

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

SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 051-350725

AWARE Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302

G.R.O.W. www.grow.ie Info:1890 474 474

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23rd August, 2026

21st 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

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 22nd August 6.15pm

Bernard Downey Jnr., Droughill
Sean O'Reilly, Pine Villa (2nd Anniv.)
Noel Kelly, Derryvilla (5th Anniv.)
Elizabeth (Lily) Murphy, St. Michael's Park (5th Anniv.); Nora & Frank Lennon, Main Street
Ger Donagher, Droughill
Lill Bourke, Limerick

Sun. 23rd August 2.15pm

Patrick O'Meara & his father, Donal O'Meara, Annamoe; Paddy Dillon, Patrick Street

Sat. 29th August 6.15pm

Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Park (3rd Anniv.)
Dorothea McNamara, Gracefield
Patsy & Ann Murphy, St. Brigid's Square
Thomas, Mary Ann, Brigid & Edward Geoghegan, Cushina

Sun. 30th August 12.15pm

Michael Smith, Corrig & dec. members of the Smith Family, Bracklone Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 23rd August 10.30am

James & Margaret Raleigh, Garryvacum
Pat Mulhall, Ballintogher

Sun. 30th August 10.30am

Patrick (Darby) Hyland, Garryvacum (3rd Anniv.) & his sister Noreen Harkin (nee Hyland) (19th Anniv.)

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 24th Aug: ---

Tues. 25th Aug: Joe Feehan, Church View; Jane Costello (11th Anniv.) & Liam Costello (5th Anniv.), St. Brigid's Square

Wed, 26th Aug: Ronan Yarrow, Ballymorris Manor (7th Anniv.)

Thurs. 27th Aug: Leo O'Donoghue, Kingswood Heights, Dublin (2nd Anniv.)

Fri. 28th Aug: Patrick Dunne, Lansdown & formerly St. Michael's Park

BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:-

Koia Leigh Kelly, Corrig
Rian Charlie Coughlan, St. Michael's Park
Jack Christopher Timmons, Graigavern



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 AS OUR SCHOOLS REOPEN



Loving God, we ask you to wrap our diocesan school family in a cloak of love & protection as our schools reopen. Bless our boards of management & staff as they continue to provide a welcoming & safe learning environment for all. Bless our parents who entrust their children to us, confident we can all work together to help them become the very best that they can be.

Bless our pupils, the reason for our being. May they continue to learn well & always know that they are safe, secure & protected in your loving embrace. Gracious God, we are confident that through the intercession of our own Saints Brigid, Conleth & Lasarian, your love & care for each of us always endures. May we show the same love & care for one another in all we do & say this year. Amen

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK



Mon. 24th August – St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Tues. 25th August – St. Louis of France
Thurs. 27th August - St. Monica
Fri. 28th August - St. Augustine
Sat. 29th August -. The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

ANNUAL PRIESTS COLLECTION



The Autumn collection for the priests of the parish will take place on the weekend of 29th & 30th August. One of the five times during the year you contribute directly to the support of the priests. Envelopes for collection are in envelope boxes or available at Church Porch.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

Keep Fit Classes – Wednesday & Friday nights from 7-8pm. €8 per night.

No Dancing lessons for the month of August. Lessons with return in September.

JOIN KESTRELS BASKETBALL CLUB

New season starts this September. Boys & Girls U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 & Seniors. Everyone is welcome, beginners, returning players, new players & all abilities. Come along, have fun, make friends & be part of the Kestrels family. Further information from Louise Foster (Head Coach) 087 6134057

kestrelsbasketballclub@gmail.com

Also on Facebook & Instagram.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION PRAYER DAY

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27. Find peace in a day of Prayer & Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Rev. Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen & Ms Mary Connolly. Venue: Mount St. Anne's R32 WN59. Sat. 29th Aug. 9.30am – 4pm. Concludes with Mass at 3pm. Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30-1.15pm. Cost €25. Booking Essential. Call or Text Barbara Kinsella 0861637311



Alone Ireland are looking for volunteers in Mountmellick, Portarlington & Edenderry. Could you spare some time to support an older person in your community? By volunteering with ALONE, you can help older people stay connected, supported & independent at home through friendly visits or phone calls. Even a small amount of time can make a real difference. Check out alone.ie/volunteers.

BANRION GAELS CYCLE FUNDRAISER 2026

Parents, friends and supporters of Banrion Gales Camogie Club will cycle 70km around Laois with the aim to raise €10,000 for our newly purchased 5 acre pitch. The funds will help towards providing goalposts, backstop nets & other sessential equipment needed to make the pitch safe & ready for our players for the 2027 season. Every donation will bring us closer to creating a permanent home for our players & future generations. Please support our cyclists & help us bring our new pitch to life! Visit our Idonate page at:-
www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/banriongaelsamogiefundraiser20261

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.



BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

In Portarlington Community Centre, Portarlington on Thurs. 27th August. 3.45pm – 8pm. Check your eligibility & book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call on 1800 222 111

LOST

Car Keys – Around Supervalu & surrounding area few days ago. If found, contact the Parish Office.

TOWN CENTRE / URBAN VILLAGE PLAN

FOR KILMALOGUE, PORTARLINGTON

Offaly County Council's Regeneration Department is beginning a process of preparing a Town Centre / Urban Village Plan for Kilmalogue. They will be holding a public meeting in September to get views & input from interested groups & individuals. If you would like to attend this meeting, please send your contact details to the following:-

acampion@offalycoco.ie

You will receive details of the date, time & location of the meeting.

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. 2030 – 17th August 2026
Numbers 5, 12, 15, 17. No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Margaret O'Brien c/o Hilary; Caroline Costello c/o S. Strong; Ava Tobin c/o B. Gorman; Grace, Daire & Sean Moore c/o P. Nolan; PJ Conroy c/o Anne. Next draw takes place on 24th August with a Jackpot of €3,600.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

17th Aug. 2026 – Week No. 34
Numbers 30, 20, 5, 26 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Cathal & Lisa O'Neill; John Lawrence; Ailish Higgins; Dearbhladh Walsh; Gavin Dunne. Promoter prize Liam Corcoran.
Next week's Jackpot €11,200

PORTARLINGTON LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Adult / new members & beginners night. Fridays 7-8pm. A relaxed mix of coaching & playing, with some experienced club players getting involved to help new players develop & enjoy the game. Pay as you go. Members & non-Members welcome. Rackets provided. Phone 087 9463147 or message us on Facebook - Portarlington Lawn Tennis Club.
PORTARLINGTON TAEKWON-DO
Free Trial Class – Adult Class
Adult & Teens from 14 years. New members registration. Mon. 31st August 7pm. Dedicated beginners class Mon. 7pm – 7.45pm.
Contact 086 3617001.

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

Come join Arlington AFC:
The League winners. Players born 2012. Phone Mark on 085 2132752 / Kenny on 087 7593645.

MENS PILATES

Portarlington Community Centre
Wednesday's 8pm. Six week block commencing 26th August. €6 weeks for €50 or €10 pay as you go. Come along.

COME & TRY VOLLEYBALL IN PORTARLINGTON – FREE



Portarlington Community Centre. Open sessions for adults male & female. Sat. 5th & Sat. 12th Sept. 11am to 1pm. Register on <https://www.laoissports.ie/event/come-n-try-volleyball-in-portarlington>
Further info. also contact Irene on 083 3556432.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



**To book call in to Library,
Phone 057 8643751**

Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Ongoing events:-

Baby Cafe – A warm welcome for you and your little one. Every Wednesday 12pm – 1pm. A relaxed space to connect, chat & support each other. Babies from) – 12 months
Contact Jennifer on 085 8683168 to register.
Lego Free Play / Adult Chess Club / Parent's First group / La Leche League Coffee Morning / Knitting Circle / Adult Book Club / Online Book Club / Junior Book Club and the Baby Book Club - Contact the above number for details.

PORTARLINGTON FOLK CHOIR



Welcome you for Autumn 2026

Mass dates at St. Michael's Church where the Folk Choir will sing:- Sun. 20th September / Sunday 18th October / Sun. 22nd November.
Choir practices resume Mon. 7th Sept. at 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.
All welcome to join – Lift your voice.

CRAFT MARKET AT SOLAS EVENT

Sun. 23rd August (Today) from 10am to 4pm at SOLAS, Lea Road, Portarlington.
10AM – 4PM. Free entry.
<https://www.thegardenshop.ie/craft-market-stall-at-solas/>

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

Lotto Results for 12.8.2026

No jackpot winner. Letters: H, Q, V, Z
€25 to each of the following:- Paul Kelly; Paddy Waldron; Paul Murphy. Next draw takes place 25th August with a Jackpot of €10,000

SALSA & BACHATA DANCE LESSONS

Portarlington Community Centre R32 D797.

18+ No experience required / No partner needed / Wear comfortable clothes & shoes.
Sat. 29th August. 1pm (50 minute dance session), with Victoria. €10. Instagram @victoriaivanes or WhatsApp 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 045 525346 / 045 525395. Eventbrite.ie



MEMBERS PRIZE DRAW RESULTS

€10,000 James Hainsworth
€2,000 each to Veronica Connolly & Patrick John Jr. Dempsey
€1,000 each to: Kerry Kinihan & Gerard Ward
€500 each to: Karen Porter; Dawn Champ; Kevin Kelly; Thomas Meredith; Mary Gallagher; Holly Hunter; Geoffrey Kinsella; Sharon Kinsella; Jake Byrne; Claire Gallagher; Carmel Duke; Morgan O'Donnell; Amy McNamee; Damien McCormack.
Congratulations to all our winners.