

# 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. 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2025

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## YEAR C

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

#### 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; Ann & Michael Healy; Michael Healy Jnr., St. Patrick's Terrace

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

Seamus Mullally, Castle Gate (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
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

#### Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March 6.15pm

Rafal Chojnowski, Riverside (M.M.)  
Sally Brady, Botley Court (M.M.)  
Margaret Slattery, Botley Court & her son, John Slattery, Germany (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of the Slattery & Brady Families  
Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Park (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Paul Nolan;

#### Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March 12.15pm

Julia Horan, Church View; Brian Crossan, Station Rd. (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Frances O'Neill (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); St. Brigid's Sq.; Jim & Mary Carroll, Bracklone St. & dec. members of the Carroll Family; Kate & Pat Sherlock, County Monaghan & deceased members of the Sherlock Family

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

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

Lillian Burns, New Jersey

#### Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am

Tom Flanagan, Lea Road; James Knight, Seskin; Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny; Baby Sean Kavanagh & dec. members of the Kavanagh & Kenna Families

### WEEKDAY ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> March** Percy Chadwick, Cushina (recently deceased)

**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> March** Peady & Bridie Hyland; Peter Hyland



**We welcome into the Christian Community through baptism**

Ada Sarah Bates, Droughill  
Aidan Martin Jacob, Shandra Woods

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

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

Tom Mulhall, Cappakeel; Rosie Deegan & John & Ellen Deegan, Limetree; Patrick Maher, Killimy

#### 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

#### Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm

Colette Coonan-Dowling, Shinrone & Kilmaninham, Mountmellick

#### Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March 11am

Jim Hyland, The Sawmill (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Attracta Kelly (nee Hyland) (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Joe Hyland & dec. members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook; Frank Delaney, Killeen

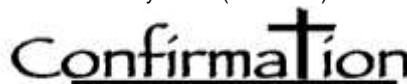
### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

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

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

#### Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March 9am

Patrick J. Duffy, Newbridge & formerly Ballyadden (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)



### SERVICE OF LIGHT &

#### RECONCILIATION

**SACRED HEART NS, RATH**  
Tuesday next, 25<sup>th</sup> March in Sacred Heart Church Rath at 6.30pm.

#### ST. PAUL'S NS, EMO

Tuesday next, 25<sup>th</sup> March in St. Paul's Church, Emo at 7.45pm.



### SACRAMENT

#### OF CONFIRMATION

The children from **St. Paul's NS, Emo** will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in St. Paul's Church, Emo on Thursday next, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 11am.

The children from **Sacred Heart NS, Rath** will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Sacred Heart Church, Rath on Thursday next, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.

*In the Parish of Portarlington 173 children have been Confirmed this month and next week 47 children will be Confirmed in Emo / Rath Parish.*

### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

*24 Hours for the Lord is a worldwide initiative begun in 2014 by Pope Francis to encourage opportunities for extended periods of Eucharistic Adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, as well as the Sacrament of Confession.*

*Below you will see the schedule of events which will take place in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington next Friday evening & all day Saturday.*

## Jubilee of Hope



### 24 Hours for the Lord

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> March – Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March

All very welcome.



24 hours adoration (including the following)

### FRIDAY (28<sup>th</sup> March)

7pm Mass including Penitential Service  
8pm Rosary  
10pm Stations of the Cross



### SATURDAY (29<sup>th</sup> March)

3am Divine Mercy and Rosary  
10am Mass including Penitential Service  
1pm Stations of the Cross  
3pm Divine Mercy and Rosary  
6.15pm Vigil Mass



### 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)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY NOTES

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

**Adult Book Club:** Meet the last Tuesday of every month.

#### 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. 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.

#### RATH-BALLYBRITTAS DEVELOPMENT ASSOC.

The AGM for The Rath-Ballybrittas Development Association will take place on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Rath School. All welcome to attend.

#### BRIGIDINE CONVENT - AN NUAL PAST PUPILS DINNER

Past pupils of the Brigidine Convents of Abbeyleix, Mountrath, Tullow & Goresbridge are invited to the Annual Past Pupils Dinner which takes place Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> April in the Midlands Park Hotel at 12.45pm. Cost €50 and booking to be made before Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> April. Contact Sheila on 087 224944 or 045 867124. Email [sheilakinane@gmail.com](mailto:sheilakinane@gmail.com) or Dolores on 087 4148093 / Maeve in Mountrath 087 6569975.

#### CAR BOOT SALE

Solas Eco Garden Centre. Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> March at 10am. Entry fee €2. All welcome.

## Trocaire

**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, the mother of the family on our Trocaire box this year, says: "We have noticed the weather changing in the last few years. It is now hotter and we have more droughts. Then it starts to rain, and it won't stop raining. A more intense rain, more frequently." Find out more about Lima and the Climate Crises on 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).

#### 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. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

**Social Dance:** Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Dancing to Unity. 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.

#### MAT PILATES & MEDITATION CLASS

Mat Pilates & meditation class on Tuesdays 7pm - 8pm in Solas Garden centre, suitable for beginners. €15 drop in fee starts from March 18<sup>th</sup> - April 22<sup>nd</sup> come & go as you please contact Siobhan on [0834613832](tel:0834613832) to book in"

#### ADULT BALLROOM JIVE DANCE CLASS

Wednesday 7-8pm. Portarlington Community Centre. Limited places. Ph: Lisa 085 7416886.

#### EASTER CAMP

Football; Basketball; Yoga; Coding; Baking; Arts; Crafts; Music; Dance & lots more!

Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> to Fri. 25<sup>th</sup> April for boys & girls. 9.30am to 2pm. €70 (sibling discounts available). Venue: Scoil

Phadraig, Canal Road.

Registration evening April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7-8pm at Scoil Phadraig.

You can also pay online by scanning our QR code. Further information Email [eastercampport@gmail.com](mailto:eastercampport@gmail.com). Note applications not accepted through the School Office.



#### VACANCY

Caring in Offaly CE scheme: **Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2383138**, Portarlington area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711/ [ahackett@familycarers.ie](mailto:ahackett@familycarers.ie).

#### SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April – Coláiste Íosagáin, 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.

#### EMO FOREST RUN 2025

##### St. Michael's A.C.

18<sup>th</sup> April commencing at Emo Community Centre. 5K and 10K. The first 350 entries (registered online) will receive a bespoke Emo Forest Run T-shirt. St. Michael's AC will be incorporating the Bill Devereaux Perpetual Cup for the first Club team in the 10K. Number collection on the day will take place in Emo Community Centre from 3.30pm. Please note there is **NO RACE REGISTRATION ON THE DAY**. Check out our Facebook page Sign up on Eventmaster.

### 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

Next draw takes place on 24<sup>th</sup> March. Jackpot €2,400

#### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto draw 18<sup>th</sup> March – Week No. 12 Numbers drawn:- 23, 14, 2, 12 No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following – Bethany Cooper; D. Kelly; Mary Keogh; Ryan, Jack, Rosie & Bobby; Carmel Orford. Promoter prize: Liam Corcoran Next week's jackpot €3,800.

#### BINGO

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

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##### ST. ZELIE MARTIN

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> March 6.30pm Mass and Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9am & 11.30am Mass. Veneration after all Masses. Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate the 11.30am Mass on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### SPIORAIÐ NAOIMH PRAYING

##### COMMUNITY

*Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat*  
St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 1.30pm. Mass at 10am – Confessions. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass @ 10.45 am (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP. [www.spioraidnaoimh.com](http://www.spioraidnaoimh.com) All Welcome

#### PREGNANCY YOGA

Wednesday 7-8pm from 26<sup>th</sup> March in Portarlington Community Centre. Phone 086 8890005.

#### EASTER CRAFTS MORNING

Portarlington Lion's Club are hosting an Easter Crafts morning on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Please spread the word.

#### TOP 10 WAYS TO HELP POLLINATORS

Don't mow, let it grow!  
Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. By reducing mowing – even to once a month – you will help them to slowly return, one pocket at a time. Where? Everywhere! Even tiny biodiversity margins are valuable. [Pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://Pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)