



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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney

Kathleen Sherry – Director of Safeguarding - Tel: 085-8021633 dlp@kandle.ie E-mail safeguarding@kandle.ie



MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)

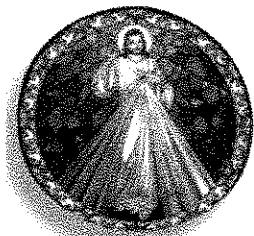
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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 16th APRIL, 2023 * SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY * YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 15th April – 6.15pm

Bridget (Bridie) O'Connor, Patrick St. (2nd Anniv.); Tom Byrne (2nd Anniv.) & Angela Byrne (10th Anniv.); Cushina; Bill Bolton, Ballymorris (4th Anniv.); Brendan McNally, Spa St; Mary Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce. (7th Anniv.); Mai & Johnie Lalor, Cloneyhurke; Dec. members of the Broughal, McCormack, Power & Delaney Families; Denis & Jane McEvoy; Rosie Butler

Sunday 16th April – 12.15pm

Gus Duffy, Cushina (M.M.); Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (9th Anniv.); John & Kathleen McGettrick, Patrick's Ave; Edward, Mary, Des & Eamonn Shortall, Joe Shortall; Phyllis Hallissey (nee Shortall), Carmel Keogh (nee Shortall), St. Michael's Pk; Patrick Delaney, Bracklone St; Bridget Delaney, Spa St; Joan & Larry O'Mahony, Patrick St; Tom & Bridie McNulty, Droughill, Peter Dunne, Patrick St.

10AM MASS - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 17th April Richard & Alice McCann; Martin Trait, Kilkenny (M.M.)

Tues. 18th April Mary Maguire, Newbridge & Rochfordbridge (3rd Anniv.)

Wed. 19th April John & Julia Kelly, Assumpta Terrace, Portarlington

Thur. 20th April Maureen Murnane, U.S.A.

Fri. 21st April Michael & Betty Spain, Arthur & Phyllis Hutchinson; Dec. members Hooks Family

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 15th April - 10.30am

Rita McDonnell, Springfield; Deceased members of the Durkan Family; Peter Maher, Ballintogher (9th Anniv.); Marian Hickey, The Square, Portarlington

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 15th April – 7.30pm

John Doonan, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.); Richard Cassidy (1st Anniv.); James (Jim) Lewis, Dublin; Mary Lewis, Morette; Fred & Elizabeth Prior, Morette; Philip Rowe, Portlaoise; Elizabeth Keogh, St. Brigid's Sq; Paula Treacy, John, Kathleen & Mary Treacy, Morette; Christy Gleeson & Elizabeth Gleeson, Morette; John & Eileen Dowling, Morette

Sunday 16th April – 11am

Pauline Hughes, Birr, formerly Station Rd, MM

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 16th April - 9am


Paddy Fitzgerald, Belgrove, Ballybrittas

Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale, Portarlington

HOW TO PRAY

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

(Use an ordinary Rosary)



Make the Sign of the Cross.

Pray an Our Father, Hail Mary and The Apostles' Creed.

On the Our Father beads say:

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary beads say:

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Repeat for the five decades.

Conclude by repeating this prayer 3 times:


Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world. ✽

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

(Today, Sun. 16th April)

Celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin on Sun. 16th April 2023. All invited to attend. Enquiries to 086 3797454.

CEMETERY MASSES 2023



Killenard – Fri. 7th July – 7.30pm

Portarlington – Fri. 14th July – 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 28th July – 7.30pm




Emo Old Cemetery – Sat. 12th Aug. – 7.30pm

DECEASED

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


James Nicholl Jnr., The Glen, Kilnacourt & formerly the Curragh, Kildare.

Vera Cross (nee Donegan), Rathangan

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent collection for the Priests of the Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



All outstanding Trocaire boxes should be returned as soon as possible. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Church. Amount collected to date:-

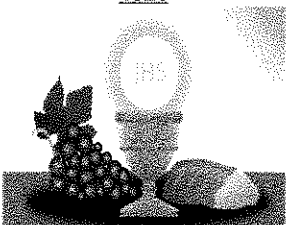
- Portarlington Coll. €6,915
- Emo Coll. €2,650

www.trocaire.org Call-save to 1800 408 408 - Post to: Trocaire, Maynooth, Kildare.

WORD OF THANKS

The Priests of the parish congratulate all who attended at the Easter Ceremonies in such great numbers. We thank all those who contributed to the support of the Priests. We thank the Organists, Choirs, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers and those who decorated the four Churches.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023



St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Sunday 30th April 2023 at 11am

Presentation Primary School, Station Road, Portarlington

Saturday 6th May 2023 at 11.30am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Saturday 13th May 2023 at 11.30am

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington

Saturday 20th May 2023 at 11.30am

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Saturday 27th May 2023 at 11.30am

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Tuesday's 10.30am–7pm

LOUGH DERG 2023

One Day Retreats: (Admission €45)

May 1st / 7th / 9th / 14th / 20th / 27th / 29th

August: 19th / 22nd / 27th

September: 2nd / 6th / 9th / 12th / 16th / 17th / 23rd / 24th

Three Day Pilgrimage: (Admission €80)

Starts 1st June (Thurs.). Runs until 15th August.

Residential Retreats / Lakeshore Pilgrimage / Quiet Days all available. Booking: 071 9861518

info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP

From 2nd – 9th August 2023. 7 nights full board in Hotel Solitude. Transport to & from Airports. €995 per person sharing. Limited single room availability at supplement (€280). Travel Insurance €39 if required. Contact Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on Main St. Ph: Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087-9311813.



EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Five nights – 21st August – 26th August, 2023. €745 per person sharing. Includes return flights from Dublin / 10 kg baggage allowance / Transfers / 5 nights in the 4* Hotel Astrid. Further info. & booking contact: Deirdre Lawlor 087-2299457 or Tony Byrne 086-1225833

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Package July 5th to 12th at a cost of €745 p.p.s. Flight Dublin to Split. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. Contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305. A few seats still available.

CLEAN UP LAOIS

Join the fight against litter, as part of Clean Up Laois week (April 17th – 23rd). Reg. forms for Clean Up Packs available from www.laois.ie (Clean Up Laois Week 2023)

cleanupweek@laoiscoco.ie Ph: 057-8674322



SLIMMING WORLD - PORTARLINGTON

Wednesdays: Solas Garden Centre 9.30am

Portarlington Community Centre 5.30-7.30pm

New & rejoining members welcome. No booking required – Phone Martina on 087 7838403.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you a parent or grandparent with a few hours free each week? If so, please consider offering friendly support to young parents with Parents First. There is free training and travel allowance. Find out more, call Dolores or Paula at 086 1959221 or 0579322996


CAR BOOT SALE - SOLAS, LEA ROAD

Car Boot Sale takes place at Solas Eco Garden Centre on Sun. 23rd April. Stall holders can arrive at 8am. Sale opens to the public at 10am & closes at 2.30pm. Book online for a stall. <https://www.thegardenshop.ie/car-boot-sale/>

SOCIAL TENNIS

Social tennis continues every Thursday from 7.30pm at Portarlington Lawn Tennis Club. New members and all levels welcome. €2 per player. 2023 Membership is now due. Check out our website for further info: www.portarlingtontennisclub.ie

WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?



Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent and we have not recognised your face in each of our brothers and sisters.

Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent and we have not yet shared your bread in grace with our brothers and sisters.

Stay with us Lord, for the day is far spent and we have not yet listened to your Word in the words of our brothers and sisters.

Stay with us Lord,

Because our very night becomes day When you are there.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, Sunday 23rd April 2023. €499.00 per person sharing. Price includes return train, 3 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre. Single supplement €100.00. Contact Patricia on 087 1890 236 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

BIO ENERGY THERAPY

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Bio Energy Therapy helps in the treatment of anxiety / depression / decreasing pain / strengthening the immune system / enhancing recovery from surgery & creating a sense of well being. Contact Bio Energy Therapist, Alasdair, on 085 7863793 or email amcannbioenergytherapy@gmail.com

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto Draw 11th April Numbers 26, 20, 18, 31

No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Jim O'Reilly / Michael Fullam / Stephen Hudson / M. Kelly / Elaine Slevin.

Promoters prize: John Kelly.

Next week's Jackpot €2,800

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32CY89


Social Dance (Tonight Saturday) April 15th dancing to Glen Flynn. Dancing Lessons Monday 7.45pm-9.15pm. €8 Keep Fit Wednesday 7-8pm. €5 each night.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next draw will take place 17th April with a Jackpot of €10,000

Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS



Used postage stamps wanted for Foreign Missions. Please leave in through the letter box of The Nook Shop, Patrick Street.

HOST FAMILIES - SPANISH STUDENTS

Host families sought for Spanish students for the month of July 2023. The Host Family must have a teenager (12-18) who is willing to spend time with and include the visiting student in their life for 4 weeks. Further info. contact Margaret on 087 2062162.

CLEAN UP PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 22nd April – Please give time to help clean up Portarlington.

Start 10am and finish by 12 noon. Bags and gloves provided. Truck to transport away rubbish. 2pm onwards – Free tea and coffee in SOLAS for all those who helped. To get involved contact David Maher on 086 3475357.

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

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?



If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a **Free ONLINE**, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. There are spaces available on our MAY 2023 Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

APRIL DEMENTIA CAFE

Annual Tea Day Fundraiser on May 4th.

Would you host a tea day? If so register for a Tea-day pack www.teaday.ie or phone 087-7151323.



Is your nominee up to date?

If you are unsure or wish to make a change, please call into the office and speak to one of the team.

CONFERENCE - BRIGID: WOMAN OF MYSTERY, WOMAN OF INSPIRATION

Sat. 22nd April from 10.30amk – 4pm. Cost: €25.00 (including lunch). Venue: Solas Bhride Centre, Tully Road Kildare Town R51 Y281. Keynote Speakers: Dr. Niamh Wycherley & Dr. Niamh Brennan.

CHECK IT FITS!

Did you know 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted? Get your child's car seat checked for free. Venue: SuperValu Car Park, Portarlington on Wed. 26th April 10am – 5.30pm. Walk-in appointments only. www.rsa.ie/checkitfits - Further information.

EMO TIDY TOWNS ANNUAL CLEAN UP



The Annual Clean up around Emo will take place on Friday 21st April from 6.30pm and also on Saturday 22nd April from 2pm. Litter pickers and County Council litter bags are available from Karen, close to the garden centre. We thank you for your help keeping Emo and surrounds clean and tidy.