

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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 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 11th February 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 10th February - 6.15pm Mass
 Marie Confrey, St. Michael's Park (M.M.)
 Lorcan Fullam, Portlaoise Road; Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Road; Ollie Whelan, Marian Hill; Joseph Kelly, Marian Hill; Lorraine Dodson, Crann Nua & Dublin; Alice, Jack & Stephen Byrne, Cloneyhurke & deceased members of the Byrne Family, Edward Gaffney, Main Street; James Walsh, Bracklone Street

Sun. 11th February - 12.15pm Mass
 Martin Harte, Marian Hill (M.M.); Elizabeth McCormack, Coolraven, Cloneygowan (7th Anniv.); Veronica (Ronnie) Moran, Droughill & Kilrush (16th Anniv.); Dec. members of the Moran Family, Droughill; Maura Hynes, Cushina (2nd Anniv.); Jack Keller, Lea Road (3rd Anniv.); Charlie Mooney, Botley Court (5th Anniv.); Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh; Ester Jane Moran, Cloneyhurke; Jim Keogh, Assumpta Tce; Charlie Keogh, Patrick's Terrace.

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 11th Feb. 10.30am
 James & Mary-Elizabeth Barnes;
 Sheila Fitzpatrick (nee Barnes);
 Tom Barnes; Mary O'Leary (nee Barnes); Eileen O'Leary (nee Barnes), Tierhogar

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 12th Feb. Pat O'Brien, Dublin
Tues. 13th Feb. Special Intention
Wed. 14th Feb. 10am
Wed. 14th Feb. 7.30pm Bernard & Bridget Downey, Droughill
Thurs. 15th Feb. Maura Lawlor, Foxcroft Street
Fri. 16th Feb. May Higgins, Patrick Street

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 10th Feb. 7.30pm
 J.J. Treacy, Morette (M.M.)
 Mary, Betty & Kitty Lynch, Killeen

Sun. 11th Feb. 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 11th Feb. 9am
 Ena O'Connell-Deegan, Fisherstown (M.M.)

✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-
Pat McEvoy, Garryhinch Cross
Josephine (Josie) Fleming (née Ryan), Cloneyhurke

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2024

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

Consider taking the Pioneer Short-Term Pledge for Lent? For the duration of Lent, many people choose to abstain from alcohol. If you would like to make this pledge for six weeks, you can join online at www.pioneerassociation.ie

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

ASH WEDNESDAY 2024

Lent begins on Wed. next, 14th Feb. (Ash Wednesday) & is a day of fast & abstinence. Masses & the blessing of Ashes on Ash Wednesday as follows:

✠ **Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm** ✠
Killenard 10.30am
Emo 7.30pm + Rath 9.30am

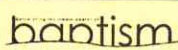
A PRAYER TO BEGIN MY LENTEN JOURNEY

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**



We welcome into the Christian Community:-

Páidí Liam Buckley-O'Connor, Geashill

Trocaire

"Let justice flow like a River, righteousness like a never-failing stream." (Amos 5:24)

This year's Trocaire Campaign focus on the Country of Malawi, Africa. Malita and her family live there where they must make a one hour trip, five times a day, to collect water. Malita and her family feature on this year's Trocaire Box. Boxes are available in the Church Porches. Please give what you can: Trocaire boxes available at the Church porch. Online www.trocaire.org Freephone on 1800 408 408.

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held weekend of 17th / 18th February, taking the form of a second collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got envelope boxes & wish to contribute.

Three Pillars of Lent



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.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

If you would like to become part of our team of Eucharistic Ministers in Portarlington, Killenard, Emo or Rath, please leave your name & contact details with Rosemary or Eileen in the Parish office. A training course will take place on February 24th in Emo National School - 10am to 4pm. To help with costs participants are invited to bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. We are very happy to welcome existing ministers who would like a refresher day.



PCDA AGM

Portarlington Community Development Association AGM will take place on Wednesday 21st February at 8pm in Portarlington Enterprise Centre, Canal Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend and potentially get involved the PCDA.

CLONEYHURKE / GARRYHINCH ACTIVE RETIREMENT CLUB

The Club resumes meeting on Tuesday 20th February from 3-5pm. All very welcome.

EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage will take place from August 25th until August 29th, 2024. Further details will be available next week. If you are interested in travelling on this Pilgrimage and want further details, please contact Tony on 086 1225833 or Deirdre on 087 2299457.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 17th February – Dancing to Glen Flynn. Doors open from 9pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served.
 Dancing lessons held on Monday nights with Dolores from 7.45 – 9.15pm.
 Keep-Fit on Wed. & Fri. nights with Eimear from 7-8pm (Friday nights sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership).

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

Direct flights to Mostar – Medjugorje. 12th – 19th June 2024. Cost €765. Price increases to €815 after 2nd February 2024. Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland CC Contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

ALONE

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested please sign up here <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more info contact Fiona on Fiona.boyle@alone.ie or 086 1366539.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. You can drop them to Delaney's, Bracklone Street.

ST. MICHAEL'S ATHLETIC CLUB

Why not join our club? Venue: St. Patrick's Boys N.S., Canal Road. Improve your running, get healthier, receive coaching advice, socialize and meet like-minded people. Training times:
 U.6 – 8s – Mon. 6pm – 6.40pm
 U. 9-13s – Mon. & Thurs. 6pm – 6.50pm
 U. 13s up Mon. & Thurs. 6pm – 6.50pm
 Seniors Tues. & Thurs. 7pm – 8pm.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES



FUNDRAISING DRAW RESULTS

Draw took place on Tues last in McCann Park. Winners: 1st Prize – Trip to Lourdes – Margaret Loughlin, 29 Castle Gate
 Five prizes of €50 each to:-
 Tom Dunne, Garryhinch; Anne Gorman, Cloneygowan; Ann Fitzgerald, Droughill; Ann Murphy, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas; Dublin Johnny C/o The Anvil

2024 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Takes place from 30th July – 6th August 2024. Seven (7) night's full board. Cost €1,060 per person sharing. €280 extra for single room. A meeting will take place on Sat. Further details & booking phone: Marie on 087-7589896 or Vera 087-9311813.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER (2023)

Some copies of the 2023 Emigrant Newsletter are still available in the Parish Office (€5 each) & some of the local shops. A sincere thank you to all who contributed articles and to the shops for selling the books. Articles are now being collected for the 2024 issue. If you have a story or an item of local interest, now is the time to write it down and send it to the Parish Office. portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. LOTTO RESULTS

O'Dempsey's App

We have just launched an O'Dempsey's App – a one-stop shop for club news and events. Search your app store for O'Dempsey's GFC app. Open the app, set up your account and spread the word to your family and friends.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



Baby Book Club:

Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. Places are limited so booking essential. Call 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoc.ie

Knitting Club:

Meets Friday mornings from 10:30 -12:30. New members always welcome.

PORTARLINGTON CE PROJECT CLG

Vacancy: Environmental Worker

Ref. 2315970. Location: Portarlington Peoples' Park/Amenity Areas. For more details contact CE Supervisor 057 8643458 or your Local DSP Intreo Office. CE Eligibility Criteria applies. More information can be found on: Jobsireland.ie / Use the vacancy details above.

GRACEFIELD G.A.A.

Hosting Pieta House Darkness into Light Walk 2024. As this is a big event, we are reaching out to ask if you are interested in helping out in any way on the morning of the event. We will need Stewards at the venue & along the route & also we will need First Aider's. The Darkness into Light walk will take place on Saturday 11th May, 2024. If you can help, phone Jenny on 087 9656983.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Are holding their monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 14th February at 715pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents whether the death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more information see anamcara.ie or call our information line on 01 4045378.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2023, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.

Lotto.®

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto draw will take place on Monday next, 12th February. Jackpot €6,800

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

6th February – Week No. 6. Numbers: 4, 22, 8, 9 – No Jackpot winner. €50 each to:- Tracey Hanlon / Mark Weldon / Deirdre Doyle / Eugene Geoghegan / Christine Conroy. Promoter prize: Sharon Slattery. Next week's Jackpot €11,200

SWIMMING COURSES

LAOIS LEISURE CENTRE

Portarlington / Portlaoise

Swim Academy: Providing essential water skills
 Rookie Lifeguard: (Children between 8 – 12 years) Lifesaving, CPR & First Aid.
 Adult Swimming Lessons: Beginner, Intermediate & Advanced

Parent & Baby Swimming Class: Gradual exposure to water with support from parents.

NPLQ National Lifeguard Qualification: (12-16 years, following for Rookie Lifeguard). NPLQ recognised around the world so potential to work and travel.

Laoisleisurecentre.ie

Laois Leisure-Portarlington, Link Road, Portarlington, Co. Laois. R32AE68. 057-8645800

Laois Leisure-Portlaoise, Park View, Portlaoise, Co. Laois. R32YP11. 057-8681200

ESCORTED TOUR WESPORT, KNOCK & COUNTY MAYO

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co. Mayo, 03rd March 2024. €799.00 pps. Price includes 5 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Full Board. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylesmore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 094 9006426 or 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.