

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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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 (Vigil – 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

SUN. 10th AUGUST 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 9th August 6.15pm

Ann Murphy, Gracefield (2nd Anniv.); Elizabeth (Betty) Clancy, Assumpta Tce. (2nd Anniv.)
Madge Knight, Assumpta Tce. (6th Anniv.)
Bill Brady, Droughill (6th Anniv.)
Peter Ryan, Ballymorris (6th Anniv.)
Pat & Dina Bracken, St. Brigid's Sq. (9th Anniv.);
Paschal McBride, NaCluainte (13th Anniv.)
May Shanley, Patrick Street

Sun. 10th August 12.15pm

Paddy Burbage, Main St. & dec. members of the Burbage Family; Anne Murphy (40th Anniv.) & Patsy Murphy (4th Anniv.), St. Brigid's Square; Marcella & Michael Collins, Station Rd; Paddy Cummins, Gracefield; Michael (Chips) Dunne, Deepark

Sat. 16th August 6.15pm

Michelle Haughton, Cushina (M.M.)
Bernard Downey Jnr., Droughill (3rd Anniv.)
Dec. members of the Wrenn Family, Cushina

Sun. 17th August 12.15pm

Patrick O'Meara & Donal O'Meara, Annamoe

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 10th August 10.30am

Joe O'Neill, Rosecourt (1st Anniv.)
Thomas McHale Snr., Killenard

Sun. 17th August 10.30am

Teddy Goode

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK



Joseph (Joe) Luttrell, Fisherstown, Ballybrittas
Christy Bryan, Patrick Street



ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday after 10am Mass concluding with the Rosary at 7pm.



CEMETERY MASS

The Old Cemetery (beside Emo Church)
Saturday 16th August at 7.30pm



Ballyadden Cemetery
Thursday 21st August at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Thurs. 14th Aug. – Michelle Haughton, Cushina (M.M.)

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 9th August 7.30pm

Sheila Grehan, Four Roads, Mountmellick, (2nd Anniv.)

Sun. 10th August 11am

Anthony (Nanno) Dunne, Morette (13th Anniv.)

Sat. 16th August 7.30pm

Cemetery Mass Emo

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 10th August 9am

Patrick O'Connell, Kylaglush;
Mary Luttrell, Athy

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

Rory William Crampton, Shandra Woods
Frankie John Cullen-Storey, Garryhinch
Bodie Nathan Moore, The Glen, Kilnacourt

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday 15th August, 2025

We celebrate Mary's day of glorification, her 'Passover' into the resuracted life of her Son. The Feast of the Assumption honours 'the fullness of blessedness that is Mary's destiny'. This Feast Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses as follows on Friday 15th August:

Portarlinton: 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard: 10.30am

Emo: 7.30pm / Rath: 9am

PRAYER

Heavenly Mother,
filled with God's grace,
pray for us today and all days,
that we may strive to be
trusting, patient and faithful,
as you were,
so that we may, one day,
join you and all the Saints in Heaven.
In Jesus name we Pray.
Amen



FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 11th Aug: St. Clare

Tues. 12th Aug: St. Jane Frances de Chantal;
Ss Attracta, Muredach & Lelia – International Youth Day

Wed. 13th Aug: St. Fachtna & Ss Pontian & Hippolytus

Thurs. 14th Aug: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Fri. 15th Aug: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2025

Do you have an article of interest, historic, sport, etc? Do you have some old photographs you could share? You can submit articles / Stories / photographs for inclusion in this year's edition of the Emigrant Newsletter to portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Drop into the Parish Office or post to Parochial House, Patrick Street, Portarlinton, Co. Laois. All photographs will be scanned & returned straight away

LECTORS FOR ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Portarlinton: 10am Morning Lector

7.30pm Geraldine Fitzpatrick

Killenard: 10.30am Kate Meredith

Emo: 7.30pm Ellen Dunne

Rath: 9am Kathleen Wilson

COMMUNION CALLS AUGUST 2025

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:-

Tuesday 12th August

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane;
Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig;
Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea;
Portlaoise Rd; Kilbride

Wednesday 13th August

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas;
Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy;
Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy;
Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

Thursday 14th August

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace;
Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road;
Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue;
French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court;
Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk;
Droughill Lawns; Cushina

KNOCK - "Pilgrims of Hope"

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 13th – 21st August 2025

Novena Ceremonies 3pm and 8pm in the Basilica. Workshops 12.45 daily in St. John's Centre. Themed Guided Prayer 11.15am & 1.15pm – Daily Prayer Centre.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them for a day of prayer and adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Bishop Denis, Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill and guests will lead the day. Concelebrated Mass at 3pm. Confessions available. Venue: Mount St. Annes, Killenard. Saturday 30th August 9.30am – 4pm. Refreshments & Lunch €20. Booking essential. Text or call Barbara on 086 1637311 (Stating name & numbers).

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2025

To mark National Heritage Week Portarlington Library will host a talk on Portarlington's architectural heritage by Martin Dalton. Martin is a conservation architect with the OPW. Liam Murphy will also deliver his concluding talk on the restoration of the old restaurant building at the station.

Venue: Portarlington Library, Main Street.

Date: Thursday 21st August.

Time: 7.00pm sharp.

Admission free.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Teddy Bear's Picnic: Call into the Library Wed. 20th Aug. at 3pm ... Bring your furry friend for story-time & craft. Ages 0-6yrs. Places limited / booking essential.

Summer Crafts Session: Family Craft Table on Thurs. 21st August from 11am to 1pm, while stocks last. No booking req.

Heritage Talk for National Heritage Week
Thursday 21st August at 7pm – Talk on Portarlington's architectural heritage.
Booking essential.

Interactive History Show -Ancient to Modern weapons. Suitable for 8-13yrs. Booking Essential. Call 057 8643751 or

email portarlingtonlibrary@laioiscoco.ie

Lego Free play: Saturday 10:30-12:30.

Knitting Circle: Friday 10:30-12:30. New members always welcome

Puzzle Club: Tuesday 10am. Pop in and help complete our current jigsaw

Social Chess Club: Wednesday 6pm.

Drop in for chess, chats and a cuppa

All bookings through the following:

portarlingtonlibrary@laioiscoco.ie

or call 057 86 43751

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Sincere thanks to everyone who donated to our Walk-a-Thon held recently.
We raised a total of €2,397

Dance Workshop with Ruth. €12 per class or €40 for all 4 classes - Pre booking is essential
Dates: September 10th, 17th, 24th & 1st October.
7-8pm in Parochial Hall, Portarlington.

Music Bingo 3rd October at 8pm in The Anvil Inn. All welcome.

We are now also taking **sponsorship for our upcoming Play** from any local businesses or individuals. In return we will advertise in our programme, on social media and also our website. To get in touch please contact portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com

HEARING AID FOUND

Found in Portarlington – A left ear hearing aid in the Hidden Hearing model. Contact the Parish Office (057 8643004).

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

SILVER JUBILEE YEARBOOK 2000-2025



400+ full-colour pages of photos and memories charting the past twenty-five years of the school community. Available from 21st August 2025 from the school and local shops for €25.

EVENTS

(1) Reeling in the Years

Wed. 20th August at 11am in the Heritage, Killenard for all Staff of school.



(2) Liturgy – Bishop Denis Nulty / Tour of the School / Jubilee Book Launch Opening of Time Capsule

Sat. 27th Sept. at 3pm – St. Michael's Church & School – All very welcome to attend.



(3) Spoken Word / Reminiscing

Fri. 12th Dec. 7.30pm in Colaiste Iosagáin.
All very welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS

Entries are being accepted for Laois County Council Community & Voluntary Awards for 2025. It's a chance to shine a spotlight on a local person or a local group who you think deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions to your community. Nomination forms available online at www.laois.ie www.ppn.ie and www.peoplefirstcu.ie. Closing date for receipt of nominations is 5th Sept. 2025.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

BURSERY

Offering five €1,000 Maureen McEvoy Bursary Awards this year for 2025. This bursary is open to fifth year students only. Students must have been awarded a place in Third level, full time education. If you are eligible check out <https://portcu.ie/about/downloads> or collect an application form in the Credit Union office.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY

Portarlington Lions Club are holding a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY on Sun. 24th August at Foxcroft Street R32 P786, Portarlington from 2pm to 5pm. Bouncy Castles / Games / Sensory Tent / Children's Races for all age groups / Tug of War / Music / Dancing and lots more. Hope to see you all there. There are plenty of areas available if you wish to bring a picnic.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2025

Pilgrimage will depart Dublin to Dubrovnik Thurs. 9th October at 7.30am. Return via Dubrovnik on 16th October to arrive in Dublin at 3.30pm. Cost €855 PPS. Single Supplement + €170. Travel insurance optional extra €35
Accompanied by Spiritual Director.
Contact: Michael Nerney 086 815 7305

GRINDS

Vis Maths Grinds:

Online maths grinds for leaving cert higher/ordinary students. You will get access to the online grinds, recordings of the classes and a summary of the Maths syllabus for a cost of €25 per lesson. First lesson FREE. Online group sessions with a limit of 5 students per group. 1-1 sessions are available. Places limited – Booking essential. Contact vismathsgrinds@gmail.com or WhatsApp on 089 254 9444 to reserve a place.

Chemistry & Biology:

Grinds available online. Chemistry, Biology & Junior Cert Science. Cost €25.
Contact 083 4810588

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO

CROAGH PATRICK

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge & community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on **Friday, 23rd August**. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection & connection with fellow young Catholics. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thurs. 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass & Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Keep Fit

Wednesday nights with Eimear

From 7-8pm. €5 per session

Dancing Lessons

With Noeleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm.

All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

VACANCY

Caring in Offaly CE scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2402450, Portarlington area, 19.5 hours per week. Contact Alison Hackett for further info. phone 086 0213711 or Email ahackett@familycarers.ie

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

LOTTO

4th August 2025 – Week No.32

Numbers 12, 18, 5, 4 – No Jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:-

Quentin Fanning; Anne Dunne; Eleanor Shortall; Lucy Grattan; Lucy & Molly McCormack.

Next week's Jackpot is €5,000 & draw will take place on Mon. next, 11th August.



EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1986 – 28/7/25

Next draw takes place Mon. 11th August with a Jackpot of €5,000.

SOCIAL DANCE

Sat. 9th August in the Parochial Hall, The Square, Portarlington. Music by Pat Costello. Doors open 8.30pm. Admission €10. Raffle in aid of Hall refurbishment.

Y O G A

FOR ALL – Tues 7pm with Theresa in Portarlington Community Centre. 085 2531128.

SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY



Boys & Girls. August 18th – 20th. Junior 10pm-1pm (Born 2013 to 2017). Senior Ballers 1.30pm – 4.30pm (Born before 2013). €70 per player. Camp T shirt included. Sibling discount €50. Coaches Jordan Fallon & Rioghan Murphy. Further info. contact Josie on 087 4026970
Venue: Colaiste Iosagáin, Portarlington.

ARLINGTON AFC

Soccer Club 2008, 2007 and 2006. Training has commenced for U.20's. If you are new to the area or want to return to football after a break you are welcome to join in. Contact Niall (Coach) on 087 6154718 for further information.

CAR BOOT SALE

Sun. 31st August. Traders arrive 8.30am. Public entry 10am - €2 / Children go free. Second hand clothes, books, toys, home-ware, vintage items & lots more. You can book a pitch to sell your own items. Contact: www.thegardenshop.ie/solas-car-boot-sale.