

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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

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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 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023**

✠ **Twenty Second Sunday in O.T.**

✠ **YEAR "A"** ✠

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 2nd September – 6.15pm

Angela O'Malley, Clannmalire (M.M.)
Pete McLaughlin, Kilmalogue Downs
Jack & Kathleen Keeley; Lily Melia, Wicklow
Eamon Noone, Naas; Josephine Kelly,
St. Michael's Park & granddaughter Adrianne
Byrne, Dublin; Maxi Sweeney, Bracklone Street
William & Louisa Sheerin, Marian Hill
William & Elizabeth Sheerin, Droughill

Sunday 3rd September – 12.15pm

Peter O'Connell, Old Bog Rd. (M.M.)
Ann Cleary, Ballymorris Road
James Moran, Cloneyhurke; Terence McKenna,
Cloneyhurke; Ann McMahon; Brendan &
Mabel McMahon; Dolores McMahon, French
Church Street; Noel Finn, Co. Limerick;
Kathleen Rowan, St. Michael's Park
Mary & Tom Copeland

10AM MASS - ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 4th Sept: Liam Tynan, Dublin & Gracefield
Tues. 5th Sept: ----
Wed. 6th Sept: Richard McCann, The Borneess
Thurs. 7th Sept: Michael & Annie Delaney;
Mark & Margaret Gling
Fri. 8th Sept: Ciss Lawlor, Rosecourt

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 3rd September - 10.30am
Bernard (Ben) Mahony, Clonanny
(9th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 2nd September – 7.30pm
Patrick Burke, Ballybrittas

Sunday 3rd September – 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 3rd September - 9am
Christy Noons, Jamestown, Ballybrittas (7th
Anniv.); Deceased members of the O'Connor
Family, Jamestown; Deceased members of the
Whelan & Kiernan Families, Ballyadden;
Geraldine Whelan Smith, Athy;
Patrick Burke, Ballybrittas



✠ DECEASED - R. I. P. ✠

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

Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Park
Patrick (Darby) Hyland, Garryvacuum
Jacinta (Jess) Bracken (nee Quigley),
Arlington Estate

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism

Portarlington & Emo Parishes

Isabella Aibhe Mitchell, Clonanny
Lucas Alin Diac, Botley Court
Bobby Colin Dunne, Castlelea View
Penelope Annie Murphy, The Glen, Kilnacourt



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

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Tues. 5th Sept: **St. Teresa of Kolkata** (Calcutta)
Mother Teresa was the founder of the Order of
the Missionaries of Charity, a
Roman Catholic congregation
of women dedicated to
helping the poor. Considered
one of the 20th Century's
greatest humanitarians, she was canonized as
Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.



Fri. 8th Sept: **Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary**
Celebrating the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
who brought the dawn of hope & salvation to
the world. She is the true Ark of the Covenant,
the temple of God, because her body received
the one Mediator.

Sat. 9th Sept: **St. Ciaran**

2012 LOURDES PILGRIMAGE PHOTO

If anyone has a group photograph from the
2012 pilgrimage, can you drop in to the
Parish Office where we can copy it.

FATIMA INVALID FUND COLLECTION

Church Gate Collection this
weekend in aid of Fatima Invalid
Fund (2nd / 3rd September).



AUTUMN PRIESTS COLLECTION

The Autumn Collection for the Priests of the
Parish will be held this weekend at all
Masses. This is one of the 5 times during
the year you can contribute to the direct
support of the Priests of the Parish.
Envelope available in you development
boxes or at Church Porch.



**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

Season of Creation 2023 runs
from September 1st (the World Day of
Prayer for Creation) to October 4th (the
Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). This Season
is a wonderful opportunity to respond to the
call of Pope Francis to listen to the cry of
the earth and the cry of the poor.
The theme for this year's Season is
inspired by the Prophet Amos who cries
out: "Let justice roll on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream!"
(Amos 5: 24). The symbol is that of a
'mighty river': "Listen carefully, I am about
to do a new thing, now it will spring forth;
will you not be aware of it? I will even put a
road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert."
(Isaiah 43:19). As we join the river of justice
and peace with others then hope is created
instead of despair, "for we know that things
can change!" (Laudato Si', 13).
to <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/season-of-creation-2023/>
<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/>

YOUTH CHOIR - SINGERS & MUSICIANS



Welcoming new members, both primary
and secondary school children (singers and
musicians). Rehearsals are held on
Fridays in St. John's Church, Killenard,
beginning September 8th from 3pm- 4pm
and every Friday. For further info. contact
Ursula portarlingtonyouthchoir@gmail.com
or phone Eimear on 085 7775607



SAMARITANS

Laois & Kildare

RECRUITMENT WEEK

11th – 15th SEPTEMBER

We need listening volunteers – Will you join us?
Information / recruitment meetings as follows:

Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge, Sept. 12th 7.30pm
Glenroyal Hotel, Maynooth, Sept. 13th 7.30pm
Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise, Sept. 13th 7.30pm
Lawlor's Hotel, Naas, Sept. 14th 7.30pm
Monasterevin Parish Hall, Sept. 14th 7.30pm

PORTARLINGTON COMHALTAS

Formal group classes for beginners, immediate,
senior level and adults begin on Friday 8th Sept.
7-9pm. Instruments include Tin Whistle, Fiddle,
Button accordion, Concertina, Flute, Banjo,
Keyboard and Guitar. We look forward to
seeing faces old and new. For more information
contact Davin 086 2260782 / Edel 083 0805012
email: portarlingtoncce@gmail.com

TREASURE IRELAND

A new video series launched recently by the
Irish Dominicans will take the friars to every
county in Ireland, filming ten videos in each
county, highlighting the many and varied stories
that make up the history of Irish Christianity.
The series is currently focused on the counties
which overlap with the territory of the diocese of
Kildare and Leighlin: Laois, Kildare, Carlow, and
(soon!) Kilkenny. The stories of the great saints
of these counties feature prominently: there are
videos on St. Brigid, St. Mochua, St. Moling, St
Fergal of Aghaboe, and the Dominican martyr,
Blessed Peter O'Higgins. The videos can be
viewed on <https://www.kandle.ie/treasure-ireland/> and <https://www.youtube.com/irishdominicans>

PORTARLINGTON & KILLENARD CHARITY BALL

This fabulous night of the year is fast
approaching – Saturday 14th October, 2023 in
the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Proceeds are in
aid of the very worthy cause "The Midland
Hospice Build". Special guest: Claire Byrne. To
book your ticket or table for family or friends
contact Marie 087-7589896 /
Colette 086-2654277 / Maria 086-3058181 /
Phyllis 086 8109391.

CARER / CLEANER AVAILABLE

Mature woman / Ex-healthcare worker, with over
20 years experience, looking for carer / cleaning
work at weekends / evenings.
Would also consider after-school minding.
Contact Marjorie on 086 1719070.

BRIDGE CLUB - GARRYHINCH

Bridge resumes on Monday 18th September
commencing 7.45pm in Garryhinch Golf Club.
New members very welcome.

LINE DANCING CLASSES

Classes commence in Portarlington Community
Centre, Link Road on Thurs. 7th Sept. at 7.30pm.
All levels catered for in this fun class. No
booking required. €8 per class – Pay as you go.
For further info. phone John on 086-8333200.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands, (Supporting bereaved
parents), is holding its monthly Parent evening
for bereaved parents on Wed. 13th Sept. at
7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. Free event
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 services also on offer – Further info.
phone 01 4045378.



KESTRELS BASKETBALL SEASON

U.12 Girls Basketball training will resume Mon.
4th Sept. in Colaiste losagain from 6.30 –
7.30pm. Please contact Louise Foster for any
question 087 6134057.
<https://kestrelsbasketballclub.ie/>

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.

PUBLIC MEETING RE: SCHOOL TRANSPORT

Post primary school bus route from Emo / The
Rock to Mountmellick. Public meeting will take
place on Thurs. next, 7th Sept. commencing
7.30pm in Emo Community Centre (Eircode
R32 KF74). All interested parties are asked to
attend.

RETURN TO REHEARSALS

Following a successful season with
performances of Brahms German Requiem with
the RTÉ Concert Orchestra in Carlow Cathedral
& in Philharmonie Berlin with Ensemble
Crescere, Carlow Choral Society will return to
rehearsals on Mon. 4th Sept. in the Cathedral
Parish Centre, R93 XV10, with an open evening
at 7:30 pm. We are recruiting new members for
the coming season and welcome all voice parts,
especially tenors and basses. An ability to read
music is an advantage but not a prerequisite, as
support is provided. For more info contact:
www.carlowchoralsociety.net or
email carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com.

PORTARLINGTON ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Club resumes on Thurs. 7th Sept. in the
Community Centre from 1.45 - 3.45pm. Open
to men & women, hosting many activities
including bowls, sit-fit, line dancing, quiz, bingo,
art and crafts, outings, demonstrations and
much more. Phone 087 4460151.
New members welcome.

Niamh Kavanagh &

Monasterevin Gospel Choir in Concert

Friday 13th Oct. 2023 commencing 8pm.
Venue: St. Peter & Paul's Church,
Monasterevin. Tickets €30 each.
Booking at: Monasterevin Parish
Office 045 525346 / Earley's
Fashion Shop 045 525395. Proceeds in aid of
St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Tidy
Towns.
Concert will NOT be live-streamed on the night.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Get the best out of your camera phone

Easy tips and tricks for better smart phone
photos. 6.30-7.30pm on Wed 13th Sept. in
Portarlington Library. Professional
photographer Veronica Nicholson from Rhode,
Co Offaly, will give a free talk on getting to
know your smart phone with tips / tricks on how
to take better photos. Bring your smart phone
with you for the talk. To book call 057 8643751
or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Rainbow Reflexology for Babies

Join Joanne Loftus from Rainbow Reflexology
and learn how to sooth your baby using
reflexology. This workshop is suitable for babies
from birth to pre crawling. Free event but
booking necessary – Phone 057 8643751
or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie to
book a place.

Adult Book Club

Meet last Tuesday every month at 11am.

Knitting Group

Meets every Friday from 10:30am to 12:30pm.
New members always welcome.

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

CARMELITE ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK



The Kildare Carmelite Pilgrimage to Knock
will take place on Sun. 10th Sept. The bus
will depart from the Square, Kildare town at
8am sharp. To secure a place on the bus,
inquiries to Carmelite Church Shop Kildare
or contact Martin Cowley on 087 2553582
or Ester Brady on 087 6732848.
Cost €20 per person.

Emo / Rath Parish

LOTTO

Numbers 5, 9, 21, 22 – No Jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:
Sheila Dunne C/o Tony Byrne; Maura
Hyland C/o Emo Shop; Mark Carney C/o
Bernie Gorman; Antoinette Lawlor C/o
Deirdre Lawlor; Maura Hyland C/o Emo
Shop. Next draw takes place on 4th
September with a **Jackpot of €3,000.**



GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Draw results 28/8/2023 – Numbers 15, 5,
30, 11 – No Jackpot winner. €50 each to:-
Sinead Ryan; Christine Dunne; Michelle
Kavanagh; Nicky Dunne; Michael Doyle
Jnr. & Deirdre Doyle.
Promoter prize Damien Finlay.
Next week's jackpot €6,800.

PORTARLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge resumes on Wednesday 20th Sept.
commencing 7.45pm in Garryhinch Golf
Club. New members welcome.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS



Volunteers needed to help with deliveries at
Portarlington Meals on Wheels. You may
only be delivering one day every 4 to 5
weeks. We deliver 3 days a week –
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and at
present need 18 delivery people per week /
6 per day (as we have six different areas
including the town and surrounds). If you
could spare some time to commit to helping
out, please phone Ann Burke-Dunne
on 087 4116101.