

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

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 20TH AUGUST, 2023

* Twentieth Sunday in O.T. *

YEAR "A" *

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 19th August – 6.15pm

Patrick Dunne, Lawnsdowne (1st Anniv.)
Bernard Downey Jnr., Droughill (1st Anniv.)
Lily Murphy, St. Michael's Park (2nd Anniv.)
Noel Kelly, Derryvilla (2nd Anniv.)
Michael Moore, St. Michael's Park (5th Anniv.)
Ger Donagher, Droughill; Lill Bourke, Limerick
Paddy Dillon, Patrick Street; Catherine &
Martin Carter, St. Patrick's Tce.

Sunday 20th August – 12.15pm

Mark Carroll, Beechwood, Bracknagh
Patrick Mitchell, Derrymore
Patrick O'Meara & his Father, Donal O'Meara,
Sweep Road

10AM MASS – ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 21st August ---
Tues. 22nd August ---
Wed. 23rd August ---
Thurs. 24th August Michael & Sarah
Chambers, Ballymorris
Fri. 25th August Ronan Yarrow, Ballymorris
(4th Anniversary)

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 20th August - 10.30am
Fr. James Boyle; Monica, Grace & Billy
O'Sullivan; James & Margaret Raleigh &
deceased members of the Raleigh Family,
Garryvacum

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 19th August – 7.30pm
Anne & Patrick Behan, Morette
Sunday 20th August – 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 20th August - 9am
Thomas & Lucy Behan & their daughter,
Frances, Bellgrove

Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament in
St. Michael's Church, on
Tues. 10.30am–7pm.



✠ DECEASED - R. I. P. ✠

Your prayers are requested for the following
who died recently:-

George O'Connell,
Dublin formerly Ballybrittas

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism



Portarlington Parish
Billy Richard Whelehan,
Closeland, Ballybrittas

COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house bound
will take place next week as follows:



Tuesday 22nd August

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane;
Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig;
Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea

Wednesday 23rd August

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas;
Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy;
Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy;
Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

Thursday 24th August

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace;
Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road;
Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue;
French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court;
Droughill; Bishopwood; Clondoolusk;
Droughill Lawns; Cushina

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Sunday 20th Aug. St. Bernard
Mon. 21st Aug. St. Pius X
Tues. 22nd Aug. The Queen-ship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed. 23rd Aug. St. Rose of Lima /St. Eugene
Thurs. 24th Aug. St. Bartholomew
Fri. 25th Aug. St. Louis / St. Joseph Calasanz

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AWAITING EXAM RESULTS



Father God,
may your presence be felt
as young people receive
exam results during
the coming week.
May they know their worth
and value is not based on
academic achievements,
but on your great love for us.
Help them to trust in your goodness,
Fix their eyes firmly on you
and guide their steps
along the path before them.
AMEN

GREAT ADVENTURE

This 24 week course is
commencing in
September in Scoil
Phádraig, Portarlington.

There are 4 elements to this Bible Study.
1. Home preparation 2. Weekly, two hour
study session to facilitate small group
discussions, review of the previous weeks
study questions & a 50 minute video
presentation. 3. Option to join by zoom if
you cannot attend in person each week.

There is an online registration fee of
approx. €50 with Ascension Press for one
year online access o the study materials.
€10 per week for the use of the school
facilities. For further information & to
register your interest email Ailish at
ailishr29@gmail.com

AUTUMN MONTHS PRAYER



Lord, remind us that it is you who give us
the breath of life. May the harvest from the
fields remind us of the abundance we have
been given and bounty we are to share with
others. May the dying of summer's spirit
remind us of your great promise that death
is temporary and life is eternal.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB FREE FAMILY FUN DAY



Portarlington Lions Club hold their
Annual Free Family Fun day in the Peoples
Park. **Today, Sunday 20th August, from 2pm
to 5pm.** Lots of activities for the young and not
so young to include bouncing castles, face
painting, athletics for all the family, games,
music & dancing exhibitions.. The Club will also
hold a raffle for 2 hampers valued at €200 each,
with a 3rd prize of voucher for large amount of
fuel. Raffle tickets for sale on August 18th & 19th
at Centra Main Street & Supervalu. Also tickets
for sale on the day. Come along and enjoy this
FREE event!

TREASURE IRELAND

A new video series launched recently by the
Irish Dominicans will take the friars to every
county in Ireland, filming ten videos in each
county, highlighting the many and varied stories
that make up the history of Irish Christianity.
The series is currently focused on the counties
which overlap with the territory of the diocese of
Kildare and Leighlin: Laois, Kildare, Carlow, and
(soon!) Kilkenny. Some of the sites visited
include Timahoe, Rock of
Dunamase and the
Brownshill Dolmen. The story
of Jesuit photographer, Fr.
Frank Browne, is told in a
video recorded in Emo Court,
and that of pioneering
scientist, Fr Nicholas Callan,
in a video from Maynooth.



The stories of the great saints of these counties
feature prominently: there are videos on St.
Brigid, St. Mochua, St. Moling, St Fergal of
Aghaboe, and the Dominican martyr, Blessed
Peter O'Higgins. There'll soon be added to that
list the stories of two great bishops of Kildare
and Leighlin: Daniel Delany (d. 1814) and
James Doyle (d. 1834), also known as J.K.L.
(‘James of Kildare and Leighlin’).

All of these stories are told in a way designed to
interest believers and non-believers alike,
showing, bit by bit, that the Gospel is woven
inseparably into the fabric of Irish history.
The videos can be viewed
on <https://www.kandle.ie/treasure-ireland/> and <https://www.youtube.com/irishdominicans>

PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD CHARITY BALL

This fabulous night of the year is fast
approaching – Saturday 14th October, 2023 in
the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Proceeds are in
aid of the very worthy cause “The Midland
Hospice Build”. Special guest: Claire Byrne.
To book your ticket or table for family or friends
contact Marie 087-7589896 /
Colette 086-2654277 / Maria 086-3058181 /
Phyllis 086 8109391.

LINE DANCING CLASSES

Classes commence in Portarlington Community
Centre, Link Road on Thurs. 7th Sept. at 7.30pm.
All levels catered for in this fun class. No
booking required. €8 per class – Pay as you go.
For further info. phone John on 086-8333200.

Emo / Rath Parish LOTTO

Draw date: 14th August. Numbers 1, 6, 8, 22
No Jackpot winner. €25 each to Mary Duffy;
John Strong; Aaron Carroll; Marie Byron & to
Helen Fenlon. Next draw takes place 21st
August with a Jackpot of €2,600.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

14th August, 2023 – Week No. 33
Numbers 22, 15, 21, 18 – No Jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:-
Colette Knight; Stephen Hudson; Liam Pierce;
Catherine Cunningham; Tracey Redmond.
Promoters prize: The Hawthorn
Next week's Jackpot €6,400

COURTWOOD GAA

ANNUAL CANAL 5K RUN FUN DAY

Taking place today, Sun. 20th August
at Courtwood GAA Grounds. Run: €10 adult /
€5 junior. Fun games / bouncing castle / face
painting / juvenile games / cake sale / bottle
stand. Come along today for a great day.
Further info. 087 2726245.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Little Library Bags

Have you a child starting school in September?
Then call into Portarlington Library & pick up
their FREE Little Library Bag. Packed full of
books & tips to help make the transition to
primary school easier it's an invaluable
resource.

RECYCLE YOUR USED STAMPS

If you have any used stamps, please drop them
into “The Nook”, Patrick Street. These stamps
will be sent to the I.S.P.C.C. (Irish Society for
the Prevention of Cruelty to Children), where
they will help their fundraising activities.

SLIMMING WORLD

Martina's Slimming World - Portarlington
Now Running all groups at SOLAS Eco Garden
Centre, Portarlington, R32 RPX8
Join us ~ Wednesdays 9:30am / 5:30pm / 7:30pm.
New and rejoining members welcome
No booking required – You can phone Martina on
087 7838403. Free Slimming World Magazine for
New Members while stocks last.

GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT

St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise
Saturday 26th August 10am to 1.30pm
Mass at 10am - Confessions available
Retreat continues in Parish
Centre from 10.45 am to 1.30 pm.
(Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit
Novena, Praise & Worship,
Teaching, Prayer Ministry).
Contact: Michael Nerney
086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi
O'Domhnaill - All Welcome

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. FAMILY FUN DAY

Our Family Fun Day will be held at the
Old Pound on Sat. 26th August. The event will
see an afternoon of activities and entertainment
for children of all ages & runs from 2pm to 5pm.
We look forward to seeing you there for what
promises to be a great day. Bigí Linn!

CONCERT



Niamh Kavanagh & Monasterevin Gospel Choir

In Concert on Friday 13th October 2023
commencing 8pm. Venue: St. Peter & Paul's
Church, Monasterevin. Tickets €30 each.
Booking at: Monasterevin Parish Office 045
525346 / Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395.
Proceeds in aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church &
Monasterevin Tidy Towns.
Concert will NOT be live-streamed on the night.

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

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2023



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. Clubs /
Organisations and a special welcome for
old group photographs (must include
names). Closing date for articles /
photographs by the end of August. You can
drop in your article to the Parish Office or
email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

VACANCY

Kitchen Porter required for The Thatch,
Killenard (5 days per week to include
weekends). Contact Adrienne at
086 3029796.

STAY FIT DANCING – DANCE-VIBE

"Seeking a fun & energetic way to stay
fit? Join us at DanceVibe Fitness Classes
in the Macra Hall, Mountmellick. Suitable
for all, from dance pros. to beginners.
Experience joy, strength and confidence on
our dance floor! Takes place every
Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm. For
inquiries or to book your place, phone or
text Lily on 0863924913."

CARMELITE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



The Kildare Carmelite Pilgrimage to Knock
will take place on Sun. 10th Sept. The bus
will depart from the Square, Kildare town at
8am sharp. To secure a place on the bus,
inquiries to Carmelite Church Shop Kildare
or contact Martin Cowley on 087 2553582
or Ester Brady on 087 6732848.
Cost €20 per person.

AUTUMN CLASSES Painting Class

Wild flowers in water colours
With Jacinta Hughes. To book a place:
<https://www.thegardenshop.ie/painting-class>

BINGO - GRAIGCULLEN

Tuesday 21st August in St. Fiaccs Hall at
8.30pm. Jackpot on 50 numbers €2,390
Double number €460 - Lotto €2,350