



# Parishes of Portarlinton & Emo

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### MASS TIMES

**St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton**  
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 Sat. /11am Sun  
**Sacred Heart Church, Rath** 9am Sun.



### CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from  
**St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton**  
[www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton)



Portarlinton & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Year 'A'

### WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> May 6.15pm

Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Hoey, Botley Court (B/Day Rem.); Peggy & Jimmy Murphy, Assumpta Terrace; Fergus Murphy, Congress Terrace; John & Mairead Corbett, Foxcroft Street

#### Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May 12.15pm

Kathleen Carey, St. Brigid's Sq. & her son, Anthony Carey; Dolores & Seamie Shortall, Arlington Est; Ger Doyle, Tullamore; William & Margaret Smith, Seskin & daughter Agnes Powell (nee Smith), Bristol; Peter Dunne, Tinnecrannagh (100<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & dec. members of the Dunne Family; Michael & Sarah Slevin, French Church Street; Mary (Mal) Keogh, St. Michael's Park

#### Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May 6.15pm

Helen Melia, Treascon (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Pat McCann, St. Brigid's Sq; Bernie O'Leary, Clonanny; Marcella Dix, Gracefield; Catherine (85<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Patrick McNamara (70<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Martin Dunne, Cloneyhurke

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am

Tom Whelehan, Closeland (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Peter Maher, Ballintogher (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Tom, Liam & Jimmy McCormack, Lea Road

### ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary.

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him & parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> June. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

### CEMETERY MASS

2026



Killenard – Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Portarlinton - Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> July – 7.30pm

### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

THE A.G.M. HAS BEEN RE-SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY NEXT, 13<sup>TH</sup> AT 7.30PM IN THE CATHOLIC CLUB, MAIN STREET.

### WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Luna Raye Phelan, Ballymorris Court  
Alison May Friel Murphy, Cloneyhurke

### WEEKDAY PORTARLINGTON

Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> May Lar Dempsey, Clondoolusk (B/Day Remembrance)

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

John Lalor, Shaen (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Thomas Walsh, Knightstown (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Tom & Bridie Fitzpatrick, Dangans & their daughter Lily Fitzpatrick

#### Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May 11am

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#### Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

Johnny Keegan, Morette & dec. members of the Keegan Family; Norah (Peg) McGuirk, Knightstown (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Michael Kelly, Emo

#### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May 11am

Eileen Kirwan, Killimy (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May 9am

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#### Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May 9am

Cora O'Dwyer, Newbridge (B/Day Rem.); Annie O'Dwyer, Dunlavin; Dec. members of the O'Dwyer & Kirwan Families

### BENEMERENTI MEDAL

#### AWARDS



Pope Leo has awarded Benemerenti Medals to **Mrs Lill Ryan, Marian Hill** and to **Mrs. Jenny Dunne, Coolbanagher** for their service over the years to the Church and the Parish. Presentation of Medals & Parchments will take place at a later date.

### 2026 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

#### RALLY

Please join us in praying the Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on Sat. May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Simply gather friends, family & neighbours in Market Square, Portarlinton to pray the Rosary You don't need a massive crowd to make an impact as Our Lord promised "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them". This is one of over 500 such Rosary Rallies across Ireland.



### MAY - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of May, dedicated to Mary, is a fitting time to begin to recite the Rosary daily...

### ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed daily for the month  
**St. Johns Church, Killenard - 4pm.**  
**St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton - 7pm.**



Congratulations to the children from *Presentation Primary School, Station Road, St. Paul's NS, Emo and Cloneyhurke NS* who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this weekend.

The children from *Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard* will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday next, 16<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard.

### WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

An Invitation to all Parishioners for the coming weeks.

Bishop Denis and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation invite parishioners across the diocese to reflect on the letter from the Irish Bishops, 'Why Sunday Matters', for these remaining weeks of Eastertide up to the 'Feast of the Body and blood of Christ' on June 7<sup>th</sup>. From next weekend we will post a short excerpt from the letter each week for you to think about, with a link to the full text.

Sunday matters – it's good every now and again to stop and remind ourselves why.

See <https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday and the Sunday Mass. Visit the Kandle Facebook page and/or X account to see this weekend's highlighted material, including a video message from Bishop Denis.

### DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:

**Doreen Folan (nee Keogh), Dublin & formerly Patrick Street (Funeral Mass & Burial on Tues. Next, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 10am**  
**Mary Moynihan, Rathmore, Kerry (Sister of Eileen Dunne)**

### EMO – RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Next draw takes place on Monday next, 11<sup>th</sup> May with a Jackpot of €3,000.

### EMO/RATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – (5 nights).  
Further info. & booking contact Deirdre on 087 2299457 or Tony on 086 1225833.

### EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS COMMITTEE

Sincere thanks to the Fisherman's Bridge Club who recently held a Charity night in aid of our Committee. Their donation of €400 to the Rath / Emo Senior Citizens will go towards their Annual Christmas Party. Again, sincere thanks!

### COURTWOOD G.A.A.

**Courtwood Combined Lotto – €19,400!**

### Club Membership Now Open

Purchase Membership & Lotto via: Ballybrittas Service Station, The Final Furlong / Clubforce App. Registrar Brian Nolan / Treasurers Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly

Thank you, to all who turned out to support our Darkness in to Light walk on Saturday morning. All donations will be forwarded to Pieta house and the donations will be closed on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May. If you wish to make donation contact our club Treasurers Aileen Carroll or PJ Kelly.

### PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB PRESENT

#### FAMILY NATURE TRAIL WALK

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May in Derryounce. Reg. At 10.30am. Maps & trails provided. Fun for all the family. Explore nature with bugs, birds, trees, Binoculars & magnifying glasses.

### MI WAIDI F.A.I. CAMP

This camp will take place at Arlington AFC from 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> August (10am – 1pm). It is for girls and boys aged 6 to 14 years. Cost €83 for 1 child & 73 for the second child. Jersey & football for each child. Book via bookings – faifootballcamps.ie

### CARER REQUIRED

Kind, reliable, experienced Carer required to support & assist an elderly person. For further information contact 087 1335673.

### URBAN VILLAGE PLAN FOR KILMALOGUE



We are seeking representatives from: Residents; Residents groups; Business; Retail; Youth (schools, youth services, children's organizations); Environment; Sustainability; Heritage; Culture; Arts; Tourism; Sport; Local Clubs; Garda; Community safety; Accessibility; Disability advocate; Other key stakeholders & other community interests/groups. To register your interest, please email TCF@ofalycoco.ie

### C.E. VACANCIES - PORTARLINGTON

Environmental Expert – Amenity Areas - Ref. 2440777  
Groundsperson / caretaker – Arlington Soccer Club - Ref. 2441387  
Environmental Expert – Derryounce Lakes & Trails - Ref. 2442030  
Groundsperson/Caretaker – Gracefield GAA Ref. 2441391

Contact Martina Smyth, Portarlington CE Project CLG, C/o Portarlington Community Centre, Link Road, Portarlington. Tel 057 8643458 / Email [martinasmyth@portarlingtonce.ie](mailto:martinasmyth@portarlingtonce.ie)

### UPCOMING MARKET DAYS



Upcoming events at SOLAS Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road. All events open to the public – Great atmosphere ensured.

**Vintage Market:** Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May 11am to 4pm

**Car Boot Sale:** Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May 10am – 2pm

**Craft Market:** Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 4pm

### KILDARE & LEIGHLIN DIOCESAN PRAYER

*Lord, bless the faith community of Kildare & Leighlin which traces its origins to Brigid, Conleth and Laserian. May it be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare, may it be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell, Wise and prayerful as St. Laserian of Leighlin. Bless its Bishop, priests, deacons, religious and laity. Fill them with the light of your love. Bless its young people. Help them to seek your truth. Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life's hurts. Grant them justice, light and hope. Sin é ar nguí tre Críost ár dTiarna. Amen*

### PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION

*Invitation to Consultative Meetings during May and June 2026.*

For over 125 years, members of the PTAA have been praying daily for temperance & sobriety. In late 2025, the new constitution was passed, making way for the PTAA to move to a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). As this new phase of the Association starts, we are keen to meet with members throughout Ireland to consult, to listen and to take action. For more information please visit <https://www.pioneers.ie/consultation> for details of meetings in your area and an online Zoom meeting if unable to attend in person.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

#### CLONEYHURKE

**Irish Speaking Sessions:** Class will recommence on Mon. next, 11<sup>th</sup> May.  
**Keep Fit:** Wednesday's and Friday's from 7-8pm with Emer. €8 each night.  
**Dancing Lessons:** Thursday nights with Noeleen from 7.30pm–9pm. €10 each night. The next **Social Dance** will take place on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May with Pat Daly. Time 9pm.

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

O'Dempsey's Lotto Results  
Numbers drawn: 5<sup>th</sup> May: 12, 13, 18, 30.  
No Jackpot winner or Match 3 winner. Lucky Dip Winners: Paddy Behan & Matthew Finlay.  
Promoter: Paul Melia. Next Draw is Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May with a Jackpot of €10,800.  
Sincere Thank You, for all your support.

### CHILDLINE BREAKFAST In aid of Childline by ISPCC



We are inviting schools, crèches, clubs & community groups to host a Childline Breakfast. 20–30% of children & teenagers regularly skip breakfast. Positive interactions during shared meals are linked to children feeling listened to, more emotionally open, & worries being noticed earlier. As part of your Childline Breakfast event pack you will receive our wellbeing prompt cards — a unique & much-loved resource developed by our Childline Children's Therapeutic Support Team. Sign up for a Childline Breakfast today, see here: [Childline Breakfast 2026](https://childlinebreakfast.com/)  
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### DOGS FOR THE DISABLED

*Creating change – Dogs for the Disabled.*  
Dance Fitness class for women. Fun hilarious routines to the best smash hits from the 80s and 90s. Lets get physical – Dust off those legwarmers & dance for a great cause. Venue: Portarlington Community Centre. Eircode R32D797. Tickets €15 per person. Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm to 3pm. Full details & booking contact Marian on 086 8857116.

### GRACEFIELD GAA - CLUB LOTTO

4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Week No. 19.  
Numbers 5, 9, 14, 15 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to Derek Hanlon; Joe Byrne Jnr; Stephen Cassidy; Noelle O'Callaghan; Jennifer Rennick. Promoter prize Damien Finlay.  
Winners of a pair of tickets each for the Blackthorn Festival; Matthew Conroy; Richard Donohoe & Sharon England. Next week's Jackpot €8,200.

### BUTTON ACCORDION DONATION

Presentation Primary School is currently seeking donations of Button Accordions for use in their music programme. If you have an instrument at home that is no longer being used, we would greatly appreciate your support. Donations can be dropped into the school office during school hours: Mon. – Fri. 8.50am – 2.30pm.

### NEW DERELICTION GRANTS

Meeting at Market House, The Square on Mon. 11<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 2pm Laois County Council are hosting a free drop in clinic to provide advice on newly announced grants to bring vacant and derelict properties back into residential use. Learn about eligibility, available funding and application process by speaking directly with staff from the Regeneration Section. No appointment required.

### BEALTAINÉ AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie) or give your name at the library desk.

**Le Leche League Coffee Morning** – Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> May 10.30-11.30am. No booking necessary.

#### Healthy Eating for Hectic Lifestyles:

Join Dietician, Ellen from Inside Nutrition. Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm. Please book.

**How to Stay Safe Online** - With Therese from LOETB – Informative talk. Thurs. 21<sup>st</sup> May 11am. Booking essential.

**Beginners Lino Print Workshop** - Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> May 11am - Booking essential. Spend a creative morning with artist Caroline Keane – Learn the techniques necessary.

**Sage Advocacy is the National Advocacy Service for Older People** - Talk on what services Sage Advocacy provide along with information on planning ahead & how Sage can assist older people. Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm – Booking essential.  
**Digital Support Drop in Sessions** – Drop in with your digital queries – Friday's 10.30am-12.30pm. Last session May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Regular activities at Portarlington Library

Adult Book Club / Knitting Group / Ciorcal Comhrá / Puzzle Club / Chess Club / Jigsaw Club / Lego / Baby Book Club / Junior Book Club

### ALONE (Supporting the elderly)

If you or someone you know needs support, please call 0818 222 024. **ALONE Needs You – Volunteers Wanted.** We are looking for volunteers in your area to support older people in your community.

### BLACKTHORN FESTIVAL



Gracefield GAA Club will host the Blackthorn Festival 2026 on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May. Live music in the marquee tent, tasty food on site, cold drinks ready to go and a family-friendly atmosphere. Get your tickets now from Gracefield GAA.

### PICKLEBALL

Portarlington Community Centre Tuesday's 7-9pm / Thursday's 10am-Noon / Friday's 7-9pm. €8 pay as you go. 24 spaces available at each session. Contact Francie on 085 8582595.

### FR. LIAM LAWTON CONCERT

Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry. Tickets available via Facebook, Instagram, the Parish website (**Celebration of Liam Lawton Music Concert Tickets**). Tickets also from Parish Centre, Edenderry.