

# 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](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

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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

[www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)

Portarlington & Emo Parish

@EmoParish

## SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

#### SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

##### 6.15pm Mass

Paddy Earley, Bracklone St. (M.M.)  
Johnie Lalor & Mai Lalor, Cloneyhurke

#### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

##### 12.15pm Mass

Philip (Chilly) Ward, Ballymorris Manor  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Dolores Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce.  
(5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Rose Hoey, Kilbride (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Thomas Hoey (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Kilbride;  
Michael Webster, French Church St. (11<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke;  
Eamon O'Boyle, Church View

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Tues. 30<sup>th</sup> January 10am Mass – Alice  
McCann / Joe Horan Church View  
Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> February 11am – Maggie McDonnell,  
Garlandstown

### ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

#### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - 10.30am Mass

Frank Sheils, Garryvacum (M.M.)  
Oliver Murray, Dublin (M.M.)  
Patsy Connell, Lea (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); John Dunne,  
Rathmiles (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); James, Bridget &  
Denis Dunne, Rathmiles

### ANNIVERSARIES EMO

#### SATURDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - 7.30pm Mass

Elizabeth Moore, Morette & her son Michael  
Moore; Mary O'Rourke, Kennel Cross (6<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); James Kehoe, Coolbanagher;  
Patrick Kirwan, Killimy (37<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) John & Ellen  
Deegan, Limetree, Rose Deegan, Limetree

#### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - 11am Mass

### ANNIVERSARIES RATH

#### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY - 9am

Liam Tynan, The Canal, Fisherstown (8<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); Tom Ryan, Bellgrove; Nancy &  
Larry Ryan, Bellgrove; Alice & Myles Christie,  
Monasterevin; Jack Behan, Rath; Andrew &  
Bridget Heffernan; Tom & John Murphy

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Year B

### ✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

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



Ann Hennessy (nee Warburton) Na Cluainte  
Ann Earley (nee Ferriter), Cushina Road  
Eddie (Stan) Kennedy, Clannmalire Crescent &  
formerly Gracefield

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into the Christian  
Community:-

Fianna Christine McCormack, Castlegate  
Saoirse Mary Christie Hoey, Kilmalogue Lawns  
Daithi William Duffy, Corrig Lodge

### SAINT BRIGID CELEBRATIONS

#### BRÍD FAOIN SPÉIR

Market Square, Portarlington on Thurs. 1<sup>st</sup>  
February from 4pm – 8pm – FREE EVENT.  
Outside experience the vibrant beats of local  
talent on stage - We've got a musical treat for  
everyone. Mesmerising fire show /  
Portarlington Concert Band / Poetry Ireland.  
Immerse yourself in the world of creativity with  
workshops & crafts at the Parochial Hall. Live  
street art will transform The Square Garage into  
a visual masterpiece. PLEASE COME ALONG!

### ST. BRIGID CELEBRATIONS

Cathedral Evening Prayer for St. Brigid  
Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> marks the opening of a national year  
commemorating St. Brigid, patron of our  
diocese & secondary patron of Ireland, 1500  
years since her death. Bishop Denis invites  
people to join him for an evening prayer in the  
Cathedral of the Assumption on 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. At 7:30  
pm. Music: Fr Liam Lawton & Diocesan Choir.

### Welcoming the relic of St. Brigid

The Brigidine Sisters, Tullow, will loan their relic  
of St Brigid to Kildare Parish for 2024. The relic  
will be housed in a shrine in St. Brigid's Church,  
Kildare. The shrine will be unveiled & Mass  
celebrated on Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Jan. at 11am.

### St Brigid's Camino Walk, Monasterevin

Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Feb. starting at St. Brigid's Shrine,  
Mountrice 11am, led by Bishop Denis. The walk  
will journey to Umeras, birthplace of St Brigid,  
along the canal Blueway & finish in Sts Peter &  
Paul Church, Monasterevin with a service of  
light at 12.30pm. Details Ph: 045-525346.

### CONFIRMATION 2024 ENROLMENT – RATH N.S.

We welcome the students from Sacred Heart  
N.S., Rath to the 9am Mass here in Rath, for  
their Confirmation Enrolment Mass, which  
they will receive on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend we welcome the students  
from all the schools in the Parishes of  
Portarlington and Emo to celebrate with us  
at our weekend Parish Masses. These  
students will receive the Sacrament of First  
Holy Communion in April & May 2024.

### PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

Friday next is the feast of Presentation of the  
Lord is also known as Candlemas Day; the  
day on which candles are blessed  
symbolizing Christ who is the light of the  
world. It is also the first Friday of the Month.  
Mass and Blessing of Candles as follows:-  
Portarlington 10am Emo 9.15am  
Rath Thurs. 9.30am

### FEAST OF ST. BLAISE – 3<sup>RD</sup> FEB. 2024

Saturday next is the Feast of St. Blaise  
Mass and Blessing of Throats as follows:  
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington 11am

### ST. BRIGID'S CROSS & BRAT BRIDE WORKSHOP

Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 6.30 – 8pm in the Old  
School, Vicarstown. This year mark's 1500  
years since the death of St. Brigid and this  
event is to mark the occasion of Brigid 1500.  
This is a free drop in event.

### PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID

Oh Brigid, Mary of the Gael, may your  
protection never fail. Spread your mantle  
over me, where 'ere I am,  
where 'ere I be. Cover me with  
God's joy and peace, let my  
faith and hope never cease.  
Shine your light where there is  
darkness, strengthen me in any weakness.  
Heal all within that may be ill, give me the  
desire each day to do God's will. 'Till I rest,  
my journey o'er, with God and you forever  
more. St. Brigid, patron of Kildare  
and Leighlin, pray for us.



## COMMUNION CALLS

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

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane;  
Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig;  
Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas;  
Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy;  
Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy;  
Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace;  
Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road;  
Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue;  
French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court;  
Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk;  
Droughill Lawns; Cushina

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

If you would like to become part of our team  
of Eucharistic Ministers in Portarlington,  
Killenard, Emo or Rath, please leave  
your name & contact details with  
Rosemary or Eileen in the Parish  
office. A training course will take  
place on February 24<sup>th</sup> in Emo  
National School - 10am to 4pm. To help with  
costs participants are invited to bring a packed  
lunch. Tea/Coffee provided. We are very happy  
to welcome existing ministers who would like a  
refresher day.

## EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The Pilgrimage will take place from August 25<sup>th</sup>  
until August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Further details will be  
available next week. If you are interested in  
travelling on this Pilgrimage and want further  
details, please contact Tony on 086 1225833 or  
Deirdre on 087 2299457.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89



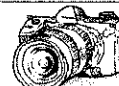
Presents – The Buckley's in Concert this  
Sunday evening (28<sup>th</sup> January) at 6pm. Folk,  
traditional & ballads. Adm: €10. All welcome.  
Refreshments served. Proceeds donated to  
Cloneyhurke Heritage Group. Dancing  
lessons: On Mon. nights with Dolores from  
7.45-9.15pm. Keep fit: On Wed. & Fri. nights  
with Eimear from 7-8pm. (Friday nights  
sponsored by Offaly Sports Partnership)

### MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE



Direct flights to Mostar – Medjugorje.  
12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024. Cost €765.  
Price increases to €815 after 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024.  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland CC  
Contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

### MOUNTMELICK CAMERA CLUB



Membership for 2024 is open to accept new  
members. If you are interested in photography,  
over 18 and wish to join, please come to our  
next meeting on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> January at 8pm in the  
M.D.A., Mountmellick or follow us on Facebook  
at Mountmellick Club for updates. Further info.  
phone 0876345861.

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES FUNDRAISING DRAW & 2024 PILGRIMAGE

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Trip to Lourdes / 5 Prizes of €50  
each. Draw will take place on Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Feb. at  
9pm during Bingo in the GAA Centre,  
Portarlington. Tickets €2 each (or 3 for €5).  
Tickets available in the Parish Office or from  
Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on  
Main Street, Portarlington.

### The 2024 Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Takes place from 30<sup>th</sup> July – 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024.  
Six nights full board. Cost €1,060 per person  
sharing. €280 extra for single room.

A meeting will take place on Sat. Next. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
February after the 6.15pm Mass in Portarlington  
to collect tickets for the Raffle. Further details &  
booking phone: Marie on 087-7589896 or  
Vera 087-9311813.

## BINGO – PORT. SOCIAL SERVICES

Portarlington Social Services seniors Bingo  
returns to the Centre on Wed. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan. at 8pm.  
Come along for a few games & a cuppa.

## O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. LOTTO RESULTS

22<sup>nd</sup> Jan. - Numbers drawn: 12, 17, 18, 22  
No Jackpot Winner. No Match 3 Winners. Lucky  
Dips: Fr Tom Dooley (Sheila Dunne). Larry  
Keogh (Tom Coleman). Promoter: Bernie  
Whelehan Next draw: Jan 29<sup>th</sup> 2024 with a  
Jackpot of €4,200. Thanks for your  
continued support.

## PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



Baby Book Club: Wednesday mornings at  
10:30am. Places are limited so booking  
essential. Call 057 8643751 or  
email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoisisco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoisisco.ie)  
Knitting Club: Meets Friday mornings from  
10:30 - 12:30. New members always welcome.

## GRACEFIELD GAA GYM CLASSES

For all levels of fitness – Every Tuesday &  
Friday night in our Gracefield Gym at 8.15pm  
with Conor Galgey. €10 pay as you go.  
All are welcome.

## PORTARLINGTON CE PROJECT - CLG Vacancy: Environmental Worker

Ref. 2315970. Location: Portarlington Peoples'  
Park/Amenity Areas. For more details contact  
CE Supervisor 057 8643458 or your Local DSP  
Intreo Office. CE Eligibility Criteria applies.  
More information can be found on:  
[Jobsireland.ie](http://Jobsireland.ie) / Use the vacancy details above.

## PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

Annual Table Quiz will take place on Fri. 9<sup>th</sup>  
February in The Anvil Inn. A fun night assured  
with raffle and prizes. 8.30 for 9pm start. €40  
per table of 4. All support greatly appreciated.

## GRACEFIELD G.A.A.

Hosting Pieta House Darkness into Light Walk  
2024. As this is a big event, we are reaching  
out to ask if you are interested in helping out in  
any way on the morning of the event. We will  
need Stewards at the venue & along the route  
& also we will need First Aider's. The  
Darkness into Light walk will take place on  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. If you can help,  
phone Jenny on 087 9656983.

## CHRISTINA'S PRESENTS VINTAGE FASHION VARIETY SHOW



Fri. 2<sup>nd</sup> February in Portarlington Golf Club.  
Featuring local acts and models. A night of  
entertainment and Fashion from the 60's, 70's  
and 80's. €20 per ticket & all proceeds go to  
Laois Hospice Charity.

## SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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

## EMO PARISH

### ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the  
Church porches. The boxes contain weekly  
collection envelopes & special collection  
envelopes. To register write your name &  
address on 1<sup>st</sup> envelope. This contribution  
goes towards the upkeep of schools,  
churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks  
to all.

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to  
the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax  
refund. This includes donations made by  
both PAYE persons and Self Employed  
persons. On this basis any Parishioner who  
contributes €250 or more to the Parish in  
2023, this donation will entitle the Parish to a  
tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish  
Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in  
contributing to the Parish.

## Lotto.

### EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Draw 22/1/2024. – No jackpot winner.  
€25 to B. Lewis, Killimy C/o Deirdre;  
Tommie Lawlor C/o Deirdre; Jaunita Bourke  
C/o Village Cafe; Chris Nolan, Emo C/o  
Deirdre; Pat Brosnan C/o Village Cafe.  
Next draw takes place 29<sup>th</sup> January with a  
JACKPOT OF €6,600

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

#### Week 4 – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Numbers 7, 6, 16, 5 – No jackpot winner.  
€50 to: Alan McAteer; Ann Dunne; Brian  
Guinan; James Costello; Steph McEvoy  
Promoters prize: Noeleen Murphy.  
Next week's Jackpot €10,800

## USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions.  
You can drop them to Delaney's,  
Bracklone Street.

## PICKLEBALL

Come give Pickleball a try – It is the fastest  
growing sport for a reason – Its simple to  
pick up, fun to play & a great way to get fit.  
Sessions available Tues. 8pm – 10pm /  
Thurs. 5pm-7pm & Friday 7pm-9pm in  
Portarlington Community Centre.  
Cost €7 a session. Text Francie at 085  
8582595 – Spaces limited.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> LAOIS PORTARLINGTON SCOUT GROUP NEED YOUR HELP

Adult volunteers needed to help provide  
scouting for young people in your local  
community. For further details contact:-  
[portarlingtonscouts24@gmail.com](mailto:portarlingtonscouts24@gmail.com)