



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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DIOCES 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
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>



Portarlington & Emo Parish
[@EmoParish](https://twitter.com/EmoParish)

Sunday 13th March 2022 ✖ Second Sunday of Lent ✖ Year C

Day of Prayer for Emigrants

ANNIVERSARY - PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 12th March 6.15pm

John (Jacko) Roycroft, Bracklone St; Dec. members of the Roycroft Family; William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (10th Anniv.); Donie McDermott, Garryhinch; Mary Walsh, Bracklone; Thomas Kennedy Snr., Gracefield; George & Annie Ridgeway, Garryhinch

Sunday 13th March 12.15pm

Maura Hynes, Cushina (M.M.); Michael (Mick) Knight, Annamoe (5th Anniv.); Leo Dempsey, Shandra (5th Anniv.); Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale; George & Brigid Quinn, Bishopswood Road; Elizabeth (Betty) Sheedy, Clondoolusk

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY 10AM

PORTARLINGTON

Monday 14th March

Tom McDermott, Newbridge

Tuesday 15th March

Gertie & Michael Healy, St. Patrick's Tce. & their grandson, Michael Healy

Wednesday 16th March 10am

John Hickey, Braemor Hse., Patrick Street
Joseph & Maureen Hickey & his brother, Joseph Hickey

Seamus Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (17th Anniv.)

Thursday 17th March 12.15pm

Thomas Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Tony Ryan, Lea Road; John Kelly, St. Michael's Park; Timothy & Annamaria Garry, Cloneyquinn; Dec. members of the Garry Family; Dec. members of the Comhaltas; Seamus Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (17th Anniv.)

Friday 18th March

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 13th March 10.30am

Nancy Whelehan, Closeland
Bridget & William Coleman, Closeland
John Tynan, Springfield (9th Anniv.)
John & Lilie Tynan, Old Pound

Thursday 17th March 10.30am

Johnny Davis, Old Pound
Dec. members of the O'Leary Family, Clonanny & Killenure; Dec. members of the Nolan & Maloney Families, Killenure, Alan Donnelly, Killenard,

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 12th March – 7.30pm

Bridget & John Leavy, St. Michael's Park
Mary Flynn, Hand Road, Morette (55th Anniv.)
Christina Walsh, Knightstown (5th Anniv.) & her daughter Julann (61st Anniv.)

Sunday 13th March – 11am

Thomas Carroll, New Inn
Larry & Bernie Skillington, Cork

Thursday 17th March – 11am

Tom Delaney, New Inn

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 13th March 9am

Thursday 17th March 9am

Mary Bradshaw, Jamestown

DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following
who died during the week:-

Mark Lyons, Arlington Est,
James (Jim) Moore, Co. Meath & Kyle,
Portlaoise.

MASSES NEXT WEEK

Portarlington

Mon. Tues. & Fri. 10am

Wed. 10am & 6.15pm (Vigil Mass)

Thurs. (St. Patrick's Day)

9am & 12.15pm Comhaltas

Killenard

Thurs. 17th March 10.30am

Emo

Wed. 16th March 7.30pm (Vigil)

Thurs. 17th March 11am

Rath

Thurs. 17th March 9am

LENTEN STATIONS

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

THE CHOIR

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PORTARLINGTON
In view of the consistent Covid threat, we will resume activity with caution. Vaccinated singers only. Masks optional. (to be discussed.) In the first instance singing from behind the Altar using the extra space. Rehearsal on the 15th March 2022 at 7.30pm for St. Patrick's Day. New members very welcome.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish
Coby Barry Rowan, Crann Nua

Emo Parish

Molly Ann Bourke, Courtwood
Meadhbh Patricia Constance Phelan, Ashfield Court, Ballybrittas
Daisy Noeleen O'Keeffe, Graigaverne
Tyler Dylan Stronge, Portlaoise
Bobby Dave Hoctor, Morette

TROCAIRE

Discover more about Trocaire's Lenten campaign at www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/
This Lent, we hear about how communities who were already facing huge challenges due to drought & food shortages, caused by climate change, were further impacted by Covid-19. Trocaire boxes are available at the Church porch. Please give generously.

FIRST PENANCE

We welcome the boys and girls from the following schools who will make their First Penance this coming week.
St. Paul's N.S., Emo
Monday 14th March at 7.30pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Tuesday 15th March at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Special Day of Prayer for Emigrants

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love, but who are absent from us. Keep them safe from all harm, evil & danger. Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love & joy. Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love: In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Tuesday's 10.30am–7pm
Sunday's during Lent 3–6pm. All very welcome to attend.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

7 night Pilgrimage package – June 8th-15th 2022
Cost: €765 PPS. Flight: Dublin to Mostar.
Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland.
Phone: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305 for further information & booking.
Please note September Group Pilgrimage is full.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

Social Dancing resumes on Sat. 19th March 9.30pm – 12. Music by Brian McDermott. Admission €10. Keep Fit continues every Friday from 7pm-8pm. €5 per person. Suitable for all fitness levels.
Table Quiz organised for Fri. 25th March commencing 9pm. €40 per table of four.
Mindful Meditation & Movement Classes commence Mon. 21st March 7-8pm.
Contact Catherine on 087 7632415.

We would like to invite anyone interested in any of the above activities to come along at the specified times. We guarantee you will be made feel very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2022

Trip to Lourdes 2022 takes place from 5th to 12th August. Cost €895 per person sharing (single room supplement €265). 7 nights full board at the Solitude Hotel. Portarlington Further info. & booking: Contact Marie on 087 7589896, Vera on 087 9311813 or any Committee member.

FOREST RUN 2022 - St. Michael's A.C.

5K and 10K – Good Friday 15th April at 6pm. Commencing at Emo Community Centre. Register on line www.justrunsevents.com.

COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The following items are needed: Nappies, Antiseptic wipes, Wet Wipes, Toothbrushes & Paste, Mens underwear, washing powder, colouring pencils and books, Dry food, Plastic bowls & cutlery, Tinned meat & fish, Shampoo, paracetamol, Ibuprofen, Drop off Portarlington Further Education & Training Centre, Bracklone St, from Monday 14th March to Friday 1st April at Reception.

RELAY FOR LIFE



At Relay For Life, communities come together to Celebrate cancer. Survivors, remember those we have lost to cancer and Fight Back against this disease by raising awareness about cancer and raising funds for the Irish Cancer Society. Relay For Life is a family friendly event. Be part of something special..... Join us! When: Saturday 23rd July 2022 to Sunday 24th July 2022 - Where: Emo Court House Time: 1pm to 1pm. Further info. contact Caroline on 087 4499903 or Alan on 086 1222227 or email laoisrelayforlife@gmail.com
Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RelayForLifeLaois>

ONLINE BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

Next course starting Monday 21st March 2022 and the following 3 Mondays at 10am. Booking is essential. Further info & booking from Catriona 086-8890005

ONLINE PREGNANCY YOGA CLASSES

Online Pregnancy Yoga classes including a relaxation segment every Wednesday at 8pm. No yoga experience is needed to join. Booking is essential. Further info. & booking phone Catriona on 086-8890005

ST. PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE

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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

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Week of Guided Prayer

Sun. 20th – Sat. 26th March 2022.
You are invited to give 30 minutes to prayer each day in your own home & meet for 30 minutes each day with your Prayer Guide in Mount St Anne's. Opening session at 7.30pm on Sun. 20th at Mount St Anne's & closing session at 8pm on Sat. 26th – Donation €25

Spring Online Courses
7pm to 9pm on Zoom on the following dates: March 8, 15, 22, 29 (Kieran J. O'Mahony) March 9, 16, 23, 30 (Janet Forbes & Oonagh O'Brien) / April 5, 12, 19, 26 (Deirdre Ní Chinnéide) / April 6, 13, 20, 27 (Gráinne Doherty). €100 for each 4-night course
To book a place you can email ceo@mountstannes.com

Holy Week Retreat

Thurs. 14th to Sun. 17th April 2022.
This Triduum programme consists of creative liturgies around the death & Resurrection of Jesus as experienced in the sufferings & hopes of our world today.
Facilitated by Fr Diarmuid O'Murchú
Cost: €300 residential. For Bookings/Enquiries, contact The Secretary on 087-8726153 or email: secretary@mountstannes.com

HANDYMAN AVAILABLE

Available for jobs inside and outside – Gardening etc. Contact Andy on 087 4511079.

EMO G.A.A.

The €130 County Draw tickets are now on sale & are available from Committee Members. This is our main fundraiser & generates much needed funds to help run our club.

G.R.O.W.

Grow Mental Health Peer Support meeting Every Thursday 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Social Services Centre. Contact Assumpta 086-8114135 assumptaylons@grow.ie

GRACEFIELD G.A.A. CLUB 7th March

Numbers 8, 19, 14, 15 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to Emily & Anna Kirwan / Hannah Daly / Karen Hyland / Paddy Mulligan / Michael Dunne. Promoter Michael Knight. Next week's Jackpot €2,800



Over the next few weeks Census enumerators will be calling to homes. They will be delivering your form & will be easily identifiable, carrying I.D. Please remember to never engage with bogus callers. If you have any queries about the Census, find out more at www.census.ie

LOUGH DERG 2022

Pilgrimage season re-opens Sun. 1st May 2022. Details & bookings on www.loughderg.org / info@loughderg.org / Phone 071 9861518

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

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE

Available at the Church Porch.

SYNOD NEWS

Listening Lent
During Lent parishes across the diocese are hosting synod listening sessions. We invite as many people as possible to come to these sessions and to encourage others to come as well. Our listening session is in the MDA Centre, Mountmellick, on Monday 28th March at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7.15pm. An open gathering of Clonastee, Killeigh, Mountmellick, Portarlington & Rosenalish parishes to "Voice and Listen".

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Club Membership – Great value offer.
Pay annual membership for 2022 before 1st April and only pay €150 for the whole family. Phone 087 9463147 for further info.

AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

Praying Community
On Saturday 26th March meeting in Portlaoise Parish Centre Campa Room. Beginning with Holy Mass @10am Confession available after Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament @10.45am. Holy Rosary @11am Praise and Worship (live music)@12 noon Teaching @12.30pm
"Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect"
Final hymns and prayers.
Contact Michael on 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Ruairi O Domhnaill

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

If you have any used postage stamps, please leave into Portarlington Pharmacy for the attention of Angela.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. GOLF CLASSIC

O'Dempseys GFC are hosting a Golf Classic fundraiser at the Heritage Golf Resort, Killenard on Good Friday, the 15th April. All money raised will go towards the "Light Up O'Dempsey's" project. To register your team or for details on how to sponsor a Tee, go to:- www.odempseysgfc.ie We are looking forward to what will be a great day out.