

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## MASS TIMES

**St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton**  
 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, Portarlinton

<https://www.mcncmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton>



Portarlinton & Emo Parish  
 @EmoParish

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 ✕ Fifth Sunday in O.T. ✕ Year C

### ANNIVERSARY - PORTARLINGTON

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 6.15pm**

Mary (Bunty) Ward, St. Michael's Park (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Oliver Whelan, Marian Hill; Mary & Frank Flynn, Leitrim; Paddy Maher, Gracefield (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield; John & Moira Walsh, Dublin; Jim & Mer McEvoy, St. Michael's Park; Deceased members of the Leavy Family, Shandra; Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield; Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Tim & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone St; Joseph Kelly, Marian Hill; Carmel Lippert, Seattle

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 12.15pm**

Robert Francis Magee, Station Rd. (16<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy); Pat & Maureen Gorman, Church View; John Lawlor, Portlaoise Road; Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh; John Corcoran, Ballybrittas; Elizabeth Prior (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Fredrick Prior, Morette

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY 10AM PORT.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Christy & Pat Kennedy, Lucan

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

Ann Keegan & deceased members of the Keegan Family, Bishopswood; Michael & Thomas Keegan, Bishopswood

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Mossie & Kathy Stack

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Road  
 Lorcan Fullam

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

Pat O'Brien, County Dublin

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am**

George Monagher, Lea;  
 James Brophy, Lough

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 9am**

Peter O'Connell, Coolroe; Ann Kelly, Bellgrove;  
 John Corcoran, Ballybrittas

### DECEASED - R. I. P.

Your prayers are requested for the following  
 who died during the week:-

Edward (Ned) Carey, Lea & Main Street,  
 Portarlinton

Jack Kelly, Portnahinch

Emily Rowe (nee Seery), Edenderry &  
 Coláiste Iosagáin, Portarlinton

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February – 7.30pm**

Mary Strong (nee Dowling), Killimy Road; Deirdre Keogh (nee Flynn), Morette; John Flynn, Galway; William & Kathleen Byrne, Killimy; Des Copeland (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of the Copeland Family; Brian Dunne, Portlaoise & Coolbanagher; Martin & Elizabeth Kelly, Coolbanagher; Peter & Norah O'Connor, Old Pound & dec. members of the O'Connor Family; Robert McGuirk, Knightstown

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February – 11am**

Paddy Brophy, Killeen (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Elizabeth Prior, Morette (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Fredrick Prior, Morette; Mary Strong (nee Dowling), Killimy Road; Jim & Mary Nerney, The Poplars,  
 Tom & Rose Hanneffly, Coolbanagher

### WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

**Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2022**

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"  
 (Lk 6:36)

### Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes



The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is set aside each year as the occasion when we celebrate World Day of the Sick. It is the opportunity to acknowledge once again the important place the sick & suffering have in our community.

### PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ: Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
 AMEN

### LOURDES PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

#### MEETING



Meeting of the Lourdes Committee will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> February after the 6.15pm Mass in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton. All Committee members asked to attend.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

#### SACRAMENT



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament held in St. Michael's Parish Church, Portarlinton each Tuesday after 10am Mass & continues until 7pm.

### EMO PARISH ENVELOPES



The envelope boxes are being distributed at the moment. Boxes also available at the Church porches and from the Parish Office. To register write your name & address on 1<sup>st</sup> envelope. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks to all who contribute.

### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

#### PILGRIMAGE - August 2022



This year's trip will take place from 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> of August, at a cost of €895 per person sharing (single room supplement €265, subject to availability). This includes transfers to and from both airports, and 7 nights full board at the Solitude Hotel. Portarlinton Credit Union have kindly set up a savings scheme for anyone intending travelling on this year's trip. Simply contact a member of staff in PCU as there are savings options available.

A deposit of €250 to be paid before 25<sup>th</sup> March in order to secure your place on this year's trip. Also for those intending travelling, it's advisable to check your passports, to ensure the expiry date covers this year's trip. Plus check that your E11 cards are in date too. For more information, and to book a seat, please contact either Marie 087 7589896, or Vera 087 9311813, or any Committee member.

### MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

#### September 2022 Pilgrimage

Medjugorje Group Pilgrimage 2022. 7 Night Pilgrimage Package with Marian Pilgrimages. 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September. Cost: €775. Flight: Shannon to Mostar. Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland. Phone: Michael Nerney 086 8157305.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

#### CLONEYHURKE

Keep fit classes will commence on Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 7pm – 8pm under the expert guidance of Eimear Mathews. Suitable for both men and women. Fee €5 per person each night.

### HANDYMAN AVAILABLE

Available for jobs inside and outside. Contact Andy on 087 4511079.

### OFFALY S.P.C.A.

*Please help if you can!*

We are in desperate need of foster homes for dogs. We are currently full & have a lot of dogs needing to come into our care. Our regular foster spaces are now all full so we need some new families to help us as with your help we cannot help them. It is a very rewarding experience & a wonderful way to show you care. If you would like to find out more about becoming a foster carer, please contact 086 8262986 and our volunteer shall advise you.

### PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB

Would you have some old photographs of Portarlinton Golf Club and its members? Colin Finlay is compiling a video so, if you are willing to share your photographs, please forward them on to [clubpro@portarlingtongolfclub.ie](mailto:clubpro@portarlingtongolfclub.ie)

### YOGA

Thursday & Friday at Portarlinton Community Centre. Thursday morning 10am Yoga Class / Friday morning 11am Pregnancy Yoga. €10 per class. Contact Portarlinton Community Centre or book in on Facebook (Farmhouse Yoga).

### VALENTINES CRAFTS

#### At Portarlinton Library

Our popular Parent and Child craft table will be back just in time to make some cards for Valentines Day. The table will be up on Saturday next, 12<sup>th</sup> February from 10:30 - 1pm (or while stocks last). This is a free event but all children must be accompanied by an adult.

### KNOW YOUR LOCALITY

Laois Heritage Office are delighted to announce that the "Know your Locality – Laois Course" is back due to popular demand. With the support of Creative Ireland Laois, the course will be delivered by the Irish Heritage School over 5 evenings in March, with a field trip to the Rock of Dunamase on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Booking now open at <https://iafs.ie/know-your-locality-laois-march-2022>. If the course books out a waiting list will be started.

### PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

#### Membership – Great value offer.

Pay for one year and get membership to April 2023. Contact the Tennis Club on Station Road for further details and payment.

### LINE DANCING CLASSES

Continue on Thursday's at 7.30pm in Portarlinton Community Centre. No partner required. Call or text John to book your place 086-8333200.

### PRAYERFUL MEDITATION DAY

Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> February from 10am to 2pm at Portlaoise Parish Office. Cost €20. Contact Caroline on 087-2673134.

### SMARTPHONE / TABLET – CLASSES

Want to learn how to get the most from your Smartphone or tablet? The LOETB will be running a Stay Connected @ your Library course in Portarlinton Library. Course free / Places limited. Further info. phone 057 8643751, ask at the library desk or E-mail [portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoc.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoc.ie)

### CAT FOOD APPEAL

Portarlinton Veterinary Centre, Upper Main Street are looking for donations of wet or dry food for the Kildare Animal Foundation. Any help would be greatly appreciated. You can drop in to their veterinary clinic (beside A & S Meats) on Main Street.

### KENPO KARATE CLASSES

Kenpo Karate classes will be on every Tuesday evening at 4pm. For more information or to book your place phone Paul on 086 4069573.

Venue: Portarlinton Community Centre.

### SNOOKER LESSONS

The Snooker Parlour, Portarlinton are commencing coaching lessons for juniors from 8 years upwards, every Saturday morning between 9am and 1pm (on an hourly session in small groups). For general enquiries / bookings PM the Snooker Parlour page on Facebook.

### BINGO

Portarlinton G.A.A. Centre (McCann Park) Every Tuesday night at 8pm in the GAA Centre. Doors open at 7pm. All very welcome.

### LAOIS CLUBS MONSTER DRAW

The G.A.A. Annual Monster Draw tickets are now available from any committee member, or contact PRO, Johnny Dunne on 087-7657019 for details.

### G.R.O.W.

Grow Mental Health Peer Support meeting takes place every Thurs. from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the Social Services Centre. Contact Assumpta 086-8114135 [assumptaiyons@grow.ie](mailto:assumptaiyons@grow.ie)

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

**Draw 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022**

Numbers 23, 19, 15, 14 - No jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-

J. Colgan; Donie Molloy; Colin Hanlon; Pat

Burbage; Demeiza Cummins

Promoter: Jamie Hanlon.

Next week's Jackpot 4,600

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT

#### ST. ANNE'S RETREAT CENTRE,

##### Prayerful Meditation Day

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Feb. 10am-3.30pm with Sr. Anne

Kearney. Cost: €25 (Refreshments provided)

Phone 057-8626153 to book a place.

##### SPRING ONLINE COURSES

7pm to 9pm on Zoom on the following dates:

**March 8, 15, 22, 29** (Kieran J. O'Mahony)

Reading John 18-19 for all it is worth

**March 9, 16, 23, 30** (Janet Forbes and

Oonagh O'Brien)

Exploring the Synodal pathway: The ongoing

reception of Vatican II

**April 5, 12, 19, 26** (Deirdre Ní Chinnéide)

Listening in Lent/Easter Series – 4 evenings of

spiritual music, reflection & prayer.

**April 6, 13, 20, 27** (Gráinne Doherty)

"Jesus set his face towards Jerusalem"

Journeying through the Easter Story

€100 for each 4-night course. To book a place

please email [ceo@mountstannes.com](mailto:ceo@mountstannes.com)

Visit our website for full details of all our

upcoming events: [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com)

### SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to make a donation to Portarlinton / Emo Parishes, please see bank details below, where you can transfer directly to the Parish Accounts.

### PORTARLINGTON PARISH



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B.O.I. Portarlinton BOFIE2D

Portarlinton Parish No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14

Portarlinton 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

### PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE

Available at the Church Porch.

### USED POSTAGE STAMPS

Used postage stamps wanted for Foreign Missions. Please leave in through the letter box of The Nook Shop, Patrick Street

### A GUIDE TO STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

If you are thinking of starting your own business, there is a very helpful book written by Kevin Lawlor (Formerly Foxcroft Street). Available from the Parish Office.

### DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

If you want to learn a bit more about the Diocesan Pastoral Council you can check out the dedicated page on the diocesan website:

[www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesanpastoralcouncil/](http://www.kandle.ie/pastoral/diocesanpastoralcouncil/)

### SYNOD NEWS

People across Kildare & Leighlin are being invited to take part in a Listening Lent. This Lent, in different ways, you will be invited to share your experience of being part of the Church community. Together with Pope Francis, we want to hear from as many people as possible. The lived experience of every person is welcome and needed. Check out the diocesan and parish website and social media platforms in the coming weeks to find out more.

### BINGO

Portarlinton Social Services Centre The weekly Seniors Bingo has returned on Wednesday's at 8.30pm in the Social Services Centre, Link Road. Looking forward to seeing all our patrons. New members welcome.

### PARISH OFFICE

Please note that all Anniversary Masses must be booked in with the Parish Office latest Thursday's 12 Noon in order to guarantee inclusion in the weekend's Parish Newsletter & Anniversary Altar List. Also, all other notices for the Parish newsletter to be in by Wednesday of each week. Thank you for your co-operation.