

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 7TH JANUARY 2024

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 6.15pm Mass

Bridget Emerson, Bishopswood Road (M.M.)
Rose McCann, St. Brigid's Square (1st Anniv.)
Christina O'Connor, St. Brigid's Sq. (1st Anniv.)
Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq; Derek
Dunne, Garryhinch (34th Anniv.); His Father,
Timmy Dunne B/Day Remembrance
Philip (Chilly) Ward, Ballymorris Manor;
John Gorman, Cloneygowan; Tom Murphy,
Corrig; Nuala Murphy, Main Street; Stephen
McCormack, Dereen, Cloneygowan; Paddy
Ryan, Arlington Estate / Lea Road; Ann
Connolly, Spa Street (11th Anniv.)
Donie Mc Dermott, Garryhinch

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 12.15pm Mass

Peggy, Tony & Dominic Harris, The Square
Gerard Kelly, Seskin; Mollie Coughlan,
Kilmalogue; Lauri Lawlor Snr (21st Anniv.) &
Lauri Lawlor Jnr. (20th Anniv.); Kilbride; Phil
McGettrick, Patrick Avenue (B/Day
Remembrance); James & Bridget Kelly,
Cushina & deceased members of the Kelly
Family; Julia (Sheila) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 10.30am Mass

Mary O'Leary, Killenure (3rd Anniv.)
Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacum

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

SATURDAY 6TH JANUARY 7.30pm Mass

Mary Maher, Portlaoise & Eyne (1st Anniv.)
Matthew & Mary Ellen Dunne, Coolaghy

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY 11am Mass

Sarah Ann Kelly, Carn (M.M.)
Patrick J. Delaney, New Inn (12th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

SUNDAY 7TH JANUARY - 9am

Caroline Malone, Fisherstown (4th Anniv.)
Liam Carroll, Courtwood (3rd Anniv.)
Clare Dunne, Belgrove (3rd Anniv.)
Thomas & Mary Blanche, Belgrove
Thomas & Catherine McHale; Joseph McHale;
Peter & Mary Blanch, Bailon; Anne Tynan,
Jamestown; Frank Lonergan, Courtwood

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Year B

ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON (Weekdays)

Wed. 10th January: Ned Noone, Naas &
deceased members of the Noone Family

✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

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

Frank Sheils, Garryvacum, Ballybrittas

Patrick (Paddy) Earley, Bracklone Street

Priya Kumar Sengupta, Woodbrook
(Father of Sumi Dunne)

Kathleen (Kit) Fleming, Kerry
(Mother of Helen McMahon)

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Today, Sunday 7th January 2024 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

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism



Portarlington Parish

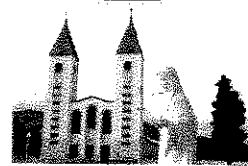
Teddy Robert Liston, Rathmiles Avenue,
Killenard

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

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2024



Direct flights to Mostar – Medjugorje.
12th – 19th June 2024. Cost €765.
Price increases to €815 after 2nd February
2024. Spiritual Director: Fr. Sean Hyland CC
Contact Michael Nerney on 086 8157305

IMPORTANT DATES 2024

Ash Wednesday 14th February
Good Friday 29th March
Easter Sunday 31st March
Ascension – 12th May
Pentecost – 19th May
Trinity Sunday – 26th May
Corpus Christi – 2nd June
First Sunday Advent – 1st December

SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2024 / 2025



Rath National School

Junior Infants 2024: Thurs. 8th January until
31st January. Forms available from our website
www.rathns.ie or phone Amanda at
057 8626270 or email office@rathns.com
ENROLMENT OPEN DAY – Rath N.S.
13th January 2024 from 11am – 1pm.

Emo N.S.

Junior Infants 2024 enrolment 8th January 2024
until 26th January 2024. On line at emons.ie
Cloneyhurke National School
Enrolment 15th January until 5th February 2024.
Forms available at info@cloneyhurke.net or
phone 057 8623271 or www.cloneyhurke.net

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Application forms for Junior Infants 2024/25 are
available from Mon. 8th January. Download from
www.killenardschool.weebly.com, collect from
the school office or request by email
office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Enrolment from 8th January until 29th January
2024. Download at www.stpatricksbns.ie or
request a form by emailing info@stpatricksbns.ie
or write to Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road
Presentation Primary School

Enrolment for Junior Infants 24/25 will
commence on 8th January until 29th January
2024. Application forms available from School
office or Website.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW



1st prize Trip to Lourdes / 5 prizes of €50 each. Draw
takes place Tues. 6th Feb. Tickets €2 each or 3 for €5.
Tickets available from all Committee Members
or the Parish Office. Thank you to Portarlington
Credit Union for sponsoring the 1st prize of the
trip to Lourdes & to Super Valu for the other
prizes.

LOURDES MEETING SATURDAY NEXT, 13TH JANUARY AT 7PM IN ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH AT 7PM.

YOGA CLASSES

Mum and Baby Yoga

Next term commences Monday 15th January in
Portarlington Community Centre at
10.30am

Baby Massage Class

Next course starting Monday 22nd
January in Portarlington Community
Centre at 12 Noon

Pregnancy Yoga

Next term starting Monday 22nd
January in Portarlington Community
Centre at 7pm.

No yoga experience is needed to join.
Booking is essential. Further details contact
Catriona on 086 8890005



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

VACANCY

ADMIN. ASSISTANT, PARISH OFFICE, MONASTEREVIN

Duties include the provision of service to
parishioners / Computerisation of Parish
records / Typing & printing Parish Weekly
Newsletter. To apply contact the Monasterevin
Community Employment Scheme, Parish
Centre, Monasterevin. Tel: 045 525143.

GAEILGE LE CHÉILE



Gaeilge le Chéile, informal conversational Irish
group resume meetings on Wednesday 10th
January in the Old School, Vicarstown from
7.30pm to 9pm. All most welcome to come
along and use your cúpla focal and hopefully
pick up a few new words.

TREE SHREDDING



As the festive season winds down, are you
wondering about a greener way to part with
your Christmas tree? SOLAS, Lea Road,
together with Eamon O'Reilly of Bartlett Tree
Experts, are offering a Christmas Tree
shredding service. Bring your Christmas tree
and we'll turn it into nutrient-rich mulch. Let's
give your tree a second life, nourishing the
earth and reducing waste. Here's how it works:
Bring your Christmas tree to SOLAS (to our
overflow car park). Drop off times: 11am to
3pm, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th January.
Our team will shred it on the spot. Donations
are welcome, and all money will go towards
Portarlington Meals On Wheels.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISHES

PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

✉ ENVELOPES ✉

The envelope boxes are available at the
Church porches this weekend. 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 to all.

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
2023, 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.

Lotto.



EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO NEXT DRAW TAKES PLACE ON MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024 WITH A JACKPOT OF €6,000

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

USED STAMPS FOR THE MISSIONS



Used stamps needed for the missions. You
can drop them to Delaney's, Bracklone St.



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

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

DRAW

WEEK NO. 1 – 2ND JANUARY 2024
Numbers 23, 29, 19, 18 – No jackpot winner
of the €10,000

Promoter prize: The Hawthorn
€50 to each of the following:- Paucic Duffy /
Anna Weldon / Danny & Sadie Crampton /
Ann O'Brien / Melanie Broderick. Next
week's Jackpot is €10,200.