

# 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](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

**SUN. 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**YEAR C**

## WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> March 6.15pm

Connie Gill, Ullard (M.M.)

Paddy Geoghegan, Clonsast (M.M.)

Pat (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & Declan Sweeney, Arlington Est.; John & Anne Kelly, St. Michael's Park Donie & Maureen McDermott, Garryinch Patricia Bourke, Ballycullane; John (Jacko) Roycroft & dec. members of the Roycroft Family, Bracklone St; Annie (Nancy) Delaney (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Bracklone St; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood; Maura & Patrick Williams; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Kathleen & Peter Doyle; Seamus (Jim) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Michael (The Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane

### Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> March 12.15pm

Timothy & Annamaria Garry & dec. members of the Garry Family, Cloneyquinn; Patricia Kennedy (B/Day Remembrance); Seamus (Jim) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Patrick & Mary Brennan, Derryvilla & Crowe Lane

### Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6.15pm

Sean Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) William Monagher, Orchard Drive (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) Dinah Kelly, Derryvilla (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Bernard & Bridget Downey; Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Terrace

### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 12.15pm

Mary (Molly) McMahon, St. Michael's Park (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); James (Jim) McMahon, St. Michael's Park (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Rachael Flanagan, St. Michael's Park (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke (50<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Patricia Murray, Cushina; Dinny & Kitty Fingleton, Shandra; Thomas & Margaret Fingleton & their grandson, Thomas Fingleton; Frank Shaw; Nixon Shaw, Patrick Street

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am

Bridget & William Coleman, Closeland Mary Whalley (nee Coleman); John Tynan, Springfield (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); John & Lilly Tynan, Old Pound; Pat Keane, Killenard (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am (St. Patrick's Day)

John Davis & dec. members of the Davis Family, Old Pound; Alan Donnelly, Killenard; Lelia Carroll (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10.30am

Lillian Burns, New Jersey

## WEEKDAY ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

### Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> March 12.15pm (St. Patrick's Day)

Martin Trait, Kilkenny (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Sarah, William, Leonard & Bridget McEvoy, Gracefield; Brendan Mulvihill; Elizabeth & Edward Coogan Dec. members of Coogan Family, Shiphouse; Thomas Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Tony Ryan, Lea Rd; Paddy Dunne & Rose Lane; Dec. members Barnes Family, Tierhogar; Hugh, Annie & Mary O'Leary, Clonanny; Annie & Mick Nolan, Killenure; Kathleen Kelly, Seskin

### Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> March 10am

Joseph & Catherine Malone, Clonsast; Jerry Malone, Clonsast; Mick & Elizabeth Keogh, St. Patrick's Tce.

### Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> March 10am

Gerry Harvey, Patrick St. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Esther Fitzpatrick, Kilnahowan (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) Ned Dunne; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

Helen Whyte, Killimy (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Christina Walsh, Knightstown (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); & Daughter Julian (64<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Thomas Carroll, New Inn; John Davis & dec. members of the Davis Family, Old Pound; Tom Delaney, New Inn

### Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> March 11am

James O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown

### Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 7.30pm

Tom Mulhall, Cappakeel; Rosie Deegan & John & Ellen Deegan, Limetree

### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 11am

Patrick (Paddy) Booth, Coolbanagher (M.M.) Elizabeth O'Connor, Coolaghy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill; Maura Fennelly

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Mary Patricia Duffy, Ballintogher

### Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> March 9am (St. Patrick's Day)

Mary Bradshaw, Jamestown

### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9am

Peter Dunne; Margaret & Rita Dunne; Margaret & Veronica Dunne, Ballybrittas

## 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Jubilee 24 Hours for the Lord will take place in St Michaels Church, Portarlington supported by the parishes in their cluster. Starting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm and ending with Mass at 6.15pm on Saturday evening March 29<sup>th</sup>. More information will follow next week on Mass times, Adoration, Rosary etc.

## DECEASED

We pray for the following who died recently.

John (Johnny) Maher, Ballymorris Heights  
Benny Maher, Arlington Estate  
Sean Murray, Cushina  
Denis Hayden, Ballymorris Road & formerly The Curragh, Kildare.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS 17<sup>th</sup> March

Portarlington: Mon. 9am & 12.15pm

Killenard: 10.30am

Emo: 11am Rath: 9am

## Confirmation

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Children from  
**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road**  
**Cloneyhurke National School**  
**Presentation Primary School, Station Road**

who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.

## Day of Prayer for Emigrants

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love,  
but who are absent from us.  
Keep them safe from all harm,  
evil & danger.  
Bless them with peace, laughter,  
wisdom, love & joy.  
Grant that we may be reunited  
in the fullness of love;  
In Christ's name we pray.  
Amen.



## LENTEN STATIONS – THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent Lenten Station Collection. Your donations were greatly appreciated.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross every Wednesday for Lent at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

## 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*

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY NOTES

**Baby Book Club:** Baby Book Club meet  
Wednesday mornings 10.30am.

**Adult Book Club:** Meet the last Tuesday of  
every month. This month we are reading  
Absolutely and Forever by Rose Tremain.

### Sensory Toy Resource Collection

A service for parents of children with additional  
needs who live in Laois. 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

Read 1 book / month chosen from BorrowBox  
collection. Join us last Wed. of each month  
when questions are posed for discussion on our  
Facebook page. This month we are reading the  
Secret Scripture by Sebastian Barry. Available  
to download in audio and eBook format on  
Borrowbox. To book any of the above phone  
057 8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

### ST. PAUL'S LGFA G4MO

Get involved in a community-based sport that is  
about promoting women in sport in a fun,  
inclusive and non-competitive environment.  
Check social media for training details or phone  
John on 087 2442740

### Future Stars Academy

St. Paul's LGFA Future Stars Academy for girls  
aged 5-10 years (U6 to U10) commence training  
on March 30<sup>th</sup> in Emo GAA at 10.30am for girls  
in the Emo & Portarlington Parishes. New  
members always welcome. Check out our social  
media to register your interest.

### Easter Egg Hunt

St. Paul's LGFA are hosting an Easter Egg Hunt  
on Sat. April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am in Emo Community  
Centre. All children welcome (membership not  
necessary). Come have fun! It is essential to  
register your interest by filling in the form on our  
social media, or contact Sylvia on 086 0743908.  
Social media details: Instagram - stpaulslgfa;  
Facebook - St Paul's LGFA

### EAST MIDLANDS

#### PARKINSONS

East Midlands Parkinson's Support Group will  
hold a **General Meeting** for all people with  
Parkinson's and their Carers on Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March  
at 2pm in the Community Centre, Monasterevin  
(W34 FH24). This meeting is open to all  
persons with Parkinson's in Counties Laois and  
Kildare. Kathy Foley, Parkinson's Nurse  
Specialist, will give a presentation on the day on  
all aspects of Parkinson's Disease. For further  
information contact John on 087 2712448.



**Walk in the Park for Parkinson's**  
will take place on Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> April at 11am in Colt  
GAA Grounds, Abbeyleix R32 VO85. Visit  
[www.parkinsons.ie](http://www.parkinsons.ie) to register in advance or  
register on the day. Refreshments will be  
served afterwards in Doogues Bar, Raheen. All  
support greatly appreciated.



## Trocaire

*The Theme for Jubilee Year, 2025 is  
'Pilgrims of Hope'. This theme encourages  
each of us to be messengers of hope in our  
very troubled world.*

Lima and Julio have four children and you can  
see their photo on our Trocaire box this year.

They depend on farming for their livelihood.  
Like many families and communities Trocaire  
work with, they are experiencing increasingly  
erratic weather patterns due to climate change.  
This is having life-changing consequences on  
their livelihoods, wellbeing and future. Find out  
more at Trocaire.org. Please support Trocaire  
by taking home a Trocaire box (available at the  
Church porch) or check out [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org).

### BAPTISMS

**We welcome into our Christian Community  
through Baptism**

*Charlie Patrick McCreesh, Carriglea, Killenard*

### ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every  
Tuesday after 10am Mass concluding with the  
Rosary at 7pm. Also each Sunday of Lent from  
5 – 7pm (concludes with the Rosary)

### PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO

#### LOURDES

Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> July –  
Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> 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

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY, PORTARLINGTON

The Market Square will be closed off from  
Sunday, so please try not to park there - This  
will be in preparation for the St Patrick's day  
Festivities on the day.

Information for all taking part in the Parade  
Meet up at Crowe Lane between 2pm and  
2.30pm –m The Parade will commence at 3pm.  
Any queries to Trina @ 085 174 6790.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

#### CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

**Social Dance:** Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March.  
Dancing to Unity. Doors open 9pm.  
Refreshments served. Adm. €10.

**Keep Fit:** Wednesday & Friday nights with  
Eimear. 7-8pm. €5 each session.

**Dancing Lessons:** Thursday nights with  
Noeleen. 7.30 – 9pm. €10 each night.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LUXEMBOURG

#### HONOURING CARLOW TRAINED ST.

#### WILLIBRORD

Join Fr Thomas O'Byrne and our ecumenical  
friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the  
Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to  
Luxembourg to partake in the Annual Hopping  
Procession in honour of Carlow trained St.  
Willibrord, Patron Saint of the Netherlands and  
the First Apostle of the Netherlands, from Sun.  
June 8<sup>th</sup> to Wed. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Bookings for  
this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel,  
Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: **059 9136100**,  
€685.00 per person sharing.

### ADULT BALLROOM JIVE DANCE CLASS

Wednesday 7-8pm. Portarlington Community  
Centre. Limited places. Phone Lisa on  
085 7416886. €40 for 4 week course or  
€12 pay as you go.

## Beannachtaí na Féile Padraig



## 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

## Lotto.®

### EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1970 – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Numbers 5,6,10,18 – No jackpot winner.  
€25 each to:- Barry Clegg C/o Maeve; Lena  
Delaney, C/o Parish Office; Toni Clancy C/o  
Colette Behan; Brian O'Connell C/o Damien  
Behan; John Strong C/o Shauna. Next draw  
takes place on 24<sup>th</sup> March - Jackpot €2,400

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Numbers drawn 10<sup>th</sup> March: 4, 32, 24, 12.  
No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 winners:  
Colette Conway; Sheila Breerton; David  
Dunne; Amy Slevin; Paddy Hurley.  
Promoter prize: Liam O'Connor. Next  
week's Jackpot €3,600. Draw will take place  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March.



### COMMUNITY GAMES

Actively looking for new committee members  
to help with the Cairn Community Games  
and Laois Community Games. We have  
team managers for swimming, basketball  
and athletics but have no chairperson,  
treasurer or secretary to form a committee to  
officially affiliate. Please get in touch if you  
can help – 1 hour/month (subject to Garda  
vetting and safe guarding level 1. Contact  
Antje Portarlington@communitygames.eu or  
0861046388.

### PORTARLINGTON MEN'S SHED

Always seeking new members to Join.  
Venue: Old Fire Station, Foxcroft Street.  
Further details phone Val on 087 2332653.

### BINGO

Portarlington Social Services Seniors bingo  
continues every Wednesday at 8pm. Come  
along for a few games, a cuppa & a chat.

### PORTARLINGTON SOCIAL

#### SERVICES – A.G.M.

The 54<sup>th</sup> AGM of Portarlington Social  
Services takes place at the Social Services  
Centre, Link road on Tuesday March  
18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

### RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX &

#### HER PARENTS ST. LOUIS &

#### ST. ZELIE MARTIN

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin.  
Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6.30pm Mass with  
Veneration afterwards & Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
9am & 11.30am Mass with Veneration  
afterwards.

