



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

SUN. 9th MARCH, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

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; John Knight Snr., St. Mary's Terrace

Sun. 9th March 12.15pm

Mary McConn, St. Brigid's Sq. (2nd Anniv.)
Mark Lyons, Arlington Estate
Bill Storey, Garryhinch (11th Anniv.)
Mary Walsh, Bracklone St; Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale (24th Anniv.); Michael O'Neill & Barry O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square

Sat. 15th March 6.15pm

Connie Gill, Ullard (M.M.)
Paddy Geoghegan, Clonsast (M.M.)
Pat (1st Anniv.) & Declan Sweeney, Arlington Est.; John & Anne Kelly, St. Michael's Park
Donie & Maureen McDermott, Garryhinch
Patricia Bourke, Ballycullane; Jacko Roycroft & dec. members of the Roycroft Family, Bracklone St; Annie (Nancy) Delaney (20th Anniv.), Bracklone St; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood; Maura & Patrick Williams; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Kathleen & Peter Doyle

Sun. 16th March 12.15pm

Timothy & Annamaria Garry & dec. members of the Garry Family, Cloneyquinn; Patricia Kenny (B/Day Remembrance);

WEEKDAY

ANNIVERSARIES - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 10th March 10am

John & Bridie Gordon, Monasterevin
Jack Finlay (33rd Anniv.) & his wife Eileen Finlay (7th Anniv.), Patrick St. & their son, Brendan Finlay, Tenerife (4th Anniv.)

Tues. 11th March 10am

Michael (Mick) Knight, Annamoe; William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce.; Bridget Leavy (40th Anniv.) John Leavy (30th Anniv.), St. Michaels Pk

Wed. 12th March 10am

Lynda Hoey, Clanmalire Crescent; Bridget Hoey, St. Mary's Tce; Jim & Sarah Westman; Tom McDermott, Newbridge

Thurs. 13th March 10am

Leo Dempsey, Shandra & his sister, Harriett Dempsey-Whelan & their parents, John & Delia Dempsey, Shandra

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 9th March 10.30am

Brian Kelly, Rathmiles (7th Anniv.); Josie & Stephen Kiernan, Rathleash, Marie Ryan Mary Ita Hyland, Lea Road (M.M.)
William Paul Moore, Springfield; Nancy Whelehan, Closeland (10th Anniv.)

Sun. 16th March 10.30am

Bridget & William Coleman, Closeland
Mary Whalley (nee Coleman); John Tynan, Springfield (12th Anniv.); John & Lilly Tynan, Old Pound; Pat Keane, Killenard (13th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 8th March 7.30pm

James (Jimmy) Moore (3rd Anniv.); Lena & James Connolly; Edward Carroll, Killimy; Joe Molloy (40th Anniv.) & his wife, Chrissy Molloy; Mary Flynn, Morette (57th Anniv.)

Sun. 9th March 11am

Christy Booth, Morette

Sat. 15th March 7.30pm

Christina Walsh, Knightstown (8th Anniv.) & Daughter Julian (64th Anniv.); Thomas Carroll, New Inn; John Davis & dec. members of the Davis Family, Old Pound

Sun. 16th March 11am

James O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown

ANNIVERSARIES

RATH

Sun. 9th March 9am

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

Sun. 16th March 9am

Mary Bradshaw, Jamestown

DECEASED

We pray for the following who died recently.

Jimmy Flynn, Fisherstown, Ballybrittas

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Pat Fogarty, Avondale

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Louise Whelan, London, UK (Daughter of Gabriel Whelan & Geraldine Rathigan of Portarlington)

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)

LENTEN STATIONS - THIS WEEKEND!

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held this weekend, taking the form of a second collection after Communion. 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. next, 12th March. 7.30pm
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism
Roman Jay Winning, Clanmalire Crescent
Theo Justin Gorman, The Borness
Ellie Mae Tobin, Monasterevin
Conall Patrick Woods, Ashgrove

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Children from Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.

Confirmation

SERVICE OF LIGHT & RECONCILIATION SCOIL PHADRAIG, CANAL ROAD CLONEYHURKE N.S.

Tuesday next, 11th March in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington at 7pm
PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL
Tuesday next, 11th March in St. Michael's Church at 8pm.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Confirmation Classes of **Scoil Phadraig & Cloneyhurke N.S.** on Thursday next, 13th March at 11am and to the Confirmation Class of the **Presentation Primary School** at 2pm, both ceremonies in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington



This weekend we welcome the children who are to celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the parishes of Portarlington & Emo in May and June of this year.

**PRAYER FOR
GOOD HUMOUR**

"Every morning for over 40 years, after morning prayer, Pope Francis recites the prayer of St. Thomas More, asking for a sense of humour.

It seems the Lord has given it to me!"

Pope Francis

PRAYER

*Grant me, O Lord, good digestion,
and also something to digest.*

*Grant me a healthy body,
and the necessary good humour to maintain it.*

*Grant me a simple soul that knows
to treasure all that is good and that doesn't
frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means*

to put things back in their place.

*Give me a soul that knows not boredom,
grumbings, sighs and laments,
nor excess of stress, because of that*

obstructing thing called "I".

*Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour.
Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke
to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to
share it with others.*

AMEN

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY NOTES

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

Adult Book Club: Meet the last Tuesday of
every month. This month we are reading
Absolutely and Forever by Rose Tremain.

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. This month we are reading the
Secret Scripture by Sebastian Barry. Available
to download in audio and eBook format on
Borrowbox. To book any of the above phone
057 8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

**PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO
LOURDES**

Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Tues. 22nd July –
Tues. 29th 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. PAUL'S LGFA G4MO

St. Paul's LGFA Gaelic for Mothers & Others is
back up and running. 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 30th in Emo GAA at 10.30am
for girls in the Emo & Portarlington Parishes.

New members always welcome. This taster
session will be run by our current Intermediate
Star Players & will be lots of fun! 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 19th 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 - [stpaulsgfa](https://www.instagram.com/stpaulsgfa/);
Facebook - St Paul's LGFA

Trocaire

*The 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.*

This year's Trocaire Lenten campaign focuses
on Guatemala, a country which is one of the
least responsible for causing the climate crisis,
yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences.
We tell this story through, Lima, Julio and their
family. Find out more at Trocaire.org

Please support Trocaire by taking home a
Trocaire box (available at the Church porch) or
check out www.trocaire.org.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE FOR LENT

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

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SHARING LENT

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.
If there isn't a group in your parish, why not
be the person to start one!

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

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

MARY'S MEALS - THANK YOU!

Mary's Meals (Registered Charity 20061920
CHY16897) feeds more than 2.4 million
children in 18 countries. Sincere thanks to all
who contributed to the recent Church Gate
Collection. Amount collected for Mary's Meals
was €1,613 which will feed
73 children for one year.

SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

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

**ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE
R32 CY89**

Social Dance: Sat. 22nd March.

Dancing to Unity. Doors open 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.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LUXEMBOURG
HONOURING CARLOW TRAINED ST.
WILLIBRORD**

Join Fr Thomas O'Byrne and our ecumenical
friends from the Diocese of Leighlin as the
Diocese and the Cathedral Parish travel to
Luxembourg to partake in the Annual Hopping
Procession in honour of Carlow trained St.
Willibrord, Patron Saint of the Netherlands and
the First Apostle of the Netherlands, from Sun.
June 8th to Wed. June 11th, 2025. Bookings for
this unique pilgrimage through Tully's Travel,
Tullow Street, Carlow Town, Tel: 059 9136100,
€685.00 per person sharing.

ADULT BALLROOM JIVE DANCE CLASS

Wednesday 7-8pm. Portarlington Community
Centre. Limited places. Phone Lisa on
085 7416886. €40 for 4 week course or
€12 pay as you go.

LOETB PORTARLINGTON

Further Education Centre, Bracklone Street.
Open Morning on Wednesday next, 12th March.
9.30 to 12.30pm. Phone 057 8623161 or log
onto www.portarlingtonfetc.ie

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

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EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1969 – 3rd March 2025
Numbers 6, 7, 13, 22 – No jackpot winner.
€25 each to:- Paula Bourke C/o Deirdre
Lawlor; Paul McMahon C/o Bernie Gorman;
Bernie Fenlon C/o Deirdre Lawlor; Shauna
Strong C/o Shauna; Patti McLoughlin C/o
Maeve. Next draw takes place 10th March. .
Jackpot €2,200

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto results 3rd March – Week No. 10.
No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the
following:- James Grehan; Martin McAteer;
James Grehan; Mary Lalor; Mairead
Sheedy. Promoter prize: Breda Flanagan.
Next week's Jackpot €3,400

O'DEMPSEY'S LOTTO RESULTS

Numbers drawn 3rd March: 8,10,11,17.
No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 winners: Kevin
McCormack, Larry Keogh. Promoter: Willie
Bannon. Next Draw: Monday 10th March with
a Jackpot of €4,900. Thanks for your
support.

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.

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

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin.
Sat. 22nd March 6.30pm Mass with
Veneration afterwards & Sun. 23rd March
9am & 11.30am Mass with Veneration
afterwards.