

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo



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6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

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
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A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation 2026 runs until October 4th - 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/>

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CREATION

Glance at the sun.

See the moon and stars.

Gaze at the beauty of Earth's greenings

Now think what delight God gives to humankind. But we are to work with it.

For without it we cannot survive

Meditation from Hildegard of Bingen

Saturday 5th Sept: St. Teresa of Kolkata

Mother Teresa was the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, a Roman Catholic congregation of women dedicated to helping the poor. Considered one of the 20th Century's greatest humanitarians, she was canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.



Tuesday 8th September

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrating the Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary who brought the dawn of hope & salvation to the world. She is the true Ark of the Covenant, the temple of God, because her body received the one Mediator

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

1ST SATURDAY DEVOTION

The First Saturday Devotion takes place today (Saturday 5th Sept.) after the 6.15pm Mass. All are welcome to stay and pray.

ACTIVATOR POLE WALKING

Join our free 4 week Activator pole walk for a fun, low-impact workout that improves balance, posture & strength. Courtwood GAA, R32H6T1. Starting Thurs. 10th September at 10am. Contact: Catriona 086 7935234.

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 5th September 7.30pm

George Horne, Carn

Sun. 6th September 11am

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

Sun. 13th September 11am

Gavin Keegan, Portarlington & Emo (13th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

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; Mick Flynn, Fisherstown; Katie Nolan, Courtwood; Margaret Flanagan, Dunmaise

Sun. 13th September 11am

Madge O'Reilly, Raheny; Gerard O'Dwyer, Dunlavin; Dec. members of the O'Dwyer Family

ANNUAL PRIESTS COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the recent Annual Priests Collection. All contributions are greatly appreciated by our priests.

PRAYER AS WE RETURN TO SCHOOL



Loving God, as our schools reopen, we place them in your care.

Bless all who enter in

and hold them in your love this year.

May our school communities be

places of welcome, love,

learning and prayer.

May we help each other

to be the very best that we can be

in all that we do and all that we say. AMEN

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Eamonn Cosgrove, Roscourt, Portarlington.

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. with Noleen at 7.30 until 9pm. €10 per night.
Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 19th Sept. with Tommy B. Adm: €10. Refreshments served.

SENIOR BINGO

SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE

Bingo returns at the Portarlington Social Services Centre on Wed. 9th Sept. 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.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB FAMILY FUN DAY



Portarlington Lions Club are holding a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY on Sun. 13th Sept. at Foxcroft Street (R32 P786), Portarlington from 2-5pm. Bouncy Castles / Games / Sensory Tent / Children's Races for all age groups / Tug of War / Music / Dancing & lots more. Raffle tickets sold for postponed event will be drawn on the day. There are plenty of areas available if you wish to bring a picnic. Come along for a great day!

PORTARLINGTON BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge resumes on Wednesday 16th September in Garryhinch Golf Club at 7.30pm. New & old members welcome.

BANRION GAELS CYCLE FUNDRAISER 2026

On Sat. 12th September, parents, friends & supporters of Banrion Gaels Camogie Club will cycle 70 km 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 essential equipment needed to make the pitch safe & ready for our players for the 2027 season. Every donation, large or small, 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! You can scan the QR Code or visit our Idonate page at:- <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/banriongae>
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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.



BINGO – PAROCHIAL HALL

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

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.

CHILDMINDER / NANNY WANTED

Based in Lough Gate, Portarlington – Immediate start minding a 4 and an 8 year old. Driver essential. Contact Stephanie on 085 1602850.

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, Portarlington. 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.portarlington.ie

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2032 – 31st August 2026
Numbers 4, 6, 7, 9 - No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Tony Carroll c/o Bernie Wheeler; Pauric Booth; Eddie Murphy & Shirley Luttrell C/o Bernie Gorman; Emma Lawlor c/o Deirdre Lawlor. Next draw takes place on the 7th Sept. with a Jackpot of €4,000

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

31st Aug. 2026 – Week No. 36
Numbers 20, 3, 15, 25 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Ed Toohar; Damien Finlay; Pat O'Mahony; Charlie Evans; Bridget Donagher. Bonus 2 x €50 prizes: Charlie Kelly-Ward & to Paddy Maree. Promoter prize: John Kelly. Next week's Jackpot €11,600.

COME & TRY VOLLEYBALL

IN PORTARLINGTON – FREE

Portarlington 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-portarlington>
Further info. also contact Irene 083 3556432.

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS

The Laois Community & Voluntary Awards celebrate the wonderful Community Groups & Volunteers of Laois who enhance the quality of life in our Communities. Laois PPN & Laois County Council once again partner in hosting the Awards, with the valued support of our long-term sponsor, People First Credit Union. Do you know an outstanding Community Group, an inspiring Volunteer, or one of the many Unsung Heroes who quietly make a difference in your community? Now is your chance to recognise their contribution.

The Awards will take place at a Gala Event at the Midlands Park Hotel in November where the winners will be announced on the night. Applications are now open online or by hard copy. Simply click on the link to nominate <https://laois.ie/.../community-and-voluntary-awards-scheme>

MY HEALTH MATTERS



Upcoming Health Programme (7 weeks) for older adults. Starting Mon. 14th Sept. 10am – 12.30pm in Portarlington Community Centre.
Session 1: My wellbeing & brain health
Session 2: My mobility
Session 3: My meals
Session 4: My Local Health Services
Session 5: My Medicines
Session 6: What matters to me
Session 7: My Technology (optional)
To book contact Tamara on:- tiatham@loetb.ie or phone 085 8560160.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



To book call in to Library, Phone 057 8643751

Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Ciorcal Comhrá: Returns Tues. 8th Sept. at 11am.

Crochet Classes with LOETB: Six week course which begins Wed. 16th Sept. Places limited – Please book for details on what to bring.

La Leche League Coffee Morning:

Tues. 8th Sept. 10.30-11.30.

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

Digital Support Drop In Sessions: From Fri. 18th Sept. an LOETB tutor will be available on Friday's 10.30-12.30pm 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.!

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.

Portarlington Junior Book Club:

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 - Ebook & Audio book format.



GARRYHINCH BRIDGE CLUB

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New & old members welcome.

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

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, 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. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or Email info@anamcara.ie

VICARSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

CULTURE NIGHT

The Vicarstown History Project group are hosting a celebration of centuries of history of the unique Canal / Barrow corridor between Monasterevin & Athy. Sat. 20th Sept in the Community Hall, Vicarstown. Viewing of the Developing Exhibition from 7pm – Local guest speakers from 8pm. Refreshments served & music from Vicarstown Ukulele group. Admission free. All welcome.