



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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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)

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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 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in O.T.**

**Year A**

**Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees**

## WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – 6.15pm**

TJ O'Neill, St. Joseph's Terrace (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Tom Cogley, Na Cluainte (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Edward (Neddie) Ryan, Marian Hill  
Michael Power, Avondale  
Chrissie Whelan, Marian Hill  
Tommy Dobbey, Kilmalogue  
Luke & Rose Clarke, Bishopswood,  
Lill & John Tinkler, Station Rd,  
Annie & George Ridgeway, Garryhinch,

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 12.15pm**

Edward Murray, Cushina

## 10AM MASS – ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Bridget Kavanagh, Ballymorris

**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Annie Kavanagh (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & her husband  
Charles Kavanagh (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Leo Dempsey, Shandra, (Birthday Rem)

**Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Mary & Joseph O'Reilly, Cushina

## ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September - 10.30am**

Christina Brophy, Lough  
Christina & James Carey, Ballycarroll

## ANNIVERSARIES EMO

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – 7.30pm**

Margaret Dunne, Morette (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
Andy Rowe, Killimy Road  
Elizabeth & Edward Fenlon, Killimy Road  
Esther & Vincent Conroy, Cappakeel &  
deceased members of the Conroy Family,  
Edward Mulhall, New Inn,

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 11am**

## ANNIVERSARIES RATH

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September - 9am**

Shin Donnelly, Fisherstown Bridge (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Anna O'Connor, Courtwood

## ✠ DECEASED - R. I. P. ✠

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

**Martha Morrin (nee Dohney),**

Coolbanagher, Emo

**Margaret Jones (nee Meehan),**

Foxcroft Avenue & formerly Tierhogar

**Ann Wright, (nee Comerford)**

Edinburgh & formerly Clonbullogue,  
(sister of Patty Dempsey)

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian  
Community through Baptism

**Portarlington & Emo Parishes**

Robbie James Shotall, Cushina Road

Freyra Rae Moore, Ballymorris Manor

Jack Bobby Buckley, Cloneygowan

Theo Edward Byrne, Castlegate

## SACRAMENTS 2024

**CONFIRMATION 2024**

**Sacred Heart N.S., Rath**

Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

**St Paul's N.S. Emo** Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington &**

**Cloneyhurke N.S.**

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

**Presentation Primary School, Station Road**

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11.30am

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

**Sacred Heart N.S., Rath**

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am

**St. Paul's N.S., Emo**

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**Presentation Primary School, Station Road**

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

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

## FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



## Prayer to St. Michael Archangel

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in  
battle. Be our protection against the malice  
and snares of the devil. May God rebuke  
him, we humbly pray. And do you, O  
Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine  
power, thrust into hell Satan and all evil  
spirits who prowl about the world, seeking  
the ruin of souls.*

## AMEN

## COLLECTION

**Morocco / Libya**

A special collection will be held at all  
Masses this weekend to support the people  
of Morocco / Libya in their recent disasters.  
This will take the form of an extra donation  
at the Plate collection. Money collected will  
be forwarded to Bishops house for  
distribution to the people in need from  
Morocco / Libya.

## COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house  
bound will take place next week as follows:



**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane;

Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig;

Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas;

Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy;

Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy;

Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace;

Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road;

Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue;

French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court;

Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk;

Droughill Lawns; Cushina

## IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT MIGRANTS...



It is not just about migrants:

It is also about our fears and hurts.

It is not just about migrants:

It is about charity and compassion.

It is not just about migrants:

It is about our humanity.

It is not just about migrants:

It is a question of seeing that no one is  
abandoned or excluded.

It is not just about migrants:

It is about putting the last in first place.

It is not just about migrants:

It is about the whole person,

about all people.

It is not just about migrants:

It is about building the city of God.

*Litany based on the message of Pope Francis for World  
Day of Migrants and Refugees*

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

**CLONEYHURKE - Eircode R32 CY89**

Dancing Lessons return on Monday next.

18<sup>th</sup> September with Dolores Casey

7.45-9.15pm. €8 per class.

## VICARSTOWN 2K JUNIOR PARKRUN

Takes place every Sunday at 11am.

A free fun event for 4 to 14 year olds.

See [www.parkrun.ie](http://www.parkrun.ie) for registration details.

Come and join in the fun.

## NCBI CHARITY SHOP

NCBI Charity Shop. The Tannery (behind  
Centra, Main Street). Opened Mon. – Sat. 9am  
– 5.30pm. Looking for anyone who would like to  
volunteer to help out in the shop. If you are  
interested, just call into the shop and find out  
further details.

## USED POSTAGE STAMPS (Missions)

If you have any used postage stamps,  
they can be left into the following:-

**Angela in Portarlington Pharmacy  
Delaney's of 45, Bracklone Street**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT

**MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD**



**Ageing with Grace Day Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> October  
from 10am – 4.30pm**

A day for people of any age committed to  
maturing wisely, living life to the full, accepting  
themselves as they are and cultivating light  
hearts, joyful spirits and peaceful minds, no  
matter what! Facilitated by Maria Garvey  
Cost: €60 (includes 2-course Lunch)  
For details of all upcoming events, visit our  
website, [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)  
For bookings, contact the Secretary on 057-  
8626153 or email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

## NATIONAL WALKING DAY

Join Laois Sports Partnership to celebrate  
National Walking Day with a 12 km group walk  
along the Barrow Blueway from Fisherstown to  
Vicarstown & return. This will take place on  
Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> September – meeting at 10.30am to  
start the walk at 11am from the Fisherman's  
Thatched Inn and finishing back at the  
Fisherman's where hot refreshments will be  
provided. Cost €5. Contact Liam on 086  
0111722 or Catriona on 086 7935234.  
All very welcome.

## PORTARLINGTON RUGBY CLUB YOUTH TOUR 2023



**Clothing Drive:** Donate on 30<sup>th</sup> September &  
7<sup>th</sup> October between 10am-12pm. Club  
members can drop off donations at training. All  
clothing, bed linen, shoes accepted. Not  
accepting duvets, pillows, household bric-a-  
brac. Thank you for your support.

## MUSIC LESSONS

**B#Sharp Studios, Portarlington's  
Music School.**

Located on Main street, Lessons available for  
all ages and levels. Individual half hour, one-to-  
one lessons, available in all instruments &  
voice. Examples of instruments include: Piano,  
Violin / Fiddle, Guitar, Tin Whistle, Ukulele etc.  
Book Book in anytime during the term.  
Conor 0861639153 or Keith 0857516595.

## PRAYERFUL MEDITATION DAY

Takes place 25<sup>th</sup> November from 10am to 2pm.  
Come & enjoy a day of peace, reflection, song  
and prayer, as we learn from the past, hope for  
the future and live in the present. It is the  
perfect opportunity to find rest in Christ.  
Facilitator – Caroline Murray. Venue: Portlaoise  
Parish Centre. Price €20 (please bring packed  
lunch)

Tea / coffee provided. To book, contact  
Caroline on 087 2673134 or Email  
[caroline.murray32@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.murray32@gmail.com)

## LIBRARY EVENTS



## Rainbow Reflexology for Babies

Join Joanne Loftus from Rainbow Reflexology  
and learn how to soothe your baby using  
reflexology. This workshop is suitable for babies  
from birth to pre crawling. Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
10.30am. FREE EVENT but booking  
necessary – call 057 8643751 or Email  
[portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie) to book.

## Performance anxiety in Sport talk for Teens.

This interesting session will be really relevant  
for parents & sports people alike, & will explain  
how to deal with performance anxiety &  
nervousness in sport & life, while it will also look  
at & explain the 'Mayo Phenomenon' in GAA. It  
will include Q&A opportunities afterwards with  
Keith Begley, who is a Sport Ireland Accredited  
sport psychologist.

Wednesday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> – Commencing at 7pm

FREE EVENT but booking necessary

Phone 057 8643751 or Email

[portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

## Adult Book Club

Meets on the last Tues. of the month at 11am.

## Knitting Group

Meets every Friday from 10.30am to 12.30pm.  
New members always welcome.

## PORTLAOISE COLLEGE – OPEN NIGHT

Portlaoise College will hold its Open Nights  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> September 7-9 pm.

## RATH-BALLYBRITTAS DEVELOPMENT ASSOC

We are delighted to provide flower planters for  
Rath Church in conjunction with Laois County  
Council by way of the Community Recognition  
Fund 2023. We thank Solas Eco Garden Centre  
for planting up and delivering the beautiful  
flowers. We look forward to identifying further  
projects in the area to benefit our community.

## 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

Draw took place on Mon. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Numbers: 1, 13, 15, 17 – No jackpot  
winner. €25 to each of the following:-  
Doreen Dunne C/o Anne; Declan Lawlor  
C/o Dee; Nancy O'Connell C/o Mena;  
Hilary Lawlor C/o Dee; Marie Carroll C/o  
Emo Shop. Next draw will take place on  
Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> September – Jackpot €3,600

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**Lotto.**

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Week, 38 / 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2023 – Numbers  
1, 11, 12, 15 – No Jackpot winner.  
€50 to each of the following:-  
Colin Hanlon; Mary Keller; Jane Kane;  
Teresa Jenkins; Brereton Grandsons.  
Promoter prize: Charlotte Brereton. Next  
week's jackpot €7,400

## ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE