Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

Portarlington & Emo Parishes are part of the Pastoral Area along with Killeigh, Clonaslee, Rosenallis & Mountmellick

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MISSION MONTH

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

DIOCESE www.kandle.ie **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

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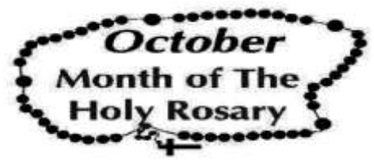
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11TH OCTOBER 2026 — 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year 'A'

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 Sat. /11am Sun.
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 @EmoParish

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 10th October 6.15pm
Eileen Scott, Shandra (M.M.)
Eileen (Nellie) Whyte, Deerpark (M.M.)
Vera McEvoy, Garryhinch Cross (M.M.)
Joe Whyte, Deerpark (1st Anniv.); Leo O'Donoghue (3rd Anniv.); Tommy Game, Marian Hill; Marlene Kennedy, Annamoe (6th Anniv.); Mai Byrne, Cloneyhurke; Willie Slattery, St. Brigid's Square (18th Anniv.); James & Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, Assumpta Terrace; Olive Dunne, Cloneyhurke; Gerry Conway, Avondale (B/Day Remembrance)

Sun. 11th October 12.15pm
Elizabeth Murphy, St. Michael's Park & Cloneyquinn (M.M.); Lyla Murphy, Naas (1st Anniv.); Patsy Prior, Crowe Lane (1st Anniv.); Ina & Tony Keenan, Gracefield; Paddy, Kate & Jack Donnelly, Garryhinch; Molly Coogan, Corrig; Gregory Coogan, Lough; Dec. members of the Coogan Family

Sat. 17th October 6.15pm
Maureen Delaney, Bishopswood (3rd Anniv.)
Trevor Ennis (4th Anniv.)
Teresa Bolton, Blackhall (4th Anniv.)
Bernie O'Reilly Keogh, Droughill; James & Josephine Nolan; Dec. members of the Nolan Family, Walsh Island; Lil Hebden, London & Cloneyhurke; Sheila Dunne, London & Cloneyhurke; Garda Michael Clerkin (50th Anniversary)

Sun. 18th October 12.15pm
Grace O'Neill, Church View (3rd Anniv.)
Maureen Delaney, Bishopswood (3rd Anniv.)
Bernie O'Reilly Keogh, Droughill; Gretchan & Margo Whelan, Patrick Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 11th October 10.30am
Brendan McManus, Lough (1st Anniv.)
Pat, Maura & Jim Lawlor, Ballycarroll;
Bernard Tynan, & deceased members of the Tynan Family, Rathmiles; Johnny, Margaret & Mary Behan, Tierhogar; Jack Regan, Tierhogar; Eileen & James Keogh, Huntingdon

Sun. 18th October 10.30am
Breda, Margaret & Mark Fitzpatrick, Tierhogar

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON AT 10AM

Mon. 12th Oct: Marion Meehan, Scotland & Sweep Road
Tues. 13th Oct: Eileen Rees (Recently dec.)
Wed. 14th Oct: Philip Coogan, French Pk., Sligo
Gerry Conway, Avondale (B/Day Remembrance)
Thurs. 15th Oct: International Credit Union Mass / Lyla Murphy, Naas (1st Anniv.)
Fri. 16th Oct: Julia Horan, Church View; Larry McCann, Bishopswood

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 10th October 7.30pm
George Hyland, Limetree & Fullam, London
Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family, The Heath; Deceased members of the Flynn Family, Morette

Sun. 11th October 11am
Conor Montague, Woodbrook (5th Anniv.)

Sat. 17th October 7.30pm
Jim & Bridie Lewis, New Inn

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 11th October 9am
Patrick Brennan, Jamestown
Anne & Liam Tynan, Jamestown



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:
Leon Daniel Sealey, Kilmalogue Downs
Méadhbh Willow Collins, Cushina Avenue

OCTOBER 18TH – MISSION SUNDAY

On Sunday next, 18th Oct. we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. For Mission Sunday 2026 the theme is "***One in Christ, United in Mission***". Donation envelopes available in your Development boxes or at the Church porches for this Mission Collection (At all masses Sat. 17th & Sun. 18th October, 2026).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2027

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Thursday 4th March at 11.30am
In St. John's Church, Killenard

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.
Fri. 5th March at 11am
In St. Paul's Church, Emo

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Fri. 5th March at 2pm
In Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

Scoil Padraig, Canal Road, Portarlington
Thurs. 11th March at 11am
In St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Presentation Primary School, Station Road& Sandy Lane N.S.
Thurs. 11th March at 2pm
In St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

CONFIRMATION 2027 ENROLMENT MASS

Next weekend, we welcome the children to our Masses who are enrolling to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027.
Presentation Primary School / Scoil Phadraig Boys School
Sat. 17th October in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington at 6.15pm

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.
Sat. 17th October in St. Paul's Church, Emo at 7.30pm

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Sun. 18th October in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath at 9am

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard
Sun. 18th October in St. John's Church, Killenard at 10.30am

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY

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Anne Cobbe (née Slevin), Portlaoise Road & formerly Patrick Street

50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE GARRYHINCH BOMBING



An Garda Síochána and the Garda Síochána Retired Members' Association, Laois/Offaly Garda Division will hold a commemoration service to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Garryhinch Bombing, on Friday next, 16th October 2026 at 11.30am at St. Brigid's Community Centre, Garryhinch R32 CY89. This service will be followed by refreshments. All are very welcome to attend.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 12th Oct: St. Carlo Acutis
Wed. 14th: St. Callistus 1 Pope
Thurs. 15th Oct: St. Teresa of Avila
Fri. 16th: St. Gall; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; World Food Day
Sat. 17th Oct: St. Ignatius of Antioch

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES



Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 1st November 2026.
Blessing will take place as follows:-
Killenard Cemetery after the 10.30am Mass
St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm

MONTH OF THE ROSARY OCTOBER

October is the month of the Rosary.
It's a time when we are encouraged to pray the Rosary as a family.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Social Dancing: The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 17th October – Music by Brian McDermott. Admission €10. Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served.
Keep Fit Classes: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear, from 7-8pm. €8 per night.
Dancing Lessons: With Noeleen on Thursday nights 7.30pm – 9pm. €10 each night.
Irish Speaking: Monday nights from 7-8pm. All welcome.

EMO COMMUNITY

Couch to 5K & The Walking Group
Starting back this coming Tuesday for October & November. We meet every Tuesday@ 7pm on Emo walking track. It's open to all in the community - Men & women all ages welcome! €2 per person, which goes towards lighting the walking track. No registration, just turn up and have some fun - The more the merrier!

BRICK WORK LEGO EXHIBITION

In the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise on Sun. 15th Nov. 11am – 4pm. Tickets €8. Under 3's Free

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

BEST WISHES TO THE PARISH TEAMS

Courtwood *Portarlington* *St. Conleth's*

Best of Luck to **St. Conleth's** as they take to the field this weekend (Saturday 10th Oct.) for the Ladies Senior County Final.

Portarlington GAA & Courtwood GAA
Meet in the Men's Senior County Final this Sunday (11th Oct.) in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise. We wish both our teams the very best of luck in this final.
May the best team win!

CHAIR PILATES WITH SABRINA

Portarlington Community Centre, Mon.12th, 19th Oct. & 2nd Nov. from 10-11am. Cost €10 for 4 weeks. Contact Catriona on 086 7935234.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2037 – 5th Oct. 2026
Numbers 16, 21, 23, 24 – No jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following: Catherine Fenton c/o Parish Office; Seamus Connolly c/o Bernie Gorman; Margaret O'Brien c/o Hilary Lawlor; Cathy & Pat Nolan c/o Pat Nolan; Katie Murphy c/o Maeve. **Next draw takes place on 12th Oct. with a Jackpot of €5,000.**

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

5/10/2026 Week No. 41. Numbers 5, 32, 30, 27 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Mick McMahon; Jason Fitzpatrick; Peadar Holohan; Bethany Cooper; Conor Flanagan. Promoter prize: James Brady.
Next week's Jackpot is €12,600

GRACEFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB (F.C.)

Gracefield F.C. run a weekly 50/50 fundraising draw with tickets priced at €2 for a single entry or €5 for 3 entries, taking place every Monday. You can buy tickets on line through the Gracefield FC Clubspot Fundraisers Page.
https://member.clubspot.app/club/gracefield-fc/fundraisers

SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY HALLOWEEN CAMP

Oct. 27th, 28th and 29th in Colaiste Íosagáin, Portarlington R32HV 25.
Junior Ballers 10am – 1pm (12 years & under)
Senior Ballers 1.30 – 4.30pm (13 years +). For further information & cost contact Josie on 087 4026970.

ASK THE EXPERTS INFORMATION MORNING

Family health questions answered for parents and caregivers. 9.30am – 12 noon on.
Fri. 16th Oct. in Portarlington Community Centre.
Information stands from: Offaly Local Dev. Company; Barnardos; Laois Offaly Parents Hub; Parents First; Laois Domestic Violence; HSE; LOETB; An Garda Síochána; Laois Traveller Action Group; CYPSC; Laois Libraries; Jigsaw & Mental Health Ireland. Admission free. To register phone 057 8661338 Location: Link Road, Portarlington, Co. Laois (Cooltederry)
You can also check out Portarlington Community Centre Facebook Page. Or scan the QR Code.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND

Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to our Leinster Retreat Day on Sat. 7th Nov. from 10am–6pm at Benburb Priory. A day of prayer, reflection & spiritual renewal with guest speakers Fr Dominik Domagala, Dr Iva Beranek & Mrs Maria Steen. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: €50
Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats.
All welcome — bring a friend.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call in to Library, Ph: 057 8643751
Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Ghost Themed Craft Table: Start preparing for Halloween with our fun parent & child craft table. Tues. 27th Oct. 2.30pm. No booking required. Child must be accompanied by parent.
Music Therapy for children with additional needs & their parents: Suitable for children aged 5 - 7years. Places limited so booking essential.
Room on the Broom Story-time & Colouring: Sat 31st Oct. 11am. Enjoy a reading of this witchy tale & finish with some Halloween colouring. Perfect way to get into the spooky mood!
Ciorcal Comhrá: Every Tuesday 11am. New members always welcome.
La Leche League Coffee Morning: Tues. 13th Oct 10:30-11:30. Informal chat.
Parents First Baby Group: Every Wed. 12-1pm. For children aged 0-1 & their parents. Booking & further info. from Jennifer 085 8683168
Digital Support Drop-in Sessions: An LOETB tutor will be available on Fri. 2nd, 9th & 23rd Oct. from 10:30 -12:30pm for one on one support sessions. Bring along your device and 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 6-7pm,
Portarlington Junior Book Club: Meeting on the last Wed. each month. Please book. 9-12year olds. **Baby Book Club:** Wednesdays 10:30am (during term time) Suitable for children 0-3. Please book.

ANAMCARA PARENTS SUPPORT EVENING

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wed. 14TH Oct. from 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.
This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.
We also offer an online support group meeting.
To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The School will be accepting applications for 2027 / 2028 enrolment from 23rd October to the 13th November 2026. Application Forms are available www.cloneyhurke.net or 057 8623271.

SCOIL NAOMH EOIN, KILLENARD

Junior Infant Admissions for September 2027
Accepting applications from Fri. 23rd Oct. 2026 until Fri. 13th November 2026. Application forms available to download from www.naomheoin.ie via Email office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.