



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.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUN. 30th MARCH, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday)

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 29th March 6.15pm

Rafal Chojnowski, Riverside (M.M.)
Sally Brady, Botley Court (M.M.)
Margaret Slattery, Botley Court & her son, John
Slattery, Germany (10th Anniv.); Dec. members
of the Slattery & Brady Families; Michael
Murphy, St. Michael's Park (10th Anniv.)
Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Paul Nolan,
Gracefield; Brigid Gorman, The Borsess; Jack &
Dora Madden, Bracklone St

Sun. 30th March 12.15pm

Julia Horan, Church View; Brian Crossan,
Station Rd. (10th Anniv.); Frances O'Neill
(21st Anniv.); St. Brigid's Sq.; Jim & Mary Carroll,
Bracklone St. & dec. members of the Carroll
Family; Kate & Pat Sherlock, County Monaghan
& deceased members of the Sherlock Family;
Elizabeth Dunne, Cushina (12th Anniv.)

Sat. 5th April 6.15pm

Sean Murray, Cushina (M.M.); Frank Kelly,
Cushina; Matt Delaney, Ullard (30th Anniv.)
Sun. 6th April 12.15pm
Bill Devereux, Millbrook Manor (5th Anniv.)
Nora & Paddy Devereux, Station Road;
James Douglas, Bishopwood; Liam Shortall,
Bog Road; Kevin Barry & Micheal Barry, Patrick
St; Tom & Elizabeth Ryan, Bracknagh,
Myra Shortall, Bracklone St. (16th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 30th March 10.30am

Tom Flanagan, Lea Road; James Knight,
Seskin; Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny; Baby
Sean Kavanagh & dec. members of the
Kavanagh & Kenna Families; Jim Mulhall,
Ballintogher; Sr. Clare Mulhall, Ballintogher &
Wexford; Fr. Joe Mulhall, Ballintogher &
Scotland

Sun. 6th April 10.30am

John McEvoy, Trim & his parents Patrick &
Kathleen McEvoy

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 31st March - Bridget Flood, Main Street
Tues. 1st April - Pat Browne (10th Anniv.); Jim
Browne (7th Anniv) & dec. members of the
Browne Family

Thurs. 3rd April Pat Fogarty, Avondale (M.M.)
Also his Sister, Bridie Carey, Drombane, Co.
Tipperary (recently deceased)

Fri. 4th April - Jody & Josephine Slattery,
St. Patrick's Tce; Mary, Paddy & Carmel Dunne,
St. Patrick's Tce.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 29th March 7.30pm

Colette Coonan-Dowling, Shinrone &
Kilmaninham, Mountmellick

Sun. 30th March 11am

Jim Hyland, The Sawmill (4th Anniv.)
Attracta Kelly (nee Hyland) (20th Anniv.)
Joe Hyland & dec. members of the Hyland
Family, Woodbrook; Frank Delaney, Killeen
Eileen Kerry, Coolbanagher (25th Anniv.)
Christopher & Annie Lawlor, Dec members of
the Lawlor family, John & Helen Egan, Brigid
Mahon, Patrick Street, Portarlington,

Sat. 5th April 7.30pm

Sun. 6th April 11am
Kitty Brophy, Killeen (8th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 30th March 9am

James (Jimmy) Flynn, Fisherstown (M.M.)
Patrick J. Duffy, Newbridge & formerly
Ballyadden (2nd Anniv.)
Tone O'Connell, Coolroe (13th Anniv.)
Sun. 6th April 9am
Jack & May O'Connell, Rathangan
Paddy & Cora O'Dwyer, Newbridge
John & Nora Kavanagh, U.K.; Tom Connell,
Coolroe, Joseph Connell; Julia & Joe Connell

DECEASED - Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Daniel (Dan) Dargan, Carn, Portarlington
Kathleen Teresa Conlon (nee Doyle), Trim &
formerly Portarlington
Brian Carroll, Castlegate, Portarlington
Frank Higgins, Annamoe, Portarlington
Cyril Fitzpatrick, Castletown



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Congratulations to the children from St.
Paul's NS, Emo & Sacred Heart NS, Rath
who received their Confirmation this week.

FIRST FRIDAY 4th April, 2025

Portarlington 10am (Fri.)
Emo 9.15am (Fri.) Rath 9.30am (Thurs.)



We welcome into the Christian Community through baptism

Jude Samuel Donaghy, Mount Henry Drive
Jodie Mary McEvoy, Mount Henry Close
Evan Thomas Carew, Closelands
Freyja Bella Boland, Station Court



Clocks moved forward by 1 hour

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every
Tuesday after 10am Mass concluding with
the Rosary at 7pm. Also each Sunday of
Lent from 5 – 7pm (concludes with the
Rosary)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS



**Stations of the Cross next
Wednesday at 7pm in St. Michael's
Church. Please note change of time.**



MOTHER

*Her love is like an island
in life's ocean, vast and wide.
A peaceful, quiet shelter
from the wind, the rain, the tide.
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
by Patience on the West,
by tender Counsel on the South
and on the East by Rest.
Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life
I find a Haven there.*

FIRST CONFESSIONS

The children from the Parish will receive
their First Confessions during the week as
follows:-

First Confessions

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard - Tues. 1st
April at 7.30pm in St. John's Church,
Killenard
Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.
Wed. 2nd April at 7.30pm in St. Michael's
Church, Portarlington..
**St. Patrick's BNS, Canal Rd. &
Cloneyhurke NS** - Thurs. 3rd April at 7.30pm
in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

**COMMUNION CALLS TO THE SICK A
HOUSEBOUND WILL TAKE PLACE WEEK
COMMENCING MON. 7TH APRIL.**

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY NOTES

Call into Portarlington Library or check out their Facebook page to view lots of upcoming events.

Further information phone 057 8643751
/ portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

ST. PAUL'S LGFA G4MO

Get involved in a community-based sport that is about promoting women in sport in a fun, inclusive and non-competitive environment. Check social media for training details or phone John on 087 2442740

Easter Egg Hunt: Easter Egg Hunt Sat. April 19th at 11am in Emo Community Centre. All children welcome. It is essential to register your interest by filling in the form on our social media, or contact Sylvia 086 0743908. **Instagram** - stpaulslgfa; **Facebook** St Paul's LGFA

EAST MIDLANDS PARKINSONS

Walk in the Park for Parkinson's

will take place on Sat. 5th April at 11am in Colt GAA Grounds, Abbeyleix R32 VO85. Visit www.parkinsons.ie to register in advance or register on the day. Refreshments will be served afterwards in Doogues Bar, Raheen. All support greatly appreciated. For further information contact John on 087 2712448.

LOCAL CHARITY GAA MATCH

On Saturday April 5th, there will be a charity match between Gracefield GAA and Bracknagh GAA in Gracefield, to raise money for a great cause. Two local Gracefield girls, Ciara Shortall and Criona O'Brien, are raising much needed funds for their visit over to Kenya this Summer with Maintain Hope. It is €5 entry with a small raffle on the day. We hope to see as many supporters as possible there on the day to have some fun and laughs and support the girls.

LIVE WELL EXPO

The Live Well Health and Wellbeing Expo takes place in Portlaoise College on Wed. 23^d April from 11am to 6pm. Further information on facebook.com/LaoisCountyCouncil and the webpage. Enquiries or to register Email livewell@laoiscoco.ie or contact Tom on 086 0363426 or Emma on 086 0665215.

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC

Lotto Results: 24th March. Numbers 11, 19, 28, 30. No Jackpot winner. One Match 3 winner: David McDermott. Promoter: Eddie Kelly. Next Draw: Monday 31st March, with a Jackpot of €5,200. Thanks for your support.

Juveniles back training

Check out our social media and the O'Dempsey's App for all the details of training times and mentor contact details. U5s up to U17s, new & returning players always welcome.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin

THEME: HOPE - 5 nights from Mon. 31st March to Fri. 4th April Commencing at 7.30pm.

Mon. 31st March - Guest Speaker - Bishop Paul Dempsey (Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin)

Tues. 1st April - Guest Speaker - Geraldine Mullan (Mum who lost her husband & two children tragically tells her story).

Wed. 2nd April - Sr. Joy (Presentation Filipino Sister who has worked in different ministries)

Thurs. 3rd April - Guest Speaker Cuan Mhuire (Centre for those battling addictions)

Fri. 4th April - Guest Speaker Bishop Denis Nulty (Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin).

All very welcome to attend.



Trocaire

Theme for Jubilee Year, 2025 is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This theme encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world.

Happy Mother's Day from Trocaire. We wish all mothers throughout the world well on this day. Women, and in particular mothers, often bare the huge burdens of the impacts of the climate crisis. We ask you to stand in solidarity with these women by becoming campaigners with Trocaire. Find out more about Lima and the Climate Crises on Trocaire.org - Please support Trocaire by taking home a Trocaire box (available at the Church porch) or check out www.trocaire.org.

PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Tues. 22nd July - Tues. 29th July. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude - Full Board. €1,195 pps. Single room supplement €294. Deposit of €200 secures a seat. Further information contact Marie on 087 7589896

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Keep Fit: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear. 7-8pm. €5 each session.

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noeleen. 7.30 - 9pm. €10 each night.

ADULT BALLROOM JIVE DANCE CLASS

Wednesday 7-8pm. Portarlington Community Centre. Limited places. Ph: Lisa 085 7416886.

EASTER CAMP

Football; Basketball; Yoga; Coding; Baking; Arts; Crafts; Music; Dance & lots more!

Tues. 22nd to Fri. 25th April for boys & girls.

9.30am to 2pm. €70 (sibling discounts available). Venue: Scoil

Phadraig, Canal Road.

Registration evening April 3rd from 7-8pm at Scoil Phadraig. You can also pay online by scanning our QR code.

Further information Email eastercampport@gmail.com. Note applications not accepted through the School Office.

SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY

22nd - 24th April - Coláiste Iosagáin, Portarlington. Junior Ballers born 2012 - 2016 (10am - 1pm) / Senior Ballers born before 2012 (1.30pm - 4.30pm) €50 per child. More info. contact Josie on 087 4026970.

EMO FOREST RUN 2025

St. Michael's A.C.

18th April commencing at Emo Community Centre. 5K and 10K. St. Michaels AC will be incorporating the Bill Devereaux Perpetual Cup for the first Club team in the 10K. Number collection on the day will take place in Emo Community Centre from 3.30pm. Please note there is NO RACE REGISTRATION ON THE DAY. Check out our Facebook page Sign up on Eventmaster.

WOMEN'S STRENGTH CLASS - BEGINNERS

Learn how to lift weights safely, tone up and get stronger. Emo Hall Tues. at 9.15am or 7.15pm & Thurs. 7.15pm. New term starts 15th April. Contact Martina 087 9401205. €60 for 6 weeks.

HAPPY SNAPPERS CAMERA CLUB

Fishermans Inn, Ballybrittas.

We are a group of local amateur photographers who meet up on the last Monday of the Month. Our next meeting is Mon. 31st March 8pm. At this meeting we will have members sharing their themed "Ireland" images. Check out our Facebook page.

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

Lotto.

EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week. No. 1971 - 24th March 2025
Numbers 6, 9, 13, 17 - Congratulations to Jackpot winner, Geraldine Finlay. €25 each: Steven Carroll / Adam Deering / Christine Ryan / Rosaleen Kirwan / Tony Carroll. Next draw 31st March Jackpot €2,000.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto draw 24th March - Week No. 13
Numbers drawn:- 29, 19, 13, 17
No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following - Ronan Walsh; Gavin Smyth; Tony Kavanagh; James Costello; Tom Coleman. Promoter prize: Liam O'Connor. Next week's jackpot €4,000

BINGO

Portarlington Social Services Seniors bingo continues every Wednesday at 8pm. Come along for a few games, a cuppa & a chat.

EASTER CRAFTS MORNING

Portarlington Lion's Club are hosting an Easter Crafts morning on Sat. 19th April from 11 - 12 Noon. Easter crafts, games, a visit from the Easter Bunny and we've lambs to pet. This will be a FREE event. Please spread the word.

PORTARLINGTON TIDY TOWNS

Host Annual Spring Clean-Up

Saturday, April 5th 10am - 12 Noon

The event, organised by Portarlington Tidy Towns, aims to tackle over 20 areas around the town, with volunteers working together to clean streets, housing estates, & public spaces. Anyone who would like to include their road or housing estate in the clean-up can contact David Maher at 086 3475357.

Volunteers will be provided with gloves, rubbish bags, & a truck to collect the waste. SOLAS Eco Garden Shop will host a free tea & coffee event at 2pm on the day.

Let's come together and make a positive impact on our community this spring!

MUM DANCE FITNESS DANCE CLASS

For women. 80's & 90's inspired.

Wednesday nights 7pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Full details & bookings phone Marian on 086 8857116.

CAR BOOT SALE (TODAY)

Solas Eco Garden Centre. Today, Sun. 30th March at 10am. Entry fee €2. All welcome.

WANTED

BEGINNERS FOR LINE DANCING CLASSES

Portarlington Community Centre - Thurs. 3rd April 7.30 - 9.0pm. 10 classes €70 or PAYG €10 per class. Further info. phone / text John on 086 8333200.