

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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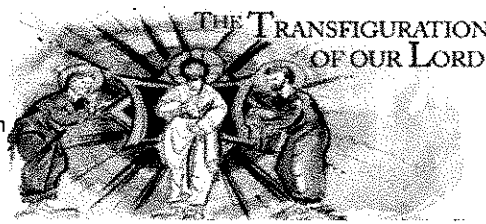


PARISH OFFICE
Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

DIOCESE www.kandle.ie **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org
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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, 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 6TH AUGUST, 2023

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 5th August – 6.15pm

Kathleen Lovern, Foxcroft Street (M.M.)
Bill & Sheila Fingleton & son, Paul; Deceased
members of the Prendeville Family;
Mick & Peggy Murphy & dec. members of the
Murphy Family, Annamoe;
Dec. members of the Whelan Family, Deerpark;
Lydia Allman & John Joe Allman, St. Joseph's
Tce; Seamus Maher, Sandy Lane (28th Anniv.)
Carmel Tynan, Patrick's Avenue

Sunday 6th August – 12.15pm

Seamus (Shay) Colgan, Clondoolusk (2nd
Anniv.); Phyllis & James Colgan, Clondoolusk;
Deceased members of the Colgan Family,
Bishopswood

10AM MASS - ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 7th August Paddy Murphy, Avondale
Tues. 8th August Frank Saunders, Wilton
Lawns; Michael & Brigid Wall; Michael Jnr. & his
daughter Michelle Wall; JJ Bannon (B/Day
Rem.); John Joe & Patricia Bannon
Wed. 9th August Daniel & Teresa O'Mahony
Sheila Lenihan, Kanturk, Cork (M.M.)
Thurs. 10th August Michael (Chips) Dunne,
Deerpark / Joan Mariaynagan, Kent
Fri. 11th August Mary J. Shanley, Patrick Street

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 6th August - 10.30am

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 5th August – 7.30pm

Sunday 6th August – 11am

Ann Maher, Killimy Road
Sean Crowley, Cappakeel

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 6th August - 9am

Ellen Donohoe, Jamestown; Rita Boland,
Courtwood; Fr. John Boland, Jamestown

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



✠ DECEASED - R. I. P. ✠

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

Margaret Hennessy, Freshford, Kilkenny
(Mother of Catherine Walsh, Patrick St.)
Angela O'Malley, Clannalire Crescent
Tadhg Coughlan, New Ross & formerly
Bracklone Street (Brother of Maura Coleman)
Sean Kelly, Dublin & formerly Ballybrittas
Peter O'Connell, Bog Road, Portarlington
(Funeral Mass Tuesday 8th August at 10am)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism



Emo Parish

Emily-Grace Sarah Brophy, Killeen

CEMETERY MASS

Emo Old Cemetery Sat. 12th Aug. 7.30pm

GREAT ADVENTURE



This 24 week course is commencing in
September in Scoil Phádraig, Portarlington.
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



PRAYER FOR FINE WEATHER

All-powerful and ever-living God,
we find security in your care
and love for us.

Give us the fine weather we pray for
and now badly need.

Bless the hard work and efforts
of so many of our people that their labours
may come to fruition.

We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen



A PRAYER FOR THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF OUR
Lord
Jesus

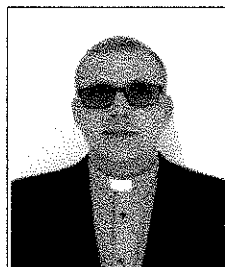
Great God of dazzling beauty
and overshadowing majesty,
in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,
we glimpse the image of your glory.
Teach us to listen to him
so that we may hear your voice
and follow your holy way;
through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

CANCER COMMUNITY INFORMATION



The Marie Keating Foundation are holding a
"Cancer Community Information Service"
on Wed. next, 9th August at Portarlington
Mens' Shed (Old Fire Station) commencing
11am. Open to all / No appointment
needed / No charge. Any queries call Val
on 087 2332653.

WELCOME



Fr. Eugen Dragoş Tomaş

We welcome Fr. Eugen as Curate to the
Parishes of Portarlington & Emo.
Fr Eugen is from the Diocese of Iaşi in
Romania. He will reside at the Parochial
House in Emo. We look forward to working
together with Fr. Eugene over the coming
years and wish him well in his new
appointment.

ALL IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

Avoid using insecticides, fungicides and
herbicides These potent chemical cocktails are
designed to kill various organisms. One of the
best things you can do for pollinators is avoid
using them. Why? Insecticides have been found
to kill, harm, and disorientate pollinators.
Herbicides kill the 'weeds' that provide them with
important food. www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/

Emo / Rath Parish LOTTO

Draw results Mon. 31st July 2023
Numbers: 2, 11, 14, 18. No Jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following: Ber & Christy
Wheeler C/o Bernie / Ryanh Family C/o Maeve
Paul Ryan C/o Maeve / Ann Deering C/o Anne
Eileen Dunne C/o Maeve
Next draw takes place on the 14th August with
a Jackpot of €2,400. Tickets are available in
Emo Shop, Village Cafe, Ballybrittas, Ballybrittas
Shop & the Parish Office - €2 each.

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS TREE COMMITTEE

The Portarlington Christmas Tree Committee
will hold their A.G.M. on the 11th August in the
Upstairs of the Anvil Inn, Portarlington
at 8.30pm. All very welcome.

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 31st July

Numbers 14, 11, 28, 29 – No jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:-
Jake McLoughlin / Hillary Mulligan / Brendan
Oakley / Sue Hanrahan / Robbie Keogh.
Promoters prize: Mary Keogh
Next week's Jackpot €6,000

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 this 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,
Portarlington - 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.



SLIMMING WORLD

Martina's Slimming World - Portarlington
now Running all groups at SOLAS Eco Garden
Centre, Portarlington, R32 RPX8
Join us ~ Wednesdays 9:30am / 5:30pm / 7:30pm.
New and rejoining members welcome
No booking required - You can phone Martina on
087 7838403. Free Slimming World Magazine for
New Members while stocks last.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Tuesday 8th August - St. Dominic
Wednesday 9th August St. Teresa Benedicta of
the Cross (Edith Stein) / St. Nathy; St. Felim
Thursday 10th August - St. Lawrence
Friday 11th August - St. Clare
Saturday 13th August - St. Jane Frances de
Chantal / St. Muredach / St. Attracta

HERITAGE WEEK 2023 "LIVING HERITAGE"

To mark Heritage Week 2023 the Portarlington
Arts & Heritage Group will host an event in
Portarlington Library on Thursday 17th August at
8pm, illustrating how two local buildings have
become part of our living heritage. Liam
Murphy, Irish Rail, will give a talk on the
restoration of buildings at Portarlington Railway
Station and plans for their future use. As part of
the talk the original drawings for the station
from 1845 will be on display for the first time in
over 150 years. This will be followed by a talk
on the restoration of Woodbrook House by the
current owner Ray Simmons. The evening will
conclude with a short talk on Portarlington's
forgotten artist, Walter Chetwood Aiken.
Admission is free and all are welcome.

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!

Summer Treasure Hunt

Call into Portarlington 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 Portarlington
Railway Station

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

Register to Vote

Need help getting on the register? Come along
to Portarlington 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 Portarlington 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
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



PLAY IN PINK

Portarlington Golf Club – Ladies & Gents
open 18 hole champagne scramble.
Fri. 11th August. €40 entry per team.
Proceeds in aid of National Breast
Cancer Research.



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

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. Clubs /
Organisations and a special welcome for
old group photographs (must include
names). Closing date for articles /
photographs by the end of August. You can
drop in your article to the Parish Office or
email: portarlingtonparishoffice@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. next, 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 SEA1 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.

SPIORAIÐ NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY



"The Step by Step to Feed the Next Child
Walk" starts in Kilkenny and passes
through Portlaoise. Mass will be celebrated
by Fr Eamonn Kelly, Mary's Meals Ireland,
in Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise on
Tues. 8th August at 6.30pm. All are invited
to join in this Eucharistic celebration.
Contact: Michael Nerney @ 086 815 7305
Mary's Meals: <https://www.marysmeals.ie>