PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

Our Lady of Knock Ireland

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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

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SUNDAY 18th August, 2024 **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year B**

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 17th August 6.15pm
Jimmy Murphy, Crowe Lane (M.M.)
Noel Kelly, Derryvilla (3rd Anniv.); Bridie & Patsy Lawlor, Marian Hill; Catherine & George McKay, The Square; Joe & Andy Donagher, Derrylea; Milo Bracken, Avondale (80th B/Day Remembrance); Margaret Knight, St. Mary's Tce.; Megan O'Neill, London, UK

Sun. 18th August 12.15pm
Kate O'Shea, French Church Street (M.M.)
Michael & Marcella Collins, Station Road; Paddy Cummins, Gracefield; Patrick O'Meara & his father, Donal O'Meara, Sweep Road; Michael Dempsey, Barrowbank (7th Anniv.)

Sat. 24th August 6.15pm
Pat Treacy, Avondale (M.M.)
Jess Bracken, Arlington Est. (1st Anniv.)
Bernard Downey Jnr., Droughill (2nd Anniv.)
Janie Costello, St. Brigid's Square (9th Anniv.)
Paschal McBride, NaCluainte (12th Anniv.)
Michael & Sarah Chambers, Ballymorris
Dorothea McNamara, Gracefield
Eamon Mullen, Bracklone St; David Mullen, Bracklone St; Charlie Raleigh
Gerard Donagher, Droughill; Lill Bourke, Limerick; Thomas & Mary Ann Geoghegan; Brigid & Edward Geoghegan, Cushina, Joan Keating, St.Mary's Tce, John Keating, Jack Keating; Frank Swarbrick

Sun. 25th August 12.15pm
Patrick Mitchell, Derrymore (9th Anniv.)
Seamus McCusker, Barrowbank (11th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 18th August 10.30am
James & Margaret Raleigh, Garryvacum; Deceased members of the Raleigh Family, Garryvacum

Sun. 25th August 10.30am
Annie Culleton, Rathleash

WEEK DAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 19th Aug. John & Mary Dunne / Michael Terrett, Rathleash (B/Day Remembrance)
Tues. 20th Aug. ---
Wed. 21st Aug. ---
Thurs. 22nd Aug. Imelda Hanlon (nee Murray) & Gerry Hanlon, Station Court
Fri. 23rd Aug. Fintan Dunne Jnr., Patrick Street & Newbridge (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 17th August 7.30pm
Elizabeth Duff, Limetree
Patrick & Anne Behan, Morette
Julia (Dillie) Keegan, Morette
Patrick Burke, Ballybrittas

Sun. 18th August 11am
John Greaney, Athy & late of Ballybrittas (Burial of Ashes)

Sat. 24th August 7.30pm
Joe Keegan, Lough (M.M.)
Ciara Keegan-Loughlin, Lough
Anna Luttrell, Fisherstown (M.M.)
Maureen & Patrick Connolly, Clonamone

Sun. 25th August 11am
Matthew, Ellen, Paddy, Anne & Suzanne Moore, Coolbanagher,

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 18th August 9am
Bridget Donoher, Courtwood
Patrick Burke, Ballybrittas

Sun. 25th August 9am

DECEASED

Prayers are requested for the following, who died recently:

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Thomas (Tom) Fenlon,
Portlaoise & formerly New Inn, Emo

Joseph (Joe) O'Neill,
Rosecourt, Portarlington / Ballybrittas

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 19th Aug. – St. John Eudes
Tues. 20th Aug. – St. Bernard of Clairvaux
Wed. 21st Aug. – St. Pius X, Pope
Thurs. 22nd Aug. – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri. 23rd Aug. – St. Eugene (Derry)/ St. Rose of Lima

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. BROCHAN

Takes place today, Sun. 18th August commencing 2pm at Clonshannon, Clonsast. At St. Brochan's Monastery Ruins an informative talk, candle lit 1 km walk to St. Brochan's Well & the unveiling of the new Heritage sign. Parking available.

BENEMERENTI PAPAL MEDAL

Sheila Dunne, Rathmiles, Killenard

Bishop Denis Nulty will present Sheila Dunne with the Benemerenti Papal Medal on Friday next, 23rd August, In St. John's Church, Killenard at 7.30pm. We congratulate Sheila on this award for her long & exceptional service to the Church & the community. All are welcome to join this celebration in St. John's Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards in The Thatch, Killenard.

A CALL TO EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Diocesan Adoration Committee invite you to a day of **Prayer, Adoration** and **Revival.** Join us with Most Reverend Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Fr. Prince Clarence S.J. & Ms. Margaret Brennan.
Venue: Mount St. Anne's Conference and Retreat Centre, Killenard
Date/Time: Saturday 24th August from 9.30am to 4pm. Lunch €10 at 12.30pm to 1pm. Confessions available. Mass at 3pm. Come along and bring a friend.

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.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism
PORTARLINGTON & EMO PARISHES
Gráinne Elizabeth Galvin, Emo Park
Clíodhna Carmel Whelehan, Doolagh
Dara James O'Loughlin, Dublin

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The Feast of Our Lady of Knock on August 17th celebrates the Marian apparition at Knock, Ireland, which occurred on August 21, 1879. The event underscores the intimate relationship between Mary and the Eucharist, highlighting her role in Christ's sacrifice and her guidance in Eucharistic devotion.

HERITAGE WEEK 2024

Gramophone Sunday
Emo Court & Parklands.
Today, 18th August 3-4pm

Talks will be held on August 21st from 8pm – 10am in Portarlington Library. Topics for discussion are:
Dereliction / Decay / Conservation / Saving Portarlingtons' Historic Buildings.
The recent restoration of Portarlington Railway Station will be discussed and the ongoing restoration of Market House in the Square. Further info. from Portarlington Arts & Heritage Group phone 086 1508046 or Email davidorford55@gmail.com. All very welcome

Free Guided Tour
Emo Gardens & Parklands. 21st August 3-4pm

Family Treasure Hunt.
17th August – 25th August (inclusive) from 10.30am to 5pm. Emo Court & Parklands.

GUIDANCE INFORMATION MORNING L.O.E.T.B.

(Laois Offaly Education Training Board)
27th August from 10am to 1pm. Learn more about PLCs, Apprenticeships and Tertiary degrees in Laois, come and talk with our staff from:- Abbeyleix FETC / Portlaoise Institute / Portlaoise FETC / Laois School of Music / Portarlington FETC / Apprenticeship Services / LOETB / SETU Tertiary degrees
Visit the Portlaoise LOETB Information Hub, Unit 1, Lyster Square, Portlaoise. 057 8630093.

ANAM CARD – ONLINE BEAEAVEMENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tues. 3rd Sept. at 7pm. Guest speaker this month is Bryan Nolan. If you are supporting any bereaved parents through your line of work, please let them know of this event. Link: https://us02web.zoom.uk/meeting/register/tZAgf6gqT4vGtf09D7YFGe9vJbbfNz82QEA
Phone Tara on 01 4045378 for further info. or www.anamcara.ie

O'DEMPSEY'S GAA NEWS

Lotto Results for 12th August
Numbers drawn - 11, 15, 18, 21. Jackpot Winners €9,800: Peadar & Fiona Maher
Match 3 winners: Dick Whelehan, Sean & Mary Brophy. Promoter: Richie Slevin.
Congratulations to our winners. Next Draw is Monday 19th August with a Jackpot €1,000.
Thanks for your support.
Family Fun Day
O'Dempsey's Family Fun Day takes place Saturday 24th August from 1pm to 5.30pm. The event will see an afternoon of activities and entertainment for children of all ages. We look forward to seeing you there for what promises to be a great day. Bígí Linn!

RATH / BALLYBRITTAS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION – HERITAGE WEEK

The Rath-Ballybrittas Development Association (RBDA) are hosting a Heritage week event on this Thurs August 22nd 5-7pm at the Old School House, Rath to celebrate the history of this building and to recognise its importance to the local community over the years as a School House, a meeting place and a stage for the local drama group. We will also be looking at how our recently received Heritage Council Grant will be utilized to facilitate the proposed works to preserve this wonderful community space for the future. All are welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing you there. Please see our Facebook page Rath-Ballybrittas Development Association for further updates.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage - More fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 8 - 10 November 2024. Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare
Online booking only: www.marriageencounter.ie

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

Takes place until 22nd August 2024. In this year of prayer, the theme for the Novena is 'Whispering with God – How do you pray?' Novena ceremonies will take place each day at 3pm and 8pm in Knock Basilica. Daily workshops take place at 12.45pm & themed guided prayer sessions will be available in Knock Prayer Centre.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

Next Social Dance will be held on Sat. 24th August. Dancing to Lawrence Campion. Doors open at 9pm. Admission €10. Refreshments served.
Keep Fit Wed. nights with Eimear 7-8pm. €5 per session.
Dancing Lessons Thurs. night with Noeleen 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

Monster Auction & Dance
Sun. 1st Sept. 2024. All kinds of items for sale: Household goods, vouchers, fuel (including turf and briquettes), Farm produce (Hay, Straw, Silage & bedding peat etc.), with lots of other items. Auction will commence at 2pm in St. Brigid's Social Club, Cloneyhurke – Dancing at 3.30pm – Music by "Rock on Paddy" & "Noeleen Kelly". Admission: €5. Everyone very welcome.

FAMILY FUN DAY – F R E E

Portarlington Lions Club, with Portarlington Credit Union are holding their FREE FAMILY FUN DAY on Sun. 25th August from 2 – 5 pm. This Fun Day will be held in Wardrops' Field, Foxcroft Field Eircode R32P786. Bouncy Castles / Face painting / Children's races for all age groups / Tug of war / Music / Dancing and lots more. Looking forward to seeing you all there.
All entertainment FREE.

CHILDMINDERS' NEEDED!

Childminder required 5 days - Ballybrittas area. Contact Ann on 087 9954558.
Childminder required 2-3 days per week – Emo area. Contact Paul on 086 8798242.

VINTAGE MOTORBIKE, CAR & SCOOTER RALLY

Vintage Motorbike, car and Scooter rally at SOLAS from 12 Noon – 4pm. Auto-jumble and craft market. Why not pay us a visit us at SOLAS Our Eco Garden Shop, Portarlington, Co. Laois R32 RPX8. Open 7 days a week - Food Court with Indoor and Outdoor dining Farmers Market - Saturdays 10am till 2pm Craft Market – 1st Sunday of Every Month Workshops & Events.

MORTGAGE ARREARS / ABHAILE SCHEME

If your mortgage is in arrears and you are worried about your mortgage repayments, there is help. You may be entitled to free financial advice under the Abhaile Scheme, which is a State funded service. For further info: contact Tatiana McGreal on 085 867 4883 or visit www.fsireland.ie

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1245 – 12th August 2024.
No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Mary Kostanyan C/o Parish Office / Ann Lowry C/o Ann / Pat Gorman C/o B. Gorman / Mick Lawlor C/o B. Gorman / Ned Murry C/o B. Gorman. Next draw takes place on 19th August with a Jackpot of €2,200.

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GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

12/8/2024 – Week No. 33 – Numbers 30, 28, 9, 14 - Jackpot of €16,400 won by Patrick Maree. Congratulations to Patrick on this great win. The Promoter was Paddy Mulligan. €50 to each of the following:- Melanie Broderick / Eugene Murphy / Eleanor Shortall / Frances Earley / Mary Mullen. Promoter prize: The Hawthorn. Next week's Jackpot €2,000

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Heritage Week Talk:
Decay, Dereliction and Conservation – (See Heritage Week 2024) Wed. 21st August 8pm.
Parenting Talk:
Transitioning from pre-school to primary school. This talk which is hosted as part of our Healthy Ireland programme and in conjunction with the National Parenting Council will be full of tips on how to help your child make the transition from pre-school to primary school.
Adult Chess Classes:
The library will be hosting a twelve week chess course for beginners.
Beginning Wed 4th Sept 6-7pm , participants must be able to attend all classes. To book any of the above, phone 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
Knitting Club:
Meets every Friday morning 10:30am-12:30 All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

MCN
www.mcn.live
The church camera website address was updated over the past few months to **MCN.LIVE**
We have noticed a lot of viewers are still going to the old address which is due to be retired.
We would appreciate if you could access our church camera for Masses now on **www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington** or www.mcn.live

PICKLEBALL IN PORT!

PICKLEBALL

Come give Pickleball a try! It's the fastest growing sport for a reason – it's simple to pick up, great way to get fit and extremely fun to play. Session currently taking place Tuesday's 8-10pm / Thursday's 5-7pm / Friday 7-9pm – All in Portarlington Community Centre. €7 per session.
All equipment and training is provided.
Text Francie on 085 8582596.