

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



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
 @EmoParish

1st February 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN O.T.

Year 'A'

St. Brigid of Kildare – Second Patron of Ireland

WEEKEND ANNIV. - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 31st January 6.15pm

Ann Moore, St Patrick's Terrace (M.M.)
 Seamus Wren, Dublin & Cushina (M.M.)
 Frances Maher, Gracefield (M.M.)
 Paddy Maher, Gracefield, (11th Anniv.)
 Brendan Oakley, Arlington Est. (1st Anniv.)
 Connie Gill, Ullard, (1st Anniv.)
 Patrick McEvoy, Garryhinch, Cross (2nd Anniv.)
 Philip Ward, Ballymorris Manor, (2nd Anniv.)
 Dolores Hunt, St Joseph's Tce (7th Anniv.)
 Michael Webster, French Church Street (13th Anniv.); John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield;
 John & Moira Walsh, Dublin; Jim & Mer McEvoy, St. Michael's Park, Deceased members of the Leavy family, Shandra Lane; John, Phil & Celine Hanlon, London; Tony Coleman (12th Anniv.); Timothy & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone Street; Leo Broughan, Bobby & Madeline Orange, St. Michael's Pk.

Sun. 1st February 12.15pm

Mary McCormack, Dereen; Josephine Fleming, Cloneyhurke; Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Jim Grehan, Shandra;

Sat. 7th February 6.15pm

Matthew (Matt) Keating, St. Mary's Tce. (M.M.)
 Paddy Geoghegan, Clonsast (1st Anniv.);
 Joseph Connolly, Pine Villa (4th Anniv.)
 Brendan & Eileen Thompson, Portlaoise Road (5th Anniv.); Mary (Bunty) Ward, St. Michael's Park (5th Anniv.); Dan & Eileen Maher, Annamoe; Bob Foran; John Corcoran, Ballybrittas; Ollie Whelan, Marian Hill; Lizzie Evans, St. Joseph's Tce. (10th Anniv.);
 Donal Hanlon, Gracefield

Sun. 8th February 12.15pm

Eamon Coogan, St. Joseph's Tce. (2nd Anniv.);
 Charlie Mooney, Botley Court (7th Anniv.)
 Robert Francis Magee, Station Road
 Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy), Station Road

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 1st February 10.30am

Patsy Connell, Lea; George Monagher, Lea; Dolores Wogan; James Brophy, Lough; Fr. Tom Keogh; James & Bridie Keogh; Dec. members of the Keogh Family; Alice Lalar; Kathy Elmon, Rathleash

Sun. 8th February 10.30am

Mary Mondonie, Hilton Head, South Carolina (recently deceased); Mossie & Kathy Stack

COLLECTORS FOR RATH - FEBRUARY

James Duffy & Liam Duffy

WEEKDAY ANNIV. - PORTARLINGTON

Tuesday 3rd February 10am Maggie McDonnell, Gartlestown / Eileen Campbell, Lurgan, (2nd Anniversary)

Friday 6th February 10am – Patricia & Christy Kennedy / Joe Kelly, Marian Hill / John Lawlor, Portlaoise Road

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 31st January 7.30pm

Deirdre Keogh, Morette, (9th Anniv.) her Father John O'Flynn, Galway; Liam Ramsbottom, Killimy; Michael & Elizabeth Moore, Morette; Mary Strong, Morette; Fint Duff Snr., Limetree

Sun. 1st February 11am

Fr. Jack Walsh P.E. (6th Anniv.)
 Mary O'Rourke, Kennell Cross (8th Anniv.)
 Paddy Brophy, Killeen (8th Anniv.)
 John Dooley, Ballycullane, (8th Anniv.)
 Elizabeth Prior, Morette, (10th Anniv.)
 Tommy Duggan, Mayo; Mary Strong, Morette

Sat. 7th February 7.30pm

Peter & Norah O'Connor, Old Pound;
 Dec. members of the O'Connor Family; Robert McGuirk, Knightstown

Sun. 8th February 11am

Eamon O'Connell, Straboe, Portlaoise (M.M.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 1st February 9am

Sam Owens, Rath, (M.M.)
 Fr. Jack Walsh P.E. (6th Anniv.)
 Peter O'Connell, Coolroe; Frank Dempsey, Monasterevin; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove; Liam Tynan, Canal House, Fisherstown, (10th Anniv.); Ann Kelly, Bellgrove (19th Anniv.)

Sun. 8th February 9am

John Corcoran, Ballybrittas; Liam O'Dwyer & dec. member of the O'Dwyer & Kirwan Families; Orla Duane

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:



León De Barra, Mountmellick & formerly Patrick Street (Brother of Ann O'Meara, Annamoe)

Paddy Dunne, Ballymorris
William (Billy) Molloy, Fisherstown, Ballybrittas

James (Shay) Mulhall, Beaumont & formerly Emo

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Ollie Brendan Evans, Bishopwood
 Alexander Anthony O'Keefe, Gracefield

PRAYER TO SAINT BRIGID

A Naomh Bríd a Mhuire na nGael,
 scar orainn do bhrat.

A Naomh Bríd, a chroí na féile,
 stiúir sinn ar an mbóthar ceart.

A Naomh Bríd gheanúil ghrástúil,
 ar ár namhaid cosain sinn.

A Naomh Bríd, a bhean rialto álainn,
 ar uair ár mbáis glaoigh orainn.



Saint Brigid, our Lady of the Gaels,
 Spread your banner over us.

Saint Brigid, the heart of the festival,
 Lead us on the right path.

Saint Brigid, gracious and loving,
 Protect us from our enemies.

Saint Brigid, beautiful and royal lady,
 At the hour of our death call upon us.

PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2026

Monday is the feast of Presentation of the Lord is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ, who is the light of the world. Mass and Blessing of Candles in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton at 10am.



FEAST OF ST. BLAISE TUESDAY 3RD FEB. 2026

Tuesday is the Feast of St. Blaise
 Mass and Blessing of Throats:
St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton 10am



FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 6th February, is the first Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-
Portarlinton 10am
Emo 9.15am

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland
 Dates: 20th – 22nd March / Venue: St Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo. A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER. Online: www.marriageencounter.ie

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton every Tuesday after the 10.30am Mass until 7pm.

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS

O'Dempsey's GFC Lotto Results:

Numbers drawn 26th Jan.: 01,03,22,30. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners: Maureen Molloy, Niall Smith. Promoter: Eddie Kelly. Next Draw: Tues. 3rd Feb. Jackpot €9,400.

Players and Club Volunteers for 2026

Preparations are underway at the Old Pound for the 2026 season! If you are interested in playing with O'Dempsey's (U5's up to Adult teams), or getting involved as a mentor or on one of our committees like Facilities, Healthy Club, Fundraising, Juvenile etc.) contact chairperson Brian 087 418541/ Secretary Mai 087 4191450

Membership for 2026

Membership is now due - Please arrange to renew your membership, it is particularly important for players that are training and will have games in the coming weeks. Visit the 'O'Dempsey's App' to register for 2026.

ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.A.

St. Paul's LGFA are delighted to be the Laois Club selected to host this year's Gaelic4Girls programme. This initiative is open to all girls aged 7 to 12 years in Emo & Portarlinton parishes & surrounding areas who are currently not registered with a club. It is seen as an opportunity to introduce girls into Ladies Gaelic Football. Gaelic4Girls is a 10-week programme aiming to develop athletic & social skills in a fun, enjoyable, non-competitive & inclusive environment. Girls will engage in 1 session per week where they will learn new skills & create new friendships. If you and your daughter wish to try out a new sport & are interested in participating in the programme, contact Aoife on 087 7887345 (prostpaulsgfa@gmail.com or Lauren 085 8667223

childrensofficer.stpauls.laois@lgfa.ie or follow our social media (Facebook & Instagram) @stpaulsgfa if you wish to view updates.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Irish Speaking Sessions: No Irish Speaking Class will take place on Mon. 2nd February, but the classes will return on Mon. 9th February and every Monday thereafter. 7-8pm. Adm: €2.

Never too late to start - All welcome.

Keep Fit: Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm with Eimear. Cost €8 each night.

Dancing Lessons: Thursdays 7.30-9pm with Noleen. €10 each night.

IS YOUR PHONE CAUSING CONFUSION?

Digital Help Hub Clinic - Call to Portarlinton Library - Fridays 10.30am to 12.30pm where we can help. We offer free confidential assistance with filling forms, digital and Smartphone support. Further info. Email communityed@loetb.ie or phone 057 8630099.

SENIORS BINGO

Senior citizens bingo continues Wed. night at 8pm in the Portarlinton Social Services Centre. Come along for great BINGO & a CUPPA!

CAR BOOT SALE

Venue: Solas Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road. Mon. 2nd February (Bank Holiday) from 10am to 2pm. Entry €2 - Redeemable against a number of promotions in-store & in café.

EDUFIT

A free 6 week online expert led & evidence based women-specific exercise & lifestyle medicine programme to help women thrive in midlife & beyond. Comm. Wed. 11th Feb. 1pm. Reg: <https://edufit.ie/menowell-2-laois-2026/>

MOUNTMELICK DRAMA GROUP

presents "ALBERTINE IN FIVE TIMES" at the Mountmelick Community Arts Centre on Thurs. 12th, Fri. 13th & Sat. 14th Feb. Commencing 8pm. Ticket €15 each (at door)

CONFIRMATION 2026

This weekend we welcome the students from all the schools in the Parishes of Portarlinton and Emo to celebrate with us at our weekend Parish Masses. These students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in March of this year.



Confirmation Dates 2026

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Thurs. 5th March at 11am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton.

Presentation Primary School

Thurs. 5th March at 2pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Sacred Heart N.S. School, Rath - Wed. 11th March at 11am in Sacred Heart Church, Rath.

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S. Wed. 11th March 2pm St. Paul's Church, Emo

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 19th March at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION - P.C.D.A.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the PCDA will take place on Thursday 19th February in the PCDA Office at St. Michael's NS, Kilmalogue (Girl's old school). AGM Commencing 7.30pm. All very welcome to attend this meeting.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW



1st Prize Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by Portarlinton Credit Union).

4 prizes of €100 each (Sponsored by Super Valu). Draw takes place 3rd Feb at 9pm during Bingo in the GAA Centre. Tickets €2 each (or 3 for €5) available from Committee Members.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from Oct. 14th until October 21st. Departs Dublin to Dubrovnik - Cost €875 for 7days.. Discount of €50 if deposit of €200 is paid by January 30th. Single Supplement + €170. Travel insurance optional. Accompanied by Spiritual Director Fr Sean Hyland C.C. For further information and booking contact Michael Nerney on 086 815 7305

COME AND SEE

Men and women aged 18-0 interested in exploring the Carmelite Way of Life with Carmelite Friars and Nuns. WHERE? Avila Carmelite Centre, Dublin D04 YF66. WHEN? 28th February 2026 from 10.30am - 4pm. Cost is FREE. Light lunch provided. register before 25th Feb: opendayAvila@gmail.com Nuns: www.carmelitesisters.ie Friars: www.ocd.ie

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat **Sat. 21st Feb., 21st Mar. & 18th Apr.** from 10am to 1.20pm. Mass 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass at 10.45am. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP www.sporaidnaoimh.com.

A.G.M. OF KILLENARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

AGM will be held on Fri. 6th Feb. at 8pm in the Ballycarroll Room of Killenard Community Centre. Join us for an update on what has been achieved in 2025 and a look ahead at our plans for 2026.

All are welcome! Spread the word!

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

26/1/2026 - Week No. 5. Week No. 26, 8, 3, 24. No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Tadhg Foy; Molly Kavanagh; Jason Knight; Jennifer Friel; Mary Slevin. Promoter prize: Liam Cosgrove. Next week's Jackpot €5,400. Draw will take place on Mon. 2nd February.

EMO - RATH PARISH

Week No. 2007 - 26th Jan. 2026. Numbers: 1, 2, 15, 17. Jackpot €4,800 No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Eileen Dunne c/o Maeve; Antoinette Mullen c/o Vera; Anne Gorman c/o Bernie Gorman; Geraldine O'Neill c/o Bernie Wheeler / Mollie Ryan c/o Maeve. Next draw takes place 9th February with a Jackpot of €5,000.

COURTWOOD GAA

This week's Courtwood Combined Lotto numbers 12, 31, 32, 33. Jackpot €16,600 - No jackpot winner. €20 winners were Geraldine Tynan & Joe Carroll. Tickets can be purchased from Ballybrittas Service Station & the Final Furlong or through Clubforce app.

Club membership now Open:

Apply through Clubforce App / Register with Tom O'Connell / Aileen Carroll or PJ Kelly.

SAMARITANS: Support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering non-judgmental & confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123. Text 087 2609090 - Email jo@samaritans.org

PORT. PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

The group meet on Friday's from 10.30am - 11.30am in Portarlinton Community Centre. For ages 0-5 years. New members welcome. A chance to connect with other parents while your little one enjoys some play time & activities. Fees: Members €2 / Non members €4.

EMO RETIREMENT GROUP

Emo Retirement Group will meet in the Old School, Emo on Tuesdays 8pm. New members very welcome. Fee €15 / year membership.

ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2026

Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in honour of St. Brigid. Starting at St. Brigid's Shrine at Mountrice W34X529 on the Monasterevin - Rathangan Road (414) at 11.00am on Monday 2nd February (walk is approx. 6km). Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross. The walk will be led by Bishop Denis Nulty and will journey via Umeras along the New Canal Blue Way, finishing in Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, Drogheda Street, Monasterevin (W34KD61) with a Service of Light at 12.30pm. A bus will leave the Parish Church Monasterevin at 10.30am to Mountrice & return to Mountrice at 2pm. Refreshments will be provided on the day.

ZUMBA

Venue: Parochial Hall, Portarlinton R32 YK24. No experience, no membership - just fun. €10 per class. All levels welcome. 6.45pm to 7.45pm on Tuesday's. Booking through 087 6431743.

HAPPY HEARTS ACTIVE RETIREMENT



Join us for some fun activities & weekly chats. Thursdays 2-4pm in Sandra's Studios, Portarlinton Community Centre. Call us on 087 8061567.