

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo



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PARISH OFFICE

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13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday) / 6.15pm (Vigil Saturday) 9am & 12.15pm Sunday
St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am Sunday
St. Paul's Church, Emo 7.30pm Saturday / 11am Sunday.
Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Sunday



CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation 2026 runs until October 4th - The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.
Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this world wide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. This year's theme is “**Living Water**”. See www.seasonofcreation.org to access all the materials.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Tuesday's after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary afterwards.

Monday 14th September

✠ **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** ✠
The discovery of the True Cross is dated to 14th September 320. On 13th September 335, the churches on Calvary were dedicated & the cross that St Helena discovered was venerated there the next day. The annual commemoration of that event has been celebrated since, in praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

95TH NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIP

This year's National Ploughing Championship takes place from September 15th to 17th at Screggan, Tullamore, County Offaly.

POOR CLARES GALWAY

Monastic Experience Day for women 18-35 years. An opportunity to explore & experience Poor Clare life & spirituality from 10am to 5pm on Sat. 19th Sept. Further info. 7 registration <https://poorclaresmonasticday.eventbrite.ie> Poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days

CULTURE NIGHT St. Michael's Church



The works and pomps of the Tracker Pipe Organ in St. Michael's Church will take place at 5pm on Fri. 18th September, upstairs in the choir loft. All interested parties welcome.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 19th Sept. with “Tommy B”. Doors open 9pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served.

Keep Fit Classes: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear, from 7-8pm. €8 per night.

Dancing Lessons: With Noeleen on Thursday nights 7.30pm – 9pm. €10 each night.

Irish speaking: Returns on Monday nights commencing on Mon. 21st Sept. from 7-8pm.

SENIOR BINGO

SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE

Bingo continues the Portarlington Social Services Centre on Wed. nights at 8pm. We look forward to seeing our regulars & look forward to new players. Come along, have a few games of Bingo, a cuppa & chat.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY – TODAY!



Portarlington Lions Club are holding a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY on Sun. 13th Sept. (TODAY) at Foxcroft Street (R32 P786), Portarlington from 2-5pm. Bouncy Castles / Games / Sensory Tent / Children's Races / Tug of War / Music / Dancing & more. Raffle tickets sold for postponed event will be drawn on the day. Bring along a picnic. Come along for a great day!

PORTARLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge resumes on Wednesday 16th September in Garryhinch Golf Club at 7.30pm. New & old members welcome.

COURTWOOD COMBINED LOTTO

Courtwood GAA has reached its maximum Jackpot of €20,000 - You could be our maximum Jackpot winner. Purchase membership, & Lotto via: Clubforce App. / Through the attached QR Code; Ballybrittas Service Station; The Final Furlong.



SALSA & BACHATA DANCE CLASSES

Dancing in Portarlington every Saturday 1pm in Portarlington Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). R32 D797. All levels welcome. No partners needed. Fun, friendly & energetic. Queries & bookings Whatsapp Victoria on 089 4283669.

CHILDMINDER / NANNY WANTED

Based in Lough Gate, Portarlington – Immediate start minding a 4 and an 8 year old. Driver essential. Contact Stephanie on 085 1602850.

THE CELTIC TENORS

With Monasterevin Gospel Choir

Will perform in St. Peter & Paul's Church on Fri. 9th Oct. at 8pm. Tickets €25 (non refundable). Proceeds in aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Tidy Towns. For tickets contact 045 525346 / 045 525395. Eventbrite.ie

QUEEN V THE BEATLES CONCERT by Midlands String Quartet

In St Paul's Church, French Church Street Sat. 19th Sept. commencing 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets €20 available in Cooper's Florist or contact Dawn on 087 2770660

TRAD. DAY in PORTARLINGTON (Traditional Music Day)

Workshops; Folk Bands; Singing Circles; Open Mic. & lots more. If you would like to get involved in promoting traditional music contact Clare on 087 2952372. Venue: The Forge, Main Street, Portarlington.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

We're back! Join us as we return for another year of music, friendship & fun.

Returning next Tues., 15th Sept. 7.30pm – 9.30pm at the Market House, The Square, Portarlington. New members welcome. We especially welcome Altos, Tenors & Basses, but all voices are welcome. Further info:

portcommunitychoir@gmail.com

“Sing together – Belong together”

POBAL SENIOR ALERT ALARM

If you or someone you know needs to register for a Senior Alert Alarm, call into Market House & the PCDA team will be happy to help with the registration process. Easy registration / Monitored 24-7 / Peace of mind. Phone 089 2544295 / www.portarlington.ie

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2033 – 7th Sept. 2026
Numbers 2, 3, 5, 11 – No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:-
Mick Lawlor c/o B. Gorman; Des O'Connell C/o Mena; Elizabeth Flynn c/o Maeve Ryan; Geraldine Finlay c/o Ann Lowry; Paula O'Rourke c/o Deirdre Lawlor
Next draw takes place on 14th September with a Jackpot of €4,200.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

7th Sept. 2026 – Week No. 37
Numbers 2, 32, 27, 21 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Amy Slevin; Caroline Murphy; Charlie Evans; James Grehan; Bobby McLoughlin. Promoter prize: The Hawthorn. Next week's Jackpot €11,800

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS

Extended to Wednesday 16th Sept. at 4pm.

The Laois Community & Voluntary Awards celebrate the wonderful Community Groups & Volunteers of Laois who enhance the quality of life in our Communities. Do you know an outstanding Community Group, an inspiring Volunteer, or one of the many Unsung Heroes who quietly make a difference in your community? Now is your chance to recognise their contribution. The Awards will take place at a Gala Event at the Midlands Park Hotel in November where the winners will be announced on the night. Applications are now open online or by hard copy. Simply click on the link to

nominate <https://laois.ie/.../community-and-voluntary-awards-scheme>

MY HEALTH MATTERS

Upcoming Health Programme (7 weeks) for older adults. Starting Mon. 14th Sept. 10am – 12.30pm in Portarlington Community Centre.
Session 1: My wellbeing & brain health
Session 2: My mobility
Session 3: My meals
Session 4: My Local Health Services
Session 5: My Medicines
Session 6: What matters to me
Session 7: My Technology (optional)
To book contact Tamara on:- tiatham@loetb.ie or phone 085 8560160

THANK YOU – ARLINGTON AFC

Arlington AFC would sincerely like to thank all the parishioners who contributed to last weekend's church gate collection. The funds received will help with some much needed upgrades at the club. With much appreciation.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO 8.9.26

Letters B, G, L, V – No jackpot winner. €25 each to David Greene; Tadhg Foy; Veronique Canning. Next draw takes place 22.9.26 with a Jackpot of €10,000

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



To book call in to Library, Ph: 057 8643751

Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Crochet Classes with LOETB: Six week course

which begins Wed. 16th Sept. Places limited –

Please book for details on what to bring.

Parents First Baby Group: Wednesdays 12 Noon – 1pm / children aged 0-1 & their parents. Booking & further info. from Jennifer 085 8683168

Digital Support Drop In Sessions: From Fri. 18th Sept. an LOETB tutor will be available on Friday's 10.30-12.30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device & any digital queries you may have. No booking necessary.

Knitting Club: Friday morning 10.30am-12.30.!

Lego Free Play: Saturday 10am-1pm

Social Chess (Adults only): Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm. New members always welcome.

Puzzle Club: Drop in on Thursday mornings and help us finish our current jigsaw.

Portarlington Junior Book Club:

Last Wednesday of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. Please book.

Baby Book Club: Wed. 9th Sept. 10.30am for children 0-3 years. Please book.

Adult Book Club: Last Tues. of the Month. Please book in advance.

Laois Libraries Online Book Club: Last Wed. of every month on our Facebook page where questions are posed for discussions. All titles are available to download - Ebook & Audio book format.



GARRYHINCH BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge resumes on Mon. 14th September in Garryhinch Golf Club at 7.30pm. New & old members welcome.

VICARSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE CULTURE NIGHT

The Vicarstown History Project group are hosting a celebration of centuries of history of the unique Canal / Barrow corridor between Monasterevin & Athy. Sat. 26th Sept in the Community Hall, Vicarstown. Viewing of the Developing Exhibition from 7pm – Local guest speakers from 8pm. Refreshments served & music from Vicarstown Ukulele group. Admission free. All welcome.

MEMORY WALK – ALZHEIMER SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Sun. 20th September – Memory walk is a fun, inclusive event for all the family. It's a wonderful opportunity for people living with dementia, their families, friends & supporters to come together, get active & connect. Most importantly, it's a chance to show people affected by dementia that they are not alone & help them grow their community. These memory walks are taking place in various locations around Ireland. **Check Locations on: Memory Walk Locations - Alzheimer**
Registration Linke: Alzheimers Memory Walk 2026 | The Alzheimer Society of Ireland

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY - VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. As a volunteer driver you would be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital and back home for their treatment. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving licence, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training before you start as a driver for us. For more information and to become a volunteer driver, please contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie