

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

Portarlington & Emo Parishes are part of the Pastoral Area along with Killeigh, Clonaslee, Rosenallis & Mountmellick



PRIESTS CONTACT NUMBERS

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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
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

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney

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27TH SEPTEMBER 2026

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees

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

PRAYER FOR OUR DIOCESE

Lord, bless the faith community of Kildare & Leighlin which traces its origins to Brigid, Conleth & Lasarian. May it be outstanding in charity as St. Brigid of Kildare, may it be constant in faith as St. Conleth of Old Connell, wise and prayerful as St. Lasarian of Leighlin. Bless its Bishop, priests, religious and laity. Fill them with the light of your love. Bless its young people. Help them to seek your truth. Bless all who are poor or weak or wounded by life's hurts. Grant them justice, light and hope. Sin é ár nguí tré Críost ár dTiarna. Amen

IMPORTANT DATES 2027

Ash Wednesday – 10th February

Good Friday – 26th March

Easter Sunday – 28th March

Ascension – 9th May

Pentecost – 16th May

Trinity Sunday – 23rd May

Corpus Christi – 30th May

First Sunday Advent – 29th November

FIRST FRIDAY

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

Portarlington 10am Friday

Emo 9.15am Friday

Rath 9.30am (First Thursday)

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 28th Sept: Ss Lawrence Ruiz & compns.

Tues. 29th Sept: Ss Michael, Gabriel &

Raphael, Archangels

Wed. 30th Sept: St. Jerome

Thurs. 1st Oct. St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Fri. 2nd Oct: The Holy Guardian Angels

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the malice and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. AMEN

I LIVE ALONE



*I live alone, Dear Lord, stay by my side.
In all my daily needs be Thou my Guide.
Grant me good health, for that indeed, I pray,
to carry on my work from day to day.
Keep pure my thoughts; my every deed.
Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbour's need.
Spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues,
from thieves, from fear, and evil ones.
If sickness or an accident befall,
then humbly, Lord, I pray, hear Thou my call.
And when I'm feeling low, or in despair,
lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.
I live alone, Dear Lord, yet have no fear,
because I feel Your Presence Ever near.
Amen*

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

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

The Celtic Tenors 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

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. Ph: 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

Week No. 2035 – 21st Sept. 2026.

Numbers 10, 13, 15, 21. No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Paul Brady c/o Bernie Gorman; Evan, Glen & Ryan O'Connor c/o Deirdre Lawlor; Geraldine Kavanagh c/o J. Duffy; Jack & Ed c/o Bernie Gorman; Kathleen Murphy c/o Bernie.

Next draw takes place on the 28th September with a Jackpot of €4,600.



GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

21st Sept. 2016 / Week No. 39

Numbers 32, 14, 22, 23 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:-

Ray Murphy; Teresa Direen; Rian & Tadhg; Evelyn & John Heavey; Alan Bracken. Promoter prize: Anthony Earley. Next week's jackpot €12,200

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Draw results for 23/9/26. Letters A J M Q

No jackpot winner. €25 each to: Luke Carey; Ann Marie Guidera; Alice Halpenny.

Next draw takes place on 6th October 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

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.

GRACEFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB (F.C.)

Gracefield F.C. run a weekly 50/50 fundraising draw with tickets priced at €2 for a single entry or €5 for 3 entries. Draw takes place every Monday evening. You can buy tickets on line through the Gracefield FC Clubspot Fundraisers Page.

All support is greatly appreciated. <https://member.clubspot.app/club/gracefield-fc/fundraisers>

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN, PORTARLINGTON

OPEN NIGHT

Open night for First Years 2027 / 2028 will be held on Thurs. 8th October at 7pm.

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.

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: 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.

Knitting Club: Friday morning 10:30am-12:30.

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

Puzzle Club: Drop in on Thursday mornings.

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 - Children 0-3. Please book in advance.

Adult Book Club: The last Tuesday of every month. To book email or phone above number.

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

PAINTING WORKSHOP

With Billy Dollard

Venue: Portarlington Library.

Fri. 2nd Oct. from 2.30 – 4.30pm. All materials provided. Places limited so booking is essential.

Phone 057 8643752

Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

SOCIAL VOLLEYBALL



Looking for a fun way to get active, meet new people & try something different? Join Laois Sports Partnership's Social Volleyball Programme in Portarlington. Taking place in Portarlington commencing Thurs. October 1st from 8pm until 10pm. Cost €15.

Venue: Portarlington Community Centre.

Duration – 4 weeks. No volleyball experience required / Suitable for men and women of all abilities. Further information & to register contact Irene on 083 3556432.

CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The School will be accepting applications for 2027 / 2028 enrolment from 23rd October to the 13th November 2026. Application Forms are available on www.cloneyhurke.net or by calling 057 8623271.

FITNESS CLASSES MALE ONLY

Commencing Mon. 5th October in Emo Community Hall. Class dates: 5th Oct. / 12th Oct. / 19th Oct. / 2nd Nov. / 9th Nov. / 16th Nov. 6 weeks for €50. Times 7-8pm. Discount available for dads & sons. Over 18s only. .Contact Sonya on 085 7309397.