

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday
St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am Sun.
St. Paul's Church, Emo
7.30pm (Vigil – Sat.) & 11am Sun.
Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Sun.



CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from
St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton
www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 10TH MARCH 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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MOTHER'S DAY

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 9th March - 6.15pm Mass

Eamon Coogan, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.)
Mark Lyons, Arlington Estate (2nd Anniv.)
Sr. Mary Malone, Wexford
John (Jacko) Roycroft & dec. members of the
Roycroft Family, Bracklone Street
Thomas Kennedy Snr., Gracefield (70th Anniv.)
Mary Walsh, Lough Villas
Con & Joan Coughlan, Assumpta Terrace
Patricia Neylon; John & Bridget Lovern, Foxcroft
Street; Brendan & Celine Lawless, Patrick Street

Sun. 10th March - 12.15pm Mass

Mary McConn, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.)
John & Bridie Gordon, Monasterevin
Jimmy Hanlon, Gracefield (4th Anniv.)
Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale (23rd Anniv.)
Stephen, Nellie & Paddy Allen & deceased
members of the Allen & Moran Families
Tom Shortall, St. Brigid's Square
Michael & Barry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square
P.J. O'Neill, Portarlinton & Dun Laoghaire
Thomas & Margaret Fingleton, Shandra
Dinny & Kitty Fingleton, Shandra
Deceased members of the Fingleton Family

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 10th March - 10.30am

Mary McConn, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.)
Brian Kelly, Rathmiles (6th Anniv.)
William Paul Moore, Springfield; Bridget &
William Coleman; Mary Whalley (nee Coleman)
(1st Anniv.); Sean Keogh, Rathleash; John &
Carmel McEvoy; Kathleen & Patrick McEvoy;
Nancy Whelehan, Closeland (9th Anniv.)

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON



Mon. 11th March – Willie McEvoy, St. Joseph's
Terrace (12th Anniv.)

Tues. 12th March – Leo Dempsey, Shandra
(7th Anniv.)

Wed. 13th March – Jim & Sarah Westman

Thurs. 14th March – Lynda Hoey, Clanmalire
Crescent & Bridget Hoey, St. Mary's Terrace

Fri. 15th March – Ann & Michael Healy &
Michael Jnr. Healy, St. Patrick's Tce. / Nancy
Delaney, Bracklone Street

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 9th March - 7.30pm

Edward (Ned) Carroll, Killimy Road
Thomas Carroll, New Inn
Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park
Mary Flynn, Morette (57th Anniv.)

Sun. 10th March – 11am

Christy Booth, Morette (37th Anniv.)
James O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown

✠ ANNIVERSARIES - RATH ✠

Sunday 10th March 9am

Michael Kinsella Snr. & deceased members of
the Kinsella Family, Fisherstown
Brigid Donohoe & John Donohoe, Courtwood
Paddy Doyle & Mary Kearney, Ballybrittas

DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

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

Johnny Murphy, St. Joseph's Terrace
Anne Kelly, Dublin & St. Michael's Park
Angela Farrell, Rath House, Ballybrittas
Catherine (Kathleen) Dowling, Emo
Michael (Mick) Behan, Bellgrove



We welcome into the Christian
Community:-

Portarlinton & Emo Parishes
Zoe Mary Hyland, Portlaoise
Leo Páidí Dowling, Mill Lane, Emo
Daniel Matthew Thomas Dunne, Orchard Drive
Conor Leo St John, Whitefields
Kai Jordan Duggan, St. Mary's Terrace



MOTHER

*Her love is like an island
in life's ocean, vast and wide.*

*A peaceful, quiet shelter
from the wind, the rain, the tide.*

*'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
by Patience on the West,*

*by tender Counsel on the South
and on the East by Rest.*

*Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;*

*And through the changing scenes of life
I find a Haven there.*

SERVICE OF LIGHT

RECONCILIATION & PLEDGE (In preparation for Confirmation)



Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Mon. 11th March at 6.30pm in Sacred
Heart Church, Rath

St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Mon. 11th March at 7.45pm in St. Paul's
Church, Emo

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Tues. 12th March at 7.30pm in St. John's
Church, Killenard

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Wed. 13th March at 7pm in St. Michael's
Church, Portarlinton

Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.
Wed. 13th March at 8pm in St. Michael's
Church, Portarlinton

Confirmation

Emo Parish

On Wed. 13th March Bishop Denis Nulty will
visit the Parish of Emo/Rath to administer
the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Rath National School

11am in Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

Emo National School

2pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo.

Portarlinton Parish

Children from the following schools will
receive the Sacrament of Confirmation
during the week as follows:-

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thursday 14th March at 11.30am in
St. John's Church, Killenard.

Scoil Phadraig & Cloneyhurke NS

Friday 15th March at 11am
in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Presentation Primary School

Friday 15th March at 2pm in St. Michael's
Church, Portarlinton

MASS DURING LENT

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Mass will be celebrated during the season
of Lent in the Sacred Heart Church,
Rath every Tuesday at 9.30am
Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Kavanagh.

CHRISM MASS

Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the
celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take
place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in
Carlow on Mon. 25th March at 7.30pm. At this
diocesan Mass, the holy Oils are blessed and
consecrated for use in parishes in the coming
year & the priests of the diocese renew their
priestly promises. The diocesan choir will lead
us in the singing, for the first time, the newly
composed Mass of St. Brigid by Fr. Liam
Lawton.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday 2nd June, 2024. Further details later.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes
place on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass
concluding with the Rosary at 7pm. Also each
Sunday of Lent from 5 – 7pm (concludes with
the Rosary).

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS

Lotto 4th March

Numbers drawn: Numbers drawn: 1, 14, 25,
29. No Jackpot or Match 3 Winners. Lucky Dip
Winners: Tadhg Bryan, Marian Finlay. Promoter:
The Bridge Club. Congratulations to our winners
this week. Our next Lotto is 11th March, with a
Jackpot of €5,400. Thank you for your support.

Membership 2024

Club membership is now due for 2024. It is
important that all players are registered to
ensure they are covered to play and train.
Visit www.odempseysgfc.ie for more info. If you
have any questions please contact our
registrar Kate on 0861679363.

O'Dempsey's GFC Golf Scramble

Our Golf Scramble is swinging back into the
Heritage Golf Resort on Good Friday – 29th
March for its 3rd year.

www.odempseysgfc.ie for registration or contact
Georgina for further information – 0868251468.

PORTARLINGTON CE PROJECT CLB

Vacancy: Environmental Worker. Ref.
2322474. Location: Portarlinton Peoples'
Park / Amenity Areas. Further details contact
the CE Supervisor on 057 8643458 or your local
DSP Intreo Office. CE eligibility criteria applies.
More info: jobsireland.ie (Use the vacancy
details above).

KILLENARD TIDY

TOWNS

Laois Clean Up week is scheduled from the 1st
to 5th April. Bin bags, gloves and litter pickers
will be provided by Laois County Council and the
Council will do a collection on Monday 8th April
of the provided bags from the Community
Centre & bus stop. If interested in volunteering
please contact Enda Behan 087 9765406

PORTARLINGTON

TENNIS CLUB

Tennis coaching with Coach Tony Lok resumes
Friday 19th and Monday 22nd of April. Club
membership necessary to join a coaching class.
For further info Ring or Text 087-9463147.

ST. MICHAEL'S ATHLETIC CLUB

Good Friday 29th March – Emo Forest Run
2024. 5k and 10k races. Commencing 5pm
from Emo Community Centre. Post event
refreshments and award ceremony.

Trocaire

*"Let justice flow like a River, righteousness
like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24)*

Happy Mother's Day from all in Trocaire. In the
Machinga district of Malawi, Malita is a strong
and resilient woman, despite the challenges
she faces. She works tirelessly in her
community to improve the life of all its
members. Like all mothers, she prays for the
best for her children. She wants them to have
an education and opportunities for a better life.
Trocaire and its local partners are working with
women like Malita to build a more just world.

To learn more go to

<https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

Please support Trocaire in helping
communities develop sustainable access to
clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking
home a Trocaire box or going to
www.trocaire.org.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Annual pilgrimage takes place from 30th July –
6th August 2024. Seven (7) night's full board.
Cost €1,060 per person sharing. €280 extra for
single room. Further details & booking phone:
Marie on 087-7589896 or Vera 087-9311813.

VACANCIES

Scoil Phádraig are currently recruiting for
hardworking and reliable people to join our
school cleaning team. These are part time
positions, starting from 2.30pm - 6pm, Monday -
Friday only. These positions are based around
working during school term time only.
Positions based in Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road,
Portarlinton. Experience would be
advantageous. Candidates must be willing to
undergo Garda Vetting. Please apply before
15th March with CV and References to:
admin@stpatricksbns.ie

THANK YOU - LOURDES COMMITTEE

St. Michael's A.C. running Club had their
annual 5K run in the Heritage, Killenard last
weekend and kindly donated all funds raised on
the day to the Portarlinton Lourdes Invalid
Fund. Sincere thanks to all involved. Special
thanks to the Heritage Hotel for the use of the
venue, to Supervalu, Portarlinton for supplying
the fruit & drinks & all those who took part.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2024

The official Pieta House Darkness Into light
2024 walk will take place at Portarlinton GAA
Club on May 11th. If you would like to join the
organizing committee or you can help in any
way on the day contact Sheila Dunne on
085 1644918. You can follow our Facebook
page "Darkness Into Light Portarlinton"

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you a parent or grandparent in Laois/
Offaly with a few hours free each week?
If so, please consider offering friendly support
to young parents with Parents First. There is
free training and travel allowance. Find out
more, call Dolores or Paula at 086 1959221 or
0579322996

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

At Solas Eco Garden Centre
Irish Music from New Rule from 12.30pm
Irish Dancing from 3.30pm
Children's St. Patrick's Day Crafts
Facepainting / Photo Booth from 12.30pm.
Lea, Road, Portarlinton.



SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF

PERPETUAL HELP

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin
This year our Novena is confined to three
nights, commencing on Wed. 20th March to
Fri. 22nd March. Time: 7.30pm

Theme: Peace

Wednesday, 20th March 2024

Guest Speaker: Sr. Helen Cullanane, Mercy
Sister, who started a grief Counseling
Centre for children in Limerick.

Thursday, 21st March 2024

Guest Speaker: people from Cuin Mhuire.
Speaking about additions.

Friday, 22nd March 2024

Guest Speaker: James Kilbane -well known
faith musician.

Lotto.

EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

4th March – Week No. 1228. Numbers 4, 5,
11, 14 – No jackpot winner.
Jackpot of €7,600

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

4th March 2024 – Week No. 10.
Numbers 4, 11, 15, 3. – No Jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:- David Greene
/ Pauline McEvoy / Josie Hanlon / Ailish
Ridgeway / David Connolly. Promoter prize:
Mary Keogh. Next week's jackpot €12,000

EASTER CAMP

At Scoil Phádraig, Portarlinton.
Tues. 2nd to Fri. 5th April for boys and girls.
Activities football, basketball, yoga, coding,
baking, arts and crafts, music and dance and
much more. Further info: email
eastercampport@gmail.com
Please note this is a private run camp ran by
teachers in the school but is not affiliated
with Scoil Phádraig.

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS

CLUB CLG.

Before renewing Membership, can you
please contact Nuala on 087 9463147 for
our new Bank Account details.
The old Bank Account is now closed.

VACANCY

DIRECTOR OF PARISH DEVELOPMENT

The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin are in the
process of hiring a Director of Parish
Development. Job description & application
details can be found on www.kandle.ie.
Closing date for applications
25th March 2024.

EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



The Pilgrimage will take place from August
25th until August 29th, 2024. Hotel Roissy.
Cost €735 per person sharing. If you are
interested in travelling on this Pilgrimage and
want further details, please contact Tony on
086 1225833 or Deirdre on 087 2299457.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Dancing lessons held on Monday nights
with Dolores from 7.45 – 9.15pm.

Keep-Fit on Wed. & Fri. nights with Eimear
from 7-8pm (Friday nights sponsored by
Offaly Sports Partnership).

BREATHWORK & MEDITATION CLASSES

Would you be interested in breath work and
meditation classes in person or online?
If so please contact Anne Lawlor via
email anne.lawlor26@gmail.com