

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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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 13TH AUGUST, 2023

* Nineteenth Sunday in O.T. *

YEAR "A" *

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 12th August – 6.15pm

Peter Ryan, Ballymorris (4th Anniv.);
Madge Knight, Assumpta Tce. (4th Anniv.);
Margaret Knight, St. Mary's Tce. & Megan
O'Neill (12th Anniv.); Judy Egan & her son,
Jackie Egan, Kilmalogue & deceased members
of the Egan Family; Patsy & Bridie Lawlor,
Marian Hill; Finian Keating, Bishopswood;
Catherine & George McKay, The Square;
Joe & Andy Donagher, Derrylea;
Ann Mullen, Bracklone Street

Sunday 13th August – 12.15pm

Paddy Burbage, Main Street & deceased
members of the Burbage Family;
Marcella & Michael Collins, Station Road;
Paddy Cummins & May Cummins, Gracefield;
Harry & Christine Milner

10AM MASS – ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 14th August ---
Tues. 15th August ---
Wed. 16th August ---
Thurs. 17th August Kathleen Fahy, Arlington
Estate (M.M.)
Fri. 18th August ---

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 13th August - 10.30am
Thomas McHale Snr., Killenard
Joseph Hyland; Noreen Harkin (nee Hyland)

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 12th August – 7.30pm

Sunday 13th August – 11am
Fr. Jim Bermingham, S.P.M.S. (1st Anniv.)
Anthony (Nanno) Dunne, Morette (11th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 13th August - 9am
Patrick O'Connell, Killaglush

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



* DECEASED - R. I. P. *

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

Ann Murphy (nee Dix), Gracefield

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Elizabeth (Betty) Clancy (nee O'Neill),
Assumpta Terrace

*

Sheila Grehan (nee McGuirk), Four Roads,
Mountmellick.

*

Christine (Chris) Lyons (nee Sherlock),
Kilrush & Bracknagh (Wife of Tony Lyons)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism



Portarlington & Emo Parishes

Sonny Charlie Coughlan, Mountmellick
Luke Tadhg Garry, The Drive, Graigaverry,
Ballybrittas
Sean Pacharo Kibombwe, Droughill Lawns
Fionn Michael Whelan, St. Mary's Terrace
Florence Gaughan, Cappakeel
Jamie Wodzinski, Crann Nua, Portarlington
Sam Padraig Byrne, Bishopswood

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15th August, 2023

We celebrate Mary's day of glorification, her
'Passover' into the resurrected life of her Son.
The Feast of the Assumption honours 'the
fullness of blessedness that is Mary's destiny'.
This Feast Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Masses as follows on Tuesday 15th August:

Portarlington: 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard: 10.30am

Emo: 7.30pm / Rath: 9am



PRAYER

Almighty God,
You gave a humble Virgin
the privilege of being
mother of your Son,
and crowned her with the glory of heaven.
May the prayers of the Virgin Mary
bring us to the salvation of Christ
and raise us up to eternal life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ
your Son who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever.
Amen



Dioceses Unite for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood Take the Risk for Christ



On Thursday next, 17th August (Feast of
Our Lady of Knock), representatives from
all dioceses across Ireland will gather at the
Apparition Chapel in Knock, to pray for
Vocations & to assemble a specially
commissioned Cross for Vocations.
Time: 1.30pm. All very welcome.
National Vocations Office
Vocations.ie info@vocations.ie

MEETING OF THE EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

A Committee meeting will take place on
Wednesday next, 16th August in
Fr. Noonan's House at 8pm. Committee
members are asked to attend.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 14th Aug. St. Maximilian Kolbe
& St. Fachtna
Tues. 15th Aug. – Feast of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thurs. 17th Aug. – Our Lady of Knock
Sat. 19th Aug. – St. John Eudes

THANK YOU

From Bishop Denis

"I would like to express my heartfelt thanks
to all those who attended and who
organised the Mass in the Cathedral on
Sunday evening August 6th to mark the
10th anniversary of my Episcopal
Ordination. Thanks also for the good
wishes expressed in so many ways.
I deeply appreciate all your support during
the last ten year. Let us continue to 'Serve
the Lord with gladness'. +Denis

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. FAMILY FUN DAY

Our Family Fun Day will be held at the
Old Pound on Sat. 26th August. The event
will see an afternoon of activities and
entertainment for children of all ages & runs
from 2pm to 5pm. We look forward to
seeing you there for what promises to be a
great day. Bigí Linn!

The hail Mary
Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The hail Holy queen
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve:
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and
weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

LINE DANCING CLASSES

Classes commence in Portarlington Community
Centre, Link Road on Thurs. 7th Sept. at 7.30pm.
All levels catered for in this fun class. No
booking required. €8 per class – Pay as you go.
For further info. phone John on 086-8333200.

ALL IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and
herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are
designed to kill various organisms. One of the
best things you can do for pollinators is avoid
using them. Why? Insecticides have been found
to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators.
Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with
important food. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Emo / Rath Parish LOTTO

Next draw takes place Mon. 14th August with a
Jackpot of €2,400. Tickets are available in Emo
Shop, Village Cafe, Ballybrittas, Ballybrittas
Shop & the Parish Office - €2 each.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

8th August, 2023 – Week No. 32
Numbers 23, 31, 22, 10 – No Jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:-
Bethany Cooper; Michael Fullam; Lucy
McCormack; Eamonn Conway; Ellen & Jamie
Conroy. Promoter Prize: Noleen Murphy.
Next week's Jackpot €6,200

EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

Departing for our pilgrimage on 26th August for
5 nights. Staying at Hotel Astrid. Cost of €745
per person sharing. For further info. & booking
contact Tony Byrne on 086 1225833 or
Deirdre Lawlor on 087 2299457.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB FREE FAMILY FUN DAY



Portarlington Lions Club hold their
Annual Free Family Fun day in the Peoples Park
on Sun. next, Aug. 20th from 2pm to 5pm. Lots of
activities for the young and not so young to
include bouncing castles, face painting, athletics
for all the family, games, music & dancing
exhibitions.. The Club will also hold a raffle for
2 hampers valued at €200 each, with a 3rd prize
of voucher for large amount of fuel. Raffle
tickets for sale on August 18th & 19th at Centra
Main Street & Supervalu. Also tickets for sale
on the day. Come along and enjoy this FREE
event!

GREAT ADVENTURE



This 24 week course is commencing in
September in Scoil Phádraig, Portarlington.
There are 4 elements to this Bible Study.
1. Home preparation 2. Weekly, two hour
study session to facilitate small group
discussions, review of the previous weeks study
questions & a 50 minute video presentation.
3. Option to join by zoom if you cannot attend
in person each week. There is an online
registration fee of approx. €50 with Ascension
Press for one year online access o the study
materials. €10 per week for the use of the
school facilities. For further information & to
register your interest email Ailish at
ailishr29@gmail.com

HERITAGE WEEK 2023 "LIVING HERITAGE" At Portarlington Library

To mark Heritage Week 2023 the Portarlington
Arts & Heritage Group will host an event in
Portarlington Library on Thursday 17th August at
8pm, illustrating how two local buildings have
become part of our living heritage. Liam
Murphy, Irish Rail, will give a talk on the
restoration of buildings at Portarlington Railway
Station and plans for their future use. As part of
the talk the original drawings for the station
from 1845 will be on display for the first time in
over 150 years. This will be followed by a talk
on the restoration of Woodbrook House by the
current owner Ray Simmons. The evening will
conclude with a short talk on Portarlington's
forgotten artist, Walter Chetwood Aiken.
Admission is free and all are welcome.

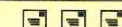
PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS Summer Treasure Hunt

Call into Portarlington Library throughout the
month of August & take part in our Summer
Treasure Hunt. Solve the puzzle to win a prize.
Little Library Bags
Have you a child starting school in September?
Then call into Portarlington Library & pick up
their FREE Little Library Bag. Packed full of
books & tips to help make the transition to
primary school easier it's an invaluable
resource.

UNDER MARY'S MANTLE

Conference on faith and culture for young
adults (18 – 35) with talks, prayer, Mass,
Confession, workshops, food and social in the
historic All Hallows Campus, D.C.U., Dublin.
There will be several keynote speakers with
talks and workshops ranging widely from poetry
to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the
Liturgical year. Mass and Confessions takes
place both days. This event takes place on Sat.
& Sun. 19th & 20th August. Further details later
or you can contact deusetpatria@gmail.com /
Phone 085 1442423

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.

SLIMMING WORLD

Martina's Slimming World - Portarlington
Now Running all groups at SOLAS Eco Garden
Centre, Portarlington, R32 RPX8
Join us ~ Wednesdays 9:30am / 5:30pm / 7:30pm.
New and rejoining members welcome
No booking required – You can phone Martina on
087 7838403. Free Slimming World Magazine for
New Members while stocks last.



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

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2023



Those intending to submit articles /
stories for inclusion in this year's edition
of the Emigrant Newsletter are asked to
send them in to the Parish Office. Clubs /
Organisations and a special welcome for
old group photographs (must include
names). Closing date for articles /
photographs by the end of August. You can
drop in your article to the Parish Office or
email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

VACANCY

Kitchen Porter required for The Thatch,
Killenard (5 days per week to include
weekends). Contact Adrienne at 086
3029796.

STAY FIT DANCING - DANCE-VIBE

"Seeking a fun & energetic way to stay
fit? Join us at DanceVibe Fitness Classes
in the Macra Hall, Mountmellick. Suitable
for all, from dance pros. to beginners.
Experience joy, strength and confidence on
our dance floor! Takes place every
Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. For
inquiries or to book your place, phone or
text Lily on 0863924913."

CARMELITE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Kildare Carme lite Pilgrimage to Knock
will take place on Sun. 10th Sept. The bus
will depart from the Square, Kildare town at
8am sharp. To secure a place on the bus,
inquiries to Carmelite Church Shop Kildare
or contact Martin Cowley on 087 2553582
or Ester Brady on 087 6732848.
Cost €20 per person.

PRAYER FOR FINE WEATHER



All-powerful and ever-living God,
we find security in your care
and love for us.
Give us the fine weather we pray for
and now badly need.
Bless the hard work and efforts
of so many of our people that their
labours may come to fruition.
We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen