

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

DIOCESE www.kandle.ie

SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info: 1890 474 474

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney
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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

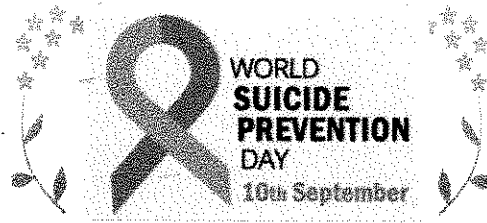
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2023

Twenty Third Sunday in O.T. Year A

World Prevention Suicide Day

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 9th September – 6.15pm

Ann Murphy, Gracefield (M.M.)
Elizabeth (Betty) Clancy, Assumpta Tce. (M.M.)
Annie Keogh, Assumpta Tce. (2nd Anniv.)
Peter Murphy (4th Anniv.) & John Murphy (4th Anniv.)
Gracefield; Eithne Hynan, Shandra (4th Anniv.)
Fintan Maher, Templeogue & Gracefield;
Joan & Ronnie Halsall, Gracefield;
Mary Curtayne, St. Mary's Tce; Paddy Hurley,
Cloneyquinn; Robert McLaughlin; Leonard McEvoy,
Gracefield; Sarah & William McEvoy,
Gracefield & sons. Billy & Peter McEvoy;
Leonard Wright, Droughill; Bridget Connolly, St. Michael's Pk. & dec. members of the Connolly Family, Maam Cross;

Sunday 10th September – 12.15pm

Noel Hennessy, Bishopswood; Patrick & Dora McNamara, Bishopswood Rd; Hannah O'Reilly, Dublin (16th Anniv.); Liam Muldowney & Gerard Muldowney, Bog Rd. & Westport; Terry Higgins Snr. & William Higgins, The Deanery, Main Street; Eileen Fingleton, Thomas Fingleton & Margaret Fingleton, Shandra

10AM MASS - ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 11th Sept: Nora Kelly, Sarah & William Kelly, St. Patrick's Terrace
Tues. 12th Sept: Michael & Annie Delaney; Mark & Margaret Ging
Thurs. 14th Sept: Eileen & John Gannon, Droughill & deceased members of the Shortall Family, Droughill

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 10th September - 10.30am

Christina Keogh, Rathleash
Leo & Marie Levin; Charlie Geoghegan, Cushina; Sean Kavanagh, Kathleen Kavanagh, Joe Kavanagh, Lough; Mollie Kavanagh, Lough

BALLYADDEN CEMETERY

MASS

Ballyadden Cemetery Mass will be held on Wednesday next, 13th September at 7pm.
Please note the time!



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's Church, on Tues. 10.30am-7pm.

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 9th September – 7.30pm

Sheila Grehan (nee McGuirke), Four Roads, Mountmellick (M.M.)

Tom O'Rourke, Kennell Cross

Sunday 10th September – 11am

Gavin Keegan, Botley Court (10th Anniv.)
George Horne, Carn & deceased members of the Horne Family

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 10th September - 9am

Nan Kinsella, Fisherstown & deceased members of the Kinsella, Dunne & Walsh Families;

Mick Flynn, Fisherstown
Patrick Duffy & Peter Duffy, Ballyadden

DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-

Sr. Elizabeth Garry, Presentation Sister, Kilcock & formerly Cloneyquin

Mary Knight formerly Garde (nee Comerford), St. Joseph's Terrace

John Keogh, New York & formerly Patrick Street, Portarlington

Michael Kirkpatrick, Corrig Lodge

Sr. Agnes Kelly, Presentation Sister, Portarlington, formerly Co. Clare

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

Portarlington & Emo

Parishes

Ruairi Francis Behan,

Ashgrove House, Ballybrittas

Sophia Patrizia Isla Pitman,

Fairways 1, Killenard

Beau Alexander Whelan,

Avondale

Graham Nathan Hoey,

St. Joseph's Terrace

AUTUMN PRIESTS COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent Autumn collection for the Priests of the Parish. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated.



WORLD PREVENTION SUICIDE DAY

Today is World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD). The theme for 2023 is *Creating Hope through Action*. In Ireland, this is an important theme that is reflected in our national strategy to reduce suicide, connecting for Life. It is a time when we can spread a message of hope to others. Even though suicide is a very complex issue, we can always look out for others who might be experiencing suicidal thoughts, and provide support.

Download a WSPD 2023 partner pack – containing information on messages, links, social media images and content – from the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention



Lord God, be with all those who have struggled with suicidal thinking, who have lost a loved one to suicide, and those who need support. Be with them. Help them to know that they are not alone, that they are loved, and that they have places to turn when they're in need. Lord in your mercy... Hear our prayer.

YOUTH CHOIR - SINGERS & MUSICIANS

Welcoming new members, both primary and secondary school children (singers and musicians). Rehearsals have commenced and are held on Fridays in St. John's Church, Killenard from 3pm- 4pm. For further info. contact Ursula portarlingtonyouthchoir@gmail.com or phone Eimear on 085 7775607

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Tues. 12th Sept.

Most Holy Name of Mary / St. Ailbe
Wed. 13th Sept. St. John Chrysostom

Thus. 14th Sept.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Fri. 15th Sept.

Our Lady of Sorrows

Sat. 16th Sept. St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE - Eircode R32 CY89

Keep Fit Classes resume on Wed. 13th

September at 7pm under the guidance of Eimear Mathews. €5 per class.

Dancing Lessons also return on Monday 18th September with Dolores Casey

7.45-9.15pm. €8 per class.

Social Dance on Saturday 16th September.

Dancing to PHILIP ENGLISH. Doors open at 9pm. Admission €10 (refreshments served).

All welcome.



SAMARITANS

Laois & Kildare

RECRUITMENT WEEK

11th – 15th SEPTEMBER

We need listening volunteers – Will you join us?
Information / recruitment meetings as follows:

Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Sept. 12th 7.30pm

Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, Sept. 13th 7.30pm

Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise, Sept. 13th 7.30pm

Lawlor's Hotel, Naas, Sept. 14th 7.30pm

Monasterevin Parish Hall, Sept. 14th 7.30pm

PORTARLINGTON COMHALTAS

Formal group classes for beginners, immediate, senior level and adults have begun recently. Instruments include Tin Whistle, Fiddle, Button accordion, Concertina, Flute, Banjo, Keyboard and Guitar. For more information contact Davin 086 2260782 / Edel 083 0805012
Email: portarlingtoncce@gmail.com

TREASURE IRELAND

A new video series launched recently by the Irish Dominicans will take the friars to every county in Ireland, filming ten videos in each county, highlighting the many and varied stories that make up the history of Irish Christianity.

The videos can be viewed on:-

<https://www.kandle.ie/treasure-ireland/>

<https://www.youtube.com/irishdominicans>

PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD

CHARITY BALL

Saturday 14th October, 2023 in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Proceeds are in aid of the very worthy cause "The Midland Hospice Build". Special guest: Claire Byrne. To book your ticket or table for family or friends contact Marie 087-7589896 / Colette 086-2654277 / Maria 086-3058181 / Phyllis 086 8109391.

CARER / CLEANER AVAILABLE

Mature woman / Ex-healthcare worker, with over 20 years experience, looking for carer / cleaning work at weekends / evenings. Would also consider after-school minding. Contact Marjoire on 086 1719070.

BRIDGE CLUB - GARRYHINCH

Bridge resumes on Monday 18th September commencing 7.45pm in Garryhinch Golf Club. New members very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Parent & baby swim classes commence Thurs. 14th Sept. from 9.10 – 9.40. €55 for a five week course. Book on 057 8645800.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS (Missions)

If you have any used postage stamps, they can be left into the following:-
Angela in Portarlington Pharmacy
Delaney's of 45, Bracklone Street

PORTARLINGTON G.A.A. FAMILY FUN DAY

Today, Sun. 10th Sept. in McCann Park, Portarlington from 2-5pm. Lots of activities. Free to all. Come along for a great afternoon.

WHAT IS IRELAND'S FAVOURITE

"Saint"

The National Ploughing Championships will be held from Tues. 19th Sept. – Thurs. 21st Sept. Bishop Denis has launched the search for "Ireland's favourite Saint". Visitors at the Ploughing Championships are being asked to choose their favourite Saint & the result will be revealed at the K & L Diocesan Stand 326 at the Ploughing Championship.

ADULT DANCE CLASSES

Every Tuesday 7-8pm. Beginners & improvers. No partner required. Places must be booked in advance. Phone Lisa on 085 7416886. €60 for course for a 6 week course or pay as you go.

KESTRELS WOMEN'S SOCIAL BASKETBALL

We are setting up a new women's social basketball team which will be held on Friday's in Coláiste Íosagáin from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. €5 per session. Whether you've previously played or just want to give it a go, bring your runners and be ready for a laugh. All welcome.

RECYCLE YOUR USED STAMPS

If you have any used stamps, please drop them into "The Nook", Patrick Street. These stamps will be sent to the I.S.P.C.C. (Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children), where they will help their fundraising activities.

PORTARLINGTON ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Club resumes on Thurs. 7th Sept. in the Community Centre from 1.45 - 3.45pm. Open to men & women, hosting many activities including bowls, sit-fit, line dancing, quiz, bingo, art and crafts, outings, demonstrations and much more. Phone 087 4460151. New members welcome.

Niamh Kavanagh &

Monasterevin Gospel Choir in Concert

Friday 13th Oct. 2023 commencing 8pm.
Venue: St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Tickets €30 each. Booking at: Monasterevin Parish Office 045 525346 / Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395. Proceeds in aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Tidy Towns.

Concert will NOT be live-streamed on the night.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Get the best out of your camera phone
Tips / Tricks for better smart phone photos. Wed. 13th Sept. 6.30-7.30pm in Portarlington Library. Professional photographer Veronica Nicholson from Rhode will give a free talk on getting to know your smart phone. Bring your smart phone with you for the talk. To book call 057 8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
Rainbow Reflexology for Babies
Join Joanne Loftus from Rainbow Reflexology & learn how to sooth your baby using reflexology. This workshop is suitable for babies from birth to pre crawling. Event FREE but please book:- Ph; 057 8643751 portarlington@laoiscoco.ie
Adult Book Club
Meet last Tuesday every month at 11am.
Knitting Group
Meets every Friday from 10:30am to 12:30pm. New members always welcome.

BINGO

Senior citizens bingo recommences in the Social Services Centre, Link Rd., at 8pm Wed. 13th Sept. All welcome to come along!

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT



Emo Active Retirement will hold their next meeting on Tues. 12th September at 8pm in the Old School, Emo. New members very welcome.

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 / Rath Parish

LOTTO

Numbers 4, 15, 22, 23 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:
Ellie Dunne C/o Anne; Derek Keogh C/o Anne; Kathleen Wilson C/o Mena; Rachel Carroll C/o Bernie; Pauric Booth C/o B. Gorman. Next draw takes place on 11th Sept. with a jackpot of €3,200.

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Lotto.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

4TH SEPTEMBER

Numbers 22, 4, 8, 30 – No Jackpot winner €50 to each of the following:-
Mary & Marian; Judy Murphy; Ray Murphy; Jim Evans; Siobhan Egan
Promoters prize: Marian Bryan
Next week's jackpot €7,000

PORTARLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge resumes on Wednesday 20th Sept. commencing 7.45pm in Garryhinch Golf Club. New members welcome.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Volunteers needed to help with deliveries at Portarlington Meals on Wheels. You may only be delivering one day every 4 to 5 weeks. We deliver 3 days a week – Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and at present need 18 delivery people per week / 6 per day (as we have six different areas including the town and surrounds). If you could spare some time to commit to helping out, please phone Ann Burke-Dunne on 087 4116101.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands, (Supporting bereaved parents), is holding its monthly Parent evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 13th Sept. at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. Free event open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died. Online services also on offer. Further info. phone 01-4045378.

ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE

If you or any adult family member would like support with reading and writing, contact your local ETB. This is a FREE & CONFIDENTIAL service
Laois Adult Learning Service 057 8661338
Offaly Adult Learning Service 057 9349444