



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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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.



May the blessing of the Divine
be an especially bright benediction upon
mothers everywhere on this, your blessed day.

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 MARCH, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MOTHERS DAY

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 18th March - 6.15pm

Dinah Kelly, Derryvilla (3rd Anniv.); Margaret & Thomas Lawlor, Cushina; Patricia Bourke, Ballycullane; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill; Tommy & Carmel O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square; Dec. members of the Ward Family, Main St.

Sunday 19th March - 12.15pm

Sean Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (1st Anniv.)
Margaret (Peg) Slattery & son, John Slattery (8th Anniv.), Spa St. & Botley Court; Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Tce; Jack & Dora Madden, Bracklone St; Julia Horan, Church View;
Timothy & Annamaria Garry & dec. members of the Garry Family, Cloneyquinn; Thomas, Kathleen & Oswald McGrath & dec. members of the McGrath Family, Closeiland; Peter & Colleen Finnegan, Arlington Estate

ANNIVERSARY MASS DURING THE WEEK PORTARLINGTON 10AM

Mon. 20th March - William & Maria Moore & sons, John & Billy Moore, Cloneyhurke
Tues. 21st March ---
Wed. 22nd March ---
Thurs. 23rd March - Ned Dunne
Fri. 24th March ---

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 19th March - 10.30am

Lelia Carroll, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.)
Denis Donohoe, Rath (25th Anniv.)
John Tynan, Springfield (10th Anniv.)
John & Lillie Tynan, Old Pound

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 18th March - 7.30pm

Colette Coonan-Dowling, Shinrone, Birr & Kilmainham, Mountmellick; Christina Walsh, Knightstown (6th Anniv.) & daughter Julann (62nd Anniv.);

Sunday 19th March - 11am

Helen Whyte, Killimy (1st Anniv.)
Johnny Davis, Old Pound

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 19th March - 9am

Mary Patricia Duffy, Bailintogher, Ballybrittas

DECEASED

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

Mary McConn (nee Hanley), St. Brigid's Square, Portarlington & formerly Rathangan
Gus Duffy, Cushina
Gerry Cahill, Geashill & formerly Portarlington
Christine Fox, Kinlough, Sligo (Former Teacher of Scoil Mhuire & Coláiste Iosagáin)

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish

Hannah Marian Brennan, Tierhogar
Sean Cillian O'Leary, Killimy, Emo



Her love is like an island in life's ocean,
vast and wide.

A peaceful, quiet shelter
from the wind, the rain, the tide.
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
by Patience on the West,
by tender Counsel on the South
and on the East by Rest.

Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life
I find a Haven there.



SERVICE OF LIGHT & RECONCILIATION (In preparation for Confirmation)

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
Tues. 21st March at 7pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Presentation Primary School, Station Rd
Tues. 21st March at 8.15pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Mon. 27th March at 7.30pm in St. John's Church, Killenard

Confirmation

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the sacrament of Confirmation during the coming weeks in Portarlington Parish as follows:-

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington

Thursday 23rd March at 11am
Presentation Primary School
Thursday 23rd March at 2pm

Both ceremonies will be held in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Thursday 30th March at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard

trócaire

"Let your Love be there this Lent"

A very happy Mother's Day from all in Trocaire! Today we celebrate mothers & those in a mothering role who tirelessly work to create a positive environment in which their children can thrive. In Somalia & other countries around the world, Trocaire provides maternal care for expectant & new mothers. Your support this Lent will provide healthcare to mothers & babies & train new midwives in one of the most fragile countries in the world. Please give what you can: Trocaire boxes available at the Church porch.
Online www.trocaire.org
Freephone on 1800 408 408.

'A world that looks to the future without a mother's gaze is short-sighted. It may well increase its profits, but it will no longer see others as children. It will make money, but not for everyone. A world in which maternal tenderness is dismissed as mere sentiment may be rich materially, but poor where the future is concerned.' (Pope Francis, Message for the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, 2019)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing at 6.30pm. Sunday's during Lent 5-7pm.

* LENTEN BLESSING *

Bless us as we realise the grace of patience & perseverance in our life of faith.
Bless us as we meet challenges to our faith, As it speaks a language that does not always sit easily with modern thought.
Bless us, this Year of Faith,
As we overcome the temptation to give up or give in. Amen

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP

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 087-7589896 or Vera on 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 CC. Booking contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. Golf Classic 2023

After the enjoyment of last year's outing, we're happy to announce our golf 'classic' is happening once again at the Heritage Golf Resort on Good Friday, 7th April. It will be a Scramble format. Team Registration and Sponsorship Details are available at this link - <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golf-classic-2023>

Fuel Your Body For Sport Talk/Demo

A 2-hour talk and practical demo on fueling your body for sport, with a focus on Protein, Macros and knowledge on reading labels among the topics covered takes place at the O'Dempsey's Clubhouse on Friday 24th March at 7.30pm. This is a FREE event and open to the community. U18s to be accompanied by a guardian. Register now at :- <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/eat-to-fuel-your-body>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Muiriosa Foundation are looking for Volunteer Befrienders to meet on a one-to-one basis with people with intellectual disabilities in Portarlington. The Muiriosa Foundation Befriending service provides companionship to people with intellectual disabilities who would like extra social contact through a weekly, fortnightly or monthly volunteer visit. If you are interested and would like to learn more please contact 087 8505718

FAMILY FAVOURITES COOKBOOK

Emo NS "FAMILY FAVOURITES" Cookbook is on sale. Pick up a copy & support Emo National School's new Autism Unit & associated facilities. You can purchase a copy from:- Bernie's Shop, Emo / Supervalu, Mountmellick / All Books, Portlaoise / Hummingbird Interiors Café, Portarlington / Portarlington Post Office & Emo National School (via Aladdin). This fabulous cookbook is packed with 120 of the most delicious mouth-watering recipes and is priced at €15.



FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 20th March - St. Joseph
Fri. 24th March - St. Oscar Romaro / St. Macartan
Sat. 25th March - The Annunciation of the Lord

EASTER CAMP

Taking place in Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road from Tues. 11th - Fri. 14th April for boys & girls of primary school age. Times: 9.30am to 2pm. €60 / Sibling discounts available. Registration forms at the school office.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto Draw - 13th March 2023

Numbers 15, 5, 11, 2 - Jackpot winner of €6,200 - Michael Slattery
€50 to each of the following:- Breda Flanagan; Deirdre Doyle; Mary Dempsey; Michael Dunne & Patrick Maree. Promoters prize: Breda Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot €2,000.

CHILDMINDER NEEDED

Killenard / Ballybrittas area to look after one child (4 days per week) from October 2023. References required / Non smoker. If interested in this position, please contact Mary on 085 7281987.

BIOLOGY & SCIENCE GRINDS

Qualified Biology and Science teacher available for Junior Cycle Science and Leaving Certificate Biology grinds. Located in Portarlington / Killenard area. Please call 086-1649450 for further information.

RATH / BALLYBRITTAS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Rath-Ballybrittas Development Association will take place on Mon. 20th March at 7.30pm in Rath School. All welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS - EMO N.S.

Emo N.S. Under 11 Quiz Team were successful and made it through to the National Finals of the Credit Unions School Quiz 2023, which takes place on 2nd April in the RDS in Dublin.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

AGM will be held on Wed. 29th March at 8.30pm. New members welcome
Social Dance will take place this Saturday night (18th March) at 9pm. Dancing to Pat Costello. Adm. €10.
Dancing Lessons every Monday night from 7.45pm-9.15pm. €8 each night.
Keep Fit Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. €5 each night.

GAEILGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish continuing for the Month of March, each Wednesday: 22nd & 29th March 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 March. Numbers 3, 6, 18, 20 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Donie, Pam & Fiona C/o The Village Cafe; Terry Moran C/o Vera; Fr. Dooley C/o The Parish Office; Tom Coleman C/o Maeve; Gabriel Lawlor C/o Deirdre
Next week's Jackpot is €9,400
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

CONGRATULATIONS - SCOIL PHADRAIG

Congratulations to the students of Scoil Phadraig who have won one of the top prizes in Ireland's awards for film making in schools. The movie, entitled 'Nelson and his Story' won the "Outstanding Achievement in Filmmaking Award" for Acting, at the FÍS Film Awards 2023.

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

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

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 ongoing mentoring. Further details from Dolores or Paula at 086-1959221 or 057-9322996.

G.R.O.W.

Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm - 4pm at Portarlington Social Services, Link Rd. Over 18's welcome. Further info. contact Assumpta on 086 8114135 assumptalions@grow.ie.

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB



New members are very welcome to Portarlington Angling Club. Derrycastle Lakes is a Fly only stocked trout fishery and is open all year round. Visitors cannot fish the lakes without a permit. Permits & Angling Club Membership can be purchased from Portarlington Auto Parts, Main Street or Finlay's of Bracklone Street. The club are also contactable via Facebook

TENNIS CLUB

Social tennis continues every Thursday from 7.30pm at Portarlington Lawn Tennis Club, Station Road. New members & all levels welcome. €2 per player.

PORTARLINGTON TIDY TOWNS Plant & Seed Swap



The Tidy Towns are holding a "Plant & Seed Swap", where gardeners & enthusiasts can come together to swap cuttings, seeds & plants. Refreshments served plus some great gardening ideas & tips. Please have name tags on your plants or seeds. Taking place on Thurs. 6th April at 6pm in Portarlington Community Centre.

LIVING WELL FOR LONGER EXPO.

Healthy Laois & Age Friendly Laois Expo Events takes place on Thurs. 13th April from 4-8pm in Portlaoise College, Mountrath Road - R32 N795. This Expo. Will showcase the supports, services, groups & activities available to all ages in Laois. Fifty stands in attendance. Further info. or to pre-register:- tcurren@laoiscoco.ie or phone 086-0363426