

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

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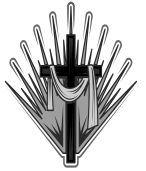
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MASS TIMES

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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

5TH APRIL 2026

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 4th April – Easter Saturday 9pm Vigil

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

Sun. 5th April Easter Sunday 12.15pm

Celia Duffy, Ballycullane, (1st Anniv.)
Jim & Alice Brennan; DJ, Mary & Paddy Brennan, French Church St; Liam Shortall, Bog Rd; James Douglas, Bishopswood; Michael Hoey, St. Patrick's Tce. (40th 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. Patrick's Tce; Edward & Elizabeth Coogan, Shiphouse; Daniel, Bridie & Kevin Coogan

Sat. 11th April – 6.15pm

Christina (Chrissie) Bennett, Main St. (M.M.)
Sheila Monaghan (1st Anniv.) & William Monaghan (4th Anniv.), Orchard Drive; Bridie Higgins (1st Anniv.) & Frank Higgins (1st Anniv.), Annamore; Angela Byrne (13th Anniv.) & Tom Byrne (5th Anniv.), Cushina; Brendan McNally, Spa St; Michael Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (21st Anniv.); Bridget (Bridie) O'Connor, Patrick Street (5th Anniv.); Frank Kelly, Cushina (10th Anniv.)
Mary Hynes, St Joseph's Tce, (10th Anniv)

Sun. 12th April – 12.15pm

Oliver Wright, Droughill (M.M.)
Christy Deegan, Mill Lane, Garryhinch (M.M.)
Bill Devereux, Millbrook Manor (6th Anniv.)
Nora & Paddy Devereux; Tom & Elizabeth Ryan; Brian Crossan, Station Rd. (11th Anniv.)
Kevin Barry & Micheál Barry; Thomas Fingleton, Shandra & dec. members of the Fingleton Family; Shandra; Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (12th Anniv.) John & Billy Carroll, Fermoy, Andy & Joe Keegan, Cloneyhurke,

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 5th April Easter Sunday 10.30am

James Knight, Seskin

TROCAIRE

All Trocaire boxes should be returned this 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.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Cillian Patrick Garen Moore-Bryant

WEEKDAY PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 6th April – Thomas & Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Park

Tues. 7th April – Jack & Eileen Finlay, Patrick Street; Brendan Finlay, Patrick Street. & Tenerife (5th Anniversary)

Wed. 8th April – Bridget Flood, Main Street

Thurs. 9th April – Teresa & Thomas Quinn
Fri. 10th April – Dorrie & JJ Galvin; Dec. members of the Galvin Family, Cloneyhurke; Dec. members of the Dempsey Family; Chrissie Dunne; Christopher Boyle; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall; Willie Ryan;

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sun. 5th April Easter Sunday – 11am

Jim Hyland, The Sawmills, Ballybrittas (5th Anniv.); Joe Hyland, Woodbrook & dec. members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook; Matthew Flynn, Knightstown; Eileen Kerry, Coolbanagher (25th Anniv.)

Sat. 11th April 7.30pm

John & Betty Doonan, Bellgrove; Martin & Anne Buggy, Knightstown; Martin & Ann Buggy, Knightstown, Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette, Christy Gleeson, Morette,

Sun. 12th April 11am

Kitty Brophy, Killeen (9th Anniv.)
Noel Mee (17th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 5th April Easter Sunday 9am

Rose & Paddy Dunne, Coolroe; Pakie Ryan, Tipperary; Michael Donnelly, Fisherstown; Paddy Dunne, Bellgrove

Sun. 12th April 9am

Cora O'Dwyer (7th Anniv.); Paddy O'Dwyer; John & Norah Kavanagh

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY:

John Dunne, Tierhogar

Jack Whiteley, St. Patrick's Terrace & formerly Newbridge

Denis (Dinny) Kavanagh, St. Brigid's Sq.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH



The Easter Collection for the Priests of the Parish takes place this weekend. Envelopes are available in your development boxes & at the Church porches. Cheque payments for this collection to be made payable to Portarlington Clergy Fund or Emo Clergy Fund. Sincere thanks for your continued support to Emo & Portarlington Parishes.

EASTER SUNDAY



Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of joy & happiness as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

LORD OF ALL LIFE

*You are our hope & our joy,
Our source of true happiness.
We have journeyed to Easter
& in the most difficult of trials
we have renewed our baptism
& proclaimed your resurrection.
We embrace with gladness the new life
to which you call each one of us.
Bless us, our families & all the world,
with your constant presence & protection.
May we give you thanks every day
& share the good news of our faith
with all we meet.
And may the light of our Easter faith
guide our footsteps in your ways of
love, peace & truth.*

Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

*In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen!
Alleluia, alleluia!*

The Priests of the Parish

wish all
Parishioners a
Happy &
Holy Easter

BLESSED EASTER WATER

EASTER BLESSED WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE
IN ALL CHURCHES FROM EASTER SUNDAY.



*The Parish Office will be closed from
Monday 6th April until Thursday 9th April.*

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES A.G.M.

Lourdes AGM Wed. 8th April at 7.30pm in the Catholic Club. All very welcome.

CEMETERY MASS 2026

Killenard – Fri. 3rd July – 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 10th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm

EMO TIDY TOWN SPRING CLEAN

Emo Tidy Towns Spring clean up week will be held on Sat. 11th April. Meet at 5pm at Shop loma, where bags & gloves can be collected. If unable to make it please call 0872638140 & bags will be provided. All help greatly appreciated.

PORTARLINGTON SPRING CLEAN

As part of this year's 'Spring Clean', Portarlington Tidy Towns are organizing the cleaning of several areas in the town on Sat. 11th April from 10am which will be completed within 2 hours. Can anyone who wishes to have their road or housing estate included in the clean up contact David Maher 086 3475357. Gloves, rubbish bags and a truck to transport away the rubbish will be available on the day.

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. Fri. 22nd May – Sun. 24th May, €315.00 per person. Enq: Michele Sinnott slianchroi@spsms.ie 089 4690 508

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS

Lotto Results: Numbers - 30th March: 01, 12, 20, 29. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner: Lisa Donohoe. Promoter: Tom Coleman. Next Draw: Tues. 7th April – Jackpot €10,300. **Thank You:** Thanks to all who supported O'Dempsey's GFC with the All County Club Draw & Golf Scramble Event. **Ball Wall Project:** A very special thanks to Shauna Blanchfield (@shaunaanseo) for her incredible work at O'Dempsey's this past week. We are so happy with all the paint works & with the final ball wall mural, with O'Dempsey's, St. Conleth's and Banríon Gaels all represented.

EMO/RATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

20th – 24th 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 17th July until Fri. 24th 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: No session Monday 6th April back on Mon 13th. **Keep Fit:** Wed. & Fri. 7-8pm with Eimear. €8 each night.

Dancing Lessons:

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

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

AGM will e held on 26th April in Parochial Hall from 3-5pm. All new and current members welcome. We will also be announcing our 2027 musical. We are looking for contestants for our event 'Stars in their Eyes' either solo, pairs or group entries to be in by 30th April 2026. portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2026

Divine Mercy Sunday celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin, on Sun. 12th April 2026. All are invited & very welcome to attend. Celebrations begin with confession at 2pm followed by Mass at 3pm.

REFLECTION

"Death Overcome"

As long as the sun comes over the hills,
scatters the darkness,
and fills the world with light;
As long as the fields get green again,
and the primroses and violets return;
As long as the trees fill up again with leaves,
there is hope for us and for the world.
So come, let us follow the footsteps
of spring, for the snow has melted,
and life is awakening from its sleep
and wanders through the hills and valleys.
Come, let us ascend the heights
and gaze upon the waving greenness
of the plains below.
O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day,
for death has folded up his tent and
gone away.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

(For children receiving their 1st Holy Communion in May and June 2026)



Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Tues. 14th April at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Wed. 15th April at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 16th April at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Killenard

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Wed. 22nd April at 7pm in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Wed. 22nd April 8pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATES FOR 2026



Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Sat. 9th May 2016 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Sun. 10th May 2026 at 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo



Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 16th May, 2026 at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.,

Sat. 23rd May, 2026 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sat. 6th June, 2026 at 11.30am in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

BALLYBRITTAS TIDY TOWNS

Litter pick & clean up

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

BADMINTON

Mondays 7-9pm in the Sports Hall, Portarlington Community Centre. No need to book – Just drop in and give it a try.

BIG BUSK 2026 PORTARLINGTON



Street music for a 'Home Supporting Focus Ireland'. Friday 1st May on Main Street, Portarlington from 11am until late. Phone David on 087 1047513. Come along, enjoy fantastic live performances and help us #EndHomelessness in Ireland! Donate & learn more at www.focusireland.ie

GRACEFIELD GAA - CLUB LOTTO

Date 30th March 2026 – Week No. 14
Numbers 10, 21, 31, 30 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Tess Bryan; Kathleen Murphy; Mark Ward; Adrian Dunne; Lil Geoghegan. Promoter prize: Marian Bryan
Next week's Jackpot €7,200. Draw will take place on Easter Monday, 6th April.

EMO – RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week. No. 2014 – 30th March 2026
Numbers: 2, 13, 22, 23
€25 to each of the following:- Pat Owens c/o S. Strong; Karl Brogan c/o Deirdre Lawlor; Chris Brophy c/o Deirdre Lawlor; Mick Delaney c/o Parish Office; Caroline Costello c/o S. Strong
Next draw takes place 13th April. Jackpot €2,400.

EASTER CAMP

7th – 10th April for boys and girls of primary age. 9.30am to 2pm at Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington. Activities sport, baking, coding, arts & games. Further information email. Camp will cost €70 with sibling discounts available.

EASTERCAMPPOINT@gmail.com

COURTWOOD GAA

Courtwood Combined Lotto – €18,400!

Get your ticket at Ballybrittas Service Station, The Final Furlong, or on the Clubforce app. Scan the QR code to go straight to Clubforce!
Easter Egg Hunt, Raffle & Cuppa – Sun. 5th April, 11am–12pm - A small thank-you to our wonderful community – everyone welcome!
Club Membership Now Open - Be part of the heartbeat of Courtwood GAA.

Laois GAA County Club Monster Draw Tickets

On Sale - Thank you to all our Sellers and to each, every one who Support this key Club Fundraiser - it is greatly appreciated. Our Club €130 winners are Ned Flanagan/Denis Dooley & Paul Hyland. Purchase Membership, & Lotto via: Clubforce App. / Registrar Brian Nolan / Treasurers Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly

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. Free training for successful applicants. The closing date for receipt of forms is Fri. 29th May 2026. Contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or marriagepreparation@accord.ie

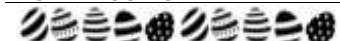
E-BIKE PROJECT

The PCDA will launch the Portarlington 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. Enquiries to info@portarlington.ie

EASTER EGG HUNT – KILLENARD



Join us at Killenard Community Centre this Easter Sunday (5th April 2026) (today) 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!