

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022 \* Fourth Sunday of Lent \* Year C**

Daylight saving time starts - Put your Clocks forward

## ANNIVERSARIES IN PORTARLINGTON

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 6.15pm**  
 Frank Kelly, Cushina; Maura & Patrick Williams, Crowe Lane; Kathleen Doyle; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Paul Nolan, Gracefield (B/D Rem.); Elizabeth (Liz) Dunne (nee Slattery), Cushina; Michael (Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane (19<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); John & Helen Egan & Bridget Mahon, Patrick Street; John Knight Snr., St. Mary's Terrace

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 12.15pm**  
 Rachel Flanagan, St. Michael's Park (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Jack & Dora Madden, Bracklone St; Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Margaret & Chris Maher, St. Mary's Tce; Patricia Murray, Cushina; Nixon Shaw (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Frank Shaw & dec. members of the Shaw Family, Patrick St. Dessie Nolan, Congress Terrace (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

## WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY 10AM PORTARLINGTON

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10am**  
 Eddie Hanlon, Wicklow (M.M.)

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10am**  
 Sunny Kennedy; Paul Nolan (B/D Rem.) Gracefield

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 10am**  
 Rose Dunne, Coolroe

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 10am**  
 Bridget Flood, Main Street

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10am**  
 Jody & Josephine Slattery, St. Patrick's Tce.

## ANNIVERSARIES IN KILLENARD

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am**  
 Tom Flanagan, Lea (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Richard (Dick) & Lily Slevin, Corrig & Mount Henry; Christy Kavanagh, Clonanny

## DECEASED

Prayers are requested for the following who died recently:

Mgr. William (Bill) O'Keefe who died in California during the week & his brother, Brian O'Keefe, who died in California last December (Both formerly of Patrick Street)

Teresa Dillon (nee McCarthy), New Mill Court  
 Willie Monaghan, Orchard Drive

## ANNIVERSARIES IN EMO

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30pm**  
 Colette Coonan Dowling, Shinrone & Kilmainham, Mountmellick

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - 11am**  
 Michael McKenna, Graigavern Lodge (M.M.)  
 Teresa Green; Elizabeth Doonan, Bellgrove (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Colm Lawlor, Killimy & deceased members of the Lawlor & O'Connor Families, Woodbrook

## ANNIVERSARIES IN RATH

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9am**  
 Margaret Dunne; Veronica Dunne; Peter & Margaret (Rita) Dunne, Ballybrittas; Mary Patricia Duffy, Ballintogher; Tone & Jack O'Connell, Coolroe; George & Alice Kelly, Bellgrove

## MOTHER'S DAY



Blessing & Prayer Tribute to all Mothers  
 Loving God,  
 as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church.  
 Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.  
 Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.  
 Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses this weekend, 26 / 27<sup>th</sup> March to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine & especially the families & children who had to flee their homeland. The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in Ukraine & the surrounding region. The Collection will be the

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

**Portarlington Parish**  
 Ellie Mae Esther Nolan, Rathleash  
 Yulia Thataryna Stefonska, Riverside

## Confirmation

Congratulations to the children from Sacred Heart N.S., Rath & St. Paul's N.S., Emo, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the sacrament of Confirmation during the coming week to children from:-

**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington**  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 11am  
 Presentation Primary School & Cloneyhurke N.S.  
 Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm.  
 Both ceremonies will be held in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**  
 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 11.30am  
 In St. John's Church, Killenard

## SERVICE OF LIGHT & RECONCILIATION

Service of Light & Reconciliation for the Confirmation candidates & their families will take place next week, as follows:-

**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road**  
 Mon 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm  
 Presentation Primary School, Station Rd. & Cloneyhurke N.S.  
 Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> March at 8.15pm  
**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**  
 Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Committee meeting will take place in St. Michael's Church after the 6.15pm Mass Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> March (today).

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
 Tuesday's 10.30am-7pm  
 Sunday's during Lent 3-6pm.

## KEEPING SAFE FROM COVID-19



The Irish Bishops recommend that we continue as follows, in an effort to "keep safe" from Covid

- The wearing of FACE MASKS inside Church buildings
- The use of Hand Sanitizers
- Suspension of the handshake
- Holy Communion to be received in the hand
- Holy Water fonts to remain dry

These recommendations will be reviewed later this month, but, in the meantime, we ask that you take them into consideration.

## ALONE

Older people need your support!  
 ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship & support through their Telephone Support & Befriending Service for older people. They ask interested volunteers to commit to one set shift for 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit [alone.ie/volunteers](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for further information.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

Keep Fit Friday's from 7pm-8pm. €5 per person. Suitable for all fitness levels.  
**Mindful Meditation & Movement Classes**  
 Monday's 7pm-8pm.  
 Contact Catherine on 087 7632415.  
 We would like to invite anyone interested in any of the above activities to come along at the specified times. We guarantee you will be made feel very welcome.

## COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

The following items are needed: Nappies, Antiseptic wipes, Wet Wipes, Toothbrushes & Paste, Men's underwear, washing powder, colouring pencils and books, Dry food, Plastic bowls & cutlery, Tinned meat & fish, Shampoo, paracetamol, Ibuprofen,  
 Drop off to Reception at Portarlington Further Education & Training Centre, Bracklone Street up until Fri. 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## EASTER CAMP '22

Tues. 19<sup>th</sup> - Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.  
 A fun filled camp for girls & boys, to include sport, orienteering, music, art, baking & lots more. Groups: 5-8 year old's & 9-12 year old's. Venue: Scoil Padraig, Canal Road. 9.30am - 2pm. Cost €60 (sibling discounts). Application forms available from Scoil Phadraig. Email [eastercampport@gmail.com](mailto:eastercampport@gmail.com).

## VOLUNTEERS

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." Mt. 25:40. The Guild of St. Philip is a voluntary organisation that visits inmates in prison twice per month. Do you have time to spare? Would you like to offer a hand of friendship? If so please contact Catherine on 0860462405.



Now recruiting volunteer Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators. Formal training will be provided. If you are interested please contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

## TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

Suffering for food, water & a basic livelihood should never be part of anyone's life. Yet it is for Thandekile & 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 of any size now means more families like hers can eat, children can stay in school, lasting livelihoods can be built & a better tomorrow can belong to us all. [www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/](http://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/)



Trocaire boxes are available at the Church porch. Please give generously.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

### Reflections of a Prison Chaplain

This public event will be held on Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> March. It hopes to engage in dialogue & conversation in an effort to find new & creative ways of developing a more humane & holistic justice system. Speakers:  
 Sr. Imelda Wickhan, pbvm—former prison chaplain  
 Ian O'Donnell—Professor of Criminology at UCD.  
 Seán Duggan—Head of Chaplaincy Services,  
 Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ—a priest in Inner City Dublin & founder of the Peter McVerry Trust.  
 Begins with Tea/Coffee @ 7pm.  
 Booking essential - E-mail [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com) by 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### Prayerful Meditation Day

Saturday 2nd April 10am-3.30pm with Sr. Anne Kearney HFB. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) Tea / Coffee provided. Phone 057-8626153.

### Spring Online Courses

7pm-9pm on Zoom on the following dates:  
 April 5, 12, 19, 26 (Deirdre Ní Chinnéide)  
 April 6, 13, 20, 27 (Gráinne Doherty)  
 €100 for each 4-night course. To book a place please email [ceo@mountstannes.com](mailto:ceo@mountstannes.com)

### Holy Week Retreat

Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> to Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022. This Triduum programme consists of creative liturgies around the death and Resurrection of Jesus as experienced in the sufferings and hopes of our world today. Facilitated by Fr. Diarmuid O'Murchú. Cost: €300 residential. For Bookings/Enquiries, contact The Secretary on 057-8726153 or email: [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)  
 Visit our website for full details of all our upcoming events: [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

### OUTREACH CLINIC PORTLAOISE

Free & confidential support service on all aspects of deafness & hearing loss in children & adults. Last Tuesday of every month from 10am-12.30pm. Venue: Citizens Information Centre, Kellyville Park, Kylekiproe, Portlaoise R32 K6PY. Booking required. Email [tullamore@chire.ie](mailto:tullamore@chire.ie) or call 057 9351606 or call/text 086 1436476. Information, resources, assistive technologies, entitlements, minor repairs, batteries & more.

### GRACEFIELD G.A.A. CLUB

Numbers 15, 24, 12, 19 - No jackpot winner. €50 each to Pamela Slattery / Fran O'Reilly / Bryan Family / Karen Dunne/ Michael Knight Promoter P. Mulligan. Next Jackpot €3,200

## 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

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE Available at the Church Porch.

## SYNOD NEWS

### Listening Lent

During Lent parishes across the diocese are hosting synod listening sessions. We invite as many people as possible to come to these sessions and to encourage others to come as well. Our listening session is in the MDA Centre, Mountmellick, on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Refreshments from 7.15pm. An open gathering of Clonaslee, Killeigh, Mountmellick, Portarlington & Rosenallis parishes to "Voice and Listen".

## O'DEMPSEY'S GFC GOLF CLASSIC

O'Dempsey's GFC are hosting a Golf Classic fundraiser at the Heritage Golf Resort, Killenard on Good Friday, the 15<sup>th</sup> April. All money raised will go towards the 'Light Up O'Dempsey's' project. To register your team or for details on how to sponsor a Tee, go to [www.odempseysgfc.ie](http://www.odempseysgfc.ie)

## ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

The club is introducing a training session for children born 2016. All interested please contact Mick on 085 8064858 (this session will be train only; children will not play league football).

## ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Results of 15/3/2022 - Letters N, R, U, Z - No Jackpot winner. €25 to: Martin Kelly / Derek Anderson / Martin Kane. Next Jackpot takes place on 29<sup>th</sup> March in the Barrow Lodge. Jackpot €6,700.



Her love is like an island in life's ocean, vast and wide.

A peaceful, quiet shelter from the wind, the rain, the tide.  
 'Tis bound on the north by Hope, by Patience on the West, by tender Counsel on the South and on the East by Rest.  
 Above it like a beacon light Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer; And through the changing scenes of life Lead a Haven there.