



# 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 (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 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2023 - 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 6.15pm

Paddy & Eileen Hynan, Portlaoise Rd;  
Maureen Downey, Droughill (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.);  
Milo Bracken, Avondale (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Kathleen  
Lawlor, Portlaoise Rd; Johnny Whelan,  
Bishopswood

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 12.15pm

Esther Fitzpatrick, Kilmahown (M.M.)  
Molly & Albert Evans; Thomas Keegan Jnr. &  
Snr.; Joe Keegan, Cloneyquinn; Dinny & Kitty  
Fingleton; Thomas & Margaret Fingleton;  
Eileen Fingleton, Shandra

### 10AM MASS – ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

#### Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> May

Michael & Kathleen Daly, St. Joseph's Tce.  
Feast of St. Joseph The Worker

#### Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Angela McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

#### Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Tommy Dunne, Patrick's Avenue (37<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

#### Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> May

#### Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> May

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30am

Alan Kavanagh, Lough (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & his  
mother, Catherine Kavanagh; Terry Behan,  
Tierhogar; Keelin Fox, Killenard

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm

Brendan (Benny) Connolly, Killimy Rd. (6<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); parents, Lena & Jim Connolly & sister  
Marie Moore (nee Connolly); Mary Delaney,  
New Inn; Frank Langford, Emo

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April – 11am

First Holy Communion – Emo N.S.

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April - 9am

Tom Connell, Coolroe, son Joe & parents  
Julia & Joe Connell; Jim Dillon, Courtwood;  
Simon Luttrell, Kylaglush

### DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the  
following who died during the week.  
**Gabrielle Scully, Morette, Emo & Portlaoise**  
**Mary Langford, Emo**

### PENTECOST NOVENA

Pentecost Novena takes place from 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>  
May. This novena will be broadcast daily on  
Radio Maria [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) at 9.30am &  
Shalom World Prayer [www.swprayer.org](http://www.swprayer.org) at  
6.30pm.

### CEMETERY MASSES 2023



Killenard – Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm

Portarlington – Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm

Emo Old Cemetery – Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Aug. – 7.30pm

### COMMUNION CALLS

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

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** Congress Tce; Derrymore;  
Crowe Lane; Station Court; Kilnacourt; Brigid's  
Sq; Corrig; Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** Tullaghan; Bellgrove;  
Ballybrittas; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy;  
Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy; Shaen;  
Knightsstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May** St. Patrick's Tce; St.  
Joseph's Tce; Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield;  
Annamoe; Bog Road; Patrick St; Church View;  
Patrick's Avenue; French Church St; Rosecourt;  
Botley Court; Droughill; Bishopswood;  
Clondoolusk; Droughill Lawns; Cushina

### FIRST FRIDAY - 5<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2023

Masses will be celebrated as follows:-

Portarlington: 10am Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Killenard: 7.30pm Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May at

O'Dempsey's GAA, Centre, Old Pound

Emo: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 9.15am

Rath: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Blessed St. Joseph, patron of all working  
people, thank you for the opportunity to build up

God's kingdom through my

labours. Help me to be

conscientious in my work so that

I may give as full a measure as I

have received. May I do all

things in a spirit of thankfulness &

joy, ever mindful of the gifts I

have received from God that enable me to

perform these tasks. Glorious St. Joseph, may

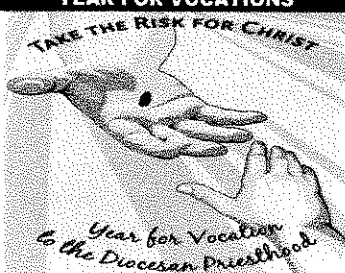
my labours be all for Jesus, all through Mary, &

all after your holy example in life & in death.

Amen



### YEAR FOR VOCATIONS



Vocations Sunday takes place today,  
Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> April (Good Shepherd Sunday)  
& marks the beginning of "The Year of  
Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood"  
with the theme "Take the risk for  
Christ". "Take the Risk for Christ" will  
help to focus on the need for diocesan  
priests who serve God & His people day  
in and day out. One of the key features  
of the Year for Diocesan Vocations is  
the call to prayer.



Congratulations to the children from  
St. Paul's N.S., Emo.

who will receive the Sacrament of First  
Holy Communion this weekend (Sun. 30<sup>th</sup>  
April at 11am) in St. Paul's Church, Emo.

The children from

Presentation Primary School

will receive their First Holy Communion  
next Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am in St.  
Michael's Church, Portarlington.

The following schools will receive the  
sacrament of First Holy Communion as  
follows:-

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road,  
Portarlington  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am

### ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed  
every day commencing  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May in St. John's  
Church, Killenard. Time 4pm.  
All very welcome.



### PORTARLINGTON MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels will hold their Annual  
Collection at Supervalu & Centra, Main Street  
on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Your  
generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank  
you for your continued support for this  
worthwhile service to the community.

### BEALTAINE EVENTS – PORT. LIBRARY

**Flower Arranging Demonstration.**  
Join Hazel Duffy from LOETB for a  
demonstration on the art of flower arranging  
followed by a Q & A session. Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> May at  
12 noon – 1pm. Free event / booking advised.  
**Willow Weaving:** Beth Murphy from Willow  
Wonder will instruct participants in this workshop  
in the ancient craft of willow weaving. All  
materials will be supplied. Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> May from  
11am–1pm. Free event / booking essential.  
Give your name at the library desk,  
email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)  
or phone 057 8643751.

### CÚL CAMPS

Cúl Camps are back at O'Dempsey's from the  
31<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August. Places must be booked  
online at - [www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie](http://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie)

### PRIME OF LIFE PROGRAMME

EduFIT & Laois Sports Partnership) have  
a **FREE** 12 week physical activity & health  
programme to offer adults in Laois aged 30-80  
years. It's called 'Prime Time of Life' & designed  
by Dr Diane Cooper. We are currently looking  
for participants to join our next 3 programmes in  
Portlaoise, Portarlington & Online.

**Portarlington:** 12 week Multimodal exercise &  
health education programme for adults.

Exercise classes every Mon. & Thurs. 9am-  
10am in Portarlington Community Centre.  
Commencing Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**Online:** 12 week Multimodal exercise & health  
education programme for adults. Exercise  
classes every Tues. 8pm-9pm & Thur. 6pm-7pm  
via Zoom. Delivered by EduFIT. Starting Thurs.  
4<sup>th</sup> May. To book: WhatsApp 083 3748262  
[www.edufit.ie](http://www.edufit.ie) Email [programmes@edufit.ie](mailto:programmes@edufit.ie)

**PREGNANCY WELLNESS:** Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> May  
between 10.30am – 2pm - Venue: Solas Eco  
Garden Centre. Includes breath work technique,  
gentle yoga flow & guided pregnancy relaxation.  
Booking essential. Phone Catriona 086-8890005  
**BABY MASSAGE CLASS:** Commencing Mon.  
29<sup>th</sup> May in Portarlington Community at 12pm.  
Booking is essential. Ph: Catriona 086-8890005

### MARCH FOR ARCH

Laois Arch Club (Friendship club for people with  
special needs). Sponsored walk will take place  
on the Walking Track at Emo GAA on Sun. 7<sup>th</sup>  
May commencing 2pm, followed by DISCO with  
music provided by our own ARCH Club DJ, PJ  
Dempsey. As this is an all-inclusive, all-abilities  
event, you can choose how many times you  
want to go around the track. This event is open  
to everyone so come along and join in the fun.  
We need your support. Monster raffle on the  
day with lovely prizes provided by Laois  
Businesses. Contact: Mary Butler 087 6323269.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
Tuesday's 10.30am–7pm. All welcome.

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Can be left into Angela in Portarlington  
Pharmacy or to Delaney's, Bracklone Street.

### COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

#### PORTARLINGTON

(CE Scheme for Home Respite Care Worker)  
In Portarlington – Temporary contract. Further  
info. from Alison Hackett 086 0213711 or Email  
[ahackett@familycarers.ie](mailto:ahackett@familycarers.ie)

### O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. – CLUB MASS

O'Dempsey's GFC will be holding their Club  
Mass for present, past, sick & deceased  
members of the club on Friday next, 5<sup>th</sup> May at  
7.30pm in the Clubhouse. Refreshments served  
afterwards. Members past & present welcome &  
encouraged to attend. Please spread the word  
to anyone you think may be interested.

### DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

5km walk on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> May commencing at  
4.15am from Portarlington GAA Club. No  
registration required, just turn up on the  
morning. The GAA will open on Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> May if  
anyone wishes to donate biscuits, buns or  
sandwiches for refreshments after the walk.

### BIO ENERGY THERAPY

Bio Energy Therapy helps in the treatment of  
anxiety / depression / decreasing pain /  
strengthening the immune system / enhancing  
recovery from surgery & creating a sense of  
well being. Contact Bio Energy Therapist,  
Alasdair, on 085 7863793 or email  
[amccannbioenergytherapy@gmail.com](mailto:amccannbioenergytherapy@gmail.com)

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB Lotto 24.4.2023

Numbers 21, 25, 27, 20 - No Jackpot winner.  
€50 to each of the following:- Ava Luttrell; Betty  
Corcoran; Michelle Doyle; Maria Coughlan;  
Paddy Behan. Promoter prize: Breda Flanagan  
**Next week's Jackpot €3,200**

### EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto results from 24<sup>th</sup> April. Numbers 7, 8, 19,  
20 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the  
following: Dylan Murphy C/o Bernie Gorman;  
Molly Magee C/o Ballybrittas; Doreen Dunne  
C/o Ann; Deirdre Lawlor C/o Deirdre; Ann  
Marie Lowry C/o Ann Lowry. **Next draw takes  
place on 8<sup>th</sup> May with a Jackpot of €10,400**  
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village  
Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

### PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### FUNDRAISER LOTTO

This is a fundraising initiative and the money  
raised will be used to  
directly support your  
children's education and  
purchase resources for  
our school, including  
sports equipment, IT  
equipment, classroom and  
teaching resources. We  
hope that the weekly option of 1 line for €2.50  
will allow everybody to contribute.

**PLAY** – Pick 4 numbers. The same numbers  
will be played for you each week.

**PAY** - 1 line for €2.50 / 2 lines for €4 /  
3 lines for €5. Max. 3 lines per person.

**WIN** - Match 4 numbers to win the jackpot  
Join now scan the QR code or on Website:  
[www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/presprimary](http://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/presprimary)

### ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands, the organisation that  
supports bereaved parents, is holding  
its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved  
parents on Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.15pm in the  
Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free & 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. Online service also offered.  
Further info: 01 4045378.

**LOST:** Purse around Emo Church on Sunday  
last. If found, please contact the Parish Office.

### EMO GAA – DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Annual Darkness into Light Walk will take place  
Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> May commencing 4.15am in Emo  
G.A.A. grounds. All are welcome. A donation  
collection will take place after the walk.

### 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

### HOST FAMILIES - SPANISH STUDENTS

Host families sought for Spanish students  
for the month of July 2023. The Host  
Family must have a teenager (12-18) who  
is willing to spend time with and include the  
visiting student in their life for 4 weeks.  
Further information contact Margaret on  
087 2062162.

### LAOIS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

*Bealtaine Festival activities & events*  
Contact Catriona on (086)7935234 to  
registered (Limited numbers)

### Portarlington Community Hall

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> May (11am – 1pm) – Activator  
poles with Caroline Cahill (11am) &  
Dance with Moez (12pm)

### Emo Court

Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> May (11am)  
Wellness Walk with Caroline Cahill

Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> May (11am)  
Wellness Walk with Caroline Cahill

Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> May (11am)  
Activator Poles Walk with Caroline Cahill

Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> May (11am)  
Activator Poles Walk with Caroline Cahill

### PORTARLINGTON'S SPRING CLEAN

The Tidy Town's 'Spring Clean' of  
Portarlington on Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> April was a great  
success, despite the terrible weather. 140  
sacks of rubbish were collected. Many  
thanks to all those who came along & to the  
businesses who supported the event.  
Would you consider getting your area  
involved in next year's event.  
Contact David on (086) 3475357.

### PORTARLINGTON RUGBY YOUTH

#### U. 14's / U. 16's

Fundraising has commenced for the  
Youth's Rugby tour coming up in  
November, with a **METAL COLLECTION**  
**DAY.** Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> May 11am – 3pm – Drop off  
point Solas Eco Centre R32PRX8.  
Drop off (best) or call 086 3475357 to have  
larger items collected.

### DUSK CHORUS WALK

An evening walk to enjoy the bird song  
dusk chorus. Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> May at  
7pm at Derrynough Bog.  
Meeting at the main car park  
(R419 off the Edenderry  
Road). Hosted by Ricky  
Whelan – Biodiversity Officer, Offaly  
County Council in partnership with  
Portarlington Community Development  
Association (PCDA). Further info: Email  
[biodiversity@offalycoco.ie](mailto:biodiversity@offalycoco.ie)

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

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

