

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Year B

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

#### SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 6.15pm Mass

Raymond Leavy, St. Brigid's Sq. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Timothy & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone St.  
Paddy Maher, Gracefield, (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield,  
John & Moira Walsh, Dublin,  
Jim & Mer McEvoy, St. Michael's Park,  
Deceased members of the Leavy family,  
Shandra, Jim Grehan, Shandra,

#### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 12.15pm Mass

Donal (Donie) Hanlon Gracefield,  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Mary (Bunty) Ward,  
St. Michael's Park, (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv)  
Pat & Maureen Gorman, Church View,  
Robert Francis Magee, Station Rd, (18<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv) Maria Magee, (nee Mulcahy)  
Station Rd, Deceased members of  
the Magee & Mulcahy families.

### ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

#### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - 10.30am Mass

George Monagher, Lea,  
James Brophy, Lough,  
Mossie & Kathy Stack,

### ANNIVERSARIES RATH

#### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - 9am

Fr. Jack Walsh P.E. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Peter O'Connell, Coolroe,  
Brigid Burke, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas,  
Ann Kelly, Bellgrove, (17<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Frank Dempsey, Monasterevin, Elizabeth  
Fitzgerald, Bellgrove,

### ✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

Your prayers are requested for the  
following  
who died recently:-

**Mary McCormack, Dereen,**  
Cloneygowan,  
**Dolores Wogan, Portlaoise & Durrow,**  
**Marta Dyrez, Riverside, Kilmalogue,**  
**John Dowling, Newpark, Portlaoise &**  
Morette,

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb Margaret (Peggy) Murphy,  
Annamoe, (B/day rem)  
Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – John Lawlor, Portlaoise Rd  
Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Patricia & Christy  
Kennedy, Lucan  
Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Maggie Kelly, Annamoe,  
Grace O'Neill, Church View, (B/day rem)

### ANNIVERSARIES EMO

#### SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY - 7.30pm

Liam Ramsbottom, Killimy Rd, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
Deirdre Keogh, Morette, her father  
John O'Flynn, Galway,  
Fr Jack Walsh, P.E. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Mary Stronge, Killimy Rd,  
Peter & Norah O'Connor, Old Pound,  
Deceased members of the O'Connor  
family, Robert Mc Guirk Knightstown,  
William & Kathleen Byrne, Frank & Bridget  
Copeland, Deceased members of the  
Copeland family, Killimy.

#### SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY - 11am Mass

Fr. Jack Walsh, P.E. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
John Dooley, Ballycullane, (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv)  
Mary Stronge, Killimy Rd, Paddy Brophy,  
Killeen, (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### A PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

Gracious God,  
we ask that you send your Spirit  
upon the people of Kildare & Leighlin.  
Help us to be  
as charitable as St. Brigid,  
as prophetic as St. Conleth,  
and as prayerful as St. Lasarian.  
May we respond to the call of our  
baptism,

to use our gifts in service of each other.  
May each of us be a living witness  
to a kingdom of justice and peace.

Grant us the courage  
to follow where you are leading  
and with your grace  
to journey together  
in faith, hope and love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin

Mon. 5th Feb. starting at St. Brigid's  
Shrine, Mountrice 11am, led by Bishop  
Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras,  
along the canal Blueway & finish in Sts  
Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin  
with a service of light at 12.30pm.  
Details Ph: 045-525346

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian  
Community:-

Kyra Mae Kerry Murphy, Market Sq  
Lorcan Cian Farrell, Garryhinch,

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

If you would like to become part of our team  
of Eucharistic Ministers in Portarlington,  
Killenard, Emo or Rath, please leave  
your name & contact details with  
Rosemary or Eileen in the Parish  
office. A training course will take  
place on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Emo  
National School - 10am to 4pm. To help with  
costs participants are invited to bring a packed  
lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. We are very happy  
to welcome existing ministers who would like a  
refresher day.

## EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage will take place from August 25<sup>th</sup>  
until August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Further details will be  
available next week. If you are interested in  
travelling on this Pilgrimage and want further  
details, please contact Tony on 086 1225833 or  
Deirdre on 087 2299457.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89



Dancing lessons: On Mon. nights with Dolores  
from 7.45-9.15pm. Keep fit: On Wed. & Fri.  
nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. (Friday nights  
sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership)

## MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

Direct flights to Mostar – Medjugorje.  
12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Cost €765.  
Price increases to €815 after 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland CC  
Contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

## ALONE

Would you be willing to provide companionship  
or make calls to Older People once a week ?  
ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full  
training and support provided. If interested  
please sign up here <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>  
For more info contact Fiona on  
[Fiona.boyle@alone.ie](mailto:Fiona.boyle@alone.ie) or 086 1366539.

## PICKLEBALL

Come give Pickleball a try – It is the fastest  
growing sport for a reason – Its simple to pick  
up, fun to play & a great way to get fit.  
Sessions available Tues. 8pm – 10pm / Thurs.  
5pm-7pm & Friday 7pm-9pm in Portarlington  
Community Centre.  
Cost €7 a session. Text Francie at 085 8582595  
– Spaces limited.  
:- [portarlingtonscouts24@gmail.com](mailto:portarlingtonscouts24@gmail.com)

## CARDIAC SCREENING

O'Dempsey's GFC  
Healthy Hearts, Healthy Lives are conducting  
Cardiac Screening at O'Dempsey's, Old Pound.  
This service will provide those who avail of it  
with information in order to identify and reduce  
potential future incidents of Sudden Adult Death  
Syndrome. It is open to all the community  
members aged 14- 40yrs regardless of gender,  
or whether you are an O'Dempsey's GFC  
member. Parent / Guardian required for under  
16s Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Feb from 10am to 2pm  
(must be prebooked) Contact our Healthy Club  
Officer Hazel on 087 9409409.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
continues on Tuesday's after the 10am  
Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES FUNDRAISING DRAW & 2024 PILGRIMAGE

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Trip to Lourdes / 5 Prizes of €50  
each. Draw will take place on Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. at  
9pm during Bingo in the GAA Centre,  
Portarlington. Tickets €2 each (or 3 for €5).  
Tickets available in the Parish Office or from  
Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on  
Main Street, Portarlington.

**The 2024 Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
Takes place from 30<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024.  
Six nights full board. Cost €1,060 per person  
sharing. €280 extra for single room.  
A meeting will take place on Sat. Next. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
February after the 6.15pm Mass in Portarlington  
to collect tickets for the Raffle. Further details &  
booking phone: Marie on 087-7589896 or  
Vera 087-9311813.

## BINGO – PORT. SOCIAL SERVICES

Portarlington Social Services seniors Bingo  
returns to the Centre every weds. at 8pm.  
Come along for a few games & a cuppa.

## O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. LOTTO RESULTS

30<sup>th</sup> Jan. - Numbers drawn: 3, 11, 24, 27  
No Jackpot Winner. No Match 3 Winners. Lucky  
Dips: Arthur Costello, (Dowlings Gala) John  
Lowry, promoter Richie Sleavin. Next  
draw: Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Feb with a Jackpot of €4,400.

## O'Dempsey's App

We have just launched an O'Dempsey's App –  
a one-stop shop for club news and events.  
Search your app store for O'Dempsey's GFC  
app. Open the app, set up your account and  
spread the word to your family and friends.

## PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

**Baby Book Club:** Wednesday mornings at  
10.30am. Places are limited so booking  
essential. Call 057 8643751 or  
email [portarlingtonlibrary@laiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laiscoco.ie)  
**Knitting Club:** Meets Friday mornings from  
10.30 -12.30. New members always welcome.

## PORTARLINGTON CE PROJECT - CLG

**Vacancy: Environmental Worker**  
Ref. 2315970. Location: Portarlington Peoples'  
Park/Amenity Areas. For more details contact  
CE Supervisor 057 8643458 or your Local DSP  
Intreo Office. CE Eligibility Criteria applies.  
More information can be found on:  
[Jobsireland.ie](http://Jobsireland.ie) / Use the vacancy details above.

## GRACEFIELD G.A.A.

Hosting Pieta House Darkness into Light Walk  
2024. As this is a big event, we are reaching  
out to ask if you are interested in helping out in  
any way on the morning of the event. We will  
need Stewards at the venue & along the route  
& also we will need First Aider's. The  
Darkness into Light walk will take place on  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. If you can help,  
phone Jenny on 087 9656983.

## ST. MICHAEL'S ATHLETIC CLUB

Join our Club - Venue: St. Patrick's BNS  
All levels of runners welcome.  
Under 6-8s Mon 18.00 -18.40  
Under 9-13s Mon & Thurs 18.00-18.50  
Under 13s and up Mon & Thurs 18.00-18.50  
Seniors Tues & Thurs 19.00-20.00

## ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Are holding their monthly Parent Evening for  
bereaved parents on Weds 14<sup>th</sup> February at  
7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is  
FREE and open to all bereaved parents  
whether the death was recent or not. We also  
offer an online service. For more info see  
[anamcara.ie](http://anamcara.ie) or call our information line on 01  
4045378.

## SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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

## EMO PARISH

### ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the  
Church porches. The boxes contain weekly  
collection envelopes & special collection  
envelopes. To register write your name &  
address on 1<sup>st</sup> envelope. This contribution  
goes towards the upkeep of schools,  
churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks  
to all.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to  
the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax  
refund. This includes donations made by  
both PAYE persons and Self Employed  
persons. On this basis any Parishioner who  
contributes €250 or more to the Parish in  
2023, this donation will entitle the Parish to a  
tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish  
Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in  
contributing to the Parish.

## Lotto.

### EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Draw 29/1/2024. – No jackpot winner.  
Numbers : 5-7-12-22  
€25 to Hugh Boyle, c/o B Gorman,  
Shauna Dooley, c/o Parish Office,  
The Foy Boys, c/o Rose, Margaret O'Brien,  
c/o Dee, Peter Tynan, c/o Maeve..  
Next draw takes place 12<sup>th</sup> February with a  
JACKPOT OF €6,800

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

#### Week 5 – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Numbers 2, 6, 15, 19 – No jackpot winner.  
€50 to: Ayda Whelan, Marie Fallon, James  
Bradley, Gillian Rice, Mary Evans.  
Next week's Jackpot €11,000

## USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions.  
You can drop them to Delaney's,  
Bracklone Street.

## SAMARITANS

We welcome anyone interested in joining us  
in our important work. Training and  
mentoring are provided. **Newbridge Kildare**  
**Samartians Recruitment/Information**  
**Evening** in the Midlands Park Hotel,  
Portlaoise on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.

## PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

Annual Table Quiz will take place on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup>  
February in The Anvil Inn. A fun night  
assured with raffle and prizes. 8.30 for 9pm  
start. €40 per table of 4. All support greatly  
appreciated.