



# 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.

**DIOCESAN WEBSITE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie) **SAMARITANS** 116 123 (Freecall) **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 087 7640557  
**AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **MENTAL HEALTH ASSOC.** 083 3476291 / 087 6966133

## 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

## 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

### ANNIVERSARIES – PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am Alice McCann

Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> 10am ---

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. 10am ---

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am ---

Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am ---

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January – 6.15pm

Jack Boylan, Spa St. (M.M.)  
Bridie Denton, Oakdale (M.M.)  
James Keenan, Patrick St. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Michael Webster, French Church St. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Eamon O'Boyle, Church View; Jack McCormack, Ullard; Thomas O'Reilly & Bridget O'Reilly, Congress Terrace; Elizabeth & Thomas Murphy, Vincent, Thomas Jnr. & Dolores Murphy, Railway Cottages

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 12.15pm

Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke  
Larry Taffe, Ardee; Peadar Foster, St. Brigid's Sq. & deceased members of the Foster Family; Patrick & Una Mitchell & deceased members of the Mitchell Family

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 6.15pm

Paddy Maher, Gracefield (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) Tim & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone St.; Peter Kavanagh, Monasterevin; Thomas & Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage; Elsie O'Sullivan & James O'Sullivan, Garryhinch;

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 12.15pm

Pat Gorman, Church View; Robert Frances Magee, Station Rd. (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 10.30am

Patsy Connell, Lea (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
John Dunne, Rathmiles (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
James & Bridget Dunne, Rathmiles

### DECEASED

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

**Tom Ryan**, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas  
**Michael (Mick) Haverty**, Irishtown, Mountmellick (formerly Station Road)

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:

#### PORTARLINGTON PARISH

*Grace Molly Lawlor, Canal Court*  
*Addyson Leigh Coffey, St. Joseph's Terrace*

### SAMARITANS

Seeking volunteers for the Newbridge Branch. 3-4 hours per week to listen to those who are lonely, depressed & sometimes suicidal. Full training provided. Further info. call to No. 3 McElwain Tce., Newbridge Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Feb. & Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8pm.  
Recruitment line 086-0855785

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January – 7.30pm

Elizabeth Prior (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), husband Frederick Prior & daughter Cairiona Prior, Morette  
Michael & Elizabeth Moore, Morette  
James Kehoe, Coolbanagher  
Patrick Kirwan, Killimy Road (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm

Peter Andrews, Dublin & Florida (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Peter & Nora O'Connor, Old Pound & deceased members of the O'Connor Family; Robert McGuirk, Knightstown; William & Kathleen Byrne

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 9am

Liam Tynan, The Canal, Fisherstown (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Brigid Burke, Ashgrove; Paddy & Alice Dobbyn, Courtwood; Andrew & Bridget Heffernan, Courtwood; Tom & John Murphy, Courtwood, Joe Treacy, Courtwood

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 9am

Paddy & Mary Flynn, Cobh, Co. Cork & formerly Fisherstown (M.M.)  
Peter O'Connell, Coolroe  
Joseph & Julia McCormack, Ballybrittas

### ST. BRIGID'S DAY

#### WED. 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> February is the Feast of St. Brigid, the Patron Saint of our Diocese.

### PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

#### THURS. 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

##### Blessing of Candles.

Candles will be blessed in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington at the 10am Mass for Church and home use.

### FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEB.

#### BLESSING OF THROATS



Blessing of throats will take place after 10am Mass on Fri.. 3<sup>rd</sup> February in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.  
Blessing of throats will also take place at the 7.30pm Mass in Rath on Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. / at the 9.15am Mass in Emo on Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. & at the 7.30pm Mass in Killenard on Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

### FIRST FRIDAY - FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY

Friday next, 3<sup>rd</sup> February is the First Friday of the Month. Masses as follows:-  
**Portarlington:** Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am  
**Killenard:** Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30pm (Blessing of Throats)  
**Emo:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.15am (Blessing of Throats)  
**Rath:** Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30pm (Blessing of Throats)

### LECTORS – NEXT WEEKEND

#### Portarlington

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.15pm Margaret Doyle  
Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9am Dan Fingleton /  
12.15pm Emma Dunne

#### Killenard

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10.30am Ciaran Kirrane

#### Emo

Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 7.30pm Paula O'Rourke  
Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 11am Frances Kerry

#### Rath

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9am Greg Fogarty

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND

#### TEAM D – 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> February

4<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.15pm F. O'Dwyer / F. O'Donnell / C. Reid / J. Shaw  
5<sup>th</sup> Feb. 9am M. Scully / R. Doyle / M. Whelehan / T. Harbelin / 12.15pm A. Slattery-Gahan / F. O'Reilly M. Luttrell / E. McLaughlin

#### Killenard TEAM C – 5<sup>th</sup> February

C. Cahill / D. Campbell

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017



#### 29<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is: "Catholic Schools; Learning with Pope Francis to care for our common home"

### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT SUN. 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY

#### Emo 3-6pm

Jimmy McEvoy & Tony Connell  
Rath 2.30–4.30pm  
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### CHURCH COLLECTORS FEBRUARY

#### St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sat. 7.30pm Paul O'Connor & PJ Gleeson  
Sun. 11am Tony Byrne & Michael Maloney  
**Sacred Heart Church, Rath**  
9am David Carroll & James Duffy

### EMO / RATH ENVELOPE BOXES

The boxes have been distributed and begin this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January. The envelope collection is used for the upkeep of churches, parish schools and parish properties. The boxes also contain envelopes for other collections during the year. If you have not received a box, please contact the Parish Office or you can collect a box at the Church porches.

Thank you for your continued support. Cheque payments to the Parish should be made out to Emo No. 1 Account. Individual Priests names should not be on the cheque.

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S,  
KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON**



**Tuesday Meditation** - 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. From 8-9pm.  
An opportunity for quiet reflection and guided  
prayer. Facilitated by the Mount St. Anne's  
Retreat Team. All are welcome.

**Day of Meditation** - Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Feb. From 10am-  
3.30pm. A day of relaxation and peace.  
Facilitated by Sr. Breda O'Shea.

€25 (bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee provided.

**Holy Week Retreat** - Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> - Sun. 16<sup>th</sup>  
Apr 8il. Prayer reflections as we journey through  
His passion, death and resurrection.

Residential or non-residential options available.  
All Easter ceremonies throughout the retreat.

**Dawn Mass on Easter Sunday** - 6am.

Facilitated by Fr. Jack Rodgers SPS

For further details or to receive a copy of our  
2017 Programme, please contact Catherine on  
057-8626153

**TEACH MHUIRE PRAYING COMMUNITY**

Mass for Healing will be celebrated in St. Paul's  
Church, Emo on Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm.  
Celebrant Fr. Jim Bermingham.

**EMO/RATH PARISH LOTTO**

As a mark of respect to the late Tom Ryan,  
Bellgrove, there will be no Emo/Rath Parish  
Lotto Draw next Monday night. Tom has been  
a member of the Emo/Rath Parish Lotto  
Committee since its very beginning.

**Emo/Rath Lotto Draw results 23/1/17**

Numbers 3, 14, 19, 24 - No winner

€25 to each of the following

Hilary Lawlor C/o Hilary; The Foy Boys,  
Kilbracken; Maura Hyland, Morette; Hilary  
Lawlor, C/o Hilary; Theresa Byrne C/o Vera.  
Next Jackpot €3,600 - Draw: 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017.

**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

**Befriending Laois**

Befriending Laois is a free visiting service which  
offers friendship to older people. Volunteers are  
trained and Garda vetted and visit people in  
their own homes. If you would like to volunteer  
or wish to avail of the services of Befriending  
Laois, please contact Laois Partnership  
Company on 087 2720715 or email  
[befriending@volunteerlaois.ie](mailto:befriending@volunteerlaois.ie)

**GALA CHARITY BALL**

This brilliant glitz and glamour ball is on Friday  
24<sup>th</sup> February in the Heritage Golf and Spa  
Resort, Killenard in aid of Laois Down  
Syndrome. Book your ticket or table of friends  
and enjoy the night of the year. Tickets  
available from: Marie: 087-7589896  
Colette 086-2654277 or call to Saoirse Care  
Charity Shop beside Burbage's, Main Street.

**GRANT FOR REPLACEMENT OF**

**LEAD PIPES**

Laois County Council advise that a grant  
scheme is now available to assist householders  
with the cost of replacing lead pipes in their  
homes. Application forms, which include details  
of eligibility, may be obtained from the Water  
Services Department, Laois County Council,  
Áras an Chontae, Portlaoise. Further info. may  
be obtained at [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie). If you have any  
queries please phone 057 87 64120.

**PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE**

Now taking bookings for our next 10-week  
course of Child swimming lessons, Rookie  
Lifeguard & Lane Swimming starting the week  
of the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. New parent & baby classes  
starting Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> of Feb. Now booking -  
Phone reception on 057-8645800.


**FOUND**

Black purse found near Girls Old School  
(across from St. Michael's Church).  
Contact the Parish Office.

**BANRION GAELS CAMOGIE**

Banrion Gaels Camogie training returned for  
Under 10's/12's/14's on Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> in McCann  
Park from 4.15-5.30pm. These age groups will  
also train Tuesday's from Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> in  
Portarlington Community Centre from 6-7pm.  
Date of return for Under 8's & new beginners  
(all levels) will be advised in due course. Check  
Facebook page for regular updates or contact  
the Club on 083-4888657.

**PORTARLINGTON ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
COMMITTEE - TABLE QUIZ**

Fun Table Quiz will take place in the  
Anvil Inn on Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> February   
commencing 9pm. Table of 4 only €20. Raffle  
on the night / Fun guaranteed / Limited tables -  
Book early. Book a table by contacting the  
Anvil Inn or Noel Bodie 086-8151487.

**DEMPSEY'S GAA**

**LOTTO RESULTS FOR 23/01/17**

Numbers 01,05,27,28. No Jackpot winner. Next  
week's Jackpot: €15,200. Thank you for your  
continued support of our weekly lotto.

**DINNER DANCE**

Deadline for Dinner Dance is Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.  
Please get tickets ASAP. Tickets are €35 or €20 for  
students (student's rate for O'Dempsey's student  
players only). Contact Louise on 087-7854640 or  
Barry on 087-7707511 for ticket. Tickets available  
at Lotto draw on Monday night from 9.

**OPERATION TRANSFORMATION &  
COUCH TO 5KM**

Meet at Killenard Community Centre every  
Mon. & Thurs. At 7pm for light walk. All levels  
of fitness welcome! Further info. visit our  
Facebook page or text Louise on 087-7854640.  
Hope to see you all there!

**KILBRIDE ART GROUP**

**Catering for Students / Adults**

Art classes recommendation as follows:

Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 10am-12 noon  
Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 from 10am-12 noon  
Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 from 10am-12 noon  
A course of 12 Art Classes will take place  
commencing in January 2017. We cater for  
beginners & advanced students, using all  
mediums. Also available are sketching &  
drawing classes.

Phone Una on 086 2392997.

**HEALTHCARE SUPPORT AWARD**

Family Carers Ireland are proving the QQI Level  
5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based  
on demand in February 2017. One Day  
workshops also available on Nutrition,  
Dementia and Mental Health in Tullamore. For  
more info contact 0579322920.

**B S#ARP STUDIOS**

**Portarlington School of Music.**

Music lessons available in all Instruments and  
Voice. All levels and ages catered for. Phone  
086-1639153 or 085-7516595.

**PORT TRAIL BEGINNERS WALKING GROUP**

Port Trail Beginners Walking Group began a  
new walk in January. This is an open group  
and you can join in at anytime. The new walk is  
suitable for Beginners, and the walk takes about  
30 minutes. The routes are optional. They have  
been meeting at Park Lane car park, beside the  
Medi Centre, on Monday evenings at 7.30pm,  
so please feel free to join in and stay fit for  
2017. Further info. from Donie (086) 3288858.

**TABLE QUIZ**

A Table Quiz will take place on Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.  
commencing 8.30pm in Portarlington Golf Club,  
Garryhinch. ALL welcome. €40 for a team of 4.  
Hot snacks will be served on the night.

**PORTARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB**

**LOTTO RESULTS 24.1.17**

Letters V, H, T, M. - No winner. Next draw will  
take place on 7<sup>th</sup> February. Jackpot €5,800.

**PORT SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Weekly Bingo will return on Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb.  
at 8.30pm. Come along.

**CHILDMINDER NEEDED**

Mature childminder required to mind children in  
the children's own home 3 days per week from  
1.30pm to 5.30pm - The Rock area. Own  
transport essential / References required.  
Further details contact 083-4315162.

**CELTIS SCHOOL OF SPEECH & DRAMA**

Celtis School of Speech and Drama  
Classes at Leisure Centre (Swimming Pool)  
Portarlington. The classes are structured to  
increase confidence, improve clarity of speech,  
fluency and self-expression through drama.  
Individual attention assured. Children from 4  
years up. Classes commence on Wednesday  
September 18<sup>th</sup> Junior 4pm Senior 5pm. To  
enrol and enquiries contact Anita 086 2478052  
or Email : [celtissd@hotmail.com](mailto:celtissd@hotmail.com)

**NEW YEAR - NEW YOU**

Get powerful, positive, permanent change using  
hypnosis / hypnohealing. Quit smoking / weight  
loss - Very high success rate. Contact Aisling  
Whelan on 086 8094071.

**BRINGING THEOLOGY HOME**

**The priory institute**

Join our supportive student community and  
study theology by distance learning this Spring.  
Application deadline 28<sup>th</sup> February. Phone 01  
4048124 / [enquiries@prioryinstitute.com](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com)  
[www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**ST. MICHAEL'S FOLK CHOIR**

The Folk Choir will sing the new Mass setting  
"St. Michael's Celebration" at the 12.15pm  
Mass this Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

**FRENCH GRINDS**

Native French Speaker (all levels).  
Conversational French. Contact Magali on  
089-4412929.

**YOGALAND**

Restore, relax and renew - Gain a sense of  
peace and tranquility. Join with us at a guided  
weekly relaxation class - Thursday 8.30 -  
9.30pm. €5 per class. Venue: Yogoland,  
Riverside, Portarlington. Ph: Ber 086-3927126.

**JUNIOR BAND FOR PORTARLINGTON**

The First night of Portarlington Concert Band is  
happening on **Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 7pm** in the  
Portarlington GAA Centre. Come along, all  
welcome. Boys & girls age 9 years & older are  
invited to join. Instruments provided, which  
include Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpets,  
Trombones, Saxophones, Drums & Percussion  
& low Brass. Parents can contact Pat Donegan  
@ 083-8570428 for more details. He will be  
only too delighted to give you all the  
details. Also if you would like to give some of  
your time to help it would be greatly  
appreciated.

**YOGA CLUB**

Teenage Relaxation every Monday evening in  
Portarlington Community Centre from 5:15 to  
5:45pm, Helping Teens to switch off in a  
switched on world. Booking required phone  
Elaine 087-6174048.

**GREASE - THE MUSICAL**

Coláiste Íosagáin staged a fantastic production  
of the popular musical, Grease, in the school  
recently. The show was a massive success  
with each night selling out. Well done to all the  
students, teachers & staff for putting on such a  
great production. We look forward to the next  
Coláiste Íosagáin musical.

**DR. BOLGER (TULLAMORE HOSPITAL)**

Retirement Mass: In the Church of the  
Assumption, Tullamore Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6pm.  
All are welcome.