedral Parish
Centre on Sunday 21st May from 2.30pm –
5pm. Further information log onto
www.kandlepriest.com.

**PARKING IN ST. MICHAEL'S
CHURCH GROUNDS.**

Parking of cars in the Church grounds should be available for the elderly & people with disability. There is ample parking in the Girls old school car park. Drivers who park in the Church grounds are asked to be aware of people on foot as they leave the Church. We ask people to be careful of pedestrians at all times.

RATH LADIES CLUB

Meeting will take place on Monday 8th May in the Fisherman's Inn at 8.30pm. Laura Behan (Make-up Artist) will be in attendance. All are welcome.

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

A great opportunity to introduce your young child to tennis. No membership necessary. Rackets and balls provided. There are 4 places available in Tony's Tuesday Coaching class at 3.15pm and 2 places in his Friday class at 3.15pm. 4/6yrs. Cost €20 for 5 weeks. Older beginners 8/10 years can join his Tuesday class at 6pm. Cost €25 for 5 weeks. If interested phone:- 087-1231135

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next Jackpot €5,800
Draw will take place on the 8th May, 2017.

**PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID FUND
SPONSORED 5K RUN**

Family day out walk or run on Sun. 21st May. Commencing 11am at the Heritage Golf & Spa Resort, Killenard Anyone interested in taking a Sponsorship Card contact any of the following:
Red 087-9850348 / Peter 087-9872417
Niall 085 1542171

GRINDS AVAILABLE

Junior Cert. Metalwork / Technical Graphics
Leaving Cert. Engineering.
Contact Liam on 087 3359198.

ARLINGTON A.F.C. AGM

Arlington AFC AGM Wed 10th May 2017 at 9pm
in Portarlington Community Centre.

KILLENARD AREA CLEAN-UP

We meet on Wednesday's at 7pm and on Saturday mornings from 10am to 1pm. If you have some spare time & would like to help us, please come along and help with the clean-up.

**GRACEFIELD / WALSH ISLAND
COMMUNITY GAMES**

Area athletics will take place in Gracefield on Sun. 21st May at 2pm. Ages 6-16 years. Field / Track events. Further info. from the area secretary, Pauline on 086-8268176.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results 2.5.17
Numbers were: 03,12,22,27. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner was: Christy Slevin.
Promoter - Catherine Cahill. Next weeks Jackpot: €18,000. Thank you for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

'BIG MAGGIE'

Fourth Wall Laois Theatre Group present John B Keane's play 'Big Maggie' on May 12th & 13th in the Dunamais Arts Centre. 05786 63355 or www.dunamais.ie for bookings.

**GRACEFIELD / WALSH ISLAND &
PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY GAMES
AREA ATHLETICS**

Takes place Sun. 21st May at 2pm in Gracefield. Ages U6 to U16. Track / field events Boys & Girls. All are welcome.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO RESULTS

Week No. 18 – 2nd May 2017
Numbers 5, 25, 19, 14 – No Jackpot winner.
Jackpot next week €19,600.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

Today, Sun. 7th May is Vocations Sunday. The Bishop has issued a pastoral letter to coincide with this day. The letter is entitled 'Preparing together for a shared future in Christ'. A copy of this letter is available at the Church Porches.

PORTARLINGTON RUGBY CLUB

Leinster Summer Camp:

Bookings open. 3rd – 7th July - boys & girls aged 6-12 years. Early-bird price €75 until 2nd June, then €90. Phone Patricia 086-6080262 for Application Form. Meet some Leinster players. Free Leinster Camp T-shirt. Free ticket to allocated Leinster Match. No rugby experience necessary.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Still a few available places in certain levels. 3-month pool membership for only €120 from 1st of May till 31st of July. For more info on any other activities around the leisure centre, contact reception on 057-864800 to book now!!

UPCOMING TRAINING PROGRAMMES

LOCAL ENTERPRISE OFFICE LAOIS

T1713 How to achieve a Better Work – Life Balance - 9th May - 9.45am – 4.45pm - €40

T1714 Digital Marketing for the Small Business - 10th May – 31st May (4 days) - 9.45am – 4.45pm - €80

T1720 Kick Start your own Food business - 11th and 25th May - 9.45am – 4.45pm - €60

T1722 HACCP for the Small Business – 10th May - 9.45am – 4.45pm - €40

T1715 R3-Energising your Retail Business - 23rd May - Evening Workshop and Site visits
To book a place on any of these courses, please BOOK ONLINE www.localenterprise.ie
For further information contact the Local Enterprise Office Laois on **057 86 61800**

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Tuesday Meditation taking a break for the coming months.

Book Club: continues every Wednesday from 8pm-9.30pm with Marie Manley-Smith.

Meditation Day: Sat. 27th May 10am-3.30pm. Facilitated by the Mount St. Anne's Team. A day of relaxation and peace where you can come away from your daily pressures and stresses. Cost: €25 (Bring packed Lunch)
Tea/Coffee served **Mindfulness Retreat:** Thurs. 15th June to Sun. 18th June. Facilitated by Martina Lehane Sheehan. Cost: €270 residential or €165 non-residential with all meals included in this price.

Gift Shop: Open daily from 9am – 5pm Mon.-Fri. where we stock a lovely range of homemade cards, gifts for baby / confirmation / communion, etc. Further details or to get a copy of our current Programme of Events, contact Catherine on 057-8626153

ANAM CARA

(National organisation supporting bereaved parents) Bereavement Information Evening will be held on Wed. 10th May from 7.30-9.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP before Tues. 9th May to info@anamcara.ie or call 01 4045378.

**ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO
RESULTS 2.5.2017**

Letters: J,I,N,Y – No winner. Next Jackpot €6,500. Draw will take place on 16th May.

PORTARLINGTON SWIMMING POOL AGM

The 48th AGM of Portarlington Swimming Pool Association will be held in Portarlington GAA Centre on Monday 8th May 2017 at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



PILGRIMAGE SEASON AT KNOCK SHRINE

Official Pilgrimage season at Knock Shrine opens Sunday 30th April. Masses and Ceremonies will take place daily in addition to a wide range of services at the Shrine, including Prayer Guidance, Youth Ministry, the award-winning Knock Museum & Café Le Chéile, the religious Bookshop and daily guided tours. Groups are always welcome.
Further info. www.knockshrine.ie

SUMMER OUTING

Laois Heritage Society

Visiting the Waterford region including tours to the Waterford Medieval Museum, Bishops Palace and Waterford Glass Cutter, Sean Egan's Studio. Coach & tour including evening meal €70. Leaving the Gandon at 8.45am on Sat. 8th July. Further info. contact Margo without delay on 086-8440875.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Knitting Group: The knitting group meets every Friday morning at 10:30 am. New members of all abilities always welcome.
Colouring for Calmness: Colouring session for adults, meets every Tuesday at 10am. Pictures provided just bring your own pencils/pens.

Classics Book Club: The next meeting of the Classics Book Club takes place Wed. 31st May at 11am. They will be discussing 'At Swim-Two-Birds' by Flann O'Brien. Copies available at the library and new members are always welcome.

Bealtaine Library Events

Yoga Talk: An introduction to yoga.
Drawing Class: Artist Frida Nel will bring us back to basics with paper and pencils. Learn techniques to allow yourself to draw anything from landscapes to portraits to animals. These are free events but booking is essential. Phone 057 8643751 to secure your place.

ACCORD

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE

Are you interested in becoming a Facilitator with ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service, Ireland's leading provider of marriage preparation courses? Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together?

ACCORD is a voluntary Catholic organisation that aims to promote a deeper understanding of Christian marriage and to offer people the means to safeguard and nourish their marriage and family relationships. Please contact the ACCORD offices in the Kildare & Leighlin diocese:

CARLOW accordcarlow@eircom.net
059 9138738

NEWBRIDGE accordnewbridge@eircom.net
045 431695

PORTLAOISE accordportlaoise@hotmail.com
057 8661581 for further information.
www.accord.ie

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR

RETIRED PRIESTS

Weekend of 27th / 28th May 2017

A collection will take place in all parishes in the diocese of May 27th & 28th to assist with the ongoing support of our Retired priests. Priests in the diocese are paid a set salary from the Priests Collection during the year & any monies leftover goes towards helping our retired priests. Unfortunately the monies leftover at present are insufficient to provide this assistance. Bishop Denis & the priests of the diocese thank you for your on-going contributions for the priest collections. Envelope available in your boxes of envelopes & will be available at the back of the Church. Cheques can be made payable to Portarlington No. 1 A/C or to Emo No. 1 A/C.