



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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DIOCESE www.kandle.ie

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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 25TH JUNE, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY O.T.

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 24th June - 6.15pm

John Kennedy, Church View (1st Anniv.)
Lil Murphy, St. Michael's Park (3rd Anniv.)
Tommy Gibson, St. Michael's Park (22nd Anniv.)
Kathleen Donohue, Bishopwood Rd. (4th Anniv.)
Mary Fallon, St. Joseph's Tce. (8th Anniv.)
Thomas Keegan, Bishopwood
Dec. members of the Connolly Family, Doolagh
John Murphy, Cloneygowan (20th Anniv.)
Kathleen Murphy & Harry Murphy,
St. Michael's Park

Sunday 25th June - 12.15pm

Patrick O'Brien, Lea Road (M.M.)
Ena Moran, Droughill (15th Anniv.); Dec.
members of the Nelligan Family, Monasterevin

10AM MASS - ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 26th June Elizabeth Mangan, Blackhall
(50th Anniv.) & dec. members Mangan Family
Tues. 27th June ---
Wed. 28th June William Higgins, Patrick Street
Thurs. 29th June Dec. members of the Hanlon
Family, Gracefield
Fri. 30th June George Moore, Garryhinch &
dec. members of the Moore Family

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 25th June - 10.30am

Daniel Donohue, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.)
Jim O'Leary, Sandy Lane, Killenard & Limerick
(1st Anniv.); Dora Hickey, Corrig;
Dolores Costello, Lea; Sean Connell, Avondale;
Tom, Sheila & Elizabeth Kavanagh & dec.
members of the Kavanagh Family, Lough;
Michael Carroll, Clonanny House;
Paul Carroll (B/Day Rem.)
Ailish O'Flaherty (16th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 24th June - 7.30pm

Kathleen Hefferman, Killimy
Liam Murphy, Morette

Sunday 25th June - 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 25th June - 9am

Danny Donohue, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.)
Michael Mulhare, Courtwood (1st Anniv.)
Mary & William Flynn, Fisherstown
Jack O'Connell, Coolroe
Thomas & Ellen Dunne, Coolroe

DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following
who died recently:-
Jerry McEvoy, Derrymore & formerly Wicklow

MONTHS MIND

*The friends and acquaintances of
Paddy O'Brian (Lea Road) are invited to his
Months Mind Mass today, Sunday 25th June
at 12.15pm in St. Michael's Church,
Portarlington & afterwards to refreshments
in Portarlington Golf Club.*

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism



Portarlington Parish

Mila Brooke Brady, Shandra Woods
Tyler Tyson Cash, Railway Mews

POPE'S COLLECTION PETERS

PENCE

Peter's Pence (Pope's) Collection takes
place this weekend. Envelopes available in
your boxes of envelopes. Your generosity is,
as always, greatly appreciated.

RALLY FOR LIFE 1ST JULY, DUBLIN

DON'T MISS IT! Rally for Life on July 1st.
Join thousands of fellow Catholics & pro-life
supporters at the biggest annual pro-life event,
now in its 17th year. Gather at 1PM at Parnell
Square, Dublin 1. Activities for children and
adults, a family friendly event!
For more info or to book a place on the bus
going up to the rally visit www.thelifeinstitute.net
or call 01 873 0465

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

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*God our Father, You made each of us to use
our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You
inspire young people whom you call to
priesthood and consecrated life to courageously
follow Your will. Send workers into Your great
harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the
poor are served with love, the suffering are
comforted, and Your people are strengthened
by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ
our Lord, Amen.*

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 1st August 2022. You can drop
in your article to the Parish Office or email:
portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

CEMETERY MASSES 2023



Killenard Fri. 7th July 7.30pm
Portarlington Fri. 14th July 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery Fri. 28th July 7.30pm
Emo Old Cemetery Sat. 12th Aug. 7.30pm

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the
following couples
who celebrated their
marriage recently:-



Portarlington / Killenard

Kevin Dunne, Tullamore & Sarah Bolton,
Kilbride
Stephen Molloy, Tierhogan &
Shannon Ryan, Lea
Tony Walsh, Ballinakill & Miriam Murphy,
Crowe Lane

**All couples who wish to get married
must contact the Parish Office at least
four months prior to the Marriage**



Saturday, 24th June is the Feast Day of
John the Baptist, who is a major figure in
the history of salvation. We rejoice at the
coming of St. John the Baptist, a man of
self-denial, integrity of life and purpose, and
an uncompromising prophetic voice.
John means 'The Lord has shown favour'.
This feast relates to the summer solstice,
when the days begin to grow shorter,
recalling John's words, 'He must increase,
but I must decrease.'

FISHERSTOWN TRACTOR RUN



Fisherstown Tractor & Truck Run takes place on
Sun. 2nd July commencing 12 noon at the Final
Furlong, Ballybrittas. Proceeds in aid of Laois
Hospice. Live music & Food / Stationary
Engines / Children's fun area and bouncing
castle. Midlands 103 broadcaster live.
All tractors & trucks welcome from Vintage to
Present Day.

EMO / RATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Leaving Sat. 26th August and returning Thurs.
31st August. Further details later but if interested
in travelling on this pilgrimage contact Deirdre
on 087 2299457 or Tony on 086 1225833.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Parent & Child Book Club

Portarlington Library is now accepting names of
those interested in joining a
parent and child book club.
The club will meet once a
month (Wednesday evening)
and is for those with children
aged 7-9 years. To register
interest drop into the library or call 0578643751.



PORTARLINGTON

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

From 2nd - 9th August 2023. Full payment due
by July 1st. Ph: Marie 087-7589896 or
Vera 087-9311813.

SPONSORED 5K RUN / WALK



**In aid of Portarlington Lourdes Pilgrimage
Family Day Out Walk or Run**

On Sun. 2nd July. Commencing 11am at
The Heritage Hotel, Killenard, Co. Laois.
Further information & Sponsorship Cards from
Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417 /
Marie 087 7589896. Sponsored by Super Valu,
Portarlington & The Heritage Hotel, Killenard.

CAT SITTING



Cat sitting available over the summer months in
the owner's home. Portarlington / Monasterevin
areas. Several years experience.
Text or phone 087 6693614.

RELAY FOR LIFE LAOIS



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

LOURDES PHOTOGRAPHS

Every year in Lourdes our Parish Pilgrimage has
been officially photographed. These photos are
an important part of the history of our parish and
so, over the past few years we have been
attempting to gather them all together in a
collection, which will be retained in the Parish
Archives. We are missing only two years now,
2010 and 2012. If you have any of these years
would you call into the Parish Office - We would
greatly love to complete the collection.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Tuesday 27th June
St. Cyril of Alexandria
Wednesday 28th June
Saint Irenaeus
Thursday 29th June
St. Peter & Paul (Apostles)
Friday 30th June

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Saturday 1st July
Saint Oliver Plunkett (Bishop & Martyr)

CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB

Date: Saturday 8th July 2023

Pat Burbage's group will once again climb
Croagh Patrick on Saturday July 8th. Proceeds
this year will be donated to Portarlington Meals
on Wheels. If you would like to donate you can
get details by contacting Pat on 087-7716244 or
Ann Bourke Dunne on 087-4116101.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO RESULTS

Draw results 19/6/2023
Numbers: 1, 15, 18, 23 - No Jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following: Colette Behan Snr.
C/o Colette; Mary Kennedy C/o PJ Kelly; David
McNaire C/o Mena; Mary Hogan C/o
B. Gorman; Maureen Flanagan, C/o Parish
Office. Next draw 26th June with a Jackpot of
€1,200. Tickets are available in Emo Shop,
Village Cafe, Ballybrittas, Ballybrittas Shop &
the Parish Office - €2 each.

OFFALY ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP

Venue: Offaly Centre for Independent Living,
Clonminch Rd., Tullamore. R35EC63.
Support Group meets the third Wednesday
of every month at 2pm.
Further info: Noirín 087 9553940 or David 087
9137520. Noirin.chalouche@alzheimer.ie /
david.kieran@alzheimer.ie
Offaly Alzheimer Cafe - Second Monday of
each month at 10.30am. Guest speaker each
month. Further info contact Claire 087 7151323
or email Claire.dolan@alzheimer.ie

COMMUNITY AWARDS / VOLUNTARY AWARDS 2023



Laois Co. Co now accepting any nominations
for the Laois Community & Voluntary Awards.
Categories are: Arts, Culture & Heritage;
Sports; Best kept residential area; Social
inclusion; Health & well being; Climate change;
Unsung hero; Junior volunteer of the year. You
can nominate as follows:- Submit a nomination
online at www.laois.ie or on
<https://consult.laois.ie> Nomination forms are
also available from Laois Co. Co. Offices or
phone 057 8664078. Closing date for receipt of
entries 4pm Friday 14th July.

CLONEYHURKE CEMETERY

A meeting will take place in St. Brigid's Hall,
Cloneyhurke, on Wed. 28th June at 8.30pm to
discuss cleaning up the cemetery and area
surrounding the castle. All very welcome to
attend this meeting.

CÚIL CAMPS - O'DEMPSEY'S

Cúil Camps are back at O'Dempsey's from the
31st July to 4th August. Places must be booked
online at www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie

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!

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

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Portarlington Lions Club are sponsoring this
FREE initiative that encourages people to
keep their basic personal and medical
details in a common place (i.e. fridge).
Stored inside the bottle is a 'personal
information form' to be
completed and two self-
adhesive green crosses one
to be placed on your fridge
door where you keep the
bottle and one on your front door, so the
emergency services can be alerted to the
bottle containing the very important details.
If you want to join this initiative please
contact any Lions Club member or call into
Brian Whelan Electrical on Main Street /
Willie Murphy Furniture on Patrick Street or
the Parish Office.



GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Lotto results for 19th June.
Numbers 2, 27, 8, 31 - No Jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:- Helena
Murphy; Ray Murphy; Sheila Clarke; PJ
Duffy; Richard Murphy. Promoters prize:
Breda Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot
€4,800

GRACEFIELD GAA FAMILY FUN DAY



Sunday 2nd July 2-5pm.

Hot food - Refreshments & Entertainment
Events: Tug of War / Obstacle Courses
(Adult & Juvenile) / Kick Fada & Poc Fada /
Hang Tough / Underage Blitz / Adult &
Juvenile Races / Duck Race 5.30pm at the
Barrow Bridge. All welcome.



**PORTARLINGTON
CREDIT UNION LIMITED**

JUNE - Cash Draw Winners

€10,000 Hassan Bouti
€2,000 each to Catriona Gallagher;
Peter O'Connell / Lorraine Hynes
€1,000 each to Jacinta Bracken; David
Nevin; €500 each to Sean / Mary Foster;
Ciara Guinan; Ciaran Turner; Sheila
Brereton; Joe Whelan; Natasha Nolan;
Charles Geoghegan; Louise Fox; Clare
Kerrane; €450 to Claire Afolabi.