

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

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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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
 @EmoParish

26TH APRIL 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year 'A'

Good Shepherd Sunday - Day of Prayer for Vocations

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 25th April 6.15pm

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

Sun. 26th April 12.15pm

Dennis (Dinny) Kavanagh, St. Brigid's Square, (M.M. & 80th B/Day Remembrance)
 Terence McKenna, Cloneyhurke; Molly & Abb Evans; Thomas Keegan Jr. & Snr., Joe Keegan, Cloneyquinn; Peter Dunne, Patrick St. Paddy McGuinness, Avondale (9th Anniv.)

Sat. 2nd May 6.15pm

Angela McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (10th Anniv.)
 Kathleen Garry, Cloneyquinn

Sun. 3rd May 12.15pm

Mary Keller, Lea Road (2nd Anniv.)
 Maureen Downey, Droughill (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 26th April 10.30am

John Dunne, Tierhogar (M.M.) Sean Fallon, Lea Road; Michael (Mick) Keogh, Derryvillia; Tom Kavanagh, Lough (40th Anniv.); Elizabeth Donnelly, Killenard; Bridgit Donnelly, Monasterevin; Terry Behan, Tierhogar; David Fitzmaurice Jr., Killenard; Gretta & David (Snr.) Fitzmaurice, Killenard; Ann Fox Dalton; Maurice Dalton; Keelin Fox, Killenard; Madge Mulhall, Ballintogher

Sun. 3rd May 10.30am

Alan Kavanagh, Lough (4th Anniv.); Catherine Kavanagh, Lough; Terry Culleton, Tierhogar & dec. members of the Culleton Family

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM



Sophie Daisy Mitchell, Kilkenny & Corrig
 Collins Christopher Kuku, Kilnacourt Woods
 Logan Stuart Eglinton, Kilnacourt Woods

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

COLLECTORS FOR MAY - RATH

Tommy Wilson & John Lowry

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Takes place Sunday 7th June. Corpus Christi.
 Led by Bishop Denis Nulty.

WEEKDAY PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 27th April – Jim Browne

Tues. 28th April – David Gibson, Dublin

Wed. 29th April – Kathleen Lawlor, Portlaoise Road

Thurs. 30th April –

Fri. 1st May –

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 25th April 7.30pm

Mary (Mae) Lewis, Portlaoise & Emo (MM)
 Mary Langford (3rd Anniv.) & Frank Langford (21st Anniv.), Emo; Patrick (Benny) Connolly, Killimy (9th Anniv.); Mary Delaney, New Inn; Richard & Helen (Nellie) Strong, Coolbanagher; John Kelly, Newbridge & Coolbanagher

Sun. 26th April 11am

Sun. 3rd May 11am

Tiernan Whyte, Coolbanagher

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 26th April 9am

William Brennan, Jamestown
 Andrew & Elizabeth Mulhare, Courtwood

Sun. 3rd May 9am

Paddy O'Dwyer, Newbridge (B/Day Rem.)
 May O'Connell, Rathangan (B/Day Rem.)
 Syl Mullen, Tierhogar (11th Anniv.); Dec. members of the Mullen Family; Margaret O'Reilly, Dublin

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

Mary (May) Dooley (nee Tynan), Ballycullane
 Mary Flanagan, Ballinagar & formerly Droughill, sister of Paddy Flanagan, Patrick St. William Brennan, Formerly St. Michael's Park & Shillelagh, Wicklow
 Patrick (Pat) Dowling, Limerick City & formerly of Emo

FIRST FRIDAY - MAY 2026

Friday next, 1st May, is the First Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

Rath – Thurs. 9.30am

Portarlington – Friday 10am

CEMETERY MASS

2026

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



World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed today. It is also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is always from John Chapter 10 where Jesus speaks of himself as being a caring shepherd. The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction when he asked us: Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest. (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

Please pray that young men & women hear & respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood & religious life & that the Church will always have pastors who care for God's people with the heart of Christ himself.

Lord, the ministry of priests confirms your unfailing care for your people.

Call from among us the priests and religious needed for your church of today and tomorrow. Bless all those who are discerning a vocation to priestly or religious life and bless all those who minister in your church in any way. Amen.

WHAT IF GOD IS CALLING YOU?

The priesthood is not about having all the answers. It's about trusting God with the questions. If you're thinking about it...let's talk. Contact Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill, Vocations Director, Newbridge. 083 3343744.



2026

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Sat. 9th May 2026 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

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

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

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

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

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Sandy Lane NS

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

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

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



EMO – RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2016 – 20th April 2026

Numbers 4, 9, 11, 20 – No jackpot winner.

€25 each to:- Tommy Lawlor c/o Deirdre;
Dominica Scully c/o B. Gorman; Mollie Ryan c/o
Maeve; Declan O'Mahony c/o Deirdre; Rose &
Martin Foy c/o Rose. Next draw takes place on
27th April with a Jackpot of €2,800.

EMO/RATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

20th – 24th 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 MUSICAL SOCIETY



AGM will be held on 26th 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 30th April 2026.
portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS

Lotto Results: Numbers drawn 20th April: 14, 15,
22, 29. No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 winner.
Lucky Dip Winners: Brian Nugent; Claire & Nicholas
Mulhall. Promoter: Willie Bannon. Next Draw: Mon.
27th April – Jackpot €10,600.

K26 Film Awards Fundraiser: Thanks to
everyone who attended our Launch Night & to all
our brilliant cast! To find out more about the joint
fundraiser for Killenard Community Centre &
O'Dempsey's visit www.k26.ie

Club Mass: Our Annual Club Mass takes place at
7.30pm, Fri., May 1st at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse.

ACCORD

Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is now
recruiting volunteers to train as marriage
preparation programme facilitators to support
couples preparing for Marriage. Free training for
successful applicants. Closing Date: Fri. 29th
May 2026. Phone Aisling 01 5053112
marriagepreparation@accord.ie

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. 29th April from 7-9pm.
Further info. contact Sue on 087 2250215 or
Email midlandslinks@gmail.com

SPIORAID NAOIMH MONTHLY RETREAT



Sat. 2nd May commencing with Mass at 10am.
Venue: Portlaoise Parish Church. Confessions
available. Retreat Continues in the Campa
Room in the Parish Centre from 10.30am –
1.30pm. Adoration, Rosary Holy Spirit Novena,
Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry.
Eircode R32FH67 - All are Welcome
www.spioraidnaoimh.com

Contact M. Nerney 086 815 7305
Spiritual Director Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB PRESENT FAMILY NATURE TRAIL WALK



Sun. 31st May in Derryounce. Reg. At 10.30am.
Maps & trails provided. Fun for all the family.
Explore nature with bugs, birds, trees,
binoculars & magnifying glasses.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY IN KNOCK

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

FR. LIAM LAWTON CONCERT

Fr. Liam received a papal award on February
last for his distinguished service to the Church
as a composer & performer of sacred music.
This event took place in Maynooth College
during a special evening celebrating his music,
attended by Archbishop Eamon Martin,
bishops & choir members from across the
country. As many supporters could not attend
this event, a second celebration with the same
programme & performers will take place on
Sun. 24th May in St. Mary's Church,
Edenderry. Tickets available via Facebook,
Instagram, the Parish website (**Celebration of
Liam Lawton Music Concert Tickets**).
Tickets will also be in supply at the Parish
Centre, Edenderry.

LIVE LIFE YOUTH RETREAT

Knock Shrine – May 7th 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

BIG BUSK 2026 PORTARLINGTON

Street music for a 'Home
Supporting Focus Ireland'.
Friday 1st May on Main Street,
Portarlington from 11am until
late. Phone David on 087 1047513. Come
along, enjoy fantastic live performances & help
us #EndHomelessness in Ireland!



ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

Irish Speaking Sessions: On Mondays with
Natasha. Come along, have fun and enjoy the
cúpla focal. €2 each night. Time 8.30pm.

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

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with
Noelenn from 7.30pm – 9pm. €10 each night.
Tá Fáilte romhaibh le gach duine.

LOUGH DERG 2026 PILGRIMAGE

SEASON

3 day pilgrimage

Fri. 29th May–Sat. 15th Aug.

One day retreat

Various days in May, Aug. & Sept.

Quiet day Fri. 22nd May & Fri. 11th Sept.

Heritage Day Thurs. 20th Aug.

Lakeshore Pilgrimage Sun. 30th Aug.

Contact Sanctuary of Saint Patrick – Lough
Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. F94 PC60. Ph:
071 9861518 info@loughderg.org

www.loughderg.org



CLASS OF 1981–1986 40 YEAR REUNION

Scoil Mhuire & C.B.S., Portarlington

19th September 2026 Venue: Pint O'Port.

Contact Brendan Molloy 083 8814462 /

Sharon Storey(nee Lowry) 087 2636525

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.

Register your child 057 8645800.

ARLINGTON LADIES SOCCER

Training Mondays and Wednesdays at

7pm. Contact Rhona on 085 7034252.

GRACEFIELD GAA - CLUB LOTTO

20th April 2026 – Week 17. Num: 4, 25, 21, 31
No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:-
Maura Porter; Trish O'Reilly; Mairead Sheedy;
Deaglan Allen; Caroline Reid. Promoter prize
Jamie Hanlon. Next week's Jackpot €7,800

BUTTON ACCORDION DONATION

Presentation Primary School is currently seeking
donations of Button Accordions for use in their
music programme. If you have an instrument at
home that is no longer being used, we would
greatly appreciate your support. Donations can
be dropped into the school office during school
hours: Mon. – Fri. 8.50am – 2.30pm.



Check out the new Portarlington Community
Development Association (PCDA) website
www.portarlington.ie

New office for the PCDA – Market House, Market
Square, Portarlington, Co. Laois R32 ET2X.

Office hours Mon. to Thurs. 9am – 1pm &

Fri. 9am – 12.30pm. Contact 057 8608395

or Email info@portarlington.ie

*Projects managed by the PCDA are making a
real difference to our town!*

To **book a room at the Market house** for your
club meetings, business meetings, events, dance,
song, yoga, pilates go to our website
www.portarlington.ie and book through the link.
Room rates are €30 per hour + booking fee.

BEALTAINE AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email

portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie or give your
name at the library desk.

Le Leche League Coffee Morning – Tues. 12th
May 10.30-11.30am. No booking necessary.

Healthy Eating for Hectic Lifestyles:

Join dietitian, Ellen from Inside Nutrition. Wed.
20th May 6.30pm. Please book.

How to Stay Safe Online - With Therese from
LOETB – Informative talk. Thurs. 21st May 11am.
Booking essential.

Beginners Lino Print Workshop - Thurs. 28th
May 11am - Booking essential. Spend a creative
morning with artist Caroline Keane – Learn the
techniques necessary.

**Sage Advocacy is the National Advocacy
Service for Older People** - Talk on what services
Sage Advocacy provide along with information on
planning ahead & how Sage can assist older
people. Fri. 28th May 2.30pm – Booking essential.

Digital Support Drop in Sessions – Drop in with
your digital queries – Friday's 10.30am-12.30pm.
Last session May 15th.

Regular activities at Portarlington Library

Adult Book Club / Knitting Group / Ciorcal Comhár
/ Puzzle Club / Chess Club / Jigsaw Club / Lego /
Baby Book Club / Junior Book Club

ALONE (Supporting the elderly)

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.

JOB VACANCY – CHEF

Job Vacancy at Mount St Anne's Retreat &
Conference Centre, Killenard

Chef (Job Share Opportunity)

We are looking for a dynamic & experienced
person to join our Team at this busy Centre.
Duties include: Prepare & serve fresh food daily,
create menus, ensure the Health & Safety is
maintained along with accurate records. Email
your CV operationsmanager@moutstannes.com