

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

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, Portarlinton

www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 29th January, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

UN World Leprosy Day

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 28th January - 6.15pm

Ann Browne, Ballymorris Manor (M.M.); Leo Broughan, Portarlinton (1st Anniv.); Michael Webster, French Church Street (10th Anniv.); Dec. members of the Webster & Gaffney Families; Frances Ellard, Clannmalire (13th Anniv.); Josie Lynch, Ballymorris,

Sunday 29th January - 12.15pm

Dolores Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (4th Anniv.) Rose (4th Anniv.) & Thomas (11th Anniv.) Hoey, Kilbride; Joe Horan, Church View; Eamon O'Boyle, Church View; Patrick & Una Mitchell & dec. members of the Mitchell Family; Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Michael Webster, French Church St. & dec. members of the Webster & Gaffney Families

ANNIVERSARY MASS DURING THE WEEK PORTARLINGTON 10AM

Mon. 30th Jan. - Alice McCann

Tues. 31st Jan. - Thomas & Bridget O'Reilly & son, Oliver O'Reilly, Avondale

Fri. 3rd Feb. 10am Margaret (Maggie) McDonnell & dec. members of the McDonnell Family

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 29th January - 10.30am

Ann Browne, Ballymorris Manor (M.M.); Patsy Connel, Lea (7th Anniv.); John Dunne, Rathmiles (7th Anniv.); James & Bridget Dunne, Rathmiles; James Tynan, Old Pound; Tom Broderick, Galway

Friday 3rd February - 7.30pm (1st Friday)

Thomas & Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage & their son, Paul Maher

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 28th January - 7.30pm

Fr. Jack Walsh P.E. (3rd Anniv.); Mary O'Rourke, Kennell Cross (5th Anniv.) Elizabeth Prior, Morette (7th Anniv.) Mary Stronge, Killimy Road (10th Anniv.) Patrick Kirwan, Killimy (36th Anniv.) William & Kathleen Byrne, Killimy & deceased members of the Copeland Family

James Kehoe, Coolbanagher; Martin & Elizabeth Kelly, Coolbanagher; Brian Dunne, Portlaoise & Coolbanagher

Sunday 29th January - 11am

Fr. Jack Walsh P.E. (3rd Anniv.); Michael & Elizabeth Moore, Morette & son, Pat Moore; Mary Stronge, Killimy Road (10th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 29th January - 9am

Fr. Jack Walsh P.E. (3rd Anniv.); Liam Tynan, Canal House, Fisherstown (7th Anniv.); Frank Dempsey, Monasterevin; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove; Jack Behan, Rath; Joseph & Julia McCormack, Ballybrittas; Andrew & Brigid Heffernan; Tom & John Murphy, Courtwood; Bridget Burke, Ashgrove

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week.

Mrs Alice Ryan, Clonsast, Bracknagh

Ann Ramsbottom (nee Hargrove), Luggacurran, Portlaoise & late of Bracklone Street

Jim Keogh, Assumpta Terrace

Feast of St. Brigid - Wed. 1st February

Pause for Peace

'Pause for Peace' movement is calling on people all around the world to stop for one minutes silence at 12 noon on St. Brigid's Day.

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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD

Thursday 2nd February

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. Blessing of candles will take place at the 10am Mass on Thurs. 2nd Feb. in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton.



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

& FIRST FRIDAY

Friday 3rd Feb.

Friday next is the Feast of St. Blaise and is also the First Friday of the Month. Mass and Blessing of Throats as follows:

Portarlinton Mass 10am Killenard 7.30pm
Emo: Mass 9.15am Rath: Mass Thurs. 9.30am



baptism



We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlinton Parish

Patrick Joseph Pio Nevin, Na Cluainte
Mark Kevin McHale, Blackstick Priory

COMMUNION CALLS

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

Tuesday 31st January

Congress Tce; Crowe Lane; St. Brigid's Sq; Station Court; Newmill Court; Canal Rd; Corrig Derrymore; Lea; Lough; Old Pound; Rathmiles

Wednesday 1st February

Ballybrittas; Bellgrove; Ballyadden; Courtwood; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Morette; Coolbanagher; Knightstown; Killeen; Tinnakil; Woodbrook; Shaen

Thursday 2nd February

Assumpta Terrace; St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace; Gracefield; Avondale; Shandra; Annamoe; Bog Road; Patrick Ave; Patrick St; Rosecourt; Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Cushina; Botley Court

EMO PARISH

YEARLY PARISH ENVELOPES



The envelope boxes for 2023 are available at the back of the Church in Emo and in Rath from this weekend. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes and special collection envelopes. If you could please write your name and address on the envelope donation in order to register with the parish. Any parishioner giving €250 or in excess to the Parish over the year will entitle the parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and the Self Employed persons. Forms are available from the Parish Office and also at the Church Porch. The contributions given in this way goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches and of parish buildings.

We thank you, most sincerely for your continued contributions to the parish. They are greatly appreciated.

STATISTICS 2022



Portarlinton & Emo Parishes

Baptisms: Portarlinton 123 / Emo 40

First Communion: Portarlinton 180 / Emo 45

Confirmation: Portarlinton 168 / Emo 54

Marriages: Portarlinton 28 / Emo 8

Funerals: Portarlinton 57 / Emo 20

THEOLOGY COURSES

Study Theology, 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 February 8th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Brad Bhride Demonstration with Rita O'Loughlin.

Thurs. 2nd Feb. commencing 11am. Rita will give a demonstration & discuss this old tradition, she also invites you to bring an old scarf to work on if you wish. Bookings: Ph: 057 8643751

Email portarlintonlibrary@laoisccoco.ie

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP

Annual Fundraising Draw 2023

1st Prize - Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by Portarlinton Credit Union Ltd.)

5 Prizes of €50 each (Sponsored by SuperValu). Draw will take place on Tuesday 31st January at 9pm during Bingo in the GAA Centre, Portarlinton. 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. Details of 2023 Portarlinton Pilgrimage will be announced shortly.



EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

19th August 2023 for 5 nights.

Further details at a later date.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Pilgrimage Package July 5th to 12th Costs €725 PPS. Flight Dublin to Split €50 Discount if Deposit paid by 31/01/2023 Accompanied by Spiritual Director Contact: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands (Supporting bereaved parents), is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 8th Feb. at 7.15pm in Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free & open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Online service available. Phone: 01 4045378

PARENTS FIRST

New Year - New opportunity to get involved! Are you a parent or grandparent with a few hours free each week? If so, please consider offering friendly support to young parents with Parents First. There is free training and ongoing mentoring. Find out more, call Dolores or Paula at 086-1959221 or 057-9322996

MONASTEREVIN CAMINO WALK

To commemorate St. Brigid, a Camino Walk in her honour will take place on Mon. 6th February, commencing at 11am from St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice on the Monasterevin-Rathangan Road (R141) (walk approx. 6km). The walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras, then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter & Pauls Church Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. Further details contact Monasterevin Parish office 045 525346.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



Lotto

Lotto draw took place on Mon. 23rd January. Numbers: 3, 13, 17, 18 - No Jackpot Winner. €25 to each of the following:- Tommy Wilson, Coolroe; Michael Connolly C/o Deirdre; Cora Carroll C/o Bernie; Ann Lowry C/o Ann; Tony Carroll C/o Deirdre. The next draw will take place on Mon. 30th Jan. with a Jackpot of €8,200. Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office, Portarlinton at €2 each.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto Results for 23rd January.

Numbers: 7, 24, 22, 4 - No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Deirdre Doyle; Daniel Hanlon; Clodagh Norval; James Grehan; Elizabeth McLoughlin. Promoters prize: Edette Kennedy. **Next Jackpot €5,000**

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

Portarlinton Concert Band meet every week for children & adults. If interested in further information contact Pat on 083 8510428.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

Dancing Lessons: Every Monday night from 7.45 - 9.15pm. €8 per session. Waltz, Jive, Quick Step and Line Dancing

Keep Fit: Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. €5 per class. Fitness Instructor is Eimear Mathews.

The Buckley's in Concert: Sunday 12th February from 3.30pm. Tickets €12. Folk, traditional and ballads plus supporting acts.

WANTED - GRINDS IRISH

Seeking experienced Irish teacher to deliver grinds for Irish Leaving Certificate (honours). Emo area. Contact Linda on 086 3375244.

BINGO

Portarlinton Social Services senior citizens Bingo recommences Wed. 1st Feb. at 8.30pm in the Social Services centre, Link Road. Come along for the Bingo, refreshments and a chat.

GAEILGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish gathering each Wednesday in February - 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown. €2 contribution. Fáilte le cach. Enjoy a cupán tae agus chat.

MORTGAGE ARREARS / ABHAILE SCHEME

Is your mortgage in arrears? Are you worried about losing your home? If so, there is help. You may be entitled to free financial advice under the Abhaile Scheme, which is a State funded service. For further info. contact Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland on 085 8674883 (www.fsireland.ie).

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE



Now taking bookings for the next ten-week course of child swimming lessons starting on 13th of Feb. Little Swimmers up till Rookie. Lifeguard Places available, book your place today by calling 057-8645800 or email portarlinton@laoisleisure.ie

G.R.O.W.

Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm - 4pm at Portarlinton Social Services, Link Road. Any person over 18 years of age is welcome to attend. If you require any further information in relation to this meeting, contact Assumpta on 086 8114135 or Email assumptalynons@grow.ie

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to make a donation to Portarlinton / Emo Parishes, please see bank details below, where you can transfer directly to the Parish Accounts.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlinton BOFII2D

Portarlinton Parish No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14

Portarlinton Parish Clergy Fund A/C

IBAN: IE59 BOFI 9018 6196 5850 57

EMO PARISH

B.O.I. Mountmellick BOFII2D

Emo Church No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54

Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account

IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

UPCOMING EVENTS

AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD



Prayerful Meditation Day

Saturday 11th February - 10am - 3pm
Offering a day to meditate, pray and be nourished using Scripture. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney hfb. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee and biscuits provided.

'Ageing with Grace' Day

Saturday 18th February- 10am - 4.40pm
A retreat day for people of any age committed to living their lives one day at a time, accepting themselves as they are and cultivating a light heart, a joyful spirit and a peaceful mind. Facilitated by Ms Maria Garvey. Cost: €60 (includes Lunch and Tea/Coffee break)

For further information/bookings, please contact: The Secretary on 057-8626153 or email secretary@mountstannes.com

EASY YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

From 12.30 to 1.30pm and will continue every Saturday. You can join at any stage. Portarlinton Community Centre. Cost €40 for four weeks. When you come along, please bring a mat and a blanket. For further information & booking contact Adel on 086 3656209.

PIANO LESSONS

At B#Sharp, Main Street, Portarlinton. Register any time by contacting Keith on 085 7516595 / Conor 086 1639153

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.

I.S.P.C.A. LAOIS DOG POUND / SHELTER



Food Appeal:- The Laois Dog Pound appeal is back after three years because of Covid. Collection at Super Valu, this weekend. Please give generously.

WANTED - CARER



Would you be available to take care of an elderly lady in her own home in the Ballybrittas area. Wednesday's from 12 noon to 3pm or Friday's from 10am to 1pm. Additional hours may be available. This is a paying position. References required. Contact Elizabeth 086 2521208.