



# 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 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

22nd MARCH 2026

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Year 'A'

### WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> March 6.15pm

Helen Hanlon, Gracefield (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Jimmy Hanlon, Gracefield (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Michael (The Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane; Paul Nolan (Birthday Remembrance); Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Margaret Slattery, Botley Court & son John Slattery (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Jack & Dora Madden, Bracklone St; Brigid Gorman, The Borsness

#### Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> March 12.15pm

Gus Hynes (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Maura Hynes (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Cushina; Rachael Flanagan, St. Michael's Park (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Tom & Bridie McNulty, Droughill; Frances O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

#### Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Saturday 9pm Vigil

Tom & Mary Byrne & dec. members of the Byrne & Larke Families, Cloneyhurke

#### Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 12.15pm

Celia Duffy, Ballycullane, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)n Jim & Alice Brennan; DJ, Mary & Paddy Brennan, French Church St; Liam Shortall, Bog Rd; James Douglas, Bishopswood; Michael Hoey, St. Patrick's Tce. (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Jim & Mary Carroll, Bracklone St; Dec. members of the Carroll Family; Kate & Pat Sherlock, Co. Monaghan; Nick Tickle, U.K.  
Jody & Josephine Slattery, St. Parick's Tce,

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am

Tom Flanagan, Lea; Chris Kavanagh, Clonanny; Baby Sean Kavanagh, Clonanny

#### Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 10.30am

James Knight, Seskin; Ann Mooney, Treascon



**Clocks moved forward by 1 hour**

### BLESSING OF FOOD FOR THE POLISH COMMUNITY



"Święcenie Pokarmów Wielkanocnych w Wielką Sobotę, 4<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon. w kościele St. Michael w Portarlington. Zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału."  
Blessing of food (Polish Community) at 12 noon on Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> April (Holy Saturday)

### WEEKDAY PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Mary Kearney (100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mass)  
**Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Holy Thursday  
**Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Good Friday

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

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#### Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> March 11am

Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill and his sister, Maura Fennelly, Tinnakill; Frank Delaney, Killeen (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); James & Annie Kelly; Ger, Sarah Ann, Matthew Kelly, Carn

#### Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday – 11am

Jim Hyland, The Sawmills, Ballybrittas (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Joe Hyland, Woodbrook & dec. members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook; Matthew Flynn, Knightstown

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Peter Dunne, Margaret Dunne, Veronica Dunne, Margaret (Rita) Dunne, Ballybrittas Village, Patrick J. Duffy, Newbridge & Ballyadden; Tone O'Connell, Coolroe; Tom Connell & his son Joseph Connell; Joe & Julia Connell; Brandon McEvoy; Mary McGarry, Bray, Co. Wicklow

#### Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday 9am

Rose & Paddy Dunne, Coolroe  
Pakie Ryan, Tipperary

### YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY:

Josephine (Josie) Nolan (nee Carroll) Bog Rd. Sam Gee, Patrick Street  
Mary (Mae) Lewis (nee O'Connor), Portlaoise & formerly Emo

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS PALM SUNDAY

#### St. Michael's Cemetery - TODAY



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

### 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.

### EASTER CEREMONIES

### PENITENTIAL SERVICES

**Portarlington:** Tues. 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30pm  
**Rath:** Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7pm / **Emo:** at 8.15pm

### CONFESSIONS

#### Portarlington:

After all masses & ceremonies during the week. Saturday at 10am – 12 Noon

#### Killenard:

After the Ceremonies Good Friday

#### Emo / Rath:

After Ceremonies Holy Thursday & Good Friday



### HOLY THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</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 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

(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 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Portarlington: 9pm** Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection

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

### EASTER SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL

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

**Killenard:** 10.30am Mass

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

**CHRISM MASS:** Join Bishop Denis & the clergy of the diocese for the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Carlow, on Mon. 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm.

At this Mass the Holy Oils will be blessed & consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year. Music will be led by Fr Liam Lawton & the Diocesan Choir. Tea/coffee will be served in Carlow College, St Patricks afterwards.

*Come along early!*

## TROCAIRE

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.

### COLLECTORS FOR RATH – APRIL 2026

Pat Nolan & Henry McLoughlin

### ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm finishing with Rosary. Also each Sunday of Lent from 5 – 7pm (concludes with the Rosary)

### WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Fiadh Pauline Floody, Botley Court  
Hallie Serena Langford, Fisherstown  
Tommy Conleth Sojka, Whitefields

### PENTECOST RETREAT - SLI AN CHROI, ST. PATRICKS MISSIONARY SOC., KILTEGAN

We invite you to relive that first Pentecost – invoking the Holy Spirit as the Church's life giving breath. In quiet prayer, shared reflection, & communal worship we open ourselves to transformation & a renewed missionary courage for our time. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May, €315.00 per person. Enq: Michele Sinnott [slianchoi@spms.ie](mailto:slianchoi@spms.ie) 089 4690 508

### MUSICAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LITURGICAL MUSIC MINISTERS IN ROME WITH "THE PRIESTS"

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> June – Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Workshops, Liturgies, Cultural Site Visits, Accommodation, Meals & Final Night Concert. Further info: [www.rishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026](http://www.rishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026)  
Celebrating 100 years of the Pontifical Irish College on the Coelian Hill in Rome.

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

#### Digital Support Drop In Sessions

LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30-2:30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device / digital queries.

**Ciorcal Comhrá:** Every Tuesday 11am.

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

**Lego Free Play:** Every Saturday 10am-1pm

**Social Chess (Adults only):** Wed. 6pm-7pm. Game of chess, cuppa & chat.

**Puzzle Club:** Thursday mornings

**Portarlington Junior Book Club:** Last Mon. of the month. 9-12 year olds. Booking is essential

**Baby Book Club:** Wed. 10:30am. Please book.

**Adult Book Club:** Last Tuesday of the month.

**Booking of any of above & further info. 057 8643751 [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)**

### EMO/RATH PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – (5 nights). Departing from Dublin Airport. Staying in the 4\*\*\*\* Hotel Roissy. €785 per person sharing.

Further info. & booking contact Deirdre on 087 2299457 or Tony on 086 1225833.

### PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July until Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> July (7 nights full board). Flying from Dublin Airport. Buses included from Portarlington. Cost €1195 per person sharing. Queries & booking contact Marie Corcoran on 087 7589896.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

**Irish Speaking Sessions:** Monday nights at 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy the cupla focal, have an enjoyable night and a cup of tea.

**Keep Fit:** Wed. & Fri. 7-8pm with Eimear.

€8 each night. **Dancing Lessons:**

Thurs. 7.30-9pm with Noleen. €10 each night.

### BLESSED EASTER WATER

**BLESSED WATER FOR EASTER WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ALL CHURCHES FROM EASTER SUNDAY**

### PALM SUNDAY

Today 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 will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery at 3pm on Palm Sunday. A II welcome.



### 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*

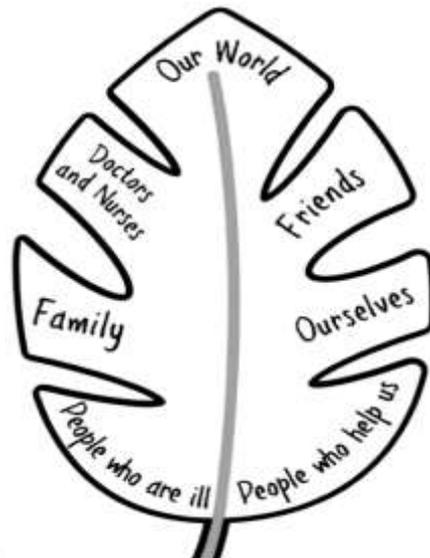
### PALM LEAF PRAYER

*Colour your palm Leaf. You could pray for each section as you colour.*



### 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**



### BALLYBRITTAS TIDY TOWNS

#### Litter pick & clean up

Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am - Meet Outside the Band Hall. Help Keep Our Community Clean! All Volunteers Welcome! Gloves, Bags and Pickers Provided.

### THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

#### Journey through the Sacred Music of the Easter Triduum

Daily reflections given by Dr. John O'Keeffe, Dir. Of Sacred Music at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. FREE ONLINE RETREAT. [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

### GRACEFIELD GAA - CLUB LOTTO

23<sup>rd</sup> March – Week No. 13 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Wayne Brereton; Valerie Kirwan; Susan Lynch; Joe Flanagan; Christine Conroy. Promoter prize Joe McAteer. Next week's Jackpot €7,000

### EMO – RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2013 – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026

Numbers 3, 6, 10, 15 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Con Murray c/o Bernie Gorman; Kevin Kelly c/o Bernie Gorman; Elsie McLoughlin c/o Maeve; PJ Kelly c/o PJ/ Cathy Murphy c/o Bernie Gorman

### O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS

#### Annual Golf Scramble

5<sup>th</sup> Golf Scramble at the Heritage Golf Resort on Good Fri., 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Team Registration. link <https://form.iotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golf2026> Day will be followed by the Prize Giving & Social evening at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse.

### EASTER CAMP

7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April for boys and girls of primary age. 9.30am to 2pm at Scoil Phadraig, Portarlinton. Activities sport, baking, coding, arts & games. Further information email. Camp will cost €70 with sibling discounts available. [EAESTERCAMPPORT@gmail.com](mailto:EAESTERCAMPPORT@gmail.com)

### COURTWOOD GAA

#### Courtwood Combined Lotto – €18,200

Get your ticket at Ballybrittas Service Station, The Final Furlong, or on the Clubforce app.

#### Easter Egg Hunt & Cuppa

Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> April, 11am–12pm. All welcome!

#### Club Membership Open

Be part of the heartbeat of Courtwood GAA. **Laois GAA County Club Monster Draw Tickets** Thank you to all our Sellers & to all who support this key Club Fundraiser. It is greatly appreciated.

We wish you all the best of luck. Purchase membership & lotto through: Brian Nolan / Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly. Thank you.

**ACCORD** Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Successful applicants will receive free professional training. The closing date for receipt of application forms is Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

### E-BIKE PROJECT

The PCDA will launch the Portarlinton eBike Library this APRIL, providing an opportunity to demonstrate the potential for e-mobility to transform commuting patterns & reduce transport emissions. The BIKE LIBRARY PROJECT will give families the opportunity to borrow one of three types of e-bike, a long tail bike, cargo bike or foldable bike for a set period (3 months). The only financial outlay is a deposit of €150 which is returned after the lending period. This will allow them to experience using these bikes before having to decide to buy one.

### MARKET HOUSE – THE SQUARE

To book a room at the Market house for your club meetings, business meetings, events, dance, song, yoga, pilates go to our website [www.portarlington.ie](http://www.portarlington.ie). Enquiries to [info@portarlington.ie](mailto:info@portarlington.ie)

### EASTER EGG HUNT - KILLENARD

Join us at Killenard Community Centre this Easter Sunday (5th April 2026) after mass from 11am–1pm for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt! There'll be plenty to keep the kids entertained, including bouncy castles, an ice cream truck, arts and crafts, and lots more. Entry is €15 per child – don't miss out on a great day for all the family!