

**PORTARLINGTON MEALS ON WHEELS**



The 52<sup>nd</sup> AGM of Portarlington Social Services/Meals on Wheels took place recently. There were 10,284 meals cooked and delivered in 2022. Without the help of the HSE funding & all the generous donations from the public, the service could not continue. Elected-Chairperson Rory Whelan. Assistant Chairperson Ciaran Dunne. Secretary Ann Bourke-Dunne. Assistant Secretary Mary Pierce. Treasurer Brendan Broderick. Assistant Treasurer Geraldine O'Reilly. Card Secretaries Jen Barber & Vincent Hogan. PRO-Ciaran Dunne. Committee Ken Dunne, Jenny Champ-Hendy, Breda Dunne, Jen Barber, Trish Whelan, Marguerite Kirwan & Neil Henderson. Trustees Jenny Champ, Dr. Adrian Honan, Geraldine O'Reilly & Ken Dunne.

**COLLECTION**  
Meals on Wheels will hold their Annual Collection at Supervalu & Centra, Main Street on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> & Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support for this worthwhile service to the community.

**BEALTAINE EVENTS AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**

**Flower Arranging Demonstration.** Join Hazel Duffy from LOETB for a demonstration on the art of flower arranging followed by a Q & A session. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon – 1pm. Free event but booking advised. Give your name at the library desk, email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie or phone 057 8643751.

**Willow Weaving:** Beth Murphy from Willow Wonder will instruct participants in this workshop in the ancient craft of willow weaving. All materials will be supplied. Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 11am – 1pm. Free event, but booking is essential. Give your name at the Library desk or phone 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

**PRIME OF LIFE PROGRAMME**

EduFIT & Laois Sports Partnership have a **FREE** 12 week physical activity & health programme to offer adults in Laois aged 30-80 years. It's called 'Prime Time of Life', its government funded & designed by Dr Diane Cooper. We are currently looking for participants to join our next three programmes in Portlaoise, Portarlington and Online. Our Prime Time of Life programme is scientifically proven to improve strength, balance, flexibility, mobility, fitness and perception of physical health, mental health and quality of life. For Portarlington & Online:-



**Portarlington:**

12 week Multimodal exercise & health education programme for adults. Exercise classes every Monday & Thursday from 9am – 10am in Portarlington Community Centre. Commencing Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**Online:**

12 week Multimodal exercise & health education programme for adults. Exercise classes every Tuesday 8pm-9pm & Thursday 6pm-7pm via Zoom. Delivered by EduFIT. Starting Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> May.

To book: WhatsApp 083 3748262  
[www.edufit.ie](http://www.edufit.ie) Email [programmes@edufit.ie](mailto:programmes@edufit.ie)

**ALL IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN**

The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan is an island-wide attempt to reverse declines in pollinating insects. One third of our bee species are threatened with extinction in Ireland. The good news is that you can help by making your garden pollinator friendly. Every garden, no matter its size, can be a haven for hungry pollinators. Check out details:- [www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)



**BIO ENERGY THERAPY**

Bio Energy Therapy helps in the treatment of anxiety / depression / decreasing pain / strengthening the immune system / enhancing recovery from surgery & creating a sense of well being. Contact Bio Energy Therapist, Alasdair, on 085 7863793 or email [amccannbioenergytherapy@gmail.com](mailto:amccannbioenergytherapy@gmail.com)

**GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB Lotto 18.4.2023**

Numbers 29, 11, 8, 6 No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Shannon Bryan; Maria Storey; Mary Foster; Josephine Bryan; B. Kavanagh. Promoters prize: The Hawthorn  
**Next week's Jackpot €3,000**

**EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO**

Lotto results from 17<sup>th</sup> April. Numbers 8, 10, 11, 21 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following: Frank Fitzgerald C/o Maeve / Michael Lawlor C/o Colette / Fran Clancy C/o B. Gorman / Millie Stronge C/o Emo GAA / Ken Guinan C/o Deirdre. **Next draw takes place on 24<sup>th</sup> April with a Jackpot of €10,200** Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS**

Used postage stamps wanted for Foreign Missions. Please leave in through the letter box of The Nook Shop, Patrick Street

**LOUGH DERG 2023**



**One Day Retreats:** (Admission €45)  
May 1<sup>st</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup>  
August: 19<sup>th</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup>  
September: 2<sup>nd</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Three Day Pilgrimage:** (Admission €80)  
Starts 1<sup>st</sup> June (Thurs.). Runs until 15<sup>th</sup> August.  
**Residential Retreats / Lakeshore Pilgrimage / Quiet Days** all available. Book: 071 9861518  
[info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**APRIL DEMENTIA CAFE**

**Annual Tea Day Fundraiser** on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Would you host a tea day? If so register for a Tea-day pack [www.teaday.ie](http://www.teaday.ie) or phone 087-7151323.

**BRINGING THE THEATRE TO KILLENARD**



Brian Brady Youth Theatre in association with Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard present: "Bringing the Theatre to Killenard, featuring songs from Annie & Mamma Mia. Tues. next. 25<sup>th</sup> & Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. Ticket only event – Some tickets still available at €10 (available from school office – Phone 057 8626217 Email [office@naomheoin.ie](mailto:office@naomheoin.ie))

**BINGO**

Bingo takes place at Portarlington GAA Centre every Tuesday night at 8pm. Over €3,000 in prize money to be won. Free parking / Wheelchair accessible.

**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 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



**RECENT DRAW RESULTS**

€10,000 – Teresa Boland  
€2,000 each to: Mayosore Cornells & Also to Marie Carroll  
€1,000 each to Bernadette McCormack & also to Elizabeth Keating  
€500 to each of the following:-  
Rebecca Lyons / Clara Finlay / Jacqueline Hogan / Yvonne Flanagan / Thomas McDonald / Elaine Costello / Donal Bergin ;  
Liam Dempsey / Martina Whelehan  
€450 to Joanna Freeman

**CHECK IT FITS!**

Did you know 4 out of 5 child car seats are incorrectly fitted? Get your child's car seat checked for free. Venue: SuperValu Car Park, Portarlington on Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 5.30pm. Walk-in appointments only. [www.rsa.ie/checkitfits](http://www.rsa.ie/checkitfits) - Further information.

**SOCIAL TENNIS**



Social tennis continues every Thursday from 7.30pm at Portarlington Lawn Tennis Club. New members & all levels welcome. €2 per player. 2023 Membership is now due. Info: [www.portarlingtontennisclub.ie](http://www.portarlingtontennisclub.ie)

**CAR BOOT SALE - SOLAS, LEA ROAD**

Car Boot Sale takes place at Solas Eco Garden Centre today, Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Sale runs from 10am – 2.30pm. Adm. €2

**HOST FAMILIES - SPANISH STUDENTS**

Host families sought for Spanish students for the month of July 2023. The Host Family must have a teenager (12-18) who is willing to spend time with and include the visiting student in their life for 4 weeks. Further information contact Margaret on 087 2062162.

**LAOIS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

*Bealtaine Festival activities & events*  
Contact *Catriona* on (086)7935234 to registered (Limited numbers)  
**Portarlington Community Hall**  
Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> May (11am – 1pm) – Activator poles with Caroline Cahill (11am) & Dance with Moez (12pm)  
**Emo Court**  
Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> May (11am)  
Wellness Walk with Caroline Cahill  
Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> May (11am)  
Wellness Walk with Caroline Cahill  
Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> May (11am)  
Activator Poles Walk with Caroline Cahill  
Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> May (11am)  
Activator Poles Walk with Caroline Cahill

**PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO**



**PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS**

Very Rev. Thomas Dooley P.P. Tel: (057) 8643004 Rev. Joe O'Neill C.C. Tel: (057) 8646517  
Very Rev. Michael Noonan P.E. Tel: (057) 8623431



**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)  
**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

**PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES:** Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney  
Kathleen Sherry – Director of Safeguarding - Tel: 085-8021633 [dip@kandle.ie](mailto:dip@kandle.ie) E-mail [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto: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](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish @EmoParish

**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL, 2023 \* THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER \* YEAR A**

**WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 6.15pm**  
Cecilia Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq. (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Philip Loughran, Ballymorris Manor (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Amanda Knight, St. Joseph's Terrace; Bridie Power, Avondale  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 12.15pm**  
Brenda Dempsey (nee Dunne), Clannalire (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary); Paddy McGuinness, Avondale (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Terence McKenna, Cloneyhurke; Sean Moran, Droughill (18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of the Moran Family, Monasterevin; Mary Hickey; John & Eileen Hickey; Liam Hickey, Market Square  
Gretta & David Fitzmaurice, Killenard & their son David Fitzmaurice (Jnr.);

**10AM MASS PORTARLINGTON**

**Mon. 24<sup>th</sup> April**  
Deceased members of the Deegan Family, Kilcappagh  
**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
Feast of St. Mark Evangelist  
**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
Michael, Owen, Ann & Tom Keegan, Bishopswood  
**Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> April**  
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**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> April**  
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**ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 10.30a m**  
Maurice Dalton; Ann Fox Dalton; Phil O'Hora, Killenard; Elizabeth (Lil) Donnelly, Killenard & Sister in Law, Bridget (Bidni) Donnelly; Michael Keogh, Derryvalla; Terry Culleton & deceased members of the Culleton Family

**ANNIVERSARIES - EMO**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 7.30pm**  
John Moran, Killimoy

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 11am**

Martin Rowan, Monasterevin (M.M.)  
John & Gerard O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown; Tiernan Whyte, Coolbanagher

**ANNIVERSARIES - RATH**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April - 9am**  
William (Bill) Flynn, Courtwood (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
William Brennan, Jamestown

**DECEASED**

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

Patrick (Paddy) O'Brien, Lea Road  
Dr. Ramesh Nagabathula, Carriglea, Killenard  
Matthew Brophy, Portlaoise & formerly Lough

**CEMETERY MASSES 2023**



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



**baptism**



We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:  
**Portarlington Parish**  
Rian George Costello, Castlelea Avenue  
Cody Martin Fleming, Droughill  
Jamie Peter Travers, Tullaghan, Ballybrittas  
Cuan Paul Deegan, Ballycarroll

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
Tuesday's 10.30am–7pm.  
All welcome.

**EVANGELISATION & VOCATION CONFERENCE – PRIESTHOOD IN A SYNODAL CHURCH**

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered following in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on Tues. next, 25<sup>th</sup> April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation & vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly on [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie), or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at [willie.purcell@iecon.ie](mailto:willie.purcell@iecon.ie) or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at [eric.cooney@iecon.ie](mailto:eric.cooney@iecon.ie)

**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

All outstanding Trocaire boxes should be returned as soon as possible. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Church. [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) Call-save to 1800 408 408 - Post to: Trocaire, Maynooth, Kildare.



**2023**

St. Paul's N.S., Emo  
Sunday next, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 11am  
in St. Paul's Church, Emo

**Presentation Primary School, Station Road, Portarlington**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am  
**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am  
**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington**  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am  
**Sacred Heart N.S., Rath**  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am

**GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT MONTHLY RETREAT**



St. Peters & Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise Sat. 29<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 1.30pm. Mass 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in Parish Centre 10.45am-1.30pm. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. All very welcome to attend.

**RATH/BALLYBRITTS DEV. ASSOC.**

The next meeting of the Rath-Ballybrittas Development Association will take place on Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in Rath School. All welcome to attend.