



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

DIOCESE www.kandle.ie

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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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 2nd APRIL, 2023

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 1st April - 6.15pm

Michael (Mick) Murphy, St. Michael's Park (8th Anniv.); Elizabeth (Liz) Dunne (nee Slattery), Cushina (10th Anniv.); Frank Kelly, Cushina; Brigid Gorman, Borness (22nd Anniv.)

Sunday 2nd April - 12.15pm

Sr. Francesca Kelly, Presentation Sister, Kilcock & formerly Ballymorris (1st Anniv.); James Douglas, Bishopswood; James Knight, Seskin; Jim & Mary Carroll, Bracklone St. & deceased members of the Carroll Family;
Kate & Pat Sherlock, Co. Monaghan & deceased members of the Sherlock Family

10AM MASS - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 3rd April Eileen Finlay (5th Anniv.) & Jack Finlay (31st Anniv.), Patrick St. & Son, Brendan (2nd Anniv.), Patrick St. & Tenerife
Tues. 4th April Josie Kearney, Clonbullogue

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 2nd April - 10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 1st April - 7.30pm

Jim Hyland, The Sawmills, Ballybrittas (2nd Anniv.); Joe Hyland & dec. members of the Hyland Family, Woodbrook; Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas; Thomas Carroll, New Inn
Sean Flynn, Carn; Frank MacNamee, Carn

Sunday 2nd April - 11am

Eileen Kerry, Coolbanagher (23rd Anniv.); Thomas Carroll, New Inn; Noel Mee (14th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 2nd April - 9am

Tone O'Connell, Coolroe; George & Alice Kelly, Bellgrove

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week.
Mary Whalley (nee Coleman), who died in England, formerly Closeland
Patrick Joe Duffy, Ballyadden



BLESSED EASTER WATER

BOTTLES OF BLESSED EASTER WATER
WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME
FROM ALL CHURCHES FROM
EASTER SUNDAY.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing at 7pm. Sunday's during Lent 5-7pm.

PALM SUNDAY

Confirmation

Congratulations to the children from Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation during the week.
Bishop Denis Nulty visited the parish to administer the Sacrament.

1st HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend, we welcome the children who will receive their First Holy Communion this year, to our weekend Masses.



St. Michael's Cemetery - Today

The Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm TODAY (Palm Sunday). All very welcome.

CHRISM MASS

You are invited to join Bishop Denis & the priests of the diocese for the celebration of the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Mon. 3rd April at 7.30pm. Oils for use in the celebration of sacraments in the coming year will be blessed & consecrated & the priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

EASTER COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH

This collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelope available in your development boxes or at the Church porch.

BLESSING OF FOOD FOR THE POLISH COMMUNITY

"Święcenie Pokarmów Wielkanocnych w Wielką Sobotę, 8sty kwiecień 2023 @ 12 noon. w kościele St. Michael w Portarlington. Zapraszamy do wzięcia udziału."
Blessing of food (Polish Community) at 12 noon on Sat. 8th April 2023 (Holy Saturday)

CHOIR FOR EASTER

Rehearsal on Tues. 4th April after the Penitential Service in St. Michael's Church.

YEAR A

EASTER CEREMONIES

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Portarlington: Tues. 4th April 7.30pm
Mountmellick: Wed. 5th April 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

Portarlington:
After all masses & ceremonies during the week. Saturday at 11am
Killenard:
After the Ceremonies Good Friday
Emo / Rath:
After Ceremonies Holy Thursday & Good Friday

HOLY THURSDAY 6th April

(No morning Mass)

Portarlington:
7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper with procession to the Altar of Repose and Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 11pm
Killenard:
7pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 9pm
Rath:
7.30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Emo:
8.15pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 10pm.

GOOD FRIDAY 7th April

(Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Portarlington:
3pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.30pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion
Killenard:
7pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion
Emo:
5pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Rath:
7.30pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion

HOLY SATURDAY 8th April

Portarlington:
9pm Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection
Emo:
7.30pm Easter Vigil & Mass of Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY

9th April 2023

Portarlington: 9am & 12.15pm Mass
Killenard: 10.30am Mass
Emo: 11am Mass
Rath: 9am Mass



A PRAYER ON PALM SUNDAY



Loving Father, with palm branches we recall when Jesus was welcomed by crowds into the city of Jerusalem.

Bless us with your Spirit as we prepare to journey through Holy Week.

May we find time to listen again to the story of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

There, may we discover the love of God, which knows no bounds.

We bring with us our suffering and pain, our worry and loss and the suffering, pain, worry and loss of the whole world at this time.

May we hear proclaimed this coming Easter Day that Jesus is risen!

May we have our hope renewed in God who brings good out of bad and even life out of death. AMEN

EMO FOREST RUN 2023

Bill Devereux Perpetual Trophy

5K and 10K – Good Friday 7th April at 6pm. Commencing at Emo Community Centre. Register on line www.justrunsevents.com

LOUGH DERG 2023

One Day Retreats: (Admission €45)
May 1st / 7th / 9th / 14th / 20th / 27th / 29th
August: 19th / 22nd / 27th
September: 2nd / 6th / 9th / 12th / 16th / 17th / 23rd / 24th
Three Day Pilgrimage: (Admission €80)
Starts 1st June (Thurs.). Runs until 15th August.
Residential Retreats / Lakeshore Pilgrimage / Quiet Days all available. Booking: 071 9861518
info@loughderg.org www.loughderg.org

LOUGH DERG



PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP

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. Contact Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on Main St. Ph: Marie 087-7589896 / Vera 087-9311813.

EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Five nights – 21st August – 26th August, 2023. €745 per person sharing. Includes return flights from Dublin / 10-kg baggage allowance / Transfers / 5 nights in the 4* Hotel Astrid. Further info. & booking contact: Deirdre Lawlor 087-2299457 or Tony Byrne 086-1225833

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Package July 5th to 12th at a cost of €745 p.p.s. Flight Dublin to Split. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. Contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305. A few seats still available.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. - GOLF CLASSIC

Golf Classic takes place Fri. 7th April at the Heritage, Killenard. (Scramble format). Team Registration & sponsorship details from: <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golf-classic-2023>

CLEAN UP LAOIS

Join the fight against litter, as part of Clean up Laois week (April 17th – 23rd). Reg. forms for Clean Up Packs available from www.laois.ie (Clean Up Laois Week 2023)
cleanupweek@laoiscoco.ie or Ph: 057-8674322

SLIMMING WORLD - PORTARLINGTON

Wednesdays: Solas Garden Centre 9.30am Portarlington Community Centre 5.30-7.30pm New & rejoining members welcome. No booking required – Phone Martina on 087 7838403.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Next meeting will take place on Tues. 11th April at 8pm in the Old School. No meeting on 4th April due to Holy Week Ceremonies.

Trocaire



All Trocaire boxes should be returned as soon as possible. You can bring your Trocaire Box to the Holy Week Ceremonies / Easter Masses. Please do not leave the Trocaire boxes on the seats or around the Churches. You can leave them into the Parish Office, give them to the priests, Sacristans or parish staff. Donations also: www.trocaire.org Call-save to 1800 408 408 Post to: Trocaire, Maynooth, Kildare.

MATT TALBOT

"Freedom from Addiction Mass"

Takes place in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow on Monday next, 3rd April at 10am. At this Mass we pray for all those battling addiction, their families & all those affected by addiction in any way. We also remember specifically those enrolled in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society at this Mass. If you would like to enroll yourself or somebody else visit www.matttalbotprayersociety.com or phone St. Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894

VACANCY - BUS ESCORT

Rath N.S. are looking for a substitute Bus Escort for casual substitution work. Please contact the school on 057 8626270 or email office@rathns.com for more information.

EASTER CAMP

Taking place in Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road from Tues. 11th – Fri. 14th April for boys & girls of primary school age. Times: 9.30am to 2pm. €60 / Sibling discounts available. Registration forms at the school office.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto Draw - 27th March 2023

Numbers 31, 9, 10, 1 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Avanne Byrne; Gillian Treacy; Kathleen Greene; Antoinette Comerford; Kerry Power. Promoter's prize: Colette O'Reilly - Next week's Jackpot €2,400.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

Social Dance April 15th dancing to Glen Flynn. Dancing Lessons Monday 7.45pm-9.15pm. €8 Keep Fit Wednesday 7-8pm. €5 each night.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

The draw took place on 27th March. Numbers 3, 7, 15, 23 - No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Nancy O'Connell C/o Mena; James Hyland C/o Village Cafe; Des O'Connell C/o Mena; Adrian O'Halloran C/o Emo Shop; Mary Dunne, Coolroe C/o Maeve
Next week's Jackpot is €9,800
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS



Used postage stamps wanted for Foreign Missions. Please leave in through the letter box of The Nook Shop, Patrick Street.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (Sun. 16th April)

Celebrations will be held in Moore Abbey Chapel, Monasterevin on Sun. 16th April 2023. All invited to attend. Enquiries to 086 3797454.

EASTER MASS BOUQUETS

Easter Mass Bouquets available in the Parish Office. €6 each.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 travel allowance. Find out more, call Dolores or Paula at 086 1959221 or 0579322996

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

PORTARLINGTON TIDY TOWNS

The Tidy Towns are holding a "Plant & Seed Swap", where gardeners & enthusiasts can come together to swap cuttings, seeds & plants. Please have name tags on your plants or seeds. Taking place on Thurs. 6th April at 6pm in Portarlington Community Centre.

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. There are spaces available on our MAY 2023 Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

LIVING WELL FOR LONGER EXPO.

Healthy Laois & Age Friendly Laois Expo Events takes place on Thurs. 13th April from 4-8pm in Portlaoise College, Mountrath Road - R32 N795. 50 Stands in attendance which will showcase supports, services, groups & activities available to all ages in Laois. Further info. Phone 086 0363426 / tcurren@laoiscoco.ie

APRIL DEMENTIA CAFE

April Dementia Cafe being held on April 3rd at 10.30am in the Bridge House Hotel with guest speaker Maura Byrne. Maura will talk on 'Family Carer Stress'.
Annual Tea Day Fundraiser on May 4th. Would you host a tea day? If so register for a Tea-day pack www.teaday.ie or phone 087-7151323.

CAR BOOT SALE - SOLAS, LEA RD.

Sun. 23rd April 10am-3pm. Book online for a stall. <https://www.thegardenshop.ie/car-boot-sale/>

FAMILY FUN DAY & TRACTOR RUN

Proceeds in aid of Team Ireland & Irish Cancer Society
Fisherman's Family Fun Day and Tractor Run, Easter Sat. 8th April at the Fisherman's Thatched Inn, Fisherstown. Join us from 12pm starting with an Easter Egg Hunt & Funfair, Tractor Run approx. 2pm. Raffle & Spot Prizes.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

(Supporting bereaved parents),
Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 12th April at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online service. Further info: 01-4045378.