

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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PARISH OFFICE

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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 5th February, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Saturday 4th February - 6.15pm

Christina O'Connor, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.)
Rose McCann, St. Brigid's Sq. (M.M.)
Mary (Bunty) Ward, St. Michael's Park (2nd Anniv.); Paddy Maher, Gracefield (8th Anniv.);
John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield; John & Moira Walsh, Dublin; Jim & Mer McEvoy, St. Michael's Park; Dec. members of the Leavy Family, Shandra; Paddy Gallagher, Lea; Nora & Peter O'Connor, Old Pound & dec. members of the O'Connor Family; John O'Reilly Jnr. & Jackie O'Reilly; Tony Coleman, Bracklone St. (9th Anniv.); Timothy & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone; Jim Grehan, Shandra

Sunday 5th February - 12.15pm

Robert Francis Magee, Station Road (17th Anniv.); Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy), Station Road; Dec. members of the Magee & Mulcahy Families; Pat & Maureen Gorman, Church View

ANNIVERSARY MASS DURING THE WEEK PORTARLINGTON 10AM

Mon. 6th Feb. John Lawlor, Portlaoise Road
Tues. 7th Feb. Christy & Pat Kennedy, Lucan
Wed. 8th Feb. Alice Brennan, French Church St.
Thurs. 9th Feb. Bridget & Joseph Ryan, Kilmalogue; Joseph Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce.
Fri. 10th Feb. Lorcan Fullam, 6th Anniv. And Deirdre O'Reilly, Canal Road (21st Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sunday 5th February - 10.30am

George Monaghan, Lea; James Brophy, Lough

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Saturday 4th February - 7.30pm

Deirdre Keogh, New Inn (6th Anniv.)
Peter & Norah O'Connor, Old Pound; Dec. members of the O'Connor Family; Robert McGuirk, Knightstown; Fintan Duff Snr., Limetree; Sean & William Greene, Morette; Deceased members of Emo G.A.A.

Sunday 5th February - 11am

Paddy Brophy, Killeen, Mountmellick (5th Anniv.)
John Dooley, Ballycullane (5th Anniv.)
Sean & William Greene, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sunday 5th February - 9am

Peter O'Connell, Coolroe
Anne Kelly, Bellgrove (16th Anniv.)

DECEASED

Your prayers are requested for the following who died during the week.

Wesley Dempsey, Corrig
Philip Ward, Ballymorris Manor
Raymond Leavy, St. Brigid's Square
Donald Hanlon, Gracefield
Liam Ramsbottom, Killimy, Emo
George Larke, Killenure, Ballybrittas

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36)

Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes Saturday 11th February



The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is set aside each year as the occasion when we celebrate World Day of the Sick. It is the opportunity to acknowledge once again the important place the sick & suffering have in our community.

PRAYER

Hear our prayer, Oh God, and heal the many illnesses that afflict us in body, mind & soul. Bring comfort to those who suffer. Bring consolation to those who despair. Bring strength to those of us who walk with the sick. Bring hope to all for whom the path to healing is long or may not end. Let us never forget your special care for the sick, that they may also know they are precious and loved. AMEN

YEARLY PARISH ENVELOPES

We invite you to take a box for your weekly contribution to the Parish Development Fund. The envelope boxes are available at the back of the Church in Emo, Rath, Portarlington and Killenard. If you could please write your name and address on the envelope donation in order to register with the parish. Any parishioner giving €250 or in excess to the Parish over the year will entitle the parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and the Self Employed persons. Forms are available from the Parish Office. The contributions given in this way goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches and of parish buildings. We thank you, most sincerely for your continued contributions to the parish. They are greatly appreciated.



baptism

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:

Portarlington Parish
Taylor J.B. Kelly, M/Mellick
Aoibh Sheila Ging, Rathmiles Grove

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Tuesday's after the 10am Mass finishing with the Rosary at 7pm.

50 YEARS OF

TROCAIRE

IN THE PARISH

As we mark 50 years of Trocaire, we mark 50 years of perseverance, courage, participation, accountability and solidarity. From supporting human rights defenders in Central America, to leading the relief effort in Vietnam following the war, to providing essential emergency assistance in the midst of crisis, Trocaire has been proud to work on behalf of the people of the island of Ireland in fighting injustice across the world. We thank God for our supporters and partners who empower us to do this vital work. We pray that the next 50 years will see all the people of the world working together for a more just world, and that the fruits of this work will be clear to see. www.trocaire.org

50th Anniversary

Prayer for Trocaire

We pray for God's blessing on the work of Trocaire.
We pray that all people may continue to work together for the respect of our shared human dignity & shared human rights.
We thank God for the partners & generous supporters who have enabled Trocaire to continue their work for over 50 years, empowering communities to work together for a just world.
We pray for peace, and may that peace be mine and yours, and with all people experiencing crises in our world. Amen.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

INAUGURAL TRACTOR RUN

Supporting our Community

Sun. 5th March. €20 registration from 10.30am at the Railway Station Car Park – Departing 12 noon. Route: Station Road / Main St. / Mountmellick Road / Right at Golf Links / Left at Garryhinch Cross / Left at Commons / Left at Kennels Cross / Right at Blackhall Bridge. Complimentary refreshments & AUCTION immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar. Prize for best modern tractor. Prize for best pre-1980's tractor.

Contact Gerry on 086 3584611 or Brendan on 086 4415219. Only qualified drivers to take part.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Do some good with your unwanted Christmas gifts by re-gifting them to Portarlington Lions Club. Your donated, unused and unopened gifts will be used in hampers that the club will raffle over the coming months to raise much-needed funds to help others. Collection point for gifts is Whelan's Electrical on the Main Street. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated. Portarlington Lions Club receives no funds from anyone, only what we collect in our town. 100% of the funds raised by the Lions Club goes back into our Community.

THEOLOGY COURSES

Study Theology - Is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES GROUP



This year's pilgrimage will take place from 2nd – 9th August 2023. 7 nights in Hotel Solitude. Details of cost etc. available at a later stage. Names of those interested in travelling with this year's pilgrimage can be given to Marie Corcoran in the 'Care' Charity Shop on Main Street or phone Marie on 087 77589896 or Vera on 0867 2221799.

Draw results Lourdes Draw Results 1st Prize Trip to Lourdes – Winner Thomas Kerry
Five prizes of €50 each to the following:- Jane Weldon; Cam McGettrick; Marian Bryan; Megan Redmond; Fiona Murphy

EMO 2023 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

19th August 2023 for 5 nights. Further details at a later date.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS

Anam Cara Midlands (Supporting bereaved parents), is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 8th Feb. at 7.15pm in 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 available. Phone: 01 4045378

PARENTS FIRST

New Year – New opportunity to get involved! Are you a parent or grandparent 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 ongoing mentoring. Find out more, call Dolores or Paula at 086-1959221 or 057-9322996.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

7 Night Pilgrimage Package July 5th to 12th
Costs €725 PPS. Flight Dublin to Split €50 Discount if Deposit paid by 31/01/2023
Spiritual Director Fr. Sean Hyland.
Contact: Michael Nerney on 086 8157305.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



Lotto draw took place on Mon. 30th January. Numbers: 2, 5, 8, 9 – No Jackpot Winner. €25 to each of the following:- PJ Conroy C/o Ann; Foy Boys C/o Rose; John Lowry C/o Ann; Ursula Dunne C/o Parish Office; Ciaran Burke C/o Deirdre. The next draw will take place on Mon. 13th February with a Jackpot of €8,400. Tickets are available in Emo Shop, the Village Shop, Ballybrittas & the Parish Office, Portarlington at €2 each.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

Lotto Results for 30th January.

Numbers 23, 5, 28, 8 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Pat Burbage; Tom Coleman; Nicola O'Connor; PJ Geraghty; Lucy Grattan. Promoters prize: Breda Flanagan. Next Jackpot €5,200

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

Dancing Lessons: Every Monday night from 7.45 – 9.15pm. €8 per session. Waltz, Jive, Quick Step and Line Dancing

Keep Fit: Wednesday nights from 7-8pm. €5 per class. The Fitness Instructor is Eimear Mathews.

The Buckley's in Concert: Sunday 12th

February from 3.30pm. Tickets €12. Folk, traditional and ballads plus supporting acts.

MONASTEREVIN CAMINO WALK

To commemorate St. Brigid, a Camino Walk in her honour will take place on Mon. 6th February, commencing at 11am from St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice on the Monasterevin-Rathangan Road (R141) (walk approx. 6km). The walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty & will journey via Umeras, then along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in St. Peter & Pauls Church Monasterevin with a service of light at 12.30pm. Further details contact Monasterevin Parish office 045 525346.

GAELIGE LE CHEILE

Conversational Irish gathering each Wednesday in February – 8th, 15th and 22nd from 7.30pm to 9pm in the Old School, Vicarstown. €2 contribution. Fáilte le cach. Enjoy a cupán tae agus chat.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Now taking bookings for the next ten-week course of child swimming lessons starting on 13th of Feb. Little Swimmers up till Rookie. Lifeguard Places available, book your place today by calling 057-8645800 or email portarlington@laoisleisure.ie

G.R.O.W.

Meet every Thursday from 2.15pm – 4pm at Portarlington Social Services, Link Road. Any person over 18 years of age is welcome to attend. If you require any further information in relation to this meeting, contact Assumpta on 086 8114135 or Email assumptalyons@grow.ie.

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA FESTIVAL 2023

3rd – 10th March. Venue: Community Arts Centre, Mountmellick. Tickets now on sale. Online Booking at mountmellickdramafestival.ie Book your favourite seats now and don't miss this wonderful event. Tickets: Nightly €15 (€10) Season Ticket €70 (€45). Contact Jessie 087 7942994, Noreen 087 4121205.

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 BOFII2D
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 BOFII2D
Emo Church No. 1 Account
IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54
Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account
IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD



Prayerful Meditation Day

Saturday 11th February - 10am – 3pm
Offering a day to meditate, pray and be nourished using Scripture. Facilitated by Sr. Anne Kearney hfb. Cost: €25 (please bring packed Lunch) Tea/Coffee and biscuits provided.

'Ageing with Grace' Day

Saturday 18th February - 10am – 4.40pm
A retreat day for people of any age committed to living their lives one day at a time, accepting themselves as they are and cultivating a light heart, a joyful spirit and a peaceful mind. Facilitated by Ms Maria Garvey. Cost: €60 (includes Lunch and Tea/Coffee break)
For further information/bookings, please contact: The Secretary on 057-8626153 or email secretary@mountstannes.com

EASY YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

From 12.30 to 1.30pm and will continue every Saturday. You can join at any stage. Portarlington Community Centre. Cost €40 for four weeks. When you come along, please bring a mat and a blanket. For further information & booking contact Adel on 086 3656209.

WANTED - CARER

Would you be available to take care of an elderly lady in her own home in the Ballybrittas area. Wednesday's from 12 noon to 3pm or Friday's from 10am to 1pm. Additional hours may be available. This is a paying position. References required. Contact Elizabeth 086 2521208.

THE CUISLE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE, PORTLAOISE



The Cuisle Centre is operating as normal. We are currently following National Cancer Control Programme guidelines. For details of daily activities and programmes check out: www.cuislecancersupport.com Email info@cuislecancersupport.ie Phone 057 86814902