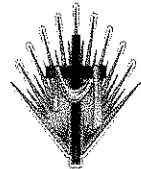


# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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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 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

EASTER SUNDAY

YEAR B

Daylight saving time starts - Put your Clocks forward

## WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> March – 9pm Mass

Tom & Mary Byrne, Cloneyquin; Deceased members of the Byrne & Larke Families; Sunny Kennedy; Paul Nolan (B/Day Remembrance); Brigid Gorman, The Borness

### Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> March - 12.15pm Mass

Brian Crossan, Station Road (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Margaret Slattery & her son John Slattery (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Elizabeth Dunne (nee Slattery) (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Cushina; Michael Hoey, St. Patrick's Terrace; James & Margaret Dunne, Tinnecrannagh; Baby Robin O'Neill, Gracefield / Limerick (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> March - 10.30am

Tom Flanagan, Lea (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny

## WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> April – Thomas & Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Park  
Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> April Jody & Josephine Slattery & deceased members of the Slattery Family; Mary & Patrick Dunne, St. Patrick's Terrace  
Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> April Deceased members of the Keegan Family, Bishopwood  
Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> April ---  
Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> April Mollie Slattery, St. Patrick's Tce

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm

### Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> March – 11am

Kathleen Dowling, Morette (M.M.)  
Eileen Kerry, Coolbanagher,  
John, Mary & Christina Grennan, Tullamore

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9am

Rose Dunne (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Paddy Dunne (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Coolroe; Tone O'Connell, Coolroe

## DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died during the week:

Sean Jackson, Killenard  
Shelia Lee, Dublin  
Philip Lewis, The Heath

## baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

### Portarlington & Emo Parishes

Alannah Róisín Nerney, Cappakeel  
Aoibhinn Anne O'Connor, Riverside  
Nathan Kevin Langford, St. Joseph's Tce.  
Orla Geraldine O'Halloran, Station Court  
Nova Rose Reardon, Millbrook Manor

## 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 and also at the Church porches. Any cheque payments for this collection please make payable to Portarlington Clergy Fund or Emo Clergy Fund. Sincere thanks for all your support to the Parishes of Emo & Portarlington.

The Priests of the Parish  
wish all  
Parishioners  
a  
Happy & Holy  
Easter

## CEMETERY MASSES 2023

Killenard – Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Portarlington - Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 26<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm



The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

## EASTER SUNDAY

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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!

If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself as you make the Sign of the Cross.

**BLESSED EASTER WATER**  
BOTTLES OF BLESSED EASTER WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME FROM ALL CHURCHES FROM EASTER SUNDAY. PLEASE TAKE ONE HOME WITH YOU.



All Trocaire boxes should be returned this weekend. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Church.

## DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> April – 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

### Lotto Results: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

Numbers drawn: 4, 15, 28, 29. No Jackpot  
Winner. Match 3 Winner: Sarah, Sean, Conor Fitzpatrick (Eddie Fitzpatrick). Promoter: Marie Fallon. Next Draw: Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024, with a jackpot of €6,000. Thanks for your support with the club fundraiser.

### Club Clean Up

To support Clean Up Laois Week, we are organising a "Clean Up" around O'Dempsey's GFC grounds on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April. "Many hands make light work..." so please contact Tommy on 087-0946699 to get involved and help out on the day. Thanks in advance for your support with this great initiative.

### LAOIS CLEAN-UP WEEK

Laois Clean Up Week takes place from 1<sup>st</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> April. If you have an hour to spare, we could really do with your help. Can you contact Karen on 087-2638140. Bags will be supplied.

### NATIONAL PIONEER BALL

Calling Pioneers & friends to the 25<sup>th</sup> Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration & fun on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music & dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Further details contact Dermot on 085 7201646 or Daisy on 087 6544626.

### 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. 14<sup>th</sup> April. Please phone 086 1637311 (Barbara Kinsella) to enquire or book a seat. Bus details:- [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

### KILLENARD TIDY TOWNS

Laois Clean Up week will take place from 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April. Bin bags, gloves & litter pickers will be provided by Laois County Council & the Council will collect bags from the Community Centre & bus stop on Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> April. If interested in helping, phone Enda Behan 087 9765406



### VACANCY

Full-time experience Bar Staff & Waiters required for Bar / Restaurant at The Thatch Killenard & Portarlington Golf Club €15 per hour contact John or Adrienne at 057 8623058.

### PORTARLINGTON TIDY TOWNS

#### CLEAN UP

As part of this year's 'Spring Clean', Portarlington Tidy Towns intend to organise the cleaning of several areas in the town 10am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2024, which will be completed within 2 hours. Can anyone who wishes to have their road or housing estate included in the clean up please contact David Maher (086) 3475357.

### CARING VACANCY

Caring in Offaly Community Employment scheme are recruiting Home Respite Care Workers for Portarlington & surrounding areas, for further information contact Alison Hackett 086-0213711 [ahackett@familycarers.ie](mailto:ahackett@familycarers.ie)

### The Song of Bernadette – Film

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

## AN EASTER MESSAGE



### From Bishop Denis Nulty

I love the refrain that carried us through these past Triduum days "Christ was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross, but God raised him high". There was that sense of the refrain building up as each day of the Triduum passed. Everything is there in those few words and Easter is the greatest celebration in the cycle of our Church. We make a lot of Lent, I think, sometimes to the neglect of Easter.

The Sacred Triduum allowed us to walk with Jesus in his pain and desolation. It brought us many places, from a procession where palms were waving to an upper room to a garden and then to a hill, like no other hill. Yesterday we waited at the tomb, with that feeling that God was absent.

Then comes the great Easter Vigil as we read scripture, light candles, baptise new members of the church and celebrate the Eucharist. Easter lasts much longer than a vigil night, splendid as that celebration may be. Easter lasts for fifty days.

As we journey those days, may we hold in our prayers those who need most to hear that "God raised him high". God will be with us all and raise us with him; this is the hope of the new beginnings that Easter promises. May the Risen One be with you this Easter Denis †

### 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.

### THE SUNRISE DAWN MASS



Easter Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.  
7am in the grounds of Moore Abbey, Monasterevin. All very welcome.

### GIRLS FOOTBALL!

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

### Sign up at

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



Happy Easter!

### KESTRELS BASKETBALL CLUB

The Club are looking for new members in all age groups beginner and returning players. We play in Coláiste Iosagáin, Portarlington 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.kestrrelsbasketballclub.ie](http://www.kestrrelsbasketballclub.ie)

## Lotto

### EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1230 / 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Numbers 4, 12, 14, 19 – No Jackpot winner. €25 each to:- Martin Crowley C/o Emo GAA / Shirley Dempsey C/o Ann Lowry / Mena O'Connell C/o Mena / Elizabeth Dunne C/o Mena / Dylan Murphy C/o B. Gorman. Next draw will take place on Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> April with a Jackpot of €8,000.

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

25/3/2023 – Week No. 13.  
Numbers 27, 11, 23, 5 – No Jackpot Winner €50 to each of the following:- Ailish Ridgeway / Maria Storey / Liam Pierce / Mary Lalor / Eimear Lawless. Promoter Prize: Joe McAteer. Next draw will take place on Easter Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April with a Jackpot of €12,600.

### EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage will take place from August 25<sup>th</sup> until August 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Will take place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Further details later.

### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE

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

### 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 HOLY COMMUNION 2024



Sacred Heart NS, Rath  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April 11.30am  
St. Paul's NS, Emo  
Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April 11am  
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am  
Presentation Primary School, Station Road  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am  
Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

