

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



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 30th JULY, 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY O.T.

YEAR "A"

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 29th July - 6.15pm

Michael Grant, Gracefield, (1st Anniv)
Peggy Whelan, Bishopswood; Eileen Mooney,
Botley Court, (9th Anniv.); Pat & Dina Bracken,
St. Brigid's Square (7th Anniv.) Deceased
members of the Nadarajah Family; Joe Delany;
Rita & Margaret Gallagher, Treason;
Deceased members of the Gallagher Family,
Treason

Sunday 30th July - 12.15pm

Geraldine Walsh, (nee O'Connor) Bracklone
Street (17th Anniv.)

10AM MASS - ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 31st July Chris Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce.
Tues. 1st August Mae Fenlon, Station Road;
Jonathan McCowen, Station Road & Australia
Wed. 2nd August ---
Thurs. 3rd August Bridie Lynch, Ballymorris
Fri. 4th August ---

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 30th July - 10.30am

Nuala Coffey, Bishopswood & Old Pound

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 29th July - 7.30pm

Patrick Hughes, Kilnacash, Mountmellick (MM)
Joe Lynch, Killeen, (2nd Anniv.) Ellen Kehoe,
Coolbanagher; Ann Kehoe, Coolbanagher;
Peter Booth, Woodbrook; Kathleen &
William Byrne, their daughter Maura & Son
Patrick Joseph

Sunday 30th July - 11am

Mary Dooley, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 30th July - 9am

NOTICE

Refreshments served in Emo Old School House
Sat. 30th July (tonight) after the 7.30pm Mass
to mark the Silver Jubilee (25th)

of
Fr. Joe O'Neill's Ordination.
Everyone very welcome to attend.

DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following
who died recently:-

Frances Byrne (nee Carroll), Clonegowan
(Mother of Cecilia Wrafter)

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian Community
through Baptism

Portarlinton Parish

Ella Rose McCarthy, Derrymore
Alice Patricia Conroy-Dunne, Kilnacourt Woods
Croia Marion Mullins, Sweep Road

CEMETERY MASS



Emo Old Cemetery - Sat. 12th Aug. 7.30pm

GREAT ADVENTURE



This 24 week course is commencing in
September in Scoil Phádraig, Portarlinton.
There are 4 elements to this Bible Study.
1. Home preparation 2. Weekly, two hour
study session to facilitate small group
discussions, review of the previous weeks study
questions & a 50 minute video presentation.
3. Option to join by zoom if you cannot attend
in person each week. There is an online
registration fee of approx. €50 with Ascension
Press for one year online access o the study
materials. €10 per week for the use of the
school facilities. For further information & to
register your interest email Ailish at
ailishr29@gmail.com

FIRST FRIDAY - 4th AUGUST, 2023

Friday next, 4th August, is the First
Friday of the Month.

Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

Portarlinton - Friday 10am
Killenard - Friday 7.30pm

ST. MICHAEL'S UNITY & CEMETERY COMMITTEE



Sincere thanks to all who attended from
Portarlinton & surrounding areas, the
Cemetery Mass held recently and also to
those who contributed to the up-keep of the
Cemetery. All donations are greatly
appreciated, particularly now with the
extension to the Cemetery.

REFLECTION "In His Presence"

Lord, I place myself in your presence.
After the strain & turmoil of the day I rest
quietly here, as a little boat, which has been
tossed by the waves and buffeted by the
wind, rests secure in a sheltered harbor.
Here my projects lose their power over me.
A healing process begins.
My fragmented self is reassembled,
and I am made whole again.
In your presence, I experience my true
worth, which consists not in doing but in
being. I surrender myself into your hands.
I am at peace.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Mon. 31st July

St. Ignatius Loyola (Founder of the Jesuits)
Tues. 1st Aug.

St. Alphonsus Liguori (Founder of the
Redemptorist)

Fri. 4th Aug.

St. John Mary Vianney

Sat. 5th Aug.

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Lord, Teach Me

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you
as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to
ask for reward,
save that of knowing that
I do your will. Amen.

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



Emo / Rath Parish LOTTO

Draw results Mon. 24th July 2023

Numbers: 4, 5, 6, 12 - No Jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following: Declan Wilson, C/o
Mena; Vera Moran C/o Vera; Margaret O'Brien
C/o Deirdre; Joe Keogh C/o P. Gorman; Laura
White C/o The Village Cafe.

Next draw takes place on the 31st July with a
Jackpot of €2,400. Tickets are available in Emo
Shop, Village Cafe, Ballybrittas, Ballybrittas
Shop & the Parish Office - €2 each.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP

NULTY

On Fri. 4th August, Bishop Denis

will celebrate the 10th

anniversary of his ordination as

Bishop of Kildare & Leighlin.

People, Religious & Clergy are invited to
participate in the 7pm Mass on Sun. 6th August
in Carlow Cathedral to mark this occasion & to
acknowledge Bishop Denis' dedicated service to
the diocese since
coming to us in 2013.



YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Join young people between 16 and 35 this
August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The
festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College,
Clane, Co. Kildare from Thurs. 10th Aug. to Sun.
13th Aug. The festival includes inspiring talks,
music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas,
share groups, reconciliation and healing service
and Mass. Donation only, and we have buses
going from all over Ireland. For more information
and to book your place go to www.youth2000.ie

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO 24.07.2023

Numbers 9, 28, 7, 8 - No jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-

Rita Kelly; Ownie Connor; P. Kavanagh; Danny
& Sadie Crampton; Sheila Clarke.

Promoter prize: Colette O'Reilly

Next week's Jackpot €5,800

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Wednesday 2nd August - Wednesday 9th

August. Buses will leave McCann Park,

Portarlinton at 8am on the

morning of Wed.

2nd. All those travelling,
please be at McCann Park
latest 7.30am. Tickets for the

pilgrimage will be distributed
on Mon. next, 31st July at

7.30pm in St. Michael's
Church.



EMO / RATH LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE 2023

Departing on for our pilgrimage is 26th August for
5 nights. Staying at Hotel Astrid. Cost of €745
per person sharing. For further info. & booking
contact

Tony Byrne on 086 1125833 or contact

Deirdre Lawlor on 087 2399457.

Church Gate Collection will take place at Emo &
Rath Churches weekend 5th / 6th August in aid of
the upcoming Lourdes Pilgrimage.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Our annual Free Family Fun Day is back after a
break. It takes place on Sunday 20th August,
2023 in The People's Park, Portarlinton - from
2pm to 5pm. Activities include bouncing castles,
face painting, athletics for all the family, games,
music, dancing exhibitions, Raffles for assorted
prizes. Come along and enjoy this free event.

FAREWELL



Fr. Joe O'Neill

We bid farewell to Fr. Joe O'Neill, who has
been Curate here in Portarlinton & Emo for the
past 3 years. We thank Fr. Joe for his
friendship & dedicated service to the Parishes
of Portarlinton & Emo and we wish him well on
his new appointment as Parish Priest of
Kill Parish, County Kildare.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Summer Stars

It is Summer Stars time again make sure to pop
into the library to register the children and keep
them reading throughout the summer!

Family Fun Craft Table

Our parent and child craft table will be up and
running in Portarlinton Library on Wed. 2nd
August from 10am - 1pm (or while stocks last)
Pop in and have some fun making some lovely
flower crafts together. Children must be
accompanied by an adult.

Summer Treasure Hunt

Call into Portarlinton Library throughout the
month of August & take part in our Summer
Treasure Hunt. Solve the puzzle to win a prize.
Talk on the Conservation of Portarlinton
Railway Station

Join with David Orford for a talk on the
conservation of the buildings of Portarlinton
railway station. Thurs. 17th Aug. at 8pm. For
booking phone 057 864343751 or Email
portarlintonlibrary@laoisoco.ie

Register to Vote

Need help getting on the register? Come along
to Portarlinton Library on August 10th from
2:30-4:30pm & find out how to register online.

Little Library Bags

Have you a child starting school in September?
Then call into Portarlinton Library & pick up
their FREE Little Library Bag. Packed full of
books & tips to help make the transition to
primary school easier it's an invaluable
resource.

UNDER MARY'S MANTLE

Conference on faith and culture for young
adults (18 - 35) with talks, prayer, Mass,
Confession, workshops, food and social in the
historic All Hallows Campus, D.C.U., Dublin.
There will be several keynote speakers with
talks and workshops ranging widely from poetry
to reading the Bible, vocations and Mary in the
Liturgical year. Mass and Confessions takes
place both days. This event takes place on Sat.
& Sun. 19th & 20th August. Further details later
or you can contact deusetpatria@gmail.com /
phone 085 1442423

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

In a house made of thoughts the bricks are
paper thin, the roof forever in a state of
disrepair as one image replaces another.
Which reminds me of the three little pigs
building their house of straw. Despite
ourselves, we can live a lifetime in our prison
house of thoughts - of grudges, fears, worries,
regrets - and miss out on the fresh air of the
ever-present moment. It's summer. Look at the
bush full of bees on a nectar trip, hear a bird
speaking out and feel the breeze on your face.
The world is addressing you as 'friend'. Come
out play, it says. Wise up, will you. Breathe.
Hugh O'Donnell (Time to Call Home (Veritas))



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

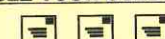
EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER

2023



Those intending to submit articles /
stories for inclusion in this year's edition
of the Emigrant Newsletter are asked to
send them in to the Parish Office.
A special welcome for old group
photographs (must include names).
Closing date for articles / photographs Mid-
August 2023. You can drop in your article
to the Parish Office or email:
portarlintonparishoffice@eircom.net

RECYCLE YOUR USED STAMPS



If you have any used stamps, please drop
them into "The Nook", Patrick Street.
These stamps will be sent to the I.S.P.C.C.
(Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty
to Children), where they will help their
fundraising activities.

INFORMATION EVENING

EMO / RATH

Information evening hosted by Emo Sports
field Committee will take place on
Wed. 9th August at 7.30pm in the
Community Centre, Emo. Karen Moore,
the Community Climate Action Officer with
Laois County Council & Laurence O'Reilly,
mentor for Laois & Offaly with SEAL will
speak about what we can do to help
ourselves & the area as a group to go
greener. They may have ideas you would
like, to help you reduce your energy bills &
things we can do as a community to reduce
our carbon footprint. We ask householders,
farmers, business owners, everyone in the
Emo / Rath area to attend & see what is in
it for you. Looking forward to a good
turnout on the night.

CAR BOOT SALE

Taking place Sun. 30th July
(today), at Solas Eco
Garden Centre from 10am
- 3pm. Every week there is
a Farmers Market from
10am to 2pm. A Craft
Market takes place on the first Sunday of
every month with workshops and events.



PETER'S PENCE (POPE'S) COLLECTION

Amount collected from the Parish:

Portarlinton: €1,345.00

Emo: €735.00

Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

