



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

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

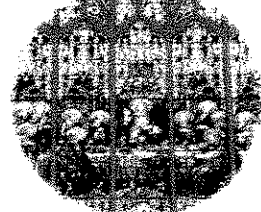
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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 12th February, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 11th February - 6.15pm

Lorraine Dodson, Dublin & Crann Nua (10th Anniv.); Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh; Pat & Chrissie O'Brien, Dublin; Oliver Whelan, Marian Hill; Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran, Annamoe; Joseph Kelly, Marian Hill; Edward Gaffney, Main Street (15th); James Walsh, Bracklone St.

Sunday 12th February – 12.15pm

Patrick Bradshaw, Lea (M.M.); Maura Hynes, Cushina (1st Anniv.); Brendan & Eileen Thompson, Portlaoise Road (2nd Anniv.); Veronica (Ronnie) Moran, Droughill & Kilrush & dec. members of the Moran Family, Droughill; Jack Keller, Lea Road (2nd Anniv.); Charlie Mooney, Botley Court (4th Anniv.); Elizabeth McCormack, Coolraven (6th Anniv.); John Corcoran, Ballybrittas & Portarlington; Esther Jane Moran, Cloneyhurke; Mossie Kelly, St. Michael's Park

ANNIVERSARY MASS DURING THE WEEK PORTARLINGTON 10AM

Mon. 13th Feb. ---
Tues. 14th Feb. ---
Wed. 15th Feb. Maura Lawlor, Foxcroft St; Thomas Gorman, Lea Road (3rd Anniv.)
Thurs. 16th Feb. May Higgins, Patrick Street
Fri. 17th Feb. Jimmy Murphy, Congress Terrace (5th Anniv.); Kathleen Earley, St. Patrick's Terrace; Eileen Phelan

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 12th February- 10.30am

Paul Carroll, Clonanny House (M.M.); Brendan McHale, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas (2nd Anniv.); Ben McCormack, Killenard (2nd Anniv.); Ann Mooney, Treason (10th Anniv.); Dick & Lilly Slevin, Mount Henry & Corrig

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 11th February – 7.30pm

Mary, Betty & Kitty Lynch, Killeen; Jimmy & Vincent Conroy, Cappakeel; Deceased members of the Conroy Family, Cappakeel

Sunday 12th February- 11am

Teresa Ryan, Woodbrook (M.M.)
Michael & Brigid Burke, Ballycullane; Jimmy & Vincent Conroy, Cappakeel & deceased members of the Conroy Family, Cappakeel

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 12th February – 9am

Patrick, Brigid & Edward Wilson; Deceased members of the Wilson Family, Coolroe; John Corcoran, Ballybrittas

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week.

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Carmel Sweetner (nee Brennan), St. Michael's Park, who died in the U.K. during the week.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2023

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

Job Vacancy - Operations Manager
Mount St. Anne's is looking for a dynamic and experienced person to join their Team at this busy centre. For a detailed job description, please email ceo@mountstannes.com. Closing date for Applications (CV & letter of application) is Mon. 13th March at 9am. Further information about the Centre from www.mountstannes.com. Mount St. Anne's is an equal opportunities employer.



baptism



We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish

Kayla Essie Walsh, Crann Nua

Emo Parish

Aodhán Tadhg Galvin, Emo Park

YEARLY PARISH ENVELOPES

We invite you to take a box for your weekly contribution to the Parish Development Fund. The envelope boxes are available at the back of the Church in Emo, Rath, Portarlington and Killenard. If you could please write your name and address on the envelope donation in order to register with the parish. Any parishioner giving €250 or in excess to the Parish over the year will entitle the parish to a tax refund. Forms are available from the Parish Office. The contributions given in this way goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches and of parish buildings. We thank you, most sincerely for your continued contributions to the parish. They are greatly appreciated.

COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA & TURKEY



A collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend (18th/19th Feb.). This collection will go to Trocaire, who are working with their partner, Caritas Syria, to support those affected by this devastating earthquake. Please give what you can!

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

If anyone would like to help, a collection has been organised for Sunday morning (today) in Portarlington Peoples Park around 10am & the Gala Shop in Killenard around 11am. Donations of coats / jackets / boots / sweaters / trousers / gloves / socks / sleeping bags / flasks / baby food / nappies / hygiene products. The items will be delivered to the Turkish Embassy, who will send them to the people in Turkey.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

INAUGURAL TRACTOR RUN

Supporting our Community
Sun. 5th March. €20 registration from 10.30am at the Railway Station Car Park – Departing 12 noon. Route: Station Road / Main St. / Mountmellick Road / Right at Golf Links / Left at Garryhinch Cross / Left at Commons / Left at Kennels Cross / Right at Blackhall Bridge. Complimentary refreshments & AUCTION immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar.
Prize for best modern tractor
Prize for best pre-1980's tractor.

Contact Gerry on 086 3584611 or Brendan on 086 4415219. Only qualified drivers to take part.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Do some good with your unwanted Christmas gifts by re-gifting them to Portarlington Lions Club. Your donated, unused and unopened gifts will be used in hampers that the club will raffle over the coming months to raise funds to help others. Collection point for gifts is Whelan's Electrical, Main Street. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Portarlington Lions Club receives no funds from anyone, only what we collect in our town. 100% of the funds raised by the Lions Club goes back into our Community.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP



This year's pilgrimage will take place from 2nd – 9th August 2023. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude. Details of cost etc. available at a later stage. Names of those interested in travelling with this year's pilgrimage can be given to Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on Main Street or phone Marie on 087 7758986 or Vera on 0867 2221799.

EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

19th August 2023 for 5 nights.
Further details later.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Pilgrimage Package July 5th to 12th
Costs €725 PPS. Flight Dublin to Split €50 Discount if Deposit paid by 31/01/2023
Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland.
Contact: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

CPR TRAINING

Free CPR training available from Tues. 7th March from 7pm for one hour. Learn the basics of CPR by First Responders & the correct procedure to follow in an emergency. This FREE training event is open to all members of the public. People of any age welcome to attend. Sign up in store at McGreal's Pharmacy, Kilmacourt, Portarlington.

LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION

Are you, or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a **Free ONLINE**, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke & others to name but a few. This programme supports people to develop the skills & confidence to live with their health condition. Spaces are available on the MARCH 2023 Programmes. To book, please contact Aine 041-6850676/ 087-1140371 or Joanne 041-6860710 087-4308735 www.hse.ie/livingwell

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Travelling from 7th – 15th Sept. 2023 from Portlaoise Parish. Led by Msr. John Byrne. Cost per person €2,190 (single supplement €769). Full religious programme. Further details from Tully's Travel, Carlow – 059-9136100.

GAEILGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish gathering each Wednesday in February – 15th and 22nd from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown. €2 contribution. Fáilte le cach. Enjoy a cupán tae agus chat.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

The next draw will take place on Mon. 13th Febuary with a Jackpot of €8,400. Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office, Portarlington at €2 each.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Art Classes with Billy Dollard & the LOETB: This beginners art class starts Tues. 21st Feb. commencing 10am running for 6 weeks. This is a free course, but places are limited, so booking is essential. Phone or email for further info: 057 8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
Ireland Reads is Back:

We encourage everyone to join in with "Ireland Reads Day". Check out the following: <https://www.irelandreads.ie/> where you can pledge how long you plan to read for on Ireland Reads Day, Feb 25th. Lets' get Ireland reading!
Sensory Toy Resources: Portarlington Library now has Sensory Toys for lending. Call 057 8643751 for further info. or call in for a chat.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB Lotto 7th Feb. 2023

Numbers 19, 3, 23, 15 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Ronan Walsh; Madeline Brady; Malcolm Neaon; Stephen Slattery; Patsy Weldon. Promoters prize: Helen Hanlon. Next Jackpot €5,400

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

The Buckley's in Concert:

Sunday 12th February (today) from 3.30pm. Tickets €12. Folk, traditional and ballads plus supporting acts. All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Aqua Social Club

Twelve week programme of aqua aerobics for adults of all ages and fitness levels, followed by refreshments and a chat. Monday's 12.45 – 1.30pm. Commencing this Monday, 13th February. Cost €2.50 per session. To register, sign up with Eventbrite link or scan the QR code.

G.R.O.W.

Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm – 4pm at Portarlington Social Services, Link Road. Any person over 18 years is welcome to attend. For further information, contact Assumpta on 086 8114135 or Email assumpta@grow.ie.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2023

3rd – 10th March. Venue: Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick. Tickets now on sale. Online Booking at mountmellickdramafestival.ie Book your favourite seats now and don't miss this wonderful event. Tickets: Nightly €15 (€10) Season Ticket €70 (€45). Contact Jessie 087 7942994, Noreen 087 4121205.

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT

The Priory Institute is hosting a FREE online retreat: 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as Stepping Stones on our Journey to East' Visit our website prioryinstitute.com or link <https://bit.ly/3DWrtKx> to register /

O'DEMPSEY'S JUVENILE GFC



Sessions recommencing for 5's / upwards. Everyone welcome to join the fun – New players welcome. To register or confirm your interest check out our Facebook page at O'Dempsey's GFC

GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT MONTHLY RETREAT



St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise on Sat. 25th Feb. 10am to 1.30pm. Mass at 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre from 10.45am to 1.30pm. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305: Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O' Domhnaill P.P. All 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 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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD



'Ageing with Grace' Day

Saturday 18th February- 10am – 4.40pm
A retreat day for people of any age committed to living their lives one day at a time, accepting themselves as they are and cultivating a light heart, a joyful spirit and a peaceful mind. Facilitated by Ms Maria Garvey. Cost: €60 (includes Lunch and Tea/Coffee break)
For further information/bookings, please contact: The Secretary on 057-8626153 or email secretary@mountstannes.com

THE CUISLE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE, PORTLAOISE



The Cuisle Centre is operating as normal. We are currently following National Cancer Control Programme guidelines. For details of daily activities and programmes check out: www.cuislecancersupport.com Email info@cuislecancersupport.ie Phone 057 86814902

"REEL" FITNESS

Portarlington Community Centre on Tuesday's at 8pm. "Reel Fitness" is Irish Dance Classes for adults for fun. All levels of fitness, including those who have never danced before. Phone 085 1746790 for further information.

PARENTS FIRST

New Year – New opportunity to get involved! Are you a parent or grandparent with a few hours free each week? If so, please consider offering friendly support to young parents with Parents First. There is free training and ongoing mentoring. Find out more, call Dolores or Paula at 086-1959221 or 057-9322996.