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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 8th APRIL, 2018 - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 9th April 10am ---Tues. 10th April 10am Mollie Slattery, St. Patrick's Tce. & dec. members of Slattery Family Wed. 11th April 10am --- Thurs. 12th April 10am Lynda Hanlon,

Annaharvey, Tullamore (M.M.)

Fri. 13th April 10am Anne Hanlon, Gracefield

Saturday 7th April – 6.15pm

Phil Feehan, Church View (M.M.) Lucy Bennett, Kilbride (4th Anniv.); Frank Kelly, Cushina; Stephen Ryan, Tinnecrannagh; Fergus McMahon (20th Anniv.) & Shane McMahon (15th Anniv.), Shandra; Michael Farrell; Brother Coleman Malone; Jerry Farrell, Clonsast; Kate & Joseph Malone, Clonsast; Elizabeth & Mick Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce., Dec. members of the O'Neill Family, Gracefield

<u>Sunday 8th April – 12.15pm</u> Tom (Nesh) Shortall, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.) Frank Kenny, Kilmalogue & Shannon (M.M.) Myra Shortall, Bracklone St. (9th Anniv.) John & Elizabeth Fallon, St. Michael's Park; George & Elizabeth Nicholls; Bridie & Joseph Brick; Isaac O'Reilly, Dublin; Michael Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (13th Anniv.); Kitty Murphy, St. Michael's Park

Saturday 14th April – 6.15pm

Brendan McNally, Spa St. (1st Anniv.); Mary
Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce. (2nd Anniv.); Pauline
Meredith, Kilkeeran (13th Anniv.); Kathleen & John McGettrick, St. Patrick's Avenue; Mai & Johnie Lalor, Cloneyhurke

Sunday 15th April – 12.15pm Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (4th Anniv.) Siobhain Keogh, St. Michael's Pk; Michael Collins, Station Rd; Benny, Margaret & Jane Weldon, Aughrim; Patrick, Nancy & Veronica Delaney, Bracklone St; Joan & Larry O'Mahoney, Patrick St; Patrick & Bridget Delaney, Spa St.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

<u>Sunday 8th April – 10.30am</u> Jack Kehoe, Ballycarroll; Patti & John Joe Bannon, Lea; Joan Tynan, John & Lilie Tynan, Old Pound

Sunday 15th April - 10.30am

Sr. Fintan Davis, formerly Presentation, Kilcock & Old Pound, Ballybrittas, (1st Anniv)
Rita McDonnell, Springfield & deceased members of the Durken Family; Margaret & James Raleigh & deceased members of the Raleigh Family, Garryvacum

H RECENTLY DECEASED H

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

Eileen Finlay, Patrick Street

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 7th April – 7.30pm

John & Ellen Dowling, Morette Thomas Scully, Coolaghy; Philip Rowe

<u>Sunday 8th April – 11am</u> Kitty Brophy, Killeen (1st Anniv.) Matthew Flynn, Knightstown

Saturday 14th April - 7.30pm

Joe Hyland & deceased members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook; Noel Mee; Frederick Prior, Morette & deceased members of the Prior Family; Paula Treacy, Morette; Mary Treacy, Morette; John & Kathleen Treacy, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 15th April - 9am

Paddy Fitzgerald, Bellgrove (2nd Anniv.) Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale & formerly Bellgrove

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children into our Christian Community

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PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Oscar Dominick Andrew Podbury, Dublin

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

REGISTRATION / TICKE

1 day Adult Ticket - Online Registration €38. Single day attendance to Congress + Option Festival of Families (Croke Park) - Ticket subject to availability at time of booking + guaranteed ticket for Final Mass (Phoenix Park). Full programme in the RDS for the day of the ticket. Children Under 18 free, but must be named and registered as part of a Family Group. Concession - Pensioners, unwaged and students over 18. Diocesan Day for Kildare & Leighlin to attend is Wed. 22ⁿ August, 2018

www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/Tickets /Congress-Registration

TROCAIRE

All outstanding Trocaire boxes should be returned as soon as possible. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Church. Amount collected to date:-

Portarlington €7,385 / Emo €2,170

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent collection for the Priests of the Parish.

LECTORS (READERS)

Sat. 14th / Sun. 15th April

Portarlington 6.15pm Frank Smith / 9am Ailish Ridgeway / 12.15pm Micheline Murphy Killenard Sun. 10.30am Dympna Campbell Emo Sat. 7.30pm Niamh Conroy / Sun. 11am Paul Donnolly Rath Sun. 9am Aileen Doyle

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sat. 14th / Sun. 15th April

Portarlington Team B Killenard Team A

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



Family Day Out Walk or Run Sun. 20th May commencing 11am at the heritage Spa & Golf Hotel, Killenard. Entry fee €10 / Prizes also. Further info. & sponsorship cards from: Red 087-9850348 / Peter 087-9872417 / Niall 087-0910489.

CHURCH COLLECTORS APRIL

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm Seamus Fitzpatrick & Michael O'Connor / 11am Tom Scully & Ger Delaney

Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Liam Flynn & Pat Behan

HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

(Use an ordinary Rosary)







Make the Sign of the Cross. Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed. On the Our Father beads say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Repeat for the five decades.

Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

COMMUNION CALLS



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

Tuesday 10th April, 2018

Crowe Lane, Orchard Drive, Whitefields, Station Rd; St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St., Corrig, St. Michael's Pk., Portlaoise Road, Kilbride, Lea Rd., Ballycarroll, Canal Court Wednesday 11th April, 2018

Ballybrittas, Bellgrove, Coolroe, Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette, Emo, Portlaoise Road, Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Killeen, Tinakill, Coolaghy
Thursday 12th April, 2018

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

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

The Moore Abbey Divine Mercy Prayer Group, Monasterevin, will celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy in Moore Abbey Chapel on Sun. 8th April (today) 2pm Confessions / 3pm Mass. Tenor: Dominic McGorian with Pianist Tom Conroy.

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.

C.I. GOLF CLASSIC COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

Taking place on 27th April 2018 to raise funds for the school's extra-curricular subjects: Music, Art & & Sports Department. Venue: Portarlington Golf Club. The cost of the event is €140 for a Team of 4 or €35 each. This includes golf & food. Tee times from 10am-3.30pm. To enter contact Seamus Muldowney, Great Irish Golf. E-mail greatirishgolf@gmail.com or phone 086-0596114. If businesses want to sponsor a hole it is €25 each & the business will be advertised on their sponsored hole. They can also contact Seamus at the above number.

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Kind, reliable lady available for full-time childminding in her own home, Portarlington / Killenard area. Number of year's experience. Own transport. References available on request. Further info. contact Val 087-1741217.

ALASDAIR'S BANJO LESSONS

Banjo lessons available Mon. to Fri. for beginners to advance levels. Portarlington / Killenard / Emo area. Further info. & booking contact Alasdair on 085-1157929.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Lotto Results 03/04/2018. Numbers were: 04,18,25,26. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners were: Joan Murphy, Ken Keogh. Promoter - The Thatch. Next week's Jackpot: €6600. Thanks for your continued support of our weekly lotto.

LOST

Gold chain / Pendant. In or around St. John's Church / Graveyard last Sunday (Easter Sunday). Sentimental value - Contact Parish Office (057) 8643004.

RATH LADIES CLUB

Style Session with Closet Creator which includes colour theory, body shape analysis and lots more information on Monday night next, 9th April at 8.30pm in the Fisherman's Inn. All very welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SUN. 8TH APRIL 2018

You are invited to Divine Mercy Liturgy on: April 8th (today) from 2pm to 4.15pm at Saint Brochan's Church - Bracknagh. Divine Mercy Liturgy: 2- 3.15pm. Mass 3.15- 4pm. Confessions available: 2-3.30. Celebrant: Rev. Sean Hyland. All are welcome.

HEALING THE FAMILY RETREAT



"In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him for God is our refuge". Psalm 61:8-9.

Venue: St. Paul's National School, EMO. Date: Sat. 21st April 2018 Start Time: 9:30 Registration (Donation). Refreshments on arrival. Celebrant Fr. Brendan Walsh SAC (Pallottines Thurles). Morning session: Praise & Worshi0p & Talk No. 1 / Break / Praise & Worship & Talk No. 2. Lunch 1-2 (Bring packed lunch). Afternoon session Praise & Worship & Talk No. 3 & No. 4. Mass approx. 4pm. Closing session concludes with individual Prayer for Healing. www.teachmhuire.ie

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

Social Club on Tour

Thursday 12th April 2.30pm – 4.30pm in Oakdale Nursing Home Portarlington Pop in for a cuppa and a chat. For any information on dementia contact Ann Munnelly on 057-866 3398 / 086-8372168. Home-care Coordinator Old Parochial House, Dublin Road Portlaoise. Email laois.branch@alzheimer.ie

FIERCE - PERFORMING ACADEMY

Dance, sing and drama - Tuesday at the Health & Nutrition Centre, Main St., Portarlington (Over Euro Zone) - Free class on April 10th. Booking & further info. contact Tarik on 086-8723355.

PORT. COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS

We have moved to our new home at the Old Convent Gardens next to St. Michael's Church, Patrick Street, Portarlington. If you wish to join us at St. Michael's you can contact Mike on 086-2056542 to secure a plot, as this area is not as big as the previous site.

PORTARLINGTON SCHOOL OF MUSIC

'Portarlington's School Of Music, BSharp Studios, Presents, 'A Night At The Grammys' on Thurs. 12th (Junior Show) & Fri. 13th (Senior Show) of April at Judge Roy Beans, The Heritage, Killenard. Tickets are €10 and can be purchased from Eamon Bracken Menswear, Conor 086-163 9153 or Keith 085-751 6595, or in the Studio. B'Sharp will have a **Registration Evening** for the new term for new & existing students Tues. 27th in the Studio. All ages & levels welcome. Contact for details or check out our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/bsharpstudiosportarlington

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Emo Tidy towns will hold their A.G.M. on Thursday 12th April at 8pm in Emo Community Centre. Please come along as your support is greatly needed. Our annual clean up will take place from Thursday 19th to 23rd April for immediate collection by the County Council.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next jackpot will take place on 9th April. Jackpot €14,000.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

The Band are keen to increase their numbers for boys & girls aged 9 years & upwards. Classes take place every Thurs. between 4.30 & 6.30pm. Instruments offered are: Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone & Percussion. Further details contact Pat Donegan on 083-8510428.

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Coaching resumes this Tuesday and Friday. Places still available for the following: Children 4 to 6 years - Tuesday at 3.15pm. Intermediate Adults - Tuesday at 8pm. Beginner Adults on Friday at 7pm. Rackets provided for beginner classes. Very few junior places available in other age groups. Inexperienced players 11 to 14 have 2 places available. Experienced players 10 to 16 years have 2 places available. Phone 087 1231135 if interested.

ST. PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

St. Pio's glove will be at Malone's home, Shindella, Rathangan. Sun. 29th April from 11am to 5pm. Items of St. Pio available on the day. Two important



commemorations in the life

of St. Pio - Centenary of the Stigmata / 50th Anniversary of his death. For any information call Betty on 045 525094. Everyone welcome.

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

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI EIREANN

Portarlington Comhaltas Branch are Hosting the launch of the new CD recording of The Bridge Ceili Band 'Curlews over Coolnafearagh' at 9pm on Saturday 28th April in the East End Hotel, Portarlington. Over the past number of years many young members of our Branch have performed with the Band at concerts, charitable functions and most recently at the All Ireland Fleadh in Sligo in 2015. Two Branch Members feature on this CD, Mary O'Donnell and Robert Gleeson. All musicians very welcome especially, accompanied young musicians. No cover charge.