

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.

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MASS TIMES VIA LIVE STREAMING FROM WEBCAM

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
 Saturday 6.15pm/Sunday 9am & 12.15pm
 Monday to Friday 10am

Portarlington & Emo Parish @EmoParish



CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington



<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>

Sunday 18th April 2021 ✕ **Third Sunday of Easter** ✕ **Year B**

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 17th April – 6.15pm

Eileen Hynan, Portlaoise Rd. (1st Anniv.)
 Bill Bolton, Blackhall Bridge (2nd Anniv.)
 Claran Treacy, Kilmalogue (7th Anniv.);
 Patrick Delaney, Bracklone St;
 Larry & Joan O'Mahony, Patrick;
 Patrick & Bridget Delaney, Spa St.

Sunday 18th April 9am & 12.15pm

Angela Byrne, Cushina (8th Anniv.);
 Louisa Sheerin (1st Anniv.) & Bill Sheerin,
 Marian Hill; Mai Lalor & Johnie Lalor,
 Cloneyhurke

WEEKDAY MASSES / ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Monday 19th April

Brendan Finlay, Patrick Street &
 Tenerife (M.M.)

Tuesday 20th April

Cecelia Broughan, St. Brigid's Square
 (3rd Anniv.)

Wednesday 21st April

Peter Dunne, Patrick Street

Thursday 22nd April

Friday 23rd April
 Michael & Betty Spain

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 18th April

Lelia Carroll, Station Road (M.M.)
 Rita McDonnell, Springfield; Deceased
 members of the Durkan Family

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 17th April

Sunday 18th April

John & Gerard O'Connor, Rossmore,
 Vicarstown; Paula Treacy, Morette;
 John & Kathleen Treacy, Morette; Mary Treacy,
 Dublin & Morette

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 18th April

Patrick (Paddy) Fitzgerald, Bellgrove
 (5th Anniv.)

DECEASED

Prayers are requested for the following who
 died recently:



Bridget (Bridie) O'Connor (nee Phelan),
 Patrick Street, Portarlington

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community
 through Baptism:



Emo Parish

Aoibheann Bridget Keegan, Durrrow

Portarlington Parish

Aida Holly Ryan, Freeze Lane, Lea Road
 Ella Rose Kehoe, Springfield

NATIONAL SYNOD



The Irish Catholic Bishops announced at their Winter 2020 meeting a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland, leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next 5 years. The Bishops want to know what would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about a national synod? Before embarking on an initial two year phase of consultation, bishops are inviting submissions between now and the 23rd May 2021 to reflect on what methods / models would be best to adopt in these coming 2 years of conversations. Parish teams, parish pastoral councils and other parish groups, as well as individual parishioners can make their submissions, in not more than 300 words, via the Bishops Conference webpage: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions/>

IMPORTANT DATES 2021

Ascension Sunday 16th May
Pentecost Sunday 23rd May
Trinity Sunday 30th May
Corpus Christi Sunday 6th June
1st Sunday of Advent 28th November

TROCAIRE Working for a Just World



TROCAIRE BOXES

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. You can drop them into the Parish Office.
 Amount collected to date in the Parishes of Portarlington & Emo:-

Portarlington / Emo €6,755.00

TOWARDS HEALING



Free & Confidential Helpline & Counselling Referral Service
 Towards Healing is a Support Service, funded by the Catholic Church for survivors of Institutional, Clerical and Religious abuse and provides the following Helpline Support & Counselling.
 Freephone 1800303416
 Mobile number for hearing impaired users 085 8022859
www.towardshealing.ie

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. Kindly drop them into Delaney's, Bracklone Street.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is closed to the public due to ongoing restrictions. You can phone the office (057) 8643004 between 10.30am & 12 Noon Mon. – Fri. Alternatively, you can phone or text Eileen on 086-1508048. You can e-mail notices for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter to portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

AFFIRMATION – GOD IS HERE



*We believe that flowers need the rain.
 We believe that humans need community.
 We believe that bodies need rest.
 We believe that hearts need connection.
 We believe that mornings need sunrise.
 We believe that seasons need change.
 We believe that grief needs space.
 We believe that change needs time.
 We believe that love needs security.
 We believe that pain needs art.
 We believe that joy needs company.
 We believe that our spirits need God.
 Again and again, our spirits need God.
 Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here.*

*God is at work in our lives.
 God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up.
 Thanks be to God.
 AMEN*

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB



Portarlington Tennis Club re-opens on Monday 26th April for Singles play and own household doubles. Members only.
 Junior Coaching classes with Coach Tony start on 26th/27th April. Check out our website www.portarlingtontennisclub.ie or Ring/text 0871231135 for further information.
 New members always welcome.

YOGA

Online Pregnancy Yoga classes including a relaxation segment every Wednesday at 8pm.
 No yoga experience is needed to join.
 Booking is essential.
 For more details contact: Catriona 086-8890005.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND



FUNDRAISING

Portarlington Concert Band is a community-based band catering for children of all ages from Portarlington & surrounding areas. All instruments are free to the students who wish to join the band, but these instruments have to be paid for on an ongoing basis. The band usually finance their cost through an annual concert & community collection, which couldn't take place this year. We have set up a Go Fund Me page.

All donations will be gratefully appreciated.
https://www.gofundme.com/f/portarlington-concert-band-development-fund?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer



ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

Lotto Results for 13th April, 2021

Letters: B, Z, C, N – No jackpot winner. €25 to Rachel Confrey & to Derek Anderson. Sellers prize: Ted Lawlor. Next draw will take place on 27th April with a Jackpot of €10,000.

BANRION GALES CAMOGIE

Preparations are underway to return to training. You can register on www.banriongales.com/. Further details on training will be advised later.

CLOTHING COLLECTION

If you are doing a spring clean and want to help raise funds for Gracefield G.A.A. you can drop off the following items at the Gracefield Clubhouse from 10am to 12 noon for the next 3 weeks. Good quality hats, scarves, bed linen, towels, belts and handbags. If you can't make it up to the club to drop off your items, we can arrange a collection whilst adhering to the Covid guidelines and restrictions. Contact Deirdre on 087-9693739 or Clare on 089-6000597.

PORTARLINGTON G.A.A. CLUB

ON-LINE BINGO



Eyes down, eyes down ...
 We are delighted to announce the return of our Tuesday night Bingo from Tues. 20th April. Now online via Zoom with all our usual callers & a guarantee 3000 in prizes each night. Single books are priced at €8 and are available for purchase through clubforce at the link below, where you can also find further details on how to play.
https://member.clubforce.com/memberships_cart_m.asp?LL_ID=2761&inMF_ID=8227#Anchor

THANK YOU

Portarlington Tidy Towns offer a sincere 'Thank You' to Portarlington Credit Union for their donation of €1,100. This money will be used for plants and shrubs to brighten up our town. The Tidy Towns committee are always looking for volunteers to help with their efforts to keep Portarlington tidy.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH 2021

Pope Francis has declared 2021 "The Year of St. Joseph". In his Apostolic Letter, "Patris Corde" (A father's Heart), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. Let us now make our prayer to him:



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

*I place in you all my interests and desires.
 Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me
 by your powerful intercession,
 and obtain for me from your divine Son
 all spiritual blessings,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 AMEN*

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at weekend Masses for support. This is not possible now, but we are very thankful to many of you who have found different ways of contributing to the support of the parish during these times. If you wish to make a donation, the Parish Account details are listed below, where you can transfer directly to our 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.

COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Seven The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

SCOIL PHADRAIG APPEAL



Work has started on our garden project for the new school on Canal Road. The central piece of the garden is the Trinity Loop which has been commissioned as part of the 'Percent For Art Project'. We will also have a sensory garden, outdoor classroom, vegetable garden and wild willow woodland. If you are a parent, grandparent, past pupil or a member of the wider Portarlington Community and you would like to contribute to our new, exciting garden project, we would be delighted if you would donate through our Go Fund Me Page. All donations gratefully accepted.
 For further information please visit Scoil Phadraig Garden Project.