

# 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](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton)



Portarlinton & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

## SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2024

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

*Day of Prayer for Emigrants*

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## WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> March - 6.15pm Mass

Sean Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
John Kelly, St. Michael's Park  
Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Maura & Patrick Williams; Peter Doyle; Seamus (Jim) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Donie McDermott, Garryhinch; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill; Patricia Bourke, Limetree, Emo, John Knight, (Snr.) St. Mary's Terrace

### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> March - 12.15pm Mass

Gus Duffy, Cushina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Deceased members of the Comhaltas, Portarlinton; Timothy & Annamaria Garry, Cloneyquinn; Deceased members of the Garry Family; Seamus (Jim) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Jim & Mary Carroll, Bracklone St; Deceased members of the Carroll & Bergin Family; Kate & Pat Sherlock, Co. Monaghan; Deceased members of the Sherlock Family; Danny & Maisie Mulvihill, Droughill; Deceased members of the Mulvihill Family; Sarah, Leonard & Brigid McEvoy, Gracefield; Elizabeth & Edward Coogan, Shiphouse; Deceased members of the Coogan Family; John Kelly, St. Michael's Park; Thomas Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Tony Ryan, Lea Road; Joseph & Maureen Hickey & their sons John & Joe Hickey, Bishopswood & Braemor House, Patrick Street; Kathleen Kelly, Seskin; Patrick & Mary Brennan, Derryvilla & Crowe Lane

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> March - 10.30am

John Tynan, Springfield; John & Lilie Tynan, Old Pound, Ballybrittas; Lelia Carroll, Station Road (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Johnny Davis & deceased members of the Davis Family, Old Pound; Alan Donnolly, Killenard; Joseph & Maureen Hickey & their sons John & Joe Hickey, Bishopswood & Braemor House, Patrick Street

## WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> March – Patricia Kennedy, Lucan

Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> March – Mick Knight, Annamoe; Thomas Lawlor, Cushina

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> March – Gerard & Margaret Kearney, Drogheda

Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> March – Thomas & Michael

Keegan, Bishopswood; Esther Fitzpatrick, Kilnashan (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Ned Dunne

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm

Helen Whyte, Killimy (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
Christina Walsh, Knightstown & her daughter Julian; Tom Delaney, New Inn; Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas; Johnny Davis, Old Pound & deceased members of the Davis Family; Thomas Carroll, New Inn (26<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> March - 11am

Jim & Lena Connolly; Jim Moore (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.);

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Mary Bradshaw, Jamestown  
Mary Patricia Duffy, Ballintogher

## Baptism

We welcome into the Christian Community:-

### Portarlinton & Emo Parishes

Hazel Bernadette Cullen, Carriglea, Killenard  
Bastian Alessio Kearns, Jamestown, Ballybrittas  
Emer Muireann Patricia O'Sullivan, Killenard

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

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

## 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. Also each Sunday of Lent from 5 – 7pm (concludes with the Rosary).

## 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)



## CONFIRMATION 2024

Congratulations to all the students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Parishes of Emo and Portarlinton last week. A total of 232 boys and girls were confirmed here during the week.

## MASS DURING LENT

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Mass will not be celebrated in Rath Church on Tuesday next, 19<sup>th</sup> March, but Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30am. Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Kavanagh.

## EASTER PENITENTIAL SERVICES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton on Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm  
St. Joseph's Church, Mountmellick on Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

## CHRISM MASS

Bishop Denis invites you to join him for the celebration of the Chrism Mass. It will take place in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Carlow on Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. At this diocesan Mass, the Holy Oils are blessed and consecrated for use in parishes in the coming year & the priests of the diocese renew their priestly promises. The diocesan choir will lead us in the singing, for the first time, the newly composed Mass of St. Brigid by Fr. Liam Lawton.



## COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Congress Tce; Derymore; Crowe Lane; Station Court, Brigid's Sq; Corrig; Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas; Fishertown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy; Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

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; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Droughill Lawns; Cushina

## THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the recent Church Gate Collections for Pro-Life. Amount collected €947.00.

## ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE



Christ be with me,  
Christ be beside me,  
Christ be behind me,  
Christ be at my right hand,  
Christ be at my left hand,  
Christ be with me  
wherever I go,  
Christ be my friend  
forever and ever.  
*Amen*

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

### CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

Next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> March. Dancing to Pat Daly. Doors open at 9pm. Admission €10. Refreshments served.

Dancing lessons on Monday nights 7.45 – 9.15pm €8 each night. **Keep Fit** on Wednesday and Friday nights from 7-8pm. €5 Wednesday nights and Friday nights sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership.

## WANTED

### BEGINNERS FOR LINE DANCING CLASSES

Venue: Portarlinton Community Centre.  
Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm. All welcome, no partner required. It's not just country music – All tastes catered for. Further info. text John on 086 8333200

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

**Lotto Results:** Draw: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Numbers drawn: 3,7,8,18. No Jackpot Winner. 1 Match 3 Winner: Kevin O'Hara (Clubforce). Promoter Prize: Kevin Culleton. Next Draw: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024, with a Jackpot of €5,600. Thanks for your support with this club fundraiser.

**Open Day / Bring A Friend:** Our U7s, U9s and U11s are holding open training sessions at O'Dempsey's GFC grounds from 12-1pm, on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> March. We're encouraging current players to 'bring a friend' and new players are welcome to come along. All abilities welcome and no experience is required. See you there.

**Membership 2024:** Club membership is now due for 2024. It is important that all players are registered to ensure they are covered to play and train. Visit [www.odempseysgfc.ie](http://www.odempseysgfc.ie) for more info. If you have any questions please contact our registrar Kate on 0861679363.

**O'Dempsey's GFC Golf Scramble:** Our Golf Scramble is swinging back into the Heritage Golf Resort on Good Friday – \*29th March\* for its 3rd year. [www.odempseysgfc.ie](http://www.odempseysgfc.ie) for registration or contact Georgina for further info: 086-8251468.

## 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

## EMO JIVE COURSE

Four week beginners jive course starts Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.45-9pm. Emo National School R32DX52. €40 payable on 1<sup>st</sup> night. [JiveTom@gmail.com](mailto:JiveTom@gmail.com) Ph: 087 3995877.

## Trocaire

*"Let justice flow like a River, righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24)*

Beannachtaí Lá Fheile Phádraig ó gach duine i Trocaire! Today is a day for celebrating our roots, our history and, for many people, celebrating with our family. In Malawi, Malita is also proud to be part of a strong community.

Despite the challenges they face, the community works hard to build a better future for their children through education, savings and loans initiatives and village gatherings. Trocaire is supporting communities in Malawi and around the world to provide basic needs so that families can thrive and enjoy life. To learn more go to <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>  
Please support Trocaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trocaire box or going to [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

AGM: Takes place on Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in the Catholic Club, Main Street.

All welcome to attend this A.G.M.

**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.

## PORTARLINGTON GAA EASTER CAMP

Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> March to Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> March.  
10am – 1pm in McCann Park. Multi activity camp for U7s to u13s. One child €30 / two children €50 or €60 per family. Book online or by contacting Alan on 086 0609253.

## PRAYER FOR EMIGRANTS

*Bless all those who have left our country & now live in other lands.  
Give them a strong faith so that they will always put their trust in you & make you known by the example of their lives.  
Console those who are lonely because they are separated from those they love.  
Help all missionaries who are working far from home to make your love known.  
Bless our people overseas who are sick or who are in prison.  
We pray for foreigners living in our country that they may experience our hospitality.  
Grant your eternal welcome to our emigrants who have died & to all the dead. AMEN*

## EMIGRATION STATISTICS

The Central Statistics Office published the annual Population & Migration Estimates for April 2022.

- 59,600 emigrated in the year to April 2022
- Of these, 27,600 were Irish citizens
- In the last 7 years 203,900 Irish citizens have emigrated
- The U.K. remains the most popular destination for Irish emigrants.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY

At Solas Eco Garden Centre  
Irish Music from New Rule from 12.30pm  
Irish Dancing from 3.30pm / Children's St. Patrick's Day Crafts / Face painting / Photo Booth from 12.30pm. Lea, Road, Portarlinton.

## ST. MICHAEL'S ATHLETIC CLUB

Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Emo Forest Run 2024. 5k and 10k races. Commencing 5pm from Emo Community Centre. Post event refreshments and award ceremony.

## RATH / BALLYBRITTAS DEV. ASSOCIATION

The next litter picking morning takes place on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> March. If you could spare one hour it would be greatly appreciated. We will meet at the "Bathroom" in Ballybrittas from 10am.

## SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin  
This year our Novena is confined to three nights, commencing on Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> March to Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Time: 7.30pm

Theme: Peace

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Guest Speaker: Sr. Helen Cullane, Mercy Sister, who started a grief Counseling Centre for children in Limerick.

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Guest Speaker: people from Cuin Mhuire.

Speaking about addictions.

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Guest Speaker: James Kilbane - Well known faith musician.

## Lotto.

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Week No. 1229.  
Numbers 5, 13, 15, 19 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to:- Gabriel Lawlor C/o Deirdre / Gabriel Lawlor C/o Deirdre / Donna Booth C/o B. Gorman / Cathy Murphy C/o B. Gorman / Mary Duffy C/o Francis Duffy. Next draw takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. **Jackpot of €7,800**

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

11<sup>th</sup> March / Week No. 11  
Numbers 7, 14, 22, 5 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Jacintha Byrne / Chelsea Murphy / Liz Waldron / Charlie Evans / Lily Duffy. Next week's jackpot €12,200

## EASTER CAMP

At Scoil Phádraig, Portarlinton.  
Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Fri. 5<sup>th</sup> April for boys and girls.  
Activities football, basketball, yoga, coding, baking, arts and crafts, music and dance and much more. Further info: email [eastercampport@gmail.com](mailto:eastercampport@gmail.com).  
Please note this is a private run camp ran by teachers in the school but is not affiliated with Scoil Phádraig.

## VACANCY DIRECTOR OF PARISH DEVELOPMENT

The Diocese are in the process of hiring a Director of Parish Development. Job description & application details can be found on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie). Closing date for applications 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## 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.

## CAKE & BRING & BUY SALE

Date/Time: Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> March after the 10.30am Mass. Venue: Killenard Community Centre. All donations of confectionary would be very much appreciated. If you wish to donate cakes / confectionary, the Community Centre in Killenard will be open from 9.30am. Proceeds from this event will go to the Senior Citizens Annual Party. Thank you in advance for your support.

## PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Tennis coaching with Coach Tony Lok resumes Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> & Mon. April. Club membership necessary to join a coaching class. Phone or text 087-9463147

