

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 19th February, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 18th February - 6.15pm

Michael Dunne, Cushina (M.M.)
Brid Whelan, Bishopswood (4th Anniv.)
Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive (6th Anniv.);
Dec. members of the Hynes Family, Roscrea;
Richard O'Reilly, Spa St; Lizzie Evans,
St. Joseph's Tce. (7th Anniv.); Willie Flanagan,
Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes; Michele
McNamara, Gracefield; Patrick Crossan,
Ballymorris & dec. members of the Crossan
Family, Cloneygowan; Frances Mason (7th
Anniv.) & dec. members of the Mason
Family, Garryhinch; Brendan & Celine
Lawless, Patrick Street

Sunday 19th February – 12.15pm

Tommy Dunne, Main Street (M.M.)
Elizabeth (Betty) Costello, St. Patrick's Tce. (1st
Anniv.); Mary Smith, Church View; John
Mulligan, Bishopswood

ANNIVERSARY MASS DURING THE WEEK PORTARLINGTON 10AM

Mon. 20th Feb. Harry Amalan, Sydney;
Brid Whelan, Bishopswood (4th Anniv.)
Tues. 21st Feb. Ambrose Doyle, Gracefield
(3rd Anniv.)
Wed. 22nd Feb. 10am & 7.30pm —
Thurs. 23rd Feb. Kathleen Mulvey
Fri. 24th Feb. Martin & Sarah Turley, Pat,
Tomas, Breda & Andrew Turley; Barry Kilshaw

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 19th February- 10.30am
Kathleen (Kit) Kearney, Ballybrittas / Woodbrook
(1st Anniv.); Pat Keane, Killenard (11th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 18th February – 7.30pm
Kathleen (Kit) Kearney, Ballybrittas &
Woodbrook (1st Anniv.); Ciss Wheeler, Killimy
(10th Anniv.); Charlie Morris, Clonamone House
Joe & Margaret Duffy, Ballycullane
Sunday 19th February- 11am
Mary O'Connor, Ballycullane; Jeremiah
O'Connor, Coolaghy; Margaret Sweeney;
Nora O'Loughlin, Poole St., Dublin; Peter Kerry,
The Derries, Ballybrittas

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 19th February - 9am
Teresa (Tess) O'Connell, Courtwood Stores,
Ballybrittas (M.M.); Tommy Dunne, Main St.,
Portarlington (M.M.)

DECEASED

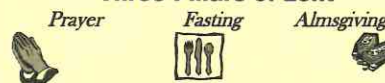
Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week.
Alexandra Menelaou, Cyprus

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wed. next, 22nd Feb. (Ash
Wednesday) & is a day of fast & abstinence.
Masses & the blessing of Ashes on Ash
Wednesday as follows:

Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm
Killenard 10.30am
Emo 7.30pm + Rath 9.30am

Three Pillars of Lent



LENT / ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of annual retreat & renewal for all of us to embrace the Lenten disciplines of:
PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

- Abstain from meat or some other food
- Abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking
- Make a special effort to pray together
- Participate in the Mass
- Visit the Blessed Sacrament
- Fast from food for a longer period than usual giving what is saved to the needy
- Help the poor, sick, old or lonely.

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held weekend of 4th / 5th March, taking the form of a 2nd collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got envelope boxes & wish to contribute.



TEMPERANCE SUNDAY MASS ON R.T.E. TV & RADIO

Today at 11am – Will include prayers for all who are in treatment for addiction, for their families and for those who are in recovery. The Pioneer website www.pioneers.ie has information for those who wish to take the Lenten pledge.



baptism

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish

Daniel Ray (DJ) Slevin & Robin Betty Slevin, Naul
Erin Mary Harnett, Kildare
Sophia Catherine Finn, Rathmiles

Emo Parish

Sadie May Valerie Havens, Treascon
Alannah Valerie Nancy Mitchell, Treascon

COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA & TURKEY

A collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend (18th/19thFeb.). This collection will go to Trocaire, who are working with their partner, Caritas Syria, to support those affected by this devastating earthquake. There is a special envelope available at the Church porch or you can give some extra on the plate collection. Please give what you can!

PRAYER FOR SYRIA & TURKEY

All our hearts are going out to the people of Syria and Turkey.
May the people of these lands have the courage & strength to keep living each day.

May they have all the supports, aid, love & compassion needed.
Syria is suffering so much pain & turmoil from war & conflict.
May leaders open all borders so that all resources can get through.
May generosity & God's blessings bring strength & hope to everyone who has been affected.
May minds & hearts be moved to remember loved ones who have died, those who are injured & missing,
We hold them all in our hearts this day.
Amen.

trócaire

Together for a just World



"Let your Love be there this Lent"

Suffering for food, water, and a basic livelihood should never be part of anyone's life. Yet it is for Thandekile and her family. Widowed by Covid, she is doing all she can to give her children a future. But in the grip of climate change & poverty, she's losing ground. Your Lenten donation of any size now means more families like hers can eat, children can stay in school, lasting livelihoods can be built, and a better tomorrow can belong to us all. Please give what you can: Trocaire boxes available at the Church porch. Online www.trocaire.org Freephone on 1800 408 408.

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PRAYER

For Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse

This year's Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors & Victims of Sexual Abuse takes place on 24th Feb. (Next Friday, the 1st Friday of Lent) **Towards Peace Spiritual Support Services** Towards Peace is an independent organization that provides a spiritual support & professional service for survivors of physical, emotional, sexual & spiritual abuse who suffered in an institutional, clerical or religious setting in Ireland. The Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service is free of charge. Further information see: www.towardshealing.ie

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE, KILLENARD

Job Vacancy - Operations Manager

Mount St. Anne's is looking for a dynamic and experienced person to join their Team at this busy centre. For a detailed job description, please email ceo@mountstannes.com.



Closing date for Applications (CV & letter of application) is Mon. 13th March at 9am. Further information about the Centre from www.mountstannes.com. Mount St. Anne's is an equal opportunities employer.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

INAUGURAL TRACTOR RUN

Supporting our Community
Sun. 5th March. €20 registration from 10.30am at the Railway Station Car Park – Departing 12 noon. Route: Station Road / Main St. / Mountmellick Road / Right at Golf Links / Left at Garryhinch Cross / Left at Commons / Left at Kennels Cross / Right at Blackhall Bridge. Complimentary refreshments & AUCTION immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar. **Prize for best modern tractor**
Prize for best pre-1980's tractor.
Contact Gerry on 086 3584611 or Brendan on 086 4415219. Only qualified drivers to take part.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP



This year's pilgrimage will take place from 2nd – 9th August 2023. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude. Names of those interested in travelling with this year's pilgrimage can be given to Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on Main Street or phone Marie on 087 77589896 or Vera on 0867 2221799.

EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

19th August 2023 for 5 nights.

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 CC. Booking contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

C.P.R. TRAINING

Free CPR training available from Tues. 7th March from 7pm for one hour. Learn the basics of CPR by First Responders & the correct procedure to follow in an emergency. This FREE training event is open to all members of the public. People of any age welcome to attend. Sign up in store at McGreal's Pharmacy, Kilnacourt, Portarlington.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Travelling from 7th – 15th Sept. 2023 from Portlaoise Parish. Led by Msr. John Byrne. Cost per person €2,190 (single supplement €769). Full religious programme. Further details from Tully's Travel, Carlow – 059-9136100.

LOST: Set of car keys lost last weekend at the Bog Lake. If found, contact the Parish Office.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

GAA for Dads & Lads!

Do you fancy returning to football after some time away? Never played & want to give it a try? An initial 5 week trial will start Thursday, 2nd March. For further info. or to register your interest contact Stef on (087) 6293184.

GAEILGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish gathering each Wednesday 22nd Feb. from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown. €2 contribution. Fáilte le cach. Enjoy a cupán tae agus chat.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

The draw took place on 13th Feb. Numbers 4, 7, 18, 21 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to: James, Fiona & Edward C/o Village Cafe / Olive Maher C/o Rath School / Margaret Deegan C/o M. Corcoran / Tony Byrne C/o Deirdre / Christine Conroy C/o Meave.

Next week's Jackpot is €8,600.

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

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

Now recruiting adults for our Beginners Band. Instruments are free of charge & include the following: Trumpets / Trombones / Saxophones / Clarinets / Flutes / Percussion. Lessons available week days. Rehearsals for Beginner Band on Saturday's from 12-1pm. Cost €15 per lesson. Further details phone 083 8510428.

PORTARLINGTON GTON LIBRARY

Art Classes with Billy Dollard & the LOETB: This beginners art class starts Tues. 21st Feb. commencing 10am running for 6 weeks. This is a free course, but places are limited, so booking is essential. Phone or email for further info: 057 8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoscoco.ie
Ireland Reads is Back:

We encourage everyone to join in with "Ireland Reads Day". Check out the following: <https://www.irelandreads.ie/> where you can pledge how long you plan to read for on Ireland Reads Day, Feb 25th. Lets' get Ireland reading!
Sensory Toy Resources: Portarlington Library now has Sensory Toys for lending. Call 057 8643751 for further info. or call in for a chat.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB Lotto 13th Feb.

Numbers 15, 10, 23, 16 – No Jackpot Winner. €50 each to: Cathleen Gorman / Antoinette Mitchell David Dunne / Maria Storey / Jim Evans. Promoter prize: Breda Flanagan.
Next week's Jackpot €5,600

G.R.O.W.

Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm – 4pm at Portarlington Social Services, Link Road. Over 18's welcome to attend. Further info. contact Assumpta 086 8114135 assumptalovons@grow.ie.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2023

3rd – 10th March. Venue: Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick. Tickets now on sale. Online Booking at mountmellickdramafestival.ie Book your favourite seats now and don't miss this wonderful event. Tickets: Nightly €15 (€10) Season Ticket €70 (€45). Contact Jessie 087 7942994, Noreen 087 4121205.

BABY MASSAGE CLASSES

Next course starting Monday 13 March 2023 in Portarlington Community Centre and the following 3 Mondays at 12pm. Booking is essential. For more details contact: Catriona 086 8890005"

MUM AND BABY YOGA

Next course starting Monday 13 March 2023 in Portarlington Community Centre and the following 3 Mondays at 10.30am. Booking is essential. For more details contact: Catriona 086 8890005"

GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

MONTHLY RETREAT

St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise on Sat. 25th Feb. 10am to 1.30pm. Mass at 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre from 10.45am to 1.30pm. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305: Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O' Domhnaill P.P. All Welcome

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.

"REEL" FITNESS

Portarlington Community Centre on Tuesday's at 8pm. "Reel Fitness" is Irish Dance Classes for adults for fun. All levels of fitness, including those who have never danced before. Phone 085 1746790 for further information.

MOUNTMELICK MACRA PANTO

"Little Red Riding Hood"
From Thursday 23rd Feb. until Sunday 26th Feb. in the Macra Hall Mountmellick. Shows on Thurs. 23rd, Fri. 24th & Sat. 25th at 8.15pm. Friday 24th and Saturday 25th at 8.15pm. Shows on Sunday 26th at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets: Adults €15, Children €10. Family rates available. Tickets are Available on the door.

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT

The Priory Institute is hosting a FREE online retreat: **'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as Stepping Stones on our Journey to East'** Visit our website prioryinstitute.com or link <https://bit.ly/3DWRTkx> to register /

LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION

Are you or 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 & others to name but a few. This programme supports people to develop the skills & confidence to live with their health condition. Spaces are available on the MARCH 2023 Programmes.

To book, please contact Aine 041-6850676/ 087-1140371 or Joanne 041-6860710 087-4308735 www.hse.ie/livingwell