



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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER 2023

Twenty Seventh Sunday in O.T.

Year A

WEEKEND MASSES

PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 7th October – 6.15pm

Mary Knight, St. Joseph's Tce. (M.M.)
Jim O'Neill, Crowe Lane & Gracefield (1st Anniv.)
Marlene Kennedy, Annamoe (3rd Anniv.)
Willie Slattery, St. Brigid's Square (15th Anniv.)
John Knight Jnr., St. Joseph's Terrace
Breeda Kelly, Avondale
Deceased members of the Cannon Family

Sunday 8th October – 12.15pm

Charles Kavanagh, Bracklone St. (1st Anniv.)
Arthur & Julia Bryan, Cloneyquinn; Deceased
members of the Bryan & Delaney Families;
Ina & Tony Keenan, Gracefield
David Sharpe, London, Patricia Fallon, St.
Michael's Park & Oliver Sharpe, St. Michael's
Park; Molly Coogan, Corrig & deceased
members of the Coogan Family, Shiphouse

10AM MASS – ANNIVERSARIES

PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 9th Oct. Moll Leavy, Assumpta Terrace
Tues. 10th Oct. ---
Wed. 11th Oct. James & Catherine Hennessy,
Bracklone Street
Thurs. 12th Oct. ---
Fri. 6th 13th Oct. ---

ANNIVERSARIES

KILLENARD

Sunday 8th October – 10.30am

Johnny, Margaret & Mary Behan, Tierhogar
Jack Regan, Tierhogar
Eileen & James Keogh, Huntingdon

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Saturday 7th October – 7.30pm

Sunday 8th October – 11am

George Hyland, London & formerly Lime Tree

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 8th October – 9am

Billy Murphy, Bellgrove (4th Anniv.)
Patricia Greene, Courtwood (14th Anniv.)
Patrick Brennan, Jamestown
Ann & Liam Tynan, 'Copperbeech', Jamestown

ROSARY

Rosary will be recited every
evening at 4pm in St. John's
Church, Killenard. All welcome.

DECEASED - R. I. P.

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

Matthew (Matt) Moore, Treascon
David Sharpe, London



Congratulations to the following children who
were baptized last weekend in the Parish:-
Iarlhlaithe Brereton, Castlegate
Olly Leigh Patrick Hughes, Kilnacash,
Mountmellick

SACRAMENTS 2024

CONFIRMATION 2024

Sacred Heart NS, Rath

Wed. 13th March 11am

St Paul's NS, Emo

Wed. 13th March 2pm

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington

& Cloneyhurke NS

Friday 15th March 11am

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Friday 15th March at 2pm

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 14th March at 11.30am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024

Sacred Heart NS, Rath

Sat 27th April 11.30am

St. Paul's NS, Emo

Sun 28th April 11am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Saturday 11th May at 11.30am

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Saturday 18th May at 11.30am

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington

Saturday 25th May at 11.30am

MONTHS MIND MASS

The Months Mind Mass for

Sr. Elizabeth Garry

will be celebrated in Mt. St. Anne's, Killenard

on Friday next, 13th October at 7.30pm.

All welcome.

FEAST DAYS

DURING THE WEEK



Mon. 9th Oct: St. John Henry Newman

Wed. 11th Oct. St. John XXIII & St. Canice



OCTOBER

Theme: *Luke (24:13-35); "Hearts on
Fire, Feet on the Move".*

October and World Mission Sunday is a
time for the faithful of the world to show
their appreciation towards the work of
overseas missionaries. The generosity
offered will be used to support missionary
activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses;
mostly in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
You can help right now. World Mission
Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday
22nd Oct. 2023 - info@missio.ie
To learn more go to www.missio.ie

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Congratulations

to

Fr. Sean Murphy SDB (Rath),

who celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his
Ordination to the Priesthood next weekend.

Fr. Sean has spent his 50 years of
priesthood on the Missions in Southern
Africa. To honour the occasion, Fr. Sean
will celebrate Mass on Sat. next, 14th
October at 3pm in Sacred Heart Church,
Rath.

All very welcome to the celebration of
Mass.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Rosary & Blessing of Graves
will take place on Sun. 5th
November. Blessing will take place
in Killenard after the 10.30am Mass
& St. Michael's Cemetery,
Portarlington at 3pm.

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

PRAYER OF CARDINAL NEWMAN

May the Lord support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in his mercy may he give us
a safe lodging, and holy rest,
and peace at the last.
Amen.

VICARSTOWN 2K JUNIOR PARKRUN

Takes place every Sunday at 11am.

A free fun event for 4 to 14 year olds.

See www.parkrun.ie for registration details.

Come and join in the fun.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Ground Person / Caretaker

We are looking for a Grounds Person /
Caretaker at the Old Pound, Ballybrittas. Dev.
Opportunity – No experience necessary.
Accredited training provided. If you or someone
you know is interested, and eligible for the
Community Employment Scheme, contact a
case officer at your local Intreo Office for further
details, quoting ref. - #CES-2299124. or contact
our club Sec. , Barry Finlay on 087-7707511.

Lotto Results

2nd Oct. 2023 – Numbers 2, 10, 18, 24

No jackpot winner. Match three winners:-

Siobhan Hanway C/o Brian Noone

Promoter: Paul Melia

Next week's Jackpot **€17,800**. Tickets available
from Dowlings Gala, Richie Slevin & Ballybrittas
Service Station and also from our usual Sellers.

WANTED – MUSICAL INSTRUMENT



Beginners Flute required for learner.
Contact 086 1732637

LITTLE BOOK OF POEMS &

SHORT STORIES By Ruth Nolan.

Available in the Parish Office. €6 each.
All proceeds of this book to be donated to
Laochra Laois Special Olympics Club.

SOLAS – R32 RPX8 – LEA ROAD

Car Book Sale today, Sun. 8th October
10am to 3pm.

Eco Garden Shop – Farmers Market on
Saturdays 10am – 2pm /
Craft Market first Sunday of every month.
Lots of workshops & events

COURTWOOD GAA

1962 – 2022 – DINNER DANCE

Sat. 4th Nov. commencing 7pm sharp in
Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise. 4 course meal
with spot prizes. Music by Premier DJs. Tickets
€50 each can be had from Club members.

SEEKING GOD

*In Prayer & Contemplation, Monastic
Work & Community Life*

The Cistercian Community at St. Mary's Abbey,
Glencain invite single women, aged 19-40, to
our upcoming monastic vocations weekend on
27-29 October, 2023. Please contact our
Vocation Director, Sr. Sarah at
vocations@glencairnabbey.org or visit
www.glencairnabbey.org for more details.

ST. MICHAEL'S A.C. RUNNING CLUB

Join our Club / Improve your running / Get
healthier / Receive coaching advice /
Socialise, have fun and make friends.
Training times: 6-8 years: Mon. 6-6.40pm
8-13 years Mon. & Thurs. 6-6.50pm
13 years and up Mon. & Thurs. 6-6.50pm
Seniors: Mon. & Thurs. 7-8pm

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS CAROLLERS

Portarlington Christmas Carollers are
commencing practice shortly for their annual
Christmas Concert in St. Michael's Church. If
you would like to come along to our practices, &
take part, contact Charlotte on 086-0677072.
Also, if you play the violin or the flute, we would
be delighted to have you join the group.

LIBRARY EVENTS

Performance anxiety in Sport talk for Teens.
This interesting session will be really relevant
for parents & sports people alike, & will explain
how to deal with performance anxiety &
nervousness in sport & life, while it will also look
at & explain the 'Mayo Phenomenon' in GAA. It
will include Q&A opportunities afterwards with
Keith Begley, who is a Sport Ireland Accredited
sport psychologist. Wed. Oct 11th – 7pm
FREE EVENT but booking necessary
Phone 057 8643751 or Email
portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
Adult Book Club

Meets on the last Tues. of the month at 11am.

Knitting Group

Meets every Friday from 10:30am to 12:30pm.
New members always welcome.

PIANO LESSONS / EXAM GRINDS

Piano lessons available – All levels catered for.
Leaving & Junior Cert. Music Grinds &
preparation for theory exams. Experienced,
highly qualified Teacher (Masters Degree).
Limited vacancies. To book please phone
Donal on 085 7393927.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB.

CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

Keep Fit Classes: Classes continue every
Wednesday night from 7-8pm under the
guidance of Eimear Mathews. €5 per class.
Dancing Lessons: Every Monday night with
Dolores Casey 7.45-9.15pm. €8 per lesson.
Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take
place on Saturday 21st October, with dancing to
Brian McDermott.

NIAMH KAVANAGH & MONASTEREVIN

GOSPEL CHOIR

In concert on **Friday 13th October 2023** at 8pm
in St Pauls Church, Monasterevin. Tickets €30
available from the Parish Office 045-525346
and Earley's Fashion Shop 045-525395.
Proceeds in aid of St Peter & Paul's Church &
Monasterevin Tidy Town.

LINE DANCING

Wanted – Beginners for Line Dancing Classes
in Portarlington Community Centre every
Thursday at 7.30. All welcome – No partner
required. Text John on 086 8333200

MATHS TUTOR

Maths tuition wanted for Primary School
student. Contact 086 2392997.

MONTH OF THE ROSARY

OCTOBER



October is the month of the Rosary.
It's a time when we are encouraged to
pray the Rosary as a family. The Rosary is
recited in St. Michael's Church at 7pm every
evening and can be viewed on the Webcam.

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN OPEN NIGHT



An 'Open Night' will be held in Colaiste
Iosagain, Portarlington on Thurs. 26th October
commencing 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 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

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Lotto week no. 1210 2/10/2023
Numbers 1 – 8 – 12 – 19
No Jackpot winner. €25 to each
of the following:-

Christine Conroy C/o Maeve / Bernie
Fenlon C/o Deirdre / Hilary Lawlor C/o
Deirdre / Rachel Carroll C/o Bernie / Declan
Lawlor C/o Deirdre
Next draw takes place 9/10.2023 with a
JACKPOT of €4,000

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

2.10.2023. Wk. No. 40. Numbers: 32, 5,
11, 18. No jackpot winner. €50 to each of
the following:- Ownie Connor / Paddy
Mulligan / Eleanor Shortall / Sinead Ryan &
David Green. Promoter prize: Gabby
Slattery. **Next week's jackpot €7,800**

ADULT LITERACY FOR LIFE

If you or any adult family member would
like support with reading and writing,
contact your local ETB. This is a FREE &
CONFIDENTIAL service
Laois Adult Learning Service 057 8661338
Offaly Adult Learning Service 057 9349444

ALONE

Would you be willing to provide
companionship or make calls to Older
People once a week? ALONE are seeking
volunteers in your area.
Full training and support provided. If
interested please sign up
here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>
for more information, contact Fiona
on fiona.boyle@alone.ie or on 086
1366539.

PORTARLINGTON MEN'S SHED

The Men's Shed are holding a raffle for a
4 piece garden set made in the Men's
Shed. Tickets €5 each or 3 for €10
available from Val on 087 2332653.
Draw takes place on Fri. 13th at 7pm in
the Railway Bar.

ACTIVE PARKS TAI CHI

Tues. 10th Oct. at 1pm in the People's Park,
Portarlington. With the help of some
breathing exercises from Tai Chi and Yoga,
you are invited to walk faster and further
without tiring yourself! Suitable for all ages
and abilities. Contact Marie Maher on
sports@laoiscoco.ie