

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

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

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

St. John's Church, Killenard

10.30am Sun.
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, Portarlinton
www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY 2024

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY

6.15pm Mass

Andrew O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square & dec. members of the Lalor & Molloy Families, Mountrath & Portlaoise; Brian (Bruno) Higgins, Patrick St. & The Deanery; Joseph Murphy, Gracefield; Patrick & Una Mitchell & Dec. members of the Mitchell Family; Ned & Mona Delmer; Lil & John Tinkler, Station Road

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

12.15pm Mass

Maureen Hoey (2nd Anniv.); Brenda Mulpeter (6th Anniv.); Seamus Dowling (9th Anniv.); James & Kathleen Walsh; Leah Youster; Patrick Bradshaw, Lea (1st Anniv.); Maurice Kelly, St. Michael's Park; Rachel & James Kelly; Maureen McEvoy, Avondale; Bridget & John O'Donnell & their grandson Philip Brennan; Patrick & Una Mitchell & dec. members of the Mitchell Family

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

10.30am Mass

Paul Carroll, Clonanny House (1st Anniv.) Catherine McGill, Ballycarroll
Eberhard Bauer, Dettenshausen, Germany & Clonanny; J.J. Bannon; Patricia & John Joe Bannon, Lea; Deceased members of the O'Sullivan Family

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY

7.30pm Mass

Bridie Fitzpatrick, Dangans; Teresa Ryan, Woodbrook (1st Anniv.); Martin & Elizabeth Kelly, Coolbanagher; Brian Dunne, Portlaoise & Coolbanagher; William Dunne, Morette; Deceased members of Emo G.A.A.

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

11am Mass

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

SUNDAY 14TH JANUARY

9am

Paddy & Mary Flynn, Cork & Fisherstown; Edward (Ned) Boland, Courtwood; John & Josephine Corcoran & their son, Pete Corcoran, Ballybrittas; Millie Redmond, Sallyfort; Michael O'Connor, Courtwood

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year B

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)

Mon. 15th January - Willie Dunne, Dublin (MM)
Wed. 17th January - Shirley Hoey, Botley Court & Michael Hoey, St. Mary's Terrace
Fri. 19th January - Betty Spain

✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

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

Ena O'Connell Deegan, Fisherstown, formerly Coolroe, Ballybrittas

J.J. Treacy, Morette, Emo

Martin Harte, Marian Hill & Kilkenny

Marie Confrey (nee Dowling),

St. Michael's Park, Portarlinton

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024



Catholic Schools Week 2024 takes place from Sun. 21st to Sat. 27th January. The theme for CSW 2024 is **Catholic Schools: Communities of Service**. Resources for Catholic Schools Week can be accessed online at <https://catholiceducation.ie/catholic-schools-week-2024-communities-of-service/>.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will begin on Thurs. 18th January & continue until Thurs. 25th January. As we renew our commitment to this call, may this love strengthen our unity as Christians. The week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a yearly international Christian ecumenical observance.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - TRAINING

If you would like to become part of our team of Eucharistic Ministers in Portarlinton, Killenard, Emo or Rath, please leave your name & contact details with the Rosemary or Eileen in the Parish office. A day-long training course will take place on February 24th in Emo National School. Further details later.

ST. BRIGID'S CELEBRATIONS



Cathedral Evening Prayer for St. Brigid
February 1st marks the opening of a national year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our diocese & secondary patron of Ireland, 1500 years since her death. Bishop Denis invites people to join him for a special evening prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption on 1st Feb. At 7.30 pm. Music led by Fr Liam Lawton & the diocesan choir.

Welcoming the relic of St. Brigid

The Brigidine Sisters, Tullow convent, will loan their relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for this very special year. The relic will be housed in a specially designed shrine in St. Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled & Mass will be celebrated on Sun. 28th Jan. at 11am. This is seen very much as a home-coming for St Brigid.

St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin

Taking place Mon. 5th Feb. starting at St Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed birthplace of St Brigid, continue along the new canal Blueway & finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. For more details please contact Monasterevin Parish Office 045-525346

Celebrating Brigid 1500 at Mt. St. Anne's, Killenard

Enjoy St Brigid's Bank Holiday weekend at Mount St Anne's Retreat & Conference Centre. Arrive for supper Fri. 2nd Feb. & depart Tues. 6th Feb. after breakfast. Optional morning & evening sessions of prayer, crafts, reflection & music at Mount St Anne's. Cost: €450 includes morning & evening sessions, evening meal & B&B or €350 includes evening meal and B&B only. Booking/Enq: secretary@mountstannes.com 057 8626153

**LOURDES MEETING TONIGHT
(SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY) AT 7PM
IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.**

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE



Direct flights to Mostar - Medjugorje.
12th - 16th June 2024. Cost €765.
Price increases to €815 after 2nd February 2024.
Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland CC
Contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

R32 CY89

The Club present: **The Buckley's in concert.** Folk, traditional and ballads. Sun. 28th January commencing 6pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served. Proceeds donated to Cloneyhurke Heritage Group for the restoration of the local cemetery. **Dancing lessons** continue on Monday nights with Dolores from 7.45-9.15pm. €8 each night. **Keep fit** continues on Wed. nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. €5 each night.

CARER AVAILABLE

Fully qualified carer available with extensive experience. Reliable, hard working, own car - Laois area. Days & nights. Phone 085 1536701.

YOGA CLASSES

Mum and Baby Yoga

Next term commences Monday 15th January in Portarlinton Community Centre at 10.30am

Baby Massage Class

Next course starting Monday 22nd January in Portarlinton Community Centre at 12 Noon

Pregnancy Yoga

Next term starting Monday 22nd January in Portarlinton Community Centre at 7pm.

No yoga experience is needed to join.
Booking is essential. Further details contact Catriona on 086 8890005

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

Annual Table Quiz will take place on Fri. 9th February in The Anvil Inn. A fun night assured with raffle and prizes. 8.30 for 9pm start. €40 per table of 4. All support greatly appreciated.

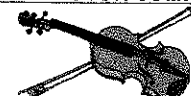
THANK YOU

Christine & Paul Ryan thank Fr. Dooley, Rath Choir & Portarlinton Choir & all who attended or donated to the Christmas Concert held in Rath Church. A total of €2,700 was collected for the Cuisle Centre, Portlaoise.

MOUNT HENRY ART STUDIO R32XH93

Unleash your artistic creativity. Art classes taking place as follows:-
Adult Art Classes (6 weeks). Mon. 22nd January from 10am - 12 noon. / Tuesday 23rd January 7.30pm - 9.30pm. All levels welcome.
Enhance your skills. Cost €20 per class. Bring your own materials oils / acrylics etc. Booking is essential. Phone Mary on 087 9063363.

PORTARLINGTON COMHALTAS



Promotes Irish Music & Culture
Group music classes for all levels are held on Friday evenings from 7pm in the Girls Old School (Opposite the Church), Patrick Street. All welcome.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2024 / 2025

Rath National School

Junior Infants 2024: until 31st January. Forms available from our website www.rathns.ie or phone Amanda at 057 8626270 or email office@rathns.com

Emo N.S.

Junior Infants 2024 enrolment until 26th January 2024. On line at emoins.ie

Cloneyhurke National School

Cloneyhurke National School will be accepting applications for the 2024/2025 school year from 15th January 2024 to 5th February 2024. Application forms are available on website www.cloneyhurke.net or by email info@cloneyhurke.net or phone 057 8623271. You can contact our office if you have any questions or would like to visit the school.

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Application forms for Junior Infants 2024/25 are available. Download from www.killenardschool.weebly.com, collect from the school office or request by email office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Enrolment until 29th January 2024. Download at www.stpatricksbns.ie or request a form by emailing info@stpatricksbns.ie or write to Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Presentation Primary School

Enrolment for Junior Infants 24/25 will commence on 8th January until 29th January 2024. Application forms available from School office or Website.

VACANCY

Administration Assistant, Parish Office, Monasterevin

Duties include the provision of service to parishioners / Computerisation of Parish records / Typing & printing Parish Weekly Newsletter. To apply contact the Monasterevin Community Employment Scheme, Parish Centre, Monasterevin. Tel: 045 525143.

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

O'Dempsey's GFC - Lotto Results 8th January. Numbers drawn: 01,19,20,22. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners: Maureen Molloy (Conal Barry). David Prendergast (Clubforce). Promoter: Tom Coleman. Next draw Jan 15th Jackpot €3,800. Tickets available from usual sellers. Thanks for your support.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY Stay Connected Digital Skills Course with L.O.E.T.B.

Looking to improve your digital skills? Why not join the LOETB in Portarlinton Library for their 6 week Stay Connected course. Starting Tues. 16th Jan. 10am. Places limited so booking is essential. To secure a place call 057 8643751 or email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Baby Book Club

Wednesday mornings at 10.30am. Places are limited so booking essential. Call 057 8643751 or email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Knitting Club

Meets Friday mornings from 10.30 -12.30. New members always welcome.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW

1st prize Trip to Lourdes / 5 prizes of €50 each. Draw takes place Tues. 6th Feb. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5. Tickets available from all Committee Members or the Parish Office. Thank you to Portarlinton Credit Union for sponsoring the 1st prize of the trip to Lourdes & to Super Valu for the other prizes.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES PORTARLINGTON & EMO

If you wish to make a donation to Portarlinton / Emo Parishes, please see bank details below, where you can transfer directly to the Parish Accounts.



PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlinton BOFIE2D
Portarlinton Parish No. 1 Account
IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14
Portarlinton 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 PARISH

✉ ENVELOPES ✉

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches this weekend. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. To register write your name & address on 1st envelope. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks to all.

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.

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EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Draw 8th January 2024. Numbers 11, 13, 18, 21 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to Richie Donohoe C/o Ballybrittas Shop / Maisie O'Connell C/o Mena / Anna Luttrell C/o Maeve / James Duffy C/o Francis / Declan Wilson C/o Mena. Next draw takes place 15/1/2024. Jackpot €6,200

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW Week 2 / 8th January 2024

Numbers 8, 22, 10, 11 - No jackpot winner. €50 to: Bernard O'Neill; Ryan Dooley; Linda Brereton; Tom Coleman; Aidan Brady. Promoter prize: Deirdre Doyle. Next week's Jackpot €10,400

WELLNESS WEEKEND

Wellness weekend takes place in SOLAS Sat. 20th & Sun. 21st January. Holistic workshop / Full market. Check out our website <https://ecogardenshop.ie/events/>

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS



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