



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.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUN. 13th APRIL, 2025

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 12th April 6.15pm

John (Johnny) Maher, Ballymorris (M.M.)
Niall Deere, Bishopswood (1st Anniv.); Bill Bolton, Blackhall (6th Anniv.); Bridie Power, Avondale; Brendan McNally, Spa St; Tom & Angela Byrne, Cushina; Fergus & Shane McMahon, Shandra; Bridget (Bridie) O'Connor, Patrick St. (4th Anniv.); Michael Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (20th Anniv.)

Sun. 13th April 12.15pm – Palm Sunday

Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (11th Anniv.); Molly & Abb Evans; Thomas Keegan Jnr. & Snr.; Joe Keegan; John & Kathleen McGettrick, Patrick Ave.

Sat. 19th April 9pm Vigil Mass

Paddy O'Brien, Lea Rd. (2nd Anniv.); Cecelia Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq. (7th Anniv.); Tom & Mary Byrne & dec. members of the Byrne & Larke families, Cloneyhurke

Sun. 20th April 12.15pm – Easter Sunday

Moll O'Reilly, Avondale (1st Anniv.); Norman Morton, Patrick's Tce. (1st Anniv.); Ted Mc Kenna, Cloneyhurke; James & Alice Brennan; Daniel (DJ) & Mary Brennan; Dec. members of the Brennan Family, French Church St.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 13th April 10.30am – Palm Sunday

Rita McDonnell, Springfield & dec. members of the Durkan Family

Sun. 20th April 10.30am – Easter Sunday

Brenda Dempsey, Clanmalire;
Michael Keogh Derryvilla

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORT.

Wed. 16th April – Richard & Alice McCann

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Celia Duffy (nee Murphy), Ballycullane & formerly St. Michael's Park

Brendan Norris, Castlegate, formerly Celbridge

Margaret (Peig) Byrne (nee Moore),

Milltownpass, Westmeath & formerly Cloneyhurke (Sister of Paddy Moore)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community through baptism

Sophia Mae Margaret Waldron, Shandra Wds.

Koby Dean Malone, Barrow Way

Isabelle Annie Hawkins, Castlelea View
Halle Finlay, Tierhogar

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 12th April 7.30pm

Elizabeth (Lily) Keogh, formerly Emo (3rd Anniv.); Paula Treacy & deceased members of the Treacy Family, Morette; Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette & Christy Gleeson; Fredrick & Elizabeth Prior, Morette

Sun. 13th April 11am

Noel Mee (16th Anniv.); Fredrick & Elizabeth Prior, Morette

Sat. 19th April 7.30pm – Easter Saturday

Sun. 20th April 11am – Easter Sunday

Johnny & Gerard O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown & deceased members of the Lawlor Family, Shane

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 13th April 9am – Palm Sunday

Tom Connell, Coolroe, Joseph Connell; Julia & Joe Connell; Paddy Fitzgerald, Bellgrove; Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale

Sun. 20th April 9am – Easter Sunday

William Brennan, Jamestown; Brigid Thorpe, Rathangan; Thomas, Margaret, Syl & Elizabeth Mullen, Corrig; Dec. members of Mullen Family; Rose & Paddy Dunne, Coolroe, Grandson, Brendan Stone (Recently deceased);



The Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm TODAY (Palm Sunday). All very welcome.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: Welcome the children who'll receive their 1st Holy Communion this year, to our weekend Masses this weekend.

FIRST PENANCE: Congratulations to the children from Emo Parish who received their First Penance during the week.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelope available in your development boxes or at the Church porch.

CHRISM MASS 2025

Annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Mon. 14th April at 7:30 pm. Please come early to ensure a seat. Refreshments afterwards. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton and the diocesan choir.

EASTER CEREMONIES

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Portarlington: Tues. 15th April - 7.30pm

Mountmellick: Wed. 16th April - 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Portarlington:

After all masses & ceremonies during the week. Saturday at 11am – 12 Noon

Killenard:

After the Ceremonies Good Friday

Emo / Rath:

After Ceremonies Holy Thursday & Good Friday



HOLY THURSDAY 17th APRIL

(No morning Mass)

Portarlington

7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with procession to the Altar of Repose and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11pm

Killenard

7pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 9pm

Rath

7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Emo

8.15pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 18th APRIL

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Portarlington

3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

Killenard

7pm Stations of the Cross

Emo

5pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Rath

7.30pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY 19th APRIL

Portarlington

9pm Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection

Emo

7.30pm Easter Vigil & Mass of Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY 20th APRIL

Portarlington: 9am & 12.15pm Mass

Killenard: 10.30am Mass

Emo: 11am Mass **Rath:** 9am Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE

St. Michael's Church - Tues. 15th April at 8pm. New members very welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA FOR THE EASTER CEREMONIES AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH NOTICE BOARD IN PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD.

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday after 10am Mass concluding with the Rosary at 7pm.

BLESSING OF FOOD FOR THE POLISH COMMUNITY



"Święcenie Pokarmów Wielkanocnych w Wielką Sobotę, 19th April 2025 at 12 noon. w kościele St. Michael w Portarlington. Zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału."

Blessing of food (Polish Community) at 12 noon on Sat. 19th April 2025 (Holy Saturday)

DO YOU THINK THAT GOD MAY BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Would you like to meet with others who are exploring a call? Would you like to explore how to discover God's will for your life? Then the Samuel Circle is for you! The Circle is a group who meet regularly to try and discern God's plan for them in life. If you are interested contact Fr. Ruairi ruairiodomhnaill@gmail.com

PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Tues. 22nd July – Tues. 29th July. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude – Full Board. €1,195 pps. Single room supplement €294. Deposit of €200 secures a seat. Further information contact Marie on 087 7589896

SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY

22nd – 24th April – Coláiste Iosagáin, Portarlington. Junior Ballers born 2012 – 2016 (10am – 1pm) / Senior Ballers born before 2012 (1.30pm – 4.30pm) €50 per child. More info. contact Josie on 087 4026970.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY NOTES

Easter Craft Table: Tue. 15th April from 2:30pm
Easter family story time: Tues. 15th April 3:30pm
Easter Treasure Hunt Tues. 15th -Sat. 26th April.
Family Microbit Coding Workshops – Wed. April 16th - 10am & 11:15am. Booking essential
Friday Storytime – Join us Friday at 3:30pm
Lego Free Play: Saturday's 10am-1pm
Social Chess: Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm,
Puzzle Club: Tues. 10:30am-12:30pm
Knitting Club: Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30.
Portarlington Junior Book Club: Last Wednesday of the month for 9-12 year olds.
10/10 Book Club – a book club for reluctant readers in 5th & 6th class. Booking essential
Baby Book Club: Wed. mornings 10:30am.
Book Club: Last Tuesday of each month. To book/further info. contact the numbers below.
Sensory Toy Resource Collection – a service for parents of children with additional needs. <https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Laois-Library-Sensory-Toy-Booklet.pdf>
Laois Libraries Online Book Club Read one book a month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Call into Portarlington Library or check out their Facebook page to view lots of upcoming events. Further information phone 057 8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscco.ie

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

Next **SOCIAL DANCE** 26th April. Music by Lawrence Campion. Doors open 9pm. Adm. €10. Refreshments served. **KEEP FIT:** Wed. & Fri. With Eimear 7-8pm €5 each night.
DANCING LESSONS Thurs. Nights with Noeleen 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 each night. **AGM:** Wed. night 16th April 8.30pm.

COLLECTORS FOR RATH – APRIL Pat Nolan & Henry McLoughlin

BLESSED EASTER WATER
 BOTTLES OF BLESSED EASTER WATER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME FROM ALL CHURCHES FROM EASTER SUNDAY



PALM SUNDAY

Today is Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week.



A time when we contemplate that Jesus is God made man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on the cross. Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery at 3pm on Palm Sunday. All welcome.



PALM LEAF PRAYER



Thank you God that you always listen to our prayers. Sometimes we don't always know what is ahead of us, but like Jesus journeying through Jerusalem, may we always know you are with us. AMEN

A PRAYER ON PALM SUNDAY

Loving Father, with palm branches we recall when Jesus was welcomed by crowds into the city of Jerusalem.

Bless us with your Spirit as we prepare to journey through Holy Week.

May we find time to listen again to the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. There, may we discover the love of God, which knows no bounds.

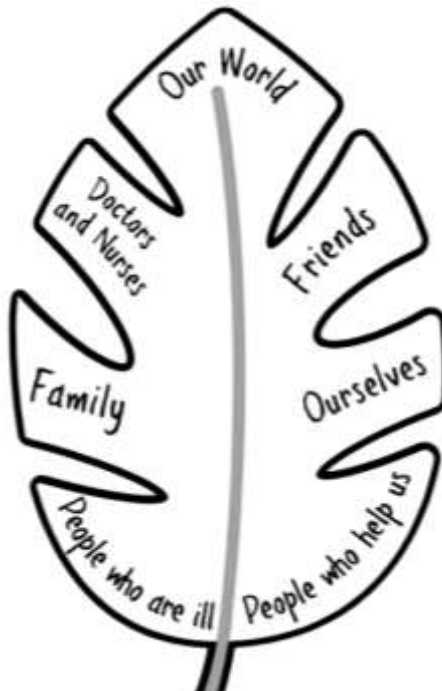
We bring with us our suffering and pain, our worry and loss and the suffering, pain, worry and loss of the whole world at this time.

May we hear proclaimed this coming Easter Day that Jesus is risen!

May we have our hope renewed in God who brings good out of bad and even life out of death. AMEN

PALM LEAF PRAYER

Colour your palm Leaf. You could pray for each section as you colour. Cut out your leaf & stick it onto a door. Every day as you pass your leaf pray for one section.



SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to make a donation to Portarlington / Emo Parishes, please see bank details below, where you can transfer directly to the Parish Accounts.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlington BOFII2D
Portarlington Parish No. 1 Account
 IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14
Portarlington Parish Clergy Fund A/C
 IBAN: IE59 BOFI 9018 6196 5850 57

EMO PARISH

B.O.I., Mountmellick BOFII2D
Emo Church No. 1 Account
 IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54
Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account
 IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77



EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

7th April – Week No.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

7th April 2025 – Week No. 15
 Numbers 5, 3, 14, 22

€50 to each of the following:-

Quentin Fanning; Nicky Dunne; Siobhan Egan; Edette Kennedy; James Costello
 Promoter prize: John Kelly
 Next week's JackPot €4,400.

EASTER CRAFTS MORNING

Portarlington Lion's Club are hosting an Easter Crafts morning on Sat. 19th April from 11 – 12 Noon. Easter crafts, games, a visit from the Easter Bunny and we've lambs to pet. This will be a FREE event and in the Parochial Hall in the Market Square. Please spread the word.

MUM DANCE FITNESS DANCE CLASS

For women. Music 80's & 90's inspired. Wednesday nights 7pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Full details & bookings phone Marian on 086 8857116.

ST. PAUL'S LGFA G4MO

Easter Egg Hunt: Easter Egg Hunt Sat. April 19th at 11am in Emo Community Centre. All children welcome. It is essential to register your interest by filling in the form on our social media, or contact Sylvia 086 0743908. **Instagram** - stpaulslgfa; **Facebook** St Paul's LGFA

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC

Juveniles back training: Check out our social media and the O'Dempsey's App for all the details of training times and mentor contact details. U5s up to U17s, new & returning players always welcome.
Lotto 7th April – Numbers 7,21,22,24 – No Jackpot winner. One match 3 winner: Enda Delaney. Promoter Eddie Fitzpatrick. Next draw Mon. 14th April. Jackpot €5,400.
Golf Scramble: O'Dempsey's are back at the heritage Golf Resort for our 4th Golf Scramble Event on Good Friday (April 18th). Tee times available from 7am to 4pm. Sponsorship opportunities available also. Contact any committee members or Colm on 086 4178830. Link for teams to register: <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golf-scramble-2025>



All Trocaire boxes should be returned at Holy Thursday & Good Friday ceremonies or Easter weekend. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Church.