

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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DIocese [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

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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

## SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## YEAR A

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 - 6.15pm

Bernadette (Berlo) Greene, Assumpta Tce. (M.M.) & her brother Michael Greene (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Elizabeth Dempsey (nee Knight), Monasterevin; Joseph & Ellen Bracken, Cloneygowan, sons Milo & J.J. & son-in-law Joe Dunne; Julia & Matt Colgan, Annamoe; Kathleen & John Wright, Droughill; Johnie & Mai Lalor, Cloneyhurke; Ann Ryan, Ballymorris; Eileen & Paddy Hurley, Cloneyquinn; Bridie Hurley & Jimmy Hurley

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 - 12.15pm

Ned Carey, Lea (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & his son Brendan Carey (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Niall McElwaine, Station Rd. (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); John Mitchell, NaCluainte; Brian Conroy, Avondale; Pauline Hooks, Patrick Street; Mary O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Maureen Kirwan, Station Rd. (100 B/d Rem.); Elizabeth & John Fallon, St. Michael Pk; Bridie & Joseph Brick; Elizabeth & George Nicholls; Brigid (Briggie) Costello, Avondale; Patsy McGuinness, Avondale (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
Deceased members of Portarlington G.A.A.

### FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> January -  
Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> January - St. Francis de Sales  
Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> January - Conversion of St. Paul  
Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> January - Ss Timothy & Titus  
Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> January - St. Angela Merici  
Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> January - St. Thomas Aquinas

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 - 10.30am  
Catherine McGill, Ballycarroll (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Dominic Boylan, Lathnadrona, Co. Cavan  
(5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 - 7.30pm  
William (Bill) Lynch, Killeen (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
Andy Hyland, Morette (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 - 11am  
Thomas Flynn, Hand Road (54<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023 - 9am  
Richard O'Connor, Courtwood Bridge (M.M.)  
Mary Duffy, Ballyadden; Moira Donohoe,  
Ballyadden; Tom Ryan, Bellgrove (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Deceased members of the Ryan & Christie  
Families; Deceased members of the Dease &  
Bland Families, Rath House;  
Tim & Chris Brennan, Ballybrittas

## DECEASED

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

Paul Carroll, London & formerly Clonanny Hse.

Teresa Ryan (nee McEvoy), Woodbrook

Patrick Bradshaw, Peamount & formerly Lea

Michael Dunne, Cushina

Mary Brennan, Station Rd. & formerly French Church Street

Teresa (Tess) O'Connell, Courtwood Stores, Ballybrittas

Thomas (Tommy) Dunne, Main Street



## PEACE AT LAST

May the Lord support us  
all the day long,  
till the shades lengthen,  
and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over,  
and our work is done.

Then in his mercy,  
may he give us a safe lodging,  
a holy rest, and peace at last.

Amen Cardinal Newman

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. – Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2023



The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is "Catholic Schools: Walking together in Faith and Love"  
Monday – Walking together in Faith  
Tuesday – Walking together in Love  
Wednesday – Walking together to celebrate (Grandparents Day)  
Thursday – Walking together to transform our World  
Friday – Walking together in Hope

Catholic Schools' week is a national Celebration of Catholic education and an opportunity to recognise the importance, value and the contribution of the Catholic education to the Church and to the world.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



## THEOLOGY COURSES

Study Theology, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8<sup>th</sup>. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID GROUP



### Annual Fundraising Draw 2023

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 31<sup>st</sup> January 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.

DETAILS OF 2023 PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

### MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Pilgrimage Package July 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>  
Costs €725 PPS. Flight Dublin to Split €50 Discount if Deposit paid by 31/01/2023  
Accompanied by Spiritual Director  
Contact: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY



The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity continues until Wednesday next, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. The theme for 2023 is "Do Good, Seek Justice."  
The theme is inspired by Isaiah 1:12-18, which laments a lack of justice among the People of God, yet it also promises redemption by encouraging acts of justice.

## COURTWOOD G.A.A. DINNER DANCE

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7pm sharp. Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. Four course meal with spot prizes. Music by Transmitter & Disco. Tickets €50. Contact Siobhan Byron McEvoy.

## EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



Lotto.

Lotto draw took place on Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> January. Numbers: 3, 15, 17, 20 – No Jackpot Winner. €25 to each of the following:- Ciaran Bourke C/o Deirdre; Cindy Quigley C/o Deirdre; Fiona Hyland C/o The Village Cafe; Nancy O'Connell C/o Mena; Mary Keegan C/o Ann Deering. The next draw will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January with a Jackpot of €8,000 Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office, Portarlington at €2 each.

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

### Lotto Results for 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Numbers: 15, 22, 28, 16 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Charlie Evans / Marian Bryan / Joe Murphy / Paul Allen & Stephen Slattery - Promoter prize: The Anvil. Next week's jackpot €4,800.

### 2023 Step challenge

This is our healthy club taking part in the Ireland Lights Up Challenge. Our goal is to walk 4,000 kilometres as a group effort – 7 week challenge. Contact: [gracefieldhealthyclub@gmail.com](mailto:gracefieldhealthyclub@gmail.com)

## PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

Portarlington Concert Band meet every week for children & adults. If interested in further information contact Pat on 083 8510428.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

### EIRCODE R32CY8F

Dancing Lessons: Every Monday night from 7.45 – 9.15pm. €8 per session. Waltz, Jive, Quick Step and Line Dancing

Keep Fit: Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. €5 per class. Fitness Instructor Eimear Mathews.

The Buckley's in Concert: Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February from 3.30pm. Tickets €12. Folk, traditional and ballads plus supporting acts.

## SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE

Speaking with confidence is an 8 week practical course for those seeking measurable improvement in personal or professional communications. Starting Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> February from 7-9pm every Monday for 8 weeks in Portarlington Enterprise Centre. You will be supported in building confidence to become more at ease and effective in your ability to communicate. Sarah, founder of Hearty Humans which exists as a service providing communications and public speaking development. Any questions or to book a seat on the course contact Sarah on 083 1822124 or visit [heartyhumans.com](http://heartyhumans.com)

## MONASTEREVIN CAMINO WALK



To commemorate St. Brigid, a Camino Walk in her honour will take place on Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> February, commencing at 11am from St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice on the Monasterevin-Rathangan Road (R141) (walk approx. 6km). The walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras, then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter & Pauls Church Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. Further details contact Monasterevin Parish office 045 525346.

## WANTED - GRINDS IRISH

Seeking experienced Irish teacher to deliver grinds for Irish Leaving Certificate (honours). Emo area. Contact Linda on 086 3375244.

## BINGO

Portarlington Social Services senior citizens Bingo recommences Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. at 8.30pm in the Social Services centre, Link Road. Come along for the Bingo, refreshments and a chat.

## SPEAKING IRISH

All are welcome to come along to the Old School Vicarstown on Wednesdays in January. Next gathering 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 7.30-9pm. Failte le cach at our informal get together - bi ag caint as Gaeilge while enjoying a cupan tae. Contribution of €2 welcome to cover room rental and refreshments.

## CHARITY CONCERT IN SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

Featuring Tom Conroy, Heather Fogarty, Ciaran Campbell and many more. Today, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 3pm. Venue: St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise. FREE Entry. Raffle with lots of prizes. All welcome along.

## RATH - BALLYBRITTAS DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The AGM of the R.B.D.A. will take place on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7:30pm in Rath National School. All welcome

## ICE CARDS (In Case of Emergency)

Following the success of the initial batch of ICE Cards we have now received 5000 more for individuals or groups of older people. These cards are a useful aid to first responders or medical professionals, especially in cases where someone may be non-responsive. They display useful information on the person including Name, Eircode, who to contact in case of emergencies, blood type & pharmacist. They also have useful emergency contact numbers. To receive these cards call Tom in Age Friendly Laois on 057 8645150 or 086 0363426 or email [agefriendly@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:agefriendly@laoiscoco.ie) They are also available at the local Library.



## PORTARLINGTON GREEN HUB

Sit, Sip & Stitch Events for January  
Check out Sit, Sip & Stitch events in Portarlington from Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> January. You can meet some of the "My Brat Brides" community members, in a casual setting with a cuppa, stitching their up-cycled scarves into 'brat brides' reviving an ancient tradition of St. Brigid & breathing new life & purpose into pre-loved & unwanted scarves & shawls.



Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. from 11am-3pm at Solas  
Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 1pm-3pm Eddie's Hot Pot & 4pm-6pm / Hummingbird Café  
Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10.30am-12.30pm The French Quarter Café

Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1pm-3pm Irish & Milk Café & 5pm-7pm in the Anvil Inn.  
Join us for our first "Imbolc Gathering" on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. 7.30pm at the Scouts Field, Spa Bridge, Portarlington. Follow Portarlington Green Hub on both Facebook & Instagram for details on further events.

## MORTGAGE ARREARS / ABHAILE SCHEME

Is your mortgage in arrears? Are you worried about losing your home? If so, there is help. You may be entitled to free financial advice under the Abhaile Scheme, which is a State funded service. For further info. contact Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland on 085 8674883 ([www.fsireland.ie](http://www.fsireland.ie))

## 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.

## USED STAMPS

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD



### Prayerful Meditation Day

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February - 10am – 3pm  
Offering a day to meditate, pray and be nourished using Scripture. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney hfb. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee and biscuits provided.

### 'Ageing with Grace' Day

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February - 10am – 4.40pm  
A retreat day for people of any age committed to living their lives one day at a time, accepting themselves as they are and cultivating a light heart, a joyful spirit and a peaceful mind. Facilitated by Ms Maria Garvey. Cost: €60 (includes Lunch and Tea/Coffee break)  
For further information/bookings, please contact: The Secretary on 057-8626153 or email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

## EASY YOGA FOR BEGINNERS



From 12.30 to 1.30pm and will continue every Saturday. You can join at any stage. Portarlington Community Centre. Cost €40 for four weeks. When you come along, please bring a mat and a blanket. For further information & booking contact Adel on 086 3656209.

## AGM

The AGM of Portarlington GAA Club will take place today (Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> January) at 3pm in Scoil Phadraig. All members welcome to attend.

## PIANO LESSONS

At B#Sharp, Main Street, Portarlington. Register any time by contacting Keith on 085 7516595 / Conor 086 1639153