



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.



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

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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 22nd OCTOBER 2023

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN O.T.

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WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 21st October - 6.15pm

Teresa Bolton, Blackhall Bridge, (1st Anniv)
Bernie O'Reilly Keogh, Foxcroft Ave.
Dinah & John Hehir, St. Joseph's Tce.
Eileen (B.B.) Cummins &
John Joe Cummins, Marian Hill;
Josephine Watson, Main Street

Sunday 22nd October - 12.15pm

Phil McGettrick, Patrick's Ave M.M.
Alice Maher, Woodview, The Lock, (1st Anniv)
Deceased members of the Maher family,
Laurence Mooney, Monasterevin, Tina
Dempsey, Clondoolusk, (29th Anniv)
Michael Gilligan, Lea Rd, (20th Anniv)
Maureen Weldon, Cushina (16th Anniv)
Phil & Bridie Lynch, Ballymorris, Gretchen &
Margo Whelan, Patrick St, Bernie O'Reilly
Keogh, Foxcroft Avenue

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 22nd October - 10.30am

Alice Maher, Woodview, The Lock, (1st Anniv)
Deceased members of the Maher family,
Michael Terrett, Rathlesh, (4th Anniv)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 21st October - 7.30pm

Bernadette Behan, Bellgrove (M.M.)
Bridget & James Lewis, New Inn, (2nd Anniv)
Peter Hyland, Tomas & Mary Walsh, Deceased
members of the Woods Family, John Dunne,
Pascal John Dunne, Coolbanagher

Sunday 22nd October - 11am

John King, Morette, (3rd Anniv.)
James Dempsey, Tinnakill

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 22nd October - 9am

Liam Hogan, Jamestown,

ROSARY

Rosary will be recited every evening at 4pm
in St. John's Church, Killenard. All welcome.

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

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE - MEETING

A meeting of the above Committee will take
place this evening **Sat 21st October after the
6.15pm Mass** in St. Mary's Chapel.
All members asked to attend.

DECEASED - R. I. P.

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

Maureen Delaney, Bishopswood & Naas,
Joan Murphy, Foxcroft Court formerly
Kilmacthomas, Waterford
Thomas Harty, Woodlands Park
Maureen Kennedy, Bog Lane, Kilmalogue
Grace O'Neill, Church View
Teresa Ridgeway Ridgeway, Garryhinch /
Mountrath
Ronnie Champ, Deerpark

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024



A Meeting for the parents & guardians of
children who will receive the Sacrament of
Penance & First Holy Communion in 2024, will
be held next week on the following dates:-

SCOIL PHADRAIG, CANAL ROAD
Mon. 23rd October at 7.30pm in Scoil Phadraig
School Hall, Canal Road

SCOIL NAOMH EOIN, KILLENARD
Tues. 24th October at 7.30pm in Scoil Naomh
Eoin School Hall

**SACRED HEART N.S. RATH &
ST. PAUL'S N.S. EMO**
Wed. 25th October at 7.30pm in St. Paul's N.S.,
Emo

**PRESENTATION GIRLS PRIMARY SCHOOL,
STATION ROAD**
Thurs. 26th Oct. at 7.30pm in Presentation
Primary School Hall, Station Road

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN OPEN NIGHT
An 'Open Night' will be held in Colaiste
Iosagain, Portarlington on Thurs. 26th October
commencing 7pm. All welcome.

GROW MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT MEETING



Thursday from 2.30pm - 4.30pm in the Social
Services Centre, Link Road. Any person over
18 years welcome to attend. Confidential
service - Reach out to us now and start getting
the support you need. Further info. Contact
Assumpta on 086 8114135 or Email
assumpta@grow.ie

Mission Sunday Collection

Theme: **Luke (24:13-35); "Hearts on
Fire, Feet on the Move"**

This weekend parishes worldwide celebrate
World Mission Sunday. The kindness
shown will help overseas missionaries to
continue to share the love of God with
some of the world's most marginalized &
vulnerable people. Thank you for
supporting in whatever way you can, &
please remember it is more than an appeal
for financial help. Missionaries also need
spiritual support. On World Mission
Sunday missionaries take great strength in
knowing that the faithful of the world are
keeping them in their thoughts & prayers.
Envelopes available in your Development
Boxes or at the Church Porch.
www.missio.ie

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH MISSION COLLECTION



The Mission Sunday collection takes place
this weekend, 21st / 22nd October, at all
Masses. Envelopes for Mission Sunday
are available in your development boxes or
at the Church porch

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES



Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place
on Sun. 5th November.

Blessing will take place as follows:-
Killenard after the 10.30am Mass
St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington
at 3pm.

PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S SHED

This group meet at Portarlington
Community Centre every Tuesday from 12
Noon to 2pm & on Thursday from 10.30am
- 12.30pm. Drop in for a cuppa, a chat and
lots of activities and outings.

The Women's Shed are holding a
Christmas Market on Sat. 9th Dec. from
11am to 3pm. To book a table, E-mail
portarlingtonwomensshed@gmail.com or
phone 087 4748068. A visit to Santa on
the day also. Proceeds from refreshments
in aid of the Cuisle Centre, Laois.

RAINBOWS IRELAND

Rainbows Ireland is a free, listening, peer, group
support service that provides support for
children from the age of 7, after they have
experienced a parental separation and/or
bereavement. Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington are
now enrolling both boys and girls for their
RAINBOWS PROGRAMME.

For further enquiries or to enroll your child, e-
mail rainbowsscoilphadraig@gmail.com or
request a call back at the school office on 057
8623394.

CLONASLEE THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Clonaslee Parish present

Dana, Philomena Begley & Special Guests
for a special night of Music & Song. Proceeds in
aid of the Parish Church. Concert takes place
on Sun. 10th December at 8pm. Tickets will go
on line shortly. You can contact Dolores on
087 414 8093 or Local Businesses in Clonaslee.

LITTLE BOOK OF POEMS & SHORT STORIES By Ruth Nolan.

Available in the Parish Office. €6 ea.
All proceeds of this book to be donated to
Laochra Laois Special Olympics Club.

COURTWOOD GAA

1962 - 2022 - DINNER DANCE

Sat. 4th Nov. commencing 7pm sharp in
Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. 4 course meal
with spot prizes. Music by Premier DJs. Tickets
€50 each can be had from Club members.

SPIORAD NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat
St. Peter's & Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise.
Sat. 28th Oct. 10am to 1.30pm. Mass 10am /
Confessions available.

Retreat continues in the 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 PP. All welcome.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

OCTOBER DRAW RESULTS:

€10,000 - Mark Murphy
€2,000 each to: Patrick Dempsey; Paul Sheerin
€1,000 each to: Elizabeth Nolan & Michelle
Keegan / €500 each to: James Duffy; Ciara
Groome; Patricia Conroy; Michelle McCormack;
Theresa Boland; Geraldine Gray; Louis
Parrinter; Margaret Terrett & to Michael Murphy
Congratulations to all our winners!

O'DEMPSEY'S

G.F.C.

AGM - Save the date: Fri 17th Nov. at the
Clubhouse. Club members, parents, supporters
& potential new members are invited &
encouraged to attend. For Nomination & Motion
forms, contact our Secretary, Barry Finlay by
text on 087-7707511 or email
secretary.odempseys.laois@gaa.ie

Lotto Results - 16th Oct: Numbers drawn 12,
13, 16, 20 - No jackpot winner. Match 3
winners: Liam Fitzpatrick, (Jotform), Edwina
Nolan (Clubforce), Margaret Egan (Bridge Club)
Promoter: Jude McCormack. Next week's
Jackpot is €18,000. Tickets available from the
usual sellers & in Dowling's Gala, Richie Slevin
& Ballybrittas Service Station.
Thanks for your support.

PIANO LESSONS / EXAM GRINDS

Piano lessons available - All levels catered for.
Leaving & Junior Cert. Music Grinds &
preparation for theory exams. Experienced,
highly qualified Teacher (Masters Degree).
Limited vacancies. To book please phone Donal
on 085 7393927.

FAST & PRAYER FOR PEACE

Friday 27th October, 2023



Pope Francis has invited everyone to a day of
prayer, fasting, and penance for peace. The
Holy Father has encouraged all people of all
religions & those who advocate for peace to
participate as they see fit, on Friday 27th
October 2023.

A vigil takes place at 6pm in St. Peter's Square,
where the faithful will join the Pope to
participate in "an hour of prayer in a spirit of
penance to implore peace in our time,
peace in this world."



Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

God of peace, bearer of hope,
we seek your help

for the people of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war
and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division
sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction
help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying
bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them.
Guide them and keep them from harm.
Show us how to break down the barriers
of history and fear,

and breathe whispers of hope.
Amen

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS

Portarlington Christmas Carollers are
commencing practice shortly for their annual
Christmas Concert in St. Michael's Church. If
you would like to come along to our practices, &
take part, contact Charlotte on 086-0677072.
Also, if you play the violin or the flute, we would
be delighted to have you join the group.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Baby Book Club

To book for next event phone 057 8643751 or
email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Knitting Club

Meets every Friday morning 10:30am-12:30.
All skill levels from beginner to advanced
are welcome!

Sensory Toy Resource Collection

A service for parents of children with additional
needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are
designed to support the development of gross
motor skills, fine motor skills and
communication skills. More details can be found
on our website or ask at the library desk.

Laois Libraries Online Book Club

Reads one book a month chosen from the
BorrowBox collection. Join us on the last
Wednesday of each month when questions are
posed for discussion on our Book Club
Facebook page. This month we are reading
House of Ashes by Stuart Neville New
members are always welcome.
Phone 057 8643751 or Email
portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

SECOND BOOK OF WRITINGS OF THE LATE

FR. JOHN CUMMINS

Following the great success of the first book,
the family of Fr. John Cummins have issued a
second publication in his memory. This new
book, also name "My Life in Your Hands",
contains more sermons of Fr. John's. €15
each. Will be available from the Parish Office.

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

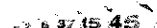
EMO PARISH

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

EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1212 - 16th Oct. 2023

Numbers 2, 11, 17, 18 / €25 each to:-
Patrick & Marie Connolly, c/o Deirdre,
Elizabeth Flynn, c/o Maeve; Ber Wheeler,
c/o Ber; Willie & Anne Duffy; c/o Maeve,
Brooke & Madison Earle; c/o Deirdre
Next draw takes place on 23rd October with
a Jackpot of €4,400.



Lotto

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Lotto draw 16th Oct. - Week No. 42.
Numbers drawn 5, 7, 31, 9 - No jackpot
winner. €50 each to:- Orlaith Smith, Tracy
Hanlon, Clare Keegan, Jason Knight, Mick
& Breda Flanagan, Promoter prize Pat
Keegan - Next weeks' Jackpot €8,200

ALONE

Would you be willing to provide
companionship or make calls to Older
People once a week? ALONE are seeking
volunteers in your area.
Full training and support provided. If
interested please sign up
here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>
for more information, contact Fiona
on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086
1366539.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

Social Dance. Takes place this Saturday
night (21st Oct.) commencing 9pm. Doors
open at 9pm. Admission €10. Dancing to
Brian McDermott. Refreshments served.
Keep Fit Classes: Classes continue
every Wednesday night from 7-8pm under
the guidance of Eimear Mathews.
€5 per class.

Dancing Lessons: Every Monday
night with Dolores Casey 7.45-9.15pm.
€8 per lesson.

SPONSORED WALK

In aid of Cloneyhurke National School.

This walk takes place on Fri. 27th
October, commencing 9am at Gracefield
Football Field. The Walk will take place
along Gracefield GAA Walking Track.
If the children wish, they can dress up in
their Halloween costumes. All welcome,
Just turn up on the day. Commencing 9am.