



# 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.

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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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## EASTER SUNDAY

## Year C

### WEEKEND ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> April - 9pm Vigil

William (Bill) Bolton, Blackhall (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Dec. members of the Murray Family, Cushina;  
Dan O' Donoghue, Cork; Peter Sheils,  
Birmingham; Frank & Mollie Wyr, Cushina;  
Tom & Mary Byrne; Dec. members of the Byrne  
& Larke Families; Mai & Johnie Lalor,  
Cloneyhurke

#### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April - 12.15pm

Sean Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.)  
Ciaran Treacy, Kilmalogue (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Liam Bennett, Shiphouse; Patrick Delaney,  
Bracklone St; Larry & Joan O'Mahoney, Patrick  
St; Bridget Delaney, Spa St; Kathleen & John  
McGettrick (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Deirdre Maloney,  
Kilmalogue; Mona Moloney & their mother Anne  
Moloney; Molly Slattery, St. Patrick's Tce;  
Margaret Dunne, (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv) James Dunne, (15<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv) Tinnecrannagh, Bill Ryan, (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON 10am

#### Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> April

Siobhan Keogh, St. Michael's Park

#### Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> April

Thomas & Ellen McEvoy, St. Michael's Park

#### Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> April

Cecelia Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

#### Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> April

Maureen Mumane, U.S.A.

#### Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Michael & Betty Spain

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April - 10.30am

Rita McDonnell, Springfield & dec. members of  
the Durkan Family; Marian Hickey, The Square  
Terry Culleton & dec. members of the Culleton  
Family, Tierhogar

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April - 11am

James (Jim) Moore, Bettystown, Meath (M.M.)

#### Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> April - 7.30pm - Emo Church

Helen Whyte, Killimy (M.M.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April - 9am

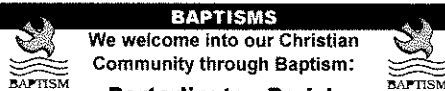
Rose & Paddy Dunne, Coolroe

Patrick (Paddy) Fitzgerald, Bellgrove

Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale

#### Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 11am - Rath Church

William (Bill) Flynn, Courtwood (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)



## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian  
Community through Baptism:

### Portarlington Parish

Matthew Ciarán Rogan, Riverside  
Ariyah Tracey O'Reilly, Kilnacourt Woods  
Isabelle Carol Nicholls, Canal Gardens  
Oisín Joseph Swinburne, Lea Road  
Fiadh Kate McCrory, Crann Nua  
Kara Joan Keane, Pine Villa

## DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following  
who died during the week:-  
Ciaran O'Donnell, Lea Road, Portarlington

## BLESSED EASTER WATER

BOTTLES OF BLESSED EASTER WATER  
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME FROM  
ALL CHURCHES FROM EASTER  
SUNDAY

## REFLECTION - DEATH OVERCOME

As long as the sun comes over the hills,  
scatters the darkness,  
and fills the world with light;  
As long as the fields get green again,  
and the primroses and violets return;  
As long as the trees fill up again with leaves,  
there is hope for us and for the world.  
So come, let us follow the footsteps of spring,  
for the snow has melted,  
and life is awakening from its sleep  
and wanders through the hills and valleys.  
Come, let us ascend the heights  
and gaze upon the waving greenness of the  
plains below.  
O come, let us rejoice on this Easter Day,  
for death has folded up his tent and  
gone away.

## The Priests of the Parish

wish all  
Parishioners  
a Happy & Holy  
Easter



## EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

The Easter Collection for the Priests of the  
Parish takes place this weekend.  
Envelopes are available in your  
development boxes and also at the Church  
porches. Any cheque payments for this  
collection please make payable to  
Portarlington Clergy Fund or Emo Clergy  
Fund. Sincere thanks for all your support to  
the Parishes of Emo and Portarlington.



All Trocaire boxes should be returned as  
soon as possible. Please do not leave  
them on the seats or around the Church.

## REFLECTION

Lord of all life,

You are our hope and our joy,  
our source of true happiness.  
We have journeyed to Easter and in the  
most difficult of trials we have renewed  
our baptism and proclaimed your  
resurrection.

We embrace with gladness the new life  
to which you call each one of us.  
Bless us, our families and all the world,  
with your constant presence and  
protection.

May we give you thanks every day and  
share the good news of our faith with all  
we meet.

And may the light of our Easter faith  
guide our footsteps in your ways of  
love, peace and truth.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen  
In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is  
risen! Alleluia, alleluia!

## THE PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the Parish  
Office will be closed from  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

### PILGRIMAGE - AUGUST 2022

Trip to Lourdes takes place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>  
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

## 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

These recommendations will be reviewed later  
this month, but, in the meantime, we ask that  
you take them into consideration.

## EMO TIDY TOWNS

Clean up of village will take place Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
April commencing 2pm. Meet at Emo Garden  
Centre, where litter pick equipment will be  
provided. Litter collected on Sat. will be  
collected by Laois Co. Co. on Monday. Come  
along if you have an hour or two to spare.  
Meeting on Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Emo Old school  
We wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

## MINDFUL MEDITATION & MOVEMENT

Venue: St. Brigid's Social Club, Cloneyhurke.  
Monday's 7pm-8pm. Phone 087 7632415.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE SOCIAL DANCE

Dance will take place on Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Music  
by Glen Flynn. Adm. €10. All very welcome.

## HOMECARE

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers  
for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a  
live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or  
Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our  
website is [www.alhomecare.ie](http://www.alhomecare.ie)

## AN APRIL ADORATION

Sang the sun rise on an amber morn  
'Earth, be glad! An April day is born.'  
'Winter's done, and April's in the skies,  
Earth, look up with laughter in your eyes!'  
Putting off her dumb dismay of snow,  
Earth bade all her unseen children grow.  
Then the sound of growing in the air  
Rose of God a liturgy of prayer;  
And the thronged succession of the days  
Uttered up to God a psalm of praise.  
Laughed the running sap in every vein,  
Laughed the running flurries of warm rain,  
Laughed the life in every wandering root,  
Laughed the tingling cells of bud and shoot  
God in all the concord of their mirth  
Heard the adoration song of Earth.  
By: Sir Charles George Douglas Roberts

## CYCLE EVENT - Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> April 2pm

All welcome. Fun, family-friendly cycle around  
Portarlington town to call for more safe cycle  
lanes. Start/finish at Lough Gate (rear) entrance  
to SOLAS Garden Centre. For queries, contact  
[portarlingtonsec@gmail.com](mailto:portarlingtonsec@gmail.com)

## SPRING SEWING CLASSES



Are you interested in upcycling your old clothes  
or improving your sewing skills? A 6 week  
sewing class will commence on April 26<sup>th</sup>. The  
classes will take place on Tuesday nights from  
6.30pm to 8.30pm. Call 057 8623161 or  
E-mail [markelly@ioetb.ie](mailto:markelly@ioetb.ie) LOETB, Bracklone St.

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO 11.4.22

Numbers 25, 18, 29, 24 - No jackpot winner.  
€50 each to:- Sharon & Isabella; Linda Downey  
& Madeline Murphy; Ellis & Sine Marie / Gavin  
Dunne. Promoter Dave Walsh  
Next week's Jackpot €3,800

## EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Next meeting will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> April in the  
Old School at 8pm. All very welcome, especially  
new members.

## EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is the 'Feast of feasts', a day of  
joy & happiness as we celebrate the  
resurrection of Christ. Light a candle & pause  
for a few moments to become aware of God's  
presence. Make the Sign of the Cross, as you  
pray:

Lord of all life,

You are our hope & our joy,  
Our source of true happiness.

We have journeyed to Easter  
& in the most difficult of trials  
we have renewed our baptism  
& proclaimed your resurrection.

We embrace with gladness the new life  
to which you call each one of us.  
Bless us, our families & all the world,  
with your constant presence & protection.  
May we give you thanks every day  
& share the good news of our faith  
with all we meet.

And may the light of our Easter faith  
guide our footsteps in your ways of  
love, peace & truth.

Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

In Easter joy we proclaim, Christ is risen!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

If you have Holy Water, use it to bless yourself  
as you make the Sign of the Cross. Place your  
candle safely somewhere prominent in your  
home as a reminder of the Light of Christ  
amongst us.

## LOURDES EMO PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Dates: 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2022 (4 nights). €645 pps.  
Single room supplement €140.  
The 4\* Hotel Astrid - Full board.  
Includes return direct flights  
Dublin / Tarbes. Coach  
transfers. Full religious  
programme. Accompanied by  
Spiritual Director. Travelling with  
Marian Pilgrimages. For further details  
contact Tony Byrne on 086 1225833



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT

### MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

#### Spring Online Courses

7pm-9pm on Zoom April 19, 26 (Deirdre Ní  
Chinnéide) / April 20, 27 (Gráinne Doherty).  
€100 for each 4-night course.  
Secretary on 057-8726153 or  
email: [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)  
Visit our website for full details of all our  
upcoming events: [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

### OUTREACH CLINIC PORTLAOISE

Free & confidential support service on all  
aspects of deafness & hearing loss in children  
& adults. Last Tuesday of every month from  
10am-12.30pm. Citizens Information Centre,  
Kellyville Park, Kyleiproo, Portlaoise R32  
K6PY. Email [tullamore@chne.ie](mailto:tullamore@chne.ie) or call 057  
9351606 or call/text 086 1436476.

### ST. BRIGID'S COMMUNITY

#### TEXT ALERT

An AGM of the St. Brigid's Text Alert Group will  
take place on Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> April at 8pm in St.  
Brigid's Social Hall, Cloneyhurke.  
Representatives of the Gardai will be in  
attendance on the night. All welcome to attend.



### HAPPY HEART ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Meet every Thursday at 1.45 in Portarlington  
Community Centre. New members welcome.  
Further info. contact Teresa on 086 8061567.

## 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



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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



### 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.

## MEALS ON WHEELS

Portarlington Social Services / Meals on  
Wheels will celebrate 50 years service next  
September. We remember the wonderful  
people who came together in 1972 to start  
this essential service. If we want to keep  
going, we need new members to join our  
committee. We cooked and delivered up to  
10,000 dinners last year. Please contact  
Ann (Bourke) Dunne (Secretary) on 087  
4116101. Email [annmdun@hotmail.com](mailto:annmdun@hotmail.com)  
for further information.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

## PORTARLINGTON TIDY TOWNS

Clean up taking place Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2022.  
As part of this year's 'Spring Clean',  
Portarlington Tidy Towns intend to organise  
the cleaning of several areas in the town on  
Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> April from 10am, which will be  
completed within 2 hours. Can anyone who  
wishes to have their road or housing estate  
included in the clean up please contact  
David Maher on 086 3475357. The Tidy  
Towns are asking people on the day to give  
an hour or two to help in this voluntary  
effort to clean up your local area. Gloves,  
rubbish bags & a truck to transport away  
the rubbish will be available on the day.  
Free Tea & Coffee for all those who give a  
hand in SOLAS at 2pm on the Day.

## RAINBOWS IRELAND

Rainbows Ireland is a free, listening, peer,  
group support service that provides support  
for children from the age of 7, after they  
have experienced a parental separation  
and/or bereavement. The programme runs  
for 9 weeks, for an hour each week after  
school. Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington is  
now providing this service to children  
attending their school & to the wider  
community. For further information visit  
[www.rainbowsireland.ie](http://www.rainbowsireland.ie). You could also  
phone the school office on 057 8623394 &  
leave your contact details for Rainbows or  
E-mail [rainbowsscoilphadraig@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowsscoilphadraig@gmail.com)