



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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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.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 8th January, 2023

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 7th January 2023 - 6.15pm

John Gorman, Cloneygowan; Gerry Kelly, Seskin; Paddy Ryan, Arlington Estate
Eamon Scott, Shandra; Nuala Murphy, Main Street; James & Bridget Kelly, Cushina & dec. members of the Kelly family; Derek Dunne, Garryhinch; Lill & John Tinkler, Station Road

Sunday 8th January 2023 - 12.15pm

Peggy, Tony & Dominic Harris, Market Square; Ann Connolly, Spa St. (10th Anniv.); Lauri Lawlor Snr. & Lauri Lawlor Jr., Kilbride; Mollie Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Stephen McCormack, Dereen (25th Anniv.); George & Mary Donagher, Droughill; Ger Donagher, Droughill; Elizabeth Bourke, Limerick; Fiona Donagher, Michael Costello, St. Patrick's Tce. Peter Weir, Ballybrittas (15th Anniv.)

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 9th January ---
Tues. 10th January Jim & Bridget Ryan & deceased members of the Ryan Family
Wed. 11th January Peter & Mary McEvoy, St. Patrick's Terrace
Thurs. 12th January Maureen Hoey (nee Brophy), St. Joseph's Terrace (1st Anniv.)
Fri. 13th January ---

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 8th January 2023 - 10.30am
Thomas (Tom) Landy, Whitefields (M.M.)
Mary O'Leary, Killenure (2nd Anniv.)
Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacum

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 7th January 2023 - 7.30pm
Bridget Keegan, Morette (M.M.)
Bridget Fitzpatrick, Dangans

Sunday 8th January 2023 - 11am

Edward (Neddy) Mulhall, Morette & deceased members of the Mulhall Family
Paddy Delaney, New Inn Cross (11th Anniv.)
Matthew & Mary Ellen Dunne, Coolaghy

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 8th January 2023 - 9am
Liam Carroll, Courtwood (2nd Anniv.)
Caroline Malone, Fisherstown (3rd Anniv.)
Paddy & Mary Flynn, Fisherstown & Cobh, Cork,
Anne Tynan, Jamestown & her mother
Anne Delaney, Coole.

DECEASED

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

Patrick (Paddy) Brennan,
Patrick Street



Rose McCann (nee Gallagher),
St. Brigid's Square



Christina O'Connor,
St. Brigid's Square

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Today, Sunday 8th January 2023 is the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. Through our baptism, each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ - Priest, Prophet & King - and the Father looks on us with favour.



THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Open the heavens almighty Father, and pour out your spirit upon your people. Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing & fill us with zeal for good deeds.

Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your beloved Son

our hope in inheriting eternal life. Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, who lives & reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God forever and ever.

AMEN

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to the following couples who celebrated their marriage recently:-



Portarlington / Killenard

Lee-Ann Murphy, Botley Court
& Michael Wilcox, Kilmalogue Park

Grainne Kennedy, Station Court
& Pauric Farrell, Dublin

Marcia Colbert-Maher, Castlegate
& Kelvin McHale, Castle Lea View

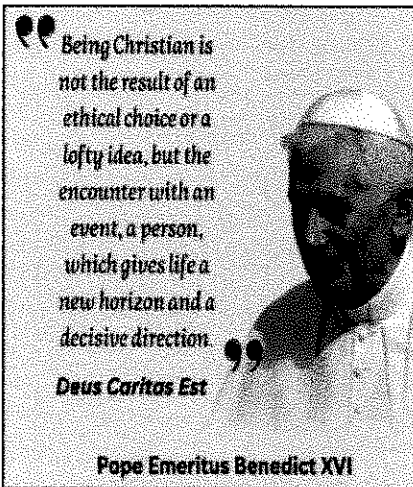
Emo / Rath

Julie McDonagh, New Mill Court, Canal Road & Karl Treacy, Dublin

Maria Whyte, Killimy & Ian Pearson,
Luggacurren



All couples who wish to get married must contact the Parish Office at least four months prior to the Marriage

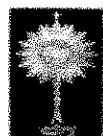


Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.
Deus Caritas Est

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.



NEW YEAR PRAYER

I said to the Man who stood at the Gate of the Year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".
And He replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way!"
So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, tread gladly into the night, and He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.
So, heart, be still:
The stretch of years which wind ahead, so dim to our imperfect vision, are clear to God; our fears are premature.
In Him all time hath full provision.

M.L. Hoskins

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



Lotto.

The next draw will take place on Monday 9th January with a Jackpot of €7,600
Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office, Portarlington at €2 each.

OFFALY ALZHEIMER CAFE

Bridge House Hotel - Tullamore.
Mon. 9th January at 10.30am.
Everybody welcome. For further information contact Claire Dolan 087 7151323 or email Claire.dolan@alzheimer.ie

ANAM CARA

Anam Cara Midlands (supporting bereaved parents) is holding the monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 11th Jan. at 7:15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents. Offer online service / Further info. 01 4045378.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

Numbers - 23 / 7 / 3 / 9 - No Jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:- Eimear Lawless / Christy O'Reilly / Gillian Treacy / Pauline Geoghegan / Isabella Whelan
Promoters prize: Breda Flanagan
Next week's jackpot €4,400

SOLAS GARDEN CENTRE

Christmas Tree Shredding
Sun. 8th January 11am to 3pm. Free service but donations welcome which will go towards Portarlington Meals on Wheels.

Car Boot Sale

On Sun. 22nd January. Traders can arrive from 8am. Price: €15 per car / small van. The public can arrive at 10am. Entry fee €2 per adult / children go free.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89.

The club will resume with
Dancing Lessons
on Mon. 9th January from 7.45-9.15pm.
€8 per session. All kinds of dancing.
Dancing Keep Fit
Returns on Wed. 11th January from 7-8pm.
€5 per class. Fitness Instructor Eimer Mathews.
The Buckleys in Concert
Sun. 12th February from 3.30pm. Tickets €12.
Folk, traditional and ballads plus supporting acts for more details or tickets phone 087 2040693.

THANKS

Santa's Helpers thank everyone who contributed so kindly to their fundraising. Well done to everyone involved who have contributed to the welfare of others in our community.

MESSAGE FROM AN GARDIA SIOCHANA

An Garda Siochana wish to warn people of a doorstep fraud & theft offence which has become prevalent over the last number of weeks. Elderly people are being targeted at their homes by criminals who are impersonating Gardai. The offenders are fraudulently pretending to be plain clothes Gardai who are checking for dud money. They have duped people all around the country & stolen their cash on the pretence of checking to see if it is genuine money. They are producing false identification to assist the process.



SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2023

Rath National School
Junior Infants 2023: Enrolment until 27th Jan. 27th Jan. www.rathns.ie / Email office@rathns.com or 057 8626270
Emo National School
From 5th January 2023 on line emons.ie
Cloneyhurke National School
13th Jan. until 4th Feb. 2023.
info@cloneyhurke.net / 057 8623271, www.cloneyhurke.net
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Thurs. 12th Jan. until Fri. 3rd February 2023.
www.killenardschool.weebly.com / Collect from school office / office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
Enrolment until 26th January 2023.
www.stpatricksbns.ie / info@stpatricksbns.ie or write to the school at Canal Road, R32 Y6K7.
Presentation Primary School
Early Intervention Classes (Preschool ASD). You can enroll until 26th January. Acceptance must be confirmed by 20th March 2023.

CONFIRMATION 2023

St. Paul N.S., Emo
Friday 10th March 2023 at 11am
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Friday 10th March 2023 at 2pm
Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 11am
Presentation Primary School, Station Road
Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 2pm
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Thursday 30th March at 11.30am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

St. Paul's N.S., Emo
Sunday 30th April 2023 at 11am
Presentation Primary School, Station Road
Saturday 6th May 2023 at 11.30am
Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Saturday 13th May 2023 at 11.30am
Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
Saturday 20th May 2023 at 11.30am
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Saturday 27th May 2023 at 11.30am

EASY YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Commencing Sat. 14th January from 12.30 to 1.30pm and will continue every Saturday. You can join at any stage. Portarlington Community Centre. Cost €40 for four weeks. When you come along, please bring a mat and a blanket. For further information & booking contact Adel on 086 3656209.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Portarlington meals on Wheels thank all those who donated to their service during the past year. The generosity of people is overwhelming. In 2022 there was over 10,000 meals delivered. Thanks to the ladies who cook and to the many volunteer delivery people. We remember the people who passed away during the year who volunteered to the service. May they rest in peace.

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

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2022, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches or from the Parish Office. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. To register write your name & address on 1st envelope. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks for continued contributions.

USED STAMPS

Used stamps needed for the missions. Drop them into 'The Nook', Patrick Street.

ANNUAL LIONS CLUB

Church Gate Collections in aid of Portarlington Lions Club **this weekend**, 7th / 8th January. Please give generously.

IMPORTANT DATES 2023

Ash Wednesday 22nd February
Good Friday 7th April
Easter Sunday 9th April
Ascension - Sun. 21st May
Pentecost - Sun. 28th May
Trinity Sunday - 4th June
Corpus Christi - Sun. 11th June
First Sunday Advent - 3rd December

SPEAKING IRISH

Bi ag caint Gaeilge le Cheile each Wednesday in January - 11th, 18th and 25th, in the Old School, Vicarstown from 7.30pm to 9pm. Failte le cach. Enjoy a cupan tae agus chat.

EMO ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Emo Active Retirement will meet on 10th Jan. in the Old School at 8pm. We wish everyone a very Happy and safe 2023. New members welcome as we begin a new year.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.A.A.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Talk
Frank Diamond from the charity ALPS, (All Lives Are Precious), will deliver a powerful talk on Mental Health, Wellbeing, Gratitude and Building Resilience on the 20th January at 8pm at O'Dempsey's GAA Clubhouse. This is a community event that is open to both members and non-members, and we encourage you to attend.