

Parishes of Portarlinton & Emo



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30th August, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton
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 PORTARLINTON

Sat.29th August 6.15pm

Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Park (3rd Anniv.)
Jacinta Bracken, Arlington Estate (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; Pete McLaughlin; Ann Cleary, Ballymorris Road; John & Annie Muldowney, Bog Road

Sat. 5th September 6.15pm

Marty Knight, St. Mary's Tce. (1st Anniv.)
Mary (Maisie) Curtayne, St. Mary's Tce. (5th Anniv.); Peter Murphy, Gracefield; John Murphy, Gracefield; Leonard Wright, Droughill (5th Anniv.)

Sun. 6th September 12.15pm

James Moran, Cloneyhurke; Eileen & Thomas Fingleton; Margaret & Thomas Fingleton; Dec. members of the Fingleton Family; Breege & Eamon O'Boyle, Church View

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 30th August 10.30am

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

Sun. 6th September 10.30am

Sean Kavanagh; Kathleen Kavanagh; Joe Kavanagh, Lough; Charlie Geoghegan, Cushina

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINTON

Mon. 31st Aug: Josephine Kelly, St. Michael's Park & her granddaughter Adrienne Byrne

Tues. 1st Sept: ---

Wed, 2nd Sept: Eamon Noone, Naas & dec. members of the Noone Family

Thurs. 3rd Sept: Noel Finn, Co. Limerick

Fri. 4th Sept: Liam Tynan, Dublin & Gracefield

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:-

George Tommy Garry, Church Lane & Bristol
Koia Leigh Kelly, Corrig
Rían Charlie Coughlan, St. Michael's Park

COLLECTORS FOR RATH – SEPTEMBER

Pat Byron & David Carroll



ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 29th August 7.30pm

Michelle Carroll, Clanmalire (1st Anniv.); Maureen & Patrick Connolly, Clonamone; Bridie Booth, Morette; Patrick Burke, Ballybrittas (19th Anniv.)

Sun. 30th August 11am

Sat. 5th September 7.30pm

Sun. 6th September 11am

Bridie Hyland, The Sawmills, Ballybrittas (3rd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 30th August 9am

Christy Noons, Jamestown (11th Anniv.)
Margaret Dempsey, Monasterevin;
Edward Fitzgerald, Bellgrove;
Patrick Burke, Ballybrittas (19th Anniv.)

Sun. 6th September 9am

Millie Murphy, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.); Mary Whelan, Ballyadden; Dec. members of the Whelan & Kiernan Families; Nan Kinsella, Fisherstown (25th Anniv.); Dec. members of the Kinsella, Dunne & Walsh Families; Anne Mulhall, Portlaoise; Eugene Curran, Blessington; Bertie Hurley, Newbridge; Pat O'Doherty, Newbridge; Patrick Duffy & Peter Duffy, Ballyadden

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Liam Hogan, Jamestown, Ballybrittas

Daniel (Dan) Murphy, Old Grange, Monasterevin & formerly Ballymorris

ANNUAL PRIESTS COLLECTION

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

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next is the First Friday of the Month. First Friday Mass will be celebrated in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton at 10am

2025 PARISH ACCOUNTS

Copies of 2025 Accounts for Portarlinton & Emo Parishes available at the Church Porch.

CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton
www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation 2026 runs from September 1st (World Day of Prayer for Creation) until October 4th which is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

An online season of Creation worldwide opening prayer will take place next Tuesday, 1st Sept. at 2pm Dublin Time. Join/register here: <https://seasonofcreation.org/events-soc/september-1st-prayer-service-for-creation-day/>

A Prayer for our Earth



All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, so that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Laudato Si' (246)

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 31st Aug: St. Aidan of Lindisfarne

Tues. 1st Sept: World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Thurs. 3rd Sept: St. Gregory the Great, Pope

Fri. 4th Sept: St. Mac Nissi

Sat. 5th Sept: St. Teresa of Kolkata

PASTORAL LETTER - AUGUST 2026

Copies of Bishop Denis's Pastoral Letter (August 2026) is available at the Church porch if you wish to take one home.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

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

Dancing Lessons: Lessons with return on Thurs. 3rd Sept. with Noleen at 7.30 until 9pm. €10 per night. All welcome

Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 19th Sept. Further details later.

SENIOR BINGO

SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE

Bingo returns at the Portarlinton Social Services Centre on Wed. Sept. 9th at 8pm. We look forward to seeing our regulars & look forward to new players. Come along, have a few games of Bingo, a cuppa & chat.



Alone Ireland are looking for volunteers in Mountmellick, Portarlinton & 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.



LAOIS COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS

Celebrate the outstanding Volunteers & Community Groups whose dedication, generosity & community spirit make a lasting difference in Communities across County Laois. Applications now open online or by hard copy. Find out more & submit your nomination here: <https://laois.ie/.../community-and-voluntary-awards-scheme>

Help us celebrate the very best of community & voluntary action across County Laois.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO RESULTS 26.8.2026

Letters B C G N – No jackpot winner.
€25 winners: Emma Carey; Michelle Carey; Adam Maher (Online)
Next draw will be held on 8th September with a Jackpot of €10,000

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Next Saturday (5th September) after the 6.15pm Mass in Portarlinton. All welcome.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR



We're back! Join us as we return for another year of music, friendship & fun. Returning 15th Sept. Tuesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm at the Market House, The Square, Portarlinton. New members welcome. We especially welcome Altos, Tenors & Basses, but all voices are welcome. Further info> portcommunitychoir@gmail.com
"Sing together – Belong together"

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.portarlinton.ie

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2031 – 24th August 2026
Numbers 4, 8, 13, 22. No jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:- Eamonn Strong c/o Shauna x 2; Karen Purcell c/o Shauna; Anne O'Brien c/o Mena; Pat Owens c/o Shauna. Next draw takes place on 31st August with a Jackpot of €3,800.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

24th Aug. 2026 – Week No. 35
Numbers 4, 5, 19, 16– No jackpot winner.
€50 to each of the following:- Eimear Lawless; Holly Melia; Rose Nolan; John & Debbie Scully; Pat O'Mahony. Promoter prize – The Hawthorn. Next week's Jackpot €11,400.

LAOIS LEISURE

CHILDRENS SWIMMING LESSONS

Build water confidence step by step.

Lessons begin week of 7th Sept with qualified swimming instructors & independent lifeguards / Flexible days, times & levels / 20% sibling discount. €120 per child. Enq: 057 8645800

COME & JOIN ARLINGTON A.F.C.

The League winners. Players born 2012. Phone Mark on 085 2132752 / Kenny on 087 7593645.

COME & TRY VOLLEYBALL IN PORTARLINTON – FREE

Portarlinton 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-portarlinton>
Further info. also contact Irene 083 3556432.

THANK YOU – CONCERN



Sincere 'Thank You' to all who contributed to the recent Church Gate collection in aid of CONCERN. Thanks also to our collectors. Total raised €498.00, which will go towards Concerns valuable work overseas.

ST. BRIGID'S PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG FOR CARLO ACUTIS

Sun. 6th Sept. Cost: €50 for island, includes a light lunch. €50 approx for bus. Pay the full amount in cash on the day or by Revolut to @deirdr4i54. **To Book:** Telephone / text : Deirdre 087 2467594 (after 6pm) Email deirdregleeson@medwise.ie
Further details: www.loughderg.org

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



**To book call in to Library,
Phone 057 8643751
Email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie**

Local Community Safety Partnership Public Consultation: Friday Sept 4th 2:30-5:30pm

Ciorcal Comhrá: Returns Tues. 8th Sept. at 11am. New members very welcome.

Crochet Classes with LOETB: Six week course which begins Wed. 16th Sept. Bring a Size 4 crochet needle & a ball of double knit wool. Places limited – Please book.

La Leche League Coffee Morning: Tues. 8th Sept. 10.30-11.30. You are warmly invited to our informal & friendly gathering.

Parents First Baby Group: Wednesdays 12 Noon – 1pm for children aged 0-1 & their parents. Booking & further info. from Jennifer 085 8683168

Digital Support Drop In Sessions: Popular drop in sessions return Fri. 18th Sept. An LOETB tutor will be available on Friday's 10.30-12.30pm (except school holidays) for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device & any digital queries you may have. No booking necessary.

Knitting Club: Friday morning 10.30am-12.30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

Lego Free Play: Saturday 10am-1pm

Social Chess (Adults only): Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm. New members always welcome.

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

Portarlinton Junior Book Club:

Meeting on the last Wednesday of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. Please book.

Baby Book Club: Wed. 9th Sept. 10.30am for children 0-3 years. Please book.

Adult Book Club: Last Tues. of the Month. Please book in advance.

Laois Libraries Online Book Club: Last Wed. of every month on our Facebook page where questions are posed for discussions. All titles are available to download in both Ebook & Audio book format.

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

BINGO

Bingo in the Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlinton, commencing Mon. 7th Sept. from 7.30pm. Doors open 6.30pm. All ages welcome.

QUEEN V THE BEATLES CONCERT by Midlands String Quartet

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

ANAM CARA

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 9th Sept. at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or Email info@anamcara.ie