

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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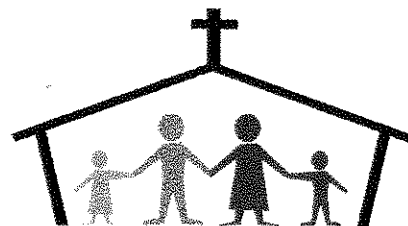
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MASS TIMES

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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
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SUNDAY 28th APRIL 2024

WEEKEND MASSES

PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 27th April – 6.15pm

Helen Hanlon, Gracefield (1st Anniv.);
Jim Shortall, Bracklone Street (28th Anniv.)

Sun. 28th April – 12.15pm

Sat. 4th May – 6.15pm
Angeala McEvoy, St. Joseph's Terrace

Sun. 5th May – 12.15pm

Kathleen Garry, Cloneyquinn

ANNIVERSARIES

KILLENARD

Sun. 28th April – 10.30am

Sean Fallon, Lea Road (1st Anniv.); Alan Kavanagh, Lough (2nd Anniv.); His Mother, Catherine Kavanagh, Lough; Peter Maher, Ballintogher (10th Anniv.); Keelin Fox, Killenard, Terry Behan; Phil O'Hora, Killenard; Ann Fox Dalton; Maurice Dalton

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES

PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 29th April – Kathleen Lawlor, Portlaoise Road

Tues. 30th April –

Wed. 1st May – Kathleen & Michael Daly, St. Joseph's Terrace

Thurs. 2nd May – Angela McEvoy, St. Joseph's Terrace

Fri. 3rd May – Tommy Dunne, Patrick Avenue (38th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES

EMO

Sat. 27th April – 7.30pm

Mary Langford, Emo (1st Anniv.); Frank Langford, Emo (19th Anniv.); Mary Delaney, New Inn, Emo; Edward Fenlon, Killimy

Sun. 28th April – 11am

Johnny & Gerard O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 28th April – 9am

William Brennan, Jamestown; James Dillon, Courtwood; Simon Luttrell, Kilaglush (40th Anniv.)

COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF MAY

SACRED HEART CHURCH, RATH

Tommy Wilson & John Lowry

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died during the week:

Moll O'Reilly (nee Duffy), Avondale
John Geoghegan, Cushina
Claire Tuohy (nee Kelly), Beladd, Portlaoise & formerly Marian Hill
Patricia Greaves, Dublin (Sister of Kathleen Sweeney)

BAPTISM

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Emo Parish – Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Liam Ashley O'Connor, Kilaglush, Ballybrittas

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 3rd May is the First Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-
Portarlington – Friday morning at 10am
Rath – Thursday morning at 9.30am
Emo – Friday morning at 9.15am
Killenard Friday evening at 7.30pm in O'Dempsey's Club House, Old Pound.

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.

CEMETERY MASSES 2024

Killenard – Fri. 5th July – 7.30pm
Portarlington – Fri. 12th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 26th July – 7.30pm

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Trees by Joyce Kilmer
I think that I shall never see
a poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
and lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear
a nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
but only God can make a tree.

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.



Congratulations to the children from
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

&
St. Paul's N.S., Emo
who received their First Holy Communion this weekend in the Parish.

The following First Holy Communions will take place in May:-

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Saturday 11th May in St. John's Church,
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



MATHEMATICS

GRINDS NEEDED!

Maths teacher required to give grinds to a First Year Student up to the end of May. Please contact 086 8938805.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT



The official Pieta House Darkness Into Light 2024 Walk will take place at Portarlington GAA Club on May 11th. The walk will commence at 4.15am. If you would like to join the organizing committee or you can help in any small way on the day please contact Sheila Dunne on 085 1644918. You can also follow our Facebook page "Darkness Into Light Portarlington" / Instagram "DIL_Portarlington"

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

Club Mass

We will be holding our Club Mass for present, past, sick and deceased members of the club on Friday, 3rd May, at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. Members past and present are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Darkness Into Light

O'Dempsey's GFC, in partnership with The Heritage, is proud to announce that we are organising a Community Walk for Darkness into Light. The walk will take place at the Heritage Track at 4.15am, on Sat. 11th May. Big! Linn.

Lotto Results

22nd April 2024. Numbers drawn: 6, 8, 14, 18. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners: Ronnie Culliton. Promoter: Liam & Rita Finlay. Next Draw: Monday April 29th, with a jackpot of €6,800. Thank you for your support.

EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage will take place from August 25th until 29th August 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.

VISION IRELAND CHARITY SHOP (NCBI)

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.

POOR CLARES - CARLOW

The Poor Clares in Carlow invite women from age 22 to 40 years for a cuppa & a chat to find out more about their life. Saturday 4th May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. poorclaresvoc@gmail.com

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.

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.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Mon. 29th April - St. Catherine of Siena
Tues. 30th April - Our Lady of Africa / St. Pius V
Wed. 1st May - St. Joseph the Worker
Thurs. 2nd May - St. Athanasius
Wednesday 3rd May - Ss Philip & James Apost.
Sat. 4th May - St. Conleth (Kildare)

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



Portarlington Library Events Bealtaine Puzzle Club –Join us for a jigsaw morning and a cuppa every Tues. 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 Wed. 22nd May 3.30-5.30pm. To book a place call 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie

Knitting Club - Meets every Friday morning 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from 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 then have the opportunity to practice their new skills at a live event on 15th June. Booking essential, Ph 0578643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie

Portarlington Junior Book Club
Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month this club is suitable for 9-12year olds. Booking is essential call 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie

Baby Book Club

Baby Book Club meets on Wednesday mornings 10:30am. Booking is essential call 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie

Sensory Toy Resource Collection
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
Reads one book a month chosen from the Borrow Box 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 Qué Mai It is available to download in audio and eBook format on Borrow box

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32CY89
Next Social Dance will be held tonight, Saturday 27th April. Dancing to Brian McDermott. Doors open 9pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served.

Keep Fit on Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. Friday nights sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership.

Dancing Lessons – Every Wednesday night also with Noeleen from 8.15-9.30pm. All kinds of dancing, waltz, jive, quick step, line dancing, Spanish jive, Tennessee waltz. All very welcome.



EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1232 – 22nd April 2024. Numbers 10, 12, 18, 20 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Declan Lawlor C/o Deirdre; Graham Delaney C/o B. Gorman; Annemarie Burke C/o Emo GAA; Christine Conroy C/o Mena; Pat Booth C/o Emo GAA. Next draw takes place on 29th April with a **Jackpot of €8,600.**

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

22nd April, 2024 – Week No. 17
Numbers 9, 27, 20, 24 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Dolores Kelly; Gillian Treacy; Aldo Duffy; Anne Pierce; Catherine Burbage. Promoter Prize: Jamie Hanlon. Next week's Jackpot €13,400

GRACEFIELD BLACKTHORN FESTIVAL

Sat. 11th May – Gates open 3.30pm at Gracefield GAA Grounds. Featuring Smash Hits / Abba X / Dooley Bros. / The Cardinal Sins. Tickets available from the Club or scan QR code.

TICKETS AVAILABLE

SCAN QR CODE



MARCH FOR LIFE

Stand up for Life!

Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2024, commencing at 2pm. March from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House. Join Us in Advocating for Change, Unity and Empowerment for Mothers and their Babies – Be a part of something Bigger – Let's make a difference Together. (Shining a spotlight on Irish Abortion Laws.)

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

The first National pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Sat. 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the sick will take place during Mass. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

GAZA FUNDRAISER

Pop Up Shop – My Sister's Closet. Featuring new & nearly-new clothing & accessories.. All funds donated to @doctorswithoutborders & @gpci_2023-Gaza Paediatric Care Initiative. Today, Sun. 28th April 10am–4pm at Solas Eco Garden Shop. Raffle also with great prizes. Please support this fundraiser.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 8th May at 7:15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378

YOGA CLASSES



Yoga Classes taking place in the Old School Hall, Emo. Wednesday 7-8pm & Thursday 8-9pm. If interested in joining, contact Louise on louise.a.gorman@gmail.com.