



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: 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

SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney
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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

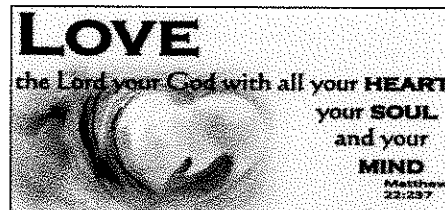
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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.mcmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN O.T.

Year A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 28th October – 6.15pm

Paul Dempsey, Kilbride (M.M.)
Brendan Lyons, Spa Street (1st Anniv.)
Oliver Evans, St. Joseph's Terrace (4th Anniv.)
Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh
Lily Maher, Sandy Lane (14th Anniv.)
Dan & Mary Gallagher & deceased members of the Gallagher Family, Treascon
Bridget & John O'Neill, Gracefield & their son Owen O'Neill & his wife Isobel & daughter Mollie & her husband Bob; Jim O'Neill
Christy, Paddy & Ned Whelan & deceased members of the Whelan Family, Treascon

Sunday 29th October – 12.15pm

Catherine (Christina) O'Reilly, Patrick St. (M.M.)
Joe Kelly, St. Michael's Park
William & Rita Kenny & their son, Frank Kenny, Kilmalogue

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 29th October - 10.30am

Jim Lawlor, Ballycarroll (M.M.)
Sally Dalton;
Michael Costello, Lea & Ballycarroll

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)

Mon. 30th Oct: Jackie Hanlon, Gracefield
Mateusz Drozd, Castlelea View (1st Anniv.)
Tues. 31st Oct. ---
Wed. 1st Nov.
10am Gerard & Margaret Kearney, Drogheda
7.30pm ---
Thurs. 2nd Nov.
10am Frances Conlon (25th Anniv.)
7.30pm Mateusz Drozd, Castlelea View
Matt & Julia Colgan, Annamoe
Fri. 3rd Nov. 10am ---

✠ DECEASED - R. I. P. ✠

Your prayers are requested for the following who died recently:-
Gregory (Greg) Coogan, Heisinki, Finland & formerly Shiphouse, Portarlington
Bernadette Kearns, Portlaoise
George Donagher, Droughill, Bishopswood
Laurence (Lar) Flynn, Fisherstown, Ballybrittas

DEAD LIST

If you wish to enrol your loved ones on the Dead List to be remembered at Masses during the year, an envelope is available in your development box or in the Church porch.

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 28th October – 7.30pm

John O'Flynn, Barna, Galway (6th Anniv.) & his daughter, Deirdre (De) Keogh, Emo (6th Anniv.)
Valerie Carroll, Killimy; Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick, The Heath; Deceased members of the Flynn Family, Morette; James & Elizabeth Kehoe, Coolbanagher

Sunday 29th October – 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 29th October - 9am

Brigid Dempsey, Jamestown (2nd Anniv.)
Michael Kinsella, Fisherstown (6th Anniv.)
Tommy Donohoe, Rath; Thomas & Elizabeth Donohoe & deceased members of the Donohoe Family, Rath



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS – HOLY DAY

Wednesday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints & a Holy day of obligation.

Masses as follows:-

Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard 10.30am

Emo 7.30pm Rath 9am

FEAST OF ALL SOULS – Thurs. 2nd Nov.

Thurs. 2nd November is the Feast of All Souls.

Indulgences:

The faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence for the holy souls, one per day, from 1st to 8th November. (One Our Father and Hail Mary for the Popes Intentions).

Masses as follows:-

Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard 10.30am

Emo 7.30pm Rath 9am

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

Friday next, 3rd November, is the First Friday of the Month. Masses as follows:-

Portarlington: 10am Emo: 7.30pm

Mission Sunday Collection

Theme: **Luke (24:13-35); "Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move".**

On behalf of Pope Francis, thank you for support World Mission Sunday. Your kindness means that overseas missionaries can continue to share the love of God with some of the world's most marginalized and vulnerable people. Thanks also to everyone who donated to the Church collection last weekend for Mission Sunday. It is greatly appreciated. To learn more go to www.missio.ie



NOVEMBER

Throughout the month of November our thoughts & prayers turn to the faithful departed. We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. At the beginning of the month the feasts of All Souls & All Saints remind us that all is not ended when earthly life comes to a close, we are promised eternal life.

The Pledge for the month of November

Many people offer spiritual support to a relation who is struggling because of alcohol or an addiction problem.

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term Pioneer pledge during the month of the Holy Souls are invited to visit

www.pioneers.ie/pray.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES



Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place on Sun. 5th November.

Blessing will take place as follows:-

Killenard after the 10.30am Mass
St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington
at 3pm.

BAPTISMS

We welcome the following into the Christian Community



PORTARLINGTON & EMO PARISHES

Leah Anne Mary Mooney, Clannalire Close
Keelan Troy Nolan, Droughill
George Friel, Patrick Street
Cian Jace Murphy, The Glen, Kilnacourt
Myla Maye Silva O'Connor, Fisherstown
Eva Beth Mahony, Courtwood

SYNOD NEWS

Highlights from the Synod

The first session of the Synod draws to a close on October 29th. Synod delegates have been discussing throughout this week the assembly's final document, which is set to be voted on in the evening of Oct. 28. They are also due to vote on the publication of a separate, brief "Letter to the People of God" that is meant to convey the general experience of the synod process. Both documents are expected to provide a framework for further areas of reflection and engagement with the local levels of the church, ahead of the second session of the synod in October 2024.

Highlights from the Synod are available at www.synod.va

GROW MENTAL HEALTH

SUPPORT MEETING

Thursday from 2.30pm – 4.30pm in the Social Services Centre, Link Road. Confidential service – Reach out to us now and start getting the support you need. Further info. Contact Assumpta on 086 8114135 or Email assumptayons@grow.ie

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Emo Active Retirement group will meet on Tues. 7th November at 8pm in the Old School.

CLONASLEE THANKSGIVING CONCERT

Clonaslee Parish present

Dana, Philomena Begley & Special Guests for a special night of Music & Song. Proceeds in aid of the Parish Church. Concert takes place on Sun. 10th December at 8pm. Tickets will go on line shortly. You can contact Dolores on 087 414 8093 or Local Businesses in Clonaslee.

COURTWOOD GAA

1962 – 2022 – DINNER DANCE

Sat. 4th Nov. commencing 7pm sharp in Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. 4 course meal with spot prizes. Music by Premier DJs. Tickets €50 each can be had from Club members.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

AGM

Fri 17th Nov. at the Clubhouse. Club members, parents, supporters & potential new members are invited & encouraged to attend. For Nomination & Motion forms, contact our Secretary, Barry Finlay by text on 087-7707511 or email secretary.odempseys.laois@gaa.ie

PIANO LESSONS / EXAM GRINDS

Piano lessons available – All levels catered for. Leaving & Junior Cert. Music Grinds & preparation for theory exams. Experienced, highly qualified Teacher (Masters Degree). Limited vacancies. To book please phone Donal on 085 7393927.

LOST

Spectacles lost on Sunday last - They were in a green coloured case.. Contact the Parish Office.

KILLENARD CHORAL & DRAMATIC SOCIETY

REUNION

The Thatch, Killenard – Thurs. 9th November from 6pm – 8.30pm. Light refreshments on the night. Please come along & if you have photos or memorabilia, please bring them with you.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Sign up at reception for the Family Pumpkin Carving Competition on Sun. 29th October (Today) from 1-2pm. To be in with a chance to win a free place in "child swimming lessons" commencing 20th November.

LOCK UP AND LIGHT UP



The clocks are due to go back this weekend so we appeal to people to secure their homes & premises & to **Lock Up & Light Up** during the winter months. Burglaries increase by approx. 20% over the winter months of October to March. **WWW.garda.ie for Home Security tips and Advices.**

ROSARY

Rosary will be recited every evening at 4pm in St. John's Church, Killenard. All welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's Church, on Tues. 10.30am–7pm

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS

Portarlington Christmas Carollers are commencing practice shortly for their annual Christmas Concert in St. Michael's Church. If you would like to come along to our practices, & take part, contact Charlotte on 086-0677072. Also, if you play the violin or the flute, we would be delighted to have you join the group.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Baby Book Club

To book for next event phone 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Knitting Club

Meets every Friday morning 10:30am-12:30. **Sensory Toy Resource Collection** A service for parents of children with additional needs who live in Co. Laois. The toys are designed to support the development of gross motor skills, fine motor skills and communication skills. Further details on website or ask at the library desk.

Laois Libraries Online Book Club

The online Book Club read one book a month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Join us on the last Wednesday of each month when questions are posed for discussion on our Book Club Facebook page. This month we are reading House of Ashes by Stuart Neville New members are always welcome. **Phone 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie**

SECOND BOOK OF WRITINGS OF THE LATE

FR. JOHN CUMMINS

Following the great success of the first book, the family of Fr. John Cummins have issued a second publication in his memory. This new book, also name "My Life in Your Hands", contains more sermons of Fr. John's. €15 each. Will be available from the Parish Office.

VIOLIN LESSONS

Violin lessons commencing weekly, individual and ensemble classes for all ages from 3 years to adult. Studio based in Portarlington. Further information contact Irene Rammos on 089 9818065 or Email iramos.violinstudio@gmail.com

PORTARLINGTON BREAST FEEDING

SUPPORT GROUP

Takes place on the last Wednesday of every month from 10.30am to 12 noon in Portarlington Primary Care (1st Floor) – For expecting, experienced & new mothers. Booking essential as places limited. Phone to book on 0860296899

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

EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Numbers 3, 4, 12, 18 – No Jackpot winner. €25 each to:- Sharon Mooney C/o Bernie Gorman; Ciara Dunne C/o Maeve; John Flynn C/o Maeve; Peadar Duffy C/o Maeve; Paula McCormack C/o Ann Lowry. Next draw will take place on Mon. 6th November with a **Jackpot of €4,600.**



GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

23rd Oct. 2023 – Week No. 43

Numbers 20, 5, 13, 30 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Caroline Murphy; Niamh Peters; Jenny Gorman; Stephen Byrne & to Marian Bryan. Promoter prize: Tadhg Bryan. **Next week's Jackpot €8,400**

Laois County Council

Notice to all staff, former staff, members and their families

You are invited to attend the annual prayer service in memory of deceased staff and members of Laois County Council which will be held on Tues. 7th Nov. at 6pm in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise. Light refreshments will be served. People of all faiths welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

Keep Fit Classes:

Classes continue every Wednesday night from 7-8pm under the guidance of Eimear Mathews. €5 per class.

Dancing Lessons:

Every Monday night with Dolores Casey 7.45-9.15pm. €8 per lesson.

PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S SHED

This group meet at Portarlington Community Centre every Tuesday from 12 Noon to 2pm & on Thursday from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Drop in for a cuppa, a chat and lots of activities and outings.

The Women's Shed are holding a Christmas Market on Sat. 9th Dec. from 11am to 3pm. To book a table, E-mail portarlingtonwomensshed@gmail.com or phone 087 4748068. A visit to Santa on the day also. Proceeds from refreshments in aid of the Cuisle Centre, Laois.