

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo



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PARISH OFFICE

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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

28th June 2026

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 27th June 6.15pm

James Dunne, Garryhinch (16th Anniv.)
 Ena Moran, Droughill; Dec. members of the
 Nelligan Family, Monasterevin; Michael & Mary
 Milner, Lough; John & Margaret Delaney, Lough;
 Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq. (39th Anniv.) Dec.
 members of the Hanlon family, Gracefield;
 Peady & Bridie Hyland & John Hyland

Sun. 28th June 12.15pm

Patrick Kirwan, Foxcroft Avenue (2nd Anniv.)
 William Higgins, Patrick St; Tom & Frances
 Naughton, Station House & Foxcroft Ave; & their
 son, Fran Naughton (2nd Anniv.), Ballina &
 Station House; Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq.
 (39th Anniv.); Hughie & Dolores Keogh, St.
 Michael's Park & their daughter, Siobhan Keogh;
 Frances Costello, St. Michael's Park (5th Anniv.);
 George Moore, Garryhinch. Ailish O'Flaherty,
 (nee Maher) (19th Anniv)

Sat. 4th July 6.15pm

Val McGettrick, Patrick Avenue (2nd Anniv.)
 Kathleen Lovern, Foxcroft St. (3rd Anniv.)
 Peter Broughan, St. Brigid's Sq; Dec. members
 of the Bergin & Flynn Family, Rathmore; Christy
 & Paul Mooney, Kilbride; Dec. members of the
 McDonald & Mooney Families

Sun. 5th July 12.15pm

Mark Mooney, Corrig Glen (M.M.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 28th June 10.30am

Tony Mullen, Corrig (M.M.);
 Paddy Molloy, Tierhogar; Mary Kiernan, Crowe
 Lane; Dora Hickey, Corrig; Sheila & Elizabeth
 Kavanagh, Lough & dec. members of the
 Kavanagh Family; Seamus Tynan, Rathmiles;
 Stephen Hughes, Ballintogher (25th Anniv.)
 Danny Donohoe, Bellgrove

Sun. 5th July 10.30am

William & Bridget Coleman, Closeland
 Philip & Fergus Brophy, Lough
 Ann & John McGrath; Carmel Coy (nee
 McGrath) & dec. members of the McGrath
 Family, Closelands.

Coeliac Hosts available upon request.
 Call into the Sacristy before the Mass.

COLLECTORS IN RATH FOR JULY

Joe Carroll & Edward Fitzgerald

**"WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE
 POSSIBLE" - Matthew 19-26**

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

Wed. 1st July 10am – George & Ciss Dunne
 & dec. members of Dunne & Hopkins Families

Thurs. 2nd July 10am – George Moore,
 Garryhinch

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 27th June 7.30pm

Sun. 28th June 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 28th June 9am

Jack O'Connell, Coolroe
 Tom Dunne & Ellen Dunne, Coolroe

Sun. 5th July 9am

Annie McLoughlin, Jamestown (M.M.)
 Kevin & Lill O'Connor, Kilbracken & their
 grandson, Stephen O'Connor, Kilbracken
 (M.M.) May O'Connell, Rathangan (22nd
 Anniv.); Jim Keogh, Wicklow (15th Anniv.)
 Andrew Byrne, Naas (3rd Anniv.)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
 Community through Baptism:-



Caoimhe Bridget Murphy, Bellgrove

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died
 recently:-

*Dolores Duignan (nee Ennis), Dublin &
 formerly Patrick Street*

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 3rd July, is the First Friday of the
 Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

Portarlington

Friday morning at 10am

Killenard

7.30pm Cemetery Mass

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
 on Tuesday's after 10am Mass until 7pm
 with Rosary afterwards.*

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME and COUPLES THERAPY

A programme for couples
 preparing for the Sacrament of
 Marriage and Couples Therapy.
 To view available bookings log
 onto www.accord.ie



POPE'S COLLECTION PETERS

PENCE

Peter's Pence (Pope's) Collection
 takes place this weekend 27th / 28th
 June. Envelopes available in your
 boxes of envelopes. Your generosity
 is, as always, greatly appreciated.



CEMETERY MASS 2026



Killenard – Fri. 3rd July – 7.30pm

Portarlington - Fri. 10th July – 7.30pm

Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm

Ballyadden Cemetery – Fri. 7th August 7.30pm

Emo Old Cemetery – Sat. 15th August 7.30pm

PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel 17th
 July for 7 nights. Final payments now due & also
 a copy of your current Passport – Contact Marie
 087 7589896.

5K Sponsored Run / Walk

Walk or run on Sun. 5th July commencing 11am at
 the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Reg. €10 from
 10am on the morning. Refreshments served.
 Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417.

Feast Days during the week



Mon. 29th June - Ss Peter & Paul Apostles

Today we celebrate the twin founders of the
 Church in Rome. St. Peter, originally called
 Simon, a fisherman who became leader of the
 apostles & the rock on which the Church is built &
 St. Paul, Saul, the Pharisee who became the
 'Apostle of the Gentiles'. Both proclaim with their
 lives that Jesus is Christ, Son of the living God.

Wed. 1st July – The First Martyrs of the Holy

Roman Church / St. Oliver Plunkett

Fri. 3rd July – St. Thomas the Apostle

NATIONAL SYNODAL PATHWAY UPDATE

Preparations are continuing for the National
 Synodal Assembly, which takes place in October.
 Working groups across the country are reflecting
 on the key priorities identified through the synodal
 process & helping to shape the next stage of the
 Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more visit:
<https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 2026

Local group will climb Croagh Patrick in aid of **Portarlinton Meals on Wheels** Wed. 8th July. Bus leaves Burbages, Main Street at 6.15am on the morning. To take part in the climb or get sponsorship phone Pat Burbage 087-7716244.

PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND & PORTARLINGTON SHAMROCKS

Holding an IMBA (Irish Marching Bands Association). Event on **28th June (today)** commencing 1pm in McCann Park, Portarlinton. R32FW92. Donations on the door. All welcome. A Sound Sport Competition.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Keep Fit: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear. 7-8pm. €8 each night.

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noeleen from 7.30pm-9pm. €10 each night.

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;



FISHERSTOWN TRACTOR & TRUCK RUN In aid of Laois Hospice



All lorries, tractors & vintage cars welcome! Sun. 5th July at 11am. Run leaving 2pm from the Final Furlong, Ballybrittas. Food & Music all day; Bouncing castle & kids fun area; Midlands 10-3 Roadcaster live. Phone David 086 2853243 (Lorries) / Dave 087 2729446 (Tractor)

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE ONLINE COURSE Man and Woman, He Created Them

The Priory Institute 1 week on-line course is reflective, informative & interactive & will run from 10th August. The course includes 4 recorded presentations & one online zoom discussion & is very flexible being delivered entirely online. prioryinstitute.com

SUMMER SKILLS PROGRAMME

Designed to help young people feel calmer, stronger & more Confident. A fun & supportive Occupational Therapy-led programme focused on emotional regulation, confidence, wellbeing & practical tools for everyday life. Five daily one hour evening sessions. 27th - 31st July in Portarlinton Community Centre. Daily one hour evening sessions. 8-10 years and 11-15 years. If interested Email otregulation@gmail.com

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

St. Paul's LGFA invite parents / guardians to register their interest with the St. Paul's LGFA U.6 nursery for 2026. Following a hugely successful Gaelic4Girls programme, we are delighted to continue to grow and facilitate ladies Gaelic football opportunities for all girls in the community. This is open to girls born in 2020 and 2021 and it is a great opportunity to keep your girls active over the summer! Registration can be found on our social media (Instagram / Facebook) at [stpaulsLGFA](https://www.stpaulsLGFA.com)

ANNUAL NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Celebrating 6th World Day for Grandparents. Taking place Sun. 26th July at Knock Shrine. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin. Commencing 2.30pm with anointing of the sick. A day of grace and blessing for the whole family, as we honour grandparents & the elderly. www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2023 - 22nd June 2026

Numbers 3, 5, 6, 12 - No. Jackpot winner. €25 each to the following:- *Fiadh & Bernie Gorman c/o Bernie; Mary O'Connell c/o Mena; Laura Booth c/o Bernie; Liz Booth c/o Bernie; Con Mooney c/o Bernie.* Next draw takes place 29th June with a Jackpot of €2,200.



GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

22nd June 2026 - Week No. 26
Numbers 17, 9, 10, 29 - No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Bronagh Murphy; Len Murphy; Bradley Cooper; Cathy Murphy; Aisling Curley. Promoter prize John Kelly. **Next week's Jackpot €9,600**

MARKET HOUSE, PORTARLINGTON

Perfect for meetings, group classes, workshops & training sessions. Flexible booking options in a comfortable central location. www.portarlinton.ie to book directly.

PORTARLINGTON GAA CLUB

FUNDRAISING DRAW

Incredible prize for one lucky winner of 2 tickets for the all Ireland Hurling Final plus 2 tickets for the All Ireland Football Final. Tickets €10 each. Draw date 16th July 2026.



CAMP PIO - SUMMER FAITH CAMP

Boys & Girls 5-13 years. Mon. - Thurs. 20th - 23rd July from 9.30am - 2.30pm. Arts / crafts / music / drama / team games / prayer. Venue: Bloom HQ, Old Convent Mountrath R32DT9F. €45 per child (€30 per additional child in family). Contact Caroline 085 2430529 Laura 087 6313370 or camppio2024@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Portarlinton Meals on Wheels thank everyone who supported their collection last weekend. Thanks also to the collectors & to Daniels Centra, Portarlinton and McLoughlin's Supervalu for facilitating the collections

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Results of draw on 16th June 2026
No winner. €25 Paul Kelly, Noel Foy, Kathleen Greene, Next draw on 30th June 2026 & Jackpot is 10,000.

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY



2nd July- Audition Prep Workshop Part 2 with Allison Looney
8th July- Auditions for our next play.
More information can be found on our social media or you can Email portarlintonmusicalsociety@gmail.com

ST BRIGID'S LOUGH DERG

PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

Three day Pilgrimage
Fri. 3rd July - Sun. 5th July / Thurs. 13th - Sat. 15th August. Pick-ups available from: Monasterevin 6.25am, Kildare Town 6.35am, Newbridge 6.45am. Cost: Island: €85. Bus: €50 (approx. return). Further information & booking:
Joe - 087-3815887 / Deirdre - 087-2467594
Email deidregleeson@medwise.ie

ROSARY & MEDITATION - FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTION TO OUR LADY

Commencing Sat. 4th July - Five First Saturdays. The Rosary & 15 minute Meditation will take place after the 6.15pm Mass in Portarlinton. Requested by Our Lady of Fatima in reparation for sins, Our Lady promises to assist you at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for the salvation of souls.

BEALTAINÉ AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call in to Library, phone 057 8643751 or Email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Summer Stars is Back!

Sign your children up for the **Summer Stars reading challenge!** If they manage to read 8 books over the summer they receive a medal and a certificate, and get entry into our prize draw.

Summer Stars Events

Cardboard Camera Creations: Craft session for children 5-7. Tues. 7th July 3pm. Please book.

Parent and Child Craft Table: Have fun making a beautiful mermaid. No need to book, but adult must accompany child. Wed. 8th July 2:30pm

Parent & Child Craft Table: Wed. 15th July 2:30pm. This week you will be able to make a lovely flower crown. No need to book but adult must accompany child.

BFG Family Show: Tues. 21st 3pm Fabulous show suitable for all the family. Places limited so booking essential. Booking open 7th July.

Parent and Child Craft Table: Wed. 22nd July 2:30pm. Have fun making monster faces. No need to book but adult must accompany child.

Slime Workshop: Wonderful slimy fun for children 7-9years. Thurs. 23rd July at 3pm. Booking essential. Open from 9th July.

Go Fly Your Kite Workshop: A 'Make your own Kite' workshop - 8-11yrs. Fri. 24th July 1:30pm. Booking essential. Open from 10th July.

Parent and Child Craft Table: Wed. 29th July 2:30. Camper Van themed Craft Table.

No need to book but adult must accompany child.

Interactive Multilingual Early Years Music Workshop: Thursday 30th July 2:30pm. Fun, interactive music workshop for 2-6 year olds. Please book. Booking open from 16th July

Scavenger Hunts: Find the message & win a small prize. July's hunt will be Julia Donaldson themed & August's hunt will be Monster themed.

Lego Free Play: every Saturday 10am-1pm

Local Committee Safety Partnership Pop up Stand: Thursday 2nd July 10am -5pm

Biodiversity Pop Up Stand: Sat. 18th July 10am - 1pm. Biodiversity Officer from Laois Co. Co. will answer all your biodiversity questions.

La Leche League Coffee Morning: Tues. 14th July 10:30-11:30. Join us to chat about all things breastfeeding. Friendly & informal gathering.

Social Chess (Adults only): Wed's 6pm-7pm, enjoy a game of chess, cuppa & chat.

New members always welcome

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS

Lotto Results: Numbers drawn 22nd June 03, 05, 29, 30. No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 winners. Lucky Dips: Eva & Fionn Finlay, Margaret Behan. Promoter: Eddie Kelly. Next Draw: Mon. 29th June. Jackpot of €11,500. Thanks for your support.

Cúl Camps

Cúl Camps will be back in O'Dempsey's from the 13th to 17th July, for boys and girls. Places must be booked in advance at the following link - www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/

K26 Events

Quiz at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse - Friday 10th July. €10 per person - €40 per team. 8.30pm
Road to Croker - All Ireland Preview Night - Thurs., 16th July with Peter Canavan, Richie Connor, Luke Loughlin, Mike Quirke & MC Eamon Horan. Ticketed event - get yours on Eventbrite now. Please speak with any O'Dempsey's or Killenard Community Centre committee member for more details.