



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 **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: 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

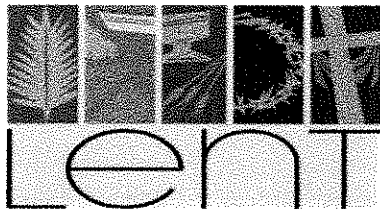
10.30am Sun.

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

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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

Sunday 27th February 2022 ✨ Eight Sunday in O.T. ✨ Year C

ANNIVERSARY - PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 26th February 6.15pm

Leo Broughan, Abbeyleix & St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.); Eamonn Gallagher, St. Brigid's Sq. (3rd Anniv.); Christina McCormack, Ullard (5th Anniv.); Brendan & Celine Lawless, Patrick St; James & Anna Doyie & daughter Rosaleen Doyle, St. Brigid's Sq.

Sunday 27th February 12.15pm

Edward (Ned) Carey, Lea (M.M.); Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Barrowbank (3rd Anniv.); Noel Kenny, Station Rd. (6th Anniv.); Stephen & Nellie Allen, Main St; Paddy Allen, Main St. & Dublin; Deceased members of the Allen & Moran Families

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY 10AM PORTARLINGTON

Monday 28th February

Sarah & William Kelly, St. Patrick's Tce.

Tuesday 1st March

Phil Feehan, Church View (4th Anniv.)

Wednesday 2nd March (Ash Wednesday)

10am Mass - Martin & Sarah Turley; Pat, Tomás, Breda & Andrew Turley

Thursday 3rd March

Frank Higgins, Main Street

Friday 4th March (1st Friday)

William Paul Moore

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 27th February 10.30am

Liam Bennett, Kilbride (1st Anniv.) & Lucy Bennett, Kilbride (8th Anniv.)
Eileen O'Leary, Ballintogher (3rd Anniv.)
Paul Maher, The Hermitage (4th Anniv.) & his parents, Thomas & Elizabeth Maher

Friday 4th March (1st Friday)

7.30pm Martin Slevin, Ballycarroll (10th Anniv.) & his grandparents, Richard & Bridie Slevin

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 27th February 9am

Paddy & Rose Byron, Bellgrove & deceased members of the Byron & O'Toole Families; Andy Mulhare, Rath; Mary Lawlor, Jamestown

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Tuesdays 10.30am - 7pm. All very welcome to attend.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 26th February - 7.30pm

Julia Morrin, Coolbanagher
Catherine Doherty & Margaret Ryan, Mountrath
Ciss Wheeler, Killimy; Jimmy & Vincent Conroy, Cappakeel & dec. members of Conroy Family
Sunday 27th February - 11am
Fr. Jack Rodgers (3rd Anniversary)

DECEASED - R. I. P.

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

Elizabeth (Betty) Costello, St. Patrick's Terrace
Kathleen (Kit) Kearney (nee Lawlor), Ballybrittas & formerly Woodbrook
Kevin O'Neill, Kilnacourt Woods
Michael McGrath, Limerick (Father of Anita Donoher)
Ann Murphy (nee Carroll), UK, formerly Kilbride
John (Jackie) Leavy, St. Brigid's Square
Michael McKenna, Graigavern, Ballybrittas
Dermot Dunne, The Commons, Mountmellick (Brother of Ken Dunne, Portarlington)

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wed. next, 2nd March 2022 (Ash Wednesday) & is a day of fast & abstinence. Masses & the blessing of Ashes on Ash Wednesday as follows:
Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm
Killenard 10.30am
Emo 7.30pm + Rath 10am

LENT / ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent is a time of annual retreat and renewal for all of us. It is a time when we embrace the Lenten disciplines of:-

PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

- The following, from the Irish Bishops' Conference are suggestions for Lent.
- Abstain from meat or some other food
 - Abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking
 - Make a special effort to pray together
 - Participate in the Mass
 - Visit the Blessed Sacrament
 - Make the Stations of the Cross
 - Fast from food for a longer period than usual giving what is saved to the needy
 - Help the poor, sick, old or lonely.

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held next weekend (5th / 6th March), taking the form of a 2nd collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got envelope boxes & wish to contribute.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:
Portarlington Parish

Nina May Bourke, Mount Henry Close
Emo Parish

Aoibhe Rose Egan, Whitefields, Station Rd.
Daniel Thomas Heavey, Cappakeel, Emo

TROCAIRE 2022

Until Love Conquers Fear



This year's Trocaire Campaign begins Ash Wednesday. The Theme of this year is "A better tomorrow belongs to us all". This Lent, Trocaire's appeal highlights the impact that climate change & Covid-19 has on people's lives in Zimbabwe, like Thandekile's, whose family are featured in this year's Campaign. Your love & generosity can give families a chance to build a better tomorrow. Trocaire boxes are available at the Church porch. Please give generously this Lent.

FIRST FRIDAY - MARCH

Friday next, 4th March, is the First Friday of the Month. Masses as follows
Portarlington: Fri. 4th March 10am
Killenard: Fri. 4th March 7.30pm

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
AMEN

M. NERNEY MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

7 night Pilgrimage package - June 8th-15th 2022
Cost: €765 PPS. Flight: Dublin to Mostar.
Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland.
Phone: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305 for further information & booking.
Please note September Group Pilgrimage is full.

P.T.A.A. - SHORT TERM PLEDGE

Consider taking the Pioneer Short-Term Pledge for Lent? For the duration of Lent, many people choose to abstain from alcohol. If you would like to make this pledge for six weeks, you can join online at www.pioneerassociation.ie

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

AUGUST 2022

Trip to Lourdes 2022 takes place from 5th to 12th August. Cost €895 per person sharing (single room supplement €265). 7 nights full board at the Solitude Hotel. Portarlington Further info. & booking: Contact Marie on 087 7589896, Vera on 087 9311813 or any Committee member.

KNOW YOUR LOCALITY

Laois Heritage Office are delighted to announce that the "Know your Locality - Laois Course" is back due to popular demand. With the support of Creative Ireland Laois, the course will be delivered by the Irish Heritage School over 5 evenings in March, with a field trip to the Rock of Dunamase on March 27th.
Booking now open at <https://iafs.ie/know-your-locality-laois-march-2022>. If the course books out a waiting list will be started.

VACANCIES

Port. Community Employment Programme
ENVIRONMENTAL WORKER
19.5 hours/week - Ref. No. CES-2211922
CARETAKER / MAINTENANCE PERSON
19.5 hours/week - Ref. CES-2208717
For further details contact Portarlington CE Project CLG at the Community Centre.
Phone 057 8643458 or email martinasymth@portarlingtonce.ie

ALONE

ALONE supports older people to age at home, combatting loneliness and isolation. Would you like to volunteer from the comfort of your own home? We are seeking volunteers to make support & befriending calls to older people. Please visit our website at www.alone.ie or call our National Support and Referral line on 0818 222 024 to find out more about volunteering with ALONE.

RELAY FOR LIFE LAOIS

Relay event taking place in the grounds of Emo Court House from 1pm Sat. 23rd July to 1pm Sun. 24th July 2022. Because of events like this, the Irish Cancer Society are able to provide services locally such as Night Nurses, Volunteer Drivers & Counselling. Further info, email laoisrelayforlife@gmail.com or contact Caroline on 087-4499903 or Alan 086-1222227
www.cancer.ie/ways-to-help/fundraise/relay-for-life/about-relay-for-life

PRAYERFUL MEDITATION DAY

Sat. 5th March from 10am to 2pm. Come & enjoy a day of peace, reflection & prayer, as we learn from the past, hope for the future & live in the present. Venue: Portlaoise Parish Centre. Facilitator: Caroline Murray. Cost €20 (Please bring a packed lunch) Tea & coffee provided.
For bookings contact Caroline on 0872673134 or email caroline.murray32@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

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.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Emo Active Retirement group with meet on Tues. next 1st March at 8pm, in the Old School, Emo. This will be the first get together after a 2 year lock-down. New members very welcome, please come along.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

Week of Guided Prayer

Sun. 20th - Sat. 26th March 2022.
You are invited to give 30 minutes to prayer each day in your own home & meet for 30 minutes each day with your Prayer Guide in Mount St Anne's. Opening session at 7.30pm on Sun. 20th at Mount St Anne's & closing session at 8pm on Sat. 26th - Donation €25
Spring Online Courses

7pm to 9pm on Zoom on the following dates:
March 8, 15, 22, 29 (Kieran J. O'Mahony)
March 9, 16, 23, 30 (Janet Forbes & Oonagh O'Brien) / April 5, 12, 19, 26 (Deirdre Ni Chinnéide) / April 6, 13, 20, 27 (Gráinne Doherty). €100 for each 4-night course
To book a place you can email ceo@mountstannes.com

Holy Week Retreat

Thurs. 14th to Sun. 17th April 2022. This Triduum programme consists of creative liturgies around the death & Resurrection of Jesus as experienced in the sufferings & hopes of our world today. Each liturgy will be accompanied by a theological & scriptural analysis of the new approach being used. Participants will be engaged in dialogue, reflection & liturgical participation. Facilitated by Fr Diarmuid O'Murchú
Cost: €300 residential. For Bookings/Enquiries, contact The Secretary on 057-8726153 or email: secretary@mountstannes.com

HANDYMAN AVAILABLE

Available for jobs inside and outside.
Contact Andy on 087 4511079.

EMO G.A.A.

The €130 County Draw tickets are now on sale & are available from Committee Members. This is our main fundraiser & generates much needed funds to help run our club.

G.R.O.W.

Grow Mental Health Peer Support meeting Every Thursday 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Social Services Centre. Contact Assumpta 086-8114135 assumptalyons@grow.ie

CHOIR FOR SACRAMENTS

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Parents of Rath NS are invited to take part in a choir for upcoming sacraments. We are preparing hymns for Confirmation in March and Communion in May. Rehearsals are 7-8pm every Monday at the school. Contact Helen Mulhall for more information on 087-6527828.

GRACEFIELD G.A.A. CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS 21.2.2022 No Jackpot winner - €50 to each of the following:- Joe Walsh; Carmel Orford; Pat Hyland; Donie Molloy & Patricia McNamara.
Promoter's prize:- Geraldine Murphy
Next week's Jackpot: €2,400

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

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

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.

SYNOD NEWS

The Kandle online synod survey will go live on www.kandle.ie/synod/ on Ash Wednesday. If you can't make it to a local in person listening session during Lent you might like to complete this survey instead, individually or as part of a group. You might also share it with those you think might not have a chance to attend in person. The Synod Committee wants to leave no voice out of this listening - the lived experience of every person matters and counts.

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Club Membership - Great value offer. Pay annual membership for 2022 before 1st April and only pay €150 for the whole family. Phone 087 9463147 for further info.

NEW PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMME

March - Wed. 9th & Thurs. 31st 2022
(2 x ½ days online) & Thurs. 24th March, 2022 on-site.

This course is designed for people who have a product or business idea & want to bring it to life. You'll learn some of the latest product design innovations; study concepts for how to develop new ideas; learn methods for presenting your thoughts in meeting & more. Cost only €20. Onsite workshops & zoom. Onsite will take place in Portarlington Enterprise Centre RF32XD4F. Sign up on <https://www.localenterprise.ie>

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

Lotto Results- 15.2.2022
Letters: C, D, F, Z - No jackpot winner. €25 each to Sylvia Ready, Marie Fallon; Mary Foy. Next jackpot €6,600 - Draw will take place on 1st March 2022.

CLOWN AROUND, PORTARLINGTON

Opening up again - Clown Around, Botley Lane, Portarlington. Monday to Sunday from 12pm to 5pm. Booking required. Phone 057 8636667.

A.L.E.R.T. TRAINING

Forklift & Safety Training
Limited availability for March.
Located at 8a Botley Lane. R32 N9WP.
Phone 085 7434884.