



# 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](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

**SUN. 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**YEAR C**

*Day of Prayer for Vocations – Good Shepherd Sunday*

## WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> May 6.15pm

Celia Duffy, Ballycullane (M.M.)  
Sheila Monaghan, 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. 11<sup>th</sup> May 12.15pm

John (32<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) & Lily (5<sup>th</sup> 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, Bishopwood; Michael &  
Sarah Slevin, French Church Street;  
P. Beacon, Clanmalire; Mal Keogh, St. Michael's  
Park (13<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Matthew & Betty Sheedy,  
Clondoolusk; Patrick & Mary McNamara,  
Clondoolusk

### Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> May 6.15pm

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

### Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> May 12.15pm

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

## ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am

Jimmy, Liam & Tom McCormack, Lea Road

### Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am

## CEMETERY MASS 2025



Killenard – Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Portarlington – Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 10<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

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

### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> May 11am

### Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm

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

### Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> May 11am

Eileen Kirwan, Killimy

## ANNIVERSARIES RATH

### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> May 9am

Tom McLoughlin, Jamestown Cross

### Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Holy  
Communion dates:-

### Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

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

Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> May-11.30am in St. Michael's Church  
**Sacred Heart National School, Rath**  
Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> 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. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

### LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES 2025

#### Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & keeping vigil. Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri. 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@loughderg.org) / Ph 071 9861518 [www.loughderg.org](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://prioryinstitute.com) to find out more about our Open Day on Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> May. Phone Aisling on 01 5053112 or Email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto: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. 19<sup>th</sup> May in Portarlington Community Centre at 12 Noon.

Pregnancy Yoga – Next term starting 30<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Space Explorers 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Book on [discoverylaytime.ie](http://discoverylaytime.ie)

### TABLE QUIZ

In Portarlington Golf Club on Fri. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:office@portarlingtongolfclub.ie)

### PORTARLINGTON RUGBY CLUB

The Club's AGM will take place at the grounds on Lea Road Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> May

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

#### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May

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

#### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> 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; Bishopwood; Clondoolusk; Droughill Lawns; Cushina

### EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

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

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

5<sup>th</sup> 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. 17<sup>th</sup> 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. 12<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> May: 1, 9, 10, 28. No Jackpot winner. Two Match 3 winners (€50 each): Monica Connolly, Bridie Behan. Promoter: Phil Donohoe. Next Draw: Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> May with a Jackpot of €5,800. Thanks for your support.

### ST. BRIGIDS SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

**SOCIAL DANCE** – Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> May.  
Music by Dave Lalor. Doors open 9pm.  
Adm. €10. Refreshments served.  
**KEEP FIT** – Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm  
**DANCING LESSONS** – Thurs. 7.30-9pm.