



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS

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Very Rev. Michael Noonan P.E. Tel: (057) 8623431



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)

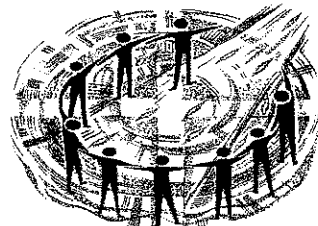
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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 21st MAY, 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 20th May – 6.15pm

Liam Costello, St. Brigid's Sq. (2nd Anniv.)
Mel Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Marcella Dix,
Gracefield; Kathleen & James McEvoy,
St. Patrick's Tce; Patrick Geoghegan Snr.
& Patrick Geoghegan Jnr., Cushina

Sunday 21st May – 12.15pm

Niall Nolan, Rathleash (1st Anniv.)
Tony O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (4th Anniv.)
Mal Ennis, St. Michael's Park & her son Trevor
Ennis; Dec. members of the Keogh Family, St.
Patrick's Tce.; Michael St. John; Imelda Shanley
St. John, Kilmalogue; Rosita St. John Costello,
Kilmalogue & Dublin; Mick & Sarah Slevin,
French Church St.

10AM MASS - ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 22nd May - Esther Murphy
Tues. 23rd May - Thomas Kennedy,
St. Michael's Park
Wed. 24th May - John Cardiff, Derrymore
Thurs. 25th May - Bernard & Ellen Yarrow, St.
Michael's Park; Christopher O'Brien, St.
Michael's Park; Dec. members of the O'Brien
Family, Ballycarroll; Ronan Yarrow, Ballymorris
Manor; Eamonn Coleman, Kilnacourt, Joseph &
Bridget Coleman, Kilnacourt
Fri. 26th May - Joseph & Margaret Murphy,
Denis Murphy, dec. members of the Murphy
Family, Ballycullane

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 21st May - 10.30am
Sr. Cora McHale;
Paul Dalton

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 20th May – 7.30pm
Eileen Kirwan, Killimy (4th Anniv.)
Nora (Peg) McGuirk, Knightstown (7th Anniv.)
Myles Christy, Coolbanagher (37th Anniv.)

Sunday 21st May – 11am
Gabrielle Scully, Morette & Portlaoise (M.M.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 21st May - 9am
Joseph & Michael Moran, Courtwood; Harry
Boyd, Courtwood; Michael & Brigid McEvoy,
Courtwood; Johnny Murphy, Courtwood

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Annual Diocesan Collection for the retired
priests takes place weekend of 27th / 28th May.
Envelope available in your development boxes
or at the Church porch.

DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following
who died recently:-
James (Noel) Moore,
Renmore, Galway (formerly Emo)
Rita MacMahon (nee Fogarty),
Portarlington & formerly Ballyfermot
Ann Kelly, Bracknagh
(Mother of Noel Kelly, Ballybrittas)
Cornelius (Connie) Connor,
Birmingham, UK & formerly Cloneygowan

CEMETERY MASSES 2023

Killenard - Fri. 7th July – 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 14th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery - Fri. 28th July – 7.30pm
Emo Old Cemetery - Sat. 12th Aug. – 7.30pm

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



REFLECTION

We are born in exile and die there too.
As soon as we set sail
on the great voyage of life,
we begin our return.
We spend our lives dreaming
of a homeland we have never seen,
like homing birds that are released
in a strange country,
and know no rest until they return home.
So it is with us.
When we die, we do not so much
go to God as return to him.
You have made us for yourself, O'Lord,
and our hearts will never rest
until they rest in you.
Amen



We welcome into our Christian Community
through Baptism:-

Portarlington Parish

Louie Harry Murphy-Power, Millbrook Manor
Erin Rita Medko Scully, Carriglea, Killenard
Faye Michaela Dowling, Ullard
Cara Annie Walsh, Cloneyhurke



Congratulations to the children from
Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road,
Portarlington

who received the Sacrament of First Holy
Communion this weekend (Sat. 20th May) in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington. The
children from **Sacred Heart N.S., Rath** will
receive their First Holy Communion on
Saturday next, 27th May at 11.30pm in
Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

Cloneyhurke N.S.

Children for First Holy Communion & for
Confirmation will receive the Sacraments
on Sat. Next, 27th May at 11.30am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed every day for the
month of May in St. John's Church,
Killenard. Time 4pm. All very welcome.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 22nd May St. Rita of Cascia
Thurs. 25th May St. Bede/ St. Gregory V11 /
St. Mary Magdalene
Fri. 26th May St. Philip Neri
Sat. 27th May St. Augustine of Canterbury

CHOIR - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



New members always welcome to join the
St. Michael's Church Parish Choir.
Come along any Sunday to the 9am Mass.
Learn by doing – Singers live longer!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on
Tuesday's 10.30am–7pm. All welcome.

PENTECOST NOVENA

Pentecost Novena takes place until 27th
May. This novena will be broadcast daily
on Radio Maria www.radiomaria.ie at
9.30am & Shalom World Prayer
www.swprayer.org at 6.30pm.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - GOLF DAY

Takes place at Portarlington Golf Club on
Thurs. next, 25th May. 4 person scramble.
Time-sheet available in the Golf Club.

TROCAIRE COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so
generously to the Lenten Trocaire Collection.
Amount collected in the Parishes:-
Portarlington €8,165 Emo €2,965
If you have any outstanding Trocaire boxes
please leave into the Parish Office as soon as
possible as the final amount will be sent shortly.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP

From 2nd – 9th August 2023. 7 nights full board
in Hotel Solitude. Transport to & from Airports.
€995 per person sharing. Limited single room
availability at supplement (€280). Travel
Insurance €39 if required. Deposits of €300 due
to be paid by June 3rd. Full payment due by
July 1st. Contact Marie Corcoran in the 'Care'
Charity Shop on Main Street.
Ph: **Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087-9311813.**

SPONSORED 5K RUN / WALK



Family Day Out Walk or Run

On Sun. 2nd July. Commencing 11am at
The Heritage Hotel, Killenard, Co. Laois.
Further information & Sponsorship Cards from
Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417 /
Marie 087 7589896. Sponsored by Super Valu,
Portarlington & The Heritage Hotel, Killenard.

Sign-up for the... "PRAY FOR LIFE"

Novena

Join people across Ireland and the UK in the annual
online 'Pray for Life' Novena, which begins on the
23rd May and concludes on the 31st May, the Feast
of the Visitation. Please register for the Novena on
www.prayforlife.ie

EXAM MASS - KNOCK SHRINE

Knock Shrine: For all students preparing for
exams and their families. Take some time out
from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for
God's strength and guidance as you move
through your exam period. Bring your pencil case
to have it blessed. June 5th, 7.30pm, Knock
Basilica, Co. Mayo.



You are invited to our Laudato Si Day

on Tuesday 30th May, taking place in "An
Gairdin Beo", beside St. Leo's Convent, Carlow
from 11am to 4pm. It will be facilitated by Jane
Mellitt (Trocaire) and includes lunch. Booking is
essential with a suggested offering of €20 per
person on the day. Please book with Aisling
in Bishop's House 059-9176725
or aisling@kandle.ie before Tuesday 23rd May.
Group or individual bookings welcome.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO 15th MAY

Numbers 17, 29, 22, 12 – No Jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:- Aidan Brady;
Marie Lawlor; Joe Whelan; Elaine Corcoran;
Mary Flanagan. Promoters prize: Breda
Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot €3800

USED POSTAGE STAMPS (Missions)

If you have any used postage stamps, they can
be left into the following:-
"The Nook Shop", Patrick Street
Angela in Portarlington Pharmacy
Delaney's of Bracklone Street

PORTARLINGTON G.A.A.

DINNER DANCE

Sunday 4th June in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard.
MC on the night: Jack Nolan. Medal
presentation & Guest Speaker. Doors open
6.30pm for dinner. Music by Aidan Doyle
6pm-7.30pm. Live band performance by "The
Seducers" Tickets €45. For further Information
phone Keith on 085 7516595

SUPPORTS FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE



Towards Healing is an independent
organization providing free professional support
for people who have experienced institutional,
clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. They
provide counseling for survivors & their families.
Their helpline is open Tues. to Fri. 9am – 5pm.
Freephone 1800 303416. Hearing impaired
text line 085 8022859. info@towardshealing.ie
www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace provides spiritual support in a
safe supporting space, where people who have
been affected by abuse in a Church context can
be accompanied as they seek their own
experience of spiritual peace, one step at a
time. Phone 01 5053028 / 086 7710533.
Email: towardspeace@iecon.ie
www.towardspeace.ie

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Prayerful Meditation Day

Sat. 27th May - 10am to 3.30pm. A day to
reflect, renew and recharge – To meditate, pray
and be nourished using Scripture. Facilitated
by Sr. Anne Kearney hfb. Cost €25 (please
bring packed lunch) Tea/Coffee provided.
We also have a number of **6-Day Retreats**
available throughout the Summer & Autumn
months. Enq. & Booking: Ph: 057 8626153
Email secretary@mountstannes.com

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

The draw took place on Mon. 15th May.
Numbers 5, 16, 20, 23 – No jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:
Donie & Pam & Fiona C/o The Village Cafe;
Donie & Pam C/o The Village Cafe; Ann Marie
Burke & John Kirwan C/o Deirdre Lawlor;
Bernie Wheeler C/o Self; Liz Booth C/o Emo
Shop. Next draw will be held on Mon. 22nd May
with a **Jackpot of €10,800**
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village
Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

PORTARLINGTON / KILLENARD EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2023

The Emigrant Newsletter Committee are looking
for articles for the upcoming 2023 Emigrant
Newsletter. Do you have a topical or historical
story or anecdote, some old photographs or
achievement, no matter what category, that you
would like to share? Every year the Emigrant
Newsletter is posted to all corners of the world
& enjoyed by ex-pats with news & stories from
home, some copies turning up in Australia,
China, Canada & the UK, to name but a few. If
you have an article / old photograph we want to
hear from you, so please forward all
contributions to any member of the committee,
drop them into the Parish Office or Email to
portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB

Membership is open for Derrynounce Lakes
fishery & Barrow river. Derrynounce Lakes
fishery is **fly fishing** only with no bait or
spinning tactics permitted. The lake season is
open all year round but divided into Summer
season which has bag & size limits & a Winter
season which is strictly catch & release.
The river Barrow is open to all forms of rod &
line fishing from March to end of September.
There are separated permits for the lake & the
river. These can be purchased separately.
Member cards & club subscriptions can be
obtained from Portarlington Auto Parts, Main
Street, R32ENK2. Rules / Angling Terms &
Conditions are printed on the membership card.
Please be advised that fishing without a valid
permit is illegal & all fisheries are monitored &
patrolled.

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

PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's
House, Kiberry, Athy, Co.
Kildare on Saturday 3rd June,
2023 from 11am to 5pm.
Items of St. Pio will be
available on the day. For information call
Ann on 085 1696189. Everyone welcome.

SUMMER CAMP 2023

Portarlington Community Centre
10am to 2pm – 8th – 11th August for children
aged 4-12 years. Arts / crafts / games /
dance / song / mindfulness / meditation and
various other activities. Phone, text or
WhatsApp Lauren on 085-8340436

HAVE YOUR SAY

On the future economic community &
sustainable development of Laois.
Laois County Council want to hear from
you. **Co. Laois Dev. Strategy** (LDS)
2023-2027 / **Laois Local Economic &
Community Plan** (LECP) 2023-2028
Local Authority Climate Action Plan
2023-2028 / Workshops in Laois – All
welcome. Consultation events to be held
across Laois & on line. Portarlington Tues.
23rd May at 7.30pm in Portarlington Library.
Further info. email lecp@laoiscoco.ie
Phone 057 8664169 or 057 8674387.

DAY OF PRAYER

Please join us to celebrate a day of Prayer
to place the Church's entire synodal
process, especially the work of the 16th
Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of
Bishops, taking place in Rome in October,
under the protection of Mary, Mother of the
Church. Day of Prayer takes place at
Knock Shrine, Wed. 31st May. 11am
Prayer Service in Apparition Chapel / 12
Noon Mass in the Basilica of Our Lady /
7pm Rosary, followed by Mass in Knock
Parish Church. Join us by live-stream at
www.knockshrine.ie if you cannot be there.

SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE

Speaking with confidence is an 8 week
practical course for those seeking
improvement in personal or professional
communications. Commencing Mon. 12th
June - Time 5.30pm-7.30pm. Venue:
Portarlington Enterprise Centre. 33%
discount if booked before 2nd June. Phone:
Sarah 0831822124 sarahheartyhumans.com

PRIVATE CARER AVAILABLE

Mature woman ex-healthcare worker,
seeking work as private carer /cleaner in
private home. Contact Marie 086 1719070.