

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton
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, Portarlinton

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton

Portarlinton & Emo Parish
[@EmoParish](https://twitter.com/EmoParish)

SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2024

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 22nd June 6.15pm

Liam Fingleton, Patrick Street (M.M.)
Peter Wyer, Manchester & formerly Cushina (M.M.); John Kennedy, Church View (2nd Anniv.); Ciaran Orange, Canal Road (3rd Anniv.); Sean McEvoy, St. Patrick's Tce. (4th Anniv.); Kathleen Donagher, Bishopswood Rd. (5th Anniv.); Mary Fallon, St. Joseph's Tce. (9th Anniv.); Lill & Mick Murphy, St. Michael's Park; John Murphy, Cloneygowan; Kathleen & Harry Murphy, St. Michael's Park; Tommie Walsh, Lough Villa, Bracklone St. (24th Anniv.)

Sun. 23rd June 12.15pm

Gerard (Gerry) Conway, Avondale (1st Anniv.)
Ena Moran (16th Anniv.), Droughill & dec. members of the Nelligan Family, Monasterevin;
John & Ray Whelan, Patrick St.; James Dunne, Garryhinch

Sat. 29th June 6.15pm

James O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.)
George Moore, Garryhinch; Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Square

Sun. 30th June 12.15pm

Frances Costello, St. Michael's Park (3rd Anniv.)
Hughie Keogh (14th Anniv.) & his wife Dolores Keogh, St. Michael's Park; Their daughter, Siobhan Keogh; George Moore, Garryhinch; Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Square

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 23rd June 10.30am

Sean Connell, Avondale
Tom, Sheila & Elizabeth Kavanagh, Lough
Mary Kiernan, Crowe Lane

Sun. 30th June 10.30am

Paddy Molloy, Tierhogar
Dora Hickey, Corrig

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died during the week:



Thelma Hart (nee Grehan), Ballinakill, Geashill & formerly Shandra, Portarlinton

Paddy Keenan (Birdie), Mucklagh & formerly Patrick St., Portarlinton

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 22nd June 7.30pm

Liam Murphy, Morette

Sun. 23rd June 11am

Sat. 29th June 7.30pm

Patrick Hughes, The Rock (1st Anniv.)

Sun. 30th June 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 23rd June 9am

Jack O'Connell, Coolroe
Michael Mulhare, Courtwood (2nd Anniv.)
William & Mary Flynn, Fisherstown

Sun. 30th June 9am

Elizabeth Duffy, Ballyadden, Bellgrove (2nd Anniv.); May O'Connell, Rathangan (20th Anniv.) & her husband Jack O'Connell

WEEK DAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON 24th – 28th June

Mon. 24th June ---

Tues 25th June ---

Wed. 26th June Nuala & Michael Gibson, St. Michael's Park

Thurs. 27th June Deceased members of the Hanlon Family, Gracefield

Fri. 28th June William Higgins, Patrick Street

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass concluding with the Rosary at 7pm.

CEMETERY MASSES 2024

Killenard – Fri. 5th July – 7.30pm

Portarlinton – Fri. 12th July – 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 26th Jul – 7.30pm

POPE'S COLLECTION PETERS PENCE

Collection takes place next weekend, 29th / 30th June at all Masses. Special envelope available in your box of envelopes or any envelope may be used.



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism



PORTARLINGTON & EMO PARISH

Calum Kaya McLoughlin, Crann Nua
Fiadh Pauline Holden, Whitefields
Amelia Beth McDowell, Morette, Emo



Monday 24th June is the Feast Day of John the Baptist, who is a major figure in the history of salvation. We rejoice at the coming of St. John the Baptist, a man of self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and an uncompromising prophetic voice. John means 'The Lord has shown favour'. This feast relates to the summer solstice, when the days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's words, 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'

REFLECTION "First they came"



First they came for the unborn child, and I did not speak out, because I was not an unborn child.
Then they came for the elderly and hopelessly ill, and I did not speak out because I was young and healthy.
Then they came for the refugee & the homeless, and I did not speak out because I had a country and a home.
Then they came for God
And I did not speak out because I had forgotten Him.
Then they came for me and there was no one left to speak out for me!

By Pastor Martin Niemoller (1892 – 1984)

LOURDES MEETING

A Lourdes Committee Meeting will take place Mon. next, 24th June at 7.30pm Our Lady's Chapel, St. Michael's Church.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

Well done to Portarlinton Concert Band, on their concert last Sunday in St. Michael's Church. Well done to the tutors, volunteers and parents involved. The finale "John Williams Star Wars", with 50 musicians, was, indeed, memorable.

AFTERNOON SOCIAL DANCE

Portarlinton Community Centre

Sunday 30th June from 3-6pm. Dancing with Louie & Ruth (UNITY). Refreshments served. Admission €10. All are very welcome. Tickets available in Care Shop on Main Street (beside Burbages). Proceeds in aid of the Senior Citizens Christmas Party.

CLIMBING CROAGH PATRICK



Once again, Pat Burbage will climb Croagh Patrick on Mon. 8th July with a group. If you would like to climb, then call into Pat at his shop on Main Street or contact him on 087 7716244. Proceeds will go to Portarlinton Meals on Wheels. If you can take a sponsor card, they will be available during the week.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

Social Dance will take place on **Sat. 22nd June**. Dancing with Christy and Plan-B. Doors open 9pm. Admission €10. Refreshments served.

Keep Fit on Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. Friday nights sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership.
Dancing Lessons – Continues every Thursday night with Noeleen from 7.30pm to 9pm with all kinds of dancing.

C.E. VACANCIES



Environmental Worker

Ref. 2337691 – Amenity Areas Cleaner

Ref. 2337696 – Community Centre Payroll & Accounts Administrator

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ALL IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN FOR JUNE

Our Bees and other pollinating insects are in trouble. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. Download the set of pollinator friendly garden guidelines www.pollinators.ie

LIFT TO MASS NEEDED!



Would anyone living on the Whitefields Estate, and who attends the 12.15pm Mass in St. Michael's Church regularly, be willing to give an elderly gentleman a lift to Mass for the Sunday's of July only please? If you are available, please phone 086 8869125 for more details.

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE, KILLENARD



Job vacancy for Domestic Assistants. We are currently looking for dynamic & experienced people to join our Team at this busy Centre. For detailed job description, please email operationsmanager@mountstannes.com or you can phone 057 8626153 for further details. For information about Mount St. Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre, visit our website www.mountstannes.com. Mount St. Anne's is an equal opportunities employer.

RALLY FOR LIFE 2024

Ireland's largest annual pro-life march takes place Saturday, 6th July 2024 at 1.30pm Parnell Square, Dublin. Contact 01-8730465 to book a seat on a rally bus from your area. See www.rallyforlife.net and www.thelifeinstitute.net/rally2024 for more information.

FISHERSTOWN TRACTOR RUN



Fisherstown Tractor & Truck Run takes place on **SUNDAY 7th JULY 2024 AT 11AM** at the Final Furlong, Ballybrittas. Proceeds in aid of Breast Cancer in conjunction with The Cuisle Centre. All lorries, tractors & vintage cars welcome. Food & music all day. Music on the night by Garth Brooks Tribute Band.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Cruinniú na nóg

Booking essential call 057 8643751 or email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Toddler Story-time with Sarah Sparkles

Join us for a fun filled story-time suitable for children aged 0-4 years Booking essential. Book online here <https://bit.ly/459zGJU>

OUTDOOR SURVIVAL SKILLS CAMP



Location: Derrynounce, Portarlinton
Day 1 (Ages 10-14yrs) Participants will experience Team Building Games. Wild lessons (fire building and outdoor cooking) Shelter Building and Nature Trail and Foraging.

Day 2 (Ages 15yrs-19yrs) Participants will experience Team Building Games. Wilderness Survival Challenge (Fire, Shelter and First Aid) Wilderness First Aid, Nature Wellness and Meditation, Water Crossing.

Tuesday 13th August (Ages 10yrs-14yrs)
Wednesday 14th August (Ages 15yrs-19yrs)
Time Meet at 9:45am / Start at 10am to 2pm. Cost €20 per child. Registration via Laois Sport Partnership Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/.../laois-sports-partnership> or contact Liam on 086 0111722.



SEEKING, SERVING & SHARING CHRIST IN A SYNODAL CHURCH

The Priory Institute two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from 19th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and three on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and to register check out prioryinstitute.com

**FAITH DOES NOT MAKE THINGS EASY,
IT MAKES THEM POSSIBLE – Luke 1:37**

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Mon. 17th June – Week No. 1238
Numbers 15, 17, 20, 22 – No jackpot winner €25 to each of the following:-
Kay Whelan C/o Bernie Gorman; Antoinette Lawlor C/o Deirdre; Mena O'Connell C/o Mena; Chris Gleeson C/o Bernie Gorman; Cora Carroll C/o B. Wheeler. Next draw takes place on 24th June with a Lotto Jackpot of €2,400.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

17th June – Week No. 25
Numbers 5, 13, 4, 8 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Grainne Smyth; Aisling Curley; Aidan Colgan; Colin Hanlon; Bertie Evans. Promoter prize: Jamie Hanlon. Next week's Jackpot €15,000

SUMMER CAMP

Scoil Phadraig – 30th July – 2nd August & 6th – 9th August. Activities include: Sport, Baking, Arts & Crafts, Yoga & Music. Times 9.30am – 2pm. €70 (sibling discounts available).

Further info: sumercampport@gmail.com. Please note this is a private run camp0; ran by teachers in the school, but is not affiliated with Scoil Phadraig.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS

O'Dempsey's Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 17th June 2024: 05, 19, 20, 24. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 - Mary O'Connell (Bernie Whelehan), John Corcoran (Marie Fallon). Promoter: Phil Donohoe. Next Draw: Monday 24th June with a Jackpot of €8,400. Thanks for your support.

LEARN TO DANCE

Improve your fitness levels.

Waltzing & Line Dancing

Portarlinton Community Centre every Tuesday from 1pm to 2pm. Meet new friends, attend social events, improve your fitness, health and wellbeing. Further details contact Dolores on 086 4518840 or just turn up on the day. €10 per class.

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Social Tennis takes place every Thursday from 7.30pm. Come along and play with fellow members. Intermediate & advanced players. Bring €2 cash or you can Revolut to @sean_martin_fitness.

BIG SPONSORED CYCLE

In aid of Portarlinton Concert Band. Darren & Hughie Crombie will cycle from Portarlinton to Doolin, Co. Clare (225 km) on Friday 28th June, 2024. We wish them well on their travels. All monies raised goes to Portarlinton Concert Band.

SWIMMING LESSONS

All ages. Parent and baby / child lessons / life-lessons / adult lessons
Don't miss your chance to book now. Phone 057 8645800 – Portarlinton Leisure Centre.

MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Suaimhneas Emo

Tuesday 25th June / Tuesday 9th July from 3-4pm. Thursday 4th, 9th, 11th, 18th & 25th July 3-4pm. Facilitated by the Suaimhneas team, these afternoons will provide you with an opportunity to experience a variety of meditation practices which will help you to recharge, repair & refocus in the calm and tranquil atmosphere of Suaimhneas. You can reach us at 087-8070140 from 9am to 6pm or via email info@suimhneas.ie