

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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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

Sunday 15th May 2022 - Fifth Sunday of Easter - Year C

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 14th May - 6.15pm

William & Kathleen Murphy, Main St; Anthony Maher, St. Brigid's Sq. (25th Anniv.); Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Connolly, Botley Court (B/Day Rem.); Paddy O'Reilly, Marian Hill (60th Anniv.); Bridie Hyland; Peter Hyland; John Hyland; Pat McCann, St. Brigid's Sq.; Bernie O'Leary, Clonanny; Mairead Corbett (10th Anniv.) & John Corbett (23rd Anniv.), Foxcroft St.

Sun. 15th May – 12.15pm

Margaret (Peg) Murphy, Assumpta Tce; William & Margaret Smith, daughter Agnes Powell (nee Smith) & dec. members of the Smith & Enright Families

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON 10am

Mon. 16th May

John & Julia Kelly, Assumpta Terrace

Wed. 18th May

Christine (Chrissie) Doyle, Clonmalire (3rd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 15th May – 10.30am

Ciarán O'Donnell, Lea Road (M.M.) & his wife Mary O'Donnell; Thomas & Margaret Mullen; Syl & Elizabeth Mullen; Dec. members of the Mullen Family; Richard, Kathleen & Paddy Terrett; Jim & Mary Kennedy; Charlie Raleigh

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat 14th May – 7.30pm

Elizabeth Keogh, St. Brigid's Square (M.M.) Francis Langford, Morette (3rd Anniv.) Michael Kelly, Emo; Tom & Bridie Fitzpatrick & their daughter Lily Fitzpatrick, Dangan, Mountmellick

Sun. 15th May – 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 15th May – 9am

Michael & Joseph Moore, Courtwood Harry Boyd, Courtwood; Michael & Bridie McEvoy, Courtwood; Johnny Murphy, Courtwood

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish

Charlotte Clare O'Connor-Robinson, Sandy Lane
 Cadhla Rose Troy, Lea Road
 Saoirse Ellen Troy, Lea Road
 Rían Michael McDermott, Killenure
 Ruairi Stephen Donohoe, Kilmullen
 Rua Joseph McHugh, Dublin

CEMETERY MASS



St. John's Cemetery, Killenard

Fri. 1st July at 7.30pm

St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington

Fri. 8th July at 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery

Fri. 29th July at 7.30pm

Emo Old Cemetery

Sat. 13th August at 7.30pm

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE



Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him and parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on

Sunday 5th June. Ceremonies begin at

2.30pm in the Basilica with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by Mass at 3pm and concluding with the procession of the Blessed Sacrament. **A bus has been organised from Portarlington and Emo Parish.** Cost €20 per person. To book your place on the bus, please phone the parish office in Portarlington 057 8643004.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
 Tuesday's 10.30am–7pm



Congratulations to the children from **Presentation Primary School, Station Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.** who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

Portarlington Parish First Holy Communion

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Saturday 21st May at 11.30am

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington

Saturday 28th May at 11.30am

My First Communion Prayer



*I clasp my hands, then kneel and pray
on this, my First Communion Day.*

*I ask you, Jesus, to watch me grow
and teach me all that I need to know.*

*Protect me, daily, from all things bad
and fill my heart with all things glad.*

*And if I ever lose my way,
please guide me back when
I kneel and pray.*

SYNOD NEWS

The Diocesan synthesis is currently being prepared & will be sent to the Bishops' Conference at the end of May. Following that we will share the submission with people of the diocese. Please remember to pray the Synod Prayer (available on www.kandle.ie/synod)

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE



7 Night Pilgrimage Package June 8th to 15th
 Costs 765PPS Flight Dublin to Mostar Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. further information and booking. Phone Michael Nerney on 086 8157305. A few seats are still available.

KEEPING SAFE FROM COVID-19

The Irish Bishops recommend that we continue as follows, in an effort to "keep safe" from Covid

- The wearing of **FACE MASKS** inside Church buildings
- The use of Hand Sanitizers
- Suspension of the handshake
- Communion to be received in the hand
- Holy Water fonts to remain dry

LOUGH DERG RE-OPENS

Lough Derg welcomes Pilgrims again with a full Pilgrimage programme this summer.

Three Day Pilgrimage: 1st June–15th August. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. One Day Retreats & guided Pilgrim Path experience: dates in May & late August through September.

Booking essential. All booking information at www.loughderg.org or info@loughderg.org

Phone: 0(0353) 71 9861518. Lough Derg, Pettigo, Donegal, F94 N289.

THE UNHEARD VOICES IN OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

Tuesday 24th May @ 7.30pm

(7pm tea and coffee)

This public event in **Mount St. Anne's, Killenard** is being called to explore the issues raised in Imelda Wickhan's recently published book **Unheard Voices, reflections of a Prison Chaplain**. The event will afford an opportunity for all who are interested in this topic to share their views and ideas. Booking is essential. Email secretary@mounstannes.com by May 17th or phone 057 8626153.

80s NIGHT



Fundraiser for the Irish Cancer Society. (Relay for Life) Saturday 4th June at 8pm in The Railway Bar. Raffle tickets on sale on the night. Fancy dress optional.

PILATES

Portarlington Community Centre
 Tuesdays @ 7pm Fridays @ 9.45am
 Pilates improve core strength, flexibility, mobility and energy. Beginners always welcome.
 Contact Emma on 087 2898323.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY RESPONDER GROUP

The National Ambulance Service has given us the go ahead to start up again. If you are interested in volunteering you can contact our Facebook page or call Jason on 087 1449028.

CAKE SALE

St. Paul's Senior Ladies Club will host a Cake Sale in Emo Community Centre after the 11am Mass today (Sun. 15th May). Come along and support St. Paul's Senior Ladies.

VACANCIES FOR SALES PERSONS

There are opportunities to earn money working from home through Direct Selling company Oriflame Cosmetics. This company are now expanding throughout Offaly and Laois. To find out more and to view the catalogue call or text Jacintha on 087 2511300.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



The Rosary will be recited at Our Lady's Grotto, St. Michael's Church at 8pm each evening for the month of May – All very welcome

ENGLISH CLASSES

English classes are available every Friday morning at 11am in the L.O.E.T.B. Centre, Bracklone Street. Phone 057 8623161 for further information.

LOURDES EMO PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Marian Pilgrimages - Dates: 5th – 9th Sept. 2022 (4 nights) €645 pps. Single room supplement €140. Full board in 4* Hotel Astrid. Includes return direct flights Dublin / Tarbes & coach transfers. Full religious programme. Spiritual Director: Fr. Joe O'Neill. Travelling with Marian Pilgrimages. For further details contact Tony Byrne 086 1225833

ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

Irish dancing every Monday and Wednesday in Portarlington Community Centre. To book your place or for more info. phone 083 1555257.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY VIENNA & SALZBERG

3rd to 8th June, 2022. Six day guided pilgrimage from Dublin. Spiritual Director: Fr. Liam Merrigan. Cost €1735 per person sharing. Further details & booking contact Marian Pilgrimages 01 8788159. www.marian.ie

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2022

Trip to Lourdes takes place from 5th to 12th August. Cost €895 per person sharing – 7 nights full board at Solitude Hotel. Deposits of €250 now due. A few seats are still available. Contact Marie on 087 7589896, or Vera on 087 9311813

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Draw 9th May 2022 - Numbers 17, 8, 23, 18
 No Jackpot Winner. €50 to each of the following:- Mary Kelly, Clonasslee; Willie Crampton; Ger Costello; Patrick McEvoy; Amanda Murphy. Promoter – P. Mulligan. Next week's Jackpot €4,600

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Monday 16th May at 7.30pm in St Clare's Church. We invite people to place their petitions in the petition boxes in St Clare's. During our Novena, through the prayers of our Faith Community and the intercession of Our Lady we will ask Jesus to relieve whatever burdens we carry. Rosary recited at 7.10pm and Novena begins at 7.30pm

This year's Theme is: "We are not Alone" GUEST SPEAKER this week 16th May is: Bishop Paul Dempsey - Bishop of Achonry

PORTARLINGTON G.A.A BINGO

Every Tues night at 8pm in Portarlington G.A.A Club. Over €3,000 can be won.

SERVICE IN REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO DIED THROUGH SUICIDE



A Special Remembrance Service for families & friends affected by suicide will be held on Fri. 20th May at 7.30pm in Our Lady & St. Joseph Church, Caragh, Naas. All welcome. Further information or to include the name of your loved one phone 045 875602 or email parishoffice@caraghparrish.net

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.

NA PAISTÍ CRÉCHE

Link Road, Portarlington. Now enrolling for free play school for September 2022.
 Phone 057 8636836.

BADMINTON

Back every Monday evening at 8pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Adults €6 from 8-10pm / Child €3 from 8-9pm. Call Mick on 087 7609232.

BEALTAINE EVENTS

At Portarlington Library

Thursday 19th May at 11.00am

Flower Arranging Demonstration

By Florist, Hazel Duffy

Thursday 26th May at 11.00am

Talk on Fire Safety in the Home

Further info. & to book, phone 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie

SOLAS

World Bee Day 21st May

We are celebrating World Bee Day on Sat. 21st May with lots of fun and free events. Bee friendly Planter Workshop at 12 noon. Children's Bee Craft & Face painting from 12 noon. Free event. All about Bee's and bee keeping with our expert beekeepers Roger & Angel from Honey Harvest at 2pm. Buzzing tunes from our DJ at 2pm.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

Social Dance

St. Brigid's Social Club, Cloneyhurke Sat. 21st May from 9.30pm – 12 noon. Music by Dave Lawlor. Admission €10.

Keep Fit

At St. Brigid's Social Club, Cloneyhurke every Friday evening from 7.30 – 8.30pm. Suitable for all fitness levels. All very welcome.

FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

Laois Libraries will be joined by Laois Fire Services for countryside talks on 'Fire Safety in the Home' in Portarlington on Thurs. 26th May commencing 11am. Booking advised. Phone 057 8643751.

