



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
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 Su
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.mcmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2023

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Year A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 25th November – 6.15pm

Robert Smart, Avondale & Drogheda (1st Anniv.); Patsy O'Malley, Clannmaire Crescent (3rd Anniv.); Margaret (Mag) Weldon, Lea (3rd Anniv.); John (Johnny) Weldon, Lea;
Declan Murphy, Woodbrook; John & Mary Greene, Assumpta Tce., son Michael Greene; Mary & Michael Greene & sons Charlie & Paul Greene, Barrowbank; Willa & Jerry Murphy, Droughill; Carmel Crombie, Pine Villa (7th Anniv.); Bridie & Peady Hyland & son John Hyland; Gareth, Mary & Thomas Kelly, Seskin; Mick & Molly Dunne, Cloneyquinn; Eileen Hurley, Cloneyquinn; Artie McGrath, Limerick (18th Anniv.)

Sunday 26th November – 12.15pm

George Donagher, Bishopswood Road (M.M.)
John Joe & Mary Dunne, Garryhinch & son Patrick Dunne, Monasterevin; Edward Murphy, St. Michael's Park; George & Kay Dempsey & deceased members of the Dempsey Family;
Frank & Sheila McCague, Station Road

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 26th November - 10.30am

Bernadette Kearns, Portlaoise (M.M.)
James McDonnell, Springfield & deceased members of the McDonnell Family
Jeremiah Culleton, Rathleash
Fr. Tom Keogh & deceased members of the Keogh Family; James & Bridie Keogh; Alice Lalor; Kathy Elmon (nee Keogh), Rathleash

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)

Tues. 28th Nov. Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (8th Anniversary)

DECEASED - R I P

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



Pat Rogers, Ballymorris & Portlaoise
Fr. Sean Murphy S.D.B., Johannesburg, South Africa & Bellgrove, Ballybrittas
Brian Keogh, Castlegate, Station Road

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 25th November – 7.30pm

John Furlong & deceased members of the Furlong Family; Thomas & Norah Scully, Coolaghy; Bernard Scully; Thady Gorman, Woodbrook

Sunday 26th November – 11am

Catherine Horne, Cam & deceased members of the Horne Family

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 26th November - 9am

Laurence (Lar) Flynn, Fisherstown (MM)
Paddy & Alice Dobbyn, Courtwood

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament commencing this Sunday & each Sunday of Advent in St. Michael's Church, from 5 to 7pm.
Weekly Adoration continues on Tuesday's 10.30am – 7pm finishing with Rosary

FIRST FRIDAY

1ST DECEMBER 2023

Masses as follows on the First Friday:-
Portarlington: Fri. 10am
Rath: Thurs. 9.30am Emo: Fri. 9.15am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2023

Next weekend we welcome the children who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in 2024 to the celebration of Mass in the various Churches in the parish.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Christmas cards and 2024 Calendars now on sale in the Parish Office. Calendars €8 each / Pack of 8 Cards €6 / Buy one, get one free. All proceeds go to the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Organisation.



JOHN PAUL II AWARDS



Congratulations to the students from the Parish who received their John Paul II Awards recently. Well done to all involved!

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2023

This year's Emigrant Newsletter is available and on sale after all Masses this weekend. Over 130 pages of news, views, history and folklore. Great value at €5. The following local shops will stock copies of the Newsletter:-

Centra, Kilmalogue & Main Street;
Earley's Kilmalogue;
Spar Express, Station Road; Burbages Supermarket, Main St;
Supervalu; The Post Office; Fletcher's Newsagents, Main Street; Dowling's Gala, Killenard; The Village Coffee Shop, Ballybrittas; Sheila Dunne, Rathmiles;
The Parish Office.
Over 130 pages of Price: €5.



CHRISTMAS STATIONS

Christmas Stations for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up as a second collection at all Masses this weekend. There are envelopes in the envelope boxes & also at the Church Porch. This is one of the five times during the year you give to the direct support of the priests of the parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.



PARISH CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Christmas Choir practice commences next Tues. 28th Nov. in St. Michael's Church at 7.45pm. Practices continue on Sat. 2nd Dec. at 11am. Everyone welcome. Schedule for further practice will be notified on the Parish Newsletter and on the Parish Web Cam home page.



SYNOD NEWS

For those who couldn't make Bishop Brendan Leahy's talk in Mount St. Anne's on Saturday last, you can get a flavor of his experience at the synod in his interview for iCatholic. This and a wealth of other excellent interviews on the Synod are available to watch at iCatholic.ie

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Come along and enjoy the
Portarlington

Christmas Carollers Concert 2023.
Venue: St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Date/Time: Sunday 17th – Commencing 4pm.
Free Admission
Everyone very welcome.

USED STAMPS FOR THE

MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. Kindly drop them into Delaney's, Bracklone Street.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY GAMES

We are trying to re-establish the Portarlington Community Games for 2024. You can get in touch with Antje on 086-1046388 & leave your contact details if you feel you can help in any way to get this venture up and running again.

MUSICAL - COLAISTE IOSAGAIN



"All Shook Up" November 29th & 30th & December 1st, 2023. 7pm Start.

Colaiste Iosagain announce their production of "ALL SHOOK UP". This is a Broadway musical inspired by Shakespeare's 12th Night & music from Elvis Presley. It promises to be a wonderful production with over 100 of our students & 50 staff members involved. Tickets can be purchased from the school.
Ph: 057 8623407.

Facebook @Colaiste Iosagain Musicals

CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEE



Donations towards the town's Christmas tree are still needed to help us reach the target needed of €4,000 target. This money will cover insurance, Christmas scenes etc. You can support us on our Go Fund Me page or you can donate at the following locations:-
Brian Whelan Electrical or Eddies Hot Pot

ADVENT RETREAT - ONLINE

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE online retreat "Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent"
Visit our website prioryinstitute.com or click on this link HERE to register/find out more.

ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

Monasterevin Parish Office (Vacancy)
Duties include the provision of service to Parishioners / Computerisation of Parish Records / Typing and printing of Parish Weekly Newsletter / Dealing with emails and post / Issuing Of Certificates (Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage) / Operation of telephone and photocopier. To apply contact Monasterevin Community Employment Scheme, Parish Centre, Monasterevin. Tel: 045 525143.

MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

CAMPAIGN



Check out www.marymeals.ie
Or phone 01 8535163 / 089 4339592

THEOLOGY ONLINE OPEN EVENING

Theology Online Open Evening, 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. Email enquiries@prioryinstitute.com
Opening evening 29th Nov. Contact:-
<https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2023-priory-institute-online-open-evening>

GAEILGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish group meet every Wednesday from 7.30pm-9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown. Ideal opportunity for Leaving Cert students to practice for upcoming Irish Oral exams. Contribution of €2 (from adults only). Cupan tae agus chat. Bigi linn.

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS TO THE HOMELESS

We would welcome donations of new sleeping bags, hats, gloves, white socks, toiletries, crisps & chocolate. If you wish to donate, please leave items into Darren at A.L.E.R.T. (Forklift & Safety Training Company, Botley Lane Industrial Park (Beside Clown Around). Phone: 085 7434884

YOUTH 2000 IRELAND

Annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge will take place from 8th – 10th December for ages 16 – 35 years. Excellent speakers, inspiring talks & workshops, fantastic music, group activities, youth Masses, Adoration, reconciliation, prayer, drama, games & plenty of time to chill out & meet new people whilst finding out what it means to be young & Catholic today! Free buses leaving from all over the country. Donation only. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

NEW LOTTO DRAW LAUNCHED!

Scoil Naomh Eoin

First draw takes place on Nov. 30th with a jackpot of €500 & a great host of wonderful spot prizes.

How to Join!

Scan the QR code or go to
<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/killenardschool/> /
Click "Join" /
Play: Pick your 4 numbers /
Pay: €2.50 per line or €5 for 3 line / WIN!!!!



CRAFT FAIR – MOUNTMELLICK

Mountmellick ICA Guild are hosting a Craft Fair, today, Sun. 26th November from 12pm - 4pm in the ICA Hall. Eircode: R32 KV60 Free entry, Local crafts, Handmade gifts, Food & Drinks, Raffle on the day. All are welcome.

RATH N.S.

Christmas Split the Pot

50:50 Split the Pot fundraiser. 5 weekly draws from Wed. 22nd Nov. to 20th Dec. Guaranteed winner each week. Entry €5. Envelopes available via school pupils & local retailers. Your support is very much appreciated

VIGIL FOR PEACE

Dates: 2nd to 3rd of December 2023 in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise. Please join us as we start the Advent, 2nd of December after the 6.30pm Mass for a whole night of Eucharistic Adoration for Peace. Further details contact Una on 086 2392997. Organised by the Legion of Mary.

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

Lotto.

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1216 – 20th Nov. 2023. Numbers 1, 2, 18, 21 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-
Mick Lawlor c/o B. Gorman; Chrissy Brophy c/o Deirdre / Sarah Mohan c/o C. Behan; Gearldine Finlay c/o A. Lowry; Adam Deering c/o A. Deering
Next draw takes place on Mon. 27th Nov. with a Jackpot of €5,200.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Week No. 47 – Numbers 10, 4, 20, 5 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:-
Robert Keogh; Marie Fallon; Caroline Reid; Gillian Rice; Gabby Slattery. Promoter prize: Paddy Mulligan.
Next week's Jackpot €9,200

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

Christmas Cooking Demonstration Thursday 30th November commencing at 7pm. Entry €5.
Dancing Lessons Monday nights with Dolores from 7.45-9.15pm. €8 each night.
Keep Fit Classes Wednesday nights 7pm. Adm: €5

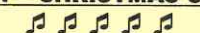
CHRISTMAS MARKET

Portarlington Women's Shed are holding a Christmas Market on Sat. 9th Dec. from 11am to 3pm. To book a table, phone 087 4748068 or E-mail portarlingtonwomensshed@gmail.com
Proceeds from refreshments in aid of the Cuisle Centre, Laois.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Portarlington & Emo Parishes Available in Portarlington Parish Office. Donation €3. Intentions will be remembered at Christmas Masses celebrated in Portarlington / Emo Parishes over Christmas.

CONCERT – CHRISTMAS CLASSICS



Piano Man Tom & tenor Dominic McGorian Christmas Classics, with special Soprano guest Jacinta Malone. Venue: Portlaoise Dunamais Arts Centre.
Sat. 9th December commencing 8pm.
www.dunamais.ie Tel: 057 8663355