



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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info: 1890 474 474

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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 15th January, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 14th January 2023 - 6.15pm

Denise Geoghegan, Cathair na gCapait (M.M.)
Andrew O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (2nd Anniv.)
Michael Murphy, Annamoe (7th Anniv.)
Maurice Kelly, St. Michael's Pk. & his mother
Rachel Darragh Kelly; Joseph Murphy,
Gracefield

Sunday 15th January 2023 – 12.15pm

Bridget Mack, Serenity Lodge, Portlaoise & St.
Patrick's Terrace (M.M.)
Celine Knight, Seskin (M.M.)
James & Kathleen Walsh; Leah Youster;
Maureen McEvoy, Avondale; Brian Higgins,
Main Street; John & Bridie O'Donnell & their
grandson, Philip Brennan

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 16th January ---
Tues. 17th January Shirley Hoey, Botley Court
(10th Anniv.); William Hoey, St. Mary's Terrace
Wed. 18th January ---
Thurs. 19th January Betty Spain
Fri. 20th January Michael Gordon, Monasterevin;
Dinny Lyons, Derrymore, (1st Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 15th January 2023 - 10.30am

Celine Knight, Seskin (M.M.)
Eberhard Bauer, Clonanny & Germany
JJ Bannon; Eugene, Ellen & Terry Sullivan;
Deceased members of the Sullivan & Yorke
Families; Eileen Powell, York, U.K.

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 14th January 2023 – 7.30pm

William Dunne, Morette

Sunday 15th January 2023 – 11am

Danny Brophy, Killeen

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 15th January 2023 - 9am

Pete Corcoran, Corcoran, B/B (1st Anniv.)
Edward (Ned) Boland, Courtwood
Lar Nolan, Courtwood; Joe Flanagan,
Dunamase; Frank Lonergan, Courtwood;
Margaret Nugent, Bellgrove & her sister, Sarah
Whitbread; Molly & Joe Currims;
Joe & Annie O'Dwyer; Michael O'Connor,
Courtwood

DECEASED

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

Paul Carroll, London, formerly
Clonanny House (Funeral arrangements later)
Ann Gorman (nee McKenna), Eneghan,
Walsh Island

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN

UNITY



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will
begin on Wednesday next, 18th January until
Wednesday 25th January. Our theme for 2023
is "Do Good, Seek Justice." The theme is
inspired by Isaiah 1:12-18, which laments a lack
of justice among the People of God. Yet it also
promises redemption by encouraging acts of
justice. Like Isaiah, we hope to inspire a
renewed desire & effort for justice among the
Christian peoples around the world.



Catholic Schools

Catholic Schools Week 2023 will run from
22nd January – 29th January 2023

The theme for Catholic Schools Week
this year is "Catholic Schools:

Walking together in Faith and Love

Monday – Walking together in Faith

Tuesday – Walking together in Love

Wednesday – Walking together to

celebrate (Grandparents Day)

Thursday – Walking together to

transform our World

Friday – Walking together in Hope

Catholic Schools week is a national Celebration
of Catholic education and an opportunity to
recognise the importance, value and the
contribution of the Catholic education to the
Church and to the world.

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism:



baptism

Portarlington Parish

Cormac Conor Moran-Murphy,
Rathleash

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

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



THEOLOGY COURSES

Study Theology, is this for you?
The Priory Institute provides online
Theology courses to degree level. Attend
Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the
comfort of your own home. Register
before February 8th.
Find out more on our
website, prioryinstitute.com

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID GROUP



Annual Fundraising Draw 2023

1st Prize – Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by
Portarlington Credit Union Ltd.)

5 Prizes of €50 each (Sponsored by
SuperValu).

Draw will take place on Tues. 31st January
at 9pm during Bingo in the GAA Centre,
Portarlington. Tickets €2 each (or 3 for €5).

Tickets available in the Parish Office or
from Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity
Shop on Main Street.

**DETAILS OF 2023 PORTARLINGTON
LOURDES PILGRIMAGE WILL BE
ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.**

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
Accompanied by Spiritual Director
Contact: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

COURTWOOD G.A.A. DINNER DANCE

Sat. 28th January 2023 at 7pm sharp. Midlands
Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Four course meal with
spot prizes. Music by Transmitter & Disco.
Tickets €50. Contact Siobhan Byron McEvoy.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

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Lotto.

Lotto draw took place on Mon. 9th January.
Numbers: 13; 17; 18; 22 – No Jackpot Winner.
€25 to each of the following:- Noel Kelly c/o The
Village Coffee Shop, Ballybrittas; Geraldine
Kavanagh, Bellgrove c/o Francis Duffy; Declan
Wilson, Coolroe c/o Mena Connell; Eddie
O'Malley c/o Deirdre; Siamha Grundy,
Courtwood c/o Francis Duffy
The next draw will take place on Monday
16th January with a Jackpot of €7,800
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village
Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office,
Portarlington at €2 each.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO 9/1/23

Jackpot €4,400 – Numbers 12, 10, 9, 2

No Jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:- David Dunne / Joe
Boland / Emma Evans / Rebecca Maher / Mick
& Sadie. Promoters prize: Deirdre Doyle.

Next week's Jackpot €4,600

2023 STEP CHALLENGE

This is our healthy club taking part in the Ireland
Lights Up Challenge. Our goal is to walk 4,000
kilometres as a group effort – 7 week challenge.
Contact: gracefieldhealthyclub@gmail.com

SOLAS GARDEN CENTRE

Fitness Event and Equipment swap

11-4pm at SOLAS Eco Garden Shop on 15th
January (today). This is a FREE event.

Car Boot Sale

On Sun. 22nd January. Traders can arrive from
8am. Price: €15 per car / small van. The public
can arrive at 10am. Entry fee €2 per adult /
children go free.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

EIRCODE R32CY89

Dancing Lessons: Every Monday night
from 7.45 – 9.15pm. €8 per session. Waltz,
Jive, Quick Step and Line Dancing

Keep Fit:

Wednesday nights from 7-8pm.
€5 per class. Fitness Instructor Eimear Mathews.

The Buckley's in Concert:

Sunday 12th February from 3.30pm. Tickets
€12. Folk, traditional and ballads plus
supporting acts.

PILATES

Classes commence Tues. 17th January.
Spaces are limited – Pay as you go €10
per class or six week block €50.
Venue: Portarlington Community Centre.
Tuesday evening 8pm / Friday morning 9.30am.
To book phone or text Emma on 087 2898323.

SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE

Speaking with confidence is an 8 week practical
course for those seeking measurable
improvement in personal or professional
communications. Starting Mon. 6th February
from 7-9pm every Monday for 8 weeks in
Portarlington Enterprise Centre. You will be
supported in building confidence to become
more at ease and effective in your ability to
communicate. Sarah, founder of Hearty
Humans which exists as a service providing
communications and public speaking
development. Any questions or to book a seat
on the course contact Sarah on 083 1822124 or
visit heartyhumans.com

MESSAGE FROM AN GARDA SIOCHANA

An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a
doorstep fraud & theft offence which has
become prevalent over the last number of
weeks. Elderly people are being targeted at
their homes by criminals who are impersonating
Gardai. The offenders are fraudulently
pretending to be plain clothes Gardai who are
checking for dud money. They have duped
people all around the country & stolen their
cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is
genuine money. They are producing false
identification to assist the process.



SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2023

Rath National School

Junior Infants 2023: Enrolment until 27th Jan.
27th Jan. www.rathns.ie / Email
office@rathns.com or 057 8626270

Emo National School

Enrolment now open - emoins.ie
Closing date for Enrolment is 27th January.

Cloneyhurke National School

13th Jan. until 4th Feb. 2023.
info@cloneyhurke.net / 057 8623271,
www.cloneyhurke.net

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 12th Jan. until Fri. 3rd February 2023.
www.killenardschool.weebly.com / Collect from
school office/ office@naomheoin.ie or
phone 057 8626217.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Enrolment until 26th January 2023.
www.stpatricksbns.ie / info@stpatricksbns.ie or
write to the school at Canal Road, R32 Y6K7.

Presentation Primary School

Early Intervention Classes (Preschool ASD).
You can enroll until 26th January. Acceptance
must be confirmed by 20th March 2023.

CONFIRMATION 2023

St. Paul N.S., Emo

Friday 10th March 2023 at 11am

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Friday 10th March 2023 at 2pm

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 11am

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 2pm

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thursday 30th March at 11.30am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023



St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Sunday 30th April 2023 at 11am

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Saturday 6th May 2023 at 11.30am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Saturday 13th May 2023 at 11.30am

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Saturday 20th May 2023 at 11.30am

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Saturday 27th May 2023 at 11.30am

EASY YOGA FOR BEGINNERS



Commencing Sat. 14th January from 12.30 to
1.30pm and will continue every Saturday. You
can join at any stage. Portarlington
Community Centre. Cost €40 for four weeks.
When you come along, please bring a mat and
a blanket. For further information & booking
contact Adel on 086 3656209.

PIANO LESSONS

At B#Sharp, Main Street, Portarlington.
Register any time by contacting Keith on 085
7516595 / Conor 086 1639153

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

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 2022, 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.

USED STAMPS

Used stamps needed for the missions.
Drop them into 'The Nook', Patrick Street.

SPEAKING IRISH

All are welcome to come along to the Old
School Vicarstown on Wednesdays in
January - next gathering on 18th January
from 7.30 to 9pm. Faite le cach at our
informal get together - bi ag caint as
Gaeilge while enjoying a cupan tae.
Contribution of E2 welcome to cover room
rental and refreshments.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Talk

Frank Diamond from the charity ALPS,
(All Lives Are Precious), will deliver a
powerful talk on Mental Health, Wellbeing,
Gratitude and Building Resilience on the
20th January at 8pm at O'Dempsey's GFC
Clubhouse. This is a community event that
is open to both members and non-
members, and we encourage you to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Prayerful Meditation Day

Saturday 11th February - 10am – 3pm
Offering a day to meditate, pray and