

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 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

12th July, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 11th July 6.15pm

Jimmy Murphy, Crowe Lane (2nd Anniv.)
 Tommy Gibson, St. Michael's Park;
 Frank Beere, Straffan (80th B/Day Rem.);
 Paul Fallon, Arlington Est. (4th Anniv.);
 Bridie Boylan, Spa St; Andrew & Elizabeth
 O'Neill, Marian Hill; Dominique Ryan, Arlington
 Estate; Elizabeth Maree, Gracefield; Kathleen
 Dwyer (30th Anniv.); Paddy Dwyer; Anne Whyte
 (nee Dwyer); Mary Lernehan (nee Dwyer), Spa
 Street Oliver Wright, Droughill, (Birthday Rem)

Sun. 12th July 12.15pm

Ian McDonald; Bridie Quinn, Bishopswood Road

Sat. 18th July 6.15pm

Liam McMahon, French Church St. (M.M.); Noel
 Coogan, Mountmellick & Shiphouse (M.M.);
 Michelle Houghton, Cushina (1st Anniv.)
 Goretti Phelan, Avondale (6th Anniv.); Margaret
 Kennedy, Gracefield; Kathleen Whelan, Marian
 Hill; Michael Dix

Sun. 19th July 12.15pm

Dave Smith, Church View; Johnny McCowen
 (3rd Anniv.); Jon McCowen (9th Anniv.); Marie
 McCowen (27th Anniv.), Station Road

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 12th July 10.30am

Winnie Heavey, Rathangan; Kathleen
 McCormack (6th Anniv.) & Dec. members of the
 Lennon & McCormack Families; James O'Leary,
 Ballintogher (4th Anniv.) Patrick & Mamie
 Murphy, Tierhogar; Christopher & Kathleen
 Carroll, The Derris; Dec. members of the
 Carroll Family

Sun. 19th July 10.30am

Peter Dowling; John Slevin, Killenard;
 William & Christina Carey, Bracknagh

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON



Mon. 13th July Fintan Dunne, Patrick Street
 (27th Anniv.); Tommy Dunne (40th Anniv.);
 Fintan Dunne Jnr. (4th Anniv.)

Tues. 14th July Michelle Haughton, Cushina (1st
 Anniv.); Frances Cullen, St. Michael's Park

Wed. 15th July Philip (Phil) Lynch, Ballymorris
 (32nd Anniversary); Maura Noone, Naas; Sean
 Faherty, (Birthday Remembrance, Bishopswood

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 11th July 7.30pm

Margaret Gleeson, Dublin Rd., Morette
 Bridie O'Neill, Carriggower, Baltinglass (4th
 Anniv.); Myles Carroll, New Inn

Sun. 12th July 11am

Myles Carroll, New Inn

Sat. 18th July 7.30pm

Esther Dunne, Killimy (5th Anniv.)
 Michael Dunne, Killimy & UK (10th Anniv.)

Sun. 19th July 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 12th July 9am

Elizabeth Duffy, Ballyadden (4th Anniv.)
 Pat Jo Dobbyn, Ballybrittas; Bill Dobbyn,
 Courtwood

Sun. 19th July 9am

David Mullen (16th Anniv.); Anne & Eamonn
 Mullen; John Doyle, Newbridge; Tom Linehan,
 Newbridge; Marcella Bolger, Belin; Della &
 Richard Bolger & dec. members of the Bolger
 & Shortall Families

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
 Community through Baptism:-



Aoibheann Máire O'Kelly, Limerick
Janía Adanna Okafor, Main Street
Ned Brendan Lawless, Avondale
Alfred Oisín Marsden, Garryvacum &
Scotland

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died
 recently:-

Lorraine Hoary, Sli Na Mona &
formerly Dublin

Coeliac Hosts available upon
 request. Call into the Sacristy
 before the Mass.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
on Tuesday's after 10am Mass until 7pm
with Rosary afterwards.

"Be kind to each other, tender-hearted,
forgiving one another,
just as God through Christ has
forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32

CEMETERY MASS 2026



Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm
 Ballyadden Cemetery – Fri. 7th August 7.30pm

Feast Days during the week

Mon. 13th July – St. Henry
 Tues. 14th July St. Camillus de Lellis
 Wed. 15th July St. Bonaventure
 Thurs. 16th July Our Lady of Mount Carmel

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

13th – 16th August 2026



Calling all young people aged 16–35. Join us at
 the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge
 College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only
 event, with free buses available across the
 country and all meals included. Expect inspiring
 talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer &
 plenty of opportunities to chill out & meet other
 young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith
 or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To
 register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or
 follow @Youth2000Ireland."

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 LOURDES COMMITTEE

Sincere thanks from Emo / Rath Lourdes
 Committee to all of you who contributed and
 helped out at our recent church gate collection.
 It's very much appreciated.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES

PILGRIMAGE

Tickets for the upcoming Pilgrimage to Lourdes
 will be distributed on Monday 13th July in
 Coláiste Íosagáin School Hall at 8pm.
 Any queries contact Red on 087 9850348.

FOUND

**Gold plain band Ring found in St. Michael's
 Church – Contact the Parish Office.**

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME and COUPLES THERAPY

A programme for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and Couples Therapy. To view available bookings log onto www.accord.ie



AN SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Eucharistic Healing Retreat (With Fr. Brendan Walsh & Eileen King); Mass, Prayer & Praise, Adoration & Scripture Teaching. St. Peter & Paul's Parish Centre, Portlaoise Fri. 17th July 7-10pm / Sat. 18th July 9am-4pm. Bring a packed lunch on Saturday - Tea & Coffee available. Costs €35 for Friday & Saturday. (Same cost for one day)



Contact Michael Nerney 086-8157305 or Eddie Cullinane 087-6595293
Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill

KILDARE ANIMAL FOUNDATION OPEN DAY (Today)

Sunday 12th July at 1pm at the shelter in Kildare Town R51 YE00. Plants, Antiques, Crafts, Bottle Stall, Toys, Books, Cakes, Pet gifts, Clothes, Hotdog Stall & much more including craft & music activities for the kids. FREE ADMISSION. Plenty of parking. (No dogs allowed as it upsets the resident animals at the shelter). Please join us for a fun family day out amongst our beautiful rescued animals."

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Social Dance: Sat. 18th July – Music by Noel Briody. Adm: €10. Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served. Great night assured.
Keep Fit: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear. 7-8pm. €8 each night.
Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noeleen from 7.30pm-9pm. €10 each night.

SUMMER SKILLS PROGRAMME

Designed to help young people feel calmer, stronger & more confident. A fun & supportive Occupational Therapy-led programme focused on emotional regulation, confidence, wellbeing & practical tools for everyday life. Five daily one hour evening sessions. 27th – 31st July in Portarlington Community Centre. Daily one hour evening sessions. 8-10 years and 11-15 years. If interested Email otregulation@gmail.com

ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.A.

St. Paul's LGFA invite parents / guardians to register their interest with the St. Paul's LGFA U.6 nursery for 2026. Following a hugely successful Gaelic4Girls programme, we are delighted to continue to grow and facilitate ladies Gaelic football opportunities for all girls in the community. This is open to girls born in 2020 and 2021 and it is a great opportunity to keep your girls active over the summer! Registration can be found on our social media (Instagram / Facebook) at stpaulslgfa

NATIONAL SYNODAL PATHWAY UPDATE

Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly, which takes place in October. Working groups across the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process & helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland.

To learn more visit:

<https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>

WANTED

Cleaner wanted – Ballybrittas area
For two hours on Thursday mornings.
Phone 086 1719070.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



Week No. 2025 – 5th July 2026
Numbers 3, 4, 13, 23 – No jackpot winner.
€25 each to Kate & Catherine Murphy c/o Maeve; Henry Fitzpatrick c/o Deirdre; Dan O'Neill c/o Damien Behan; John Loughlin c/o Deirdre; Mag & John Langford c/o B. Gorman
Next draw takes place on 12th July.
Jackpot of €2,600

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

6th July 2026 – Week No. 28. Numbers 2, 31, 18, 23 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Colin Hanlon; Josh Donagher; Mairead Sheedy; Mary Evans; Tamara Murphy Sheerin. Promoter prize Jamie Hanlon. **Next week's Jackpot €10,000**

MARKET HOUSE, PORTARLINGTON

Perfect for meetings, group classes, workshops & training sessions. Flexible booking options in a comfortable central location. www.portarlington.ie to book directly.

PORTARLINGTON GAA CLUB

FUNDRAISING DRAW

Incredible prize for one lucky winner of 2 tickets for the All Ireland Hurling Final plus 2 tickets for the All Ireland Football Final. Tickets €10 each. Draw 16th July.



ST BRIGID'S LOUGH DERG

PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

Three day Pilgrimage

Thurs. 13th – Sat. 15th August. Pick-ups available from: Monasterevin 6.25am, Kildare Town 6.35am, Newbridge 6.45am. Cost: Island: €85. Bus: €50 (approx. return).
Further information & booking:
Joe - 087-3815887 / Deirdre – 087-2467594
Email deidregleeson@medwise.ie

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS ASSOC.

The Faith Café takes place via zoom on Tuesday 14th July at 7.30pm – Please register. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7zGUQlAkfOcaS2ftkA#/registration>
Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine
Celebrating 6th World Day for Grandparents.
Taking place Sun. 26th July at Knock Shrine. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin. Commencing 2.30pm with anointing of the sick. A day of grace & blessing for the family, as we honour grandparents & the elderly. www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX



Relics & Exhibition of St Thérèse of Lisieux at Carmelite Friary Church, Kildare.

From 15th to 16th July. The Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on 16th July will be celebrated by Fr Simon Nolan O.Carm, Provincial of the Irish Carmelites. All are welcome to attend. Venue: Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town, Co. Kildare, R51 K379

SUMMER CAMP

At Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington. July 28th – 31st from 9.30am to 2pm. €70 (sibling discounts 2 = €130 / 3 = €190 / 4 = €245). Sports, baking, coding, art & much more. Please note this is a private camp. It is run by teachers who work at the school but is not affiliated with Scoil Phadraig. Register & pay by scanning this QR Code – For info. Email summercampport@gmail.com



REFLECTION

*Lord, when I am hungry,
give me someone in need of food;
when I am thirsty, send me
someone needing a drink;
when I am cold, send me
someone to warm;
when I am grieved, offer me
someone to console;
when my cross grows heavy, let me
share another's cross;
when I think only of myself,
draw my thoughts to another.
AMEN*

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

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



SUMMER STARS EVENTS

Parent and Child Craft Table: Wed. 15th July 2.30pm. This week you will be able to make a lovely flower crown.

BFG Family Show: Tues. 21st July 3pm. Please book.

Parent and Child Craft Table: Wed. 23rd July 2.30pm. Pop in and have fun making monster faces.

Slime Workshop: Fun for children aged 7-9years Thurs. 23rd July 3pm. Please book.

Parent and Child Craft Table: July 29th 2.30pm. Get into the summer holiday mood with this camper van themed craft table.

Interactive Multilingual Early Years Music Workshop: Thurs. 30th July 2.30pm. Fun, interactive music workshop – For children 2-6 years. Please book.

Scavenger Hunts: Find the message & win a small prize. July's hunt - Julia Donaldson themed & August's hunt - Monster themed.

Lego Free Play: every Saturday 10am-1pm
Biodiversity Pop Up Stand: Sat. 18th July 10am – 1pm. Laois County Council's biodiversity officer will be on hand to answer all your questions.

La Leche League Coffee Morning: Tues. 14th July 10:30-11:30.

Social Chess (Adults only): Wed. 6-7pm. Enjoy a game of chess & a cuppa. New members welcome.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS

Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 6th July 2026
Numbers 06, 11, 28, 29.
No jackpot winner. No Match 3 winners: Lucky dip winners: Sean & Mary Brophy; Ella & Eve Fitzpatrick. Promoter Noel Byrne.. Next Draw is Monday 13th July with a Jackpot of €11,700!



Thanks for your support with this club fundraiser.

Upcoming K26 Event - Killenard Road to Croker

All Ireland Preview Night – Thurs. 16th July with Peter Canavan, Richie Connor, Luke Loughlin & Mike Quirke. MC Eamon Horan. Tickets: €25.

All-Ireland Football Ticket Draw

Win 2 x tickets to Croke Park on Sun. 26th July. Speak with any O'Dempsey's or Killenard Community Centre committee member for more details or

<https://eu.jotform.com/app/odempseysgfc/k26-events>

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

