



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. 6th APRIL, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 5th April 6.15pm

Benny Maher, Arlington Est. (M.M.); Mary Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce; Frank Kelly, Cushina; Matt Delaney, Ullard (30th Anniv.); Kathleen & John O'Reilly & Paddy O'Reilly, Marian Hill

Sun. 6th April 12.15pm

Sean Murray, Cushina (M.M.); 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.)

Sat. 12th April 6.15pm

John (Johnny) Maher, Ballymorris (M.M.); Niall Deere, Bishopwood (1st Anniv.); Bill Bolton, Blackhall Bridge (6th Anniv.); Bridie Power, Avondale; Brendan McNally, Spa St; Tom & Angela Byrne, Cushina; Fergus & Shane McMahon, Shandra; Brigid (Bridie) O'Connor, Patrick St. (4th Anniv.)

Sun. 13th April 12.15pm – Palm Sunday

Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (11th Anniv.); Molly & Abb Evans; Thomas Keegan Jnr. & Snr.; Joe Keegan

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 6th April 10.30am

John McEvoy, Trim & his parents Patrick & Kathleen McEvoy

Sun. 13th April 10.30am – Palm Sunday

Rita McDonnell, Springfield & dec. members of the Durkan Family

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORT.

Mon. 7th April – Mary & John Scully, Stradbally

Tues. 8th April – Frank Mulligan

Wed. 9th April – Catherine & James Hennessy, Bracklone Street

Thurs. 10th April – Molly Slattery, St. Patrick's Tce. & Dec. members of the Slattery Family

Fri. 11th April – Dorrie & JJ Galvin; Dec. members of Galvin Family, Cloneyhurke; Dec. members of the Dempsey Family; Chrissie Dunne; Christopher Boyle; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall; Willie Ryan

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

Theresa (Tess) Quinn (nee Dunne), Dublin & formerly Blackhall, Ballymorris
Jean Conroy (nee Boyers), Jamestown
John Maher Jnr., Australia & formerly Ballymorris Road
Jack Cowman, formerly Coolroe who died in England during the week.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 5th April 7.30pm

Sun. 6th April 11am
Kitty Brophy, Killen (8th Anniv.)
Matthew Flynn, Knightstown

Sat. 12th April 7.30pm

Elizabeth (Lily) Keogh, formerly Emo (3rd Anniv.); Paula Treacy & deceased members of the Treacy Family, Morette; Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette & Christy Gleeson; Fredrick & Elizabeth Prior, Morette;

Sun. 13th April 11am

Noel Mee (16th Anniv.); Fredrick & Elizabeth Prior, Morette;

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 6th April 9am

Jack and May O'Connell, Rathangan; Paddy & Cora O'Dwyer, Newbridge; John & Nora Kavanagh, UK; Paddy Dunne, Bellgrove; Mick Donnelly, Fisherstown, Ballybrittas

Sun. 13th April 9am – Palm Sunday

Tom Connell, Coolroe; Joseph Connell; Julia & Joe Connell; Paddy Fitzgerald, Bellgrove; Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale

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 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church.



FIRST PENANCE

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

Congratulations to the children from Portarlington Parish who received their First Penance during the week.

FIRST PENANCE - EMO PARISH

The children from **St. Paul's NS**, Emo will receive their First Penance in St. Paul's Church on Tues. next. 8th April at 7pm

The children from **Rath NS** will receive their First Penance in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Wed. next, 9th April at 7pm.



We welcome into the Christian Community through baptism

Jude Samuel Donaghy, Mount Henry Drive
Jodie Mary McElwee, Mount Henry Close

COMMUNION CALLS

APRIL 2025

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week.

Tuesday 8th April

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane; Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig; Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea; Portlaoise Rd; Kilbride

Wednesday 9th April

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy; Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

Thursday 10th April

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace; Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road; Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue; French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court; Droughill; Bishopwood; Clondoolusk; Droughill Lawns; Cushina

PALM SUNDAY – 13TH APRIL

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week.

A time when we contemplate that Jesus is God made man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on the cross. Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm on Palm Sunday. All very welcome.



CHRISM MASS 2025

You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 14th April at 7.30 pm. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards in Carlow College, St Patrick's. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

DO YOU THINK THAT GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Would you like to meet with others who are exploring a call? Would you like to explore how to discover God's will for your life? Then the Samuel Circle is for you! The Circle is a group who meet regularly to try and discern God's plan for them in life. If you are interested contact Fr. Ruairi ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY NOTES

Easter Craft Table: Tue. 15th April from 2:30pm

Easter family story time: Tues. 15th April 3:30pm

Easter Treasure Hunt – Tues. 15th – Sat. 26th

April. Follow the clues & win a small prize

Family Microbit Coding Workshops – Wed.

April 16th - 10am & 11:15am. Workshops are

based on family-per-place so 1 adult & 1 child

(age 7+). Booking essential call 057 8643751

or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Laois Tourism Business Clinics - Are you a

tourism business in Laois? The *Laois Tourism*

Activator will be running clinics in the library

on Wed. 9th April from 6-7.30pm. Book your

place here <http://bit.ly/41cANc>

Friday Storytime – Join us

for story time every Friday at

3:30pm

Lego Free Play:

Saturday's 10am-1pm

Social

Chess: Wednesday evening

s 6pm-7pm, New members always welcome

Puzzle Club: Jigsaw morning & a cuppa. Every

Tues. 10:30-12:30 New member's welcome.

Knitting Club: Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30.

All skill levels - Beginner to advanced welcome!

Portarlington Junior Book Club: Meeting on

the last Wednesday of the month. Suitable for

9-12year olds. Booking essential

10/10 Book Club – a book club for reluctant

readers in 5th & 6th class. Booking essential

Baby Book Club: Meets Wed. mornings

10:30am. Booking essential.

Book Club: Meet on the last Tuesday of every

month. This month we are reading *Duffy and*

Son by Damien Owens. To book or further info.

contact the numbers below.

Sensory Toy Resource Collection – a service

for parents of children with additional needs who

live in Laois. More details and the catalogue can

be found here : [https://laois.ie/wp-](https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Laois-Library-Sensory-Toy-Booklet.pdf)

[content/uploads/Laois-Library-Sensory-Toy-](https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Laois-Library-Sensory-Toy-Booklet.pdf)

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Laois Libraries Online Book Club Read one

book a month chosen from the BorrowBox

collection. Join us the last Wednesday of each

month when questions are posed for discussion

on our Book Club Facebook page. This month

we are reading *The Household* by Stacey Halls

It is available to download in audio and eBook

format on Borrowbox

Call into Portarlington Library or check out their

Facebook page to view lots of upcoming events.

Further information phone 057 8643751

/ portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

LIVE WELL EXPO

The Live Well Health and Wellbeing Expo takes

place in Portlaoise College on Wed. 23d 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.

PILGRIMAGE 2025

SHRINE OF OUR LADY, GARBANDAL

Five day trip to the Shrine of Our Lady,

Garbandal, Spain. May – Mon. 19th – Fri. 23rd /

For all information contact Joe on 087 7707420.



SCOIL PHADRAIG

EASTER BAKE SALE

In. Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road on Wed. 9th April.

All proceeds will go for toys for the lunchtime

play area. Please leave any baked goods in the

PE Hall on the Wednesday morning.

EMO SOLAR ACTION GROUP

Meeting to discuss the planning application for

650 acres of land in Emo for a Solar Complex.

Venue: Emo Community Centre. Date: Mon. 7th

April at 8pm. All 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.

Next month we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Laudato Si. Have you read Laudato Si? Would you like to learn more about it? Find out more at Trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-Ireland/parishes/laudatosi - Laudato Si Week runs from May 19th – 26th 2025. 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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

PALM SUNDAY

Portarlington 6.15pm / 9am & 12.15pm **TEAM B**

Killenard 10.30am **TEAM B**

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 Íosagáin,

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.

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.

KILLENARD EASTER EGG HUNT (TODAY)

Sunday (6th April)

Come join us at Killenard Community Centre at

11am this morning (Sun. 6th April) for an Easter

Egg Hunt, Bouncy Castle, Arts & Crafts,

Cupcake Decorating, Face Painting, Sensory

and more! €15 ticket per child.

MEET ME, LORD JESUS



In the rising of the sun at dawn and

as the sunset fades, meet me, Lord Jesus;

In the hard decisions of the moment,

meet me, Lord Jesus;

On a well-lit road, in a time of plenty,

meet me, Lord Jesus;

On a stony path, in a time of need,

meet me, Lord Jesus;

In the faces of friends, and in the hands

of strangers, meet me, lord Jesus;

In my setting out and in my coming home,

meet me, Lord Jesus.

Amen

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

31st March 2025 – Week No. 1972

Numbers 4, 14, 16, 17 – Jackpot €2,000

No jackpot winner - €25 to each of the

following – Eamon Strong c/o Emo GAA;

Shauna Strong c/o S. Strong; Annmarie

Lowry c/o A. Lowry; Ronan Lynch c/o

B. Gorman; Catriona Downey c/o

S. Strong. Next draw takes place 7th April –

Jackpot €2,200.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

31st March – Week No. 14.

Jackpot 4,000. €50 for each of the

following:- Alice Dunne; Pat Keegan;

Martin Murphy; Josh Donagher; Fiona

Cooper – Promoter prize: John Kelly.

Next week's Jackpot €4,200

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.

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.

WANTED - BEGINNERS FOR LINE

DANCING CLASSES

Portarlington Community Centre – Thurs. 3rd

April 7.30 – 9opm. 10 classes €70 or PAYG

€10 per class. Further info. phone / text

John on 086 8333200.

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

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC

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.