

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS

Very Rev. Thomas Dooley P.P. Tel: (057) 8643004 Rev. Joe O'Neill C.C. Tel: (057) 8646517
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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 Sun.
St. John's Church, Killenard
7.30pm (Vigil – Sat.) & 11am Sun.
St. Paul's Church, Emo
7.30pm (Vigil – Sat.) & 11am Sun.
Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Sun.

The Priests of the Parish
wish all Parishioners a
HAPPY, SAFE & PEACEFUL
2023

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 1st JANUARY, 2023

MARY THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD World Day of Peace

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES

PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 31st December – 6.15pm

Christy (Brophy) Smith, Ballymorris (3rd Anniv.)
Tom Murphy, Corrig
James Kennedy, Gracefield
Maureen McDermott, Garryhinch (25th Anniv.)
Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.)

Sunday 1st January – 12.15pm

Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.)
James & Kathleen Walsh; Leah Youster;
John & Annie Dunne & son, Peter, Daughter
Bridie, Garryhinch; Patrick & Dora Goley

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES

PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 2nd January – Margaret Kelly (nee Lalor),
Annamoe (4th Anniv.)
Wed. 4th January –
Thurs. 5th January –
Fri. 6th January – The Epiphany of the Lord

ANNIVERSARIES

KILLENARD

Sunday 1st January - 10.30am

Helen Whelehan, Ballycarroll (2nd Anniv.)
Mary O'Leary, Killenure (B/D Rem.)

Sunday 1st January – 3pm

Mary McElwee, Killenard & Mountmellick
(M.M.)

ANNIVERSARIES

EMO

Saturday 31st December – 7.30pm

Maureen Templey (nee Byrne), Killimoy (M.M.)
May Rowe, Killimoy
Kathleen Keegan, Lough (5th Anniv.)
Mary Mulhall, New Inn

Sunday 1st January – 11am

ANNIVERSARIES

RATH

Sunday 1st January - 9am

Tim O'Connell, Coolroe
Catherine & Thomas McHale, Rath
Joe McHale, Rath
Thomas & Mary Blanche, Rath
Clare Dunne, Bellgrove (2nd Anniv.)

DECEASED

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

Richard (Rich) O'Connor, Courtwood Bridge,
Ballybrittas
Anne Browne (nee Corcoran), Ballymorris
Manor & formerly Walsh Island

THE EPIPHANY

Friday 6th January, 2023



On 6th January we celebrate the Feast of the
Epiphany, which commemorates the arrival of
the three wise men and their recognition of
Jesus as the Messiah, the One sent by God.
In the Irish tradition it is often called
Nollaig na mBan or Women's Christmas.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Friday 6th January, 2022 is the Feast of
the Epiphany and is a Holy Day.
Masses on the Holy Day as follows:
Portarlington: 10am & 7.30pm
Killenard: 10.30am
Emo: 7.30pm
Rath: 9am

PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY

A STAR IS BORN



The Magi were led to Christ by the
light of a star.
But they saw the star only because
they were not afraid to travel in the dark.
The fact is, we cannot see the stars
in the bright light of day,
but only in the darkness of night;
and the darker the night,
the brighter they shine.
In a sense, all of us are night-time travelers.
However, we need no longer fear the
darkness,
because with the coming of Christ
a light has come into the world,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that no darkness can overpower.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism

Portarlington Parish

Miranda Catherine Tynan, Woodenbridge
Emo Parish
Finn Patsy McCormack, Kilbride

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

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



PARISH CALENDAR 2023

Parish Calendar for 2023 now available at
the Church porch or in the Parish Office.

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on
Wednesday 4th January, 2023.
Please note that officer hours are
Mon. – Fri. 9.30am – 1.30pm.
Notices for the Parish Newsletter
and Anniversaries must be into the
office by Wednesday of each week
for inclusion that weekend.
We wish everyone a very happy
New Year. will re-open Wednesday
4th January, 2023. We wish
everyone a very Happy & Peaceful
Christmas & New Year.



NEW YEARS BLESSING

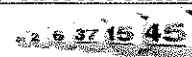
MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU
AND KEEP YOU:
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE
TO SHINE UPON YOU,
TO SHINE UPON YOU
AND BE GRACIOUS,
AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU.
AMEN.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so
generously to the recent collection for the
Priests of the Parish and also for your
contributions to the parish over the year.
Your generosity is to be commended.

We thank all who attended the Christmas
Ceremonies and who viewed the Ceremonies on
our Webcam. We thank the Organists, Choirs,
Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers,
Sacristans, Altar Servers, those who decorated the
four Churches and who erected the Cribs.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



Lotto.

The next draw will take place on Monday
9th January with a Jackpot of €7,600
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village
Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office,
Portarlington at €2 each.

OFFALY ALZHEIMER CAFE

Bridge House Hotel – Tullamore.
Mon. 9th January at 10.30am.
Everybody welcome. For further information
contact Claire Dolan 087 7151323 or email
Claire.dolan@alzheimer.ie

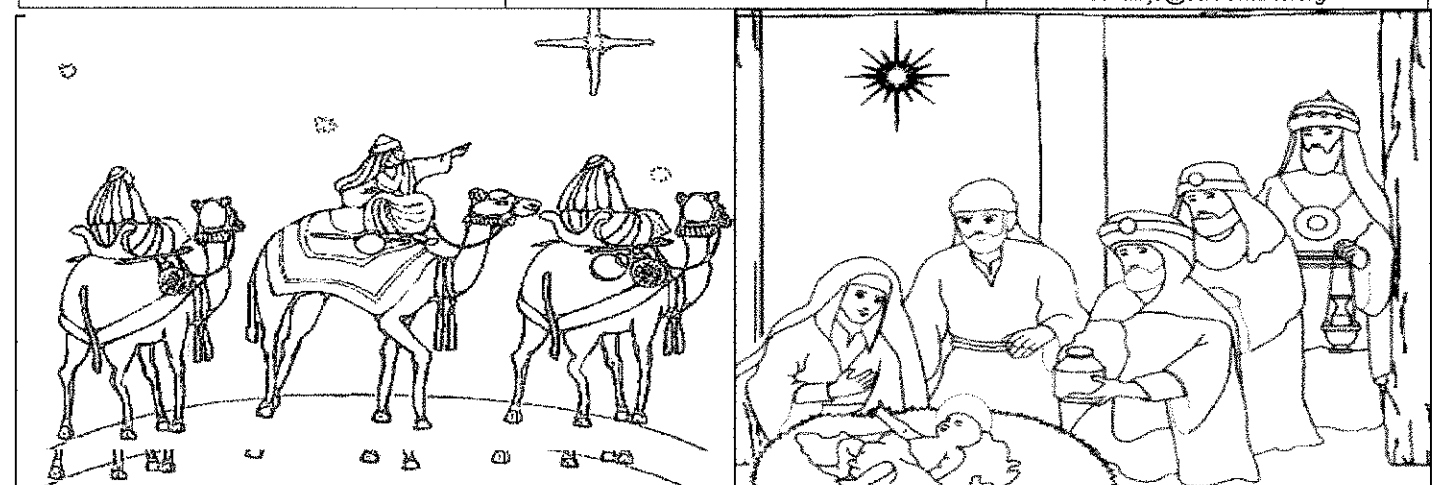
NATIONAL LIVE-IN SERVICE

Are you, or is 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 7
others, to name but a few. The Living Well
Programme supports people to develop the
skills and confidence to live with their health
conditions. There are spaces available on our
January programmes. To book a place contact
Aine on 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 or Joanne
on 041 6860710 / 087 4308735 or
www.hse.ie/livingwell.

ANAM CARA

Anam Cara Midlands, the organisation that
supports bereaved parents, is holding its
monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents
on Wed. 11th Jan. at 7.15pm in the Mullingar
Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all
bereaved parents regardless of the age your
child died, the circumstances of their death, or
whether their death was recent or not. We also
offer an online service. For more info call 01
4045378.

COLOURING PAGE FOR CHILDREN THE EPIPHANY



SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2022/2023

Rath National School

Junior Infants 2023: Thurs. 5th Jan. until Fri. 27th
Jan. Forms available from our website
www.rathns.ie or phone Amanda at
057 8626270 or email office@rathns.com

Emo National School

5th January 2023 on line emons.ie
Cloneyhurke National School
13th January until 4th February 2023. Forms
available at info@cloneyhurke.net or phone
057 8623271, alternatively from
www.cloneyhurke.net

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 12th Jan. until Fri. 3rd February 2023.
Forms from www.killenardschool.weebly.com /
Collect from school office / request by email to
office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

5th January until 26th January 2023.
www.stpatricksbns.ie or email
info@stpatricksbns.ie or writing to Scoil
Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington R32 Y6K7.

Presentation Primary School

Early Intervention Classes (Preschool ASD).
5th January until 26th January 2023. Applicants
must confirm acceptance of an admission offer
by 20th March 2023.

SACRAMENTS 2023

CONFIRMATION 2023



St. Paul N.S., Emo
Friday 10th March 2023 at 11am

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Friday 10th March 2023 at 2pm

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington
Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 11am

**Presentation Primary School, Station Road,
Portarlington**
Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 2pm

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Thursday 30th March at 11.30am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023



St. Paul's N.S., Emo
Sunday 30th April 2023 at 11am

**Presentation Primary School, Station Road,
Portarlington**
Saturday 6th May 2023 at 11.30am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Saturday 13th May 2023 at 11.30am

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington
Saturday 20th May 2023 at 11.30am

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Saturday 27th May 2023 at 11.30am

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

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to
the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax
refund. This includes donations made by
both PAYE persons and Self Employed
persons. On this basis any Parishioner
who contributes €250 or more to the Parish
in 2022, this donation will entitle the Parish
to a tax rebate. Forms available from the
Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your
generosity in contributing to the Parish.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the
Church porches or from the Parish Office.
The boxes contain weekly collection
envelopes & special collection envelopes.
To register write your name & address on
1st envelope. This contribution goes
towards the upkeep of schools, churches &
parish buildings. Sincere thanks for your
continued contributions.

USED STAMPS

Used stamps needed for the missions.
Drop them into 'The Nook', Patrick Street.

ANNUAL LIONS CLUB

Church Gate Collections in aid of
Portarlington Lions Club week end of 7th /
8th January. Please give generously.

IMPORTANT DATES

2023

Ash Wednesday 22nd February
Good Friday 7th April
Easter Sunday 9th April
Ascension – Sun. 21st May
Pentecost – Sun. 28th May
Trinity Sunday – 4th June
Corpus Christi – Sun. 11th June
First Sunday Advent – 3rd December

SAMARITANS

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