



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO




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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 23rd JULY, 2023**
✱ **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY O.T.**
✱ **YEAR A**

Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

WEEKEND MASSES
PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 22nd July – 6.15pm
 James (Jim) Murphy, Derrymore (2nd Anniv.)
 Patrick Miller & dec. members of the Miller & Connelly Families; Bartle Fitzmaurice; Dennis Brennan, St. Michael's Park
 Philip Horan, Bracklone St. (5th Anniv.)
 Margaret Bolton, Kilbride (4th Anniv.)
 Ann Murphy, Deepark & dec. members of the Murphy Family, Deepark;
 Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill (25th Anniv.)
 David Mullen, Bracklone St; Ellen Byrne, Dublin; Mark Cummins, St. Joseph's Tce;
 Edward Murphy, Shandra (8th Anniv.);
 Dec. members of the Wrenn Family, Cushina

Sunday 23rd July – 12.15pm
 Gerry Conway, Avondale (M.M.)
 Ailish Lyne, Bracklone Street
 Pat & Mary Fitzgerald, Cushina (13th Anniv.)

10AM MASS - ANNIVERSARIES
PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 24th July ---
 Tues. 25th July ---
 Wed. 26th July ---
 Thurs. 27th July Michael & Rose Sweeney;
 Jack & Jane Dunphy, Upper Main Street
 Fri. 28th July Nell Finn, Limerick (27th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES
KILLENARD

Sunday 23rd July - 10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES
EMO



Saturday 22nd July – 7.30pm
 Deceased members of the Deegan Family,
 The Derries, Ballybrittas
Sunday 23rd July – 11am

ANNIVERSARIES
RATH

Sunday 23rd July - 9am
 David Mullen (13th Anniv.); Anne & Eamonn Mullen, Bracklone St; Charlie Raleigh;
 Charlie Kirwan; Tom Linehan;
 Con Murphy, Bellgrove (20th Anniv.)



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


DECEASED - R. I. P.



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

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Jonathan McCowen,
Australia & formerly Station Road
Kathleen Fahy, Arlington Estate
David Dunne, who died in England
(Formerly Garryhinch)



BAPTISMS


We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

Emo Parish
Addison Robyn Tiwadayo Mitchell-Gbenoba,
The Brook, Graigavem Ballybrittas



CEMETERY MASSES
2023

Emo New Cemetery - Fri. 28th July 7.30pm
 Emo Old Cemetery - Sat. 12th Aug. 7.30pm



GREAT ADVENTURE
BIBLE
Study

This 24 week course is commencing in September in Scoil Phádraig, Portarlington. There are 4 elements to this Bible Study.


1. Home preparation
2. Weekly, two hour study session to facilitate small group discussions, review of the previous weeks study questions & a 50 minute video presentation.
3. Option to join by zoom if you cannot attend in person each week. There is an online registration fee of approx. €50 with Ascension Press for one year online access o the study materials. €10 per week for the use of the school facilities. For further information & to register your interest email Ailish at ailishr29@gmail.com


FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK


Sun. 23rd July: St. Bridget of Sweden
 Mon. 24th July: St. Declan
 Tues. 25th July: St. James
 Wed. 26th July: Ss Joachim & Anne
 Sat. 29th July: Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus


PRAYER FOR THE THIRD WORLD DAY
FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE
ELDERLY 2023

Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy.
 Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands. Heal my wounds.
 May your tenderness accompany me on the way.
 Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united. Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them.
 Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me:
 sustain my weakness;
 breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace. *Amen.*



"God wants young people to bring joy to the hearts of the elderly, as Mary did to Elizabeth, and gain wisdom from their experiences."
 – Pope Francis




DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY – TODAY 23rd JULY 2023
"World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly" will be celebrated today, Sun. 23rd July.
 The Theme for this year is:
"His mercy is from age to age (Lk. 1:50).
 We all know the wonderful part played by the elderly and by grandparents in all our parishes, so it is all the more important that we mark the celebration. The National Grandparents Pilgrimage celebrating this day in Knock Shrine will be led by Bishop Denis. Anointing of the sick at 2.30pm with Mass at 3pm.

Never forget the hands that raised you.



10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP NULTY
 On Fri. 4th August, Bishop Denis will celebrate the 10th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin. People, Religious & Clergy are invited to participate in the 7pm Mass on Sun. 6th August in Carlow Cathedral to mark this occasion & to acknowledge Bishop Denis' dedicated service to the diocese since coming to us in 2013.




PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY
 Opening Hours: Tues. 10am-5.30pm / Wed. 10am – 7.30pm / Thurs. 10am – 5.30pm
 Fri. 10am–5pm / Sat. 10am–1pm
 (Closed 1-2pm)
 Services available:- Borrowing service for adults, teens & children including fiction, non-fiction, DVDs, CDs, magazines / Daily newspapers available / Study desks / PC usage & internet browsing / Printing, photocopying & scanning / Local history section / Sensory Toy collection.
 Contact 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL
 Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare from Thurs. 10th Aug. to Sun. 13th Aug. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only, and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO 17.7.2023
 Numbers 1, 9, 19, 18 – No jackpot winner.
 €50 to each of the following:-
 Pat Hyland / Pat Finn / Anthony Slevin ; David Dunne ; Ciaran Byrne
 Promoter prize: Dreen's, Cloneygowan
Next week's Jackpot €5,600

RELAY FOR LIFE LAOIS – EMO COURT
 Coming together with cancer survivors in the community to be part of something special. This event takes place in Emo Court House on Sat. 29th July from 1pm. If you are a cancer survivor & wish to get involved, contact Caroline on 087-4499903 or Alan on 086-1222227.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE
 Wednesday 2nd August – Wednesday 9th August. Buses will leave McCann Park, Portarlington at 8am on the morning of Wed. 2nd. All those travelling, please be at McCann Park latest 7.30am. Tickets for the pilgrimage will be distributed on Mon. 31st July at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church.



EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023
 Departing on for our pilgrimage is 26th August for 5 nights.
 Staying at Hotel Astrid. Cost of €745 per person sharing. For further info. & booking contact Tony Byrne on 086 1125833 or contact Deirdre Lawlor on 087 2399457.

THANK YOU
Croagh Patrick Climb
 The committee of Portarlington Meals on Wheels thank, most sincerely, the Burbage family & all who took part in or donated to the recent fundraiser climb of Croagh Patrick. Total sum raised €5,515.00.



Under Mary's Mantle
 Under Mary's Mantle is a conference on faith and culture for young adults (18 – 35) with talks, prayer, Mass, Confession, workshops, food and social in the historic All Hallows Campus, D.C.U., Dublin. A chance to build your faith in friendship with young men and women from across the country. There will be several keynote speakers with talks and workshops ranging widely from poetry to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the Liturgical year. Mass and Confessions takes place both days.
 This event takes place on Sat. & Sun. 19th & 20th August. Further details later or you can contact deusetpatricia@gmail.com / phone 085 1442423

EMO / RATH PARISH


Draw results Mon. 17th July 2023
 Numbers: 8, 13, 22, 24. - No Jackpot winner.
 €25 to each of the following: Willie & Ann Duffy C/o Maeve; Ann Marie Burke C/o Deirdre; John Flynn C/o Maeve; Marie & Andrew Deering C/o Ann; Ann O'Brien, The Heath C/o Deirdre
Next draw takes place on the 24th July with a Jackpot of €2,000. Tickets are available in Emo Shop, Village Cafe, Ballybrittas, Ballybrittas Shop & the Parish Office - €2 each.

O'DEMPSEY CLUB BINGO ON-LINE
 Bingo Books for this Fridays Bingo are available now at Dowling's Gala Killenard or in Whelehan's Newsagents. Eyes down at 8pm every Friday. If you're not in you can't win!

RETRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CONLETH


An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty takes place on Sat. 29th July. The walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh, 12 noon concluding with a prayer service in St Brigid's Church, Kildare, 4pm. Refreshments available & all are welcome to join. To register for the walk please contact Aras Bhride on 045-521352 or email kildareparish@gmail.com

SUMMER WORKSHOPS


Exciting Summer Workshops for Children at SOLAS Eco Garden Centre. Join for a season filled with fun and education. From gardening to pizza making – There is something for everyone. The gardening workshops will allow kids to get their hands dirty and discover the wonders of nature. Book online now at <https://www.thegardenshop.ie/gardening-workshop/> or you can phone 057 9373330

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

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER
2023


Those intending to submit articles / stories for inclusion in this year's edition of the Emigrant Newsletter are asked to send them in to the Parish Office. A special welcome for old group photographs (must include names). Closing date for articles / photographs Mid-August 2023. You can drop in your article to the Parish Office or email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

RECYCLE YOUR USED STAMPS


If you have any used stamps, please drop them into "The Nook", Patrick Street. These stamps will be sent to the I.S.P.C.C. (Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children), where they will help their fundraising activities.

INFORMATION EVENING
EMO / RATH
 Information evening hosted by Emo Sports field Committee will take place on Wed. 9th August at 7.30pm in the Community Centre, Emo. Karen Moore, the Community Climate Action Officer with Laois County Council & Laurence O'Reilly, mentor for Laois & Offaly with SEAL will speak about what we can do to help ourselves & the area as a group to go greener. They may have ideas you would like, to help you reduce your energy bills & things we can do as a community to reduce our carbon footprint. We ask householders, farmers, business owners, everyone in the Emo / Rath area to attend & see what is in it for you. Looking forward to a good turnout on the night.

GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT
MONTHLY RETREAT


St. Peters and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoise, Sat. 29th July 10am-1.30pm. Mass @ 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in old Sacristy (behind Altar) 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. All very welcome.