



PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO

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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 (Vigil – 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

SUN. 11TH MAY 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

Day of Prayer for Vocations – Good Shepherd Sunday

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 10th May 6.15pm

Celia Duffy, Ballycullane (M.M.)
Sheila Monagher, Orchard Drive (M.M.)
Peggy & James Murphy, Assumpta Terrace;
John & Mairead Corbett, Foxcroft Street;
Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Hoey,
Botley Court (B/Day Rem.); Dolores & Seamie
Shortall, Arlington Estate; Ger Doyle, Tullamore

Sun. 11th May 12.15pm

John (32nd Anniv.) & Lily (5th Anniv.) Harney,
Cushina; Gus Hynes, Cushina; Kathleen Carey,
St. Brigid's Sq; Anthony Carey, St. Brigid's Sq;
John & Elizabeth Cleary, Cushina; William &
Margaret Smith, Seskin & Daughter Agnes
Powell (nee Smith), Bristol; Hugh Emerson &
Grainne Emerson, Bishopswood; Michael &
Sarah Slevin, French Church Street;
P. Beacon, Clanmalire; Mal Keogh, St. Michael's
Park (13th Anniv.); Matthew & Betty Sheedy,
Clondoolusk; Patrick & Mary McNamara,
Clondoolusk

Sat. 17th May 6.15pm

Paddy Dowling, St. Joseph's Tce. (6th Anniv.);
Marcella Dix, Gracefield; Pat McCann, St.
Brigid's Square; Bernie O'Leary, Clonanny;
Martin Dunne, Cloneyhurke

Sun. 18th May 12.15pm

Tony O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (6th Anniv.);
James & Kathleen Walsh

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 11th May 10.30am

Jimmy, Liam & Tom McCormack, Lea Road

Sun. 18th May 10.30am

CEMETERY MASS 2025



Killenard – Fri. 4th July – 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 11th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18th July – 7.30pm

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 10th May 7.30pm

John Lalor, Shaen (1st Anniv.)
Thomas Walsh, Knightstown (4th Anniv.)
James Noel Moore, Emo; Thomas & Bridie
Fitzpatrick & Daughter Lily, Dangans

Sun. 11th May 11am

Sat. 17th May 7.30pm

Francis Langford, Morette (6th Anniv.)
Johnny Keegan & dec. members of the Keegan
Family, Morette; Nora (Peg) McGuirk,
Knightstown (9th Anniv.)

Sun. 18th May 11am

Eileen Kirwan, Killimy

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 11th May 9am

Tom McLoughlin, Jamestown Cross

Sun. 18th May 9am



*Cadhla Rosaleen Flynn, Killimy
Róisín Geraldine Deegan, The Lime Tree*

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

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

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Rosary every evening at 7pm.
All very welcome.



Congratulations to the children from

**Presentation Primary School, Station Road,
Portarlington** who receive the Sacrament of
First Holy Communion this weekend.

The following are the upcoming 1st Holy
Communion dates:-

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 17th May - 11.30am in St. John's Church
**Scoil Phadraig / Cloneyhurke National
School & Sandy Lane National School**

Sat. 24th May-11.30am in St. Michael's Church
Sacred Heart National School, Rath
Sat. 7th June - 11.30am in Sacred Heart Church

POPE LEO XIV



Prayer for our new Pope

*Lord, source of eternal life and truth,
give to your shepherd a spirit of courage
and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge
and love.*

*By governing with fidelity those entrusted
to his care, may he,
as successor to the Apostle Peter
and vicar of Christ, build your Church
into a sacrament of unity, love and peace
for all the world. Amen.*



World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be
observed today. It is also known as 'Good
Shepherd Sunday' because the Gospel is
always from John Chapter 10 where Jesus
speaks of himself as being a caring
shepherd. The purpose of this day is to
publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction when he
asked us: Pray the Lord of the harvest to
send laborers into his harvest. (Mt 9:38; Lk
10:2). Please pray that young men &
women hear & respond generously to the
Lord's call to the priesthood & religious life &
that the Church will always have pastors
who care for God's people with the heart of
Christ himself.

*Lord, the ministry of priests confirms
your unfailing care for your people.
Call from among us the priests and
religious needed for your church of today
and tomorrow.*

*Bless all those who are discerning a
vocation to priestly or religious life and
bless all those who minister in your
church in any way. Amen.*

My First Communion Prayer



*I clasp my hands, then kneel and pray
on this, my First Communion Day.*

*I ask you, Jesus, to watch me grow
and teach me all that I need to know.*

*Protect me, daily, from all things bad
and fill my heart with all things glad.*

*And if I ever lose my way,
please guide me back
when I kneel and pray.*

BEALTAINE AT THE LIBRARY



Walk in Borrowbox Clinic: Wed. 14th May 2.30-5pm. Bring your phone or tablet.

Puzzle Club – Jigsaw morning & a cuppa! Tuesdays 10:30-12:30 New member's welcome.

Knitting Club: Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30

Friday Storytime – Fridays at 3:30pm

Lego Free Play: Saturdays 10am-1pm

Social Chess: Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm

Portarlington Junior Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. *Booking is essential*

10/10 Book Club: Book club for reluctant

readers in 5th & 6th class. *Booking essential*

Baby Book Club: Wednesdays 10:30am.

Booking is essential.

Adult Book Club: The last Tuesday each month **Sensory Toy Resource Collection** – Service for parents of children with additional needs. **Laois Libraries Online Book**

Club Read 1 book per month chosen from the BorrowBox collection. Meet last Wednesday of the month. Further details & bookings phone 057 8643751 or

Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES 2025

Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & keeping vigil. Fri. 30th May – Fri. 15th August. General Adm: €85 / Students & Seniors €75.

One Day Retreat

Day of guided prayer & reflection during May, August and September. Further details from Email info@loughderg.org / Ph 071 9861518 www.loughderg.org

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Full coaching available – All levels. Phone or text 087 9463147. Adult beginners Wed 7pm and 8pm. Improvers Friday 7pm. Intermediate Friday 8pm. Social Tennis for over 50's on Mondays from 12 noon. Non members welcome. Rackets and balls provided. Booking is not required.

FAMILY NATURE TRAIL



Portarlington Lions Club have organised a Family Nature Trail for Sunday 18th May. Meeting point is in the car park at Derryvilla. Registration from 10.30am. Prizes on the day for the person who finds the clues. Free Event.

THEOLOGY OPEN DAY

Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Check out prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Open Day on Sat. 24th May.

ACCORD NEEDS YOU!

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun & interactive & popular with couples. Successful applicants will receive free professional training during 7 in-person workshops at venues around the country & will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area. The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in selections for this year is Friday 30th May. Phone Aisling on 01 5053112 or Email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie

PORTARLINGTON

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

For newborn babies and toddlers (0-5 years) Venue: The Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlington. R32 YK24. Everyone welcome – Lots of great toys, activities, music and fun! Refreshments served. Various talk of interest by professionals & themed activities for children. Friday's 9am to 11am

Buggy walking group - Every Tuesday morning 10am (Meet at Costa Car Park) Phone /Text /WhatsApp Rebecca 087 3982548. Come along for further information and details of registration. – Everyone welcome.

Fees Members : €2 per child or €3 per family
Fees Non members €4 per child

MOTHER AND BABY

YOGA

Mondays in Portarlington Community Centre at 10.30am. Baby Massage Class – Next course commences Mon. 19th May in Portarlington Community Centre at 12 Noon.

Pregnancy Yoga – Next term starting 30th April in Portarlington Community Centre at 7pm. No yoga experience is needed to join. Booking essential – Phone Catriona on 086-8890005

SUMMER CAMP

Rath N.S., Ballybrittas

For children from ECCE to Senior Infants. Sensory play / Art / Dancing / Outdoor Play / Games / Mindfulness / Stories / Fun. Enchanted Forest Fest 7th - 11th July
Space Explorers 14th - 18th July
Book on discoverylaytime.ie

TABLE QUIZ

In Portarlington Golf Club on Fri. 23rd May at the Clubhouse in Garryhinch. Prizes for top three, with a raffle on the night. Table of four €40. Contact 057 8621135 or Email office@portarlingtongolfclub.ie

PORTARLINGTON RUGBY CLUB

The Club's AGM will take place at the grounds on Lea Road Thurs. 22nd May at 8pm – All paid up full members can take part. Let's continue to strengthen our club. Your participation would be essential in shaping our future.

ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE OF ST.

VINCENT DE PAUL

Annual Golf Day – Portarlington Golf Club

Thurs. 22nd May – 4 person scramble. Time sheet available in Port. Golf Club. To book your tee time please contact the golf shop at the Golf Club on 057 8642916.

COMMUNION CALLS MAY 2025



Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week.

Tuesday 13th May

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

Wednesday 14th May

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

Thursday 15th May

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

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next draw takes place 12th May with a Jackpot of €2,800.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

5th May 2025 - Week No. 19
Numbers 29, 24, 5, 2– No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:-
John Kelly; Conor Bryan; Fran Keogh; Caroline Kirwan; John O'Connor. Promoter prize: Breda Flanagan
Next week's Jackpot €2,400.

BLACKTHORN FESTIVAL

Gracefield GAA Club will host the Blackthorn Festival 2025 on Sat. 17th May. Acts include Chasing Abbey, 'Qween', Derek Warfield & The Young Wolfe Tones, Rattle & Hum, DJ Niall Dunne & much more. Get your tickets now from Gracefield GAA.

KILLENARD COMMUNITY GAMES

ATHLETICS EVENING

Mon. 12th May in O'Dempsey's GAA field from 5pm to 7pm for Boys and Girls. Under 8 to Under 16. All those living in the area welcome to participate. Phone 086 8883532 to register in advance for the games.

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB



Fishing permits for the 2025 season are now open for applications. Send an expression of interest to Kieran 085 2042101/ John 086 8744343/ Eddie 087 2778043. River and Lake permits available for Adults, Retiree, Disability, Student and Junior. Lake permits strictly limited to Fly Fishing only with the clubs preference for catch and release on all club waters.

O'DEMPSEY G.F.C. NEWS

Lotto Results: Numbers drawn 6th May: 1, 9, 10, 28. No Jackpot winner. Two Match 3 winners (€50 each): Monica Connolly, Bridie Behan. Promoter: Phil Donohoe. Next Draw: Mon. 12th May with a Jackpot of €5,800. Thanks for your support.

ST. BRIGIDS SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

SOCIAL DANCE – Sat. 24th May.

Music by Dave Lalor. Doors open 9pm. Adm. €10. Refreshments served.
KEEP FIT – Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm
DANCING LESSONS – Thurs. 7.30-9pm.