



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 (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, Portarlington

www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 12TH JANUARY 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 11th January 6.15pm

Marie Confrey, St. Michael's Park (1st Anniv.)
Martin Harte, Marian Hill (1st Anniv.); Joseph &
Anne Sweeney, Marian Hill & their son, Thomas
Sweeney; Michael (Mick) Murphy, Annamoe (9th
Anniv.) & dec. members of the Murphy Family;
Mary O'Leary, Killenure (4th Anniv.)

Sun. 12th January 12.15pm

Maureen McEvoy, Avondale; Bridget & John
O'Donnell & grandson, Philip Brennan; Ann
Connolly, Spa St; Mollie Coughlan, Kilmalogue;
James & Kathleen Walsh, Reg (Senior) &
Leah Youster, Peter Weir, Seskin

Sat. 18th January 6.15pm

Sean Egan, Cushina (M.M.); Michael Dunne,
Cushina (2nd Anniv.); Maurice Kelly, St.
Michael's Park & his mother Rachel;
Andrew O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (4th Anniv.)
John & Mary Lawlor & William Lawlor,
Portlaoise; Seamus Dowling, Station Court (10th
Anniv.); Julia & Matt Colgan, Annamoe; Peadar
Foster, St. Brigid's Sq. (40th Anniv.)

Sun. 19th January 12.15pm

Ann Hennessy, NaCluainte (1st Anniv.)
Pat Bradshaw, Lea (2nd Anniv.) & deceased
members of the Bradshaw Family;
Pauline Hooks, Patrick St;
Brian Conroy, Avondale

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 12th January 10.30am

John Maher, Treason (M.M.)
Mary O'Leary, Killenure (4th Anniv.)
Eberhard Bauer, Germany & Clonanny
Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacum (25th Anniv.)

Sun. 19th January 10.30am

Deirdre Quinn (M.M.) & her husband Jack,
Dublin & Killenard;
Catherine McGill, Ballycarroll

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 11th January 7.30pm

JJ Treacy, Morette (1st Anniv.)
Teresa Ryan, Woodbrook (2nd Anniv.)
Bridget Fitzpatrick, Dangans

Sun. 12th January 11am

Paddy Delaney, New Inn (13th Anniv.)

Sun. 19th January 11am

Dan Brophy, Killeen; Deceased members of the
Brophy & Seymour Families

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 12th January 9am

Anne Tynan, Jamestown; Ann Delaney, Coole;
Pete Corcoran, Courtwood (3rd Anniv.); John &
Josephine Corcoran, Courtwood; Millie
Redmond, Sallyfort

Sun. 19th January 9am

Edward Boland, Courtwood, formerly
Jamestown

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES

Mon. 13th Jan. Eamon Ryan, Kilcommon
Cross, Thurles

Tues. 14th Jan. JJ Bannon, Lea

Fri. 17th Jan. Shirley Hoey, Botley Court;
William Hoey, St. Mary's Terrace

✠ DECEASED ✠

We pray for the following who died during the
week:-

*Colm O'Toole, Kilmalogue Downs
Liam Kelly, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas*

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Today, Sunday 12th January 2025 is the Feast
of the Baptism of Christ, commemorating the
baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by
John the Baptist. He now goes about doing
good, working the signs that make him known
as the Servant of God. Through our baptism,
each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ –
Priest, Prophet & King – and the Father looks
on us with favour.



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

**Open the heavens almighty Father,
and pour out your spirit upon your people.
Renew the power of our baptismal
cleansing & fill us with zeal for
good deeds. Let us hear your voice once
again, that we may recognize in your
beloved Son our hope in inheriting eternal
life. Grant this through Jesus Christ,
your Word made flesh, who lives
& reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light,
God forever and ever. AMEN**

NEW YEAR PRAYER



*I said to the Man
who stood at the Gate of the Year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely
into the unknown".*

*And He replied:
"Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than a light
and safer than a known way!"
So I went forth, and finding the hand of God,
tread gladly into the night,
and He led me towards the hills
and the breaking of day in the lone East.
So, heart, be still:
The stretch of years which wind ahead,
so dim to our imperfect vision,
are clear to God;
our fears are premature.
In Him all time hath full provision.
M.L. Hoskins*

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that all Anniversary Masses for
the weekend must be booked in with the
Parish Office latest **Thursday's 12 Noon** in
order to guarantee inclusion in the
weekend's Parish Newsletter & Anniversary
Altar List.

DANA'S

CROSS & CLOAK CONCERT

*In aid of the All Ireland Sacred Heart
Crusade. Sun. 2nd Feb.* Also featuring local
artists. Venue: The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix.
Tickets €25. Book on evenbrite.ie. Further
info. contact Antoinette on 086 0803047

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Canonisation of Blessed Carlos Acutis.
Escorted group Pilgrimage including
passage through the Holy Door of St. Peter's
Basilica, Canonisation of Carlow Acutis &
day trip to Assisi. 25th – 29th April 2025.
€1,355 pps. Spiritual Director Fr. David
Vard. Further details at www.Marian.ie or
phone 01 8788159.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity takes place from Sat. 18th Jan. until
Sat. 25th Jan. 2025.

IMPORTANT DATES 2025

Ash Wednesday 5th March
Good Friday 18th April
Easter Sunday 20th April
Ascension – 1st June
Pentecost – 8th June
Trinity Sunday – 15th June
Corpus Christi – 22nd June
First Sunday Advent – 30th November

PARISH CALENDAR 2025

Parish Calendar for 2023 now available at the Church porch or in the Parish Office.

STUDY THEOLOGY ON-LINE

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com Click here to see a 2 minute introductory film Prioryinstitute.com

ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK

Takes place Mon. 3rd February. Commencing at St. Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice W34X529 on the Monasterevin / Rathangan Road (R414) at 11am Mon. 3rd Feb. Walk approx. 6km. Car parking provided. Walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras then along the Canal Blueway finishing at Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm. A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30 am to Mountrice and return at 2pm. For those who wish to avail of this service, payment on the bus. All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camina Passport. St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day. Further info at Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346.

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. You can drop them to Delaney's, Bracklone Street.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW



1st prize Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by Portarlington Credit Union Ltd.) / 4 prizes of €100 each (Sponsored by Super Valu). Draw takes place Tues. 4th February 2025. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets available from all Committee Members or the Parish Office. Thank you to Portarlington Credit Union for sponsoring the 1st prize of the trip to Lourdes & to Super Valu for the other prizes.

HAPPY HEARTS ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP PORTARLINGTON

Due to the current bad weather conditions the club will now re-open on Thurs. 16th January in Portarlington Community Centre.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto Results 6th Jan. 2025. Week No. 1. Numbers 26, 19, 8, 25 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following: Jake O'Neill / Ronan Walsh / Ryan, Jack, Rosie & Bobby C/o Hawthorn / Carmel Orford / Ann Molloy – Promoter prize: Jamie Hanlon. Next week's Jackpot €3,000.

SAMARITANS

Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. They offer Non-judgmental & confidential support whenever needed. Free-phone 116123, Text 087 2609090 Email jo@samaritans.org

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025



Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Thurs. 6th March, 2025 at 11.30am
in St. John's Church, Killenard



Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Thurs. 13th March, 2025 at 11am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.

Thurs. 13th March, 2025 at 2pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Thurs. 27th March, 2025 at 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Thurs. 27th March 2025 at 2pm in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025



St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Sun. 4th May 2025 at 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo



Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.

Sat. 10th May, 2025 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 17th May, 2025 at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.,

Sat. 24th May, 2025 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sat. 7th June, 2025 at 11.30am in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

FUNDRAISER

IN AID OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

A fundraiser is being held in aid of the Irish Cancer Society in honour of Thomas Fingleton, Shandra, Portarlington. This fundraiser is being organised by Portarlington I.F.A. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code below, follow the link to the donation page or donate at a fundraising night on the 24th Jan. 2025 at 8pm in the Golf Club, Portarlington, to show our appreciation for all who have donated. We would love to see you there for refreshments & a cheque presentation to the Irish cancer society. Admission FREE. Donations on the night very welcome.



INCLUSIVE ACTIVATOR POLE WALK

Tues. 14th Jan. (4 weeks). Commencing 11am at Derryounce, Portarlington – Meet at Marian hill entrance. Contact Catriona on 086 7935234. Poles provided.

TREE SHREDDING



Available at Solas Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road where Eamon O'Reilly from Bartlett Tree experts will be available to shred your Christmas Trees on Sunday 12th January (today). You can have your trees shred and make a donation to Port Meals on Wheels.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Due to the severe weather conditions opening hours may change, so check in with the staff of the centre. Phone 057-8645800.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to make a donation to Portarlington / Emo Parishes, please see bank details below, where you can transfer directly to the Parish Accounts.



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlington BOFIE2D
Portarlington Parish No. 1 Account
IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14
Portarlington Parish Clergy Fund A/C
IBAN: IE59 BOFI 9018 6196 5850 57

EMO PARISH

B.O.I., Mountmellick BOFIE2D
Emo Church No. 1 Account
IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54
Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account
IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches this weekend. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. To register write your name & address on 1st envelope. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks to all.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

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. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2023, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.

Lotto.



EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO
NEXT DRAW TAKES PLACE ON
Mon. 13th January, 2025

INFORMATION EVENING LAOIS COMMUNITY GAMES

Meeting takes place on Thurs. 16th January in the Maldron Hotel, Portlaoise. 7.30pm. You are invited to an Information Evening to reignite Laois Community Games for 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity to bring the spirit of Community Games back to our county and your support would be greatly appreciated. To make the Laois Community Games a success, we need the help of enthusiastic volunteers, organisers, and supporters. Whether you're interested in helping to organise events, volunteering on the day, or simply spreading the word, your involvement will make a real difference. If you or anyone you know might be interested in getting involved, please come along on the night to find out more. If you have any questions before the event, don't hesitate to contact us at aisling@communitygames.ie

UPCOMING YOGA CLASSES

Mum and Baby Yoga / Baby Massage Class
Pregnancy Yoga. Booking and further details:- Contact Catriona on 086-8890005.

ST. BRIGID'S ACTIVE RETIREMENT, CLONEYHURKE

Keep Fit: Wed. & Fri. nights 7-8pm with Eimear. €5 per session.
Dancing Lessons with Noeleen.
Thurs. 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing.
€10 per night.