

# Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

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## PARISH OFFICE

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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

**DIOCESE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** 051-350725

**AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302

**G.R.O.W.** [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie) Info: 1890 474 474

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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 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.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Year 'A'

## WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> April – 6.15pm

Bill Bolton, Blackhall Bridge (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Cecelia Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq. (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Brenda Dempsey; Amanda Knight, St. Joseph's  
Tce; John Geoghegan, Cushina; Patrick  
Geoghegan Snr. & Jnr; Jacinta Geoghegan;  
Bridie Power, Avondale; Mai & Johnie Lalor,  
Cloneyhurke

### Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April 12.15pm

Moll O'Reilly, Avondale (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); John &  
Eileen Hickey, Liam Hickey, Mary Hickey & Kitty  
Sheeran; Patrick Delaney, Bracklone; Larry &  
Joan O'Mahoney, Patrick St; Patrick & Bridget  
Delaney, Spa Street

### Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> April 6.15pm

Jack Whiteley, St. Patrick's Tce. (M.M.)  
Anne Ward, Bracknagh (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Milo Bracken, Avondale (12<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Sean  
Moran, Droughill; Dec. members of the Moran  
Family, Monasterevin; Johnny Whelan,  
Bishopswood

### Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April 12.15pm

Dennis (Dinny) Kavanagh, St. Brigid's Square,  
(M.M. & 80<sup>th</sup> B/Day Remembrance)  
Terence McKenna, Cloneyhurke; Molly & Abb  
Evans; Thomas Keegan Jnr. & Snr., Joe  
Keegan, Cloneyquinn

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am

Rita McDonnell, Springfield & dec. members of  
the Durkan Family; Phil O'Hora, Killenard

### Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April 10.30am

John Dunne, Tierhogar (M.M.) Sean Fallon, Lea  
Road; Mick Keogh, Derryvilla; Tom Kavanagh,  
Lough (40<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Elizabeth Donnelly,  
Killenard; Bridgit Donnolly, Monasterevin; Terry  
Behan, Tierhogar; David Fitzmaurice Jnr.,  
Killenard; Gretta & David (Snr.) Fitzmaurice,  
Killenard; Ann Fox Dalton; Maurice Dalton

## WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Axel D Mooney, Treascon  
Ríoghán Alan Nolan, Monasterevin



## ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY IN KNOCK

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June 2026. If interested in travelling  
contact Valerie on 087 7800429, and if enough  
people are interested, a bus can be organised.

## DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

This Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>  
June. Further details later.

## WEEKDAY PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> April** – Josephine (Josie) Nolan,  
Bog Road (M.M.)

**Tues. 21<sup>st</sup> April** – Pope Francis (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Ellen & Bernard Yarrow, St. Michael's Pk;  
Christopher O'Brien, St. Michael's Pk; Dec.  
members of the O'Brien Family, Ballycarroll;  
Joseph, Brigid & Eamon Coleman, Kilnacourt;  
Dec. members of the O'Connor Family, Old  
Pound, Ballybrittas

**Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> April** – Michael & Betty Spain

**Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – Maureen Murnane, USA;  
Jim Dowling, Dublin (B/Day Remembrance)

**Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> April** – Deceased members of the  
Deegan Family, Kilcappagh

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

JJ Treacy, Morette (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Paula Treacy,  
Morette & dec. members of the Treacy Family;  
Peter Burke, Ashgrove (37<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) &  
grandson, Alan Burke, Ballybrittas (37<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.)

### Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April 11am

Johnny & Ger O'Connor, Rossmore,  
Vicarstown; John & Helen Egan, Patrick St;  
Brigid Mahon, Patrick Street

### Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm

Mary (Mae) Lewis, Portlaoise & Emo (MM)  
Mary Langford (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) & Frank Langford  
(21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Emo; Patrick (Benny) Connolly,  
Killimy (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April 11am

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## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April 9am

Patrick (Paddy) Fitzgerald, Bellgrove (10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); Tom Fitzgerald, Avondale; Margaret &  
Thomas Mullen, Corrig; Bridget Thorpe,  
Rathangan, Nerissa Carroll; Joe Flynn, Main  
St., Monasterevin; Peter Burke, Ashgrove (37<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.) & grandson, Alan Burke, Ballybrittas  
(37<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); William Flynn, Courtwood

### Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> April 9am

William Brennan, Jamestown

## Please pray for the following who died during the week:-

Robert Lambkin, Dalkey (Father of Barry  
Lambkin)

## ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

## FIRST CONFESSIONS

Emo, Cloneyhurke & Rath  
National Schools



### Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm in Church of the  
Sacred Heart, Rath

### St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> April 8pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo



2026

## Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 11.30am in  
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

### St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11am in St. Paul's  
Church, Emo

### Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 11.30am in  
St. John's Church, Killenard

### Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2026 at 11.30am in  
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

### Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 11.30am in  
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

## LIVE LIFE YOUTH RETREAT

Knock Shrine – May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 3pm.

A journey of retreat with Dermot Kelly  
(Redemptorist Youth Ministry) & Shannon  
Campbell (Queens University). An engaging  
experience with interactive activities, guided self  
reflections and prayers. Take time to explore  
Donals' Room. Knock Museum, the Creation  
Walk and more. Free event. Booking essential.  
[youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)

## CEMETERY MASS 2026



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

In today's Gospel we hear:

**"They had recognised him at the breaking  
of bread"**

Saint Carlo Acutis encouraged young people to  
recognise Jesus in the Eucharist "at the breaking  
of bread". Visit his website  
<https://www.miracolieucaistic.org/en/Liste/list.html>

**EMO – RATH - PARISH LOTTO**

Week No. 2015 – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
 Numbers 14-15-16-17 – No jackpot winner.  
 €25 each to:- Breda Horan c/o Bernie Gorman;  
 Fiadh Gorman c/o Bernie Gorman; Karen  
 Purcell c/o Shauna Strong; Betty & John Phelan  
 c/o Maeve; John Dunne c/o Maeve  
 Next draw takes place on 20<sup>th</sup> April with a  
 JACKPOT OF €2,600.

**IMPORTANT DATES 2026**

**Ascension** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
**Pentecost** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May  
**Trinity Sunday** 31<sup>st</sup> May  
**Corpus Christi** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent** 29<sup>th</sup> November

**EMO/RATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026**

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> July 2026 – (5 nights). Departing  
 from Dublin Airport. Staying in the 4\*\*\*\*  
 Hotel Roissy. €785 per person sharing.  
 Further info. & booking contact Deirdre on  
 087 2299457 or Tony on 086 1225833.

**PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

The 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes which will take  
 place from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July until Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> July in  
 now fully booked. Any queries contact Marie  
 Corcoran on 087 7589896.

**PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY**

**AGM** will be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April in Parochial Hall  
 from 3-5pm. All new and current members  
 welcome. We will also be announcing our 2027  
 musical. We are looking for contestants for our  
 event 'Stars in their Eyes' either solo, pairs or  
 group entries to be in by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026.  
[portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com)

**HAPPY HEARTS ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

Join us weekly for some fun activities and  
 weekly chats. Club activities: Art, dance, fitness,  
 bingo. Thursday's 2-4pm in Sandra's Studio,  
 Portarlington Community Centre.  
 Contact us on 087 8061567.

**O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS****Lotto Results**

Numbers drawn 13th April: 03,05,24,27. No  
 Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner: Breda Hogan  
 (Bridge Club). Promoter: Liam Finlay. Next  
 Draw: Monday 20th April with a Jackpot of  
 €10,500. Thanks for your support.

**K26 Film Awards Night Launch**

Join Killenard Community Centre and  
 O'Dempsey's for our Launch Party where we will  
 find out the cast and films/series for our Film  
 Awards Fundraiser. Huge thanks to everyone  
 who took part in the casting. We can't wait for  
 the reveal - from 7.30pm, Friday, 24th April at  
 O'Dempsey's Clubhouse

**Club Mass**

**Our Annual Club Mass** takes place at  
 7.30pm, Friday, May 1st at the O'Dempsey's  
 Clubhouse. All welcome.

**ACCORD**

Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently  
 recruiting volunteers to train as marriage  
 preparation programme facilitators to support  
 couples preparing for the Sacrament of  
 Marriage. Free training for successful  
 applicants. The closing date for receipt of forms  
 is Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Contact Aisling on 01  
 5053112 or [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

**FORAGING WALK - GARRYHINCH**

Join a foraging walk with 'Wild Food Mary'  
**Today, Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> April from 10am to 1pm** in  
 Garryhinch Wood. Meeting in the main car park.  
 Mary will share her knowledge of plants, wild  
 herbs & the hidden treasures of the spring  
 woodland. All welcome to join.

**BIG BUSK 2026 PORTARLINGTON**

Street music for a 'Home Supporting Focus  
 Ireland'. Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May on Main Street,  
 Portarlington from 11am until late. Phone  
 David on 087 1047513. Come along, enjoy  
 fantastic live performances and help us  
 #EndHomelessness in Ireland! Donate & learn  
 more at [www.focusireland.ie](http://www.focusireland.ie)

**NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK 2026**

National Epilepsy week takes place from 18<sup>th</sup>  
 May until 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026. For further  
 information visit:-  
[www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek)

**ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB****CLONEYHURKE**

**Social Dance:** Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> April. Music by Glen  
 Flynn. Admission €10. Doors open at 9pm.

**Irish Speaking Sessions:**

On Mondays with Natasha. Come along,  
 have fun and enjoy the cúpla focal.  
 €2 each night. Please note time now 8.30pm.

**Keep Fit**

Wednesday's and Friday's from 7-8pm  
 with Emer. €8 each night.

**Dancing Lessons**

Thursday nights with Noleen from  
 7.30pm – 9pm. €10 each night.  
 Tá Fáilte romhaibh le gach duine.

**COURTWOOD GAA****Courtwood Combined Lotto!**

Get your ticket at Ballybrittas Service Station,  
 The Final Furlong, or on the Clubforce app.  
 Scan the QR code to go straight to Clubforce!  
**Club Membership Now Open**

Be part of the heartbeat of Courtwood GAA.  
 Purchase Membership, & Lotto via: Clubforce  
 App. Registrar Brian Nolan. Treasurers  
 Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly.

**Support Courtwood GAA — buying weekly  
 Lotto ticket, renew your membership, and  
 help our club grow. Thank you!**

**CHECK IT FITS**

The 'Check it Fits' Service is a full-time,  
 nationwide, free expert service which  
 aims to put parent's, grandparent's &  
 guardian's minds at ease that their child's car  
 seat is safely & securely fitted in their car.  
 The service is quick, it's easy, it's free  
 & it is coming to **Aldi Car Park in Portarlington  
 on Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> April**. Our experts will advise on  
 how to fix any problem, demonstrate how to fit  
 the restraint correctly & answer any queries  
 participants might have.

**LOUGH DERG 2026 PILGRIMAGE SEASON****3 day pilgrimage**

Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> May–Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**One day retreat**

Various days in May, August &  
 September.

**Quiet day** Fri. 22<sup>nd</sup> May & Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.

**Heritage Day** Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug.

**Lakeshore Pilgrimage** Sun. 30<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Contact *Sanctuary of Saint Patrick – Lough  
 Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. F94 PC60. Ph:*  
 071 9861518 [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)  
[www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**CLASS OF 1981 – 1986 40 YEAR****REUNION**

**Scoil Mhuire & C.B.S., Portarlington**

Save the date: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026

commencing 8.30pm. Venue: *Pint O'Port.*  
 Contact *Brendan Molloy on 083 8814462 or  
 Sharon Storey(nee Lowry) on 087 2636525*

**GRACEFIELD GAA - CLUB LOTTO**

Date 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Week No. 16  
 Numbers 4, 19, 8, 2 – No jackpot winner.  
 €50 to each of the following:- Fiona Corcoran;  
 Colette Coss; Conor Flanagan; Lucy McCormack;  
 Josh Kelly. Promoter prize: O'Dea's  
**Next week's Jackpot €7,600.**

**PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB****2026 SEASON**

Fishing permits for the 2026 angling season on  
 the river Barrow and Derryounce lakes are now  
 open for renewal to existing annual permit  
 holders. Remittances to be sent to club officials  
 before end of April 2026. For new applications  
 contact [portangling@gmail.com](mailto:portangling@gmail.com) for consideration  
 at the next angling club committee meeting. River  
 Barrow permits are available currently.  
 Derryounce lake permits are restricted in  
 availability and could be limited to day ticket  
 permits only. Angling club contact numbers:  
 087 2778043, 086 8744343, 085 2042101.

**MIDLANDS LIVING LINKS**

Is an organization who provide support to people  
 bereaved by suicide. They run monthly peer  
 support meetings for the bereaved. An  
 information evening will take place in Portlaoise  
 Parish Centre on Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> April from 7-9pm.  
 Further info. contact Sue on 087 2250215 or  
 Email [midlandslinks@gmail.com](mailto:midlandslinks@gmail.com)

**PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**

**Adult Book Club:** Last Tues. of the Month - 11am.

**Knitting Group:** Meet every Friday 10.30am.

**Puzzle Club:** Meet every Tuesday 10.30am

**Lego Freeplay:** Saturday morning 10.30am

**Baby Book Club:** Wednesday 10.30am

**Junior Book Club:** Last Wednesday of the month.  
 Suitable for 9-12 year olds.

**LAOIS LEISURE SWIMMING LESSONS****Portarlington Leisure Centre**

Little swimmers to level 6 / Lane lessons & Rookie  
 lifeguard. Now in open bookings. €120 per child  
 – 20% sibling discount. Course begins Mon. 20<sup>th</sup>  
 April. 3-5 year old little swimmers / 5-15 year olds  
 free swim assessment available. Lane lessons  
 €105 per child. Register your child 057 8645800.

**ALONE**

ALONE supports older people across Ireland who  
 may be experiencing loneliness, isolation, frailty,  
 illness, homelessness, or financial hardship.  
 Through our services, incl. support coordination,  
 practical supports, befriending, phone services,  
 social prescribing & assistive technology, we  
 ensure that no older person is left behind. 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. By giving just 1 hour/ week, you  
 can help reduce loneliness; build meaningful  
 connection & make a real difference.

**DELANY ARCHIVE**

Dr. Daniel William Cahill 1796 – 1864 – Lecture by  
 Dr. Diarmuid Finnegan will be held Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 April at 7.30pm. Exhibition 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> July  
 2026. Venue: Carlow College, St. Patrick's R93  
 A003. No booking required – Free of charge.

**PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION****APRIL DRAW RESULTS 2026**

€10,000 Inga Radulescu  
 €2,000 each to Martina Stronge & Brian Walsh  
 €1,000 each to Geraldine Piggot & Marie Whelan  
 €500 to each of the following:  
 Maura Flanagan; Lauren Hogan; Dale Sheridan;  
 Nicola O'Donnell; Bernard Whelehan Snr; Joan  
 O'Neill; Patricia Dempsey; Elizabeth Costello;  
 Mark Weldon; Richard Brew; Mark Kelly; Fiona  
 Lambe; Thomas Colbert. €300 to Alison Flanagan  
 Congratulations to all our winners.