

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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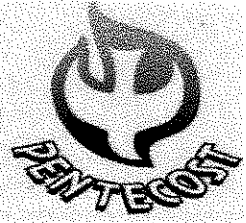
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MASS TIMES

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 19TH MAY 2024

PENTECOST SUNDAY

YEAR B

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 18th May - 6.15pm
Norman Morton, St. Patrick's Tce. (M.M.)
Marcella Dix, Gracefield; Niall Nolan, Rathleash (2nd Anniv.); Patrick & Una Mitchell & deceased members of the Dillon Family;
Martin Dunne, Cloneyhurke

Sun. 19th May - 12.15pm
Moll O'Reilly, Avondale (M.M.);
Paddy O'Reilly; John & Kathleen O'Reilly, Marian Hill; Mel Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Pádraig Douglas, Bishopswood; Benny, Margaret & Jane Weldon; Margaret Cleary (nee Weldon), Aghrim; James & Kathleen Walsh; Margaret (Peg) Mullally, Portlaoise Road; Patrick & Una Mitchell & deceased members of the Mitchell Family, Michael St. John & Imelda (Shanley) St. John, Kilmalogue, Rosita (St. John) Costello, Dublin Dec members of the St. John, Shanley & Molloy families, Shanderry, Dublin & Clare.

Sat. 25th May - 6.15pm
Niall Deer, Bishopswood (M.M.);
John Geoghegan, Cushina (M.M.); Patrick Geoghegan Snr. & Jnr.; Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, Annamoe (1st Anniv.); Liam Costello, St. Brigid's Sq. (3rd Anniv.); James & Kathleen McEvoy; Bernie O'Leary, Clonanny; Pat McCann, St. Brigid's Square; John Cardiff, Derrymore; Darren Broughan, St. Brigid's Square; Paul Nolan, Gracefield (4th Anniv.); Paddy Dowling, St. Joseph's Tce. (5th Anniv.)

Sun. 26th May - 12.30pm
Maisie Doyle, Shandra Woods (M.M.)
Lar Dempsey, Clondoolusk (4th Anniv.)
Garrett Knight, Annie Knight & James Phillips;
John & Lily Harney, Cushina; John & Elizabeth Cleary, Cushina; Paddy Flanagan, Glasshouse; Nicholas Fenlon, Lea; Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy), Station Road (9th Anniv.); Robert Francis Magee, Station Road & deceased members of the Magee & Mulcahy Families

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.

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 19th May - 10.30am
Sr. Cora McHale, Killenard; Kathleen & Chris Carroll & deceased members of the Carroll Family; Paul Dalton

Sun. 26th May - 10.30am
Caleb Powell Ballybrittas, (1st Anniv.); Thomas & Margaret Mullen, Corrig; Syl & Elizabeth Mullen, Tierhogar & dec. members of the Mullen Family; Jim & Mary Kennedy Stradbally; Patrick Territt, Tierhogar; Richard & Kathleen Territt, Tierhogar; Julie Slevin, Garryvacum

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 18th May - 7.30pm
Nora (Peg) McGuirk, Knightstown (8th Anniv.)
James & Mary Mortimer, Cappakeel;
Francis Langford, Morette (5th Anniv.)
Johnny Keegan, (25th Anniv.) Deceased members of the Keegan family, Morette; Eileen Kirwan, Killimy (5th Anniv.); Michael Kelly, Emo

Sun. 19th May - 11am
Myles Christie, Coolbanagher

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 19th May - 9am
Michael & Brigid McEvoy, Courtwood;
Johnny Murphy, Courtwood

Sunday 26th May - 9am
Ang O'Connell, Bellgrove (20th Anniv.)
Tom, Lucy & Frances Behan, Bellgrove

DECEASED
Please pray for the following who died during the week:
John Lalor, Tower hill, Shaen, Emo

WEEK DAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON 20th - 24th May 2024

Mon. 20th Brendan Finlay, Tenerife & formerly Patrick Street (3rd Anniv.); Jack (32nd Anniv.) & Eileen (6th Anniv.) Finlay, Patrick Street

Tues. 21st Tony O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square (5th Anniv.)

Wed. 22nd Joseph & Mary O'Reilly, Cushina

Thurs. 23rd Thomas Kennedy, St. Michael's Pk.

Fri. 24th Danny, Ellen & James Malone, Gracefield

First Communion

Congratulations to the children from **Presentation Primary School, Station Road** who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday next, 25th May at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
The Rosary will be prayed every day for the month of May in:-
St. Johns Church, Killenard. Time 4pm.
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Rosary every evening at 7pm.

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION
Sincere thanks to everyone who donated to the recent collection for our retired Priests. Your generosity is always appreciated.

IN THE SPIRIT
*Alone we are only a spark, but in the Spirit we are a fire.
Alone we are only a string, but in the Spirit we are a lyre.
Alone we are only an anthill, but in the Spirit we are a mountain.
Alone we are only a drop, but in the Spirit we are a fountain.
Alone we are only a feather, but in the Spirit we are a wing.
Alone we are only a beggar, but in the Spirit we are a king.*
Amado Nervo

NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART
The Novena to the Sacred Heart commences on 30th May until 7th June. This nine day Novena leads to the feast of the Sacred Heart, which falls on Fri. 7th June, 2024. Novena leaflets will be made available at the church porch.

CLIMBING CROAGH PATRICK
Once again, Pat Burbage will climb Croagh Patrick on Mon. 8th July with a group. If you would like to climb, then call into Pat at his shop on Main Street or contact him on 087 7716244. Proceeds will go to Portarlington Meals on Wheels. If you can take a sponsor card, they will be available during the week.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32PY20
The next **Social Dance** will be held on Saturday 18th May (Tonight). Dancing to Pat Costello. Doors open 9pm. Admission €10. Refreshments served.
Keep Fit on Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. Friday nights sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership.
Dancing Lessons - Continues every Thursday night with Noeleen from 7.30pm to 9pm with all kinds of dancing.

CEMETERY MASSES 2024

*Killenard - Fri. 5th July - 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 12th July - 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery - Fri. 26th Jul - 7.30pm*

VACANCIES
There are two vacancies under the Community Employment scheme in Emo. 19.5 hours a week at CES rates. Ref CES 2331716. Closing date 23/5/2024 Job being developed. And second job Emo, Rock, Mountmellick Ref CES 2335883. Closing 20/6/2024. For more information Contact local SDP office, log onto Jobs.ie and express interest or contact Valerie on 0851963887 and quote reference.

There are 3 vacancies in the Community Employment Scheme in **Portarlington**

- Cleaner - Community Centre ref CES- 2337696
- Environmental Worker x 2 Amenity Area CES ref 2337691
- Payroll & Accounts Administrator CE Office ref 2337692.

FARMERS MARKET
SOLAS Farmers Market. May 25th. Over 15 stalls selling local and organic products

MUSIC GENERATION LAOIS COMMUNITY CHOIR
Music Generation Laois are launching a new Community Choir for a pilot 8-week period, & extend the invitation to all communities in Laois to join. Rehearsals will take place in two locations, giving the option to attend either a day or evening session: Laois Music Centre, Church Avenue, Portlaoise (R32Y074) commencing Tues. 21st May 7-8.30pm. Portlaoise Family Resource Centre, Knockmay, Portlaoise (R32C7DD) starting Wed. 29th May 11am-12.30pm.

KILDARE LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE
Kildare 3 day pilgrimage to Lough Derg takes place on 5th to 7th July and 13th to 15th August this year. For info and bookings contact - joe 087 3815887 or Deirdre on 087 2467594 (after 6pm) or email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

ACCORD
Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling leadership role =, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or email marriagepreparation@accord.ie for further info.

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. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm at Knock Shrine. Please contact the Parish Office for further details & to book your seat. (057 8643004). €20 per person payable on the day.

VACANCY - OFFALY COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT SCHEME
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

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book a place call 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie

Puzzle Club
Join us for a jigsaw morning and a cuppa! Every Tuesday during the month of May 10.30-12.30
Cooking for One Demonstration
Join Imelda Tynan for this demonstration on cooking quick affordable meals for one. Courtesy of LOETB this demo will take place on Wednesday 22nd May 3:30-5:30pm

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

Face Painting Workshops
Wednesdays 5th and 12th June, 4.30 to 7.30, 15-17 years. Local artist, Romena Roe will train young people (15-17yrs) the skill of face painting. They will then have the opportunity to practice their new skills at a live event on 15th June.

Junior Book Club
Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month this club is suitable for 9-12year olds.

Baby Book Club
Meets on Wednesday mornings 10:30am.

Sensory Toy Resource Collection
This is 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>

Laois Libraries Online Book Club
The Club read one book a month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Join us on the last Wednesday of each month when questions are posed for discussion on our Book Club Facebook page. This month we are reading *Dust Child* by Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai It is available to download in audio and E-book format on Borrowbox

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISING GOLF DAY
Takes place at Portarlington Golf Club on Thurs. 23rd May. The format for this years' event will be a 4 person scramble - €25 per person. Time sheets are available from Portarlington Golf Club. To book your tee time please contact the golf shop at the Golf Club on 057 8642916.

THEOLOGY OPEN DAY
Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day Saturday 25th May.

EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO
Week. No. 1235 - Date - 13th May, 2024
Numbers 4, 6, 8, 14 - No jackpot winner. €25 each to: Martin O'Reilly C/o D. Behan / Rosie Connolly C/o Emo GAA / Martin O'Reilly C/o D. Behan / Martin Gleeson C/o Emo GAA / Rhonda Mulhall C/o Emo GAA
Next draw takes place on 20th May with a Jackpot of €9,000.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW
Week No. 20 - 13th May, 2024
Numbers 17, 9, 21, 16 - No Jackpot winner. €50 each to: Ann Molloy Luis Byrne; Mag Muldoon; Nora Byrne & to Martin Havill. Promoter prize: Jamie Hanlon. Next week's Jackpot is €14,000

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.

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB
Membership is open for Derryounce Lakes fishery & Barrow river. Derryounce Lakes fishery is fly fishing only with no bait or spinning tactics permitted. The lake season is open all year round but divided into Summer season which has bag & size limits & a Winter season which is strictly catch & release. The river Barrow is open to all forms of rod & line fishing from March to end of September. There are separated permits for the lake & the river. These can be purchased separately. Member cards, club subscriptions & further details can be obtained by texting Eddie on 087 2778043. Rules / Angling Terms & Conditions are printed on the membership card. Please be advised that fishing without a valid permit is illegal & all fisheries are monitored & patrolled.

FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMP
The FAI Football Summer Camp at Arlington, runs the 7th to the 12th of July, from 10-1 daily. The camp is suitable for children aged (6-14 years) The cost is €75 for 1 child & €65 for additional siblings. Places are limited.
Book online via the website:-
<https://bookings.faifootballcamps.ie/>

EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
August 25th until 29th August 2024. Hotel Roissy. Cost €735 per person sharing. Further details & booking:- Contact Tony on 086 1225833 or Deirdre on 087 2299457.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
30th July - 6th August 2024. Seven (7) night's full board. Cost €1,060 per person sharing. €280 extra for single room. Further details & booking phone: Marie on 087-7589896.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS
Lotto Results:
13th May - Numbers drawn: 9, 12, 13, 19. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners: Mary McGrath, Liz and Alan. Promoter: Willie Bannon. Next Draw: Mon. 20th May, with a Jackpot of €7,400. Thanks for your support.
Féile Winners
Congratulations to our U15s on their victory in the Féile Peil na nOg B final last weekend. They will now go on to represent the club and county in the Féile in June. Preparations are well underway & we are very proud of our players and mentors.