



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



17th April 2016

Fourth Sunday of Easter - Vocations Sunday

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ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 18th April 10am Anthony & Ellen Dillon, Cloneygowan

Tues. 19th 10am ---

Wed. 20th 10am ---

Thurs. 21st 10am May Kearns

Fri. 22nd 10am ---

Saturday 16th April – 6.15pm

Dora Madden, Bracklone Street (M.M.)

Sandra Carr, Lough Gate (1st Anniv.)

Lucy Bennett, Kilbride (2nd Anniv.)

Angela Byrne, Cushina (3rd Anniv.)

Thomas & Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Park

Sunday 17th April – 12.15pm

Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue

Siobhain Keogh, St. Michael's Park;

Patrick Delaney, Bracklone St., Joan & Larry

O'Mahony, Patrick St., Patrick & Bridget

Delaney, Spa St., Veronica Delaney, Bracklone

St., Deceased members of the Tynan &

Brennan Families, Canal Hse., Bracklone St.,

Deceased members of the Tynan Family,

Main St., Kathleen McGettrick,

St. Patrick's Ave. (21st Anniv.)

Saturday 23rd April – 6.15pm

Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.)

Amanda Knight, St. Joseph's Tce. (1st Anniv.);

Milo Bracken, Avondale (2nd Anniv.);

Johnny Whelan, Bishopswood;

James & Annie Knight, Seskin

Mai Lalor, Johnie Lalor, Cloneyhurke

Sunday 24th April – 12.15pm

Mary Chambers, Derrymore (M.M.)

Benny Weldon, Margaret Weldon (10th Anniv.)

& Jane Weldon, Aughrim; Sean Moran,

Droughill (11th Anniv.); Dec. members of the

Moran Family, Monasterevin; Terence

McKenna, Cloneyhurke; Mollie Evans & Albert

Evans; Thomas Keegan Snr. & Jnr.; Harry

Byrne; Philip Loughran, Ballymorris Manor

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 16th April – 7.30pm

Christy Gleeson, Morette

Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette

Paula Treacy; John & Kathleen Treacy,

Morette; Mary Treacy, Dublin; Larry & Bernie

Skillington, Cork; Thomas Scully, Coolaghy;

Mary Lewis, Morette; James Lewis, Morette

Saturday 23rd April – 7.30pm

Maura Fennelly, Tinnakill & Dublin (1st Anniv.)

Tiernan Whyte; James & Annie Kelly, Caron;

Jer & Matthew Kelly, Caron

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 24th April – 7.30pm

Narissa Carroll, Rath (2nd Anniv.)

Peter Burke, Ashgrove

Patrick Dunne, Coolroe

William Brennan, Jamestown

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 17th April – 10.30am

Rita McDonnell, Springfield & deceased

members of the Durkin & McDonnell Families

Margaret & James Raleigh & deceased

members of the Raleigh Family, Garryvacum

Joan Tynan, John & Lilie Tynan, Old Pound

Terry Culleton, Tierhogar & deceased

members of the Culleton Family

Sunday 24th April – 10.30am

Syl Mullen, Tierhogar (1st Anniv.); Thomas,

Margaret, Charles & Tommy Mullen;

Jim & Mary Kennedy, Stradbally, John Joe &

Pattie Bannon, Lea; Peter Maher, Ballintogher

(2nd Anniv.); Phil O'Hara, Killenard (19th

Anniv.); Elizabeth Donnelly & Bidni Donnelly

Dave Fitzmaurice Jnr., Killenard (10th Anniv.)

DECEASED

Prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:

Mary Hynes (nee Knight), St. Joseph's Tce. & formerly St. Mary's Tce.

Tom Davis, Mountmellick (Brother of Bernie Murphy, Crowe Lane)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Margaret Julia Ann Nevin, Mountmellick

Erin Lily Hartford, Castlegate

Mollie Rose Ailish O'Keeffe-O'Connor,

Bishopswood

Séan Patrick Devenney, Carriglea, Killenard

CONFIRMATION 2016



Congratulations to the children from Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard, St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Cloneyhurke N.S. and Presentation Primary School, Station Road who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY

The diocese will hold a 'COME AND SEE' afternoon on Sunday 1st of May in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Ballycane, for those who are interested in discovering what a vocation to priesthood actually entails. Time 2.30pm to 5pm. Further details contact Ruairí O'Domhnaill 045-897470 or vocations@kandle.ie

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Sun. 21st August until 28th August (7 nights). Hotel Solitude €799 per person sharing. Deposit now due to secure a seat. Further details and booking contact Marie on 087 7589896 or contact Vera on 087 9311813.

LECTORS

Portarlington

Sat. 23rd April 6.15pm – Lector
Sun. 24th April 9am – Dan Fingleton
Sun. 24th April 12.15pm Sinead Dunne

Killenard

Sun. 24th April – 10.30am Jackie Hogan

Emo

Sat. 23rd April 7.30pm – Kieran McEvoy
Sun. 24th April 11am – Anne Deering

Rath

Sun. 24th April 9am – Deirdre Hartigan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Portarlington 23rd / 24th Team C

Killenard 24th Team C



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT PENTECOST RETREAT



Mount St. Anne's, Killenard with Mass at 7.30pm each night.

Praise & Worship at 7.15pm.

Wk 3: 19th April Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill (Diocesan Vocations Director) & Sr. Mary O'Duffy SMG (Evangelisation 2000)

Wk 4: 26th April Fr. Sean Hyland

Wk 5: 3rd May Fr. Pat Collins C.M (Spiritual Director New Springtime Community)
Wk 6: 10th May Fr. Thady Doyle (Jesus Power Ministries and Curates Diary)

Wk 7: 17th May Fr. Jim Bermingham (Spiritual Director Teach Mhuire Community) & Eddie Stones (Emmanuel House – Clonfert)

Wk 8: 24th May Archbishop Charles Brown (Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland)
Further details of speakers www.teachmhuire.ie

COMMUNION CALLS

The sick and housebound will be attended next week as follows:

Tuesday 19th April 2016
Congress Tce., Crowe Lane, Main St., Orchard Drive, Station Rd., St. Brigid's Sq., Bracklone St., St. Michael's Pk., Foxcroft St., Portlaoise Road, Kilbride, Woodbrook, Corrig, Lea Rd., Closelands, Ballycarroll, Kilmullen, Rathleash, Killenure

Wednesday 20th April 2016

Rath, Courtwood, Fisherstown, Kilbracken, Cappakeel, Morette, Kennells Cross, Coolbanagher, Knightstown, Killeen, Tinnakill, Coolaghy

Thursday 21st April 2016

Assumpta Tce., St. Patrick's Tce., St. Joseph's Tce., Avondale, Bog Rd., Gracefield, Kilkeeran, Garryhinch, Patrick St., Shandra, Kilmalogue Gdn., Church View, Botley Court, The Square, Clondoolusk, Cushina

UPCOMING EVENTS AT

MOUNT ST ANNE'S KILLENARD

Calligraphy Workshop – Sat. 23rd April. 10am-4pm. This workshop is for people who have some experience in Calligraphy. Materials included. Cost €35.

Mindfulness Workshop – Sat. 7th / Sat. 14th May 10am-5pm. Facilitated by Marie Manley-Smith. Participants will gain an understanding of mindfulness & positive psychology & daily tools to use in helping to reduce stress & improve focus & increase wellbeing. €125

Meditation Day – Sat. 28th May 10am-3.30pm With Marie Manley-Smith. A day of relaxation in the beautiful Killenard countryside. €25. Further details of the above and booking contact Catherine on 057-8626153 www.mountstannes.com

EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO 1000th DRAW

Lotto draw results 11th April 2016. Winning Numbers 7, 11, 13, 18. Jackpot Winner: Martin Whelan C/o Parish Office €100 to each of the following:- Mairead Dunne C/o Rath NS / Garrett Smith C/o Emo Shop / Eileen & Lill Ryan C/o Parish Office / Ali Sheridan C/o Emo Shop John, Lauren, Abbey & Alex Strong, Morette Patrick & Bernie Langford C/o Emo Shop Maura Hyland, Morette C/o GAA / Teresa Langford & Mary Garvin C/o Emo Shop Paddy Behan C/o Ann Lowry / Eunice Burns C/o Vera. **Next Week's Jackpot €1,000**

OIL PAINTING EXHIBITION

Artist Pat Fox

Exhibition takes place in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard (Meeting Room 6) on Fri. next, 22nd April commencing 7.45pm. Opening the Exhibition: PETE ST JOHN (Author of Fields of Athenry, Dublin in the Rare Auld Times etc.) All very welcome, please bring a friend.

GRACEFIELD / WALSH ISLAND

COMMUNITY GAMES

County Hand-writing Competition Thurs. 19th May in Ferbane School. **Area Athletics** Fri. 13th May in Gracefield GAA pitch. **County Athletics** in Tullamore Harriers. **County Swimming** June Bank Holiday – If interested in taking part contact Area Sec. Pauline on 086-8268176 or 087 7944288 or any Committee Member.

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN PARENTS' COUNCIL EASTER DRAW RESULTS

Coláiste Íosagáin Parents Council thank everyone who generously supported their recent Easter Draw and also the sponsor. €200 Hamper Marcus Bennett / €100 Diarmuid Faherty / €100 Tony Crimmin / €50 Claire Fox / €50 Johanna Pender / €50 Deirdre Bryan / €50 Naoise O'Dea / €50 Emma Knight / €50 Annette Pierce / €50 Sandie O'Leary / €50 Gwen Noons

CAKE & BOOK SALE

St. Paul's NS, Emo Parents' Council will host a Cake & Book Sale on Fri. 22nd April from 9am to 2.30pm in St. Paul's NS.

OFFALY COMMUNITY GAMES

Best of luck to the boys and girls taking part in the County Final of the Art Competition from Gracefield / Walsh Island Community Games in Birr this weekend. Any entries for hand-writing, swimming, athletics are now due to the Area Secretary or any other member.

MUDDY PUDDLES MONTESSORI

GRACEFIELD

Now taking names for the September 2016, January and April 2017 enrolment dates. Offering ECCE from 3 years of age. Contact Bernie on 087-7152978.

SUAIMHNEAS – CAPPAKEEL, EMO

Mindfulness Meditation Practice

From Thurs. 21st April 7.30-8.30pm. Practice of Mindfulness / Meditation. Cost €5

Mindful way to creating a healthier

Work life - Sat. 16th April 10am – 4.30pm
Nutrition & Wellbeing - Sat. 23rd April 10am-4.30pm with Orla McLaughlin

The Power of Now & A New Earth

Awakening to your Life's Purpose

With John Doherty – 7th May 10am-4.30pm

Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation

Wed. 11th & 18th May 7.30-9.30pm.

Laudato Si – Care of our common Home

With Fr. Donal Dorr. Sat. 21st May 11am-4pm.

Advanced Power of Now Sat. 16th July

Further details & booking contact Anne or Mai 0578626541, email info@suaimhneas.ie or visit our www.suaimhneas.ie

FAMILY CARERS COURSES

Family Carers Ireland are providing a one day Occupational First Aid Refresher in Tullamore on the 31/05/2016, A Challenging Behaviour Workshop on the 29/04/2016, the QQI Level 5 Care of the older person module on the 27/04/2016 & Safety and Health @ work module on the 28/04/2016 in Tullamore. For more info contact our training dept. on 0579370221.

YOGA

Commencing at the Heritage Spa & Leisure Club, Killenard on 19th April for five weeks each Tuesday 10.30-11.45am. Cost €62.50 for non-members & €50 for members. Enquiries to Linda on 087-9852682.

PORTARLINGTON & THE GREAT WAR

A Directory of local men killed in action 1914 – 1918. Limited numbers printed. Books on sale in Whelehan's, Main St., Slevin's, Bracklone St., AllBooks & Easons, Portlaoise.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Now booking next course of Swimming Lessons, Little swimmers – Level 8 available, starting the week of the 25th of April. New course of adult swimming lessons and Parent and baby classes now booking. Soccer skills new course starting the 29th of April. For further info. Phone 057-8645800.

CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEE

Portarlington Christmas Tree Committee A.G.M. will take place on the 29th April in the Anvil Inn commencing 9.30am. New members urgently needed.

THANK YOU

Kieran Donagher & family thank everyone for their support and well-wishes following Kieran's recent accident. Your good wishes and generosity was really appreciated.

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA CLUB

11/04/2016 Lotto Results Numbers were: 07,09,10,19. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner were: Ewan Behan, David Whelehan, Aileen Carroll, Mark Lavelle, Vera Moran, Kathleen & Jack, Caroline Kirwan & Liam Finlay. Promoter: Railway Bar. Next week's Jackpot: €10,000.

ART CLASSES

6 week course starting Mon. 18th April 7.30-9.30pm. Classes suitable for all levels. Mediums: Acrylics & oils (bring own materials). Cost €90. Childrens Art Classes – Six week course starting Mondays 3.30-4.30pm (18th April) / 3.30-4.30pm (19th April) / 3.30-4.30pm (20th April). Ages 4-12 years. Includes all materials. Bring an old T-shirt. Cost €60 (sibling's discount). Booking essential. Phone Mary on 087 9063363

MEDITATION

Learn to Meditate. Classes with amazing health benefits will take place every Thursday from 7.30 to 8.30pm. Cost €10. Venue: Portarlington Community Centre.

LAOIS HORSE-RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Tommy Ryan Memorial Road Run – 6th Annual Charity Run today, Sun. 17th April starting & finishing at the Fisherman's, Fisherstown. All cars, lorries, motorbikes & tractors welcome from vintage to present day. Your support is welcomed. Further info. contact 087 2654001.

EMO TIDY TOWNS

AGM will take place on Wed. 20th April commencing 8.30pm in the Old School. As membership is low, a good attendance would be appreciated. New members are always welcome, so please come along.

PORTARLINGTON SPEAKERS

Shape Your Words & Future at The Heritage Hotel, Killenard

Build your confidence, improve your presentation skills, meet new friends and have a fun evening at Portarlington Speakers next meeting at The Heritage Hotel at 7.45pm on Tuesday 19th April. All are welcome. First two meetings free. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7.45pm (finishing at 9.30pm). It's fun, entertaining & welcoming.

FaceBook, MeetUp

www.portarlington.toastmastersclubs.org

HOST FAMILIES – SPANISH STUDENTS

Host families wanted for Spanish Students. June 29th – July 27th 2016 - Laois, Offaly, Kildare & Dublin. Generous payments / One student per family / Host family must have a teenager who is willing to host the visiting student / The student integrates into family for 4 weeks / urban & rural families welcome. Further info. 087-2062162.

CENTENARY EVENTS IN PORTARLINGTON

The Portarlington 1916 Commemoration Committee announce the following dates for events organized to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 1916 Rising. All members of the public welcome & encouraged to attend. **Saturday April 23rd** --This is the weekend of the 100th Anniversary of the Rising & we will be unveiling the Proclamation etched in granite and mounted on a plinth outside Portarlington Library along with the raising of the Tricolor. The Proclamation will be read by local school children. This event will take place at 3pm.

PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB

TABLE QUIZ

Table Quiz will take place in the Clubhouse, Garryhinch on Fri. 22nd April at 8.30pm.

CAKE SALE

Cake Sale takes place Sun. 24th April after 9am Mass in Rath Community Hall. This is a fundraiser for local girl, Ella Doyle, who is travelling to the jungles of Ecuador, South America, this summer to work with a student volunteer programme. All support greatly appreciated.

KILLENARD BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge Club will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Mon. 25th April. All past and present members are invited to a tea, chat and Bridge game on that evening (25th April) commencing 7.30pm in O'Dempsey's Clubhouse.

FRIENDS TOGETHER

Friends Together Social Group meet every Tues. & Fri. 2.30–5pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Why not drop in for a free cuppa and a chat. There are board games, card games, quiz, charades, nail painting & more. Further details phone 087-2788472.