



Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse
 BISHOP NULTY WILL LEAD A HOLY HOUR ON FRIDAY, 3 MARCH AT 7.30PM IN THE CATHEDRAL OF THE ASSUMPTION, CARLOW

Towards Peace Spiritual Support Services
 Towards Peace is an independent organization that provides a spiritual support & professional service for survivors of physical, emotional, sexual & spiritual abuse who suffered in an institutional, clerical or religious setting in Ireland. The Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service is free of charge. Further information see: www.towardshealing.ie

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE, KILLENARD
Job Vacancy - Operations Manager
 Mount St. Anne's is looking for a dynamic and experienced person to join their Team at this busy centre. For a detailed job description, please email ceo@mounstannes.com. Closing date for Applications (CV & letter of application) is Mon. 13th March at 9am. Further information about the Centre from www.mounstannes.com. Mount St. Anne's is an equal opportunities employer.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB
INAUGURAL TRACTOR RUN
 Sun. 5th March. €20 registration from 10.30am at the Railway Station Car Park - Departing 12 noon. Complimentary refreshments & AUCTION immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar. **Prize for best modern tractor Prize for best pre-1980's tractor.**
 Contact Gerry on 086 3584611 or Brendan on 086 4415219. Only qualified drivers to take part.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP
 From 2nd - 9th August 2023. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude. Names of those interested in travelling with this year's pilgrimage can be given to Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on Main Street or phone Marie on 087 77589896 or Vera on 0867 2221799.



EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
 Five nights - 21st August - 26th August, 2023. €745 per person sharing. Includes return flights from Dublin / 10 kg baggage allowance / Transfers / 5 nights in the 4* Hotel Astrid. Further information & booking contact either: Deirdre Lawlor on 087-2299457 Tony Byrne on 086-1225833

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023
 7 Night Package July 5th to 12th at a cost of €745 p.p.s. Flight Dublin to Split. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland CC. Booking contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

FUNDRAISING / BOOK LAUNCH
Emo N.S.
Fundraising Cookbook Launch
 Thurs. 2nd March in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise at 7.30pm. Drinks reception on arrival. MC Eileen Dunne. Guest Speaker: Darina Allen. Mueller & O'Connell cooker demonstration, raffle & much more. Admission FREE. Cook book on sale on the night €15. All proceeds to Emo National School Parents Association.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.
GAA for Dads & Lads!
 Do you fancy returning to football after some time away? Never played & want to give it a try? An initial 5 week trial will start Thursday, 2nd March. For further info. or to register your interest contact Stef on (087) 6293184.

GAEILGE LE CHEILE
 Conversational Irish continuing for the Month of March, each Wednesday: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Old School, Vicharstown. €2 contribution. Fáilte le cach. Enjoy a cupán tea agus chat.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO
 The draw took place on 20th Feb. Numbers:- 5, 10, 12, 23 - No jackpot winner. €25 each to: Ursula Dunne C/o Parish office; Kayla Walsh C/o Bernie Gorman / John Dunne C/o Maeve / Liam C/o Emo Shop / Val O'Reilly C/o Bernie
Next week's Jackpot is €8,800.
 Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND
 Now recruiting adults for our Beginners Band. Instruments are free of charge & include the following: Trumpets / Trombones / Saxophones / Clarinets / Flutes / Percussion. Lessons available week days. Rehearsals for Beginner Band on Saturday's from 12-1pm. Cost €15 per lesson. Further details phone 083 8510428.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY
Sensory Toy Resources: Portarlington Library now has Sensory Toys for lending. Call 057 8643751 for further info. or call in for a chat.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB Lotto 20th Feb.
 Numbers 32, 16, 14, 31 - No Jackpot Winner. €50 each to: Marian Coogan; Mary Slattery; Marie Fallon; Mary Dooley / Michael Slattery Promoters prize: Breda Flanagan
Next week's Jackpot €5,800

G.R.O.W.
 Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm - 4pm at Portarlington Social Services, Link Road. Over 18's welcome to attend. Further info. contact Assumpta on 086 8114135 assumptalvons@grow.ie

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2023
 3rd - 10th March. Venue: Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick. Tickets now on sale. Online Booking at mountmellickdramafestival.ie
 Tickets: Nightly €15 (€10) Season Ticket €70 (€45). Contact Jessie 087 7942994, Noreen 087 4121205.

BABY MASSAGE / YOGA CLASSES
Baby Massage Classes - Starts Mon. 13th March in Portarlington Community Centre & the following three Monday's at 12 Noon. Booking essential.
Mum & Baby Yoga - Next course starts Mon. 13th March in Portarlington Community Centre & the following three Monday's at 10.30am. Booking essential for both courses. Contact Catriona on 086-8890005

ACCORD
Marriage Preparation Facilitators
 Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for more information.

GROWTH IN THE SPIRIT MONTHLY RETREAT
 Portlaoise Parish Centre - Sat. 4th March 10am-1.30pm. Mass 10am / Confessions also / Retreat continues in the Parish Centre from 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 P.P. All Welcome

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

LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION
 Are you or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a **Free ONLINE**, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke & others to name but a few. This programme supports people to develop the skills & confidence to live with their health condition. Spaces are available on the MARCH 2023 Programmes.
 To book, please contact Aine 041-6850676/ 087-1140371 or Joanne 041-6860710 087-4308735 www.hse.ie/livingwell



Portarlington Credit Union have been made aware of a **scam text**, purporting to be from 'Credit Union', claiming that accounts have been 'placed on hold' & asking the recipient to click a link (to a cloned credit union website) to verify your account. PCU will never contact you by text or email asking you to click a link to verify your account. If you get such a text or email, please do not click on the link. Similarly, if you receive a phone call masked to appear that it is from the number 01 6146700, please do not answer, or if you do so, hang up immediately. If you are in any doubt about any message you receive in relation to your credit union account, please contact PCU. Portarlington Credit Union 057 8623336

6 February Cash Draw 2023
 €10,000 Margaret Sherlock / €2000 Shane Donoher / €2000 Lynn & David Moran
 €1000 Tracey Flood / €1000 Derek & Joyce Egan / €500 each to: Edel Muldowney; Damien Tallon; Philip Carroll; Brenda Donagher; Ciara Madden; Claire O'Neill; Betty Dunne; Jane Anne Cunningham & to Valerie Moore / €450 to Conor Walsh
 Congratulations to all our winners.

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 / 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
 Kathleen Sherry - Director of Safeguarding - Tel: 085-8021633 dlp@kandle.ie E-mail 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
 Portarlington & Emo Parish @EmoParish

40 Days (Fasting, Works of Love, Prayer)

SUNDAY 26th February, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON
Saturday 25th February - 6.15pm
 Philip Ward, Ballymorris Manor (M.M.); Ailbha (Ava) Marie Whelan, Gracefield (1st Anniv.); Jackie Leavy, St. Brigid's Square (1st Anniv.); Paddy & Mikie Doyle & dec. members of the Doyle Family, Kilkeeran; Dec. members of the Kinsella & Maree Families; Patrick Cullen, St. Michael's Park; Mary Nadarajah, Welling, Kent; James Dunne, St. Michael's Park; Maura Breene (nee Dunne); Kathleen & Patrick Dunne, St. Michael's Pk; Esther Dunne & son, Patrick, St. Michael's Pk; George & Annie Ridgeway, Garryhinch
Sunday 26th February - 12.15pm
 Jim Keogh, Assumpta Tce. (M.M.); Fr. Jack Rodgers (4th Anniv.); Noel Kenny, Station Rd. (7th Anniv.); Tom & Peg Nolan, Bracklone St; Thomas Lawlor, Patrick's Ave; Stephen, Nellie & Paddy Allen & dec. members of the Allen & Moran Families; Stephen, Jack & Alice Byrne, Cloneyhurke & deceased members of the Byrne Family

ANNIVERSARY MASS DURING THE WEEK PORTARLINGTON 10AM
Mon. 27th Feb. Sarah & William Kelly, St. Patrick's Terrace
Tues. 28th Feb. Robert Smart (B/Day Rem.)
Wed. 1st March Fiona Donagher, Bishopwood Road (1st Anniversary)
Thurs. 2nd March Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Barrowbank; Carmel Sweetman (nee Brennan) (Funeral Mass in England today)
Fri. 3rd March Frank Higgins, Main Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD
Sunday 26th February - 10.30am
 Eileen O'Leary, Ballintogher (4th Anniv.)
 Paul Maher, The Hermitage

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO
Saturday 25th February - 7.30pm
 Dan Kavanagh, The Commons
 Cian Hand, Morette (14th Anniv.)
Sunday 26th February - 11am
 Michael McKenna, Ballybrittas & Shinrone (1st Anniv.); Fr. Jack Rodgers (4th Anniv.); Cian Hand, Morette (14th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH
Sunday 26th February - 9am
 Patrick & Elizabeth Lacey, Bellgrove & their sons, Patrick & Martin Lacey, Bellgrove; Mary Ellen O'Connell, Kylaglush

DECEASED
 Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week.
 Mary (Mollie) O'Reilly (nee Fitzpatrick), Athy & Carlow Town
 Jim Bracken, St. Brochan's Park, Bracknagh (Brother of Nancy Shortall, St. Brigid's Sq.)



LENTE STATIONS
 Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held weekend of 4th / 5th March, taking the form of a 2nd collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got envelope boxes & wish to contribute.
baptism
 We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:
Portarlington Parish
 Fionán Andrew McBride, Avondale
 Grazina Grace Balakauskas, Kilmalogue Park
Emo Parish
 Gracie Kate Marum Murphy, Graigaverne, Ballybrittas
 Donnacha Pierre Booth, Morette, Emo

1st HOLY COMMUNION
 This weekend, we welcome the children who will receive their First Holy Communion this year, to our weekend Masses.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE OF LIGHT
 The Service of Light will take place on Thursday next for the following Schools:
St. Paul's N.S. Emo - Wed. 1st March at 7.30pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath - Thurs. 2nd March at 6.30pm in Sacred Heart Church, Rath

FIRST FRIDAY
 Friday next, 3rd March, is the First Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-
 Portarlington Mass 10am
 Killenard 7.30pm
 Emo: Mass 9.15am
 Rath: Mass Thurs. 9.30am

COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA & TURKEY
 Sincere "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to the collection last weekend for the people of Syria & Turkey. If you still wish to contribute, you can drop a donation into the Parish Office in Portarlington.
trocaire
"Let your Love be there this Lent"
 Suffering for food, water, and a basic livelihood should never be part of anyone's life. Yet it is for Thandekile and her family. Widowed by Covid, she is doing all she can to give her children a future. But in the grip of climate change & poverty, she's losing ground. Your Lenten donation will help families like hers to eat, stay in school and build lasting livelihoods. Please give what you can: Trocaire boxes available at the Church porch. Online www.trocaire.org Freephone on 1800 408 408.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.
 Sunday's during Lent 5-7pm.
 All very welcome to attend.

Bishop Denis invites you to make

L - make do with LESS
E - EXAMINE our life and make amends where we need to
N - say "NO" knowing that sometimes it is good for us
T - give God a little more TIME

a Holy Time