


PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS
Adult Book Club Contact the Library for details
Knitting Group Every Friday the Knitting Group meet 10.30am – 12.30pm. Pop in for a chat & some crafting. New members welcome
 Phone 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie for further information on events.

EMO PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
 A bus will collect pilgrims at Emo Church on Mon. 5th September at 3.30am.
 The bus will depart for the airport at 3.45am.

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY
 Sat. 10th September 2022.
 SOSAD Ireland Laois branch are hosting a memorial event for World Suicide Prevention Day at their SOSAD Laois Office. The event is open to the public from 3pm – 8pm, where people will have the opportunity to paint a stone in memory of a loved one and light a candle.
 Venue: Shamrock House, Abbeyleix Road, Portlaoise. www.sosadireland.ie/wspd2022
 Phone 083 0291706

THE SEASON OF CREATION 2022
 September 1st to October 4th


 Listen to the Voice of Creation
 SEASON OF CREATION 2022
 The Season of Creation has a special significance for the Catholic Church. The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st Sept. to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) & celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The theme for the Season of Creation 2022 is "LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF CREATION"

B SHARP STUDIOS
 Lessons return on August 22nd. Lessons in Guitar / Voice / Piano / Tin Whistle / Violin / Banjo / Ukulele / Uilleann-Pipes.
 Contact Conor 086 1639153 or Keith 085 7516595. Venue: Main Street, Portarlington.

PILATES (PORT. COMMUNITY CENTRE)
 All levels catered for. Beginners welcome.
 Commencing Tues. 6th Sept. 8pm / Fri. 9th Sept. 9.30am. €10 per class or 6 week block €50. Call or text Emma on 087 2898323.

PORTARLINGTON C.E. SCHEME
Payroll & Accounts Administrator
 Ref. No. CES2240409
Meals on Wheels Assistant
 Ref. No. CES2240604
 Contact the C.E. Office at 057 8643458.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS
 Anam Cara Midlands, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its first monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 14th Sept. 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. We also offer an online service. Further info. from 01 4045378.

BRIDGE CLUB - GARRYHINCH
 Bridge resumes in Garryhinch Golf Club on Mon. 26th Sept. at 7.45pm. New members welcome.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO
 29/8/22
 Numbers 17, 14, 15, 04 – No Jackpot winner.
 €50 to each of the following: Alannah Keegan; Sean Farrell; Tiggy; John Boland D. Doyle; Grace Moore; Veronica Cleary
 Next week's Jackpot €4,400

PRIESTHOOD - CONSIDER THE CALL
Come & See - Sept. 16th to 18th (residential)
 A 'Come and See' Vocations discernment residential weekend will take place in Ballyvaioil Retreat Centre, Blackwater, Wexford, from Fri. 16th to 18th September this year. It is open to men 18 and over who would like to know more about the priesthood as a beautiful way of life and vocation from God. The weekend will include prayer, fun and the opportunity to meet with priests and people who will offer encouragement, friendship and support. For further info. & to book a place contact Fr. Billy Swan at billyswan68@hotmail.com

MASSAGE / YOGA CLASSES
Baby Massage: New course commencing Mon. 5th Sept. in Portarlington Community Centre and the following 3 Mondays at 12pm. Booking is essential.
Mum & Baby Yoga: Commencing Mon. 5th Sept. in Portarlington Community Centre and the following 3 Mondays at 10.30am. Booking essential.
Pregnancy Yoga: Online Pregnancy Yoga classes including a relaxation segment every Wednesday at 8pm. No yoga experience is needed to join. Booking essential for all of the above. Contact Catriona on 086 8890005.

CODER DOJO - PORTARLINGTON
 Coder Dojo will be starting back in September. Date to be confirmed. Spaces limited so if interested please email as soon as possible: coderdojoportarlington@gmail.com

SOLAS GARDEN CENTRE
 Car Boot Sale - Proceeds go towards Fight for Johnny's Girls Go Fund me page. Sun. 18th Sept. Traders can arrive from 8:30am on the day. Open to Public at 9:30am. Cost: For traders: €15 per car/small van. For public: €2 entry. Further info. & booking contact: events@thegardenshop.ie or 083 0452810.

PARENTS FIRST
 Would you be interested in volunteering with Parents First for 1 to 2 hours each week. We are looking for parents or grandparents to pass on their valuable knowledge and experience in bringing up children. Phone Dolores or Attracta on 057 9322996 or 086 1959221.

PROFESSIONAL CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE
 Childminder available - Mon. to Fri. 8am to 6pm. Part-time hours or after school. Over 20 years experience. Safe, secure home environment. First aid certified. Developmentally appropriate activities. Phone Linda on 087 7741945 for further details.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION
 The Credit Union have announced that they are offering five €1,000 Maureen McEvoy Bursary Awards this year for 2022. This bursary is open to first year college students only and students must have been awarded a place in 3rd level, full time education. To apply: <https://portcu.ie/about/downloads>
 You can also call into the Credit Union and pick up a form. Closing Date Sept. 16th 2022.

PIANO LESSONS
 Currently accepting new students of all ages. Thirty minute lessons for a 4 week term €60. Portarlington / Monasterevin area. Experienced teacher with references available. Contact Sophie on 089 4309269.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP
 The group will meet once again after their short summer break, on Tues. 6th Sept. in the Old School. New members very 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

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

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

ACCORD - COUNSELLING
 Accord, Portlaoise are open for Relationship Counselling at the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. For further information contact Mary on 086 4149034 or Email accordportlaoise@gmail.com

HOUSING & HOMELESS CHARITY
 The annual Peter McVerry Trust Wexford Cycle 2022 will take place on Sat. 17th September. The cycle raises vital funds for the housing and homeless charity founded by Fr Peter McVerry. The event is open to all abilities and is a great day out. To find out more visit: www.pmvtrust.ie/cycle or call 01 823 0776.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE
 Is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before Sept. 13th. Check out our website: prioryinstitute.com

PORTARLINGTON YOUTH CLUB
 As the Club prepare to reopen, they are seeking volunteers. The members have grown in numbers and, as such, the club can only reopen with the support of volunteers to help provide a service to the youth of the community. If you have some time to spare and are interested in volunteering, please email portyouthclub@gmail.com or private message on their Facebook page.

ACTIVE PARKS AUTUMN PROGRAMME
 Fun exercise to music. Low impact / All standing. Suitable for everyone. From Tuesday 6th September at Portarlington People's Park 1pm. Contact sports@laoiscoco.ie Booking is essential.

PORTARLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB
 Bridge resumes in Garryhinch Golf Club on Wed. 28th September 2022 at 7.45pm. New members welcome.

ALZHEIMER'S MEMORY WALK 2022
 Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2022, proudly supported by Irish Life, is taking place nationwide on Sun. 18th Sept. to mark World Alzheimer's Month 2022. To register for the walk please visit <https://alzheimer.ie/register-below-for-memory-walk/>

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS
 Very Rev. Thomas Dooley P.P. Tel: (057) 8643004 Rev. Joe O'Neill C.C. Tel: (057) 8646517
 Very Rev. Michael Noonan P.E. Tel: (057) 8623431

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

Portarlington & Emo Parish @EmoParish

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON
Sat. 3rd September – 6.15pm
 Maisie Curtayne, St. Mary's Terrace (1st Anniv.)
 Leonard Wright, Droughill (1st Anniv.)
 Noel Finn, Limerick; Anne Cleary, Ballymorris;
 Peter & John Murphy, Gracefield & Portlaoise;
 Josephine Kelly, St. Michael's Park & her granddaughter Adrienne; Annie & George Ridgeway, Garryhinch
Sun. 4th September – 12.15pm
 James Moran, Cloneyhurke;
 Peter McLaughlin, Kilmalogue Downs, Kathleen Rowan, St. Michael's Park, Mary & Tom Copeland,

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORTARLINGTON 10am
Mon. 5th September 10am

Tues. 6th September 10am
 Richard McCann
Wed. 7th September 10am
 Nora Kelly; Sarah & William Kelly, St. Patrick's Terrace
Thurs. 8th September 10am
 John & Eileen Gannon & deceased members of the Shortall Family, Droughill
Fri. 9th September 10am
 Ciss Lawlor, Rosecourt
Sat. 10th September 11am
Memorial Mass
 Margaret Casey (nee Sweeney), Florida & formerly Shandra

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD
Sun. 4th September – 10.30am
 Leo & Marie Levin

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO
Sat. 3rd September – 7.30pm

Sun. 4th September – 11am
 Patsy Mulhall, Murette & deceased members of the Mulhall & Kavanagh Families

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH
Sun. 4th September – 9am
 Christy Noons, Jamestown (7th Anniv.)
 Nan Kinsella, Fisherstown; Deceased members of the Kinsella, Dunne & Walsh Families
 Patrick Duffy, Ballyadden;
 Peter Duffy, Ballyadden

DECEASED
 Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-
 Michael Gilligan, Coolbanagher
 Petras Gudas, Lithuania

BAPTISMS
 We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism
Portarlington Parish
 Gina Taylor Grace Ward, Kilnacourt Woods

SYNOD NEWS
 The national synthesis has now been submitted to the Synod Secretariat in the Vatican as part of the global synodal process announced by Pope Francis. It is now available to read and download on www.kandle.ie

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington after 10am Mass Tuesday until 7pm.

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 your development boxes or at Church Porch.

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD MEDITATION DAY
 Sat. 24th September 10am to 3.30pm.
 A day to relax, reflect, listen to Scripture, meditate and renew your own spirit & peace within. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney H.F.B.
 To book phone 057 8626153.

PRAYER AS WE RETURN TO SCHOOL
 Loving God, as our schools reopen, we place them in your care.
 Bless all who enter in and hold them in your love this year.
 May our school communities be places of welcome, love, learning and prayer.
 May we help each other to be the very best that we can be in all that we do and all that we say.
 AMEN

CALLING PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING PARISH MINISTRIES
 Eucharistic Minister
 Reader (Lector) / Plate Collector
 Choir Member

As we are coming out of the Covid 19 pandemic, it is now necessary to update and renew our Parish Ministries. If you would like to serve as a Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Plate Collector or Choir Member, please give in your name to the Parish Office (057 8643004) or to one of the Priests. Altar servers will be organised through the schools. Full training will be provided for all of the above Ministries.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK
Mon. 5th September
St. Teresa of 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.

Thurs. 8th September
The Nativity of the 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.

Fri. 9th September
St. Ciaran
 St. Ciaran was born in Roscommon around 512. He came to Clonmacnois in Jan. of 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of 33 while the monastery was still being built.

Sat. 10th September
St. Peter Claver
 Born in Verdu, Catalonia in 1580. A member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).