



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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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 28th MAY, 2023

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

## YEAR A

### WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

#### Saturday 27th May - 6.15pm

Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (1st Anniv.)  
Paul Nolan, Gracefield (3rd Anniv.); Greta Brogan, Cavan; Donal Clancy, St. Patrick's Tce. (4th Anniv.); Paddy & Rose Clancy & dec. members of the Clancy Family, St. Patrick's Tce; Peg & Michael Mullally, Portlaoise Road; Lar Dempsey, Clondoolusk (3rd Anniv.); Paddy Dowling, St. Joseph's Tce. (4th Anniv.); Elizabeth O'Neill, Marian Hill; Bridget Cooper, Ullard; Ned (The Kruger) Murphy, St. Michael's Park (23rd Anniv.); John Cardiff, Derrymore

#### Sunday 28th May - 12.15pm

Garrett Knight, Seskin (1st Anniv.); James Phillips & Annie Knight, Seskin; Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (1st Anniv.); Danny, Ellen & James Malone, Gracefield; Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy) 8th Anniv.; Robert Francis Magee, Station Rd; Dec. members of Mulcahy & Magee Families; John, Evelyn, Tony, Maura & Anmarie Reddy; Andrew Buckley; Edward & Sarah Roycroft, Bracklone St; Paddy Dyer & dec. members of the Dyer Family, Bracklone St; Hughie Emerson (19th Anniv.); Grainne Emerson (40th Anniv.); Bishopswood Rd; Padraig Douglas, Bishopswood; Paddy Flanagan, Glasshouse; James & Kathleen Walsh; Benny, Margaret & Jane Weldon, Aughrim.

### 10AM MASS - ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 29th May Joseph & Mary O'Reilly, Cushina  
Tues. 30th May Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (1st Anniv.)  
Wed. 31st May Paul Nolan, Gracefield (3rd Anniv.)  
Ronan Yarrow, Ballymorris (B/D Rem.)  
Thurs. 1st June - Mary Hanlon, Assumpta Tce. (2nd Anniv.)  
Fri. 2nd June - Mary McGrath, Limerick

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sunday 28th May - 10.30am

Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (1st Anniv.)  
Julie Slevin, Garryvacuum (12th Anniv.)  
Friday 2nd June - 7.30pm (1st Friday)  
Mary Whalley (nee Coleman), UK & Ciosland

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Saturday 27th May - 7.30pm

William Lynch Sr., Killeen; James & Mary Mortimer, Cappakeel; Larry Flynn, Morette (23rd Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sunday 28th May - 9am

Ang O'Connell, Bellgrove; Frances Behan, Bellgrove

### DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-  
**Caleb Powell, Ballybrittas & formerly Nenagh**

### CEMETERY MASSES 2023

Killenard - Fri. 7th July - 7.30pm  
Portarlington - Fri. 14th July - 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery - Fri. 28th July - 7.30pm  
Emo Old Cemetery - Sat. 12th Aug. - 7.30pm

### NOTICE

People are asked to refrain from leaving their rubbish behind St. Paul's Church in Emo.

### IN THE SPIRIT

Alone we are only a spark, but in the Spirit we are a fire.  
Alone we are only a string, but in the Spirit we are a lyre.  
Alone we are only an anthill, but in the Spirit we are a mountain.  
Alone we are only a drop, but in the Spirit we are a fountain.  
Alone we are only a feather, but in the Spirit we are wing.  
Alone we are only a beggar, but in the Spirit we are a king.  
*Amado Nervo*

### FIRST FRIDAY - 2nd JUNE, 2023

Masses will be celebrated as follows:-  
Portarlington: 10am / Killenard: 7.30pm  
Rath: Thurs. 1st June 9.30am

### LOURDES PHOTOGRAPHS

Every year in Lourdes our Parish Pilgrimage has been officially photographed. These photos are an important part of the history of our parish and so, over the past few years we have been attempting to gather them all together in a collection, which will be retained in the Parish Archives. While we have most of them we are missing some which would allow us complete the collection. The earliest we have is from 1977 but we are missing the following: 1978, 1994, 2006, 2021. If you have any of these, would you donate the photo to the parish, or if you are keen to retain the photo, then you might allow us to photocopy it. Did any of you record the names of those in any of the photos? Contact the Parish Office if you can help.



Congratulations to the children from Sacred Heart N.S., Rath who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend (Sat. 27th May) in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath.



Congratulations to the children from Cloneyhurke N.S. who received their First Holy Communion and the children who received their Confirmation in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Sat. 27th May.



Congratulations to Ellie Grace Dempsey Cox, Garryhinch, who was Baptised during the above Ceremonies.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Tuesday's 10.30am-7pm. All welcome.

### RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Annual Diocesan Collection for the retired priests takes place this weekend. Envelope available in your development boxes or some available at the Church porch.

### EXAM PRAYER

Dear Lord, as I take these exams, I thank you that my life is enfolded in the embrace on your great love for me. Help me with all the testing challenges of life that will come my way. Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, understanding and right judgement. Holy Mary, pray for us and all our young people. May they know the touch of your loving caress. AMEN

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the students from Colaiste Iosagáin, Portarlington who celebrated their Graduation Mass on Thursday last. We wish them well in their exams & their plans for the future.

### CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Brahms Requiem with the RTE Concert Orchestra, Fri. 9th June 8pm in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow. Soloists include internationally acclaimed Ailish Tynan, Soprano & Benjamin Russell, Baritone. Tickets €25. U.16's free. [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) Further info. [carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com) or Miriam on 087 9422608.

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

**Cookery Demonstration:** Join Yvonne Carty from 'Hey Pesto' for a cookery demonstration & talk for National Food Waste Recycling Week. Wed. 7th June at 6pm. FREE EVENT / Booking necessary.

**Breast Cancer Awareness Talk:** Carol Scot from Breast Cancer Ireland will give a talk on cancer awareness on Thurs. 22nd June at 11am. FREE EVENT / Booking necessary for both above events. Phone 057 8643751 or Email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie) to book.

**Adult Book Club:** Meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 11am.

**Baby Book Club:** Rhymes & stories for 0-3yrs of age. Booking essential - call 057 8643751 or email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoisoco.ie)

**Knitting Group:** Meets every Friday from 10.30am to 12.30. New members welcome.

### PORTARLINGTON PARISH PILGRIMAGE

From 2nd - 9th August 2023. 7 nights full board in Hotel Solitude. Transport to & from Airports. €995 per person sharing. Limited single room availability at supplement (€280). Travel Insurance €39 if required. Deposits of €300 due to be paid by June 3rd. Full payment due by July 1st. Contact Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on Main Street. Ph: Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087-9311813.

### SPONSORED 5K RUN / WALK

**In aid of Portarlington Lourdes Pilgrimage Family Day Out Walk or Run**  
On Sun. 2nd July. Commencing 11am at The Heritage Hotel, Killenard, Co. Laois. Further information & Sponsorship Cards from Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417 / Marie 087 7589896. Sponsored by Super Valu, Portarlington & The Heritage Hotel, Killenard.

### EXAM MASS - KNOCK SHRINE

Knock Shrine: For all students preparing for exams and their families. Take some time out from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for God's strength and guidance as you move through your exam period. Bring your pencil case to have it blessed. June 5th, 7.30pm, Knock Basilica, Co. Mayo.

### LAUDATO SI DAY

You are invited to our **Laudato Si Day** on Tues. 30th May in "An Gairdin Beo", beside St. Leo's Convent, Carlow- 11am to 4pm. Facilitator Jane Mellett (Trocaire). Lunch included. Booking essential. Suggested offering €20 per person. Phone Aisling in Bishop's House 059-9176725 a.s.a.p.

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO 22nd MAY

Numbers 1, 12, 22, 16 - No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Margaret Maria Walsh / Patrick Oakley / Eamonn Conway / Charlie Evans / Carmel Weldon - Promoter Prize: The Hawthorn. Next jackpot €4,000

### PORTARLINGTON G.A.A. DINNER DANCE

Sunday 4th June in the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Medal presentation & Guest Speaker. Music by Aidan Doyle 6pm-7.30pm. Live band performance by "The Seducers" - DJ until late. Tickets €45. Further Info: Keith 085 7516595.

### RATH / BALLYBRITTAS DEV. ASSOCIATION

Next meeting will take place on Mon. 29th May at 7.30pm in Rath School. All welcome to attend.

### CHOIR - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

New members always welcome to join the St. Michael's Church Parish Choir. Come along any Sunday to the 9am Mass. *Learn by doing - Singers live longer!*

### MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

**6-Day Retreats** available throughout the Summer & Autumn months. Enq. & booking to: 057 8626153 [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

### EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

The draw took place on Mon. 22nd May. Numbers 9, 12, 19, 22 - No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:  
Ann Lowry C/o Ann / Mark & Kate Deering C/o Ann / Marie & Andrew Deering C/o Ann / Genie Dobbyn C/o Ballybrittas Shop / Madeline Murphy C/o Parish Office. Next draw will be held on Mon. 29th May with a **Jackpot of €11,000**  
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, Village Cafe, Ballybrittas, Ballybrittas Shop & the Parish Office - €2 each.

### PORTARLINGTON / KILLENARD EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2023

The Emigrant Newsletter Committee are looking for articles for the upcoming 2023 Emigrant Newsletter. Do you have a topical or historical story or anecdote, some old photographs or achievement, no matter what category, that you would like to share? Every year the Emigrant Newsletter is posted to all corners of the world & enjoyed by ex-pats with news & stories from home, some copies turning up in Australia, China, Canada & the UK, to name but a few. If you have an article / old photograph we want to hear from you, so please forward all contributions to any member of the committee, drop them into the Parish Office or Email to [portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net)

### PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB

Membership is open for Derryounce Lakes fishery & Barrow river. Derryounce Lakes fishery is fly fishing only (no bait / spinning tactics allowed). The lake season is open all year round but divided into Summer season which has bag & size limits & a Winter season which is strictly catch & release. The river Barrow is open to all forms of rod & line fishing from March to end of September. There are separated permits for the lake & the river. Permits can be purchased separately. Member cards & club subscriptions can be obtained from Portarlington Auto Parts, Main Street, R32ENK2. Rules / Angling Terms & Conditions are printed on the membership card. Please be advised that fishing without a valid permit is illegal & all fisheries are monitored & patrolled.

### SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE COURSE

*Speaking with Confidence* is an 8-week practical course for those seeking measurable improvement in personal or professional communications. Starting Monday 12th of June, 5.30-7.30pm every Monday for 8 weeks in Portarlington Enterprise Centre. You will be supported in building confidence to become more at ease and effective in your ability to communicate. Sarah, founder of Hearty Humans which exists as a service providing communications and public speaking development will deliver the course. Any questions or to book a seat on the course contact Sarah on 0831822124. Or visit: [sarahheartyhumans.com](http://sarahheartyhumans.com)

### SUMMER CAMP 2023

Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington from 1st - 4th Aug. and/or 8th - 11th August. 9.30am-2pm. Suitable for boys & girls aged 5-12 years. Cost 1 week €60 / 2 weeks €115. Contact [summercampport@gmail.com](mailto:summercampport@gmail.com)

### 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 BOFII E2D  
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 BOFII E2D  
Emo Church No. 1 Account  
IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54  
Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account  
IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

### PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kiberry, Athy, Co. Kildare on Saturday 3rd June, 2023 from 11am to 5pm. Items of St. Pio will be available on the day. For information call Ann on 085 1696189. Everyone welcome.

### SUMMER CAMP 2023

Portarlington Community Centre 10am to 2pm - 8th - 11th August for children aged 4-12 years. Arts / crafts / games / dance / song / mindfulness / meditation and various other activities. Phone, text or WhatsApp Lauren on 085-8340436

### DAY OF PRAYER

Please join us to celebrate a day of Prayer at Knock Shrine, to place the Church's entire synodal process under the protection of Mary, Mother of the Church. Wed. 31st May. 11am Prayer Service in Apparition Chapel / 12 Noon Mass in the Basilica / 7pm Rosary, followed by Mass in Knock Parish Church. Join us by live-stream at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) if you cannot be there.

### PRIVATE CARER AVAILABLE

Mature woman ex-healthcare worker, seeking work as private carer/cleaner in private home. Contact Marie 086 1719070.

### PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

Sincere thanks to everyone who attended the recent concert at Scoil Phadraig & to those who donated to the collection at Supervalu, Portarlington. If you are interested in joining the band contact Pat Donegan or any committee member. Phone 083 8510428.

### DERELICTION FUND

Laois & Offaly County Councils have collaborated with Laois Chamber Alliance & Portarlington Business Assoc. to launch the "Vacant Commercial Property Incentive Scheme" in Portarlington. It offers 11 financial supports & mentoring opportunities for new / existing businesses interested in leasing / renting a premises that have been vacant for 6 months +. This scheme has been extended to Portarlington to encourage uptake by new & potential businesses on the town's Main Street and environs. If you are interested in further information contact Brenda Earl or Sheila Cahill (Business Support Unit Laois Co. Co.) 057 8664015 or Laois Chamber Alliance 085 2566522. You can also Email [info@laoischamber.ie](mailto:info@laoischamber.ie)