# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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#### **PARISH OFFICE**

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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

WEEKEND MASSES

PORTARLINGTON

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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Cecelia

Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.); Amanda

Knight, St. Joseph's Tce; Bridie Power,

Avondale, Milo Bracken, Avondale (10th Anniv.)

Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> April – 12.15pm

Paddy O'Brien, Lea Rd. (1st Anniv.)

Brenda Dempsey, Clanmalire

Thomas Keegan Jnr. & Snr.; Molly & Abe

Evans; Joe Keegan; Sean Moran, Droughill, 19th

Anniv.; Dec. members of the Moran Family,

Ballack; Ted McKenna, Cloneyhurke;

Daniel & Kathleen Hayden, St. Brigid's Square

Paddy McGuinness, Avondale, (7th Anniv)

Sat. 27th April - 6.15pm

Helen Hanlon, Gracefield (1st Anniv.);

Jim Shortall, Bracklone Street (28th Anniv.)

Sun. 28th April - 12.15pm

7.30pm (Vigil - Sat.) & 11am Sun.

Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Sun.



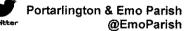


# **CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM** Link to live streaming from

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaelschurch-portarlington

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** 

Day of Prayer for Vocations - Good Shepherd Sunday

# ANNIVERSARIES

Sat. 20th April - 7.30pm Tom Mulhall, Cappakeel (M.M.)

Elizabeth (Lill) O'Connor, Coolaghy (MM); Gabrielle Scully, Morette (1st Anniv.)

<u>Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm</u> Mary Langford, Emo (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Frank

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 21st April - 10.30am Elizabeth Donnelly, Killenard; Bridgit Donnelly,

Monasterevin; Michael Keogh, Derryvilla: Deceased members of the Keogh & Carroll Families; Terry Culleton & deceased members of the Culleton Family, Tierhogar; Madge Mulhall, Ballintogher (7th Anniv.)

Sun. 28th April - 10,30am

Sean Fallon, Lea Road (1st Anniv.); Alan Kavanagh, Lough (2nd Anniv.), His Mother, Catherine Kavanagh, Lough; Peter Maher, Ballintogher (10th Anniv.); Terry Behan; Phil O'Hora, Killenard

#### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Michael & Betty Spain Tues. 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Deceased members of the Deegan Family. Kilcappa

**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. 26th July - 7.30pm

# **EMO**

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.); John Moran, Killimy; John & Ellen Dowling & deceased members of the Dowling Family, Morette; Peter Burke, Ashgrove & grandson, Alan Burke

Sun. 21st April - 11am

Langford, Emo (19th Anniv.)

Sun. 28th April - 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH Sunday 21st April - 9am

Thomas, Margaret & Syl Mullen, Corrig; Bridget Thorpe, Rathangan; Joe Flynn, Monasterevin; George & Alice Kelly, Bellgrove; Ger Murphy, Wexford; William Flynn, Courtwood; Peter Burke, Ashgrove & grandson, Alan Burke

> Sunday 28th April - 9am William Brennan, Jamestown

#### DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died during the week:

Cornelius (Niall) Deere, Bishopswood Maisie Dovle, Shandra Woods Norman Morton, St. Patrick's Terrace Pauline Clear (nee Fitzgerald), Dublin & formerly Portarlington John (Jack) Kelly, Portarlington & formerly Newbridge

# Seamus (Ed) Hynes, Mountmellick **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).

# **VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed today, Sun. 21st April 2024. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction when he asked us: Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest. (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men & women hear & respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood & religious life & that the Church will always having pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED** SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place today (Good Shepherd Sunday) from 5pm - 7pm (with Rosary) for Vocations. Also on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass concluding with the Rosary at 7pm.

### **COMMUNION CALLS**

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

# Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane; Station Court; St. Brigid's Square; Corrig; Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea

Wednesday 24th April 2024

Tullaghan: Bellgrove: Ballybrittas Fisherstown, Jamestown, Coolaghy, Ballycullane; Coolbanagher, Killimy; Shaen, Knightstown; Tinnakill, Cappakeel Thursday 25th April 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



Next weekend children from Sacred Heart N.S., Rath & St. Paul's N.S., Emo will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Sacred Heart N.S. Sat 27th April 11.30am St. Paul's N.S. Sun 28th April 11am

#### **DARKNESS INTO LIGHT**

The official Pieta House Darkness Into Light 2024 Walk will take place at Portarlington GAA Club on May 11th. The walk will commence at 4.15am. If you would like to join the organizing committee or you can help in any small way on the day please contact Sheila Dunne on 085 1644918 You can also follow our Facebook page "Darkness Into Light Portarlington" / Instagram "DIL Portarlighton"

#### O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS O'Dempsey's News

▲ Lotto Results ▲

15th April 2024. Numbers drawn: 4,10,12,19. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners: Eddie Fitzpatrick, Darren Finlay, Catherine Cahill, James Flanagan & Michelle Kayanagh (ClubSpot) Promoter: Noel Behan, Congratulations to this week's winners. Next Draw: Monday, 22nd April 2024, with a jackpot of €6,400. Sincere thanks for all your support

# क Club Mass के

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

## 📥 Cúl Camps 📥

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

# **ALL IRELAND DRAMA FINALS 2024**

Bostik All-Ireland Confined Drama Finals 2024 Runs until 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.

# 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.

# **POOR CLARES - CARLOW**

The Poor Clares in Carlow invite women from age 22 to 40 years for a cuppa & a chat to find out more about their life. Saturday 4th May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. poorclaresvoc@gmail.com

# **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.

#### VHI WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON

Join Arthritis Ireland for the upcoming Mini Marathon on the June bank holiday weekend Walk, jog or run - The important thing is to take part & show your support for our essential services so vital to those living with arthritis in Ireland. Sign up here:

https://www.arthritisireland.ie/vhi-womens-minimarathon-2024 - Contact the fundraising team on fundraising@arthritisireland.ie / 01 6618188.

# SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise Saturday 27th April from 10am to 1,30pm. Mass at 10am - Confessions available Retreat continues in Parish Centre from 10.45am to 1.30pm. Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry - Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill www.spioraidnaoimh.com

# **PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**





#### Portarlington Library Bealtaine

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 Wed. 22nd May 3:30-5:30pm. To book a place call 057 8643751 or Email

portarlingtonlibrary@lacisoco.ie 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 portarfingonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

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

> portarlingonlibrary@laoiscoco.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

Next Social Dance will be held on Sat. 27 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 - No dancing lessons on Wed. 24th April. Classes will resume on Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> May and will continue every Wednesday night thereafter.

# YOGA CLASSES

Yoga Classes taking place in the Old School Hall, Emo. Wednesday 7-8pm & Thursday 8-9pm. If interested in joining, contact Louise on louise.a.gorman@gmail.com.

#### EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1231 - 15th April 2024. Numbers 15, 17, 22, 24 - No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-Darren Strong C/o Emo GAA / Colm Strong C/o Emo GAA / Bernie Fenlon C/o Deirdre / Sarah Cullen C/o B. Gorman / Elizabeth Fenion C/o Maeve. Next draw takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> April - Jackpot €8,400.

# **GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW**

Week No. 16 - 15th April - Numbers 25, 9, 31, 4 - No jackpot winner. €50 to:-Adrian Dunne / Maria & Mary Flanagan / Stephen Byrne / Orlaith Smith / Fiona Cooper. Promoter prize: Anthony Earley. Next week's Jackpot €13,200.

# 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.

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### **GRACEFIELD GAA ANNUAL CLOTHES** COLLECTION

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

#### **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 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.)

## **PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION** DRAW RESULTS - APRIL 2024

€10,000 - Aine Connolly / €2,000 each to: Paul O'Loughlin / John Fitzpatrick €1.000 each to: Oleg Shishkorev / James Flood / €500 each to:- Liam Kelly; Shane Culleton; Michelle Gorry; Elizabeth Boyan; Richard Power; David Whelehan; Aspinas Chapwanya; Elizabeth Smith: Melissa Viscardi; James Dooley & Catherine Doyle: Dolores O'Shea. Congratulations to all our winners.

#### **GAZA FUNDRAISER**

Pop Up Shop - My Sister's Closet. Featuring new & nearly-new clothing & accessories.. All funds donated to @doctorswithoutborders & @gpci\_2023-Gaza Paediatric Care Initiative. Sun, 28th April 10am-4pm at Solas Eco Garden Shop. Raffle also with great prizes. Please support this fundraiser for Gaza.



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