

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
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info: 1890 474 474
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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
<https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington>



Portarlington & Emo Parish
 @EmoParish

Sunday 9th January 2022 ✠ The Baptism of the Lord ✠ Year C

**WEEKEND ANNIVERSARY
PORTARLINGTON**

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Sat. 8th January - 6.15pm

Mary Bridget Keating; James & Bridget Kelly, Cushina; Dec. members of the Kelly Family; Michael Costello, St. Patrick's Tce; Eamon Scott, Shandra; John Gorman, Rathmore; Mary Kinsella (nee Malone); David & Theresa Malone, Assumpta Tce; Dec. members of the Malone Family; Dermot Crossan; Catherine Crossan; John & Annie Dunne, Garryhinch, Son, Peter, Daughter Bridie; Paddy & Dora Goley, Roskeen; Lill & John Tinkler, Station Road; Derek Dunne, Garryhinch

Sun. 9th January – 12.15pm

Peggy Harris, Market Square (1st Anniv.); Tony Harris; Liam Hickey, Market Square; Maureen McEvoy, Avondale; Ann Connolly, Spa St. (9th Anniv.); Stephen McCormack, Dereen, Cloneygowan; Molly Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Lauri Lawlor Snr. & Jnr., Kilbride

**WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY
PORTARLINGTON**
MASS AT 10AM EACH MORNING

**ANNIVERSARIES
KILLENARD**

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Sun. 9th January – 10.30am

Mary O'Leary, Killenure (1st Anniv.)
 Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacum

**ANNIVERSARIES
EMO**

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Sat 8th January – 7.30pm

Patrick J. Delaney, New Inn (10th Anniv.)
 Mary, Betty & Kitty Lynch, Killeen

Sun. 9th January – 11am


**ANNIVERSARIES
RATH**

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Sun. 9th January – 9am

Liam Carroll, Courtwood (1st Anniv.)
 Caroline Malone, Kilbracken (2nd Anniv.)
 Sarah Whitbread, London; Mary Nugent, Bellgrove; Anne Tynan, Jamestown & her mother, Anne Delaney, Coole


**DECEASED
R. I. P.**

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week:-
George (Georgie) Cobbe, Kilbride




FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Today, Sunday 9th January 2022 is the Feast of the Baptism of Christ, commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.



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


ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**PRAYER REFLECTION
SHARING THE LORD'S MINISTRY**


Lord Jesus, touch our eyes so that we may see the signs of your presence in our lives and in the world. Touch our ears so that we may hear your word. Touch our tongues so that we may profess our faith. Touch our hands so that we may give and receive. Touch our feet so that we may walk in your paths. Touch our minds so that we may understand your ways. Touch our wills, so that they may be in tune with your will. Touch our hearts so that we may bring your love to our brothers and sisters, to the praise and glory of God. Amen

BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:





Portarlington Parish
 Niamh Marie Connolly, Clondoolusk & Australia

G.R.O.W.

New 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 assumptalyons@grow.ie

CONFIRMATION 2022

Bishop Denis Nulty will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation next year :-
Emo / Rath Thurs. 24th March
Portarlington & Cloneyhurke Wed. 30th March
Killenard Thurs. 31st March

2022 GUIDELINES

Face covering mandatory.
 Social distancing must be adhered to.
 Our thanks to all of you for your support and help during the year.
 We look forward to a happy and healthy 2022

**IMPORTANT DATES
2022**



Ash Wednesday 2nd March
 Good Friday 15th April
 Easter Sunday 17th April
 Ascension Sun. 29th May
 Pentecost Sun. 5th June
 Trinity Sunday Sun. 12th June
 Corpus Christi Sun. 19th June
 1st Sunday of Advent 27th November

COVID 19 SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Alone manage a national support line for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID 19. Call 0818 222 024 from 8am-8pm (7 days / week).



Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering non-judgmental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123, Text 087 2609090 Email jo@samaritans.org

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

Parish Calendar for 2022 available at the Church porches or from the Parish Office.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Thursday 13th January – St. Hilary
 Saturday 15th January – St. Arnold Janssen (Founder of SVD); St. Ita

SENIORS ALERT

Senior Alert Alarms available for any elderly person or couple. It gives peace of mind to the user and also to their family. Contact Love Portarlington on 057 8608395

IRISH DANCING CLASSES - EMO



Friday evenings at 6.15pm in Emo. Further information contact Ann on 085 2531131 or Deane on 085 1978879. Teach both competitive and non-competitive dancers. Dancers learn at their own pace and it's never too late to start.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

4th Jan. 2022 – Numbers 21, 29, 19, 26
 No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:
 Mary Wright / Mary Murphy / Cathal Bryan / Eimear Lawless / Tony Carty.
 Promoters prize to M. Bryan
 Next week's Jackpot €3,800

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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.

FURTHER EDUCATION

Laois & Offaly Education & Training
 Portarlington Further Education Centre are offering a complete range of new courses starting in January 2022. Modules include Office administration; Business Studies; Healthcare; Social Care & Community Addiction Studies. Further info. from:
<https://portarlingtonfetac.ie/expression-of-interest.../>

UNISLIM CLASS

Classes are starting back in Portarlington Community Centre on Wednesday next, 5th January from 6.30 – 7.30pm and on Thursday 6th January from 9am – 10am. Weigh & go only, with class over WhatsApp messenger. Contact Laura 0874141361 for further details and booking.

VACANCY

Part-time to full-time Office Administrator required for busy office in Portarlington town. Duties include customer service, general administration with proficiency in Microsoft Office including Word and Excel essential. Send your application by e-mail to:- info@tommcDonald.ie

PILATES CLASSES

Will take place in Portarlington Community Centre on Tues. 7pm / Fri. 9.45am Improve core strength / flexibility / mobility / energy. Beginners always welcome. Contact Emma Pierce (Neuromuscular Therapy) Contact 087 2898323.

ENROLMENT – SCHOOL



Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road, Portarlington

Enrolment for Junior Infants 2022 will commence on the 7th January. Forms are available from the school office and also as a download from the school website. General-Enrolment-Form-POD-Sept-2022-Web-Copy.PDF (stpatricksbns.ie)
 The school office is open from 8.30 until 2.30 each day. You can phone 057 8623394 or Email info@stpatricksbns.ie
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
 2022/2023 – Applications open from Thurs. 13th Jan. & last day for applications will be 4th Feb., 2022. Applications available on the school website www.rathns.ie or from the office on 057 8626270.

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

2022/2023 – Admission forms available from the school office – E-mail office@naomheoin.ie / phone 057 8626217 & to download from our website www.killenardschool.weebly.com from Mon. 10th Jan., 2022. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on 13th January 2022. Closing date for applications is Mon. 7th Feb. 2022.

**LAOIS TRANSFORMATION
2022**

This is a FREE 6 week online programme designed & delivered by True Fitness in partnership with Laois Sports Partnership & funded by Sport Ireland. The programme includes a variety of exercise classes and 'Minding Me' workshops. It is suitable for adults aged 18+ of all fitness abilities. This will commence Mon. 10th January. You can email laoistransformation@gmail.com or phone Ruth on 083 3748262 or through www.truefitness.ie

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




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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

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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.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches. 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. Thank all who contributed during the past year.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

For 2021 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 2019, 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 at all times.

CHEQUES

Due to Bank requirements, all cheques made payable to the Parish should have the correct Account name.
Portarlington Parish:
 Portarlington Parish Number 1 Account
Emo Parish:
 Emo Parish Number 1 Account
Priests Collections
 Portarlington: Portarlington Clergy Fund
 Emo: Emo Clergy Fund
 Individual Priests names should not be written on the cheques.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS

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

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, Portarlington). This is available from the Parish Office.