



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



Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday

Sunday 9th April, 2017 – Palm Sunday – Year A

ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 10th April 10am Bridget Flood, Main St.

Tues. 11th 10am ---

Wed. 12th 10am Annie Hanlon, Gracefield

Thurs. 13th April 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Saturday 8th April – 6.15pm

Frank Kelly, Cushina (1st Anniv.); Lucy Bennett, Kilbride; Michael & Mary Ann McGuinness; Stephen Ryan, Tinnecrannagh; Bridge (Babs) Dunne, St. Michael's Park

Sunday 9th April – 12.15pm

Mary Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce. (1st Anniv.); Elizabeth & John Fallon & Liam Fallon, St. Michael's Pk; Elizabeth Nicholls; Bridie Brick & Joseph Brick; Myra Shortall, Bracklone St. (8th Anniv.); Michael Collins, Station Rd. (16th Anniv.); James & Pdraig Douglas, Bishopswood; Liam Shortall, Bog Road

Saturday 15th April – 9pm Vigil

Ann Watson, Main St; Mai Lalor, Cloneyhurke; Johnie Lalor, Cloneyhurke; John & Eileen Hickey, The Square; Mary Hickey, Jamestown; Milo Bracken, Avondale (3rd Anniv.), Fergus & Shane McMahon, Shandra

Sunday 16th April – 12.15pm

Paddy (PJ) O'Neill, Marian Hill & Dublin (M.M.) Peter Dunne, Patrick St. (1st Anniv.); Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (3rd Anniv.); Angela Byrne, Cushina (4th Anniv.); Pauline Meredith, Kilkeeran (12th Anniv.); Siobhain Keogh, St. Michael's Pk. (17th Anniv.); James Dunne (10th Anniv.); Margaret Dunne (20th Anniv.); Tinnecrannagh; Bill Ryan, Tinnecrannagh (25th Anniv.); Kathleen McGettrick (22nd Anniv.); Philip Loughran, Ballymorris Manor Michael Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (12th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 9th April – 10.30am

Margaret & James Raleigh, Garryvacum and deceased members of the Raleigh Family

Sunday 16th April – 10.30am

Rita McDonnell, Springfield & deceased members of the Durkin & McDonnell Families

DECEASED



Kevin Barry, Sligo & formerly Patrick Street, Portarlington – Burial after 11am Mass Monday in Sligo (Brother of Ann O'Meara)

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

MOORE ABBEY

The above group will celebrate the Feast of the Divine Mercy in the Moore Abbey Chapel on Sun. 23rd April. Celebrations as follows: 2pm Confessions / 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet / 3.15pm Mass. All very welcome.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 8th April – 7.30pm

Noel Mee, Clonminch, Tullamore (8th Anniv.) Anne Buggy, Knightstown; Philip Rowe, Portlaoise; Joe Hyland & deceased members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook; Mary Lewis, Morette; James Lewis, Dublin; Jack & Ellen Dowling, Morette

Sunday 9th April – 11am

Matthew Flynn, Knightstown

Sunday 16th April – 11am

Christina Walsh, Knightstown (M.M.) Paula Treacy, John & Kathleen Treacy, Mary Treacy

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 9th April – 9am

Tone O'Connell, Coolroe

Sunday 16th April – 9am

Paddy Fitzgerald, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.)



EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend.



All Trocaire boxes should be returned at Holy Thursday & Good Friday ceremonies or Easter weekend. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Church.

CHRISM MASS

You are warmly invited to join with Bishop Denis & the priests of the diocese in the Cathedral, Carlow at 7.30pm on Mon. 10th April, followed by a cuppa' in Carlow College. Please come along early to be sure of a seat!



9th WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent collection.

CHOIR REHEARSAL



Choir practice will take place on Tues. 11th April after the 7.30pm Penitential Service in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS PALM SUNDAY

Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm On Palm Sunday. All very welcome.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES 2017

HOLY THURSDAY – 13TH APRIL 2017

(No morning Mass)



Portarlington – 7.30pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by procession to the Altar of Repose & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

Killenard – 7.30pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm

Rath – 7.30pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9pm

Emo – 8.15pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

GOOD FRIDAY – 14TH APRIL, 2017

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Portarlington

3pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.30pm – Stations of the Cross & Communion

Killenard

7.30pm – Stations of the Cross & Communion

Emo

5pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.30pm – Stations of the Cross & Communion

HOLY SATURDAY – 15TH APRIL, 2017

Portarlington

9pm – Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection

Emo

9pm – Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection

Rath

7.30pm – Mass of the Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY – 16TH APRIL 2017



Portarlington - 9am & 12.15pm

Killenard – 10.30am

Emo – 11am / Rath – 9am

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Portarlington Penitential Service:

Tues. 22nd March at 7.30pm

Mountmellick Penitential Service:

Wed. 23rd March at 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Portarlington: After all masses & ceremonies during the week. Saturday 12 Noon & 7.30pm

Killenard: After the Ceremonies

Emo / Rath: After the Ceremonies on Good Friday

SEPARATE ROTAS FOR LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & SERVERS BOOKLETS AVAILABLE FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS

CLUB

Very few places left in Tony's coaching classes. Tuesday or Friday at 3.15pm for 4 to 7 years / 7pm Friday for teenagers. Beginners welcome. Commencing Tues. 25th April. Ph: [0871231135](tel:0871231135)

EASTER SWIM CAMP

Easter Swim Camp starting 10th of April 10.45am & 11.30am time slots available. Taking bookings for the next 10-week course of Child Swimming Lessons from the 10th of April. Further info. / bookings contact 057-8645800.

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO 3.4.2017

Winning Numbers 2, 8, 16, 19 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:
Luke O'Sullivan C/o The Gate House
Mary Hennessy C/o Martha
Hilary Lawlor C/o Hilary
Tom McEvoy C/o Emo Shop
Rich O'Connor C/o Rath Cards
Next week's Jackpot €5,400

ACTIVITY EASTER CAMP 2017

Tues. 18th – Fri. 21st April. Camp times: 5-8 year olds 9.30-12 Noon / 9-12 year olds 12.30-3pm. Price €35 (plus sibling discounts). A fun filled activity camp including Sport, Music, Easter themed arts & crafts, Baking and much more. Application forms available from St. Patrick's Boys NS.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE / GARRYHINCH

Book Club will be held on Wed. 5th April at 8pm in the Cub House, Cloneyhurke. All very welcome – New members welcome.

LIFE COACHING

Complimentary life coaching sessions available. Would you like to make a change in any area of your life? A coaching session is about bringing out the best in someone, helping them get a sense of direction, clarity and purpose. People may like to be coached on: work life balance, relationships, getting motivated, improving health, fitness goals, finding your purpose, finances, or just feeling stuck. Contact: Bernie on 085-1264778. Bernie is a student of life coaching & has many years experience in the field of health & nutrition.

SOCIAL DANCE - CLONEYHURKE

Good Friday, 14th April 2017 in St. Brigid's Social Club, Cloneyhurke. Music by Andy Feery. 9.30 – 12 Midnight. Light refreshments served. Raffle on the night. Admission €10 available at door.

PORTARLINGTON FIRST RESPONDERS

Entry is now open for the VHI Women's Mini Marathon (5th June). If you are taking part & are looking for a worthy local cause, contact Portarlinton First Responders. Monies raised go towards the upkeep of our public Defibrillators, community training & keeping our Responder Phone activated. If interested & to get a sponsorship card e-mail chairman@portarlintonfirstresponders.com. or leave your details with the Love Port office on 085 8568801 & we will contact you. To Register www.vhiwomensminimmarathon.ie. Entry closes 28 April.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul shop will be opening six days per week (Mon. – Sat.) from April 10th. 20% discount on the day. Tickets for our Easter Raffle on sale in the shop. €2 each. 1st Prize - Brand new 20" Viper bicycle. Also lots of hampers & vouchers can be won. Call in to our shop to view our large stock & also to purchase our raffle tickets.

SUAIMHNEAS, EMO – COURSES

Glimpses into the Mystery of the Unfolding Universe

Sat. 20th May 3-5pm. Facilitated by Anne & Mai (Suaimhneas) Cost €10. Incl. refreshments. For full details of all the above and booking phone Mai or Anne on 057 8626541.

MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Holy Week Retreat: From Wed. 12th – Sun. 16th April. Prayer reflections as we journey through His passion, death and resurrection. Residential or non-residential. All Easter ceremonies throughout the retreat. Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday at 6am. Facilitated by Fr. Jack Rodgers SPS Further details Ph: Catherine on 057-8626153

TOMMY RYAN MEMORIAL ROAD RUN

7th Annual Charity Run in aid of Laois Riding for the Disabled. Sun. 23rd April. Further info. contact 087-2654001.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

Befriending, one-to-one volunteer sought for person with Intellectual Disabilities with Muiriosa Foundation. A commitment of only two hours a fortnight to escort this person on social outings e.g. local football matches. Contact Gerry McLaughlin on 087 8059667 Email: gerry.mclaughlin@muiriosa.ie

TULLAMORE GOSPEL CHOIR

Tullamore Gospel Choir will reform for one night only for a spectacular concert at the Tullamore Court Hotel on Sun. 23rd April at 8pm. Tickets €10 available from the hotel or phone 085-1916416. Proceeds will go to a charity.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A. LOTTO 3.4.2017

Numbers were: 08,13,15,17. No Jackpot winner. Next week's Jackpot: €17,200. Thank you for your continued support.

TALK – DEALING WITH DEPRESSION

2 True Stories: Dealing with Depression is a mental health talk to be hosted by Offaly Macra on Good Friday, 14 April at 19:30 in Bridge House Hotel, Tullamore. There will be two speakers followed by a showing of the film, Pilgrim Hill. Everyone welcome!

PORTARLINGTON GAA

Portarlinton GAA Club Lotto Wk 14 Numbers 10-14-15-26 - No Jackpot Winner. Jackpot next week €8,800

Portarlinton GAA registration for all players and members is now open for 2017.

Annual Good Friday Poker Classic will take place on April 14th at 8.30pm in the GAA Centre. Refreshments served. Early Bird €20 or €25 on the night. Tickets from Joe Whelan 087 2529977 or Cam McGettrick 087 7799520
Congratulations to Coláiste Iosaqáin Junior Team who won the Leinster Post Primary Junior Football B Final on Tuesday last in Rathcoffey when they beat St. MacDara's of Dublin with a score of 1-19 to 2-07.

PORTARLINGTON RUGBY CLUB

Women's World Cup Trophy Tour: The Trophy will be at the club from 10.30am – 12 Noon on Sat. 29th April. U.12's, U.15's & U.18's girls will all play visiting teams. Newcomers welcome - Coaches available. Refreshments in the Clubhouse throughout the morning.

KICK Music-Fest: Sun. 30th April, featuring Smash Hits, Apella & Differential. Tickets €15 available from Centra, Main St., Portarlinton.
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.



CHARITABLE DONATIONS 2017

For 2017 any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. Forms available from the Parish Office & Church Porch. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.

CHEQUES

Due to Bank requirements, all cheques made payable to the Parish should have the correct Account name.

Portarlinton Parish:

Portarlinton Parish Number 1 Account

Emo Parish:

Emo Parish Number 1 Account

Priests Collections

Portarlinton: Portarlinton Clergy Fund

Emo: Emo Clergy Fund

Individual Priests names / Trocaire etc. should **not** be written on the cheques.

KNIT & BAKE SALE

The local Knitting Club and Oakdale Residents are holding a Knit and Bake Sale on Wed. 12th April at Oakdale Nursing Home, Portarlinton. All welcome.

NAOMH PÓL JUVENILE LGFA CLUB

Clothes collection – Sat. 15th April – Emo Community Centre. Please drop off all items between 9am & 4pm. You could donate all your clean unwanted clothes, Also bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys, laptops with lead, mobile phones. If you need collection, please contact Peadar O'Toole 086 2522768 or e-mail peadarotoole@gmail.com.

MONSTER AUCTION

In Aid of the Ben & Jake Connolly Trust on Easter Sunday April 16th 2^{pm}. to 6pm. In Mountmellick Community Sports Complex Contact Deirdre Connolly 086-1635239 If you have items to donate (no Bedding or books). Free Entry.

LAOIS ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

Laois Alzheimer Society of Ireland are holding a Social Club meeting on Thursday 6th April from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Portlaoise Parish Centre. Our Social Club is open to people with Dementia and their loved ones as an informal get together. You will have access to information and support and exchange ideas and experiences whilst enjoying a cup of tea in a relaxed environment. For further information please ring:- Ann Munnally 086 8372168.

KILLENARD CLEAN UP

All parties interested in the clean up and landscaping of the bank at the Community Centre side of Killenard Cemetery are invited to attend a short meeting there on Wed. 12th April at 7pm to discuss the project.

EMO TIDY TOWNS

Emo Tidy towns committee wish to thank everyone who helped with our local clean up during clean up week especially the groups who got together to clean up their own surrounding areas. A special thank you to St Michaels athletic club Portarlinton adults and children who helped to clean up Emo forest. The amount of rubbish collected far surpassed that of previous years

ENTERPRISE TOWN

Join us at the Portarlinton Enterprise Town in Portarlinton Community Centre on Sat. 22nd April. We encourage you to invite family and friends to come along on the day and see all that Portarlinton Enterprise Town has to offer. Further info. call into your local branch and Maria Harris, Branch Manager, can answer any questions you may have. You can also contact the Love Port office @ [0858568801](tel:0858568801) or e-mail info@portarlinton.ie.