

# 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](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

## SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 6.15pm Mass**

Dina Kelly, Derryville (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Tce; William Monagher, Orchard Drive (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Teresa Dillon New Mill Court, (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Square; (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Michael (The Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> March - 12.15pm Mass**

Seamus Mullally, Castle Gate (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Rachael Flanagan, St. Michael's Park (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Martha Wyse, Orchard Drive; Julia Horan, Church View; James Knight, Seskin; Jack & Dora Madden, Bracklone Street; Frances O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Patricia Murray, Cushina; Frank Shaw, (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Nixon Shaw, Patrick Street

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> March - 10.30am**

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> March** Rose Lane, Dublin (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv); Patrick Dunne, Dublin (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Denis Carbery, Kilcar, Killybegs (M.M.)

**Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Peter (Pe) Keegan, Bishopswood (M.M.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

**Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 7.30pm**

Colette Coonan-Dowling, Shinrone/Kilmalham

**Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> March – 11am**

Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill & his sister Maura Fennelly; John & Helen Egan & Brigid Mahon, Patrick Street; Christopher & Annie Lawlor & son Noel Lawlor, Woodbrook; Thomas & James O'Connor, Woodbrook; Colm Lawlor, Killimy

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 9am**

Pakie Ryan, Tipperary; Jack O'Connell, Rathangan (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & his wife May O'Connell; Margaret (Rita) Dunne & Peter Dunne, Ballybrittas & daughters, Margaret Dunne & Veronica Dunne, Ballybrittas  
Patrick J. Duffy, Newbridge, formerly Ballyadden (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

### CHOIR FOR EASTER

Rehearsal on Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> March after the Penitential Service in St. Michael's Church.

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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### DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died during the week:

Patricia (Pat) Sweeney (nee Grattan), Arlington Estate, Portarlington  
Thomas Joseph (Tom) Mulhall, Cappakeel, Emo  
Elizabeth (Lil) O'Connor, Coolaghy  
Bernard Harvey, Kimalogue Court  
Angela Mahon, Walsh Island



The Stations of the Cross will take place in **St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington** at 3pm **TODAY (Palm Sunday). All very welcome.**

### 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION

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

### baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

**Portarlington & Emo Parishes**

**Saoirse Lucy Plunkett, Courtwood, Vicarstown**

### EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelope available in your development boxes or at the Church porch.

### MASS DURING LENT (Sacred Heart, Rath)

Mass will be celebrated in Rath Church on Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am.  
Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Kavanagh.

### CHRISM MASS

Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA FOR THE EASTER CEREMONIES AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD IN PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD.**

## EASTER CEREMONIES

### PENITENTIAL SERVICES

**Portarlington:** Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm  
**Mountmellick:** Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

### CONFESSIONS

**Portarlington:**

After all masses & ceremonies during the week. Saturday at 11.30 – 1pm

**Killenard:**

After the Ceremonies Good Friday

**Emo / Rath:**

After Ceremonies Holy Thursday & Good Friday

### HOLY THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> April

(No morning Mass)

**Portarlington**

**7.30pm** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with procession to the Altar of Repose and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11pm  
**Killenard**

**7pm** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 9pm  
**Rath**

**7.30pm** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. **Emo**

**8.15pm** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10pm.

### GOOD FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> March

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

**Portarlington**

**3pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**7.30pm** Stations of the Cross

**Killenard**

**7pm** Stations of the Cross

**Emo**

**5pm** Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Rath**

**7.30pm** Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Portarlington**

**9pm** Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection **Emo**

**7.30pm** Easter Vigil & Mass of Resurrection

### EASTER SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024

**Portarlington:** 9am & 12.15pm Mass

**Killenard:** 10.30am Mass

**Emo:** 11am Mass **Rath:** 9am Mass



**BLESSED EASTER WATER**  
BOTTLES OF BLESSED EASTER WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME FROM ALL CHURCHES FROM EASTER SUNDAY.

## EASTER MASS BOUQUETS

Easter Mass Bouquets available in the Parish Office. €6 each.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

### CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

Next **Social Dance** will take place on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> March. Dancing to Pat Daly. Doors open at 9pm. Admission €10. Refreshments served.  
**Dancing lessons** on Monday nights 7.45 – 9.15pm €8 each night. **Keep Fit** on Wednesday and Friday nights from 7-8pm. €5 Wednesday nights and Friday nights sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership.

## WANTED

### BEGINNERS FOR LINE DANCING CLASSES

Venue: Portarlington Community Centre.  
Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. All welcome, no partner required. It's not just country music – All tastes catered for. Further info. text John on 086 8333200

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

Lotto 19<sup>th</sup> March

Lotto Results: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Numbers drawn: 14, 16, 19, 27. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winner: Eddie Fitzpatrick. Promoter: Ursula Dunne. Next Draw: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March with a Jackpot of €5,800. 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](http://www.odempseysgfc.ie) for more info. or contact our registrar Kate on 086-1679363.

### O'Dempsey's GFC Golf Scramble

Our Golf Scramble is swinging back into the Heritage Golf Resort on Good Friday – 29<sup>th</sup> March [www.odempseysgfc.ie](http://www.odempseysgfc.ie) for reg. or contact Georgina for further information – 086-8251468.

## NATIONAL PIONEER BALL

Calling Pioneers & friends to the 25<sup>th</sup> Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration & fun on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music & dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Further details contact Dermot on 085 7201646 or Daisy on 087 6544626.

## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Calling all adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock taking place on Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please phone 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Bus details:- [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

## KILLENARD TIDY TOWNS

Laois Clean Up week will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April. Bin bags, gloves & litter pickers will be provided by Laois County Council & the Council will collect bags from the Community Centre & bus stop on Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> April. If interested in helping, phone Enda Behan 087 9765406

## EMO JIVE COURSE

Four week beginners jive course starts Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.45-9pm. Emo National School R32DX52. €40 payable on 1<sup>st</sup> night.  
[JiveTom@gmail.com](mailto:JiveTom@gmail.com) Ph: 087 3995877.

## 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).



## A PRAYER ON PALM SUNDAY



Loving Father, with palm branches we recall when Jesus was welcomed by crowds into the city of Jerusalem.  
Bless us with your Spirit as we prepare to journey through Holy Week.  
May we find time to listen again to the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There, may we discover the love of God, which knows no bounds.

We bring with us our suffering and pain, our worry and loss and the suffering, pain, worry and loss of the whole world at this time.

May we hear proclaimed this coming

Easter Day that Jesus is risen!

May we have our hope renewed in God who brings good out of bad and even life out of death. AMEN

## BLESSING OF FOOD

### FOR THE POLISH COMMUNITY

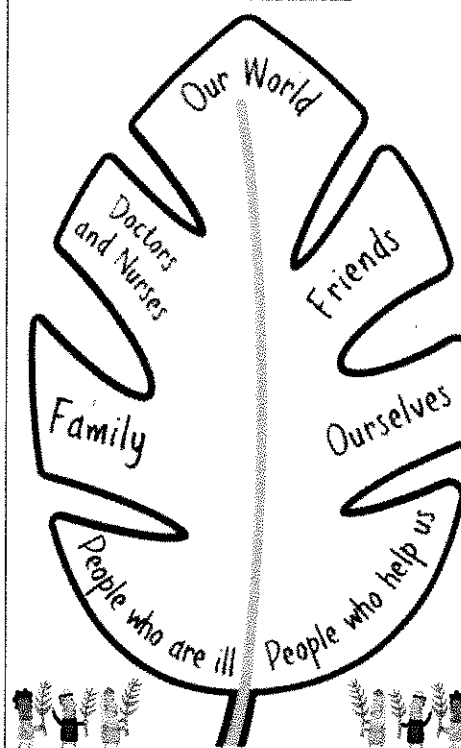


"Święcenie Pokarmów Wielkanocnych w Wielką Sobotę, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 12 noon. w kościele St. Michael w Portarlington. Zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału."

Blessing of food (Polish Community) at 12 noon on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 (Holy Saturday)

## PALM SUNDAY

### PALM LEAF PRAYER



Colour your palm Leaf. You could pray for each section as you colour. Cut out your leaf & stick it onto a door. Every day as you pass your leaf pray for one section.

## PALM LEAF PRAYER

Thank you God that you always listen to our prayers.

Sometimes we don't always know what is ahead of us, but like Jesus journeying through Jerusalem, may we always know you are with us. AMEN

## CAKE & BRING & BUY SALE (TODAY)

Today, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March after the 10.30am Mass. Venue: Killenard Community Centre. All donations of confectionary would be very much appreciated. If you wish to donate cakes / confectionary, the Community Centre in Killenard will be open from 9.30am. Proceeds from this event will go to the Senior Citizens Annual Party. Thank you in advance for your support.

## Lotto.

### EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next draw takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. **Jackpot of €7,800**

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

18<sup>th</sup> March / Week No. 12

Numbers 6, 17, 26, 16 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Mark Farrell / Kathleen Greene / Shane Storey / Madeline Brady / Eamonn Conway. Promoters prize: Breda Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot €12,400

## EASTER CAMP

At Scoil Phádraig, Portarlington. **Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:eastercampport@gmail.com).

Please note this is a private run camp ran by teachers in the school but is not affiliated with Scoil Phádraig.

## EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage will take place from August 25<sup>th</sup> until August 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## THE SUNRISE DAWN MASS

Easter Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. 7am in the grounds of Moore Abbey, Monasterevin. All very welcome.

## CARING VACANCY

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](mailto:ahackett@familycarers.ie)

## ST. MICHAEL'S ATHLETIC CLUB

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

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Further details later.

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

AGM: Takes place on Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Catholic Club, Main Street. All welcome to attend this A.G.M. **ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE:** 30<sup>th</sup> July–6<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2024. Seven (7) night's full board. Cost €1,060 per person sharing. Further details & booking ph: Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087-9311813.



**All Trocaire boxes should be returned at Holy Thursday & Good Friday ceremonies or Easter weekend. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Church.**