

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo



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20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

25th 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

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 19th September 6.15pm

Jim Lynch, Ballymorris (2nd Anniv.)
Philomena (Ena) Gaffney, Main Street
Mick Power, Avondale; Willie, Dolores & Brian Maher, St. Brigid's Square

Sun. 20th September 12.15pm

Margaret Lavin (nee Kirwan), Sligo & formerly Station Road (M.M.); Billy Murphy (1st Anniv.) & Joan Murphy (3rd Anniv.), Foxcroft Court; Miceál Barry & his brother, Kevin Barry; Edward Murray, Cushina; Sandra Rowan, Doolagh (8th Anniv.)
Paul Dempsey, Kilbride, (3rd Anniv) Arthur & Julia Bryan; Daughter Kathleen (1st Anniv.) & Dec. members of the Bryan Family, Cloneyquinn;
TJ O'Neill, St. Joseph's Tce.

Sat. 26th September 6.15pm

Mary Hyland, Garryhinch (1st Anniv.)
Paddy Devlin, Foxcroft St. (2nd Anniv.)
Jim Lawlor, Lea Road (5th Anniv.); Tommy Dobbyn, Kilmalogue Cross; Chrissy Whelan, Marian Hill; Joe Duffy, Ballycullane (8th Anniv.);
Bridget Margaret Kavanagh, Ballymorris & her father, Bertie Kavanagh, Paddy Hurley, Cloneyquinn.

Sun. 27th September 12.15pm

Jim Lawlor, Lea Road (5th Anniv.)
Chrissie O'Reilly, Patrick's Street, (3rd Anniv)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 20th September 10.30am

Ann Marie McCormack (nee O'Callaghan), Kilnacourt Woods (M.M.)
Leo & Marie Levin, Rathleash

Sun. 27th September 10.30am

Elizabeth (Betty) Davis, Old Ballybrittas (1st Anniv.); Elizabeth Moore, Springfield;
Christina Brophy, Lough

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 21st Sept: ---

Tues. 22nd Sept: ---

Wed. 23rd Sept: ---

Thurs. 24th Sept: Eileen & John Gannon & dec. members of the Shortall Family, Droughill

Fri. 25th Sept: Phil McGettrick, Patrick Ave. (3rd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 19th September 7.30pm

Bernadette (Bernie) Behan, Bellgrove;
Andy Rowe, Killimy; Edward & Elizabeth Fenlon, Killimy Road, Emo; Elizabeth Duff, Limetree;
James Hyland, Limetree; Brigid Dunne, Morette; Martha Morrin, Coolbanagher (3rd Anniv.)

Sun. 20th September 11am

Esther Conroy, Cappakeel (60th Anniv.)
Thomas, Jimmy & Vincent Conroy

Sat. 26th September 7.30pm

Liam Hogan, Ballintogher (M.M.)

Sun. 27th September 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 20th September 9am

Frank & Lucy Carroll, Fisherstown; George Doyle, Rath; James & Elizabeth Doyle, Killeshin
James Bailey, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas

Sun. 27th September 9am

Shin Donnelly, Fisherstown Bridge (8th Anniv.)

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

George Kavanagh, Millbrook Manor & formerly Drimnagh, Dublin.

Ann Staunton (nee Monks), Portarlington for Claremorris, Mayo

Noel O'Connor, Newbridge (Formerly Avon Arlington Ltd.)

A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS



*Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your
presence in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong
in their vocation, & set their souls on fire
with love for your people.
Grant them wisdom, strength,
and joy in their ministry,
and hold them close to your Sacred Heart.
Amen.*

FAREWELL

Fr. Tom Dooley P.P.



We say as sad farewell to Fr. Tom, who has served as Parish Priest in the Parishes of Portarlington & Emo for the past 22 years. We wish Fr. Tom well in his well deserved retirement.

WELCOME

Fr. Patrick Hughes P.P.



We welcome Fr. Pat as Parish Priest of the Parishes of Portarlington & Emo. Fr. Pat has served as Parish Priest in the Parish of Myshall & Cloneygall for the past 6 years. We wish him well and every blessing as he starts his ministry amongst us. Fr. Pat will reside in the Parochial House / Parish Office, Portarlington.

WELCOME

Fr. Piotr Jakubiak C.C.



We welcome Fr. Piotr as Curate for the Parishes of Portarlington, Emo and of Mountmellick. Fr. Piotr has been Chaplain to the Polish Community and Curate in the parishes of Newbridge, Caragh & Prosperous. Parish. Fr Piotr will reside in the Parochial House in Emo. We look forward to working with Fr. Piotr and wish him well in his new appointment.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Mon. 21st Sept: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

Wed. 23rd Sept: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) & St. Eunan

Fri. 25th: St. Finbarr

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 19th Sept. (tonight) 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.

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.

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 Monasterevin Parish Office on 045 525346 or Earleys Fashion Shop on 045 525395. Eventbrite.ie

QUEEN V THE BEATLES CONCERT by Midlands String Quartet

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

FEAST OF ST. PIO

There will be a Mass to celebrate the feast of St. Pio in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry on Sun. 23rd Sept. at 7.30pm. The celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty. After mass St. Pio's glove will be available for those who would like to be blessed. All are welcome.

THE CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION 2026

It's time to get those pencils, paints & imaginations ready. This year's theme is "A World of Colour". What does a world of colour look like to you? You could be inspired by people, places, nature, different cultures or your imagination. Competition opens to all ages with both general and additional needs categories. Call to your local Credit Union for an Entry Form. Closing date for entries Fri. 9th October.

YIN YOGA

In Killenard Community Centre. Thursdays at 8pm with Fern – Phone 086 1701982 - www.bookwhen.com/flowwithfern



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

14th Sept. 2026 – Week No. 2034
Numbers 1, 6, 19, 21 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Pat Owens c/o Shauna Strong; Alison & Mollie Ryan c/o Maeve Ryan; Sheila McNaire c/o Mena Connell; Colm Strong c/o Shauna Strong; Jim Bastick c/o Shauna Strong. Next draw takes place on 21st Sept. with a Jackpot of €4,400.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

14th September / Week No. 38 – Numbers 5, 25, 10, 16 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Kevin Garry; Eugene Geoghegan; Frank Melia; Sean Byrne & to Mary Keogh. Promoter prize Tom Garry. Next week's Jackpot €12,000.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Next draw takes place 22.9.26 with a Jackpot of €10,000.

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

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES



Sunday next, 27th September 2026 is world day of migrants & refugees.

CONVERSATIONAL IRISH GROUP

After a lovely summer break, our conversational Irish group will meet on Wed. 30th September from 7.30pm – 9pm & weekly afterwards. All levels of Gaelige are welcome to our group. Enjoy a cuppa n chat with cúpla focal. Fáilte ar cách. Contact Agnes on 087 1887664. Bígí linn.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



To book call in to Library, Ph: 057 8643751
Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
Ciorcal Comhrá: Every Tues. 11am.

New members welcome.

La Leche League Coffee Morning: Tues. 13th Oct 10:30-11:30. You are warmly invited to our informal and friendly gathering.

Parents First Baby Group: Every Wed. 12-1pm. For children aged 0-1 and their parents. Booking & further info: Jennifer 085 8683168

Digital Support Drop In Sessions: An LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30 -12:30pm (except school holidays) for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device and any digital queries you may have. No booking necessary.

Art Class with Billy: As part of positive aging week we are hosting this art workshop with Billy Dollard from the LOETB Friday Oct 2nd 2:30-4:30. All materials provided. Places limited so please book.

Knitting Club: Friday morning 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

Lego Free Play: Saturday's 10am-1pm

Social Chess (Adults only): Wednesday evenings 6-7pm. Enjoy a game of chess, a cuppa and a chat New members always welcome

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

Portarlington Junior Book Club: Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month this club is suitable for 9-12 year olds. Please book in advance.

Baby Book Club: Baby Book Club Wednesdays at 10:30am (during term time) Suitable for children aged 0-3. Please book in advance.

Adult Book Club: We meet on the last Tuesday of every month. For booking & further info. phone or email above.

Laois Libraries Online Book Club: Join us on the last Wednesday of every month on our Book Club Facebook page when questions are posed for discussion here. All titles are available to download in both Ebook and Audio book format.

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.

LAOIS COUNTY COUNCIL CLIMATE ACTION GRANTS



Laois County Council are offering grants of up to €500 to help local Community Groups and organisations run events and activities as part of the Laois Climate Action Festival 2026. The scheme supports community-led ideas that raise awareness, bring people together and encourage practical climate action. Who can apply? Community, School, Youth Groups; Voluntary, environmental, residents groups. Applicants must be registered with Laois PPN. Events must take place: 12–18 October 2026 Application deadline: Fri., 18th Sept. 2026 at 5pm Projects will be assessed on climate action impact, community engagement, deliverability and value for money. This is a great opportunity for Laois Community Groups to get involved, bring people together and take local action on climate change.