



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



## PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS

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## PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: [portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto: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](http://www.kandle.ie)

**SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

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

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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](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

## \* SUNDAY 4TH JUNE, 2023 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY YEAR A \*

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

**Saturday 3rd June - 6.15pm**

Helen Hanlon, Gracefield (M.M.)  
Jim Shortall, Bracklone Street  
Brenda McNally Grant, Barrowview  
Padraig (Paddy) Powell, Droughill (12th Anniv.)  
Gerry Horrigan; Bernie & Maureen Scully,  
Cloneyhurke, Paddy Earley, The Boundary  
John & Ray Whelan, Patrick Street

**Sunday 4th June - 12.15pm**

Joe Keegan, Cloneyquinn (1st Anniv.)  
Nicholas & Mae Fenlon, Station Rd. & Lea  
Brian Hoey, St. Patrick's Terrace  
Peter Sheils, Birmingham & dec. members of  
the Sheils Family; Joanne, Fiona, Martina,  
Breda, Colm, Mark & Barry Maher, Marian Hill  
Mary Kenny, Station Rd. (37th Anniv.)

### 10AM MASS - ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 5th June Edward, Julia & George Moore,  
Garryhinch  
Tues. 6th June Jenny Moore, Garryhinch,  
Wed. 7th June Kevin Lynch, Kilbride (14th Anniv.)  
Thurs. 8th June ---  
Fri. 9th June Jimmy O'Reilly, Bracknagh

### ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

**Sunday 4th June - 10.30am**  
Sr. Brigid Monaghan, Lea  
Elizabeth Maher, The Hermitage

### ANNIVERSARIES EMO

**Saturday 3rd June - 7.30pm**  
Mary Langford, Emo (M.M.)  
Rose Keane, Rath  
Molly McEvoy, Coolaghy  
Matt & Mary Hyland, The Heath Course  
**Sunday 4th June - 11am**

### ANNIVERSARIES RATH

**Sunday 4th June - 9am**

**TROCAIRE**  
Working for a Just World

**2023 Collection - Final Total sent:-**  
Parishes of Portarlington & Emo  
€11,180.00

### DECEASED - R. I. P.

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

**Maura Connell, Ballycullane,**  
**Margaret (Peggy) Murphy (nee Kennedy),**  
**Annamoe**  
**Jerome Burke, Patrick Avenue formerly**  
**Tralee, Co. Kerry**  
**Derek Ryan, Kilnacourt Woods**

### CEMETERY MASSES 2023

**Killenard - Fri. 7th July - 7.30pm**  
**Portarlington - Fri. 14th July - 7.30pm**  
**Emo New Cemetery - Fri. 28th July - 7.30pm**  
**Emo Old Cemetery - Sat. 12th Aug. - 7.30pm**

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian  
Community through Baptism

### Portarlington Parish

**Ellie Grace Dempsey-Cox, Garryhinch**  
**Ailbhe Rose Gray, Kilnacourt Woods**

### COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house bound  
will take place next week as follows:

**Tuesday 6th June** Congress Tce; Derrymore;  
Crowe Lane; Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig;  
Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea  
**Wednesday 7th June** Tullaghan; Bellgrove;  
Ballybrittas; Fisherstown; Jamestown;  
Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy;  
Shaen; Knightsstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel  
**Thursday 8th June** St. Patrick's Terrace;  
St. Joseph's Terrace; Avondale; Shandra;  
Gracefield; Bog Road; Patrick St; Church View;  
Patrick's Avenue; French Church St; Rosecourt;  
Botley Court; Droughill; Bishopswood;  
Clondoolusk; Droughill Lawns; Cushina

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to the Father, who by His almighty  
power & love created me,  
making me in the image & likeness of God.  
Glory be to the Son, who by His Precious Blood  
delivered me from hell,  
& opened for me the gates of heaven.  
Glory be to the Holy Spirit, who has sanctified  
me in the sacrament of Baptism,  
& continues to sanctify me by the graces  
I receive daily from His bounty.  
Glory be to the three adorable  
Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever.  
Amen

## YEAR A

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in  
**St. Michael's Church, Portarlington** on  
**Tuesday's 10.30am-7pm. All welcome.**

### RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to everyone who  
contributed to the recent collection for the  
Retired Priests of the Diocese.

### EXAM PRAYER

Dear Lord,  
as I take these exams,  
I thank you that my life is enfolded  
in the embrace on your great love for  
me. Help me with all the testing  
challenges of life that will come my way.  
Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts  
of wisdom, knowledge, understanding  
and right judgement.  
Holy Mary, pray for us and all our young  
people. May they know the touch of  
your loving caress.  
AMEN

### NOTICE

People are asked to  
refrain from  
leaving their rubbish  
behind St. Paul's  
Church in Emo.



### EMO NEW CEMETERY CLEAN UP

A general clean-up will take place on 13th /  
14th June after 5pm each evening. Please  
bring along a shovel, clipping shears etc.  
Further info. contact Deirdre on 086  
2627355. Your help will be greatly  
appreciated.

### NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART

The Novena to the Sacred  
Heart commences on  
Thursday 8th June - This  
nine day Novena leads to  
the feast of the Sacred  
Heart, which falls on Fri.  
16th June. Novena leaflets will be made  
available at the church porch.



### PORTARLINGTON / KILLENARD EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2023

A committee meeting for the Emigrant  
Newsletter will take place in Fr. Noonan's  
house on Wednesday next, 7th June  
commencing 8pm. All Committee members  
are asked to attend.

## EMO / RATH

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Leaving Sat. 26th August and returning Thurs.  
31st August. Further details later but if interested  
in travelling on this pilgrimage contact Deirdre  
on 087 2299457 or Tony on 086 1225833.

### CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY



Brahms Requiem with the RTE Concert  
Orchestra, Fri. 9th June 8pm in the Cathedral of  
the Assumption, Carlow. Soloists include  
internationally acclaimed Ailish Tynan, Soprano  
& Benjamin Russell, Baritone. Tickets €25.  
U.16's free. [www.evenbrite.ie](http://www.evenbrite.ie)  
Further info. [carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carlowchoralsociety@gmail.com)  
or Miriam on 087 9422608.

### THANK YOU!

St. Michael's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul  
thank Portarlington Golf Club for hosting their  
recent Golf Classic in aid of the organization.  
Also a very special thanks to our generous  
sponsors and to all the teams who participated.  
Your support is always appreciated.

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS



#### Cookery Demonstration:

Join Yvonne Carty from 'Hey Pesto' for a  
cookery demonstration & talk re: Food Waste  
Recycling Week. Wed. 7th June at 6pm. Free /  
Booking necessary.

#### Breast Cancer Awareness Talk:

Carol Scot from Breast Cancer Ireland will give a  
talk on cancer awareness on Thurs. 22nd June at  
11am. FREE EVENT / Booking necessary for  
both above events. Phone 057 8643751 or  
Email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie) to book.

#### Adult Book Club:

Meets on the last Tuesday of the month 11am.

#### Baby Book Club:

Rhymes & stories for 0-3yrs of age. Booking  
essential - call 057 8643751 or  
email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

#### Knitting Group:

Meets every Friday from 10.30am to 12.30.  
New members welcome.

### PORTARLINGTON

#### PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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. Deposits of €300 due.  
Full payment due by July 1st. Ph: Marie  
087-7589896 / Vera 087-9311813.

### SPONSORED 5K RUN / WALK



In aid of Portarlington Lourdes Pilgrimage  
**Family Day Out Walk or Run**

On Sun. 2nd July. Commencing 11am at  
The Heritage Hotel, Killenard, Co. Laois.  
Further information & Sponsorship Cards from  
Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417 /  
Marie 087 7589896. Sponsored by Super Valu,  
Portarlington & The Heritage Hotel, Killenard.

## GROAGH PATRICK CLIMB



**Date: Saturday 8th July 2023**

Local group will climb Croagh Patrick in aid of  
**Portarlington Meals on Wheels**. Bus leaves  
Burbages, Main Street at 6am on the morning.  
If you would like to join us for the climb or  
for sponsorship, please contact Pat Burbage  
on 087-7716244.

### ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands, the organisation that  
supports bereaved parents, is holding its  
monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents  
on Wed. 14th June at 7.15pm in the Mullingar  
Park Hotel. This event is free & open to all  
bereaved parents. We also offer an online  
service. For more info call 01-4045378

### EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

The draw took place on Mon. 29th May.  
Numbers 5, 9, 12, 17 - No jackpot winner.  
€25 to each of the following:  
Michael Dempsey C/o Maeve / Tom Fennelly  
C/o Emo GAA / Eric Booth C/o Emo Shop /  
Martin O'Reilly C/o Emo Shop / O'Rourke  
Family C/o Deirdre. Next draw will be held on  
Mon. 12th June - **Jackpot of €11,200**  
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, Village  
Cafe, Ballybrittas, Ballybrittas Shop & the  
Parish Office - €2 each.

### PORTARLINGTON / KILLENARD EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2023

The Emigrant Newsletter Committee are looking  
for articles for the upcoming 2023 Emigrant  
Newsletter. Do you have a topical or historical  
story or anecdote, some old photographs or  
achievement, no matter what category, that you  
would like to share? Every year the Emigrant  
Newsletter is posted to all corners of the world  
& enjoyed by ex-pats with news & stories from  
home, some copies turning up in Australia,  
China, Canada & the UK, to name but a few. If  
you have an article / old photograph we want to  
hear from you, so please forward all  
contributions to any member of the committee,  
drop them into the Parish Office or Email to  
[portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net)

### SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE COURSE

*Speaking with Confidence* is an 8-week  
practical course for those seeking measurable  
improvement in personal or professional  
communications. Starting Monday 12th of June,  
5.30-7.30pm every Monday for 8 weeks in  
Portarlington Enterprise Centre. You will be  
supported in building confidence to become  
more at ease and effective in your ability to  
communicate. Any questions or to book a seat  
on the course contact Sarah on 0831822124.  
Or visit: [sarahheartyhumans.com](http://sarahheartyhumans.com)

### SUMMER CAMP 2023

Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington from 1st - 4th Aug.  
and/or 8th - 11th August. 9.30am-2pm. Suitable  
for boys & girls aged 5-12 years. Cost 1 week  
€60 / 2 weeks €115. Contact  
[summercampport@gmail.com](mailto:summercampport@gmail.com)

### OFFALY ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP

Venue: Offaly Centre for Independent Living,  
Clonminch Rd., Tullamore. R35EC63. Meet the  
third Wednesday of every month at 2pm.  
Further info: Noirin 087 9553940 or David 087  
9137520. [Noirin.chalouche@alzheimier.ie](mailto:Noirin.chalouche@alzheimier.ie) /  
[david.kieran@alzheimier.ie](mailto:david.kieran@alzheimier.ie)  
Offaly Alzheimer Café - Second Monday of  
each month at 10.30am. Guest speaker each  
month. Further info contact Claire 087 7151323  
or email [Claire.dolan@alzheimier.ie](mailto:Claire.dolan@alzheimier.ie)

## 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

### SUMMER CAMP 2023

Portarlington Community Centre  
10am to 2pm - 8th - 11th August for children  
aged 4-12 years. Arts / crafts / games /  
dance / song / mindfulness / meditation and  
various other activities. Phone, text or  
WhatsApp Lauren on 085-8340436

### PRIVATE CARER AVAILABLE

Mature woman ex-healthcare worker,  
seeking work as private carer / cleaner in  
private home. Contact Marie 086 1719070.

### DERELICTION FUND

The "Vacant Commercial Property Incentive  
Scheme" has been launched in  
Portarlington. It offers 11 financial supports  
& mentoring opportunities for new / existing  
businesses interested in leasing / renting a  
premises that have been vacant for 6  
months or more. This scheme has been  
extended to Portarlington to encourage  
uptake by new & potential businesses on  
the town's Main Street and environs. If you  
are interested in further information contact  
Brenda Earl or Sheila Cahill (Business  
Support Unit Laois Co. Co.) 057 8664015  
or Laois Chamber Alliance 085 2566522.  
You can also Email [info@laoischamber.ie](mailto:info@laoischamber.ie)

### FUN DOG SHOW

18th June from 10am-5pm.  
Venue: Solas Eco Garden  
Centre, Lea Road. Contact  
083 0452810 to enter.

### CHOIR - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

New members always welcome to join the  
St. Michael's Church Parish Choir.  
Come along any Sunday to the 9am Mass.  
*Learn by doing - Singers live longer!*

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

**29th MAY 2023**

Numbers 26, 23, 15, 29  
No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the  
following:- Bernie Flanagan / Harvey  
O'Sullivan / Tracey Hanlon / Sean Conroy /  
Willie Dempsey. Promoters prize: Marian  
Bryan. Next week's Jackpot €4,200.

### AN SPIORAD NAOIMH

*Praying Community*

Supporting Mary's Meals by running a  
24 Hour Sponsored Fast on Friday, 23rd  
June. It cost €22 to feed 1 child for a  
school year. [www.spioraidnaoimh.com](http://www.spioraidnaoimh.com)  
for Details of project. Contact: M Nerney  
086 8157305 / B Reddin 086 8630039 /  
E Cullinane 087 6595293