



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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY 2025

3RD SUNDAY IN O.T. (Sunday Of the Word of God)

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 25th January 6.15pm

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

Sun. 26th January 12.15pm

Edward (Ned) Carey, Lea (3rd Anniv.) & his son,
Brendan Carey (5th Anniv.); Niall McElwaine,
Station Rd. (5th Anniv.); Briggie Costello,
Avondale (6th Anniv.); Michael Walsh,
Cloneyhurke; Thomas & Rose Hoey, Kilbride;
Sheila & Frank McCague, Station Road

Sat. 1st February 6.15pm

Phil Hanlon (nee Brannock), England &
Cloneygowan (M.M.)
Mary McCormack, Dereen (1st Anniv.);
Josephine Fleming, Cloneyhurke (1st Anniv.)
Philip Ward, Ballymorris Manor (2nd Anniv.);
Mary (Bunty) Ward, St. Michael's Park (4th
Anniv.); Dolores Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (6th
Anniv.); Paddy Maher, Gracefield (10th Anniv.);
John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield; Jim & Mer
McEvoy, St. Michael's Park; Deceased
members of the Leavy Family, Shandra Lane
Anna & Sean Ryan, Cloneyhurke, Deceased
members of the Dunne family, Julia Ryan,
Madeline Byrne, Cloneyhurke,

Sun. 2nd February 12.15pm

Patrick McEvoy, Garryhinch (1st Anniv.)
Robert Francis Magee, (19th Anniv) & Maria
Magee, (nee Mulcahy), Station Rd, Deceased
members of the Magee & Mulcahy families.

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 26th January 10.30am

Peg, Colm, Sarah & Sylvester Boland,
Ballycarroll; Patsy Connell, Lea; John Dunne,
Rathmiles (9th Anniv.); James, Bridget & Denis
Dunne, Rathmiles

Sun. 2nd February 10.30am

George Monagher, Lea; Dolores Wogan,
Tullamore / Portlaoise (1st Anniv.)
James Brophy, Lough.

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 25th January 7.30pm

William (Billy) Lynch, Killeen (4th Anniv.)
Mary Strong, Morette (12th Anniv.); Edward
Strong; William (Billy) Hynes, Emo; Mary
O'Rourke, Kennell Cross; Brian Dunne,
Portlaoise & Coolbanagher; Martin & Elizabeth
Kelly, Coolbanagher; Patrick Kirwan, Killimy
(38th Anniv.); Thomas Flynn, Morette (55th
Anniv.)

Sun. 26th January 11am

Sat. 1st February 7.30pm

Fr. Jack Walsh P.E., Emo/Rath (5th Anniv.)
Deirdre Keogh, Morette (8th Anniv.)
Elizabeth Prior, Morette; Michael & Elizabeth
Moore; Peter & Norah O'Connor, Old Pound &
deceased members of the O'Connor Family;
Robert McGuirk, Knightstown

Sun. 2nd February 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 26th January 9am

Mary Duffy, Ballyadden; Moira Donohoe,
Ballyadden; Lar Nolan, Courtwood; Joseph
Flanagan, Dunamaise; Liam Tynan, Canal
House, Fisherstown (9th Anniv.); Tom & John
Murphy, Courtwood; Andrew & Bridget
Heffernan, Courtwood; Tom Ryan, Bellgrove
Nancy & Larry Ryan, Bellgrove; Alice & Myles
Christie, Monasterevin; Jack Behan, Rath;
Marcella Bolger, Belin; Joe Treacy, Courtwood

Sun. 2nd February 9am

Peter O'Connell, Coolroe; Frank Dempsey,
Monasterevin; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove

DECEASED

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



Kathleen Dunne, Rosecourt
Mary Ita Hyland, Lea Road
Aine Kainz (nee Walsh), Vienna, formerly
Main Street, Portarlington
Eileen Connolly, Barrow Way, Spa Street
& formerly Edenderry
Jimmy Carter, Dublin & formerly
St. Patrick's Terrace

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.

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Tues. 28th Jan. 10am Tom & Bridget
O'Reilly, Congress Tce; Oliver O'Reilly,
Avondale
Wed. 29th Jan. 10am Alice McCann

DANA'S CROSS & CLOAK CONCERT

*In aid of the All Ireland Sacred Heart
Crusade.* Sun. 2nd Feb. Also featuring local
artists. Venue: The Manor Hotel, Abbeyleix.
Tickets €25. Book on evenbrite.ie. Further
info. contact Antoinette on 086 0803047

MARYS MEALS

Church gate collection after all masses next
weekend.

✠ BAPTISMS ✠

We welcome into our Christian Community,
the following children who were Baptised:-
Bailey Ann Griffin, Seskin
Hallie Lisa Dowling, Wilton Lawns

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend we welcome the children from
the Parish who will receive the Sacrament of
First Holy Communion in May / June.
We pray to the Lord for all the children
preparing for their First Penance and First
Holy Communion. May they grow to love
Jesus more and more during this special
year.

Prayer

*Lord, bless all these children as they
prepare to receive the Sacrament of First
Holy Communion for the first time.
May the day be an initial step into a life-
long love of the Eucharist.
May they know they can always turn to
You, Lord, for comfort, guidance and
wisdom as they grow into full
discipleship.
We thank you for the gift of our children.
Amen.*

**PORTARLINGTON LOURDES
COMMITTEE**



ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW

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

LOURDES COMMITTEE MEETING

will take place on Wed. 29th January at 8pm in the Catholic Club.

FUNDRAISING COLLECTION

At SuperValu, Portarlington Fri. 31st January & Sat. 1st February.

**KILLENARD COMMUNITY
GAMES**

Calling all those interested in supporting the set up of Killenard Community Games, which will cover Art, Athletics, Handwriting, Swimming, Rounders, Quiz, Choir and many more activities. A meeting has been arranged for Tues. 28th January at 8pm in Killenard Community Centre. Further info. phone Marina on 086 8883532.

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 24th January 2025 and will be available in bookshops, but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly from www.fourcourtspress.ie or alternatively, Phone 01-4534668.

ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK

Takes place Mon. 3rd February. Commencing at St. Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice W34X529 on the Monasterevin / Rathangan Road (R414) at 11am Mon. 3rd 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.

EXERCISE FOR HEALTH

Pay-as-you-go
Portarlington Community Centre on Mondays and Thursdays 9.15am to 10am. Adults of all ages and abilities welcome. €5 per class

**ST. BRIGID - PATRON OF IRELAND
Saturday 1st February, 2025**



ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

*May Brigid bless the house
wherein you dwell.*

*Bless every fireside, every wall & door.
Bless heart that beats beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy.
Bless every foot that walks its portals
through. May Brigid bless the house
that shelters you.
Amen*



PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

Next weekend is the feast of Presentation of the Lord it is also known as **Candlemas Day**; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. Blessing of Candles at all masses Sunday 2nd February.

**KILDARE CALLS FOR A GLOBAL
PAUSE FOR PEACE, 2025**

The people of Kildare, Ireland, call on people worldwide to Pause for Peace for 1 minute's silence / reflection at 12 Noon local time on St. Brigid's Day – Saturday next, 1st February. Let us continue to sow seeds of peace across the globe.

www.solasbhríde.ie www.intokildare.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.

**PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY
Adult Social Chess Club**

takes place at Portarlington Library every Wednesday at 6pm. All welcome.

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 11th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com Click here to see a 2 minute introductory film Prioryinstitute.com

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. 25th – 29th April 2025. €1,355 pps. Spiritual Director Fr. David Vard. Further details at www.Marian.ie or phone 01 8788159.

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

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

Week No. 1964 – 20th Jan. 2025
Numbers 1, 16, 17, 20 – No jackpot winners.
€25 to each of the followings:-
Ro. & Dee C/o Deirdre
Sinead O'Flynn C/o Maeve
Helen Langford C/o Deirdre
Declan Lawlor C/o Deirdre
Dan O'Neill C/o Damien
Next draw takes place 27th January with a Jackpot of €2,400.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

20/1/2025 – Week No. 4.
Numbers 9,32,28,3 – No Jackpot winner.
€50 each to the following:-
Jenny Rennick / Clifford Nolan / Rose Byrne
/ Adam Kelly / Christine Conroy. Promoter prize Tadhg Bryan.
Next week's jackpot €2,200

**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.

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.

SOCIAL DANCE - PORTARLINGTON

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



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