



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

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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 12TH MARCH, 2023

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 11th March - 6.15pm

Mark Lyons, Arlington Est. (1st Anniv.); Thomas Kennedy Snr., Gracefield; John (Jacko) Roycroft, Bracklone St. & Dec. members of the Roycroft Family; William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce (1st Anniv.); Mary Walsh, Bracklone St; Denis & Joan Coughlan, Assumpta Tce; Patricia Neylon; Donie McDermot, Garryhinch

Sunday 12th March - 12.15pm

Edward & Margaret Rogers; Michael (Mick) Knight, Annamoe (6th Anniv.); Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale; Michael Barry & wife Bridget Barry, Patrick St; Patrick & Mary Brennan, Derryvilla & Crowe Lane; Nancy Delaney, Bracklone St; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall, Bishopswood; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood

ANNIVERSARY MASS DURING THE WEEK PORTARLINGTON 10AM

Mon. 13th March

10am – Jim & Sarah Westman; Leo Dempsey, Shandra; Philip O'Sullivan, St. Hilda's, Main St.

Tues. 14th March

10am - Tom McDermott, Newbridge

Wed. 15th March

10am - Ann and Michael Healy; Michael Healy Jnr., St. Patrick's Tce.

Thurs. 16th March

10am – Gerard & Margaret Kearney, Drogheda
6.15pm – James (Seamus) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq., John Kelly

Fri. 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) ❀ ❀ ❀

9am - People of the Parish

12.15pm - Thomas Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Tony Ryan, Lea Road; James (Seamus) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq; John Kelly; Elizabeth & Edward Coogan, Shiphouse; Sarah & Leonard McEvoy & Violet McEvoy, Gracefield

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 12th March - 10.30am

Bridget & William Coleman; John & Carmel McEvoy, Trim; Patrick & Kathleen McEvoy; Nancy Whelehan, Closeland (8th Anniv.)
Brian Kelly, (5th Anniv)

Friday 17th March - 10.30am

Johnny Davis, Old Pound; Hugh & Annie O'Leary, Clonanny & deceased members of the O'Leary Family

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 11th March – 7.30pm

Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park; Ned Carroll, Killimy Rd; Mary Flynn, Hand Rd. (56th Anniv.)

Sunday 12th March – 11am

James (Jimmy) Moore (1st Anniv.); James O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown (12th Anniv.); Martin Rowan; Ann Greaney, Ballybrittas

Friday 17th March – 11am

Tom Delaney, New Inn, Emo

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 12th March - 9am

Danny, Geraldine & Liam O'Dwyer & dec. members of the O'Dwyer Family

Friday 17th March – 9am

Mary Bradshaw, Jamestown

DECEASED

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

Gerard Byrne, Carriglea, Killenard & Dublin
Josephine Kearney (nee Mooney),
Clonbullogue & formerly St. Michael's Park



We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish

Hannah Mary Maher, Stonehaven, Lea Rd.
Ella Rose McGovern, Gracefield

LENTEN STATIONS

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the Lenten stations for the support of the priests of the parish.

MASSES NEXT WEEK

(13th – 17th March)

Portarlington

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 10am

Thursday 10am & 6.15pm (Vigil Mass)

Friday (St. Patrick's Day) 9am &

12.15pm Comhaltas

Killenard

Friday 17th March 10.30am

Emo

Friday 17th March 11am

Rath

Friday 17th March 9am

YEAR A

FIRST CONFESSIONS

(In preparation for First Holy Communion)



Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
Monday 13th March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Presentation Primary School, Station Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Wednesday 15th March at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Killenard

Confirmation

Congratulations to the students from St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday last 10th March.

Trocaire



"Let your Love be there this Lent"

Over the past fifty years, Trocaire has heard and responded to the cry for justice from people in over twenty countries.

Sometimes the needs have been immediate, such as when famine or natural disaster strikes. Other times, it has been a fight against political or economic injustice. Your contributions this Lent mean that we can stand in solidarity with those treated unjustly and campaign for a fairer world, as well as providing emergency programmes, basic healthcare and education in places where it is most needed.

Please give what you can: Trocaire boxes available at the Church porch.

Online www.trocaire.org

Freephone on 1800 408 408.

'Access to safe drinkable water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival and, as such, is a condition for the exercise of other human rights.'

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 30

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP

From 2nd – 9th August 2023. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude. 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 087-7589896 or Vera on 087-9311813.



EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Five nights – 21st August – 26th August, 2023. €745 per person sharing. Includes return flights from Dublin / 10 kg baggage allowance / Transfers / 5 nights in the 4* Hotel Astrid. Further info. & booking contact: Deirdre Lawlor 087-2299457 or Tony Byrne 086-1225833

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Package July 5th to 12th at a cost of €745 p.p.s. Flight Dublin to Split. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland CC. Booking contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Golf Classic 2023:

Our Golf Classic will take place, once again, this year at the Heritage Golf Resort on Good Friday, 7th April. It will be a Scramble format. Team Reg. & Sponsorship details are available at: <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golf-classic-2023>

Fuel Your Body For Sport Talk / Demo:

A 2-hour talk & practical demo on fueling your body for sport, with a focus on Protein, Macros & knowledge on reading labels among the topics covered takes place at the O'Dempsey's Clubhouse on Friday, 10th March at 7.30pm. FREE event – Open to the community. U18's to be accompanied by a guardian.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Muiriosa Foundation are looking for **Volunteer Befrienders** to meet on a one-to-one basis with people with intellectual disabilities in Portarlington. The Muiriosa Foundation Befriending service provides companionship to people with intellectual disabilities who would like extra social contact through a weekly, fortnightly or monthly volunteer visit. If you are interested and would like to learn more please contact 087 8505718

EMO PARENTS COUNCIL

Following on from the very successful launch night in the Killeslin Hotel where the Emo NS Cookbook was launched by Eileen Dunne & Darina Allen, the Parents Association at Emo NS thank everyone who attended or contributed in any way. "FAMILY FAVOURITES" Cookbook is now on sale. Pick up a copy & support Emo National School's new Autism Unit & associated facilities. You can purchase a copy from:-

Bernie's Shop, Emo / Supervalu, Mountmellick / All Books, Portlaoise / Hummingbird Interiors Café, Portarlington / Portarlington Post Office & Emo National School (via Aladdin). This fabulous cookbook is packed with 120 of the most delicious mouth-watering recipes and is priced at €15. It would make an ideal gift for the upcoming Mother's Day or, indeed, any occasion.

G.R.O.W.

Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm – 4pm at Portarlington Social Services, Link Rd. Over 18's welcome. Further info. contact Assumpta on 086 8114135 assumptalyns@grow.ie.

CONGRATULATIONS

Emo N.S. Under 11 Quiz Team were successful and made it through to the National Finals of the Credit Unions School Quiz 2023, which takes place on 2nd April in the RDS in Dublin.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

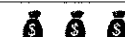
Social Dance will take place on Saturday 18th March. Doors open at 9pm. Admission €10. Dancing to Pat Costello. **Dancing Lessons** continue every Monday night from 7.45pm-9.15pm. €8 per class.

Keep Fit Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. €5 per class.

GAEILGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish continuing for the Month of March, each Wednesday: 15th, 22nd, 29th March 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 draw took place on 6th March – Numbers 1, 12, 16, 23 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to: Pat Owens C/o Deirdre; Colette Behan C/o Colette; Barry Kirwan C/o Deirdre/ Frank Walsh C/o Deirdre; Mary Bastik C/o Emo Shop.

Next week's Jackpot is €9,200

Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

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 Draw - 6th March 2023

Numbers 9, 6, 2, 23 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Sinead Dunne / Tadhg Foy / Willie Crampton / Mollie Rose Keegan / Jacintha Bryan. Promoters prize: Breda Flanagan.
Next week's Jackpot €6,200

EMIGRANT STATISTICS



The CSO published the annual population & migration estimates for April 2022.

- 59,600 emigrated in the year to April 2022.
- Of these, 27,600 were Irish citizens.
- In the last seven years 203,900 Irish Citizens emigrated.
- The UK remains the most popular destination for Irish Emigrants.

A PRAYER FOR EMIGRANTS

Bless all those who have left our country & now live in other lands.

Give them a strong faith so that they will always put their trust in you & make you known by the example of their lives. Console those who are lonely because they are separated from those they love. Help all missionaries who are working far from home to make your love known. Bless our people overseas who are sick or in prison.

We pray for foreigners living in our country that they may experience our hospitality. Grant your eternal welcome to our emigrants who have died & to all the dead. **Amen.**

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Draw held on 28.2.2023. Letters A, C, F, G. No jackpot winner. €25 to Ann Molloy; Pat Kenny & to Luke Kelly-Carey.
Next draw 14th March with a Jackpot of €2,900.

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE



**Christ be with me,
Christ be beside me,
Christ be behind me,
Christ be at my right hand,
Christ be at my left hand,
Christ be with me
wherever I go,
Christ be my friend
forever and ever.
Amen**



PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

COMMITTEE

AGM will be held after Mass evening of Saturday 11th March in Our Lady's Chapel.

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



PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S

SHED

Meet every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Just turn up, new members always welcome.

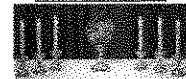
NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITY

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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT



Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.
Sunday's during Lent 5-7pm.
All very welcome to attend.

