

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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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 (Mon. – Fri.)
 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 18th July 2021 ✕ **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time** ✕ **Year B**

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 17th July – 6.15pm
 Michael Milner, Lough (1st Anniv.);
 Frances Cullen, St. Michael's Park (1st Anniv.);
 Dominica Ryan, Arlington Est;
 Bridie Boylan, Spa St. (10th Anniv.)
 Michael Dix; Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill;
 Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield;
 Bill & Sheila Fingleton & son, Paul Fingleton,
 Patrick Street; Deceased members of the
 Prenderville Family
Sunday 18th July – 9am
 People of the Parish
Sunday 18th July – 12.15pm
 Ciaran Orange, Canal Road (M.M.)
 Goretti Phelan, Avondale (1st Anniv.)
 Ailish Lyne, Bracklone Street;
 Tony Kelly, Seskin (6th Anniv.)
 Peter & Bridie Hyland & Son John Hyland

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS PORTARLINGTON

Friday 23rd July – 10am
 Frances Costello, St. Michael's Park (M.M.)
 Patrick Flood, Main Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 18th July – 10.30am
 Willie Heavey, Rathangan (4th Anniv.)

ST. JOHN'S CEMETERY – KILLENARD



Please donate to the upkeep of St. John's Cemetery, Killenard. Due to the pandemic no collections have been made so funds are very low. Many families from the area have loved ones buried in Killenard Cemetery. Please donate what you can. If you don't wish to donate on-line through Killenard Cemetery Up Keep Go Fund Me Page, you can donate directly to Pat Cooper or to Eddie Slevin.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 17th July – 7.30pm
 Eilen Kehoe; Anne Kehoe; James Kehoe,
 Coolbanagher
 William & Kathleen Byrne, Killimy
Sunday 18th July – 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 18th July – 9am
 Michael Dunne, Courtwood, Vicarstown (M.M.);
 PatJo Dobbyn, Ballybrittas (7th Anniv.);
 Bill Dobbyn, Courtwood; David Mullen,
 Bracklone St. (11th Anniv.); Ann & Eamon
 Mullen, Bracklone St; Charlie Raleigh;
 Charlie Kirwan, Doolagh; Denis Tynan (2nd
 Anniv.) & parents Tim & Elizabeth Tynan, Canal,
 Fisherstown; Kevin & Elizabeth O'Connor,
 Kilbracken, Rath

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues. 20th July – St Apollinaris
 Wed. 21st July – St. Lawrence of Brindisi
 Thurs. 22nd July – St. Mary Magdalene
 Fri. 23rd July – St. Bridget of Sweden
 Sat. 24th July – St. Declan / St. Sharbel Makhluf



St. Mary Magdalene stood by the Cross of Jesus; with two other women she discovered the empty tomb; she was granted an appearance of the Risen Lord early the same day, from which incident she has been described as 'the apostle to the apostles'.



St. Bridget was born in Sweden in 1303. She brought up eight children, and after the death of her husband dedicated herself to an ascetical life. Later she founded the Bridgettine Order and lived in Rome. She wrote many works about her mystical experiences. She died in Rome in 1373 and was declared a Patron of Europe in 2000.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:
 **Portarlington Parish** 
Mason Conor Robinson,
 Ballymorris Manor, Portarlington
Anna Olivia Walsh,
 Lea Road, Portarlington
Alice Mae O'Reilly,
 Mount Henry Close, Killenard
Holly May Cullen,
 Carriglea, Killenard
Aleksandra Zofia Pobudkiewicz,
 St. Michael's Park, Portarlington

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held in St. Michael's Parish Church, Portarlington every Tuesday after the 10am Mass. The Adoration will continue until 7pm each Tuesday evening.

REFLECTION



Sheep without a shepherd
 Lord, look upon us and take pity on us,
 For at times we too are like sheep.
 Save us from a blind following of the herd.
 Help us to listen to your voice,
 to trust you and to follow you,
 even if it means leaving the crowd
 and walking a lonely path.
 Lead us from fear to trust,
 from error to truth,
 from hate to love,
 from war to peace,
 from despair to hope,
 and from death to life. Amen.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is opened from Mon. – Fri. 9.30am – 1.30pm. Notices for the Parish Newsletter (by Wednesday of each week) to be emailed to portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net Alternatively phone the office (057) 8643004.

ALERT! NOTICE FROM AN GARDA SÍOCHÁNA LAOIS/OFFALY

Gardai are urging the public to spread the word of fraud prevention as people continue to fall victim to scams on a daily basis after receiving calls from fraudsters claiming to be from Government and State Agencies such as An Garda Síochána & the Department of Social Protection. On receipt of these communications, the advice of An Garda Síochána is as follows:-
 - Do not engage with the caller.
 - Do not return the call.
 - Do not follow the automated instructions - Do not press 1 etc.
 - Never disclose personal or financial information
 - Hang up & block the number if possible
 Whilst the scammers may change their stories & methods, their goal is always the same – they want to access your sensitive information & get their hands on your money. If you believe you may have fallen victim to a scam, contact your financial institution & report the matter to local Gardai. Always keep your personal information safe & be fraud aware.

PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB LOTTO

Jackpot €9,200. Play lotto at <https://smartlotto.ie/portarlington-golf-club/>

AA MEETINGS

Closed Meetings are held on Tuesday's at 8.30pm; Friday's at 8.30pm in the Girl's Club, No. 9 Foxcroft Street, Portarlington.

SALE OF WORK (today)

On today, Sun. 18th July at 11.30am in the Owenass Hall, Mountmellick. Proceeds in aid of CCTV cameras for Mountmellick. Come along and get a bargain.

FARMERS MARKETS

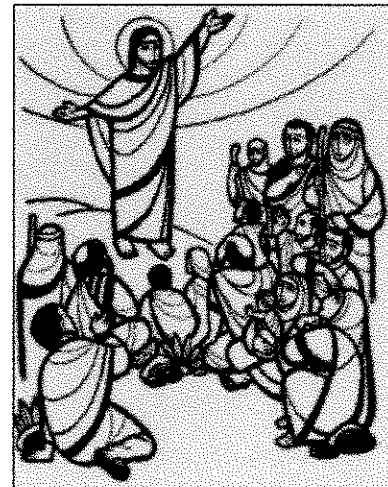
Emo Village Farmers Market
 Today – Sun. 18th July from 11am to 5pm.
 Traders can contact Michael on 083 3817980
Solas – Farmers Market, Lea Road
 Every Saturday at the Garden Centre.

*SUMMER * STARS * READING * PROGRAMME *

Jennifer Farley's book, "Scout's Best Day Ever", will be coming to playgrounds, parks and walks across the county for the summer holidays. The **Story Stroll** will be on at the Portarlington Playground 31st July – 31st August. Sign up for Summer Stars at your local library.

MARK 6 30-34

The disciples return from their mission trip and Jesus takes them away for a rest, only to be found out by an enormous crowd in need of teaching.



RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP (with ongoing restrictions)

Churches are opened for public worship.
Parish Mass: 50 people may attend Mass.
Baptisms: Individual baptisms taking place with a maximum of 10 people now permitted.
Funerals: Maximum of 50 people may attend.
Weddings: Maximum of 50 people may attend.

You are asked to conform to Government guidelines in relation to hand hygiene, social distancing and the wearing of facemasks.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

(Ministers of the Word, the Altar & Service)
 The Permanent Diaconate is open to men aged between 30 and 60 who have a genuine sense of vocation to this calling. Deacons are self-supporting & continue in their family lives & secular employment. A new programme of discernment & formation within the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin will commence in September 2021. Further info. contact:-
 Rev. John McEvoy before Sat. 31st July.
 059-9161114 / permanent.diaconate@kandle.ie

SUMMER CAMPS

PORT. R.F.C. SUMMER CAMP: 16th – 20th August (10am – 2pm). Boys and girls aged 4 years to 12 years. Cost €50 with discounts for more than one child. To book, visit www.portarlingtonrugby.com/ and click 'join' **ARLINGTON A.F.C. – FAI SUMMER CAMP**
 The FAI Summer Soccer Camp kicks off at Castle Park next Monday. This camp is for girls and boys aged 6 to 14 years. Along with a week of coaching, each child receives a soccer kit.
 Bookings:
<https://bookings.summersoccerschools.ie/s/about>

YARD SALE – TODAY AT WHITEFIELDS

Whitefields Estate, Station Road
 All welcome to come along to our YARD SALE, today, Sunday 18th July between 11am and 2pm. Stalls will be set up outside participants own houses. Plenty of bargains to be had.

PORT. ENTERPRISE CENTRE

In accordance with the "Portarlington Regeneration Strategy 2030" Laois Co. Co. is seeking to improve the streetscape & public realm of Portarlington Town. The Business Support Unit are accepting applications for the Portarlington Façade Enhancement Scheme in the following areas:- Main St., Market Square and French Church St. The scheme is available to both commercial & residential premises & interested businesses/residents can apply by downloading the application form from Laois Co. Co. website or by contacting Linda Meredith at 086-7839729 or Email lmredith@laoiscoco.ie <https://laois.ie/.../portarlington-facade-enhancement.../>

UNISLIM CLASSES

Classes take place in Portarlington Community Centre on Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm-7.30pm and Thursday mornings from 9am-10am. Info. & Booking:- Laura 087 4141361.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGE PATH

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily – Full route 12km loop & shorter 8km option. Several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sun. 25th & Sat. 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. To book & for further info. E-mail info@loughderg.org Phone 0(0353) 71 9861518 www.loughderg.org

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.

SENIORS ALERT SCHEME

- 1 Are you over 65.
- 2 Of limited means or resources.
- 3 Living alone.
- 4 Living with another person who meets the eligibility criteria.
- 5 Living alone for significant periods of time during the day.
- 6 Are you a Carer to someone else in the household?

Then you may be entitled to the Seniors Alert Scheme. Contact the Love Portarlington Office 057 8608395.

PORTARLINGTON TIDY TOWNS

It's that time again – The Tidy Towns competition is due to be judged in the next couple of weeks. We hope that everyone will endeavour to tidy their own areas in an effort to keep our town looking well.

CHILDREN'S SEWING CAMP

If anyone is interested in taking part you can contact MakePort on 089 4947612 / Facebook messenger or Email info@makeport.ie

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS - 6TH JULY 2021
 Winning Letters L, E, O, I
 Jackpot Winner – Paul Kelly
 Congratulations to our winner!
 €25 to Noel Foy and to Liz Waldron.
 Sellers Prize Suzanne Hyland.
 Next draw will take place on 20th July with a Jackpot of €5,000.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2021

Those intending to submit articles / stories for inclusion in this year's edition of the Emigrant Newsletter are asked to send them in to the Parish Office. A special welcome for old group photographs (which must include names). Closing date 1st August 2021.
 E-mail portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net