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PARISH OFFICE

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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

SUNDAY 12th OCTOBER 2025

TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 11th October 6.15pm

Marlene Kennedy, Annamoe (5th Anniv.)
Olive Dunne, Cloneyhurke; James & Peggy
Murphy, Assumpta Terrace; Breda Kelly,
Avondale; Sally Ryan (nee Kennedy)

Sun. 12th October 12.15pm

Kathleen Murphy, Congress Terrace (M.M.)
Maureen Delaney, Bishopswood (2nd Anniv.)
Sam Murphy (2nd Anniv.)
Mai Byrne, Cloneyhurke;
Ina & Tony Keenan, Gracefield
Marion Meehan, Sweep Rd. & Scotland (4th
Anniv.); Molly Coogan, Corrig; Greg Coogan,
Lough & dec. members of the Coogan Family

Sat. 18th October 6.15pm

Willie Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (17th Anniv.)
Lill Hebden, London & Cloneyhurke; Sheila
Dunne, London & Cloneyhurke

Sun. 19th October 12.15pm

Billy Murphy, Foxcroft Court (M.M.)
Joan Murphy, Foxcroft Court (2nd Anniv.)
Seamus Mullally, Rosecourt (17th Anniv.)
Grace O'Neill, Church View (2nd Anniv.)
Maired Kennedy, Bog Rd. (2nd Anniv.)
Pat Sinnott, Courtown (2nd Anniv.)
Tom & Lily Coogan, Arlington Estate
Gretchan & Margo Whelan, Patrick Street

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 12th October 10.30am

Johnny, Margaret & Mary Behan, Tierhogar
Jack Regan, Tierhogar

Sun. 19th October 10.30am

Margaret, Mark & Breda Fitzpatrick, Tierhogar
Elizabeth Moore, Springfield, Michael Terrett,
Rathleash, (6th Anniv.);

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who
died recently:-

Kevin Pigott, Coolaghy
Patrick (Paddy) Ward, Tannery & Clondalkin
Joseph (Joe) Whyte, Deerpark
Thomas Game, French Church Street
Brendan McManus, Lough
Patsy Prior, Crowe Lane



Tony Tynan, USA & formerly
Springfield, Killenard

Mass & Burial of ashes on
Wednesday next, 15th October at 12 noon
in St. John's Church, Killenard.

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Thurs. 16th Oct. Deceased Members of
Portarlington Credit Union / Julia Horan,
Church View

Fri. 17th Oct. Owen & Margaret McCann;
Tom Harty, Woodlands Park; Larry McCann,
Bishopswood

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sun. 12th October 11am

Conor Montague, Woodbrook (4th Anniv.)
George Hyland, London & formerly Lime Tree
Esther, Thomas, Jimmy & Vincent Conroy,
Cappakeel

Sat. 18th October 7.30pm

Josephine & Edward Dunne, Clonamone;
Frank Behan; Martin Joe Keating

Sun. 19th October 11am

James Dempsey, Tinnakill

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 12th October 9am

Patrick Brennan, Jamestown
Anne & Liam Tynan Copperbeeche, Jamestown

**We welcome into the
Christian Community
through Baptism:-**



Frankie J Hoctor, Morette
Donnacha Galvin, Cloneyhurke

WELCOME



This weekend we welcome the children who will
receive the Sacrament of First Holy
Communion in 2026, to our Masses, where
they will be Enrolled for the Sacrament.

NOTICE

The Priests of the parish visit the sick and
housebound every Month. If you would like to
have your name on the list for a monthly visit, or
a member of your family, phone the Parish
Office 057 8643004 (Mon. – Fri. 9.30-1.30pm)

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Wed. 15th Oct. St. Teresa of Avila
Thurs. 16th Oct. St. Gall; St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque (World Food Day)
Fri. 17th Oct. St. Ignatius of Antioch
Sat. 18th Oct. St. Luke, Evangelist

OCTOBER – MISSION MONTH

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for
show your appreciation towards the work of
overseas missionaries. Next Sunday is Sun. 19th
October, 2025. Collection for Mission Sunday
takes place next weekend. Special envelope in
your development boxes or at the church porch.

ROSARY IN THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES

St. John's Church, Killenard each day at 4pm
for the month of October.
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington each evening
at 7pm. All very welcome to join the prayers.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place
on Sunday 2nd November
2025. Blessing will take place
as follows:- Killenard Cemetery
after the 10.30am Mass St.
Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm



BEREAVEMENT MASS 2025

Those who have died in the
parish during the year, and their
families, will be remembered at
Mass on Friday 21st November in
St. Michael's Church,
Portarlington & on Saturday 22nd
November in



St. Paul's Church, Emo (7.30pm). A family
member will be invited to light a candle
in their memory.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



The Society of St Vincent de Paul in
Portarlington has introduced a new Helpline to
facilitate people who may need help from the
Society. The new methods of contacting the
Society are as follows:

Phone 051-350725 or Email
info.southeast@svp.ie or complete web
request at www.svp.ie We to thank all of the
people who so generously support the Society in
its work throughout the years.

THE GUILD OF ST. PHILIP, PORTLAOISE

The Guild provides a befriending service
for prisoners in Portlaoise and The Midlands
Prisons who have no family visits.
The Guild is a positive force in the lives of
prisoners visited. If you are interested in
becoming a Guild member please
contact 086 0462405.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025 / 2026

Enrolment Applications for 2025 / 2026 (Junior Infants) for all the schools listed below, are available from the Schools. Closing Date Fri. 24th October. Check out school websites for all the details.

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard / Sacred Heart N.S., Rath / St. Paul's N.S. Emo
Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road / Cloneyhurke N.S. Presentation Primary School (Junior Infants)

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY UPDATE **Managing Grief and Loss for your Children with Melissa Moore.** Wed. 15th Oct. 6pm.

Booking essential.

Parent & Child Yoga. Wed. 29th Oct. 3pm.
Take a calming hour out of the midterm break with this lovely Yoga club suitable for children age 3-7 years & their parents. Booking essential.

Fire Awareness Week – Fire Safety Stand.

Wed. 15th Oct. 4.30-5.30pm. Join local firefighters & learn helpful tips on fire safety. Also check out fire safety advice www.laois.ie

Halloween Storytime & Craft. Tues. 28th Oct. 3pm. 4-8 year olds. Booking essential.

Halloween Puzzle Hunt – Looking for something to keep the children occupied during mid-term. Pop in & do our Halloween puzzle hunt & win a small prize.

Parent & Child Yoga – Wed. 29th Oct. 3pm.
Booking necessary.

Lots of regular activities – See list below:

Puzzle Club Tuesday / Knitting Club Friday /
Lego Free Play Saturday / Social Chess
Wednesday / Junior Book Club /
Baby Book Club / Adult Book Club /
For further information and booking contact:
057-8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

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

Lotto Results 6th Oct. – Jackpot €7,900
Numbers 8, 19, 25, 29 – No jackpot winner.
Match 3 winner – Fiona O'Connor. Promoter prize €50 Jude McCormack. Next draw 15th Oct. with a Jackpot of €8,000 – Many thanks for supporting our Club's fundraiser.

Dinner Dance 2025

Join O'Dempsey's GFC as we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of our 1980 Minor and Senior Championship wins. On the night we'll also present our 2025 Junior C team with their league medals. It takes place **November 1st**, at the Heritage Hotel. Tickets available at this link <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/odempseys-gfc-dinner-dance-2025> or contact any committee member for further details.

ADULT SET DANCING

Each Wednesday 7.30pm to 8.30pm at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse. If you are interested or want more info. you can message Mary on 087 9185817. It is €5 per week. All are welcome.

HORSE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

Laois Branch

Volunteers are required to assist adults and children with special needs. Venue: Weekly in Stradbally Hall. Further information from:-

<https://www.i-vol.ie/volunteer-opportunity/?ID=a00WS00000JYHZw>

SATURDAY SOCIAL DANCE

A Social Dance will take place on Sat. 25th October in the Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlington. Music by Glor Tire Star Alex Roe. Doors open 8pm Dancing 8.30pm - 11.30pm.

Admission €10 also Raffle in aid of Hall Window Refurbishment.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

7th – 9th November – Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Further info. & booking www.marriageencounter.ie

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 11th Oct.) for the Ladies Senior County Final.

Portarlington GAA & Courtwood GAA
Meet in the Men's Senior County Final this Sunday (12th Oct.) in O'Moore Park, Portlaoise commencing 4pm. We wish both our teams the very best of luck in this final.
May the best team win!

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY



Thursday 16th October is National Credit Union Day. Mass is at 10am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington & call into the Credit Union afterwards for refreshments.

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

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Wed. 15th October, commencing 8pm
FILM: ARE YOU THERE GOD? IT'S ME, MARGARET. - €5 (includes tea & snacks).
Free parking. All welcome.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Portarlington RFC Halloween Disco will take place in Portarlington Rugby Club, Lea Road for 5th and 6th Class. Friday 24th October from 8pm to 10.30pm. Tickets are available at Adrian Dunne's Pharmacy Portarlington.

HAPPY HEARTS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Group meet every Thurs. From 2-4pm in Portarlington Community Centre. All welcome.

CONVERSATIONAL IRISH

Conversational Irish takes place in the Old School, Vicarstown on Wednesday's from 7.30pm until 9pm. Come along for a cuppa' & a chat. All very welcome.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT DROP IN SESSION

LAOIS BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Community Climate Action Fund

Have your say on Laois' Biodiversity Action Plan. Hear about 100% funding for biodiversity projects in your community.

WHERE: Portarlington Community Centre

WHEN: Wed. 22nd October 5-7pm.

Copy of discussion paper & related documents available at Laois.ie or in your local Library.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Birthday Party Hire. Two hour hall hire includes Football nets & music system. Contact 057 8645728. Castle hire - John on 085 2347758.

URGENT PUBLIC MEETING

Kilmullen/Coolnafearagh

Solar Action Group

A public meeting will be held on Mon. 13th Oct. at 7pm in Killenard Community Centre. The planning application for the proposed solar farm has now been submitted to Laois Co. Co. & the deadline for objections is 27th Oct. This meeting is to inform local residents about the planning process & to ensure our community's voice is heard.

EMO ART & CRAFT FAIR

Emo Art And Craft Fair will be held on Sunday the 9th November in Emo Community Centre. We will be open from 11.30am to 5pm. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, contact Stephanie on 0868378659.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Next Social Dance will be held on Sat. 18th October with Noel Briody. Doors open 9pm. Adm: 10. Refreshments served and a great night guaranteed.

Keep Fit Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. €8 per session

Dancing Lessons No dancing lessons on Thurs. 16th Oct. but lessons will resume as usual on Thurs. 23rd October. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

6th Oct. 2025 – Week No. 41
Winning numbers 9, 2, 29, 13
No jackpot winner.

€50 each to Kevin McCann; Thomas McEvoy; John Kelly; Eamon Brereton; Sile & Triona.
Promoter prize: John Kelly.
Next week's Jackpot €2,400

EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1995 – Date 6th Oct. 2025

Numbers 5, 7, 10, 12 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Joe Murphy c/o Bernie. The O'Rourke's; Helen Langford; Agnes & Marie Fenlon; Brian Langford c/o Deirdre Lawlor.

Next draw takes place on 13th October with a Jackpot of €2,600.

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP OCTOBER SESSIONS



Fri. 17th Oct. National Pasta Day

Fri. 24th Oct. Halloween Costume Party

Join us for the above October classes with fun activities to keep the little ones entertained & plenty of tea/coffee for the grown-up's to enjoy.. Suitable for 0-5 year olds. New members always welcome. Venue: Portarlington Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). Friday's from 10.30am – 11.30am. Members €2 one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 / child.
@parenttoddlergroupport

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT

With Monasterevin Gospel Choir

Friday 31st October 2025 in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin at 8pm. Tickets €30.

Tickets on sale from: Parish Office, Monasterevin on 045 525346, Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395. Proceeds In aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Senior Citizens

LAOIS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION & GREEN ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

Commencing October 2025. Free training for individuals, community groups & businesses.

7 practical training sessions: Intro. To sustainability & green Economy, Biodiversity & natural heritage in Laois, Climate change mitigation & adaption, Circular economy & community enterprise, Water, peatlands & nature based solutions, Planning for action & community collaboration, Developing project concepts & funding readiness.

Sign up on yosef@habitatforknowledge.ie or visit Laois County Council website.

BADMINTON

SOCIAL PLAY FOR ADULTS

Friday's 7-8.30pm in the Parochial Hall, Market Square. €5 per person each week. Over 18's only.