

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.

DIOCESE www.kandle.ie **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

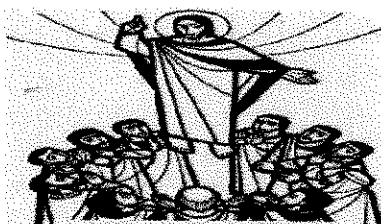
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)
 6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
 @EmoParish

SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2024

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YEAR B

World Communications Day

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 11th May – 6.15pm

Dolores Shortall, Arlington Estate; Ger Doyle, Tullamore; John & Mairead Corbett, Foxcroft Street; Margaret (Peggy) Murphy & Jimmy Murphy, Assumpta Terrace; Hugh Emerson & Grainne Emerson, Bishopswood; Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Hoey, Botley Court (B/D Rem.)

Sun. 12th May – 12.15pm

Kathleen Carey & Anthony Carey, St. Brigid's Square; Gus Hynes, Cushina; Lar Dempsey, Clondoolusk (B/D Rem.); P Beacon, Clanmalire; Magella Hyland (nee Milner) B/D Rem. Edward Keegan, Waterford; Jerry Garvey, Kilbeggan

Sat. 18th May – 6.15pm

Norman Morton, St. Patrick's Tce. (M.M.)
 Marcella Dix, Gracefield
Sun. 19th May – 12.15pm
 Moll O'Reilly, Avondale (M.M.);
 Mel Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Padraig Douglas, Bishopswood; Benny, Margaret & Jane Weldon; Margaret Cleary (nee Weldon), Aughrim; James & Kathleen Walsh

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 12th May – 10.30am

Tom, Jimmy & Liam McCormack, Lea Road

Sun. 19th May – 10.30am

Sr. Cora McHale, Killenard; Kathleen & Chris Carroll & dec. members of the Carroll Family

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died during the week:

Mary Keller (nee Dunne), Lea Road
 Denis (Dinny) Cummins, Gracefield



Final amount collected for Trocaire:
 Portarlington Parish: €9,043.00
 Emo Parish: €2,560.00

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.

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 11th May – 7.30pm

Thomas Walsh, Knightstown (3rd Anniv.)
 Tom & Bridie Fitzpatrick & their daughter Lily Fitzpatrick, Dangans
Sun. 12th May – 11am
 James Noel Moore, Emo (1st Anniv.)

Sat. 18th May – 7.30pm

Nora (Peg) McGuirk, Knightstown (8th Anniv.)
 James & Mary Mortimer, Cappakeel;
 Francis Langford, Morette (5th Anniv.)
 Johnny Keegan, (25th Anniv.) Deceased members of the Keegan family, Morette,

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 12th May – 9am

Tom McLoughlin, Jamestown Cross; Paddy & Cora O'Dwyer, Newbridge; May O'Connell, Newbridge (B/Day Rem.)



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism

Portarlington & Emo Parishes

Hunter Jai Dyer, Lough Gate

Alexzander David Phoenix Mooney-Carey, Station Grove

Bella Mae Booth, Morette, Emo

Rayah Lena Lawless, Portlaoise

ASCENSION

The day of the Lord's triumphant return to his Father is not a day for narrowness or sadness. Rather, it is a day for openness and joy. Therefore, let us lift up our hearts. Let us raise up your minds. Let our spirits soar and be free. For sin & evil & death have been overcome. We know nothing of the mystery of the beyond. All we have is His word: 'Where I am, you too will be.' Lord, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life. Guard this hope with your grace & bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven. Amen

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 2nd June. A bus will travel from Emo and Portarlington Parish on the day. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm at Knock Shrine. Please contact the Parish Office for further details & to book your seat. (057 8643004). €20 per person payable on the day.



Congratulations to the children from

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend in St. John's Church, Killenard.

Presentation Primary School, Station Rd

Saturday 18th May at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Saturday 25th May at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

REFLECTION

We are born in exile and die there too.
 As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.
 We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen, like homing birds that are released in a strange country, and know no rest until they return home.
 So it is with us.
 When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him.
 You have made us for yourself, O'Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you. Amen



ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed every day for the month of May in:-

St. Johns Church, Killenard. Time 4pm.

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
 Rosary every evening at 7pm.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Annual Diocesan Collection for the retired priests takes place this weekend. Envelope available in your development boxes or at the Church porch.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

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The next Social Dance will be held on Saturday 18th May. Dancing to Pat Costello. Doors open 9pm. Admission €10. Refreshments served. **Keep Fit** on Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. Friday nights sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership.

Dancing Lessons – Continues every Thursday night with Noeleen from 7.30pm to 9pm with all kinds of dancing.

CEMETERY MASSES 2024



Killenard – Fri. 5th July – 7.30pm

Portarlington – Fri. 12th July – 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 26th Jul – 7.30pm

FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMP

The FAI Football Summer Camp at Arlington, runs the 7th to the 12th of July, from 10-1 daily. The camp is suitable for children aged (6-14 years) The cost is €75 for 1 child & €65 for additional siblings. Places are limited.

Book online via the website:-
<https://bookings.faifootballcamps.ie/s/>

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

Lotto Results

O'Dempsey's GFC - Lotto Results
 Draw Date: 7th May 2024. Numbers drawn: 7, 17, 23, 30. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners: Niall McCormack, Silé Bannon - (Club Spot). Promoter: Mick Aherne. Next Draw: Monday 13th May with a Jackpot €7,200.

Cúl Camps

Cúl Camp is back at O'Dempsey's GFC from 15th to 17th July. Demand is expected to be high as usual so be sure to book as soon as possible at <https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/>

ACTIVATOR POLE CLASSES

Killenard Community Centre - 11am – 12 Noon commencing Mon. 15th May for 4 weeks. €20 for 4 weeks. To register, please contact Catriona: 0867935234 cslattery@laoisports.ie

VHI WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON

Join Arthritis Ireland for the upcoming Mini Marathon on the June bank holiday weekend. Walk, jog or run – The important thing is to take part & show your support for our essential services so vital to those living with arthritis in Ireland. Sign up here: <https://www.arthritisireland.ie/vhi-womens-mini-marathon-2024> - Contact the fundraising team on fundraising@arthritisireland.ie / 01 6618188.

THEOLOGY OPEN DAY

Theology Open Day, 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. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day Saturday 25th May.

GRACEFIELD GAA PILATES CLASSES

Bring an exercise mat and water. Starting Mon. 13th May at 7pm. 6 classes €50 – Places limited. gracefieldhealthclub@gmail.com

KILLENARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

OPEN EVENING

Fri. 17th May from 6pm – 9pm
 This meeting will report back on a Feasibility Study of the facility undertaken in 2023 with 400 respondents. A draft of the survey is available if you contact Enda on 087 9765406 or any committee member.

VACANCY – OFFALY COMMUNITY

EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Caring in Offaly Community Employment scheme are recruiting **Home Respite Care Workers** for Portarlington & surrounding areas, for further information contact Alison Hackett 086-0213711 / ahackett@familycarers.ie

COMMUNITY GAMES

The Community Games are back in town. Athletics will be on Thursday 16th May from 6pm in Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road. Anyone age 6-16 years with address in Portarlington can take part. Please pre-register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/RDW36cXSum> or contact portarlington@communitygames.eu.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



To book a place call 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie
 Puzzle Club

Join us for a jigsaw morning and a cuppa! Every Tuesday during the month of May 10:30-12:30
Cooking for One Demonstration
 Join Imelda Tynan for this demonstration on cooking quick affordable meals for one. Courtesy of LOETB this demo will take place on Wednesday 22nd May 3:30-5:30pm

Knitting Club

Meets every Friday morning 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels beginner to advanced are welcome!

Face Painting Workshops

Wednesdays 5th and 12th June, 4.30 to 7.30, 15-17 years. Local artist, Romena Roe will train young people (15-17yrs) the skill of face painting. They will learn a number of different templates over two evenings. They will then have the opportunity to practice their new skills at a live event on 15th June.

Junior Book Club

Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month this club is suitable for 9-12year olds.

Baby Book Club

Meets on Wednesday mornings 10:30am.

Sensory Toy Resource Collection

This is a service for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. More details and the catalogue can be found here

: <https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Laois-Library-Sensory-Toy-Booklet.pdf>

Laois Libraries Online Book Club

The Club read one book a month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Join us on the last Wednesday of each month when questions are posed for discussion on our Book Club Facebook page. This month we are reading Dust Child by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai. It is available to download in audio and E-book format on Borrowbox

EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

August 25th until 29th August 2024. Hotel Roissy. Cost €735 per person sharing. Further details & booking:- Contact Tony on 086 1225833 or Deirdre on 087 2299457.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY

Takes place at Portarlington Golf Club on Thurs. 23rd May. The format for this year's event will be a 4 person scramble. Time sheets are available from Portarlington Golf Club. To book your tee time please contact the golf shop at the Golf Club on 057 8642916 – Ext. 2.

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Emo Parish Lotto takes place on Monday next, 13th May. **Jackpot €8,800.** Tickets available from Committee Members, The Parish Office in Portarlington / The Village Shop in Emo.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

6th May Week No. 19
 Numbers: 10, 23, 20, 2 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:-
 Mary Allman; Cian Tadhg Egan; John, Joe & Deirdre Doyle; Maureen Grumley; David Bannon Snr. Promoter prize: Tadhg Bryan
 Next week's Jackpot €13,800

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands, the organisation that supports bereaved parents and holds monthly Parent evenings for bereaved parents. We also offer an online service. F or more info call 01 4045378

CLEANER WANTED

Cleaner required for 3 to 4 hours per week in Portarlington area (near Railway Station). Contact Tom on 086 2428947.

VISION IRELAND CHARITY SHOP

(N.C.B.I.)

NCBI Charity Shop, The Tannery (behind Centra, Main Street). Opened Mon. – Sat. 9am – 5.30pm. We would be very grateful for donations of good quality clothes, footwear etc.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH

Did you know that GROW have had a meeting place in Portarlington for the last number of years. Meeting for a chat & a cuppa every Thursday at 2.15pm at the Social Services Centre on the Link road. For more information on Ports meeting contact Assumpta on 086 8114135.

THE MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Fri. 17th May commencing 7.30pm in the Balcony Cinema, Mountmellick. Cost €10 – includes raffle draw. Fundraiser in aid of Radio Maria Ireland. Or contact Antoinette on 086 0803047 Email promoter@radiomaria.ie

BOTHÁR

Irish charity Bothár thank everyone who donated to their Easter Appeal to humanitarian aid for Palestine and Gaza. Check our website & Facebook for monthly updates on our work in Tanzania; Rwanda; Malawi; Kosovo; Albania & our donation of humanitarian aid to Palestine. Contact details: Bothár, Regus Castletroy – Business Reply, Limerick V94 Y6FD. 1800 26 84 63 or 061 1414142

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB

Membership is open for Derrynounce Lakes fishery & Barrow river. Derrynounce Lakes fishery is fly fishing only with no bait or spinning tactics permitted. The lake season is open all year round but divided into Summer season which has bag & size limits & a Winter season which is strictly catch & release. The river Barrow is open to all forms of rod & line fishing from March to end of September. There are separated permits for the lake & the river. These can be purchased separately. Member cards, club subscriptions & further details can be obtained by texting Eddie on 087 2778043. Rules / Angling Terms & Conditions are printed on the membership card. Please be advised that fishing without a valid permit is illegal & all fisheries are monitored & patrolled.