



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info: 1890 474 474

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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. 16th FEB. 2025

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 15th February 6.15pm

Thomas Gorman, Lea Road (5th Anniv.)
Brid Whelan, Bishopswood Road
(6th Anniv.) & also her twin granddaughters born
sleeping on 22nd November 2024)
Lizzie Evans, St. Joseph's Tce. (9th Anniv.)
Patrick Crossan, Ballymorris & deceased
members of the Crossan Family, Cloneygowan;
Brendan & Celine Lawless, Patrick Street;
Mossie Kelly, St. Michael's Park;
Edward Gaffney, Main Street (40th Anniv.)

Sun. 16th February 12.15pm

Michael Hanbury, New Mill Court (M.M.)
May Higgins, Patrick Street; Elizabeth
McCormack, Coolraven, Cloneygowan;
Thomas Gorman, Lea Road (5th Anniv.);
Vincent Ennis, Main Street; Frances Mason,
Garryhinch (9th Anniv.) & deceased members
of the Mason Family

Sat. 22nd February 6.15pm

Baby Ailbhe Whelan (3rd Anniv.)
Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes

Sun 23rd February 12.15pm

Mary Smith, Church View

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 17th February, 2025

Kathleen Dunne, Rosecourt (M.M.)
Kathleen Earley, St. Patrick's Terrace
Eileen Phelan; Jimmy Murphy, Congress Tce.

Tues. 18th February, 2025

Ambrose Doyle, Gracefield

Wed. 19th February, 2025

Rita Fitzpatrick

Thurs. 20th February, 2025

Pat & Chrissie O'Brien, Dublin

Fri. 21st February, 2025

✠ DECEASED ✠

We pray for the following who died recently.



Paddy Geoghegan.

Clonsast, Rathangan, Co. Offaly



Rafal Chojnowski

Riverside, Kilmalogue, Portarlington

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 16th February 10.30am

Brendan McHale (4th Anniv.); Ben McCormack
& deceased members of the McCormack &
Lennon Families; Eileen O'Leary, Ballintogher;
Kathleen Kearney, Ballybrittas (3rd Anniv.);
Husband, James Kearney & daughter Kathleen
Malone, Rosecourt; Pat Keane, Killenard
(13th Anniv.)

Sun. 23rd February 10.30am

Paul Maher, The Hermitage;
Ann Mooney, Treascon
Eddie Kelly, Rathleash (16th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 15th February 7.30pm

Sean & William Greene, Morette
Charlie Morris; Richard Sinnott

Sun. 16th February 11am

Michael & Bridget Bourke, Ballycullane
Tom Dowling, Morette

Sat. 22nd February 7.30pm

Michael McKenna, The Avenue, Ballybrittas
(formerly Shinrone)

Sun. 23rd February 11am

Fr. Jack Rodgers (6th Anniv.)
Mary O'Connor, Ballycullane; Jeremiah
O'Connor, Coolaghy; Elizabeth Kelly, Grove
Gardens, Emo Park; Margaret Sweeney & Nora
O'Loughlin, Poole Street, Dublin; Sean & Peter
Kelly, The Derries, Ballybrittas

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 16th February 9am

Patrick & Brigid Wilson, Coolroe; Deceased
members of the Wilson Family, Coolroe
Mary Ellen O'Connell, Kylaglush

Sun. 23rd February 9am

Tim & Chris Brennan, Ballybrittas

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Mon. 17th February – St. Fintan
Fri. 21st February – St. Peter Damian

FRANCISCAN BROTHERS

Br. Brian Johnson, (OSF) the Franciscan
Brothers, Clara, County Offaly, will preach at
all Masses in the Parish this weekend in the
Parish. The Franciscan Brothers run
missions in rural Kenya and Uganda, where
they oversee an Agricultural College –
Mainly focusing on education, sustainable
agriculture and rural development.
Br. Brian will speak about their work and
also seek some financial aid.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

28-30 March - Restore, Renew, Rekindle.
We welcome you to our next Marriage
Enrichment weekend Friday 28th-
30th March 2025. Venue: Knock, Co.
Mayo www.marriageencounter.ie

DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Venue: RDS Dublin. Day return bus (from
Junction 17 plaza Portlaoise) Saturday 22nd
February. Speakers include His Excellency
Archbishop Farrell, Fr. Pat Collins, Fr. Jim
Blount and many more – Should be a great
day of spiritual inspiration and refreshment.
€70 for bus and entry ticket. Contact via
WhatsApp / text: Karen 087-4160385
or Séamus 087-2752578 for enquiries and
bookings. €40 deposit via Revolute, PayPal
or Post secures bus.

BEATITUDES OF LIFE

Blessed are the faithful:

*They are like safe anchors in a world
of broken moorings.*

Blessed are the just:

They are to society what leaven is to bread.

Blessed are the generous:

*They keep alive our faith in the
essential goodness of people.*

Blessed are the caring;

*They shine like beacons in a world
darkened by indifference.*

Blessed are the genuine;

*They glow like gems in a world
of falseness.*

*Blessed are those who are not
afraid of sacrifice:*

*On the day of the harvest
they will sing for joy.*

*And blessed are those who refuse to look
back:*

*They will be found worthy of the
Kingdom of Heaven.*

NOTICE

For Parish Newsletter

Please note that all Anniversary Masses for the weekend must be booked in with the Parish Office latest **Thursday's 12 Noon** in order to guarantee inclusion in the weekend's Parish Newsletter & Anniversary Altar List.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Canonisation of Blessed Carlos Acutis.

Escorted group Pilgrimage including passage through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, Canonisation of Carlow Acutis & day trip to Assisi. 25th – 29th April 2025. €1,355 pps. Spiritual Director Fr. David Vard. Further details at [www. Marian.ie](http://www.Marian.ie) or phone 01 8788159.

GRACEFIELD G.A.A. CLUB

ACTIVITIES

Group Fitness

Tuesday's at 8.15pm & Friday's at 7.30pm. €10 per class (10 classes for €80). Text Conor on 085-7301534 for further details & booking.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



Social Chess

Adult chess club every Wednesday 6pm-7pm.
Jigsaw Club

Spend a while every Tuesday morning on our communal jigsaw puzzle – Help provided.

Portarlington Library Book Club

Meeting is on Tuesday Feb 25th at 11am. We will be discussing Coast Road by Alan Murinn

Portarlington Junior Book Club

Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month Suitable for 9-12year olds. Booking essential

Baby Book Club

Baby Book Club meets on Wednesday mornings 10:30am. For more info call 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie or portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Knitting Club

Meet Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

Sensory Toy Resource Collection

Service for parents of children with additional needs who live in the County. For more information call 057 8643751

UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVITY

Mount Henry Art Studio R32XH93

Adult Art Classes: Mon, Feb 24th 10am - 12pm. Tue, Jan 25th 7:30pm - 9:30pm
All Levels Welcome! Enhance your skills.
Cost €20 per class.

Bring Your Own Materials Oils/acrylics etc..

**Booking is essential Contact Mary at
087 9063363**

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 10th February: 15,23,27,28
No Jackpot Winner. 2 match 3 winners (€50 each): Mairead Slevin, Darragh Bannon.
Promoter Prize: Noel Behan. Next Draw:
Monday 17 February 2025. Jackpot €4,600.
Thanks for your support.

Stay Connected with O'Dempsey's

Make sure to download the "O'Dempsey's" App to stay up to date with all club news, fixtures and events, membership & club lotto.
Any questions or issues you can contact
Síle on 0857704463.

Awards & Social Night

Join us at the Clubhouse for our Awards & Social Night on the 1st March, from 8pm. Music by Half the Truth. Further info. Contact any committee member.

ST. PATRICKS PARADE 2025

This year the town will have a St. Patrick's Day Parade, commencing at the Bank of Ireland, Main St., at 3pm and ending in the People's Park. Meeting point / drop off point & time 2.30pm at Crowe Lane. Theme: Snakes. Please note this year's parade is a Walking Parade Only. Calling all groups, clubs and businesses – Would you like to be a part of this parade? Showcase your creativity, celebrate your group and be part of the fun. Whether you are a school, community group, sports team or local business, we would love to have you involved. Register today to secure a spot. <https://forms.gle/5knXZGa72VSTaEoN9>. Let's make 2025 a year to remember for Portarlington.

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat

St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise on Sat 22nd Feb. From 10am to 1.30pm. Mass 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass at 10.45am. 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 PILGRIMAGE TO

LOURDES



This year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Tuesday 22nd July – Tuesday 29th July. Booking now. Seven nights in Hotel Solitude – Full Board. €1,195 per person sharing. Single room supplement €294. Limited number of seats – First come first served basis. Deposit of €200 secures a seat. Further information contact Marie Corcoran 087 7589896

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY

DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting Wed. 19th February 8pm. Venue: PCDA Office, Girls Old School, Patrick Street, Kilmalogue. All welcome.

SENIOR ALERT SCHEME

The Seniors Alert Scheme provides older adults (65+) with a Government-funded socially monitored alarm. Grants are available for a socially monitored alarm system complete with a radio pendant that can be worn around the neck or on the wrist. 1st year's monitoring covered. Year 2 will cost €70 approx. Even if you have no phone line, a GSM alarm can be provided. Further info. & to apply contact Love Port Office at the Girls Old School, Patrick. Office open Mon. – Thurs. 9am to 1pm. Fri. 9am to 12.30pm. Phone 057 8608395 or email info@portarlington.ie

STRENGTH CLASSES - EMO

Women's Beginner Strength Classes

Tues. 9.15am – Emo. Learn how to lift weights safely, tone up and get stronger. Contact Martina on 087 9401205
€10 (pay as you go).

NOTICE

Retired Healthcare Worker looking for some part-time work in Portarlington & surrounding areas. Experienced and with References.
Phone 086 1719070

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

An evening of 3 One Act Plays. Venue: Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick. 27th / 28th February at 8pm. Plays include:- Hilary & Olive / The Galway Girl / The O Donoghue Sisters. Tickets available at the Door.

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 BOFIE2D

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 BOFIE2D

Emo Church No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54

Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account

IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

Lotto®

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Mon. 10th Feb. draw results
Numbers 9, 10, 12, 23 – No. jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:-
Martin Crowley C/o S. Strong / Kieran Burke C/o Deirdre / Pat Booth C/o S. Strong / Corey Kirwan C/o Emo GAA / John Redmond C/o S. Strong. Next draw on Mon. 17th February with a Jackpot of €2,800.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

3rd Feb. 2025 – Week No. 6
Numbers 2, 24, 19, 26 – No Jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:-
Christy Carey / Rachel Bryan / Josh Donagher / Alex & Peter Murphy / Ciaran Conroy. Promoter prize: Noeleen Murphy.
Next week's Jackpot 2,600

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89



Keep Fit:

Wed. & Fri. nights 7-8pm with Eimear.
€5 per session.

Dancing Lessons:

With Noeleen.
Thurs. 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing.
€10 per night.

Social Dance:

Saturday 15th February at 9pm.
Admission €10. Dancing to Pat Costello.
Refreshments served.

EXERCISE FOR HEALTH

Exercise for your health at Portarlington Community Centre on Mondays and Thursdays 9.15am to 10am. Adults of all ages and abilities are welcome. Cost €5 per class (pay as you go).

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

Your local Soccer Club, Arlington A.F.C., is looking for players born in 2017. If interested, please contact Phil on 086 8100657.

BINGO

The Portarlington Social Services Seniors bingo has returned. Come along for a few games & a cuppa & a chat after.

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. You can drop them to Delaney's, Bracklone Street.