

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

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, Portarlinton

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 6th April – 6.15pm

Johnny Murphy, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.)
Michael Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (19th Anniv.)
Terry Doyle, Dublin (30th Anniv.)
Dec. members of the McCormack, Broughali,
Power & Delaney Families, Ullard; Frank Kelly,
Cushina; Paddy Mullany, Lea Road;
Kathleen O'Reilly, Marian Hill

Sun. 7th April - 12.15pm Mass

Anne Kelly, St. Michael's Park & Dublin (MM)
Bill Devereux, Millbrook Manor (4th Anniv.)
Dec. members of the Devereux Family; Dec.
members of the Ryan Family; James Douglas,
Bishopswood; Kevin & Claire Barry, Sligo &
formerly Patrick St; John Corcoran, Ballybrittas;
Myra Shortall, Bracklone St. (15th Anniv.); John
& Eileen Hickey, The Square, their son Liam
Hickey & Mary Hickey, Jamestown;
Kathleen O'Reilly, Marian Hill; Tom & Bridie
McNulty, Droughill; John & Elizabeth Fallon, St.
Michael's Pk; Elizabeth Nicholls; Bridie Brick;
Joseph Brick, St. Michael's Park

Sat. 13th April – 7.30pm

Bill Bolton, Kilbride (5th Anniv.); Tom (3rd Anniv.)
& Angela (11th Anniv.) Byrne, Cushina; Brendan
McNally, Spa Street

Sun. 14th April – 12.15pm Mass

Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (10th Anniv.); John &
Mary Lawlor & dec. members of the Lawlor
Family, Courtown; John & Kathleen McGettrick,
Patrick Avenue;

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 7th April - 10.30am

Sun. 14th April – 10.30am

Rita McDonnell & deceased mem. of the Durkan
Family, Springfield; Marian Hickey, The Square

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 8th April Fergus & Shane McMahon

Tues. 9th April Special Intention

Wed. 10th April ---

Thurs. 11th April Dorrie & JJ Galvin,
Cloneyhurke & dec. members of Galvin Family,
Garryhinch; Dec. members of Dempsey Family;
Chrissie Dunne; Christopher Boyle; Sheila &
Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood

Fri. 12th April Bridget Flood, Main Street

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 6th April - 7.30pm

Philip Rowe, Portlaoise; Martin & Ann Buggy,
Knightstown; Christy Gleeson & Elizabeth
Gleeson, Morette

Sun. 7th April – 11am

Frank Delaney, Killeen (2nd Anniv.)
Kitty Brophy, Killeen

Sat. 13th April – 7.30pm

Jim Hyland, The Sawmills, Ballybrittas (3rd
Anniv.); Joe Hyland & deceased members of
the Hyland Family, Woodbrook

Sun. 14th April – 11am

Pauline Hughes, Birr & formerly Portarlinton
(1st Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 7th April - 9am

Michael (Mick) Behan, Bellgrove (M.M.)
Cora O'Dwyer, Newbridge (5th Anniv.) & Paddy
O'Dwyer, Newbridge; John Kavanagh, U.K. (2nd
Anniv.); John Corcoran, Ballybrittas; Michael
Donnelly, Fisherstown; Paddy Dunne, Bellgrove
(20th Anniv.)

Sunday 14th April – 9am

Patrick (Paddy) Fitzgerald, Bellgrove;
Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died
during the week:

Thomas Kelly, Southampton & formerly
St. Michael's Park

Elizabeth (Lil) Duffy, Walsh Island & Geashill
Kathleen O'Malley, Mallow (Mother of Sandra
Loftus, Killenard)

baptism

We welcome into the Christian
Community through Baptism:-

Portarlinton Parish

Ava Pentier Ducie, Oxford, U.K.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to
the recent collection for the Priests of the
Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes
place on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass
concluding with the Rosary at 7pm.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

(Use an ordinary Rosary)



Make the Sign of the Cross.
Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and
The Apostles' Creed.

On the Our Father beads say:
**Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and
Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly
Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in
atonement for our sins and those of the
whole world.**

On the Hail Mary beads say:
**For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole
world.**

Repeat for the five decades.
Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:
**Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us
and on the whole world. ✠**

TROCAIRE

Working for a Just World

All outstanding Trocaire boxes should be
returned as soon as possible.

Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes
on the seats or around the Church.
Amount collected to date:-

• Portarlinton Coll. €6,773

• Emo Coll. €2,400

www.trocaire.org Call-save to 1800 408 408
- Post to: Trocaire, Maynooth, Kildare.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL NOTICES
FOR INCLUSION IN THE PARISH
NEWSLETTER, INCLUDING
ANNIVERSARY MASS BOOKINGS, MUST
BE WITH THE PARISH OFFICE BY
THURSDAY MORNING OF EACH WEEK.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024



Sacred Heart NS, Rath

Sat 27th April 11.30am

St. Paul's NS, Emo

Sun 28th April 11am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Saturday 11th May at 11.30am

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Saturday 18th May at 11.30am

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlinton

Saturday 25th May at 11.30am

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Sun. 7th April (today) – Divine Mercy Sunday.
Divine Mercy celebrations will be held in Moore
Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin – Confessions
2pm & Mass 3pm. All very welcome.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS

O'Dempsey's GFC Lotto

Results: 2nd April 2024. Numbers drawn:
9,23,24,27. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3
Winner: Caroline Weiss (Marie Fallon), Terri
Murphy (Clubforce). Promoter: Willie Bannon.
Next Draw: Monday, April 8th with a Jackpot of
€6,200. Thanks for your support.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Will take place on Sunday 2nd June.
Further details later.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

30th July–6th Aug. 2024. Seven (7) night's full
board. Cost €1,060 per person sharing. Further
details & booking ph: Marie 087-7589896 or
Vera 087-9311813.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Calling all adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in
the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese for the National
Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock
taking place on Sun. 14th April. Please phone
086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) for enquiries /
bookings. www.eucharisticadoration.ie

BRIGIDINE PAST PUPILS LUNCH

(Boarders & Day Pupils from across the
Diocese)

Past Pupils of the Brigidine Convents of
Abbeyleix, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are
invited to the Lunch on Sunday 21st April in the
Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge at 12.45pm.
Cost €40 and booking to be made before
Thursday 11th April. Contact Sheila Kinane 087
224 9544 or 045 867124
Email: sheillakinane@gmail.com

EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



The Pilgrimage will take place from August
25th until 29th August 2024. Hotel Roissy.
Cost €735 per person sharing. If you are
interested in travelling on this Pilgrimage and
want further details, please contact Tony on
086 1225833 or Deirdre on 087 2299457.

PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S SHED

The Women's Shed are back after the Easter
break. They meet every Thursday at 10.30am
in Portarlinton Community Centre. Check
them out on Facebook Portarlinton Women's
Shed.... New members always welcome.

WORD OF THANKS

The Priests of the parish congratulate all who
attended at the Easter Ceremonies in such
great numbers. We thank all those who
contributed to the support of the Priests.
We thank the Organists, Choirs, Musicians,
Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans, Altar
Servers and those who decorated the four
Churches.

CEMETERY MASSES 2023



Killenard – Fri. 5th July – 7.30pm
Portarlinton – Fri. 12th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 26th July – 7.30pm

LOUGH DERG 2024

One Day Retreats: (Admission €45)

May 5th, 6th, 12th, 14th, 18th, 25th, 27th

August: 17th, 20th, 25th, 26th, 31st

September: 4th, 7th, 10th, 14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd

Three Day Pilgrimage: (Admission €80)

Starts Fri. 31st May & runs until Thurs. 15th Aug.

Residential Retreats / Lakeshore Pilgrimage /

Quiet Days all available. Book: 071 9861518

info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Football for girls aged 5 to 8 years.
Arlington AFC, FAI & UEFA host Disney
Playmakers Program in Portarlinton. This is a
free of charge introduction to football through
play and storytelling with the magic of Disney's
Encanto. It will commence on 27th April at
1.45pm at the Leisure Centre, Portarlinton (1
hour for 8 weeks). For further information
contact Phil on 086 8100657.

Sign up at

<https://disneyplaymakers.ie/Arlington-AFC/>

KESTRELS BASKETBALL CLUB

The Club are looking for new members in all
age groups beginner and returning players. We
play in Coláiste Iosagáin, Portarlinton and play
competitive basketball in the Midlands Area
Basketball League across all age
groups. On Friday evenings we
play social basketball. We also
welcome new volunteers to the club.
Please contact head coach, Louise
Foster on 087 6134057 or call down for training.
www.kestrelsbasketballclub.ie

UCD PROTEIN & EXERCISE PROGRAMME FOR OLDER ADULTS

Are you 70+ and living at home? Want to get
stronger? What's involved? 12 week online
exercise class / Protein drinks / Dietary advice
(all FREE of charge). Contact Catherine Fallon
at UCD 01 7163256 /
Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE – FILM



Cinema Night in the Balcony Cinema,
Mountmellick on Tuesday 16th April at 8.15pm.
Limited places - Book with Antoinette 086 080
3047 between 9.15am-1.30pm & 7-9pm.

CARING VACANCY

Caring in Offaly Community Employment
scheme are recruiting Home Respite Care
Workers for Portarlinton & surrounding areas,
for further information contact Alison Hackett
086-0213711 ahackett@familycarers.ie

Lotto.

EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

The next lotto draw will take place Mon. 8th
April with a Jackpot of €8,000.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

1/4/2024 – Week No. 14 – Numbers 11, 16,
9, 30. No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of
the following:- Ryan Havill; Tom Walsh; Ava
Luttrell; Vincent Dunne; Pauline McEvoy.
Promoter prize The Hawthorn.
Next week's Jackpot €12,800.

GRACEFIELD

BLACKTHORN

FESTIVAL

Sat. 11th May – Gates
open 3.30pm at
Gracefield GAA
Grounds. Featuring
Smash Hits / Abba X /
Dooley Bros. / The
Cardinal Sins. Tickets
available from the Club
or scan QR code.

TICKETS

AVAILABLE

SCAN QR CODE



PORTARLINGTON 4TH LAOIS SCOUTS

Registration night for new members between
the ages of 9 and 14 years will take place on
Tues. 16th April 7pm to 8pm. Venue: Scouts
Hall opposite Centra on Main Street. We will
also be opening a Beavers section for ages
6 years to 8 years in September. If your
child would like to join in September, we
would be happy to give you information on
the night. Phone 085 7514692.

A PRAYER FOR FARMERS



God of all Creation,
we give you thanks for those who
cultivate the earth,

for those who wake before dawn
& labour in the fields,

for those who care for livestock,
for those who plant & tend with care.
We pray they know they are appreciated
beyond measure.

Too often, we overlook the gift of farmers
as we grow ever more distant from the
processes that bring food to our tables.

We pray that we see and know
those who do the planting, tending,
& harvesting.

They are a community of sowers
on whom our survival & flourishing depend.
So, for farmers who keep food on the
shelves & make plenty a possibility,
we give thanks.

Guide them & bless them, O God of
Abundance.

We pray especially for favourable weather,
abundant crops, communities of support,
fair economic practices, strength and
perseverance. AMEN

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB

2024/2025 (Season) Fishing Permits for
Derryounce Lakes and the River Barrow are
now available from the following:-

Ciaran 085 2042101 / John 086 8744343 /

Eddie 086 7963479

Cost of River permit:

Adult €30 / OAP €10 / Junior €5

Cost of Lake permit:

Adult €70 / OAP €50 / Junior €20