

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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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 18th February 2024

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 17th February - 6.15pm Mass

Ann Hennessy, NaCluainté (M.M.)
Ann Earley, Cushina Road (M.M.)
Kathleen Earley, St. Patrick's Terrace
Eileen Phelan (3rd Anniv.); Brid Whelan,
Bishopswood (5th Anniv.); Jimmy Murphy,
Congress Tce. (6th Anniv.); Peter Hynes,
Orchard Drive (7th Anniv.); Deceased members
of the Hynes Family, Roscrea; Lizzie Evans,
St. Joseph's Tce. (8th Anniv.); Dan & Eileen
Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran, Annamoe;
Patrick Crossan, Ballymorris & deceased
members of the Crossan Family, Cloneygowan
Dec. members of the O'Reilly Family,
Marian Hill & Spa Street

Sun. 18th February - 12.15pm Mass

Eileen & Brendan Thompson, Portlaoise Road
(3rd Anniv.); Frances Mason, Garryhinch (8th
Anniv.); Deceased members of the Mason
Family; Mary Smith, Church View; Mossie
Kelly, St. Michael's Park; Elizabeth (Betty)
Costello, St. Patrick's Tce. (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 18th February - 10.30am

Kathleen Kearney (2nd Anniv.) & her husband,
Jim Kearney, Ballybrittas; Kathleen Malone
(nee Kearney), Roscourt; Ben McCormack
(3rd Anniv.); Dec. members of the McCormack &
Lennon Families; Brendan McHale (3rd Anniv.);
Eileen O'Leary, Ballintogher (5th Anniv.);
Patrick Keane, Killenard

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 19th Feb. Tom Gorman, Lea Rd. 4th Anniv.
Tues. 20th Feb. Ambrose Doyle, Gracefield (4th
Anniv.); Martin & Sarah Turley; Pat, Thomas,
Breda & Andrew Turley; Barry Kilshaw & David
McDonagh
Thurs. 22nd Feb. Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke
& Willie Barnes

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 17th February - 7.30pm

Sean & William Greene, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 18th Feb. 9am

Liam O'Dwyer & deceased members of the
O'Dwyer Family, Dunlavin; Pat Coffey &
deceased members of the Coffey Family, Naas;
Mary Ellen O'Connell, Killaglush

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

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

Eamon Coogan, St. Joseph's Terrace
John Hennessy, Mountmellick
Eileen Campbell, Lurgan (Mother of Kevin
Campbell, Ullard)



**We welcome into the Christian
Community:-**

Lily Rose Talbot, Portlaoise

P.T.A.A.

SHORT TERM PLEDGE

Consider taking the Pioneer Short-Term Pledge
for Lent? For the duration of Lent, many people
choose to abstain from alcohol. If you would
like to make this pledge for six weeks, you can
join online at www.pioneerassociation.ie

1st HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend, we welcome the children who
will receive their First Holy Communion this
year, to our weekend Masses.

REMINDER

FOR PARENTS / GUARDIANS

CONFIRMATION CLASS STUDENTS 2024



A talk for all parents / guardians of the
confirmation classes from Scoil Phadraig,
Presentation Primary School, Cloneyhurke
N.S., Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard, Sacred
Heart N.S., Rath and St. Paul's N.S., Emo will
take place on **Tuesday next, 20th February at**
7.30pm in the School Hall of Scoil Phadraig,
Canal Road. Bishop Paul Dempsey (Diocese
of Achonry) will give the talk on the night.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

The conference will take place in the
RDS on 23rd, 24th & 25th February.
The conference will be broadcast
online through the website
www.divinemercyconference.com free
of charge, on churchservices.tv. also
on www.ShalomWorld.org



Year B

Trocaire

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

This year's Trocaire Campaign focus on the
Country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of
the least developed countries in the world
and has been badly affected by climate
change. In the Machinga district, Malita and
her family must make a one-hour trip up to
five times a day to collect water. 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.

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests
of the parish will be held **this weekend, 17th /**
18th February, taking the form of a second
collection. Envelopes available in Church
porches if you haven't got envelope boxes &
wish to contribute.

Three Pillars of Lent



Prayer



Fasting



Almsgiving

LENT / ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of annual retreat & renewal
for all of us to embrace the Lenten
disciplines of:-

PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

- Abstain from meat or some other food
- Abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Make a special effort to pray together
- Participate in the Mass
- Visit the Blessed Sacrament
- Fast from food for a longer period than
usual giving what is saved to the needy
- Help the poor, sick, old or lonely.

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)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

If you would like to become part of our team
of Eucharistic Ministers in Portarlington,
Killenard, Emo or Rath or if you are a
Eucharistic Minister and would like a refresher
day, please leave your name & contact details
with Rosemary or Eileen in the Parish office. A
training course will take place next Saturday,
February 24th in Emo National School - 10am to
4pm. To help with costs participants are invited
to bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided.

QUIZ NIGHT

First annual Scoil Naomh Eoin Table Quiz.

Come and join us for an evening of fun it
Sol Oriens at The Thatch Pub, Killenard. Friday
next, 23rd February, commencing 8pm. €20 per
person for Table quiz / Finger food / Live music.
Raffle tickets on the night with great prizes to be
won. All proceeds go to support the first ever
Killenard School Fest. This event is
sponsored by the Parents Council. Your support
would be greatly appreciated. Tickets can be
purchased via the Aladdin App or from
Catherine at the front desk of the school.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL TRACTOR RUN

The Annual Tractor Run & Auction takes place
Sun. 3rd March. Registration from 10.30am at
the Railway Bar. Set off at 12 midday sharp.
Complimentary refreshments upon return to the
Railway Bar. With our now famous auction
immediately afterwards. Prizes for best
presented tractor. Qualified drivers please.

KILLENARD BRIDGE CLUB

The Killenard Bridge Club Committee thank
everyone for their support in making their
Charity Bridge Night in aid of Meals on Wheels,
Portarlington, such a wonderful success. The
amount raised was €5,000 for the Meals on
Wheels. Sincere thanks to all the businesses
who supported the venture with sponsorship &
prizes for the raffle & without whose generosity
this would not have been possible.

SOLAS

Car Boot Sale – Today (Sun. 18th February)
Farmers Market – Saturday's 10am – 2pm.
Craft Market – 1st Sunday of every Month.
Various workshops & events.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION A.G.M.

The P.C.D.A. Annual General Meeting will take
place on Wednesday 21st February at 8pm in
Portarlington Enterprise Centre, Canal Road.
Members of the public are welcome to attend
and potentially get involved the PCDA.

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

The next **Social Dance** will take place on
Sat. 17th February (tonight) – Dancing to Glen
Flynn. Doors open from 9pm. Admission: €10.
Refreshments served.

The **A.G.M.** of the Club will take place on
Wednesday 28th February at 8.30pm.

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).

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES



2024 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's 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. A meeting will take place
on Sat. Further details & booking phone: Marie
on 087-7589896 or Vera 087-9311813.

5K RUN / WALK

In aid of Portarlington Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Heritage 5k Run/Walk will take place
on Sunday the 3rd March. St Michael's A.C. are
holding it this year in aid of the Lourdes
Portarlington Pilgrimage Group. Registration is
from 9.30 at the Heath Club. Entry fee €10.
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd. Changing &
showering facilities available. Refreshments
available afterwards, compliments of the Hotel.
Special thanks to The Heritage, SuperValu &
Portarlington Credit Union.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER (2023)

Some copies of the 2023 Emigrant Newsletter
are still available in the Parish Office (€5 each)
& some of the local shops. A sincere thank you
to all who contributed articles and to the shops
for selling the books. Articles are now being
collected for the 2024 issue. If you have a story
or an item of local interest, now is the time to
write it down and send it to the Parish Office.
portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

ALONE

Would you be willing to provide companionship
or make calls to Older People once a week?
ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area.
Full training and support provided. If interested
please sign up here <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>
For more info contact Fiona on
Fiona.boyle@alone.ie or 086 1366539.

ST. MICHAEL'S ATHLETIC CLUB

Why not join our club? Venue: St. Patrick's
Boys N.S., Canal Road. Improve your running,
get healthier, receive coaching advice, socialize
and meet like-minded people. Training times:
U.6 – 8s – Mon. 6pm – 6.40pm
U.9-13s – Mon. & Thurs. 6pm – 6.50pm
U.13s up Mon. & Thurs. 6pm – 6.50pm
Seniors Tues. & Thurs. 7pm – 8pm.

CLONEYHURKE / GARRYHINCH ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

The Club resumes meeting on Tuesday 20th
February from 3-5pm. All very welcome.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Emo Active Retirement will hold their next
meeting on Tues. 20th February in the Old
School (Emo) at 8pm. New members welcome.

CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP CAREERS FAIR 2024 - DUBLIN



The Department of Social Protection is hosting a
Construction Apprenticeship Careers Fair on
Thurs. 29th Feb. 10am to 2pm – Tallaght
Stadium D24 FNK6. Build your future – Work in
Construction.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK

Local Enterprise Week is taking place
from Monday, March 4th to Friday, March 8th.
We look forward to bringing you another week
long programme of events and training during
Local Enterprise Week 2024. For further details
of courses & events contact Local Enterprise
Office Laois 057 86 61800 / Email
localenterprise@laoscoco.ie

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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

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

12th Feb. 2024 / Week No. 1226. Numbers:
4, 5, 12, 17 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to
each of the following:- Geraldine Kavanagh
C/o F.T. Duffy / Ber Kearney C/o Village
Cafe / Mia Rose Strong C/o Emo GAA /
Catriona Strong C/o Emo GAA / Mary Duffy
C/o F.T. Duffy. Next draw takes place Mon.
19th Feb. with a **Jackpot of €7,000**

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

12th Feb. 2024 / Week No. 7
Numbers 16, 22, 30, 8 – No jackpot winner.
€50 each to: - Fran Keogh; Gavin Dunne;
Nicola Maher / Bridie McGettrick / Colin
Hanlon. Promoters prize: Noleen Murphy.
Next week's Jackpot €11,400.

SWIMMING COURSES

LAOIS LEISURE CENTRE

Portarlington / Portlaoise

Swim Academy: Providing essential
water skills
Rookie Lifeguard: (Children between 8 –
12 years) Lifesaving, CPR & First Aid.
Adult Swimming Lessons: Beginner,
Intermediate & Advanced
Parent & Baby Swimming Class: Gradual
exposure to water with support from parents.
NPLQ National Lifeguard Qualification:
(12-16 years, follo wing for Rookie
Lifeguard). NPLQ recognised around the
world so potential to work and travel.
Laoisleisurecentre.ie
Laois Leisure-Portarlington, Link Road,
Portarlington, Co. Laois. R32AE68.
057-8645800
Laois Leisure-Portlaoise, Park View,
Portlaoise, Co. Laois. R32YP11.
057-8681200

SENIORS BINGO

Seniors Bingo is back Wednesday nights at
8pm in the Social Services Centre. Come
along for a few games and a cuppa
afterwards. The **Social Services AGM**
takes place on Friday March 1st at 7.30pm in
the Social Services Centre.