



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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney
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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)

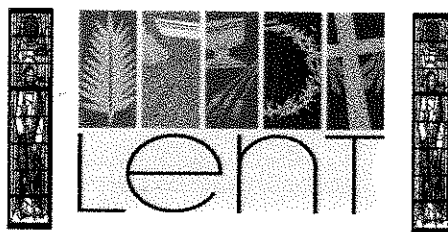
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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 3RD MARCH 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Year B



WEEKEND MASSES

PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 2nd March - 6.15pm Mass

Andrew McBride, Avondale (M.M.)
Josephine Fleming, Cloneyhurke (M.M.)
Patrick McEvoy, Garryhinch Cross (M.M.)
Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield; Michele
McNamara, Gracefield; Mary Connolly, Marian
Hill; Billy Whelan, Marian Hill; Thomas Lawlor,
Patrick Avenue; Christina McCormack, Ullard;
Anna Ryan, Cloneyhurke; Julia Ryan, Nenagh;
George & Annie Ridgeway, Garryhinch

Sun. 3rd March - 12.15pm Mass

Mary McCormack, Dereen (M.M.)
Fiona Donagher, Bishopswood Rd. (2nd Anniv.);
Noel Kenny, Station Road (8th Anniv.) & his Aunt
Delia Badini, London; Donie O'Meara, Sweep &
his son, Patrick O'Meara; Frank Higgins, Main
Street; Ellen Joyce

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 3rd March - 10.30am

Gerard Byrne, Carriglea (1st Anniv.)
Liam & Lucy Bennett, Kilbride
Stephen & Josephine Kiernan & Marie Ryan,
Rathleash; Martin Slevin, Ballycarroll

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES

PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 4th March – Caoimhe Carroll, Garryhinch

Tues. 5th March – Phil Feehan, Church View
(6th Anniv.)

Wed. 6th March – Patricia Ryan, England &
Portarlington

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 2nd March - 7.30pm

Ciss Wheeler, Killimy and William Wheeler

Sun. 3rd March – 11am

Mary O'Connor, Ballycullane
Jeremiah O'Connor, Coolaghy
Margaret Sweeney & Nora O'Loughlin, Pool
Street, Dublin; Peter Kelly & Sean Kelly, The
Derries, Ballybrittas

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sunday 3rd March 9am

Andy Mulhare, Rath; Brigid Donohoe & John
Donohoe, Courtwood; Paddy Doyle & Mary
Kearney, Ballybrittas



**We welcome into the Christian
Community:-**

Portarlington Parish
Rory Gerard Murphy-Carey,
Millbrook Manor

✠ DECEASED R. I. P. ✠

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

Peter (Pe) Keegan, Bishopswood
Denis Carbery, Kilcar, Donegal &
formerly Mountmellick
Patsy Armstrong, London (Brother of
Josie Hanlon)

FIRST CONFESSIONS



Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Tues. 5th March at 7.30pm in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

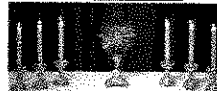
Wed. 6th March at 7.30pm in St. Michael's
Church, Portarlington

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 7th March at 7.30pm in St. John's
Church, Killenard

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes
place on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass
concluding with the Rosary at 7pm. Also each
Sunday of Lent from 5 – 7pm (concludes with
the Rosary).

MASS DURING LENT

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Mass will be celebrated during the season
of Lent in the Sacred Heart Church, Rath
every Tuesday at 9.30am
Celebrant: Fr. Eddie Kavanagh.



*"Let justice flow like a River,
righteousness like a never-failing
stream." (Amos 5:24)*



In Malawi, longer and more severe droughts
in recent years have dried up small streams
and water holes. Unfortunately, some areas
are also affected by cyclones and flooding.
When this happens, the simple mud houses
are badly damaged. The water that falls is
not suitable for drinking or farming but
causes a huge amount of destruction.
Trocaire is working with local partners to
help communities to rebuild after these
events and to be better prepared for the
future. To learn more go to

<https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

Please support Trocaire in helping
communities develop sustainable access to
clean, safe and reliable water supplies by
taking home a Trocaire box or going to
www.trocaire.org.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHRISM MASS

Monday 25th March 2024 in the Cathedral of
the Assumption, Carlow at 7.30pm
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK
Sunday 2nd June, 2024

PRAYER FOR LENT



Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race
Jesus Christ our Saviour
as a model of humility.

He fulfilled Your will by becoming Man
and giving His life on the Cross.
Help us to bear witness to You
by following His example of suffering
and make us worthy to share in His
Resurrection.

We ask this
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son.
Amen

PORTARLINGTON CE PROJECT CLB

Vacancy: Environmental Worker. Ref.
2322474. Location: Portarlington Peoples'
Park / Amenity Areas. Further details contact
the CE Supervisor on 057 8643458 or your local
DSP Intreo Office. CE eligibility criteria applies.
More info: jobsireland.ie (Use the vacancy
details above).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you a parent or grandparent in Laois/
Offaly with a few hours free each week?
If so, please consider offering friendly support to
young parents with Parents First. There is free
training and travel allowance. Find out more,
call Dolores or Paula at 086 1959221 or
0579322996

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

(Organisation supporting bereaved parents)
Anam Cara Midlands is holding its monthly
Parent Evening for bereaved parents
on Wed. 13th March at 7.15pm in the Mullingar
Park Hotel. This event is free & open to all
bereaved parents regardless of the age your
child died, the circumstances of their death, or
whether their death was recent or not. Online
service also available. Further info: 01-4045378

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL TRACTOR RUN



The Annual Tractor Run & Auction takes place
today, Sun. 3rd March. Registration from
10.30am at the Railway Bar. Set off at 12
midday sharp. Complimentary refreshments
upon return to the Railway Bar. With our now
famous auction immediately afterwards. Prizes
for best presented tractor. Registrtrtion fee €20
per vehicle. Qualified drivers please. Further
information contact Gerry on 086 3584611 or
Brendan on 086 4415219. Looking forward to
seeing you all on Sunday 3rd March 2024.

EMO / RATH LOURDES PILGRIMAGE



The Pilgrimage will take place from August
25th until August 29th, 2024. Hotel Roissy.
Cost €735 per person sharing. If you are
interested in travelling on this Pilgrimage and
want further details, please contact Tony on
086 1225833 or Deirdre on 087 2299457.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Dancing lessons held on Monday nights with
Dolores from 7.45 – 9.15pm.

Keep-Fit on Wed. & Fri. nights with Eimear
from 7-8pm (Friday nights sponsored by
Offaly Sports Partnership).

BREATHWORK & MEDITATION CLASSES

Would you be interested in breath work and
meditation classes in person or online?
If so please contact Anne Lawlor via
email anne.lawlor26@gmail.com

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED

Portarlington area – Hours and details to be
discussed. Contact Merna on 086 6016322
for further details.

LOCAL ENTERPRISE WEEK

Local Enterprise Week is taking place from Mon.
4th March – Fri. 8th March - A week long
programme of events and training during Local
Enterprise Week 2024. Local Enterprise Office
Laois 057 86 61800 / Email
localenterprise@laoiscoco.ie

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE

This year's pilgrimage takes place from 30th
July – 6th August 2024. Seven (7) night's full
board. Cost €1,060 per person sharing. €280
extra for single room. Further details & booking
phone: Marie on 087-7589896 or Vera 087-
9311813.

5K RUN / WALK



In aid of Portarlington Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Heritage 5k Run/Walk will take place
today, Sunday the 3rd March. St Michael's
A.C. are holding it this year in aid of the
Lourdes Portarlington Pilgrimage Group.
Registration is from 9.30 at the Health Club.
Entry fee €10. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.
Changing & showering facilities available.
Refreshments available afterwards,
compliments of the Hotel.



O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS

Lotto 26th February

Numbers drawn: 7,8,14,20. No Jackpot Winner.
Match 3 Winners: Shaun Geoghegan, Eddie
Kelly. Promoter: Eddie Kelly. Congratulations to
our winners this week.

Our next Lotto is 4th March, with a Jackpot of
€5,200. Thank you for your support.

Membership 2024

Club membership is now due for 2024. It is
important that all players are registered to
ensure they are covered to play and train.
Visit www.odempseysgfc.ie for more info. If you
have any questions, contact our registrar
Kate on 086-1679363.

O'Dempsey's GFC Golf Scramble

Our Golf Scramble is swinging back into the
Heritage Golf Resort on Good Friday – 29th
March for its' 3rd year. Visit:
www.odempseysgfc.ie for registration or contact
Georgina for further information 086-8251468.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

2024

The official Pieta House Darkness Into light
2024 walk will take place at Portarlington GAA
Club on May 11th. If you would like to join the
organizing committee or you can help in any
way on the day contact Sheila Dunne on
085 1644918. You can follow our Facebook
page "Darkness Into Light Portarlington"

MILLIONS FACING STARVATION IN

ETHIOPIA



You are encouraged to pray for the people of
Tigray in Ethiopia, where drought & civil war
have left many in crisis & in danger of
starvation. Mary's Meals feeds tens of
thousands of children one meal in school each
day in the region. If you feel called to support
our mission, & to help us reach more children,
please visit marysmeals.ie or phone 01
8535163. Mary's Meals (Registered Charity
20061920 CHY16897) feeds more than 2.4
million children in 18 countries. The average
cost to feed a child with Mary's Meals for a
whole school year is just €22.

SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF

PERPETUAL HELP

St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin
This year our Novena is confined to three
nights, commencing on Wed. 20th March to
Fri. 22nd March. Time: 7.30pm
Theme: Peace

Wednesday, 20th March 2024

Guest Speaker: Sr. Helen Cullane, Mercy
Sister, who started a grief Counseling
Centre for children in Limerick.

Thursday, 21st March 2024

Guest Speaker: people from Cuin Mhuire.
Speaking about addictions.

Friday, 22nd March 2024

Guest Speaker: James Kilbane -well known
faith musician.



EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

26th Feb. 2024 / Week No. Numbers: 3, 12,
15, 18 – No. Jackpot winner. €25 each to:-
Cora Carroll, Emo C/o Bernie Wheeler; May
Kennedy, Bellgrove C/o PJ Kelly; Peadar
Duffy C/o Meabh; Tom Walsh C/o Bernie
Gorman; Eileen Dunne, Coolroe C/o
Meabh. Next week jackpot:-
Jackpot of €7,400

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO DRAW

26th Feb. 2024 – Numbers 8, 14, 15, 22
No jackpot winner. €50 each to:- Tom
Shiels / Frank Higgins / Niamh Peters /
Gillian Rice / Carmel O'Neill. Promoters
prize Anthony Earley. Next week's jackpot:
€11,800.

SENIORS BINGO

Seniors Bingo is back Wednesday nights at
8pm in the Social Services Centre.
Come along for a few games & a cuppa!

EASTER CAMP

At Scoil Phádraig, Portarlington.
Tues. 2nd to Fri. 5th April for boys and girls.
Activities football, basketball, yoga, coding,
baking, arts and crafts, music and dance and
much more. Further info: email
eastercampport@gmail.com.

Please note this is a private run camp ran by
teachers in the school but is not affiliated
with Scoil Phádraig.

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DERRYOUNCE TEN (10) YEAR PLAN



Portarlington Community Development
Association are inviting Representatives
from stakeholder groups to join us for a
second stakeholder workshop to discuss
the draft Derryounce 10 Year Plan on
Wednesday 6th March from 2-4pm in the
Portarlington Community Centre.

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS

CLUB CLG.

Before renewing Membership, can you
please contact Nuala on 087 9463147 for
our new Bank Account details.
The old Bank Account is now closed.

VACANCY

DIRECTOR OF PARISH DEVELOPMENT

The Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin are in the
process of hiring a Director of Parish
Development. Job description & application
details can be found on www.kandle.ie.
Closing date for applications 25th March
2024.