



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
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SUN. 2nd MARCH, 2025 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day for Temperance YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 1st March 6.15pm

Kathleen Knight, LaBergerie & Assumpta Terrace (M.M.); Johnny Murphy, St. Joseph's Tce. (1st Anniv.); Peter Keegan, Bishopswood (1st Anniv.); Christina McCormack, Ullard; Micheal McNamara, Gracefield (35th Anniv.); Thomas Lawlor, Patrick Avenue; Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield

Sun. 2nd March 12.15pm

Brendan Oakley, Arlington Estate (M.M.); Anne Kelly, St. Michael's Park (1st Anniv.); Fiona Donagher, Bishopswood Rd. (3rd Anniv.); Steve, Nellie & Paddy Allen & dec. members of the Allen & Moran Family; Noel Kenny, Station Rd. (9th Anniv.); Donal O'Meara & his son Patrick, Annamoe; Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Barrowbank

Sat. 8th March 6.15pm

John & Bridget Lovern, Foxcroft St; Denis & Joan Coughlan, Assumpta Tce; Patricia Neylon; Thomas Kennedy Snr., Gracefield; Billy Whelan, Marian Hill; Tom Shortall, St. Brigid's Sq; Edward & Margaret Rogers; Mary Connolly, Marian Hill

Sun. 9th March 12.15pm

Mary McConn, St. Brigid's Sq. (2nd Anniv.)
Bill Storey, Garryhinch (1th Anniv.)
Veronica Moran, Droughill & Kilrush
Mary Walsh, Bracklone St; Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale (24th Anniv.)

WEEKDAY

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 3rd March 10am

Frank Higgins, Main Street
Mary Redmond (B/Day Remembrance)

Tues. 4th March 10am

Caoimhe Carroll, Garryhinch

Wed. 5th March 10am

Phil Feehan, Church View

Thurs. 6th March 10am

Michael & Aine Murphy

Fri. 7th March 10am

Michael & Thomas Keegan, Bishopswood

✠ DECEASED ✠

We pray for the following who died recently.
Marie McCraith (nee Daly), Clough & formerly Foxcroft Street, Portarlington.
John Dowling, New York & formerly Morette
Sarah (Sally) Brady, Botley Court
Thomas (Tosh) Gorry, Geashill

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 2nd March 10.30am

Paddy Clarke, Tierhogar, Killenard (M.M.); Martin Slevin, Ballycarroll; Brigid & Richard Slevin, Ballycarroll; Liam & Lucy Bennett, Kilbride; Sean Keogh, Rathleash

Sun. 9th March 10.30am

Brian Kelly, Rathmiles (7th Anniv.); Josie & Stephen Kiernan, Rathleash, Marie Ryan

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 1st March 7.30pm

Kathleen Dowling, Morette (1st Anniv.)

Sun. 2nd March 11am

Kathleen Dowling, Morette (1st Anniv.)

Sat. 8th March 7.30pm

Mary Flynn, Morette (57th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 2nd March 9am

Pat Coffey & dec. members Coffey & Currims Families; Patrick & Betty Lacey; Sons, Patrick & Martin Lacey; Andy Mulhare, Rath; Mary Brennan, Jamestown; Paddy & Rose Byron, Bellgrove & dec. members of the O'Toole & Byron Families

Sun. 9th March 9am

Michael Behan, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.)
Mick & Nan Kinsella, Fisherstown; Dec. members of the Walsh & Dunne Families

ASH WEDNESDAY 2025

Lent begins on Wed. next, 5th March & is a day of fast & abstinence. Masses & the blessing of Ashes on Ash Wednesday as follows:

Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard 10.30am

Emo 11am + Rath 9.30am



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 7th March, is the First Friday of the Month. Mass in Portarlington at 10am
Mass in Emo at 7.30pm

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)

THANK YOU

Brother Brian Johnson (OSF) thanks everyone for their welcome and for their generosity towards their missions in Kenya and Uganda, on his recent visit to the parishes of Portarlington & Emo. Every cent of your contributions go directly to their Missions.
Total contribution €3,930.00

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

TODAY - SUN. 1st MARCH

Today is a Day of Prayer for Temperance, a day which offers us an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with alcohol & drugs, a day to pray for those who suffer from addiction.



P.T.A.A.

SHORT TERM PLEDGE

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.



PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

Dear Lord, let temperance grow in me and lead me to discover other virtues that bring deeper union with you. In your sacred name, I pray. Temper my desires, O Lord, and turn my focus towards you. Deliver me from the tendency to go to extremes that strain both body and soul. Free me from all that harms or enslaves me and turn my heart towards eternal joys. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held weekend of 8th & 9th March, taking the form of a second collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got envelope boxes & wish to contribute.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday for Lent commencing Wed. 12th March. 7.30pm St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

Confirmation

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Service of Light & Reconciliation

Tues. 4th March in St. John's Church 7.30pm.

Sacrament of Confirmation

On Thurs. 6th March Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Confirmation Class of Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard in St. John's Church – 11.30am

A PRAYER FOR POPE FRANCIS

by James Martin, S.J.

Loving God, we ask you to look with favour on your servant Francis, who has served you as a Jesuit, a priest, an archbishop, a cardinal and as a pope.

Most of all, he has served you as a faithful Christian, sharing the love, mercy and compassion that your Son showed to all he encountered, especially those who were poor or struggling.

As Francis faces his illness, help the doctors and nurses who care for him, help him to bear this illness with grace and help him to heal.

We ask this in your Holy Name.

AMEN

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY NOTES

Seachtain na Gaeilge – Pop in for our Treasure Hunt to win a small prize.

St. Patrick's Day Craft Table

Fri. 14th 2:30pm

Story-time every Friday at 3:30pm

Lego Free Play: Saturday 10am-1pm

Social Chess: Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm

Puzzle Club Jigsaw morning and a cuppa every Tuesday 10.30am-1.30pm. New member's welcome.

Knitting Club: Meet every Friday morning 10.30am-12.30pm. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

10/10 Book Club for Reluctant Readers:

This book club is aimed at reluctant reader's 5th & 6th class. Currently full - If you would like to put your name on waiting list call 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Portarlington Junior Book Club: Meet the last Wednesday of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. Booking essential. 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Baby Book Club: Meet on Wed. mornings 10.30am. Booking is essential

Sensory Toy Resource Collection – a service for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. 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 one book a month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Join us on the last Wednesday of each month when questions are posed for discussion on our Book Club Facebook page. This month we are reading the The Secret Scripture by Sebastian Barry. It is available to download in audio and eBook format on Borrowbox

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

O'Dempsey's Lotto Results

Numbers drawn: 24th February: 13,15,22,26. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 winners: Brendan Behan, Benny Melia, Kenneth Keogh. Promoter Prize: Marie Fallon. Next Draw: Monday 3rd March with a Jackpot of **€4,800**. Thanks for your support.

PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Tuesday 22nd July – Tuesday 29th July. Booking now. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude – Full Board. €1,195 per person sharing. Single room supplement €294. First come first served basis. Deposit of €200 secures a seat. Further information contact Marie on 087 7589896

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

AGM will take place Wed. 12th March at 8pm in the Catholic Club, Main Street. All welcome.



Pilgrims of Hope in Lent

Come with us on the journey!



Turn back to God and to Jesus Christ, the source of our hope

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LENT / ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of annual retreat & renewal for all of us to embrace the Lenten disciplines of:-

PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

- Abstain from meat or some other food
- Abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Make a special effort to pray together
- Participate in the Mass
- Visit the Blessed Sacrament
- Fast from food for a longer period than usual giving what is saved to the needy
- Help the poor, sick, old or lonely.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN LENT

Follow and like the Kildare & Leighlin Diocese Facebook and X accounts for daily posts on hope in Lent.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING LENT 2025

See Kandle.ie to access this year's resource for reflecting on the Sunday gospels of Lent, featuring reflections from the late Fr. John Cummins as well as prayer resources.

A PRAYER TO BEGIN MY LENTEN JOURNEY

Loving Jesus,
as I receive on my forehead the sign of your saving cross You say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.

Walking into Lent my heart is set on you. May my **fasting** fill me with hunger for you, May my **prayer** draw me deeper into your presence.

May my **acts of charity** bring your love to my home and community.

Lord of life, grant that by turning back to you in these 40 days I will re-awaken the joy of my Easter faith; for you raise me up from fear and despair and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always.

With you, I will rise again. **AMEN**

ART & CRAFT DISPLAY

You are invited to an Art & Craft display in the Old School, Vicarstown on Fri. 7th March. Inspired by local makers – Celebrating culture. Time: 7pm – 9pm. FREE event.

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

Join us for an evening celebrating our Irish language in the old school Vicarstown on Thurs. 13th March from 7 to 9 pm. FREE event, open to all. Ceol, caint agus tae.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB ANNUAL

TRACTOR RUN

Sunday 2 March, 2025 (TODAY)

Supporting Our Community

€20 registration from 10.30am at Portarlington Railway Station for departure at 12 noon. Complimentary Refreshments and Auction immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar.

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

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EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1968 – 24th Feb. 2025

Numbers 1, 9, 10, 15 – Jackpot winner Noel

Costello €3,000. €25 each to:- Denise

Lawlor C/o Deirdre; John Strong C/o

S. Strong; Angela Casey C/o B. Gorman;

The Foy Boys C/o Rose Foy; Mairead &

Robert C/o Maeve

Next draw takes place 3rd March. .

Jackpot €2,000

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Week No. 9 – 24/2/2025

Numbers 6, 25, 15, 26 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Mary Roycroft; Brian Guinan; Gabby

Slattery; Mike Keegan; Catherine Costello.

Promoter prize: Colette O'Reilly

Next week's Jackpot €3,200

MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals (Registered Charity 20061920 CHY16897) feeds more than 2.4 million children in 18 countries. The average cost to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a whole school year is just €22. Church Gate Collection takes place this weekend.

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, treasure 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 54th AGM of Portarlington Social Services takes place at the Social Services Centre, Link road on Tuesday March 18th at 7.30pm.

THE RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX & HER PARENTS ST. LOUIS & ST. ZELIE MARTIN

St. Brigid's Parish Church, Suncroft, The Curragh, Kildare on Sat. 8th March at 6pm with Veneration afterwards & Sun. 9th March at 10.30am Mass with Veneration afterwards.