

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



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 30nm (Vioil - 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-michaelschurch-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish @EmoParish

SUNDAY 5th MARCH, 2023

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 4th March - 6.15pm

Brigid Downey & her son Bernard Downey, Droughill; Jimmy Hanlon, Gracefield (3rd Anniv.); Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield; Mary Connolly, Marian Hill; William (Billy) Whelan, Marian Hill; Caoimhe Carroll, Garryhinch: Tom Shortall, St. Brigid's Sq; Christina McCormack, Ullard

Sunday 5th March - 12.15pm

Raymond Leavy, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.) Donie Hanlon, Gracefield (M.M.) Fiona Donagher, Bishopswood Rd. (1st Anniv.) Anna & James Dovle, St. Brigid's Sq. & their daughter Rosaleen Dovle: Donie O'Meara & son, Patrick O'Meara, Sweep Road; Michael O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. & his son Barry O'Neill

ANNIVERSARY MASS DURING THE WEEK

PORTARLINGTON 10AM Mon. 6th March Phil Feehan, Church View (5th Anniversary)

Tues. 7th March John & Bridget Lovern Enveroft Street

Wed. 8th March ---

Thurs. 9th March John & Bridle Gordon,

Monasterevin Fri. 10th March Linda Hoey, Clanmalire Cresc. (5th Anniv.); Bridget Hoey, St. Marys Tce.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 5th March - 10.30am Eddie Kelly, Rathleash House; Martin Slevin, Ballycarroll; Richard & Bridie Slevin, Ballycarroll; Stephen & Josephine Kiernan; Marie Ryan,

Rathleash; Sean Keogh, Rathleash; William Paul Moore, Springfield; Liam & Lucy Bennett, Kilbride

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 4th March - 7.30pm

Christy Booth, Morette; Catherine Dohney; Julia Morrin; Margaret Ryan

> Sunday 5th March- 11am Liam Ramsbottom, Killimy (M.M.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 5th March - 9am

Michael Kinsella, Fisherstown; Dec. members of the Kinsella & Dunne Family; Mary Brennan, Jamestown; Joe Treacy, Courtwood; Andy Mulhare

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

AGM will be held on Sat. 11th March in Our Lady's Chapel after 6.15pm Mass.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

DECEASED Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week.

Josephine McDonagh, Fardrum, Athlone.

Three Pillars of Lent

Prayer





LENTEN STATIONS (This weekend)

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held this 4th / 5th March, taking the form of a 2nd collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got envelope boxes & wish to contribute.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

(In preparation for First Holy Communion) Sacred Heart N.S., Rath:

Tues. 7th March at 7.30pm in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath St. Paul's N.S., Emo:

Wednesday 8th March at 7,30pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo

Contirmation

The students from St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Sacred Heart N.S., Rath will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next week as follows:

Friday 10th March St. Paul's N.S., Emo 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath 2pm in Sacred Heart Church, Rath

A FAMILY PRAYER FOR LENT



Creator God.

be with us as we make our Lenten journey together as a family. Give us the strength to do what we have promised, and the love to help one another along the way. When Easter comes, may our Lenten promises have brought us closer to You and to Your Son, Jesus. Amen

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COLLECTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SYRIA & TURKEY

Sincere "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to the recent collection for the people of Syria & Turkey. The final amount collected from the Parish is as follows:-Portarlington Parish: €6,350 Emo Parish: €2.840



"Let your Love be there this Lent" Please give what you can: Trocaire boxes available at the Church porch Online www.trocaire.org Freephone on 1800 408 408.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm. Sunday's during Lent 5-7pm All very welcome to attend.

COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows: Tuesday 7th March

Congress Tce; Crowe Lane; St. Brigid's Sq; Station Court: Newmill Court: Canal Rd: Corrig Derrymore; Lea; Lough; Old Pound; Rathmiles

Wednesday 8th March

Ballybrittas: Bellgrove: Ballyadden: Courtwood: Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Morette; Coolbanagher; Knightstown; Killeen; Tinnakill: Woodbrook: Shaen

Thursday 9th March

Assumpta Terrace; St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace: Gracefield: Avondale; Shandra; Annamoe; Bog Road; Patrick Ave; Patrick St; Rosecourt; Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Cushina; Botley Court







We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish

Archer Thomas Wall, Kilnacourt Woods

TOWARDS PEACE

Towards Peace is an independent organization that provides a spiritual support & professional service for survivors of physical, emotional sexual & spiritual abuse who suffered in an institutional, clerical or religious setting in Ireland. The Towards Peace Spiritual Support Service is free of charge. Further information see: www.towardshealing.ie

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

INAUGURAL TRACTOR RUN - TODAY! Sun. 5th March (today) €20 registration from 10.30am at the Railway Station Car Park -Departing 12 noon. Refreshments & AUCTION immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar. Prize for best modern tractor

Prize for best pre-1980's tractor. Contact Gerry on 086 3584611 or Brendan on 086 4415219. Only qualified drivers to take part.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP

From 2nd – 9th August 2023. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude. Names of those interested in travelling with this year's pilgrimage can be given to Marie Corcoran in the ' 'Care' Charity Shop on Main Street or phone Marie on 087-7589896 or Vera on 087-9311813.



EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Five nights - 21st August - 26th August, 2023. €745 per person sharing. Includes return flights from Dublin / 10 kg baggage allowance / Transfers / 5 nights in the 4* Hotel Astrid. Further info, & booking contact: Deirdre Lawlor 087-2299457 or Tony Byrne 086-1225833

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Package July 5th to 12th at a cost of €745 p.p.s. Flight Dublin to Split. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland CC. Booking contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

MOUNTMELLICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2023

Runs until Friday 10th March in the Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick. Online Booking at mountmellickdramafestival.ie. Contact Jessie 087 7942994 or Noreen 087 4121205.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. Golf Classic 2023:

Our Golf Classic will take place, once again, this year at the Heritage Golf Resort on Good Friday, 7th April. It will be a Scramble format. Team Reg. & Sponsorship details are available at: https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golfclassic-2023

Fuel Your Body For Sport Talk / Demo: A 2-hour talk & practical demo on fueling your body for sport, with a focus on Protein, Macros & knowledge on reading labels among the topics covered takes place at the O'Dempsey's Clubhouse on Friday, 10th March at 7.30pm. FREE event - Open to the community. U18's to be accompanied by a guardian.

ALZHEIMERS CAFE

Meeting this month on the 6th of March at 10:30am in the Bridge House Hotel. Talk on Eating, Drinking & Meal Planning for a person living with dementia. All welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Muiriosa Fouondation are looking for Volunteer Befrienders to meet on a one-to-one basis with people with intellectual disabilities in Portarlington. The Muiriosa Foundation Befriending service provides companionship to people with intellectual disabilities who would like extra social contact through a weekly. fortnightly or monthly volunteer visit. If you are interested and would like to learn more please contact 087 8505718

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB. **CLONEYHURKE R32CY89**

The next Social Dance will take place on Saturday 18th March. Doors open at 9pm. Admission €10. Dancing to Pat Costello. Dancing Lessons continue every Monday night from 7 45pm-915pm €8 per class. Keep Fit also continues on Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. €5 per class. Supported by Offaly Sports Partnership.

GAEILGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish continuing for the Month of March, each Wednesday: 8th, 15th 2, 29th March from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown, €2 contribution, Fáilte le cach. Enjoy a cupán tae agus chat.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



The draw took place on 27th February -Numbers 4, 14, 18, 20 - No jackpot winner. €25 each to: Rosaleen Kirwan C/o Deirdre / David Gorman C/o Bernie / Kieran Bourke C/o Deirdre / Eddie Dunne C/o Emo Shop / Killian & Dillon C/o Maeve

Next week's Jackpot is €9,000 Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

Now recruiting adults for our Beginners Band. Instruments are free of charge & include the following: Trumpets / Trombones / Saxophones / Clarinets / Flutes / Percussion. Lessons available week days. Rehearsals for Beginner Band on Saturday's from 12-1pm. Cost €15 per lesson. Further details phone 083 8510428.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Sensory Toy Resources: Portarlington Library now has Sensory Toys for lending, Call 057 8643751 for further info, or call in for a chat,

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto 27th Feb.

Numbers 24, 11, 6, 4 - No Jackpot Winner €50 each to: Deirdre Doyle / PJ Duffy / Patrick Bryan / Thomas & Siobhan Dovle / Chris Duffy. Promoters prize: Graham Delanev Next week's Jackpot €6,000

LAOIS PARTNERSHIP PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Laois Partnership is hosting public consultations on the creation of the new Local Development Strategy for LEADER 2023-2027. EU funding has allowed for the investment of €100million into Laois with business, tourism. heritage, communities, community councils, youth groups and the local environment benefiting from this unique grant aid programme. Laois Partnership Company are holding public consultation workshops where your ideas and input will directly feed into the strategy - Lagis Your local public consultation shop will be held on 25th March at 11am in Portarlington Community Centre. For details of

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the other workshops or further information

phone 057 8661900 or alternatively visit our

website www.laoispartnership.ie

Marriage Preparation Facilitators

Accord is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators. Marriage facilitators are part of a team that prepare couples for the sacrament of marriage. Couples find our courses fun, engaging and very relevant, while facilitators gain valuable life skills. If you are interested, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie for more information.

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 BOFIIE2D Portarlington Parish No. 1 Account IBAN - IE28 BOEL 9018 6154 5717 14 Portarlington Parish Clergy Fund A/C IBAN: IE59 BOFI 9018 6196 5850 57

EMO PARISH

B.O.I., Mountmellick BOFIIE2D Emo Church No. 1 Account IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54 **Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account** IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION

Are you or someone you know, living with a long term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD diabetes, heart conditions, stroke & others to name but a few. This programme supports people to develop the skills & confidence to live with their health condition. Spaces are available on the MARCH 2023 Programmes. To book, please contact Aine 041-6850676/ 087-1140371 or



Joanne 041-6860710 087-4308735

Portarlington Credit Union have been made aware of a scam text, purporting to be from 'Credit Union', claiming that accounts have been 'placed on hold' & asking the recipient to click a link (to a cloned credit union website) to verify your account. PCU will never contact you by text or email asking you to click a link to verify your account. If you get such a text or email please do not click on the link. Similarly, if you receive a phone call masked to appear that it is from the number 01 6146700. please do not answer, or if you do so, hang up immediately. If you are in any doubt about any message you receive in relation to your credit union account, please contact PCU. Portarlington Credit Union 057 8623336.

PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S SHED

Meet every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Just turn up, new members always welcome.

NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITY TO GET INVOLVED

Are you a parent or grandparent with a few hours free each week? If so, please consider offering friendly support to young parents with Parents First. There is free training and ongoing mentoring. Find out more, call Dolores or Paula at 086-1959221 or 057-9322996.

G.R.O.W.

Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm - 4pm at Portarlington Social Services, Link Road. Over 18's welcome to attend. Further info. contact Assumpta on 086 8114135 assumptalyons@grow.ie.