

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 VIA LIVE STREAMING
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
Saturday 6.15pm/Sunday 9am & 12.15pm
Monday to Friday 10am

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 7th March 2021 ✕ Third Sunday of Lent ✕ Year B

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 6th March
Mary (Bunty) Ward, St. Michael's Park (M.M.); Jimmy Hanlon, Gracefield (1st Anniv.); Jack Finlay & Eileen Finlay (3rd Anniv.); Patrick Street; Luke Clarke, Bishopwood; Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield (10th Anniv.); Mary Connolly, Marian Hill; Billy Whelan, Marian Hill; Denis (Con) Coughlan & Joan Coughlan, Assumpta Tce; Patricia Neylon; Tommy O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square

Sunday 7th March
Eileen Thompson, Portlaoise Road (M.M.); John Hickey, 'Braemor' (3rd Anniv.); his brother Joseph Hickey; parents Joseph & Maureen Hickey; Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale; Tom Shortall, St. Brigid's Sq; William McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (9th Anniv.); Frances Allman, St. Joseph's Tce; Michael O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; son, Barry O'Neill; Twin brother Paddy (P.J.) O'Neill, Dun Laoghaire; Donal O'Meara & his son Patrick O'Meara, Annamore

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

10am Mass via Webcam

Monday 8th March
Eileen Phelan, Portlaoise
Tuesday 9th March
Mary Walsh, Lough Villa, Bracklone Street
Wednesday 10th March
Deceased members of the Carbery & Moran Families
Thursday 11th March
Brigid Hoey, St. Mary's Tce
Lynda Hoey, Clanmalire Close
Friday 12th March
Bridie & George Quinn, Bishopwood Road

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sunday 7th March
Paul Moore, Springfield;
Martin Slevin, Ballycarroll
Nancy Whelehan, Closelands (6th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 6th March
Edward (Ned) Carroll, Killimy Rd, (1st Anniv)
Sunday 7th March
Christy Booth, Morette (9th Anniversary)
James O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown (10th Anniversary)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 7th March
Michael Kinsella Snr, Fisherstown
Mary Brennan, Jamestown

DECEASED

Prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:
Liam Bennett, Kilbride

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Emo Parish

Maebh Anna Gleeson, Woodbrook
Juliette Mary-Rose Sheeran, Morette
Aisling Tess Carroll, Courtwood
Portarlington Parish
Sadie Olivia Crampton, Shandra Woods
Emilia Angela O'Neill, Ballymorris Road
Remi Eileen Mulpeter, Boley Court
Lily Rose Anne Dunne, Castle Lea View

FRIDAY PENANCE

As Catholics we are encouraged to practice forms of Friday Penance throughout the year. The following are suggestions from the Irish Bishops' Conference as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:-

- ❖ Abstaining from meat or some other food
- ❖ Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking
- ❖ Making a special effort at family prayer
- ❖ Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays
- ❖ Visiting the Blessed Sacrament
- ❖ Making the Stations of the Cross
- ❖ Fasting for a longer period than usual & giving what is saved to the needy
- ❖ Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - SOME SUGGESTIONS

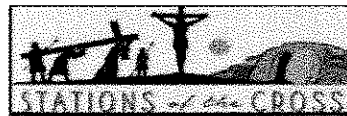
FOR THE WEEK

- Persevere in your chosen resolution for Lent & remember their purpose is to bring you closer to God.
- Think of one habit you can create to help keep Sunday holy in your home.
- Have a Trocaire box for the home & find out about the Trocaire campaign 2021.
- Go for a walk & contemplate the beauty of God's creation.
- Do a Friday Penance.
- Find ways to conserve/reduce use of water in the home. Visit: www.water.ie/conserve

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
Stations of the Cross / Prayers / Reflections will take place at 7.30 each Wednesday night for the duration of Lent from St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>



'Stations of the Cross in this time of Pandemic'

This Lent the diocese is offering a video series, led by Bishop Denis, with three stations each week. The Stations can be accessed on kandle.ie from 3pm each Friday during Lent, as well as on the Kandle Facebook page. It is also available in written format for those who prefer to pray the stations in that way. The video reflections are read by people from the diocese who have been seriously impacted by COVID.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Harbour the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are:

- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Admonish the sinner
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive offences willingly
- Comfort the afflicted
- Pray for the living and the dead

A new work of mercy by Pope Francis
Care for our common Home, the Earth

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Monday 8th March - St. John of God
And St. Senan
Thursday 11th March - St. Aengus

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES

Graigucullen / Killeslin parish sends a warm invitation to all to tune in via webcam (www.graigucullenkilleslin.com) to their weekly Lenten services. Rosary is also led by the Poor Clare Sisters daily at 11.40am concluding with the Angelus.

LENTEN STATIONS

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the Parish.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is closed to the public due to ongoing restrictions. You can phone the office (057) 8643004 between 10.30am & 12 Noon Mon. – Fri. Alternatively, you can phone or text Eileen on 086-1508048. You can e-mail notices to portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

MOUNT ST. ANNE'S RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTRE

Contact the office on 057 8626153 for information on upcoming events.
secretary@mountstannes.com
www.mountstannes.com

LAOIS ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY

If you need to contact Laois Alzheimer's Society phone Ann on 086 8372168.

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland National Helpline 1800 341 341



CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

0818 222 024

If you have concerns or queries about COVID-19 call ALONE's dedicated support line everyday, 8am - 8pm. To volunteer your help, visit www.alone.ie

AUTISM - The Three Musketeers

This beautiful book by local lady, Niamh McCormack is available from the Parish Office in Portarlington. Book cost €20 each, with all proceeds going towards her brother's therapy.

FUNDRAISER FOR CRUMLIN HOSPITAL

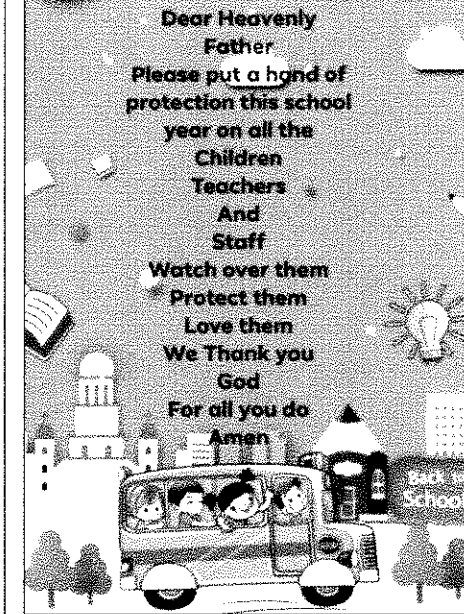
Can you help local lad, Joey Kennedy who is fundraising for Crumlin Hospital. Their annual initiative "Duck Push" can't take place due to restrictions but Joey is asking you to donate as much as you can towards this great cause. Link to donate: <https://gofund.me/05256670>
Your support would be greatly appreciated.

PORTARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

RESULTS

2nd March 2021 - Letters S, L, K, O - No Jackpot winner. €25 to Paul Kelly & to Sandra Loftus. Sellers prize Sarah Brennan. Next draw will take place on 16th March with a Jackpot of €10,000

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER



Dear Heavenly Father
Please put a hand of protection this school year on all the Children Teachers And Staff
Watch over them Protect them Love them We Thank you God For all you do Amen

WELCOME BACK

We are delighted to welcome the boys and girls who are now back at school. This time of year we are usually planning the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Government restrictions are still in place, but when it is possible to gather in numbers and restrictions are lifted, the sacraments will be arranged for all the boys and girls concerned. Stay safe and stay healthy!

PRIME TIME

True Fitness & Laois Sports Partnership, Portarlington are hosting a FREE 12 week physical activity & health programme for adults in Laois aged 50-80 years. The programme is designed by Dr Diane Cooper & has been delivered on line for this age group since covid began last year. Commencing March 15th 2021, this programme involves: 2 online (live) exercise classes per week which train balance, fitness, strength & flexibility + 1 mini. 15 minute) health workshop per week. E-mail for info. & booking: ruthtruefitness@gmail.com
Deadline for applications is March 10th, 2021.

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS

Used stamps needed for the missions. If you have some, kindly drop them into Delaney's, Bracklone Street.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH 2021

Pope Francis has declared 2021 "The Year of St. Joseph". In his Apostolic Letter, "Patris Corde" (A father's Heart), Pope Francis describes St. Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. Let us now make our prayer to him:

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, And defend us from every evil. Amen.



TROCAIRE

Trocaire's Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. See <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/resources>
You can donate any of the following ways:-
Through the website: www.trocaire.org
Call-save to 1850 408 408
Post to: Trocaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare.
Donate through your Parish by collecting a Trocaire Box from your local Church.

EMO PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelope boxes have been distributed around the parish - If you haven't yet received a box of envelopes and wish to contribute to the parish, please phone the Parish Office and we will deliver a box to you. Alternatively, some boxes are available in the Church porches. Sincere thanks to all of you who have contributed and continue to do so. It is greatly appreciated.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

We have traditionally depended on the passing of the collection baskets at weekend Masses for support. This is not possible now due to the Covid Pandemic but we are very thankful to many of you who have found different ways of contributing to the support of the parish during these times.
If you wish to make a donation, the Parish Account details are listed below, where you can transfer directly to our 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

ONLINE DONATIONS THROUGH OUR DIOCESAN WEBSITE

There is a donation facility on the Kandle website where you can donate to your parish, to Trocaire, retired priests & other collections. The Diocese will forward any donations received for each parish.
www.kandle.ie

PARISH DONATION ENVELOPE

Available at the Church Porch.

BEWARE OF FAKE E-MAILS

Please be aware that there are fake E-mails going around, being sent as part of a scam. The E-mail will look like it was sent from the parish or a member of clergy. If you look at the E-mail address it will not be from either the parish / clergy member. In most cases the addresses will be 'pastor' followed by numbers. If you receive one of these E-mails please do not respond, just delete it.