



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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om Mon. - Fri.  
opening hours.

**DIocese** www.kandle.ie

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## CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from  
**St. Michael's Church, Portarlington**

[www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington](http://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

## 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.



SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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## WEEKEND MASSES

### PORTARLINGTON

#### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May - 6.15pm

John & Elizabeth Callaghan, St. Michael's Park; Dolores Shortall, Arlington Estate & her brother, Ger Doyle, Tullamore; Magella Hyland (nee Milner), The Borneess (17<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Margaret (Peg) Murphy, Assumpta Tce. B/D Rem.

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - 12.15pm

Kathleen Carey & Anthony Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Kathleen Garry, Cloneyquinn; Daniel & Kathleen Hayden, St. Brigid's Sq; Lar Dempsey, Clondoolusk; Fergus Murphy, Congress Tce.

## 10AM MASS - ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> May

Kay Murphy

Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> May

Patrick & Mary Donagher, son  
Tommy Donagher & Liam Shortall

Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> May

Shane & Fergus McMahon

Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> May

Mary Walsh

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> May

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - 10.30a.m

Eugene, Ellen & Terry Sullivan; J.J. Bannon, Lea; Tom, Jimmy & Liam McCormack, Lea; Tom Whelehan, Closeland

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May - 7.30pm

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - 11am

Michael Whyte Snr., his Son, Paul Whyte,  
Michael & Kathleen Whyte, Killimy  
Michael Dooley & Kieran Dooley, Morette

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May - 9am

Pat Jo Duffy, Newbridge & formerly Ballyadden (M.M.); Syl Mullen, Tierhogar (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Narissa Carroll, Rath; Simon Luttrell,  
Fisherstown (28<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Paddy & Cora  
O'Dwyer, B/D Remembrance

## DECEASED - R. I. P.



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

Sean Fallon, Lea Road

Helen Hanlon (nee Egan), Gracefield

## CEMETERY MASSES 2023



Killenard - Fri. 7<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30pm

Portarlington - Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery - Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> July - 7.30pm

Emo Old Cemetery - Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> Aug. - 7.30pm

## PENTECOST NOVENA

Pentecost Novena takes place from 19<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May. This novena will be broadcast daily on Radio Maria [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) at 9.30am & Shalom World Prayer [www.swprayer.org](http://www.swprayer.org) at 6.30pm.



## MAY - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of May, dedicated to Mary, is a fitting time to begin to recite the Rosary daily..... Pope Francis

## FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

**Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> May Bl. John Sullivan 1861 - 1933**  
Born in Dublin and baptised in St. George's Church of Ireland, Temple Street - He was brought up in the Christian tradition of his father. He studied in Enniskillen, then Trinity College and then Lincoln's Inn, in London. At the age of 35 he returned to Dublin and was received into the Roman Catholic Church and returned to Dublin, living a very simple life style. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1900 and was ordained priest in 1907. His reputation for holiness and as a person of prayer spread rapidly and he was always available to the sick, the poor and anyone in need.

### Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> May - Our Lady of Fatima

The apparitions to the three children of Fatima took place in the summer of 1917, beginning on the 13<sup>th</sup> May when the 'Lady' asked them to pray for sinners & an end to the World War. In the final apparition on the 13<sup>th</sup> October, the 'Lady' identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary & called for prayer & conversion.

## YEAR FOR VOCATIONS

2023

"The Year of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood" has commenced, with the theme "Take the risk for Christ".

"Take the Risk for Christ" will help to focus on the need for diocesan priests who serve God & His people day in and day out. One of the key features of the Year for Diocesan Vocations is the call to prayer.

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



Congratulations to the children from  
**Presentation Primary School & Sandy Lane School**

who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend (Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> May) in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington. The children from Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard.

Children from Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Sacred Heart N.S. Rath will receive their First Holy Communion as follows:-

### Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am

### Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 11.30am

## CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Children for First Holy Communion & children for Confirmation will receive the Sacraments on Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

## ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



The Rosary will be prayed every day for the month of May in St. Johns Church, Killenard. Time 4pm. All very welcome.

## EXAM PRAYER



Dear Lord,  
As I take these exams,  
I thank you that my life is enfolded  
in the embrace on your  
great love for me.

Help me with all the testing challenges  
of life that will come my way.

Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts  
of wisdom, knowledge, understanding  
and right judgement.

Holy Mary, pray for us  
and all our young people  
May they know the touch  
of your loving caress.

AMEN

## BEALTAINE EVENTS - PORT. LIBRARY

**Flower Arranging Demonstration**  
Join Hazel Duffy from L.O.E.T.B. for a  
demonstration of the art of flower arranging  
followed by a Q & A session.  
Tues. 9<sup>th</sup> May 12 Noon - 1pm.

**Willow Weaving** : Beth Murphy from Willow  
Wonder will instruct participants in this workshop  
in the ancient craft of willow weaving.  
All materials will be supplied.

Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 1pm.

**Chess Class for Adults** : An introduction to  
chess for adult beginners.  
Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm - 5pm.

The above events are FREE, but **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.** Give your name at the Library desk, phone 057 8643751 or Email [portarlingtonlibrary@laiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laiscoco.ie)

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

### Lotto 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023

Numbers 22, 3, 17, 23 - No Jackpot winner.  
€50 to each of the following:-  
Colette Coss; Erin Duffy; Karen Dunne; Graham Delaney; Dee & Sisters. Promoters prize: Breda Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot €3,400

## CÚL CAMPS

Cúl Camps are back at O'Dempsey's from the 31<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August. Places must be booked online at - [www.keiloggsculcamps.gaa.ie](http://www.keiloggsculcamps.gaa.ie)

## PREGNANCY WELLNESS / BABY MASSAGE

**Pregnancy Wellness**: Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> May  
between 10.30am - 2pm - Venue: Solas Eco  
Garden Centre. Includes breath work technique,  
gentle yoga flow & guided pregnancy relaxation.  
**Baby Massage**: Commencing Mon. 29<sup>th</sup> May in  
Portarlington Community at 12pm.  
Booking is essential for above. You can phone  
Catriona on 086-8890005.

## USED POSTAGE STAMPS (Missions)

If you have any used postage stamps, they can  
be left into the following:-  
"The Nook Shop", Patrick Street / Angela in  
Portarlington Pharmacy / Delaney, Bracklone St.

## FOUND

A Pet Rabbit was found on Station  
Road on Monday last. Please phone  
087 4193759 if you are the owner.

## THE TOURIST GLAZE

**A look at Irish souvenir china**  
A talk for the Laois Heritage Society, with many  
interesting, colour photographs, will take place  
at Portarlington Library on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
commencing 8pm. Speaker on the night: John  
Stocks-Powell.  
All very welcome to attend.

## MARCH FOR A.R.C.H. (TODAY)

*(Friendship Club for people with special needs)*

Sponsored walk will take place on the Walking Track at Emo GAA on Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> May (today) commencing 2pm, followed by DISCO with music provided by our own ARCH Club DJ, P.J. Dempsey. As this is an all-inclusive, all-abilities event, you can choose how many times you want to go around the track. This event is open to everyone so come along and join in the fun. We need your support. Monster raffle on the day with lovely prizes provided by Laois Businesses. Contact: Mary Butler 087 6323269.

## Upcoming events at:

### MOUNT ST. ANNE'S, KILLENARD

#### Prayerful Meditation Day

On Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 3.30pm. A day to reflect, renew and recharge - To meditate, pray and be nourished using Scripture.

Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney hfb.  
Cost €25 (please bring packed lunch)  
Tea/Coffee provided.

We also have a number of **6-Day Retreats** available throughout the Summer & Autumn months. For bookings and enquiries, please phone 057 8626153 or Email [secretary@mountstannes.com](mailto:secretary@mountstannes.com)

## EMO / RATH PARISH

### LOTTO

The next draw will take place on Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> May with a **Jackpot of €10,400**

Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Cafe, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office €2 each.

## PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

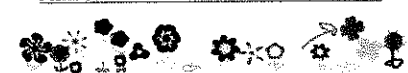
### PARENTS COUNCIL - FUNDRAISER LOTTO

This is a fundraising initiative and the money raised will be used to directly support your children's education and purchase resources for our school, including sports equipment, IT equipment, classroom and teaching resources. We hope that the weekly option of 1 line for €2.50 will allow everybody to contribute.  
**PLAY** - Pick 4 numbers. The same numbers will be played for you each week.  
**PAY** - 1 line for €2.50 / 2 lines for €4 / 3 lines for €5. Max. 3 lines per person.  
**WIN** - Match 4 numbers to win the jackpot  
Join now scan the QR code or on Website: [www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/presprimary](http://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/presprimary)

## ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7:15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free & 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. Online service also offered.  
Further info: 01 4045378.

## ALL IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN



Reduce mowing to allow native wildflowers like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot Trefoil to naturally return over time. Why? This action helps to restore species-rich grasslands: A vital habitat providing food & shelter for pollinators. Where? Everywhere! Roadside verges, lawns, schools, parks, field margins, farm lanes. Take part in #NoMowMay and leave your lawnmower in the shed for May. [www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/](http://www.pollinators.ie/top-ten-ways-to-help-pollinators/)

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
Tuesday's 10.30am-7pm. All 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

B.O.I. Portarlington BOFIIIE2D  
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 BOFIIIE2D  
Emo Church No. 1 Account  
IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54  
Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account  
IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

## LAOIS SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

Bealtaine Festival activities & events  
Contact Catriona on (086)7935234 to registered (Limited numbers)  
Portarlington Community Hall  
Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> May (11am - 1pm) - Activator poles with Caroline Cahill (11am) & Dance with Moez (12pm)  
Emo Court  
Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> May & 17<sup>th</sup> May (11am) Wellness Walk with Caroline Cahill  
Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> May 7.31<sup>st</sup> May (11am) Activator Poles Walk with Caroline Cahill

## REFLECTION



If only the heart was right we could give so much more. But, alas, the heart is often empty. It is often cold and unwelcoming. It is often hard and unyielding. It is often weighed down with worry. It is often sad and lonely. It is often wounded. And it is sometimes broken. We have to heal the wounds of the heart in order to be able to love. Lord, touch our hearts and heal them, so that we may be able to bear the fruits of love.

AMEN

## PORTARLINGTON RUGBY YOUTH

### Metal Collection Fundraiser



Fundraising has commenced for the Youth's Rugby tour coming up in November, with a **METAL COLLECTION DAY.** Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> May 11am - 3pm - Drop off point Solas Eco Centre R32PRX8. Drop off preferred. Larger/ heavier items can be arranged for collection by phoning 086 3475357. Items needed:- Iron, cast iron, washing machines, tumble dryers, cookers, metal sinks, metal baths, taps, radiators, lawn mowers, alloy wheels, hot water tanks, copper, electrical cable.