



Parishes of Portarlinton & Emo

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

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, Portarlinton

www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

3rd MAY 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 2nd May 6.15pm

Angela McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (10th Anniv.)
Kathleen Garry, Cloneyquin; John & Elizabeth Callaghan, St. Michael's Park

Sun. 3rd May 12.15pm

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

Sat. 9th May 6.15pm

Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Hoey, Botley Court (B/Day Rem.); Peggy & Jimmy Murphy, Assumpta Terrace; Fergus Murphy, Congress Terrace; John & Mairead Corbett, Foxcroft Street

Sun. 10th May 12.15pm

Kathleen Carey, St. Brigid's Sq. & her son, Anthony Carey; Dolores & Seamie Shortall, Arlington Est; Ger Doyle, Tullamore; William & Margaret Smith, Seskin & daughter Agnes Powell (nee Smith), Bristol; Peter Dunne, Tinnecrannagh (10th Anniv.) & dec. members of the Dunne Family

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 3rd May 10.30am

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

Sun. 10th May 10.30am

Tom Whelehan, Closelan (10th Anniv.); Peter Maher, Ballintogher (12th Anniv.); Tom, Liam & Jimmy McCormack, Lea Road

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Molly Kate Brophy, Killeen

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Liam Mooney, St. Michael's Park
William Brennan, Shillelagh, Wicklow

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him & parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun. 7th June. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

CEMETERY MASS 2026

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

WEEKDAY PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 4th May Tommy Dunne (40th Anniversary)

Tues. 5th May Michael & Kathleen Daly, St. Joseph's Terrace

Wed. 6th May Denis Cummins, Gracefield & deceased members of the Cummins Family; James & Bridget Kelly, Cushina & deceased members of the Kelly Family

Thurs. 7th May Magella Hyland (nee Milner), The Borness

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sun. 3rd May 11am

Tiernan Whyte, Killimy; Michael Whyte Snr. & his son Paul, Killimy; Marie Moore (nee Connolly), Emo, Christy Gleeson, Morette; Michael Gleeson, Morette

Sat. 9th May 7.30pm

John Lalor, Shaen (2nd Anniv.); Thomas Walsh, Knightstown (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

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; Simon Luttrell, Kylaglush; Simon Luttrell, Fisherstown; James Dillon, Courtwood

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Bl. John Sullivan 1861 – 1933

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the life & work of Blessed John Sullivan takes place on Sun. 10th May at 3pm in Clongowes Wood College, Clane.

Celebrant – Bishop Denis Nulty.

BRING FLOWERS OF THE RAREST

At Sunday Mass in May we often leave church after the singing of the very popular hymn, Bring Flowers of the Rarest. It's composer is sometimes named:

Mary E. Walsh, an American musician and the date it was first published under the title 'crowning hymn' as around 1871. It is about spring, flowers and blossoms, in the pastoral setting of woodland, hillside and dale – and, above all, about the Queen of the May.

O Mary, we crown thee with blossoms today
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.



MAY - MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of May, dedicated to Mary, is a fitting time to begin to recite the Rosary daily...

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY



The Rosary will be prayed every day for the month of May - **St. Johns Church, Killenard** - Time 4pm.

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton
Rosary every evening at 7pm



Next weekend children from Presentation Primary School, Station Road, St. Paul's NS, Emo and Cloneyhurke NS will receive their 1st Holy Communion, as follows:-

Presentation Primary School, Station Road
Sat. 9th May 2026 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

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

COMMUNION CALLS MAY 2026

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:-
Please note the change of Days for this month.

MONDAY 4TH MAY

Derrymore; Crowe Lane; St Brigid's Square; Lea; Tierhogar; Killenard; St. Michael's Park; Portlaoise Road; Deerpark; Corrig; Clanmalire; Station Road

TUESDAY 5TH MAY

Ashgrove; Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Ballintogher; Ballycullane; Tinnakill; Killimy; Coolbanagher

WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY

Patrick Avenue; Church View; St. Patrick's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce; Shandra; Annamoe; Garryhinch; Patrick St; French Church St; Rosecourt; Droughill; Clondoolusk; Slí Na Móna; Cushina



EMO – RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2017 – 27th April 2026

Numbers 8, 11, 12, 18 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to:- Maura Hyland c/o Deirdre; Ursula Dunne c/o Parish Office; Luke O'Sullivan c/o Deirdre; Karen Purcell c/o Shauna; Elizabeth Dunne c/o Mena Next draw takes place on 1st May with a Jackpot of €3,000.

2026 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Please join us in praying the Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on Sat. May 16th at 4pm. Simply gather friends, family & neighbours in Market Square, Portarlinton to pray the Rosary You don't need a massive crowd to make an impact as Our Lord promised "Where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them". This is one of over 500 such Rosary Rallies across Ireland.



EMO/RATH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

20th – 24th July 2026 – (5 nights).

Further info. & booking contact Deirdre on 087 2299457 or Tony on 086 1225833.

COURTWOOD G.A.A.

Combined Lotto €19,200 On Clubforce App
Club Membership Now Open Be part of the heartbeat of Courtwood GAA. Purchase Membership & Lotto from Ballybrittas Service Station, The Final Furlong or Clubforce App Registrar Brian Nolan / Treasurers Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly. Support Courtwood GAA — buying weekly Lotto ticket, renew your membership, and help our club grow.

Club 5KM Walk – Pieta: Walk together – Bring Hope. Pieta – Darkness into Light. Sat. 9th May commencing 4am at Courtwood GAA Clubhouse R32H6T1. Refreshments & chat at the Club House after the walk.

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.

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 CV to operationsmanager@mountstannes.com

MI WAIDI F.A.I. CAMP

This camp will take place at Arlington AFC from 3rd to the 7th August (10am – 1pm). It is for girls and boys aged 6 to 14 years. Cost €83 for 1 child & 73 for the second child. Jersey & football for each child. Book via bookings – faifootballcamps.ie

CARER REQUIRED

Kind, reliable, experienced Carer required to support & assist an elderly person. For further information contact 087 1335673.

URBAN VILLAGE PLAN FOR KILMALOGUE



We are seeking representatives from: Residents; Residents groups; Business; Retail; Youth (schools, youth services, children's organizations); Environment; Sustainability; Heritage; Culture; Arts; Tourism; Sport; Local Clubs; Garda; Community safety; Accessibility; Disability advocate; Other key stakeholders & other community interests/groups. To register your interest, please email TCF@ofalycoco.ie

EXAM PRAYER



Dear Lord,
As I take this exam,
I ask for Your peace and clarity of mind.
Calm my nerves, help me to focus,
and guide my memory
to recall what I have studied.
Give me the wisdom to understand the
questions and the ability to
express my answers clearly.
I trust in You.
Amen
(Salesians Ireland)

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 also from Parish Centre, Edenderry.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

Irish Speaking Sessions: No Irish speaking class this Monday night (bank holiday). Class recommence on Mon. 11th May.

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

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noeleen from 7.30pm–9pm. €10 each night. The next **Social Dance** will take place on Sat. 16th May with Pat Daly. Time 9pm.

LOUGH DERG 2026 PILGRIMAGE

3 day pilgrimage Fri. 29th May–Sat. 15th Aug.

One day retreat 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

CRAFT MARKET AT SOLAS, LEA RD.

Sun. 3rd May (today) 11am – 4pm.

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

Lotto Results: Numbers drawn 27th April 08, 14, 17, 22. No Jackpot winner. No Match 3 winner. Lucky Dip Winners: Karl Molloy & Lisa Donohoe. Promoter: Richie Slevin. Next Draw takes place Tues. 5th May Jackpot of €10,700.

CHILDLINE BREAKFAST

In aid of Childline by ISPC



We are inviting schools, crèches, clubs & community groups to host a Childline Breakfast. 20–30% of children & teenagers regularly skip breakfast. Positive interactions during shared meals are linked to children feeling listened to, more emotionally open, & worries being noticed earlier. As part of your Childline Breakfast event pack you will receive our wellbeing prompt cards — a unique & much-loved resource developed by our Childline Children's Therapeutic Support Team. Sign up for a Childline Breakfast today, see here: [Childline Breakfast 2026](https://childlinebreakfast.com/)
Find out more: <https://childlinebreakfast.com/>

COLLECTORS FOR MAY – RATH

Tommy Wilson & John Lowry

GRACEFIELD GAA - CLUB LOTTO

27th April – Week No. 18 – Numbers 1, 16, 26, 29
No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following: James Lawrence; Valerie Kirwan; Maureen Grumley; Tony Mullins; Amy Slevin. Promoter prize Mary Keogh. Our additional prize-winners of a pair of tickets each for the BLACKTHORN FESTIVAL were: Megan Slattery; Gavin Dunne; Jamie Evans. Next week's Jackpot €8,000.

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 Portarlinton Community Development Association (PCDA) website www.portarlinton.ie

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

Office hours Mon. to Thurs. 9am – 1pm & Fri. 9am – 12.30pm. Contact 057 8608395 or Email info@portarlinton.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.portarlinton.ie and book through the link. Room rates are €30 per hour + booking fee.

BEALTAINÉ AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email portarlintonlibrary@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 Dietician, 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.

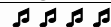
Regular activities at Portarlinton Library

Adult Book Club / Knitting Group / Ciorcal Comhrá / 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.

BLACKTHORN FESTIVAL



Gracefield GAA Club will host the Blackthorn Festival 2026 on Sat. 16th May. Live music in the marquee tent, tasty food on site, cold drinks ready to go and a family-friendly atmosphere. Get your tickets now from Gracefield GAA.