



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.



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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

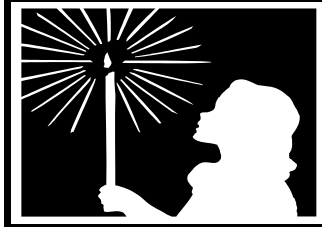
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUN. 2ND FEB. 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (*World Day of Consecrated Life*)

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 1st February 6.15pm

Phil Hanlon (nee Brannock), England & Cloneygowan (M.M.)

Mary McCormack, Dereen (1st Anniv.)

Josephine Fleming, Cloneyhurke (1st Anniv.)

Donal Hanlon, Gracefield, (2nd Anniv)

Philip Ward, Ballymorris Manor (2nd Anniv.);

Mary (Bunty) Ward, St. Michael's Park (4th Anniv.);

Dolores Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (6th Anniv.);

Paddy Maher, Gracefield (10th Anniv.);

John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield; John & Moira Walsh, Dublin, Jim & Mer McEvoy,

St. Michael's Park; Deceased members of the Leavy Family, Shandra Lane; Anna & Sean Ryan, Cloneyhurke, Deceased members of the Dunne family, Julia Ryan; Madeline Byrne, Cloneyhurke, Michael Webster, French Church Street, (12th Anniv.) Tony Keenan, Gracefield; Jim Grehan, Shandra

Sun. 2nd February 12.15pm

Patrick McEvoy, Garryhinch (1st Anniv.)

Robert Francis Magee (19th Anniv) & Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy), Station Rd; Deceased members of the Magee & Mulcahy families.

Sat. 8th February 6.15pm

Joseph Connolly, Pine Villa & Dublin (3rd Anniv.)

Tom & Peg Nolan, Bracklone Street; Tony Coleman, Bracklone Street (11th Anniv.) Timothy & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone Street; Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran, Annamoe; Bobby Orange, St. Michael's Park

Sun. 9th February 12.15pm

Jack Keller, Lea Rd (1st Anniv)

Eamon Coogan, St. Josephs Tce. (1st Anniv)

Maura Hynes, Cushina, (3rd Anniv)

Charlie Mooney, Botley Court, (6th Anniv)

Jane Moran, Cloneyhurke, Veronica (Ronnie) Moran., Kilrush & Droughill

WEEKDAY

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon 3rd Feb. 10am: Maggie Mc Donnell, Gartlandstown

Tues. 4th Feb. Patricia & Christy Kennedy, Lucan

Wed. 5th Feb. Janet Ashton, England

Thurs. 6th Feb. John Lawlor, Portlaoise Road

Fri 7th Feb. Grace O'Neill, Church View, Maggie Kelly, Annamoe, (Birthday remembrance); Joe Kelly, Marian Hill

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 2nd February 10.30am

George Monagher, Lea; Dolores Wogan,

Tullamore / Portlaoise (1st Anniv.)

James Brophy, Lough

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 1st February 7.30pm

Fr. Jack Walsh P.E., Emo / Rath (5th Anniv.)

Deirdre Keogh, Morette (8th Anniv.)

Elizabeth Prior, Morette; Michael & Elizabeth Moore; Peter & Norah O'Connor, Old Pound & deceased members of the O'Connor Family;

Robert McGuirk, Knightstown, James Kehoe, Coolbanagher, Liam Ramsbottom, Killimy Rd; (2nd Anniv.) William & Catherine Ramsbottom,

New Inn; William & Kathleen Byrne, Killimy

Sun. 2nd February 11am

Paddy Brophy, Killeen, Mountmellick, (7th Anniv.); John Dooley, Ballycullane

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 2nd February 9am

Peter O'Connell, Coolroe; Frank Dempsey, Monasterevin; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove

Sun. 9th February 9am

Liam Kelly, Bellegrave (M.M.)

Anne Kelly, Bellegrave, (18th Anniv.);

Liam O'Dwyer, Deceased members of the O'Dwyer & Kirwan families

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 7th February, is the First Friday of the Month.

Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

Rath: Thursday 9.30am

Emo: Friday 9.15am

Portarlington: Friday 10am

DECEASED

We pray for the following who died during the week:-



Kathleen Knight, 'Le Bergerie', Crowe Lane

Patrick (Paddy) Clarke,

Tierhogar & formerly Kilrush

Margaret (Therese) Carey Aylward

Newbridge & formerly Bracknagh

Connie Gill, Ullard

NOTICE

Please note that all Anniversary Masses for the weekend must be booked in with the Parish Office latest **Thursday's 12 Noon** in order to guarantee inclusion in the weekend's Parish Newsletter & Anniversary Altar List.

DANA'S CROSS & CLOAK CERT

In aid of the All Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade. Today Sun. 2nd Feb. (today).

Also featuring local artists. Venue: The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix. Tickets €25.

Further info. contact Antoinette on

086 0803047

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community, the following children who were Baptised:-
Aoibh Elizabeth Walsh, Cloneyhurke

COLLECTORS

Sacred Heart Church, Rath - February 2025
James Duffy & Liam Duffy

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD Candlemas Day



Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. Blessing of candles will take place after all Masses today.



FEAST OF

ST. BLAISE



Monday 3rd February next is the Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of Throats will take place in Portarlington after Mass 10am.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW

1st prize Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by Portarlington Credit Union Ltd.) / 4 prizes of €100 each (Sponsored by Super Valu). Draw takes place **Tues. 4th February 2025.**

Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5.

Tickets available from all Committee Members or the Parish Office.

DIRECTORY OF IRISH SAINTS

Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments. Professor Padraig Ó Riain's *Dictionary of Irish Saints* is intended to serve as a guide to the (mainly documentary) sources of information on the saints named in these dedications, for those that have an interest in them scholarly or otherwise. Professor Ó Riain has been working in the field of Irish hagiography for upwards of 40 years, & the material for the over 1,000 entries in his *Dictionary* has come from a variety of sources, including martyrologies, genealogies of the saints, collections of folklore, Ordnance Survey letters, and other documents. The book is due for publication on 24th January 2025 and will be available in bookshops, but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly from www.fourcourtspress.ie or alternatively, Phone 01-4534668.

ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK

Takes place Mon. 3rd February 2025

Commencing at St. Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice W34X529 on the Monasterevin / Rathangan Road (R414) at 11am Mon. 3rd Feb. Walk approx. 6km. Car parking provided. Walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras then along the Canal Blueway finishing at Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm. A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30 am to Mountrice and return at 2pm. All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camina Passport. St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day.

C.E. VACANCIES - PORTARLINGTON



The following vacancies are available:-

Environmental Worker

Amenity Areas Ref.2376973

Maintenance Person

Leisure Centre Ref.2373642

Grounds Person

Arlington Soccer Club – 2373637

Caretaker/Maintenance Worker

Portarlington Community Centre Ref. 2374223

Environmental Worker

Amenity Areas Ref 2374225

Caretaker/Maintenance Person

Portarlington Community Centre Ref 2376971

For further details on any of the above, please contact Martina on 057 8643458 or drop into the CE office in Portarlington Community Centre. Eircode R32D797.

CAR BOOT SALE

A Car Boot Sale will take place tomorrow, Mon. 3rd February at Solas Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road. Times 10am to 2pm.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Adult Social Chess Club

takes place at Portarlington Library every Wednesday at 6pm. All welcome.

STUDY THEOLOGY ON-LINE



Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11th. Find out more on our website: Prioryinstitute.com

ST. PATRICKS PARADE 2025

We are delighted to announce that the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Portarlington will be held this year. Commencing at the Bank of Ireland, Main Street, at 3pm and ending in the People's Park. Meeting point / drop off point & time 2.30pm at Crowe Lane. Theme: Snakes. Please note this year's parade is a Walking Parade Only. Calling all groups, clubs and businesses – Would you like to be a part of this parade? Showcase your creativity, celebrate your group and be part of the fun. Whether you are a school, community group, sports team or local business, we would love to have you involved. Register today to secure a spot. <https://forms.gle/5knXZGa72VSTaEoN9>. Let's make 2025 a year to remember for Portarlington.

BINGO

Portarlington Social Services Seniors bingo returns next Wednesday, 5th February commencing 8pm in the Social Services centre, Link Road. Enjoy your few games, a cuppa' and a chat.

CHARITY SOCCER MATCH

Ballybrittas United Soccer Club held a charity soccer match on St. Stephen's Day last. All proceeds were donated to the Emo Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. The amount collected was €1,200. Well done to all involved.

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Venue: RDS Dublin, Day return bus (from Junction 17 plaza Portlaoise) Saturday 22nd February. Speakers include His Excellency Archbishop Farrell, Fr. Pat Collins, Fr. Jim Blount and many more – Should be a great day of spiritual inspiration and refreshment. €70 for bus and entry ticket. Contact via WhatsApp / text: Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-2752578 for enquiries and bookings. €40 deposit via Revolute, PayPal or Post secures bus.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME



Canonisation of Blessed Carlos Acutis. Escorted group Pilgrimage including passage through the Holy Door of St. Peters Basilica, Canonisation of Carlow Acutis & day trip to Assisi. 25th – 29th April 2025. €1,355 pps. Spiritual Director Fr. David Vard. Further details at [www. Marian.ie](http://www.Marian.ie) or phone 01 8788159.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The P.C.D.A. will hold their Annual General Meeting on Wed. 19th February commencing 8pm. Venue: PCDA Office, Girls Old School, Patrick Street, Kilmalogue. All welcome.

SENIOR ALERT SCHEME

The Seniors Alert Scheme provides older adults (65+) with a Government-funded socially monitored alarm. Grants are available for a socially monitored alarm system complete with a radio pendant that can be worn around the neck or on the wrist. 1st year's monitoring covered. Year 2 will cost €70 approx. Even if you have no phone line, a GSM alarm can be provided. Further info. & to apply contact Love Port Office at the Girls Old School, Patrick. Office open Mon. – Thurs. 9am to 1pm. Fri. 9am to 12.30pm. Phone 057 8608395 or email info@portarlington.ie

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

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EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1965 – 27th Jan. 2025
Numbers 15, 22, 23, 24 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the followings:-

Christine Conroy, c/o Maeve

Eoin Lalor, c/o S. Strong

Rory Molyneaux, c/o Emo G.A.A.

Claire Carroll, c/o Mena

Margaret Tynan, c/o Maeve

Next draw takes place 10th February with a Jackpot of €2,600.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

27/1/2025 – Week No. 5.

Numbers 5, 9, 20, 24, – No Jackpot winner.

€50 each to the following:-

Ger Greene, Pauric Duffy, Theresa Gordon,

Bertie Evans, Noeleen Murphy.

Promoter prize Noeleen Murphy.

Next week's jackpot €2,400

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89



Keep Fit:

Wed. & Fri. nights 7-8pm with Eimear.

€5 per session.

Dancing Lessons:

With Noeleen.

Thurs. 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing.

€10 per night.

Social Dance:

Saturday 15th February at 9pm.

Admission €10. Dancing to Pat Costello.

Refreshments served.

ST. PAUL'S LGFA

St. Paul's LGFA Dinner Dance will take place on Saturday 15th February 2025 commencing 7pm. Players from our U15 Féile, U16 League & Championship, Minor and Junior winning teams will be presented with their medals on the night. To reserve a ticket for the night, please contact: John Langford 087-2442740 Aisling Dowling 086-8691663

EXERCISE FOR HEALTH

Exercise for your health at Portarlington Community Centre on Mondays and Thursdays 9.15am to 10am. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome. Cost €5 per class (pay as you go).

