

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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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)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie) Info: 1890 474 474

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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](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)

Portarlington & Emo Parish

@EmoParish

Twitter

**SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**Year B**

*Sunday of the Word of God*

## WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

#### 6.15pm Mass

Michael Dunne, Cushina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Leo Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Elizabeth Dempsey, Monasterevin (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Mick Murphy (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Peggy Murphy, Annamoe; Dec. members of the Murphy Family, Annamoe; John Mitchell, NaCluainte (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Bernadette (Berlo) Greene, Assumpta Tce. (B/D Rem.); John & Kathleen Wright, Droughill; Michael Gordon, Monasterevin; Joseph & Ellen Bracken, Cloneygowan, sons, Milo and JJ Bracken, sons-in-law, Joe Dunne & Charlie Dunne, Anne Ryan, Ballymorris Road; Dec. members of the Keenan Family, Patrick St.

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

#### 12.15pm Mass

Andrew McCann, "Rose Cottage", Ballymorris (M.M.); Tom Dunne, The Ferns Hse., Main St. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Denis Lyons, Derrymore (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Brian Conroy, Avondale (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Pauline Hooks, Patrick St; Niall McElwaine, Station Road; Mary O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square; Ned Carey, Lea Road (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) & his son Brendan Carey (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Patsy McGuinness, Avondale (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY - 10.30am Mass

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

#### 7.30pm Mass

William (Billy) Lynch, Killeen (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Andy Hyland, Morette  
Thomas Flynn, Morette (55<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY

#### 11am Mass

Dan Brophy, Killeen; Deceased members of the Brophy & Seymour Families; Brigid & Michael Bourke, Coolaghy

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY - 9am

Teresa O'Connell, Courtwood (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Stephanie Finnerty (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Tim & Chris Brennan, Ballybrittas; Joseph & Julia McCormack, The Derries, Ballybrittas; Mary Duffy, Ballyadden; Moira Donohoe, Ballyadden

## ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)

Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> Jan: Peter and Mary McEvoy,  
St. Patrick's Terrace, Portarlington

## ✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

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



Charlotte (Lottie) McGuirk, Graigavern  
Rodger Fitzgerald, Luton, U.K. & formerly  
Tipperary (Brother of Tom Fitzgerald,  
Droughill)

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian Community:-  
Harper Scully, The Drive, Graigavern,  
Ballybrittas

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024



Catholic Schools Week 2024 takes place from  
today, Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> January to Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>  
January. The theme for C.S.W. 2024 is  
Catholic Schools – Communities of Service.  
Monday – Service in our community of Friends  
Tuesday – Service in our School community  
Wednesday – Service in our Family  
community

Thursday – Service in our Local community

Friday – Service in our Faith community.

Mass will be broadcast on RTE New Channel  
(RTE Player & On Line) on Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. at  
10.30am from Ardfinnan, Co. Tipperary.  
Resources - [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

If you would like to become part of our team  
of Eucharistic Ministers in Portarlington,  
Killenard, Emo or Rath, please leave  
your name & contact details with  
Rosemary or Eileen in the Parish  
office. A training course will take  
place on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Emo  
National School - 10am to 4pm. To help with  
costs participants are invited to bring a packed  
lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. We are very  
happy to welcome existing ministers who would  
like a refresher day.

## CONFIRMATION 2024 ENROLMENT

This weekend we welcome the students  
from Scoil Phadraig Boys School,  
Presentation Primary School & Cloneyhurke  
N.S. to our Mass in St. Michael's Church,  
Portarlington at 6.15pm (Saturday). We  
welcome the students from Scoil Naomh  
Eoin, Killenard to St. John's Church at  
10.30am (Sunday) and the students from St.  
Paul's N.S. to our Mass in St. Paul's Church,  
Emo at 7.30pm (Saturday). These  
students are starting out on their preparation  
journey for Confirmation. We remember  
them in our prayers at this time.  
Next Weekend the students from Sacred  
Heart N.S., Rath will be enrolled for the  
Sacrament at the 9am Mass Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>.

## ST. BRIGID CELEBRATIONS

**Cathedral Evening Prayer for St. Brigid**  
February 1<sup>st</sup> marks the opening of a national  
year commemorating St Brigid, patron of our  
diocese & secondary patron of Ireland, 1500  
years since her death. Bishop Denis invites  
people to join him for a special evening  
prayer in the Cathedral of the Assumption  
on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. At 7.30 pm. Music led by Fr Liam  
Lawton & the diocesan choir.

## Welcoming the relic of St. Brigid

The Brigidine Sisters, Tullow, will loan their  
relic of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for 2024.  
The relic will be housed in a shrine in St.  
Brigid's Church, Kildare. The shrine will be  
unveiled & Mass celebrated on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup>  
Jan. at 11am. All very welcome.

**St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin**  
Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. starting at St. Brigid's Shrine,  
Mountrice at 11am, led by Bishop Denis.  
The walk will journey to Umeras, reputed  
birthplace of St Brigid, along the new canal  
Blueway & finish in Sts Peter & Paul Church,  
Monasterevin with a service of light at  
12.30pm. Further details 045-525346.

## ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

May Brigid bless the house  
wherein you dwell. Bless every  
fireside, every wall and door.  
Bless heart that beats beneath its roof.  
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy.  
Bless every foot that walks its portals  
through. May Brigid bless the house  
that shelters you. Amen

## MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE



Direct flights to Mostar – Medjugorje.  
12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Cost €765.  
Price increases to €815 after 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland CC  
Contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will  
continue until Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> January. As we renew  
our commitment to this call, may this love  
strengthen our unity as Christians.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

### R32 CY89

Dancing lessons continue on Monday nights  
with Dolores from 7.45-9.15pm. €8 each night.  
Keep fit continues on Wed. nights with Eimear  
from 7-8pm. €5 each night.

## CARER AVAILABLE

Fully qualified carer available with extensive  
experience. Reliable, hard working,  
own car – Laois area. Days & nights.  
Phone 085 1536701.

## BABY MASSAGE CLASS

Next course starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in  
Portarlington Community Centre at 12 Noon

## PREGNANCY YOGA

Next term starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January in  
Portarlington Community Centre at 7pm.

No yoga experience is needed to join.  
Booking is essential. Further details contact  
Catriona on 086 8890005

## PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

Annual Table Quiz will take place on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup>  
February in The Anvil Inn. A fun night assured  
with raffle and prizes. 8.30 for 9pm start. €40  
per table of 4. All support greatly appreciated.

## MOUNT HENRY ART STUDIO

### R32XH93

Unleash your artistic creativity. Art classes  
taking place as follows:-  
Adult Art Classes (6 weeks). Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
from 10am – 12 noon. / Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
7.30pm – 9.30pm. All levels welcome. Enhance  
your skills. Cost €20 per class. Bring your own  
materials oils / acrylics etc. Booking is essential.  
Phone Mary on 087 9063363.

## PORTARLINGTON COMHALTAS



Promotes Irish Music & Culture  
Group music classes for all levels are held on  
Friday evenings from 7pm in the Girls Old  
School (Opposite the Church), Patrick Street.  
All welcome.

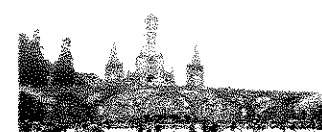
## GRACEFIELD G.A.A.

Hosting Pieta House Darkness into Light Walk  
2024. As this is a big event and one of Pieta's  
main fundraisers for the year, we are reaching  
out to ask if you are interested in helping out in  
any way on the morning of the event. We will  
need Stewards at the venue & along the route &  
also we will need First Aiders. The Darkness  
into Light walk will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>  
May, 2024. If you can help, phone Jenny on  
087 9656983.

## LOST

Gold T-Bar Necklace & 2 gold rings attached.  
Lost along Lea Road. If found, please contact  
the parish office as this is of sentimental value.  
Parish Office 057 8643004.

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES FUNDRAISING DRAW & 2024 PILGRIMAGE



## Annual Fundraising Draw 2024

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by  
Portarlington Credit Union Ltd.)

5 Prizes of €50 each (Sponsored by  
SuperValu). Draw will take place on Tuesday  
6<sup>th</sup> February at 9pm during Bingo in the GAA  
Centre, Portarlington.

Tickets €2 each (or 3 for €5).

Tickets available in the Parish Office or from  
Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on  
Main Street, Portarlington.

2024 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WILL  
TRAVEL ON TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY FOR  
SEVEN NIGHTS. FULL BOARD – HOTEL  
SOLITUDE. FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE  
ANNOUNCED NEXT WEEK.

## CREDIT UNION SCHOOL QUIZ

Portarlington Credit Union are delighted to  
announce the return of the Credit Union School  
Quiz. It will take place on Friday next, 26<sup>th</sup>  
January at 7pm in Scoil Phadraig. All primary  
schools have been contacted to enter teams.  
We look forward to seeing you all on the night.

## BINGO

Portarlington Social Services seniors Bingo  
returns to the Centre on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. at 8pm.  
Come along for a few games & a cuppa.

## O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

### Lotto Results 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Numbers drawn: 04, 07, 09, 13. No Jackpot  
Winner. Match 3 Winners: Michael McDonough,  
Caitriona Finlay, Jake Fallon & Cait Costello.  
Promoter: Ballybrittas S/S. Next draw takes  
place on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Jackpot €4,000.

Last Man Standing - O'Dempsey's GFC LMS  
competition is back for 2024! Can you predict  
the results across the National Football League  
and claim the €500 prize if you're the only  
winner. Message 083 4567009 to enter or  
online for paper entry forms

## SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY



## Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat

St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 10am to 1.30pm  
Mass 10AM / Confessions available / Retreat  
continues in 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

## PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



**Baby Book Club:** Wednesday mornings at  
10.30am. Places are limited so booking  
essential. Call 057 8643751 or  
email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

**Knitting Club:** Meets Friday mornings from  
10.30-12.30. New members always welcome.

## GRACEFIELD GAA GYM CLASSES

For all levels of fitness – Every Tuesday &  
Friday night in our Gracefield Gym at 8.15pm  
with Conor Galgey. €10 pay as you go.  
All are welcome.

## SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES

### PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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

### EMO PARISH

#### ✉ ENVELOPES ✉

The envelope boxes are available at the  
Church porches this weekend. The boxes  
contain weekly collection envelopes &  
special collection envelopes. To register  
write your name & address on 1<sup>st</sup> envelope.  
This contribution goes towards the upkeep of  
schools, churches & parish buildings.  
Sincere thanks to all.

## 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  
2023, 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.

## Lotto®

### EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Draw 15<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2024. Numbers 2, 11, 16,  
22 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to Mary Duffy  
C/o F. Duffy; Declan Lawlor C/o Deirdre; Fr.  
Tom Dooley C/o Parish Office; Dick Donohoe  
C/o B.F.S.; Anne & Willie Duffy C/o Maeve.  
Next draw takes place 22<sup>nd</sup> January with a  
JACKPOT OF €6,400

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

### Week 3 / 15<sup>th</sup> JAN 2024

Numbers 29, 21, 30, 25 – No jackpot  
winner. €50 to: Ronan Walsh; Tadhg Foy;  
Rua O'Reilly; Gavin Smyth; Alan Bracken.  
Promoters prize: Paddy Mulligan.  
Next week's Jackpot €10,600

## WELLNESS WEEKEND

Wellness weekend takes place in SOLAS  
Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> January. Holistic  
workshop / Full market. Check out our  
website <https://ecogardenshop.ie/events/>

## USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. You  
can drop them to Delaney's, Bracklone  
Street & also to The Nook, Patrick Street.

## PICKLEBALL

Come give Pickleball a try – It is the fastest  
growing sport for a reason – Its simple to  
pick up, fun to play & a great way to get fit.  
Sessions available Tues. 8pm – 10pm /  
Thurs. 5pm-7pm & Friday 7pm-9pm in  
Portarlington Community Centre.  
Cost €7 a session. Text Francie at 085  
8582595 – Spaces limited.