

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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## PARISH OFFICE

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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.  
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 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2023

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## YEAR A

Daylight saving time starts – Put your Clocks forward

### WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 6.15pm

William Monagher, Orchard Drive (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Rachael Flanagan, St. Michael's Park (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Michael (Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Des Nolan, Congress Terrace; Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Maura & Patrick Williams; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Kathleen Doyle; John Knight Snr., St. Mary's Tce

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 12.15pm

Teresa Dillon, New Mill Court (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Seamus Mullally, Castle Gate (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Bill Storey, Garryhinch (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Patricia Murray, Cushina  
Frances O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square  
Elizabeth Lanigan, Canal House  
Joseph & Maureen Hickey, Braemar House,  
Patrick St. & sons Joseph & John;  
Kitty Murphy, St. Michael's Park

### 10AM MASS - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Mar. Bishop James Moriarty 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.  
Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> March Kate & Joseph Malone;  
Jerry Farrell; Mick & Elizabeth Keogh  
Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> March Sunny Kennedy; Paul Nolan (B/D Remembrance); Gracefield  
Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> March Jody & Josephine Slattery,  
St. Patrick's Terrace

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 10.30am

Tom Flanagan, Lea Road  
Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Joseph & Maureen Hickey, Braemar House,  
Patrick St. & sons Joseph & John Hickey

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 11am**  
Frank Delaney, Killeen (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Betty Doonan, Bellgrove  
Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Christopher & Annie Lawlor & their son, Noel,  
Woodbrook; Thomas & James O'Connor,  
Woodbrook; Colm Lawlor, Killimy

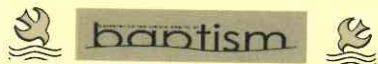
### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 9am

Margaret Dunne, her sister Veronica Dunne;  
Rita & Peter Dunne, Ballybrittas;  
John (Jack) O'Connell, Rathangan

## DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the  
following who died during the week.  
Ann Mack, St. Patrick's Terrace  
Pauline Hughes, Birr & formerly Station Road  
Esther Fitzpatrick, Kilnahown



We welcome into our Christian Community  
through Baptism:  
**Portarlington Parish**  
Callum Stephen Conlon, Closeland, Ballybrittas  
Sasha Blossom Doohar, Crann Nua

## Confirmation

**SERVICE OF LIGHT & RECONCILIATION**  
(In preparation for Confirmation)  
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard  
Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> March Service of Light at 7.30pm in  
St. John's Church, Killenard. On Thurs. 30<sup>th</sup>  
March, the children from the school will receive  
the Sacrament of Confirmation at 11.30am.

Congratulations to the children from Scoil  
Phadraig and Presentation Primary School,  
Portarlington, who received the Sacrament of  
Confirmation during the week.  
Bishop Denis Nulty visited the parish to  
administer the Sacrament.

## PALM SUNDAY - 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday or Passion  
Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week. A time  
when we contemplate that Jesus is God made  
man, he humbled himself and became obedient  
to death, even death on the cross.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS PALM SUNDAY



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

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing at  
7pm. Sunday's during Lent 5-7pm.

## Trocaire



### "Let your Love be there this Lent"

In 1973, when choosing a name for the  
overseas aid agency of the Catholic Church  
in Ireland, the Irish bishops chose the  
Gaelic word for mercy or compassion –  
Trocaire. 'Compassion' is an active word  
that asks that we see the suffering of others  
& respond with solidarity & action. The first  
response of Trocaire is to have compassion  
for those we work with & to empower them  
to build their life with dignity &  
independence. The people of the island of  
Ireland – YOU – have made this possible.  
Please give what you can: Trocaire boxes  
available at the Church porch.  
Online [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org)  
Freephone 1800 408 408.

'A truly human & fraternal society will be  
capable of ensuring in an efficient & stable  
way that each of its members is  
accompanied at every stage of life. Not  
only by providing for their basic needs, but  
by enabling them to give the best of  
themselves.'

Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, 110

## COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house  
bound will take place next week as follows:

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Congress Tce; Crowe Lane; St. Brigid's Sq;  
Station Court; Newmill Court; Canal Rd;  
Corrig Derrymore; Lea; Lough;  
Old Pound; Rathmiles

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Ballybrittas; Bellgrove; Ballyadden;  
Courtwood; Fisherstown; Jamestown;  
Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Morette;  
Coolbanagher; Knightstown; Killeen;  
Tinnakill; Woodbrook; Shaen

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Assumpta Terrace; St. Patrick's Terrace;  
St. Joseph's Terrace; Gracefield;  
Avondale; Shandra; Annamoe; Bog Road;  
Patrick Ave; Patrick St; Rosecourt;  
Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk;  
Cushina; Botley Court

### LOUGH DERG 2023

One Day Retreats: (Admission €45)  
May 1<sup>st</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup>  
August: 19<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>  
September: 2<sup>nd</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup>  
Booking essential. Concessions for groups.  
Three Day Pilgrimage: (Admission €80)  
Starts 1<sup>st</sup> June (Thurs.). Runs until 15<sup>th</sup> August.  
Residential Retreats / Lakeshore Pilgrimage /  
Quiet Day Retreats all available. For further  
information & booking, phone 071 9861518 /  
[info@loughderg.org](http://info@loughderg.org) / [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP

From 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023. 7 nights full board  
in Hotel Solitude. Transport to and from  
Airports. €995 per person sharing. Limited  
single room availability at supplement of €280.  
Travel Insurance €39 if required. Names of  
those interested in travelling with this year's  
pilgrimage can be given to Marie Corcoran in the  
'Care' Charity Shop on Main Street or phone  
Marie on 087-7589896 / Vera on 087-9311813.



### EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Five nights – 21<sup>st</sup> August – 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.  
€745 per person sharing. Includes return flights  
from Dublin / 10 kg baggage allowance /  
Transfers / 5 nights in the 4\* Hotel Astrid.  
Further info. & booking contact: Deirdre Lawlor  
087-2299457 or Tony Byrne 086-1225833

### MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Package July 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> at a cost of €745  
p.p.s. Flight Dublin to Split. Spiritual Director  
Fr. Sean Hyland CC. Booking contact Michael  
Nerney on 086 8157305.

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

#### Golf Classic 2023

Golf Classic will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at  
the Heritage, Killenard. It will be a Scramble  
format. Team Reg. & sponsorship details from:-  
<https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golf-classic-2023>

### EMO NS FAMILY FAVOURITES COOKBOOK

Pick up a copy & support Emo National School's  
new Autism Unit & associated facilities.  
You can get a copy from:-  
Bernie's Shop, Emo / Supervalu,  
Mountmellick / All Books, Portlaoise /  
Hummingbird Café, Portarlington /  
Portarlington Post Office & Emo  
National School (via Aladdin). This Cookbook  
got a great mention on a recent Ryan Tubridy  
RTE Radio 1 programme. It is filled with 120  
delicious mouth-watering recipes. Priced at €15.

### BRAZILIAN MARKET

Brazilian Market will take place at SOLAS  
Garden Centre from 10am – 4pm today (Sun.  
26<sup>th</sup> March). FREE to all. A Taste of Brazil in  
Laois with a Brazilian Market filled with food,  
beauty, crafts, jewellery and Brazilian  
business based in Laois.

### CLEAN UP LAOIS

#### "Fight against Litter Campaign"

Laois Co. Co in conjunction with Bord na Mona  
are asking local communities to join the fight  
against litter, as part of Clean up Laois week  
(April 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>). Reg. forms for Clean Up  
Packs available from [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie) (search Clean  
Up Laois Week 2023 on the internet). You could  
also email [cleanupweek@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:cleanupweek@laoiscoco.ie) or phone  
057 8674322. Forms to be returned by Fri. 7<sup>th</sup>  
April. Packs available for collection from the  
County Hall, Portlaoise.

### RATH / BALLYBRITTAS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Rath-Ballybrittas  
Development Association will take place on  
Mon March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Rath School. All  
welcome to attend.

### EASTER CAMP

Taking place in Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road  
from Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> – Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> April for boys & girls  
of primary school age. Times: 9.30am to 2pm.  
€60 / Sibling discounts available. Registration  
forms at the school office.

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

#### Lotto Draw - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Numbers 6, 24, 4, 15 – No Jackpot winner.  
€50 to each of the following:- Eugene  
Geoghegan; Eugene McCabe; Michelle Hyland;  
Graham Delaney & Mario Houlihan.  
Promoter's prize: Breda Flanagan.  
Next week's Jackpot €2,200.

### CHILDMINDER NEEDED

Killenard / Ballybrittas area to look after one  
child (4 days per week) from October 2023.  
References required / Non smoker. If  
interested in this position, please contact  
Mary on 085 7281987.

### BIOLOGY & SCIENCE GRINDS

Qualified Biology and Science teacher available  
for Junior Cycle Science and Leaving  
Certificate Biology grinds. Located in  
Portarlington / Killenard area. Please call  
086-1649450 for further information.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB.

#### CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

AGM will be held on Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> March at  
8.30pm. New members welcome  
Social Dance April 15<sup>th</sup> dancing to Glen Flynn.  
Dancing Lessons every Monday night  
from 7.45pm-9.15pm. €8 each night.  
Keep Fit Wednesday nights from 7-8pm.  
€5 each night.

### GAELIGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish continuing for the  
Month of March – Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm  
to 9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown.  
€2 contribution. Fáilte le cach.  
Enjoy a cupán tae agus chat.

### EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

The draw took place on 13<sup>th</sup> March.  
Numbers 3, 9, 10, 23 - No Jackpot winner.  
€25 to each of the following:-  
Grace, Daire & Sean Moore C/o Pat Nolan  
Arron Carroll C/o Bernie / Dermot Hogan C/o  
Deirdre / Mark Deering C/o Ann  
Kevin Lawlor C/o Deirdre  
Next week's Jackpot is €9,600  
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village  
Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Used postage stamps wanted for Foreign  
Missions. Please leave in through the letter box  
of The Nook Shop, Patrick Street.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> April)

Celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey  
Chapel, Monasterevin on Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023.  
All invited to attend. Enquiries to 086 3797454.

### EASTER MASS BOUQUETS

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

### KIDS DANCING

Kids Ballroom & Latin Dance classes are held  
every Tuesday at 6pm at the Portarlington  
Community Centre. Learn how to waltz,  
cha cha & jive. Booking: Ph: Lisa 085 7416886.

### 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 BOFII2D  
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 BOFII2D  
Emo Church No. 1 Account  
IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54  
Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account  
IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

### G.R.O.W.

Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm – 4pm  
at Portarlington Social Services, Link Rd.  
Over 18's welcome. Further info. contact  
Assumpta on 086 8114135  
[assumptalyons@grow.ie](mailto:assumptalyons@grow.ie)

### PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB



AGM will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>  
March at 7pm in Portarlington Community  
Centre – Studio 2. New members  
welcome. An interesting year is planned  
So come along and get involved.  
Permits & Angling Club Membership can be  
purchased from Portarlington Auto Parts,  
Main Street or Finlay's of Bracklone Street.  
The club are also contactable via Facebook

### TENNIS CLUB

Social tennis continues every Thursday  
from 7.30pm at Portarlington Lawn Tennis  
Club, Station Road. New members & all  
levels welcome. €2 per player.

### PORTARLINGTON TIDY TOWNS

#### Plant & Seed Swap



The Tidy Towns are holding a "Plant &  
Seed Swap", where gardeners &  
enthusiasts can come together to swap  
cuttings, seeds & plants. Refreshments  
served plus some great gardening ideas &  
tips. Please have name tags on your plants  
or seeds. Taking place on Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> April  
at 6pm in Portarlington Community Centre.

### LIVING WELL FOR LONGER EXPO.

Healthy Laois & Age Friendly Laois Expo  
Events takes place on Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> April from  
4-8pm in Portlaoise College, Mountrath  
Road - R32 N795. This Expo. Will  
showcase the supports, services, groups &  
activities available to all ages in Laois. Fifty  
stands in attendance. Further info. or to  
pre-register:- [curran@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:curran@laoiscoco.ie)  
or phone 086-0363426

### APRIL DEMENTIA CAFE

The April Dementia Cafe is being held  
on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30am in the Bridge House  
Hotel with guest speaker Maura Byrne.  
Maura will talk on 'Family Carer Stress'.  
We also have our Annual Tea Day  
Fundraiser on May 4<sup>th</sup> in Birr Day Care at  
2pm. If you are interested in hosting a Tea  
Day on May 4<sup>th</sup>, register for a Tea-day pack  
[www.teaday.ie](http://www.teaday.ie). Or phone 087-7151323.