



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: [portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto: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](http://www.kandle.ie) **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

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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**

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022** ✕ **Seventh Sunday in O.T.** ✕ **Year C**

🕊 **World Day of Social Justice** 🕊

## ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 6.15pm**

Patrick Kirwan, Dublin & Station Rd. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
John Mulligan, Bishopswood (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Brid Whelan, Bishopswood (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.);

Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive & dec. members of the Hynes Family, Roscrea; Paddy Crossan, Kilbride & dec. members of the Crossan Family, Cloneygowan; Paddy Gallagher, Lea; Joseph Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce; Mick Keegan, Garryhinch; Frances Mason, Garryhinch (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of the Mason Family; Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes; Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran, Annamoe; Ned & Mona Delmer, Carragh, Naas; Michele McNamara, Gracefield; Charlie Keogh & dec. members of the Keogh Family, St. Patrick's Tce. Alo Maher, Marian Hill; Jim Grehan, Shandra (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Dick O'Reilly & dec. members of the O'Reilly Family, Marian Hill

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 12.15pm**

Eileen Thompson (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & Brendan Thompson (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Portlaoise Road; Bill Murray, Ballymorris Manor (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Mary Smith, Church View; Tom & Peg Nolan, Bracklone St; Nicola Henson

## WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY 10AM PORTARLINGTON

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Alice Brennan, French Church Street

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Patrick McDonagh, Fardrum, Athlone (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Jimmy Murphy, Congress Terrace

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Fr. Jack Rodgers (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Anthony & Kathleen Kinsella;  
Elizabeth Maree, Gracefield; Deceased members of Kinsella & Maree Families

## ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am.**

Dec. members of the Barnes Family, Tierhogar

## ANNIVERSARIES RATH

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 9am**

Mary Ellen O'Connell, Kylaglush

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February - 7.30pm**

Dan Kavanagh, The Commons; Sean & William Greene & dec. members of the Greene Family, Morette

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February - 11am**

## BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism.

**Portarlington Parish**

Maisie Rose Donaghy, Cloneygowan

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

**Week of Guided Prayer**

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
You are invited to give 30 minutes to prayer each day in your own home and meet for 30 minutes each day with your Prayer Guide in Mount St Anne's. Opening session at 7.30pm on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at Mount St Anne's and closing session at 8pm on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>. Suggested donation €25

**Holy Week Retreat**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
This Triduum programme consists of creative liturgies around the death and Resurrection of Jesus as experienced in the sufferings and hopes of our world today. Each liturgy will be accompanied by a theological and scriptural analysis of the new approach being used. Participants will be engaged in dialogue, reflection and liturgical participation. Facilitated by Fr Diarmuid O' Murchú.

Cost: €300 (Residential)

For Bookings/Enquiries, contact The Secretary on 057-8726153 or email: [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

## PRAYER

*Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:  
A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;  
A world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.  
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
AMEN*

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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## EMO PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelope boxes have been distributed throughout the parish but if you have not received a box, you can collect one at the Church porch or from the Parish Office. To register, write your name & address on 1<sup>st</sup> envelope. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks to all who contribute in this way to the Parish.

## NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

March 1<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> - Onsite at Portarlington Enterprise Centre & Online. This course is designed for people who have a product or business idea & want to bring it to life. It will cover materials such as prototypes, market research & product presentations. There is an opportunity to learn from industry professionals on how they formed their successful products. You'll learn some of the latest product design innovations; study concepts for how to develop new ideas; learn methods for presenting your thoughts in meeting & more. Cost only €20. Onsite workshops & zoom. Onsite will take place in Portarlington Enterprise Centre RF32XD4F. Sign up on <https://www.localenterprise.ie>

## P.T.A.A.

## SHORT TERM PLEDGE

Consider taking the Pioneer Short-Term Pledge for Lent? For the duration of Lent, many people choose to abstain from alcohol. If you would like to make this pledge for six weeks, you can join online at [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)



## M. NERNEY MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE - 2022

7 night Pilgrimage package - June 8<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>  
Cost: €765 PPS. Flight: Dublin to Mostar. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. Phone: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305 for further information & booking. Please note September Group Pilgrimage is full.

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - AUGUST 2022

Trip to Lourdes 2022 takes place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August. Cost €895 per person sharing (single room supplement €265). 7 nights full board at the Solitude Hotel. Portarlington You can also contact the local Credit Union who have set up a savings scheme for anyone intending travelling on this year's trip. Deposit of €250 to be paid before 25<sup>th</sup> March in order to secure your place. Further info & to book a seat contact Marie on 087 7589896, or Vera on 087 9311813, or any Committee member.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

Keep fit classes have commenced 7pm - 8pm on Friday's under the expert guidance of Eimear Mathews. Suitable for both men and women. Fee €5 per person each night.

## KNOW YOUR LOCALITY

Laois Heritage Office are delighted to announce that the "Know your Locality - Laois Course" is back due to popular demand. With the support of Creative Ireland Laois, the course will be delivered by the Irish Heritage School over 5 evenings in March, with a field trip to the Rock of Dunamase on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Booking now open at <https://iafs.ie/know-your-locality-laois-march-2022>. If the course books out a waiting list will be started.

## VACANCIES

**Port. Community Employment Programme ENVIRONMENTAL WORKER**

19.5 hours/week - Ref. No. CES-2211922

**CARETAKER / MAINTENANCE PERSON**

19.5 hours/week. - Ref. CES-2208717

For further details contact Portarlington CE Project CLG at the Community Centre.

Phone 057 8643458 or email [martinasymth@portarlingtonce.ie](mailto:martinasymth@portarlingtonce.ie)

## ALONE



**ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation.** Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? We are seeking volunteers to make support & befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering with ALONE.

## RELAY FOR LIFE LAOIS

Relay event taking place in the grounds of Emo Court House from 1pm Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 1pm Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Because of events like this, the Irish Cancer Society are able to provide services locally such as Night Nurses, Volunteer Drivers & Counselling. To enable the Irish Cancer Society to continue providing these services nationally & locally we are asking the community of Laois to get involved in this fundraising initiative. Further info, email [laoisrelayforlife@gmail.com](mailto:laoisrelayforlife@gmail.com) or contact Caroline on 087-4499903 or Alan 086-1222227 [www.cancer.ie/ways-to-help/fundraise/relay-for-life/about-relay-for-life](http://www.cancer.ie/ways-to-help/fundraise/relay-for-life/about-relay-for-life)

## PARISH OFFICE

Please note that all Anniversary Masses must be booked in with the Parish Office latest Thursday's 12 Noon in order to guarantee inclusion in the weekend's Parish Newsletter & Anniversary Altar List. Also, all other notices for the Parish newsletter to be in by Wednesday of each week. Thank you for your co-operation.

## PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB



AGM will take place on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. in Portarlington Community Centre at 8pm. This is a very important meeting as a new committee must be formed. All members are requested to attend and new members are more than welcome.

## SNOOKER LESSONS

The Snooker Parlour, Portarlington are commencing coaching lessons for juniors from 8 years upwards, every Saturday morning between 9am and 1pm (on an hourly session in small groups). For general enquiries / bookings PM the Snooker Parlour page on Facebook.

## HANDYMAN AVAILABLE

Available for jobs inside and outside. Contact Andy on 087 4511079.

## LAOIS CLUBS MONSTER DRAW

The G.A.A. Annual Monster Draw tickets are now available from any committee member, or Johnny Dunne PRO on 087-7657019.

## G.R.O.W.

Grow Mental Health Peer Support meeting takes place every Thurs. from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Social Services Centre. Contact Assumpta 086-8114135 [assumptalyons@grow.ie](mailto:assumptalyons@grow.ie)

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

**Draw 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2022- Numbers 21, 03, 14, 09.** No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following: - Brigid Carmody; Judy Murphy; Julie Deegan; Fran O'Reilly; Marie Confrey. Promoter John Kelly. Next week's Jackpot €2,200

## JOIN THE BAND



Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums and Percussion. Class for beginners and improvers every Thursday from 4pm. Contact band manager, Pat Donegan at 083 8510428. Adult members welcome.

## "HAPPY HEARTS"



The "Happy Hearts Club" will re-open Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 2-4pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Our first week back will be our usual meet & greet, including any new members who wish to join & bingo. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

## BADMINTON

Every Monday night in Portarlington Community Centre. Adults €6 from 8-10pm / Child €3 from 8-9pm. Contact Mick on 087-7609232

## CHOIR FOR SACRAMENTS

**Sacred Heart N.S., Rath**



Parents of Rath NS are invited to take part in a choir for upcoming sacraments. We are preparing hymns for Confirmation in March and Communion in May. Rehearsals are 7-8pm every Monday at the school. Contact Helen Mulhall for more information on 087-6527828.

## 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.

## SYNOD NEWS

The K & L Synod questions are now available on [www.kandle.ie/synod/](http://www.kandle.ie/synod/) under Listening Lent. You might take some time to pray & reflect on them & talk about them with family or friends before completing the online survey or coming to a parish synod listening session. On this synodal pathway, Pope Francis invites us to speak graciously with courage & boldness, but also to listen graciously with respect to another person & with openness to hear God speaking to us through the story & experience of another person.

As we look to our Listening Lent these words from Bishop Denis remind us of some key aspects of what it means to be on a synodal journey. 'May we remember that family for all of us is where the synodal journey begins - a journey of discovery, listening, participation, discerning or coming to know the will of God in our lives.'

## ACI ZOOM TALK

**Towards a Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland**

On Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb. Dr. Brady will speak about the vision for the Synodal Pathway, outline the planning work that is underway & how this relates to the work being undertaken for the Universal Synod (2023) & share some of the questions & learning emerging as we progress. Dr. Brady is the Chair of the Steering Committee for Ireland's National Synodal Assembly / General Secretary of Churches Together in Britain & Ireland (CTBI) / Director of Christian Aid Ireland & the Maximilian Kolbe Foundation. To join us, log into: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87082979287?pwd=b091WUUNLSUhmGdNXXQySEILdndYdz09>

Meeting ID 870 8297 9287

Passcode 659942

## PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

**Club Membership - Great value offer.** Pay annual membership for 2022 before 1<sup>st</sup> April and only pay €150 for the whole family. Phone 087 9463147 for further info.