

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

**Adult Book Club** This month we are reading "The Island of Lost Trees" by Elif Shafak, next meeting is on Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.  
**Knitting Group** Every Friday the Knitting Group meet 10.30am – 12.30pm. Pop in for a chat & some crafting. New members welcome

### THE SEASON OF CREATION 2022 September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup>



The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church, particularly since Pope Francis established 1<sup>st</sup> September as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. to 4<sup>th</sup> October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) & celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is "LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION"

### A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH

All powerful God, you are present in the universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with your peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplating, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace. (Laudato Si')

### LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY CONCERT

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniv. Of the Legion of Mary, a concert will take place in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. at 8pm. Very special guests include Celine Byrne, the Dublin Concert Band, Celtic Calling, Lorraine Mathews & more. Booking via Evenbrite – Search Legion of Mary Centenary Concert. Tickets €30 (premium seating) & 20 general admission.

### PIANO LESSONS

Currently accepting new students of all ages. Thirty minute lessons for a 4 week term €60. Portarlington / Monasterevin area. Experienced teacher with references available. Contact Sophie on 089 4309269.

### B SHARP STUDIOS

Lessons return on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lessons in Guitar / Voice / Piano / Tin Whistle / Violin / Banjo / Ukulele / Uilleann-Pipes. Contact Conor 086 1639153 or Keith 085 7516595. Venue: Main Street, Portarlington.

### PILATES (PORT. COMMUNITY CENTRE)

All levels catered for. Beginners welcome. Commencing Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 8pm / Fri. 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. 9.30am. €10 per class or 6 week block €50. Call or text Emma on 087 2898323.

### A PRAYER AS OUR SCHOOLS REOPEN

Loving God, we ask you to wrap our diocesan school family in a cloak of love & protection as our schools reopen. Bless our boards of management & staff as they continue to provide a welcoming & safe learning environment for all. Bless our parents who entrust their children to us, confident we can all work together to help them become the very best that they can be. Bless our pupils, the reason for our being. May they continue to learn well & always know that they are safe, secure & protected in your loving embrace. Gracious God, we are confident that through the intercession of our own Saints Brigid, Conleth & Lasearian, your love & care for each of us always endures. May we show the same love & care for one another in all we do & say this year. Amen

### PORTARLINGTON CONCERN GROUP

Annual Church gate collection in aid of Concern amounted to €855. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed. You can contribute to Concern any time by logging on to [www.concern.ie](http://www.concern.ie)

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

**22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022**  
Numbers 19, 02, 06, 20 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following: Alannah Keegan; Bernie Flanagan; John Kelly; Rachael Foster; Margaret Walsh. Promoter Gabby Slattery. Next week's Jackpot €4,200

### ARLINGTON SOCCER RESULTS

**16.8.22**  
Letters: Y, L, T, K – No winner  
€25 to each of the following: Laura McGrath; Emma Carey; Ger & Paul Kelly  
Next draw will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Jackpot €1,500

### MASSAGE / YOGA CLASSES

**Baby Massage:** New course commencing Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. in Portarlington Community Centre and the following 3 Mondays at 12pm. Booking is essential.  
**Mum & Baby Yoga:** Commencing Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. in Portarlington Community Centre and the following 3 Mondays at 10.30am. Booking essential.  
**Pregnancy Yoga:** Online Pregnancy Yoga classes including a relaxation segment every Wednesday at 8pm. No yoga experience is needed to join. Booking essential for all of the above. Contact Catriona on 086 8890005.

### CODER DOJO - PORTARLINGTON

Coder Dojo will be starting back in September. Date to be confirmed. Spaces limited so if interested please email as soon as possible: [coderdojoportarlington@gmail.com](mailto:coderdojoportarlington@gmail.com)

### SOLAS GARDEN CENTRE

**CAR BOOT SALE**  
Proceeds go towards Fight for Johnny's Girls Go Fund me page. Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. Traders can arrive from 8:30am on the day. Open to Public at 9:30am. Cost:- For traders: €15 per car / small van. For public: €2 entry. Contact 0830452810 for more details. To book your place, Contact George by E-mail [events@thegardenshop.ie](mailto:events@thegardenshop.ie) or by phone 083 0452810.

### PARENTS FIRST

Would you be interested in volunteering with Parents First for 1 to 2 hours each week. We are looking for parents or grandparents to pass on their valuable knowledge and experience in bringing up children. Phone Dolores or Attracta on 057 9322996 or 086 1959221.

### 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

### ACCORD - COUNSELLING

Accord, Portlaoise are open for Relationship Counselling at the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. Counselling is completely confidential and all Counsellors are fully trained. For further information contact Mary on 086 4149034 or Email [accordportlaoise@gmail.com](mailto:accordportlaoise@gmail.com)

### PORTARLINGTON UNITY & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

The Committee would be grateful to anyone who could volunteer a couple of hours to clean and tidy some unattended grave plots. If interested please phone any Committee member or the Parish Office.

### HOUSING & HOMELESS CHARITY

The annual Peter McVerry Trust Wexford Cycle 2022 will take place on Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> September. The cycle raises vital funds for the housing and homeless charity founded by Fr Peter McVerry. The event is open to all abilities and is a great day out. To find out more visit: [www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle](http://www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle) or call 01 823 0776.

### L.O.E.T.B. - BRACKLONE STREET

Portarlington Further Education and Training Centre, Bracklone Street. To find out further information or to book a course you can call into the office. Alternatively: Phone 057 8623161 [www.portarlingtonfet.ie](http://www.portarlingtonfet.ie)

### PORTARLINGTON GAA

New Euro Millions Plus Lotto Syndicate €30 per ticket. Your €30 will be used to buy six lines in eighty draws commencing August 30 – June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023. You can also buy a ticket from Any Committee Member / By Revolut with Alan Kiernan 086 0609253 or on line on Portarlington GAA Website. Thanks to everyone who has already supported this fundraiser.

### STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE

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. Register before Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Check out our website: [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)



# 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](mailto: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](http://www.kandle.ie) **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** [www.grow.ie](http://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](mailto:dlp@kandle.ie) E-mail [safeguarding@kandle.ie](mailto: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



### Season of Creation

### CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>



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### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2022

### TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### WEEKEND ANNIVERSARY

**PORTARLINGTON**  
**Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> August – 6.15pm**  
David Callanan, Lea Road (M.M.)  
Ronan Yarrow, Ballymorris (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Patrick Murphy, St. Michael's Park (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Paschal McBride, NaCluainte (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Gerard Donagher, Droughill; Lill Bourke, Limerick; William (Bill) Sheerin, Marian Hill & Louisa (Lou) Sheerin, Marian Hill; Dorothea McNamara, Gracefield; Joan Keating; John Keating & Kathleen Swarbrick; Timmy Dunne, Garryhinch (29<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Janie Costello, St. Brigid's Sq. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
**Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> August - 12.15pm**  
Michael Smith, Corrig; Deceased members of the Smith Family, Bracklone Street; Martin & Catherine Carter, St. Patrick's Tce. Kay Turner (nee McGuinness) (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY

**PORTARLINGTON 10am**  
**Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> August 10am**  
Joe Feehan, Church View  
**Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> August 10am**  
**Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> August 10am**  
Daniel & Teresa O'Mahony  
**Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup> September 10am**  
Sarah Brady-McDermott & daughter, Lelia, Newbridge  
**Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> September 10am**  
Eamon Noone, Naas & deceased members of the Noone Family

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

**Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> August – 10.30am**  
Patrick McEvoy, Ullard;  
Bernard Mahony, Clonanny (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

**Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> August – 7.30pm**  
Brigid (Bridie) Booth, Morette (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
**Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> August – 11am**  
Fr. James Bermingham, Woodbrook (M.M.)  
Patrick (Paddy) Kerry, Coolbanagher (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
Anne & Patrick Moore; Matthew & Ellen Moore; Suzanne Moore; Sadie & John Conroy, Rathmoyle, Abbeyleix

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

**Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> August – 9am**  
Edward Fitzgerald, Bellgrove  
Margaret Dempsey, Monasterevin  
Mary Whelan & deceased members of the Whelan & Kiernan Families, Ballyadden

### DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-  
Bernard Downey Jnr., Droughill  
Fintan Dunne, Newbridge, formerly Portarlington (Son of the late Fintan & Margaret Dunne, Patrick Street)

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism



### Portarlington Parish

Aoife Margaret Barry, Mountmellick  
Josh William McCreanor, Kilmalogue Park  
Eala Maria White, Lansdowne Road

### Emo Parish

Liam Angelus Carroll, Courtwood

### SYNOD NEWS

The national synthesis has now been submitted to the Synod Secretariat in the Vatican as part of the global synodal process announced by Pope Francis. It is now available to read and download on [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

**SACRAMENT**  
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington after 10am Mass Tuesday until 7pm.

### AUTUMN PRIESTS COLLECTION

The Autumn Collection for the Priests of the Parish will be held next weekend at all Masses. This is one of the 5 times during the year you can contribute to the direct support of the Priests of the Parish. Envelope available in your development boxes or at Church Porch.

### FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, is the first Friday of the month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:- Portarlington: 10am / Killenard: 7.30pm

### ACTIVE PARKS AUTUMN PROGRAMME

**Move & Groove**  
Fun exercise to music. Low impact / All standing. Suitable for everyone. From Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September at Portarlington People's Park 1pm. Contact [sports@laiscoco.ie](mailto:sports@laiscoco.ie) Booking is essential.

### CALLING PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING PARISH MINISTRIES

**Eucharistic Minister**  
**Reader (Lector) / Plate Collector**  
**Choir Member**

As we are coming out of the Covid 19 pandemic, it is now necessary to update and renew our Parish Ministries. If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Plate Collector or Choir Member, please give in your name to the Parish Office (057 8643004) or to one of the Priests. Altar servers will be organised through the schools. Full training will be provided for all of the above Ministries.

### COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:-

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2022**  
Congress Tce; Crowe Lane; St. Brigid's Square; Station Court; Newmill Court; Canal Road; Derrymore; Corrig; Lea; Lough; Old Pound; Rathmiles  
**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2022**  
Ballybrittas; Bellgrove; Ballyadden; Courtwood; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Morette; Coolbanagher; Knightstown; Killeen; Tinnakil; Woodbrook; Portlaoise Road

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2022**  
Assumpta Terrace; St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace; Avondale; Shandra; Annamoe; Bog Road; Patrick Ave; Gracefield; Patrick St; Rosecourt; Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Cushina; Botley Court

### EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER

A meeting of the Emigrant Newsletter Committee will take place on Wednesday next, 31<sup>st</sup> August at 8pm in Fr. Noonan's House. All committee members are asked to attend.

### ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK 2022

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland have launched Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022, proudly supported by Irish Life, which is taking place nationwide on Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. to mark World Alzheimer's Month 2022. To register for the walk please visit <https://alzheimer.ie/register-below-for-memory-walk/>