



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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney

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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
<https://www.mcmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

Sunday 23rd January 2022 ✕ Third Sunday in O.T. ✕ Year C

Sunday of the Word of God

ANNIVERSARY - PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 22nd January 6.15pm

Seamus Dowling, Station Court (7th Anniv.); Joseph & Ellen Bracken, Cloneygowan; Sons Milo & JJ & son-in-law Joe Dunne; John & Kathleen Wright, Droughill; John Mitchell, NaCluainte (11th Anniv.); Josie Lynch, Ballymorris; Esther Dunne, St. Michael's Park; Kathleen & Patrick Dunne; James Dunne; Maura Breen (nee Dunne); Johnie Lalor & Mai Lalor, Cloneyhurke;

Sunday 23rd January 12.15pm

Rose Hoey (3rd Anniv.); Thomas Hoey (10th Anniv.); Kilbride; Pauline Hooks, Patrick Street; Mary O'Neill, 61 St. Brigid's Square; Patsy McGuinness, Avondale (1st Anniv.); Bridgie Costello, Avondale

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON

MASS AT 10AM EACH MORNING

Tues. 25th January
Jim & Bridget Ryan, Spa Street & deceased members of the Ryan Family

Friday 28th January
Alice McCann
Michael Webster, French Church Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 23rd January 10.30am

Catherine McGill, Ballycarroll

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 22nd January - 7.30pm

William (Billy) Lynch, Killeen (1st Anniv.)
Thomas Flynn, Hand Road, Morette (53rd Anniv.)

Sunday 23rd January - 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 23rd January 9am

Tom Ryan, Bellgrove; Larry & Nancy Ryan, Bellgrove; Myles Christie, Monasterevin; Mary Duffy, Ballyadden; Moira Donohoe, Ballyadden; Andrew & Bridget Heffernan, Rath; Tom & John Murphy; Joseph & Julia McCormack, Ballybrittas; Lar Nolan, Courtwood; Joe Flanagan, Dunmaise; Paddy & Alice Dobbey, Courtwood

DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-



Denis (Dinny) Lyons, Derrymore



Mrs. Maureen Hoey (nee Brophy), Clogh, Castlecomer (formerly Portarlington) who died on 12th January. Funeral Mass today in Clogh.



Catholic Schools Week 2022 will run from 30th January to 5th February 2022.

The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service"
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.

PRAYER



Lord, we live in the mystery of the new life you promise in Jesus, and the new life that surrounds us every Spring. Help us connect with people we don't usually see.

Make us one whole and holy people. Amen

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that all Anniversary Masses must be booked in with the Parish Office latest Thursday's 12 Noon in order to guarantee inclusion in the weekend's Parish Newsletter & Anniversary Altar List. Also, all other notices for the Parish newsletter to be in by Wednesday of each week. Thank you for your co-operation.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament held in St. Michael's Parish Church, Portarlington each Tuesday after 10am Mass & continues until 7pm.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:



Portarlington Parish
Ava Emilie Alexander, Geashill

CONFIRMATION 2022

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in March:
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Thursday 24th March at 11am

St. Paul N.S., Emo
Thursday 24th March at 2pm

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington
Wednesday 30th March at 11am

Presentation Primary School, Station Road, Portarlington & Cloneyhurke N.S.
Wednesday 30th March at 2pm

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Thursday 31st March at 11.30am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

St. Paul's N.S., Emo
Sunday 1st May at 11am

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Saturday 7th May at 11.30am

Presentation Primary School, Station Road, Portarlington & Cloneyhurke N.S.
Saturday 14th May at 11.30am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Saturday 21st May at 11.30am

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington
Saturday 28th May at 11.30am

Please note that the above dates are subject to Government guidelines / regulations.

2022 GUIDELINES



Please wear a face covering

Social distancing must be adhered to.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Draw 17th January - Numbers, 16, 04, 25, 11
No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:-
Teresa Coughlan / ray Murphy/ Connor Bryan / Jamie Hanlon / Madeline Murphy
Promoter - Colette O'Reilly
Next week's Jackpot €4,200

AN SPIORAID NAOIMH

PRAISE & WORSHIP MEETING

An Spioraid Naoimh Praise & Worship Meeting
John Paul II Room Parish Centre St. Peter & St. Paul's Portlaoise. Commencing 10.45am (just after 10am Mass) Sat. 29th Jan.
Format: Rosary / Praise & Worship (Live Music); Talk No. 3 "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect". Conclusion: Final hymns & prayers. Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Further information contact: M. Nerney on 086 - 8157305.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

September 2022 Pilgrimage

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2022. 7 Night Pilgrimage Package with Marian Pilgrimages. 14th - 21st September. Cost: €775. Early booking discount of €50 if booked before 31st January 2022. Flight: Shannon to Mostar. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland C.C. Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE - August 2022

This year's trip will take place from 5th to 12th of August, at a cost of €895 per person sharing (single room supplement €265, subject to availability). This includes transfers to and from both airports, and 7 nights full board at the Solitude Hotel. 20kg baggage allowance applies. Portarlington Credit Union who have kindly set up a savings scheme for anyone intending travelling on this year's trip. If anyone wishes to save for the Lourdes trip, they can either set up a direct debit, or use the online App. to save. Simply contact a member of staff in PCU to have either option set up. A deposit of €250 to be paid before 25th March in order to secure your place on this year's trip.

Also for those intending travelling, it's advisable to check your passports, to ensure the expiry date covers this year's trip. Plus check that your E11 cards are in date too. For more information, and to book a seat, please contact either Marie 087 7589896, or Vera 087 9311813, or any Committee member.

MYSTERY TRAILS

Fun outdoor, self-guided, adventures. Suitable for anyone with a sense of adventure. Try the Portarlington Mission Impossible. Will you save the day?? Download and print your adventure for only €9.99. <https://www.mysterytrails.ie>

OFFALY S.P.C.A.

Please help if you can!

We are in desperate need of foster homes for dogs. We are currently full & have a lot of dogs needing to come into our care. Our regular foster spaces are now all full so we need some new families to help us as with your help we cannot help them. It is a very rewarding experience & a wonderful way to show your care. If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster carer, please contact 086 8262986 and our volunteer shall advise you.

SMARTPHONE / TABLET - CLASSES

Now at Portarlington Library

Want to learn how to get the most from your Smartphone or tablet? The LOETB will be running a Stay Connected @ your Library course in Portarlington Library. The course is free but places are limited. To sign up or for further information call 057 8643751, ask at the library desk or E-mail portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie

ENROLMENT - SCHOOL

Presentation Primary School, Station Road, Portarlington

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022 has commenced. Forms are available from the school office and also as a download from the school website. The school office is open from 8.30 until 2.30 each day or phone 057 8623007
Email info@presprimary.ie
Closing Date is 11th February, 2022.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022 has commenced. Forms are available from the school office and also as a download from the school website. General-Enrolment-Form-POD-Sept-2022-Web-Copy.PDF (stpatricksbns.ie) The school office is open from 8.30 until 2.30 each day. You can phone 057 8623394 or Email info@stpatricksbns.ie

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

2022/2023 - Applications open from Applications now been taken - Closing date for applications 4th February 2022. Applications available on the school website www.rathns.ie or from the office on 057 8626270.

St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Now enrolling for the 2022 / 2023 school year. Applications are open until Jan. 28th 2022. You can download the form from the school website at <https://www.emons.ie/enrolment-2022-2023/> Or on request by emailing secretary@emons.ie
Feel free to contact the school for further information. Phone 057 8646868.
Emo National School, Emo, Portlaoise R32DX52

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

2022/2023 - Admission forms available from the school office - E-mail office@naomheoin.ie / phone 057 8626217 & to download from our website www.killenardschool.weebly.com
Closing date for application Mon. 7th Feb. 2022.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE

Study Theology Online, 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 the 8th February for Spring 2022. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

ACADEMY OF IRISH DANCE

On every Monday and Wednesday here in the Community Centre. To book your place or for more information Call 083 1555257

KENPO KARATE CLASSES

Kenpo Karate classes will be on every Tuesday evening at 4pm. For more information or to book your place phone Paul on 086 4069573. Venue: Portarlington Community Centre

MINI MUSIC CLASSES

New session of Mini Music classes starting Early Music for young Children. Ages- 4, 5 & 6. 7 week long session - Discount for family members. Contact Kimberly at 0863751604 for more information.

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

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE
Available at the Church Porch.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

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

A GUIDE TO STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

If you are thinking of starting your own business, there is a very helpful book written by Kevin Lawlor (Formerly Foxcroft Street). Available from the Parish Office.

SYNOD NEWS

Pope Francis tells us that 'synodality is the way of being the Church today according to the will of God, in a dynamic of discerning and listening together to the voice of the Holy Spirit.' A synodal Church journeys together. In the coming months, all members of our Church will be invited to reflect and share their experience of how we are journeying together as a Church in Kildare and Leighlin. Look out for details on www.kandle.ie/synod

SYNODALITY, THE PARISH & CLIMATE CHANGE

ACI Zoom Meeting - January 2022
As the global climate crises deepens, so does the crisis of the Irish Catholic Church, faced also with understanding and implementing synodality - a new relationship, centred on communion, co-responsibility and mission. Convinced that parishes can play a key role in meeting Ireland's carbon reduction targets in the 21st Century and that climate concern needs to be a vital focus of the Irish Church, Fr. Sean McDonagh will talk on this theme on 27th January at 8pm. Follow the following link to join the discussion.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83007717613?pwd=U3JZMnBXdhNhTXVldE06bXFjMlVlU09> Meeting ID 830 0771 7613 Pass code 298337

G.R.O.W.

Grow Mental Health Peer Support meeting takes place every Thurs. from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Social Services Centre. Contact Assumpta 086-8114135 assumpta@grow.ie