



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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**DIOCESE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

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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](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

**SUN. 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy)**

**YEAR C**

## WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> April 6.15pm

Frank Higgins, Annamoe (M.M.);  
John Geoghegan, Cushina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Patrick  
Geoghegan Jnr. & Patrick Geoghegan Snr;  
Helen Hanlon, Gracefield (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Jimmy  
Hanlon, Gracefield (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Ann Ward,  
Bracknagh (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Amanda Knight, St.  
Joseph's Tce; Jim Shortall, Bracklone St. (29<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); Johnny Whelan, Bishopswood (36<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); Milo Bracken, Avondale (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Paddy Whelan, Deerpark & dec. members of the  
Whelan Family

### Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> April 12.15pm

Sean Moran, Droughill & dec. members of the  
Moran Family; Tom & Bridie McNulty, Droughill;  
John & Eileen Hickey, The Square; Liam Hickey,  
The Square; Kitty Sheerin

### Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 6.15pm

Angela McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> May 12.15pm

Theresa (Tess) Quinn, Dublin & Blackhall (MM);  
Mary Keller, Lea Rd. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Ellen (Nellie)  
Dunne, Avondale; Baby Sinead Dunne; Edward  
& Jane Murphy; Maureen Murphy; Kathleen  
Garry, Cloneyquinn

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am

Sean Fallon, Lea Rd. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Elizabeth  
Donnelly, Killenard & Bridget Donnelly,  
Monasterevin; Phil O'Hara, Killenard; Peter  
Maher, Ballintogher; Maurice Dalton & Ann Fox  
Dalton; Terry Behan, Tierhogar; Marian Hickey,  
The Square; Madge Mulhall, Ballintogher

### Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am

Alan Kavanagh, Lough (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Catherine  
Kavanagh, Lough

## WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORT.

**Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> April** Kathleen Lawlor, Portlaoise Rd.  
**Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> May** Tommy Dunne, Patrick Avenue

## ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every  
Tuesday after 10am Mass concluding with  
the Rosary at 7pm.

## THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed  
to the recent collection for the Priests of the  
Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## COLLECTORS FOR RATH - MAY

Tommy Wilson & John Lowry

## ANNIVERSARIES EMO

### Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

Dan Dargan, Carn (M.M.); Mary Langford, Emo  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Frank Langford, Emo (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
John & Betty Doonan, Bellgrove; Patrick  
(Benny) Connolly, Killimy, Marie Moore, (nee  
Connolly), Emo; Mary Delaney, New Inn;  
Richard & Helen (Nellie) Strong, Coolbanagher;  
John Kelly, Newbridge & Collbanagher

### Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> April 11am

Ellie & Brendan Deering, Morette; Michael  
Gleeson, Morette (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

## ANNIVERSARIES RATH

### Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> April 9am

Narissa Carroll; Simon Luttrell, Fisherstown  
(30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); James Dillon, Courtwood

## MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

Organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes  
place Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> May in Dublin at 2pm (Meeting  
point – St. Stephen's Green). It is being held to  
draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion  
rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant  
women and their babies. The event will be  
suitable for families and have excellent  
speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers  
and their unborn babies! Further info. including  
bus travelling to Dublin check out  
[www.marchforlife.ie](http://www.marchforlife.ie)

## ACCORD NEEDS YOU!

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service  
CLG is recruiting volunteers to train as marriage  
preparation programme facilitators to support  
couples preparing for the Sacrament of  
Marriage. The marriage preparation  
programmes are fun & interactive & popular  
with couples. Successful applicants will receive  
free professional training during 7 in-person  
workshops at venues around the country & will  
be part of a team delivering marriage  
preparation programmes in your local area.  
The closing date for receipt of application forms  
to be included in selections for this year is  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Phone Aisling on 01 5053112  
or Email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

## POPE FRANCIS 1936 - 2025

Ireland's postal service offering  
to send Mass or Sympathy  
Cards to the Vatican for FREE  
for people who wish to pay their  
respects to Pope Francis You  
can address your cards to the Vatican PO Box  
13812, FREEPOST, Dublin. Available until  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2025.



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### HOW TO PRAY

### THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

(Use an ordinary Rosary)



Make the Sign of the Cross.

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and  
The Apostles' Creed.

On the Our Father beads say:

*Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and  
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly  
Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in  
atonement for our sins and those of the  
whole world.*

On the Hail Mary beads say:

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us and on the whole  
world.*

Repeat for the five decades.

Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:

*Holy God, Holy Mighty One,  
Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us  
and on the whole world. ✽*

## FIRST FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2025

Portarlington 10am (Fri.)

Emo 9.15am (Fri.) Rath 9.30am (Thurs.)

## CEMETERY MASS 2025



Killenard – Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm

Portarlington - Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> July –  
7.30pm

## DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATIONS

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations will be  
held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin  
on Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> April. All are invited and  
welcome to attend. Celebrations commence  
with confession at 2pm and Mass at 3pm.

### MEALS ON WHEELS PORTARLINGTON

Portarlington Meals on Wheels Committee thank all who donated to the recent collection. Thanks to McLoughlin Supervalu & Daniels Centra, Portarlington for facilitating the collections. Thanks also to all our collectors. All donations to Portarlington Meals on Wheels are very much appreciated. Up to 11,000 meals were cooked and delivered last year.

### BEALTAINE AT THE LIBRARY

**Cooking Demonstration:** Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> May 3-5pm. Discover the Art of Effortless Healthy Eating! This workshop showcases the wonders of the Air Fryer. *Booking essential.*

**Dry Felting:** Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> May 2.30-4.30pm. Dry felting (also known as needle felting) is a fibre art technique that uses barbed needles to interlock wool fibres, creating beautiful textured designs without the need for water or soap. *Booking essential.*

**Walk in Borrowbox Clinic:** Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> May 2.30-5pm. Bring your phone or tablet. We will help you download/access your account. Access free newspapers, magazines, E-books/audio books.

**Puzzle Club – Jigsaw morning & a cuppa!** Tuesdays 10:30-12:30 New member's welcome.

**Knitting Club:** Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30 All skill levels from beginner to advanced!

**Friday Storytime – Fridays at 3:30pm**

**Lego Free Play:** Saturdays 10am-1pm

**Social Chess:** Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm

**Portarlington Junior Book Club**

Last Wednesday of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. *Booking is essential*

**10/10 Book Club:** Book club for reluctant

readers in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class. *Booking essential*

**Baby Book Club:** Wednesdays 10:30am.

*Booking is essential.*

**Adult Book Club:** The last Tuesday each month

**Sensory Toy Resource Collection – Service** for parents of children with additional needs.

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

**Laois Libraries Online Book Club** Read 1

book per month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Meet last Wednesday of the month.

This month we are reading The Devil Stone by Caro Ramsey. It is available to download in audio and ebook format on Borrowbox

Further details & bookings phone 057 8643751 or Email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

### CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

**SOCIAL DANCE** 26<sup>th</sup> April. Music by Lawrence Champion. Doors open 9pm. Adm. €10.

Refreshments served. **KEEP FIT:** Wed. & Fri.

With Eimear 7-8pm €5 each night. **DANCING**

**LESSONS** Thurs. Nights with Noleen 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 each night.

### LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES 2025

#### Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & keeping vigil.

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> August. General Adm: €85 / Students & Seniors €75.

#### One Day Retreat

Day of guided prayer & reflection during May, August and September. Further details from Email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) / Ph 071 9861518 [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### SOCIAL TENNIS FOR ADULTS 50+

At Portarlington Lawn Tennis Club on Mondays from 12 noon. Non-members welcome. Rackets and balls provided. Booking not required.

### EXERCISE AND HEALTH

EduFIT (Exercise for Health) every Monday and Thursday 9.15am to 10am. Portarlington Community Centre. €5 per class (pay as you go). All very welcome. No need to pre book – Just turn up and we will look after you.



### R.S.A. CHECK CHILD CAR SEAT



A reminder that next week, the RSA's Check it Fits service will be visiting County Laois. Did you know it's the law that all children under 150cms or 36kgs must use a child car seat appropriate to their weight and height. In Ireland as many as 54% of child car seats are incorrectly fitted which can lead to serious injury or even death in a collision.

We will be visiting the following locations: McLoughlin's Supervalu, Portarlington 10am – 5.30pm on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### O'DEMPSEY'S LOTTO

Numbers drawn 22<sup>nd</sup> April: 9,10,11,19. No Jackpot winner. Four Match 3 winners: Fionnuala Finlay, Monica Connolly, Sandra Farrell and Hazel McCormack. Promoter: Ursula Dunne. Next Draw is Monday 28th April with a Jackpot of €5,600.

### O'DEMPSEY'S CLUB MASS

O'Dempsey's GFC will be holding our Annual Club Mass for present, past, sick and deceased members of the club at the clubhouse on Friday the 2nd of May at 7:30pm. All members past and present are welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments available afterwards. Please pass on this message to anyone who you think may be interested.



### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025



#### ST. PAUL'S N.S., EMO

Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> May - 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo

#### PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> May - 11.30am in St. Michael's Church

#### SCOIL NAOMH EOIN, KILLENARD

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> May - 11.30am in St. John's Church

#### SCOIL PHADRAIG / CLONEYHURKE NS /

#### SANDY LANE NS

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> May - 11.30am in St. Michael's Church

#### SACRED HEART N.S., RATH

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> June - 11.30am in Sacred Heart Church

### EMO TIDY TOWNS AGM

Emo Tidy Towns will hold AGM takes place Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> May in the Old school, Emo at 7.45pm. Please come along and show your support all welcome.

### PORTARLINGTON

#### PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

For newborn babies and toddlers (0-5 years) Venue: The Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlington. R32 YK24. Everyone welcome – Lots of great toys, activities, music and fun! Refreshments served. Various talk of interest by professionals & themed activities for children. Friday's 9am to 11am

**Buggy walking group** - Every Tuesday morning 10am (Meet at Costa Car Park) Phone /Text /WhatsApp Rebecca 087 3982548. Come along for further information and details of registration. – Everyone welcome.

**Fees Members** : €2 per child or €3 per family

**Fees Non members** €4 per child

### FUNDRAISER FOR NEUROSURGERY

#### DEPARTMENT IN BEAUMONT HOSPITAL

Coffee morning cake sale in the Macra Hall, Mountmellick on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10am to 3pm.

### MOTHER AND BABY

#### YOGA

Mondays in Portarlington Community Centre at 10.30am. Baby Massage Class – Next course commences Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> May in Portarlington Community Centre at 12 Noon.

Pregnancy Yoga – Next term starting 30<sup>th</sup> April in Portarlington Community Centre at 7pm. No yoga experience is needed to join. Booking essential – Phone Catriona on 086-8890005



### 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

#### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 – Week No. 17

Numbers 18, 19 16, 17

Jackpot winner Pat Burbage (€4,600)

€50 to each of the following:

Jake o'Neill / Jenny Rennick / Amy Slevin / Bobby Earley / Laura Slevin – Promoter prize Anthony Earley.

Next week's jackpot 2,000.

### A PRAYER FOR FARMERS



God of all Creation,  
we give you thanks for those who  
cultivate the earth,  
for those who wake before dawn  
& labour in the fields,  
for those who care for livestock,  
for those who plant & tend with care.  
We pray they know they are appreciated  
beyond measure.

Too often, we overlook the gift of farmers  
as we grow ever more distant from the  
processes that bring food to our tables.

We pray that we see and know  
those who do the planting, tending,  
& harvesting.

They are a community of sowers  
on whom our survival & flourishing depend.  
So, for farmers who keep food on the  
shelves & make plenty a possibility,  
we give thanks.

Guide them & bless them, O God of  
Abundance.

We pray especially for favourable weather,  
abundant crops, communities of support,  
fair economic practices, strength and  
perseverance. **AMEN**

### 2025 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Please join us in praying in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at the Square, Portarlington. This is one of over 500 such Rosary Rallies across the country. Our nation is in great need of public prayer & repentance.

### PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

A new Singing Project - Find your voice and let it shine. Join us in singing some favourite modern & classic tunes in harmony together with a friendly & experienced singing teacher to guide us. Starting with 5 sessions from Tues. April 29<sup>th</sup> with a view to resuming in the autumn & building a great community choir. We will be meeting in the Social Services Centre (Meals on Wheels Centre) Tues. April 29<sup>th</sup> from 7pm until 8.15pm, & every second Tuesday thereafter up until June. All ages and ability levels welcome.

Further info. 089 2460778 or  
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