



# 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

## SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## YEAR C

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> January 6.15pm

Sean Egan, Cushina (M.M.); Michael Dunne, Cushina (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Maurice Kelly, St. Michael's Park & his mother Rachel; Andrew O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) John & Mary Lawlor & William Lawlor, Portlaoise; Seamus Dowling, Station Court (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Julia & Matt Colgan, Annamoe; Peadar Foster, St. Brigid's Sq. (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Joseph Murphy, Gracefield; Josie Lynch, Ballymorris; Bernadette (Berlo) Greene, Assumpta Tce. (B/D Rem.); Elizabeth Dempsey (nee Knight), Monasterevin & formerly St. Mary's Tce; Johnnie & Mai Lalor, Cloneyhurke

#### Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> January 12.15pm

Stefan Dunne, Crowe Lane & Charlotte, North Carolina, USA (M.M.)  
Ann Hennessy, NaCluainte (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Pat Bradshaw, Lea (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) & deceased members of the Bradshaw Family;  
Pauline Hooks, Patrick St; Mary O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Tom Dunne, The Ferns, Main St; Brian (Bruno) Higgins, Main Street; Joseph & Ellen Bracken, Cloneygowan, sons Milo & JJ & sons-in-law Joe Dunne & Charlie Dunne; Patrick & Una Mitchell & dec. members of the Mitchell Family; Brian Conroy, Avondale

#### Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> January 6.15pm

Sean Shortall, Bracklone St. (M.M.); Ann Earley, Cushina Rd. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Stan Kennedy, Gracefield (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
John & Kathleen Wright, Droughill  
Leo Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Ann Ryan, Ballymorris; John Mitchell, NaCluainte (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

#### Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> January 12.15pm

Edward (Ned) Carey, Lea (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) & his son, Brendan Carey (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Thomas & Rose Hoey, Kilbride

### ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

#### Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am

Deirdre Quinn(M.M.) & her husband Jack, Dublin & Killenard; Catherine McGill, Ballycarroll; Paul Carroll, Clonanny House & London; Dominic Boylan, Co. Cavan,

#### Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am

Peg, Colm, Sarah & Sylvester Boland, Ballycarroll

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

William Dunne, Morette

#### Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> January 11am

Dan Brophy, Killeen; Deceased members of the Brophy & Seymour Families

#### Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

William (Billy) Lynch, Killeen (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Mary Strong, Morette (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Mary O'Rourke, Kennell Cross

#### Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> January 11am

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### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> January 9am

Edward Boland, Courtwood, formerly Jamestown; Teresa O'Connell, Courtwood (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Joseph & Julia McCormack, Ballybrittas; Paddy & Mary Flynn, Cobh, Co. Cork & formerly Fisherstown; Michael O'Connor, Courtwood

#### Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> January 9am

Mary Duffy, Ballyadden; Moira Donoher, Ballyadden; Lar Nolan, Courtwood; Joseph Flanagan, Dunamaisle

### WEEKDAY

### ANNIVERSARIES

**Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.** Betty Spain; Michael Gordon, Monasterevin; Dinny Lyons, Derrymore (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

**Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> Jan.** Jim & Bridget Ryan & deceased members of the Ryan Family Spa St; Peter Dempsey

### ☒ DECEASED ☒

We pray for the following who died during the week:-

**Liam Kelly, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas**  
**Michael (Mick) Hanbury, New Mill Court, Station Road**

### ☒ BAPTISMS ☒

We welcome into our Christian Community, the following children who were Baptised:-  
**Donnacha Chris Tynan, Mountmellick**

### DANA'S CROSS & CLOAK CONCERT

In aid of the All Ireland Sacred Heart Crusade.  
Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Also featuring local artists.  
Venue: The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix. Tickets €25. Book on [evenbrite.ie](http://evenbrite.ie). Further info. contact Antoinette on 086 0803047

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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. Peters Basilica, Canonisation of Carlow Acutis & day trip to Assisi. 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025. €1,355 pps. Spiritual Director Fr. David Vard. Further details at [www.Marian.ie](http://www.Marian.ie) or phone 01 8788159.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025



Catholic Schools Week 2025 takes place from 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. To 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. The theme for C.S.W. 2025 is

### 'Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ!'

*"Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!" – Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, Section 1.*

As is usual, the theme will be connected at primary level with Grandparents' Day on the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week, and with the Family in post-primary.

### SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

#### Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat

St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise on Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 10am – 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 or Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP [www.spioraidnaoimh.com](http://www.spioraidnaoimh.com)

## THANK YOU

Sincere thank you to all who supported, attended or took part in the Carol Service which was held in Rath Church in December last. All proceeds in aid of Oesophageal Cancer Research. Amount raised €4,266.

## STUDY THEOLOGY ON-LINE

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11<sup>th</sup>. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com Click here to see a 2 minute introductory film Prioryinstitute.com

## DIRECTORY OF IRISH SAINTS

Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments. Professor Padraig Ó'Riain's Dictionary of Irish Saints is intended to serve as a guide to the (mainly documentary) sources of information on the saints named in these dedications, for those that have an interest in them scholarly or otherwise. Professor Ó Riain has been working in the field of Irish hagiography for upwards of 40 years, & the material for the over 1,000 entries in his Dictionary has come from a variety of sources, including martyrologies, genealogies of the saints, collections of folklore, Ordnance Survey letters, and other documents. The book is due for publication on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and will be available in bookshops, but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly from [www.fourcourtspress.ie](http://www.fourcourtspress.ie) or alternatively, Phone 01-4534668.

## ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK

Takes place Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Commencing at St. Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice W34X529 on the Monasterevin / Rathangan Road (R414) at 11am Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Walk approx. 6km. Car parking provided. Walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras then along the Canal Blueway finishing at Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a Service of Light at 12.30pm. A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30 am to Mountrice and return at 2pm. For those who wish to avail of this service, payment on the bus. All those who participate will be issued with a special St. Brigid Camina Passport. St. Brigid's Crosses and refreshments will be provided on the day. Further info at Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346.

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW

1<sup>st</sup> prize Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by Portarlinton Credit Union Ltd.) / 4 prizes of €100 each (Sponsored by Super Valu). Draw takes place Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets available from all Committee Members or the Parish Office. Thank you to Portarlinton Credit Union for sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> prize of the trip to Lourdes & to Super Valu for the other prizes.

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto results 13/2/2025 – Week No. 3 Winner of €3,000 Jackpot Paula Nolan Promoter Paddy Mulligan. €50 to each of the following:- James Lawrence; Caroline Murphy; Tim Garry; Jamie Evans; Nuala Allen. Promoters prize Anthony Earley. Next week's Jackpot €2,000.

## SOCIAL DANCE - PORTARLINGTON

Social Dance on Saturday February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlinton – Commencing 9pm. Music by Alistair Fingleton. €10 admission. Can pay at the door.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025



**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**  
Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11.30am  
in St. John's Church, Killenard



## Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

## Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.

Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 2pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

## St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025 at 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo

## Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2pm in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025



## St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo



## Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.

Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

## Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard

## Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.,

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

## Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025 at 11.30am in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

## FUNDRAISER

### IN AID OF THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

A fundraiser is being held in aid of the Irish Cancer Society in honour of Thomas Fingleton, Shandra, Portarlinton.

This fundraiser is being organised by Portarlinton I.F.A. If you would like to donate, please scan the QR code below, follow the link to the donation page or donate at a fundraising night on the **24<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2025 at 8pm in the Golf Club.**



Portarlinton, to show our appreciation for all who have donated. We would love to see you there for refreshments & a cheque presentation to the Irish cancer society. Admission FREE. Donations on the night very welcome.

## DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Venue: RDS Dublin, Day return bus (from Junction 17 plaza Portlaoise) Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A. CLUB

**6<sup>th</sup> January Results:** Numbers drawn: 5,6,12,29. No Jackpot Winner. Three Match 3 winners: Des Bracken, Susan Cross, Seamus Kavanagh. Promoter: Bernie Whelehan.  
**13<sup>th</sup> January Results:** Numbers drawn: 8,23,25,29. No Jackpot Winner. No Match 3 winner. Lucky Dip winners: Monica Connolly, Lisa O'Neill. Promoter: Noel Byrne. Congratulations to both draw winners. Next Draw: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, with a Jackpot of €4,200.

## SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

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



## PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlinton BOFIE2D  
**Portarlinton Parish No. 1 Account**  
IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14  
**Portarlinton 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

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2023, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.

## EMO PARISH ENVELOPES



The envelope boxes are available at the Church Porch in Emo and Rath. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks to all who contribute.

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## EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Mon. 13<sup>th</sup> January – Week No. 1963  
Numbers 4, 9, 10, 19 – No jackpot winner.  
€25 each to the following:-  
Gabriel Lawlor / Joe Whelan / The Strong Children / Gabriel Lawlor / Ronan Lynch.  
Next draw takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> January with a Jackpot of €2,200.

## YOGA CLASSES

*Mum and Baby Yoga / Baby Massage Class  
Pregnancy Yoga.* Booking and further details:- Contact Catriona on 086-8890005.

## 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.

## KILLENARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

### A.G.M.



The AGM of Killenard Community Centre will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in the Ballycarroll Room at the Centre. All members of the community are invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to hear about the Community Centre's progress over the past year and share your thoughts on future plans. New committee members are always welcome, and we would greatly appreciate your support and participation. We look forward to seeing you there!