

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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2024

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 13th April - 6.15pm

Bill Bolton, Kilbride (5th Anniv.); Tom (3rd Anniv.) & Angela (11th Anniv.) Byrne, Cushina; Brendan McNally, Spa Street; Bridget (Bridie) O'Connor, Patrick St. (3rd Anniv.); Mai & Johnnie Lalor, Cloneyhurke

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; Patrick & Nancy Delaney, Bracklone St; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood; Larry & Joan O'Mahony, Patrick St; Brigid Delaney, Spa St; Mary Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce.

Sat. 20th April - 6.15pm Mass

Bernard (Gerry) Harvey, Kilmalogue Court MM Patricia (Pat) Sweeney, Arlington Est. MM Son, Declan Sweeney, Arlington Est. Anne Ward, Bracknagh (2nd Anniv.); Cecelia Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.); Amanda Knight, St. Joseph's Tce; Bridie Power, Avondale

Sun. 21st April - 12.15pm

Paddy O'Brien, Lea Rd. (1st Anniv.) Brenda Dempsey, Clanmaire Thomas Keegan Jnr. & Snr.; Molly & Abe Evans; Joe Keegan; Sean Moran, Droughill, 19th Anniv.; Dec. members of the Moran Family, Ballack; Ted McKenna, Cloneyhurke

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 14th April - 10.30am

Rita McDonnell & deceased mem. of the Durkan Family, Springfield; Marian Hickey, The Square; Fr. Joe Mulhall PP Glasgow & formerly Ballintogher; Sr. Clare Mulhall, Wexford & formerly Ballintogher; Jim Mulhall, Ballintogher

Sun. 21st April - 10.30am

Elizabeth Donnelly, Killenard; Bridgit Donnelly, Monasterevin

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 15th April - Kate & Joe

Malone; Jerry Farrell, Clonsast; Mick & Elizabeth Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce.

Wed. 17th April - Richard &

Alice McCann

Fri. 19th April - Maureen

Murnane U.S.A.

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 13th April - 7.30pm

Elizabeth Keogh, St. Brigid's Sq. (2nd Anniv.); James & Ellen Lewis, Morette & dec. members of the Lewis Family; Catherine & William Ging & dec. members of the Ging Family, The Heath; Michael & Mollie Lewis & daughter, Mary Lewis; Jim Hyland, The Sawmills, Ballybrittas (3rd Anniv.); Joe Hyland & deceased members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook

Sun. 14th April - 11am

Pauline Hughes, Birr & formerly Portarlington (1st Anniv.); Matthew Flynn, Knightstown; James & Ellen Lewis, Morette & dec. members of the Lewis Family; Catherine & William Ging & dec. members of the Ging Family, The Heath; Michael & Mollie Lewis & daughter, Mary Lewis

Sat. 20th April - 7.30pm

Tom Mulhall, Cappakeel (M.M.) Philip Lewis, The Heath, formerly Morette (MM) Betty & John Doonan, Bellgrove; Patrick (Benny) Connolly & Marie Moore (nee Connolly), Emo; Paula Treacy, Morette; Jack & Kathleen Treacy; Mary Treacy, Dublin; JJ Treacy, Morette (Special Rem.)

Sun. 21st April - 11am

Elizabeth (Lill) O'Connor, Coolaghy (MM)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 14th April - 9am

Patrick (Paddy) Fitzgerald, Bellgrove; Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale Lena & W.J. Gillen, Ballybrittas

Sunday 21st April - 9am

Thomas, Margaret & Syl Mullen, Corrig; Bridget Thorpe, Rathangan

baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Portarlington & Emo Parish

Hazel Liadan Garry, Bristol, UK & Portarlington

Croia Byrne Daly, The Glen, Kilmacourt

Zara Mai Dunne, Upper Clonsast

Ivy Leigh Norton, Morette, Emo

Anna Mary Costello, Morette

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 2nd June. A bus will travel from Emo and Portarlington Parish on the day. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm at Knock Shrine. Please contact the Parish Office for further details & to book your seat. (057 8643004)

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

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.



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, Portarlington

Saturday 25th May at 11.30am

GIVE BLOOD, SAVE A LIFE!

Community Centre, Portarlington. Wed. 17th April from 3.30pm until 8pm. Call 1800222111 to book an appointment. Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie. 1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives. Giveblood.ie

CEMETERY MASSES 2023



Killenard - Fri. 5th July - 7.30pm

Portarlington - Fri. 12th July - 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery - Fri. 26th July -

7.30pm

PLEASE NOTE 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.

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

O'Dempsey's GFC Lotto

Lotto Results: 8th April 2024: Numbers drawn: 3, 5, 15, 23. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners: Anne Bannon (Willie Bannon), Mary McGrath (Catherine Cahill), Mairead Slevin (ClubSpot), Liam Kavanagh (Tony Kavanagh). Promoter: Phil Donoghue. Congratulations to this week's winners. Next Draw: Mon. 15th April 2024, with a jackpot of €6,200. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Club Mass

We will be holding our Club Mass for present, past, sick and deceased members of the club on Friday, 3rd May, at 7.30pm in the Clubhouse. Members past and present are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Cúl Camps

Cúl Camp is back at O'Dempsey's GFC from 15th to 17th July. Demand is expected to be high so book as soon as possible at: <https://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/>

FOUND

Two flower pots were found on the path outside St. Michael's Cemetery approx. one week ago. Contact the Parish office if they belong to you.

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.kestrelsbasketballclub.ie

ALL IRELAND DRAMA FINALS 2024

Bostik All-Ireland Confined Drama Finals 2024 Thursday 18th - Friday 26th April. Awards Night 27th April - Hosted by Mountmellick Drama Festival In The Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick. Commencing 8pm sharp. Nightly tickets on sale now €15. Book online to avoid disappointment at mountmellickdramafestival.ie

Tickets on the door depending on availability Enquiries: info@mountmellickdramafestival.ie Phone Enquiries: 087-4121205/087-7942994

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.

LOUGH DERG 2024

One Day Retreats / Three Day Pilgrimage Residential Retreats / Lakeshore Pilgrimage Quiet Days all available. Book: 071 9861518 info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S SHED

The Women's Shed meet every Thursday at 10.30am in Portarlington Community Centre. Check them out on Facebook Portarlington Women's Shed.... New members always welcome to come along.

VISION IRELAND CHARITY SHOP (NCBI)

NCBI Charity Shop. The Tannery (behind Centra, Main Street). Opened Mon. - Sat. 9am - 5.30pm. We would be very grateful for donations of good quality clothes, footwear etc.

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.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



Spring Into Storytime: Story and Crafts with Edel - Sat April 13th 11am 4-7yr olds. Places are limited, booking is essential call 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoco.ie
Spring Craft Table: Parent and Child Craft Table Sat 20th April. No booking necessary just pop in and enjoy some spring crafts together.

Portarlington Library Book Club

Next meeting is on Tuesday April 30th at 11am. We will be discussing Stoner by John Williams

Portarlington Junior Book Club

Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month this club is suitable for 9-12year olds. Booking is essential call 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoco.ie

Baby Book Club: Baby Book Club meets on Wednesday mornings 10:30am. Booking is essential call 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoco.ie

Knitting Club: Meets every Friday morning 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

Sensory Toy Resource Collection

A service for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. More details and the catalogue can be found here: <https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Laois-Library-Sensory-Toy-Booklet.pdf>

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 27th 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/>

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

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Next SOCIAL DANCE will be held on Sat. 27th April. Dancing to Brian McDermott. Doors open 9pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served. KEEP FIT on Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. Friday nights sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership. DANCING LESSONS continue also on Wednesday nights with Noeleen from 8.15-9.30pm. Noeleen specializes in teaching all types of dances.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH

Did you know that GROW have had a meeting place in Portarlington for the last number of years. Meeting for a chat & a cuppa every Thursday at 2.15pm at the Social Services Centre on the Link road. For more information on Ports meeting contact Assumpta on 086 8114135.

FASHION SHOW - PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB

Fri. 19th April - Commencing 8pm. Tickets are €15 & are available from Portarlington Golf Shop & participating businesses:-

Handbags & Gladrags Boutique / Colgan Sports & Golf / Blossom Time, Portlaoise / Guy Clothing, Tullamore; Kode, Tullamore.

Raffle on the night - Proceeds going to SOSAD, Portlaoise.

Come along for a great night's entertainment.



Lotto

EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week. No. 1230 - Date: 8th April 2024
Numbers 4, 12, 15, 19 - No. Jackpot winner. €25 to: Tony & Cora Carroll C/o B. Wheeler; James Duffy C/o F. Duffy; Sharon Moore C/o B. Gorman; Francis J. Duffy C/o F. Duffy; Shauna Strong C/o Emo GAA. Next draw takes place 15th April with a Jackpot of €8,200.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

8/4/2023 - Week No. 15 - Numbers 17, 18, 31, 30 - No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following: Mick Slattery / Gillian Treacy / Pamela Hoey / Mike Keegan / Rachel Murphy. Promoter prize: Anthony Earley. Next week's Jackpot €13,000.

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



GRACEFIELD GAA ANNUAL CLOTHES COLLECTION

Sat. 20th and Sat. 27th April from 11am to 1pm - Annual Clothes Collection. Accepted: Clothes / Paired footwear / bed clothes / curtains / bags / belts. Not Accepted: Duvels / Pillows / Household Ornaments - Bric-a-Brac

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.

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB



2024/2025 (Season) Fishing Permits for Derrynoune 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

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). Contract Catherine Fallon at UCD 01 7163256 / Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie

THE SONG OF BERNADETTE - FILM

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

MARCH FOR LIFE

Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2024, commencing at 2pm. March from St. Stephen's Green to Leinster House. (Shining a spotlight on Irish Abortion Laws.)