



# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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

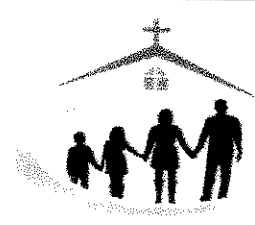
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## MASS TIMES

**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.mcmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington](http://www.mcmedia.tv/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

## SUNDAY 9th JULY, 2023

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

#### Saturday 8th July – 6.15pm

Paul Fallon, Arlington Estate (1st Anniv.)  
David Knight, St. Mary's Tce. (2nd Anniv.)  
Mick Keogh, Shandra (3rd Anniv.)  
Andrew O'Neill, Marian Hill; Elizabeth Maree,  
Gracefield & deceased members of the Kinsella  
& Maree Families; Eamon Haverly, Station Rd;  
Brothers, Michael & Sean Haverly & his  
parents, John & Margaret Haverly;  
Harry Milner, Ballymorris (36th Anniv.);  
Jorge Armando Mizrahi, Brazil; Christopher  
Cooper, Ullard

#### Sunday 9th July – 12.15pm

Thomas Murphy, St. Joseph's Tce. (3rd Anniv.)  
John Joe Maher, Ballymorris Road  
Frances & Tom Naughton, Station House &  
Foxcroft Street; Kay Lyons, Treason; Patrick &  
Elizabeth O'Brien, The Deanery, Main Street

### 10AM MASS – ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 10th July ---  
Tues. 11th July St. Benedict  
Wed. 12th July ---  
Thurs. 13th July Mary O'Riordan  
Fri. 14th July Trevor Geoghagan, Seskin  
(20th Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

#### Sunday 9th July - 10.30am

William & Bridget Coleman  
Kathleen McCormack (3rd Anniv.);  
Dec. members of the Lennon & McCormack  
Families; Mary (Mamie) Murphy, Tierhogar

### ANNIVERSARIES EMO

#### Saturday 8th July – 7.30pm

Bridie O'Neill, Baltinglass  
Joseph Dunne, Morette (3rd Anniv.)  
Mary Gleeson, Morette (10th Anniv.)

#### Sunday 9th July – 11am

Bridie O'Neill, Baltinglass

### ANNIVERSARIES RATH

#### Sunday 9th July - 9am

Elizabeth Duffy, Belgrove, Ballyadden  
(1st Anniv.)



## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY O.T.

## YEAR A

### DECEASED - R. I. P.

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

**Michael Callaghan**, Drogheda (Husband of  
Maureen Harney, Cushina)  
**Bridget (Birdie) Deegan (nee Mulhare)**,  
Moyanna, Vicarstown (formerly Courtwood)  
Funeral Mass Sun. 2pm Vicarstown.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community  
through Baptism

#### Emo Parish

Emily Rose O'Rourke, Coolbanagher  
Croia Margaret Carney, Killimy, Emo

### DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

"World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly"  
will be celebrated on the 23rd July. Theme: "His  
mercy is from age to age (Lk. 1:50). The  
National Grandparents Pilgrimage celebrating  
this day in Knock Shrine will be led by Bishop  
Denis. Anointing of the sick at 2.30pm with  
Mass at 3pm. Families from the diocese are  
encouraged to travel.

### COMMUNION CALLS

Communion calls to the sick & house bound  
will take place next week as follows:

#### Tuesday 11th June

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane;  
Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig; Deerpark;  
Lough; Huntingdon; Lea

#### Wednesday 12th June

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas; Fisherstown;  
Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane;  
Coolbanagher; Killimy; Shaen;  
Knightsdown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

#### Thursday 13th June

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace;  
Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road;  
Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue;  
French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court;  
Droughill; Bishopwood; Clondoolusk;  
Droughill Lawns; Cushina

### CEMETERY MASSES 2023

Portarlington Fri. 14th July 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery Fri. 28th July 7.30pm  
Emo Old Cemetery Sat. 12th Aug. 7.30pm

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

#### FR. JOE O'NEILL

Fr. Joe celebrated the 25th Anniversary  
of his ordination to the Priesthood on  
Wednesday last.

### REFLECTION

#### Instrument of the Lord

Lord, make me an instrument of  
your peace. Where there is  
hatred, let me sow love. Where  
there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I  
may not so much seek to be  
consoled, as to console;  
To be understood as to  
understand; to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
(St. Francis of Assisi)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in  
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington  
on Tuesday's 10.30am-7pm.

### CONSTANTLY SEEK HIS FACE



It were my soul's desire  
to see the face of God;  
It were my soul's desire,  
to rest in His abode.

Grand, Lord, my soul's desire,  
deep waves of cleansing sighs;  
Grand, Lord, my soul's desire  
from earthly cares to rise.

It were my soul's desire  
to imitate my King.

It were my soul's desire  
His endless praise to sing.  
It were my soul's desire  
when heaven's gate is worn,  
To find my soul's desire,  
clear, shining, like the sun. Amen

### PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock  
takes place Sunday, 16th July. Mass at  
3pm with Anointing of the Sick beforehand  
at 2.30pm. Newsletters & Emblems  
available at PTAA Stand in St. John's Rest  
& Care Centre or via [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)

## YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

Join young people between 16 and 35 this  
August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The  
festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College,  
Clane, Co. Kildare from Thurs. 10th Aug. to Sun.  
13th Aug. The festival includes inspiring talks,  
music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas,  
share groups, reconciliation and healing service  
and Mass. Donation only, and we have buses  
going from all over Ireland. For more information  
and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

## TOWN TWINNING

Following a visit by the French Ambassador to  
Portarlington in 2022 it was agreed to pursue the  
idea of our town twinning with a town in France.  
Following the visit, the town of Redessan in the  
South of France was selected as a suitable  
candidate for developing links with Portarlington.

A delegation from Redessan will visit  
Portarlington from 13th to 16th July. On Sat. 15th  
the French Ambassador will visit Portarlington  
and a charter formalizing the relationship  
between the two towns will be signed in Solas at  
1pm. The public are invited to attend and Solas  
are organizing a weekend of activities to  
celebrate French heritage and culture and  
Portarlington's connection to France.

Events at Solas for the French Festival  
Sat. 15th July: 12 Noon – 4pm French Festival  
celebrations – Free children's crafts /  
Face painters & activities /  
2-3pm Tour de Port – Cycle event  
Sun. 16th July – 12-12.30pm & 12.30 – 1pm  
Puppet Show

1.30-2.30pm & 3-4pm Live Jazz with Bob Batty  
Full details on <https://ecogardenshop.ie/events/>

## SENIORS BINGO

The Senior's bingo at the Portarlington Social  
Services will finish for the Summer. Have a  
healthy & happy summer & we hope to see them  
all again in September.

## SPONSORED WALK

### (Lourdes Parish Pilgrimage)

A very successful 5K Walk/Run was held  
recently at the Heritage Hotel Walking Track in  
Killenard. Sincere thanks to everyone who took  
part or sponsored anyone on the day. Thanks  
also to the Heritage Hotel & Spa for the use of  
their premises, To Super Valu and to members  
of St. Michael's Athletic Club, Portarlington.

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO 3.7.2023

Numbers 30, 10, 3, 13 – No jackpot winner. €50  
to each of the following:- Robbie Keogh / Paddy  
Donagher / Mary Keogh / Thomas & Siobhan  
Doyle / P. Coffey Jnr. Promoter Prize: Breda  
Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot: €5,200

## GRACEFIELD GAA 5K RUN / WALK

Commencing Wed. 19th July for 8 weeks.  
Venue: Gracefield GAA. Time 7.30pm.  
Registration on 19th July from 7pm. Free to  
Gracefield members / €25 per person for non-  
members. Includes social membership for  
walking track. Further info. ph: 087 9656983  
Email [gracefieldhealthyclub@gmail.com](mailto:gracefieldhealthyclub@gmail.com)

## PORTARLINGTON G.A.A.

Lotto – Laois Clubs combined Lotto draw takes  
place every Tuesday night. Tickets can be  
purchased from club members or online via  
[www.play.clubforce.com](http://www.play.clubforce.com)  
BINGO at Portarlington GAA Centre every  
Tuesday night at 8pm.

## RELAY FOR LIFE LAOIS – EMO COURT

Coming together with cancer survivors in the  
community to be part of something special.  
This event takes place in Emo Court House on  
Sat. 29th July from 1pm. If you are a cancer  
survivor & wish to get involved, contact Caroline  
on 087-4499903 or Alan on 086-1222227.

## FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

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Tues. 11th July St. Benedict, Patron of Europe  
Wed. 12th July St. Louis & Marie-Azélie Martin  
(parents of St. Therese)  
Thurs. 13th July St. Henry  
Fri. 14th July St. Camillus de Lellis  
Sat. 15th July St. Bonaventure

## EMO / RATH PARISH



Draw results Mon. 3rd July 2023

Numbers: 4, 9, 13, 16 - No Jackpot winner.  
€25 to each of the following: Rosaleen Kirwan,  
Emo C/o Deirdre / Imelda Callaghan, Emo C/o  
Ann Deering / O'Rourke Family C/o Deirdre /  
Geraldine Kavanagh C/o F. Duffy / Kieran  
Burke C/o Deirdre

Next draw takes place on the 10th July with a  
Jackpot of €1,600. Tickets are available in Emo  
Shop, Village Cafe, Ballybrittas, Ballybrittas  
Shop & the Parish Office - €2 each.

## COMMUNITY AWARDS / VOLUNTARY

### AWARDS 2023

Laois Co. Co now accepting any nominations  
for the Laois Community & Voluntary Awards.  
Categories are: Arts, Culture & Heritage;  
Sports; Best kept residential area; Social  
inclusion; Health & well being; Climate change;  
Unsung hero; Junior volunteer of the year. You  
can nominate as follows:- Submit a nomination  
online at [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie) or on  
<https://consult.laois.ie> Nomination forms are  
also available from Laois Co. Co. Offices or  
phone 057 8664078. Closing date for receipt of  
entries Friday next, 14th July.

## CÚIL CAMPS - O'DEMPSEY'S

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

## O'DEMPSEY CLUB BINGO ON-LINE

Bingo Books for this Fridays Bingo are available  
now at Dowling's Gala Killenard or in  
Whelehan's Newsagents. Eyes down at 8pm  
every Friday. If you're not in you can't win!

## N.C.B.I. PORTARLINGTON CHARITY SHOP

Looking for donations for their charity shop and  
also if anyone would like to volunteer a few  
hours to help out. Call into the shop in the  
The Tannary (behind Centra, Main St.) or  
phone Lana on 083 3793317.

## RETRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. BRIGID & ST. CONLETH



An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by  
Bishop Nulty takes place on Sat. 29th July. The  
walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh,  
12 noon concluding with a prayer service in  
St Brigid's Church, Kildare, 4pm. Refreshments  
available & all are welcome to join. To register  
for the walk please contact Aras Bhride on  
045-521352 or email [kildareparish@gmail.com](mailto:kildareparish@gmail.com)

## EXPERIENCED CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Experienced child-minder available (over 10  
years experience) to mind child / children in  
child-minders own home. Home from home  
care in a safe and nurturing environment.  
Flexible & reliable. References available.  
Portarlington area. Contact 087 4443532.

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## 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

## DERRYOUNCE

**Lakes & Trails – 10 Year Dev. Plan**  
PCDA & Offaly Co. Co. are working in  
partnership with Bord na Mona, Coillte,  
Laois Co. Co. & local community groups to  
develop a visionary long-term plan for the  
future development of Derryounce over the  
next 10 years. New concepts are being  
prepared to improve & extend the  
recreational facilities including plans for a  
hub building, lakeside access & parking  
improvements, biodiversity enhancement &  
new infrastructure to support the site &  
better connect it to the network of towns &  
villages. Throughout July we are asking  
you to come up with ideas & suggestions  
on how you would like to see Derryounce  
grow over the next 10 years, what the  
landscape should contain & how it should  
be laid out. Your ideas / suggestions  
should reach us by the 31st July 2023.  
Separate events will be convened for local  
community organizations to contribute to  
the discussion

Please complete our  
survey by scanning the QR  
code or log onto  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Derryounce23>



If you want to organise a discussion with  
the design team for a group that you  
represent, contact us via the following  
Email [derryounceplan@offalycoco.ie](mailto:derryounceplan@offalycoco.ie)

## PARENT CHILD +

Parents First are excited to bring a new  
programme, ParentChild+ to Tullamore and  
are holding an Information Session for  
home visitors. We are recruiting part-time  
Home Visitors for this new programme,  
which starts in Autumn 2023. To book your  
place for the information session and  
receive the session via Zoom link please  
E-mail [dolores@parentsfirst.ie](mailto:dolores@parentsfirst.ie).  
17th July 2023 / 10 am-11.30 am.  
Venue: via Zoom. To find out more  
information about ParentChild+, please  
check link:- <http://www.parentchildplus.org>

## EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2023

Those intending to submit articles / stories  
for inclusion in this year's edition of the  
Emigrant Newsletter are asked to send  
them in to the Parish Office. A special  
welcome for old group photographs (must  
include names). Closing date for articles /  
photographs 1st August 2022. You can drop  
in your article to the Parish Office or email:  
[portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net)