

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info: 1890 474 474

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney
Kathleen Sherry – Director of Safeguarding - Tel: 085-8021633 dlp@kandle.ie E-mail safeguarding@kandle.ie

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

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton>



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

Sunday 2nd January 2022 ✠ Second Sunday of Christmas ✠ Year C

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 1st January - 6.15pm

Nuala Murphy, Main St; Martin & Ellen Keily;
Dec. members of the Kelly Family, Bracklone;
Julia Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.)
Mary O'Leary, Killenure (B/Day Rem.);

Sun. 2nd Jan. - 12.15pm

Brendan Carey, Lea (2nd Anniv.); Jack Hyland,
Garryhinch (2nd Anniv.); Christy (Brophy) Smith,
Ballymorris (2nd Anniv.) & dec. members of the
Smith & Byrne Families; Tom Murphy, Corrig;
Julia Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.);

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON

MASS AT 10AM EACH MORNING



Mon. 3rd Jan.

Margaret (Maggie) Kelly (nee Lawlor),
Annamoe (3rd Anniv.)

Tues. 4th Jan.

Julia Gorry, St. Brigid's Square

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 2nd January 2022 - 10.30am

Christina Nicholls, Bracklone Street;
Mary, Joseph & Peg Boland & deceased
members of the Boland Family, Ballycarroll

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat 1st January - 7.30pm

Mary Mulhall, New Inn; Kathleen Keegan,
Lough (4th Anniv.); Matthew & Mary Ellen
Dunne, Coolaghy; May Rowe, Killimy

Sun. 2nd Jan. - 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 2nd January - 9am

Clare Dunne, Belgrove (1st Anniv.);
Tim O'Connell, Coolroe; Thomas & Catherine
McHaie; Joseph McHale, Rath; Peter & Mary
Blanche, Ballon; Thomas & Mary Blanche; Mary
Nugent, Bellgrove; Sarah Whitbread, London;
Anne Delaney, Coole & daughter Anne Tynan,
Jamestown

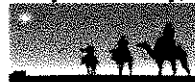
DECEASED R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following
who died during the week:-

Edward (Ned) Mulhall, Morette, Emo
Anne Gilligan, Coolbanagher, Emo
Sean O'Keefe, Bishopswood, Portarlinton

THE EPIPHANY

Thursday 6th January, 2022



On 6th January we celebrate the Feast of the
Epiphany, which commemorates the arrival of
the three wise men and their recognition of
Jesus as the Messiah, the One sent by God.
In the Irish tradition it is often called
Nollaig na mBan or Women's Christmas.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Thursday 6th January 2022 is the Feast of
the Epiphany and is a Holy Day.
Masses on the Holy Day as follows:
Portarlinton: 10am & 7.30pm
Killenard: 10.30am
Emo: 7.30pm
Rath: 9am

PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY A STAR IS BORN



*The Magi were led to Christ by the
light of a star.
But they saw the star only because
they were not afraid to travel in the dark.
The fact is, we cannot see the stars
in the bright light of day,
but only in the darkness of night;
and the darker the night,
the brighter they shine.
In a sense, all of us are night-time travelers.
However, we need no longer fear the
darkness,
because with the coming of Christ
a light has come into the world,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that no darkness can overpower.*

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to everyone who
contributed so generously to the recent
collection for the Priests of the Parish and
also for your contributions to the parish
over the year. Your generosity is greatly
appreciated.

We thank all who attended the Christmas
Ceremonies and who viewed the
Ceremonies on our Webcam. We thank
the Organists, Choirs, Musicians,
Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans,
Aaltar Servers, those who decorated the four
Churches and who erected the Cribbs.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament held in
St. Michael's Parish Church, Portarlinton
each Tuesday after 10am Mass &
continues until 7pm.

Chalking the Door of the Home on Epiphany

An Epiphany tradition in parts of Europe is
for people to write a special sign in chalk
over their front door, as a reminder of the
Magi that visited the baby Jesus. It's made
using the year split in two,
with the initials of the names
that are sometimes given to
the Magi, Caspar, Melchior &
Balthazar, in the middle.
So 2022 is written as
20+C+M+B+22. The initials
CMB also stand for the Latin
phrase, *Christus mansionem benedicat*.
'May Christ bless the house'. The
inscription is performed as a request for
Christ to bless the home & be with all those
who dwell in it throughout the year.



Prayer as you chalk the lintel of your front door

*In the name of the Father, & of the Son,
& of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
God of light, bless our home. Make it a
haven of rest for all in need of your warmth
and care, and when we go out from this
place, may we never lose sight of that
Epiphany star. We mark our door with the
symbols of the Magi. 20 + C + M + B + 22
May all who enter throughout the year find
love & light; for Christ has come to dwell in
this home & in our hearts.
Amen.*

2022 GUIDELINES

Face covering mandatory.

Social distancing must be adhered to.

Our thanks to all of you for your support
and help during the year.
We look forward to a happy and healthy 2022



IMPORTANT DATES

2022

Ash Wednesday 2nd March
Good Friday 15th April
Easter Sunday 17th April
Ascension Sun. 29th May
Pentecost Sun. 5th June
Trinity Sunday Sun. 12th June
Corpus Christi Sun. 19th June
1st Sunday of Advent 27th November

CONFIRMATION 2022

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the
Sacrament of Confirmation next year as follows:-
Emo / Rath - Thursday 24th March
Portarlinton / Cloneyhurke - Wed. 30th March
Killenard - Thursday 31st March

COVID 19 SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Alone manage a national support line for older
people who have concerns or are facing
difficulties relating to COVID 19. Call 0818 222
024 from 8am-8pm (7 days / week).

REFLEXOLOGY

Fully I.T.E.C. Certified Reflexologist available in
the Cloneygowan area. Reflexology helps with
Migraines, anxiety, depression and muscular
pain. Call or text anytime on 087 6913986.



Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours
a day, 365 days a year, offering non-judgmental
and confidential support whenever you need us.
Free-phone 116123, Text 087 2609090
Email jo@samaritans.org

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB - LOTTO

Results for draw held on 21st Dec. - Letters
drawn E, M, T, P - No Jackpot winner. €25
each to Darren Lawlor; Sean & Fionn Connolly;
Paul Kelly / Anne Lowry. Next draw will take
place on 4th January with a Jackpot of €6,200.

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

Parish Calendar for 2022 available at the
Church porches or from the Parish Office.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 3rd Jan. - The Most Holy Name of Jesus /
St. Munchin (Mainchin)
Wed. 5th Jan. - St. Charles of St. Andrew
Thurs. 6th Jan. - The Epiphany of the Lord
Fri. 7th Jan. - St. Raymond of Penyafort

SENIORS ALERT

Senior Alert Alarms available for any elderly
person or couple. It gives peace of mind to the
user and also to their family. Contact Love
Portarlinton on 057 8608395

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on Tues. 4th Jan.
2022. Please ensure you have all Anniversary
Masses booked in by Wednesday of each week.

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism:



baptism

Emo Parish

Aria Marie O'Neill, Kilbracken, Ballybrittas

Portarlinton Parish

Carter Tommy Glass, Cloneygowan

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new.
You bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year and
for all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame,
so that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
and live forever to praise Your glorious
name. Amen

G.R.O.W.

New Grow Mental Health Peer Support meeting
takes place every Thurs. from 2.30pm to
4.30pm in the Social Services Centre. Contact
Assumpta 086-8114135 assumptaylons@grow.ie

FURTHER EDUCATION

Laois & Offaly Education & Training
Portarlinton Further Education Centre are
offering a complete range of new courses
starting in January 2022. Modules include
Office administration; Business Studies;
Healthcare; Social Care & Community Addiction
Studies. Further info. from:
<https://portarlintonfetac.ie/expression-of-interest.../>

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following couples
who celebrated their marriage recently:-

Portarlinton / Killenard

William O'Connor, Tierhogar & Amanda
Hughes, Whitefields

Noel Coss, Seskin & Grainne Terrett, Rathleash

Grace Flanagan, Kilmalogue Garden &

James Mulhall, New Inn, Emo

Ashling Knight, Old Pound & Liam Power,
Waterford

Emo / Rath

Victoria Smyth, Middletown, Armagh & Anthony

McGorian, Abhann Dubh, Portarlinton

Ellen Deegan, Limetree, Dangans & Daniel

Sheridan, Bray, Co. Wicklow

Haley Prior, Morette & Shane Comerford,
Knockaroo.

All couples who wish to get married must
contact the Parish Office at least four
months prior to the Marriage

UNISLIM CLASS

Classes are starting back in Portarlinton
Community Centre on Wednesday next, 5th
January from 6.30 - 7.30pm and on Thursday
6th January from 9am - 10am. Weigh & go only,
with class over WhatsApp messenger. Contact
Laura 0874141361
for further details and booking.

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 BOFIE2D

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 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

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE
Available at the Church Porch.

PORTARLINGTON 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 1st envelope. This contribution
goes towards the upkeep of schools,
churches & parish buildings. Thank all who
contributed during the past year.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

For 2021 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 2019, 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 at all
times.

CHEQUES

Due to Bank requirements, all cheques
made payable to the Parish should have
the correct Account name.

Portarlinton Parish:

Portarlinton Parish Number 1 Account

Emo Parish:

Emo Parish Number 1 Account

Priests Collections

Portarlinton: Portarlinton Clergy Fund

Emo: Emo Clergy Fund

Individual Priests names should not be
written on the cheques.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

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



The Priests of the Parish wish all Parishioners a HAPPY, HEALTHY & PEACEFUL 2022