

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

14th June 2026

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 13th June 6.15pm

Doreen Folen (nee Keogh), Beaumont & Patrick St. (M.M.); Garry Keogh, Patrick St. (15th Anniv.); Sean McEvoy, St. Patrick's Terrace; Carmel Moriarty, Patrick Street; Lena & Jim Whelan, Droughill; Michael McNamara, Gracefield

Sun. 14th June 12.15pm

Doreen Folen (nee Keogh), Beaumont & Patrick St. (M.M.); Garry Keogh, Patrick St. (15th Anniv.); Mary Dunne, Woodbrook & Clonsast (10th Anniv.); Rose Hoey, Kilbride (B/Day Remembrance)

Sat. 20th June 6.15pm

John Kennedy, Church View (4th Anniv.)
Ciaran Orange, Canal Road (5th Anniv.) & deceased members of the Orange Family;
Lil Murphy (6th Anniv.) & Mick Murphy (11th Anniv.), St. Michael's Park; Mary Fallon, St. Joseph's Tce; Elizabeth & John Fallon, St. Michael's Park; Bridie, Pat & Joseph Brick; Elizabeth Nicholls & George Nicholls

Sun. 21st June 12.15pm

Martina Hearty, Killenard (M.M.)
Nuala O'Donoghue, Cushina (1st Anniv.) & dec. members of the O'Donoghue Family; Peter Sheils, Birmingham (8th Anniv.) & dec. members of the Sheils Family; Fran Dempsey, Clondoolusk (1st Anniv.); Gerry Conway, Avondale (3rd Anniv.); Edward, Maisie, Dessie, Eamon, Joe & Sis Shortall; Phyllis Hallissey (nee Shortall); Carmel Hallissey (nee Shortall); Carmel Keogh (nee Shortall), St. Michael's Park, Michael Corcoran, Corrig, (33rd Anniv.) & dec. members of the Corcoran family;

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 14th June 10.30am

Thomas & Margaret Mullen, Corrig; Syl & Elizabeth Mullen, Tierhogar & dec. members of the Mullen Family; Jim & Mary Kennedy, Stradbally; Charlie Raleigh; Patrick & Kathleen Territt, Tierhogar; Luke & Mary Coneely; Michael Carroll, Clonanny House; Paul Carroll, Clonanny House (B/Day Remembrance)

Sun. 21st June 10.30am

Jim O'Leary, The Heritage (4th Anniv.)
Sean Connell, Avondale

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

Wed. 17th June Martina Rogers, Bracknagh

Thurs. 18th June 10am Mairead Kennedy, Bog Road (Birthday Remembrance)

Fri. 19th June Jimmy Murphy, Crowe Lane (Birthday Remembrance)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 13th June 7.30pm

Una Moore, Morette; Sheila Gorman, Woodbrook

Sun. 14th June 11am

Sat. 20th June 7.30pm

Liam Murphy, Morette;
Matt & Mary Hyland, The Heath Course

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 14th June 9am

Edward O'Connell, Courtwood (40th Anniv.)
Paddy O'Dwyer, Newbridge (11th Anniv.) & dec. members of the O'Dwyer Family;
Michael Dunne, Courtwood; Betty O'Connor, Courtwood; Paddy & Rose Byron, Bellgrove; Dec. members of the O'Toole Family; Dec. members of the Foster Family, Monasterevin

Sun. 21st June 9am

Michael Mulhare, Courtwood (4th Anniv.)

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:-

Ailidh Jane McMahon, Station Court
Cuan Andrew Cushen, Kilmalogue
Conor Mubea Armstrong, Birchfields

CEMETERY MASS 2026



Killenard – Fri. 3rd July – 7.30pm
Portarlington – Fri. 10th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm



Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering Non-judgmental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123. Text 087 2609090 Email jo@samaritans.org

THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ST. MICHAEL'S CONFERENCE

Sincere thanks to Portarlington Golf Club, all our sponsors and all who played in the St. Vincent de Paul Golf Classic on Thurs. 28th May last. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB

2026

Date: Wednesday 8th July 2026

Local group will climb Croagh Patrick in aid of **Portarlington Meals on Wheels**. Bus leaves Burbages, Main Street at 6.15am on the morning.

If you would like to join us for the climb or for sponsorship, please contact Pat Burbage on 087-7716244.

COMMUNION CALLS

JUNE 2026

Communion calls to the sick and house bound will take place next week as follows:-

Tuesday 16th June

Derrymore; Crowe Lane; St. Brigid's Sq; Lea; Tierhogar; Killenard; St. Michael's Park; Portlaoise Rd; Deerpark; Corrig; Clanmalire; Castle Gate

Wednesday 17th June

Ashgrove; Tullegan; Bellgrove; Fisherstown; Ballintogher; Tinnakill; Killimy; Coolbanagher

Thursday 18th June

Church View; Patrick's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce; Shandra; Annamoe; Garryhinch; Sweep Rd; Patrick St; French Church St; Rosecourt; Droughill; Clondoolusk; Sli na Mona; Cushina

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY

COMMUNION 2026



The sacrament of Confirmation & First Holy Communion is now complete in our Parishes of Emo and Portarlington for 2026.

Numbers of children who received the Sacraments in 2026 are as follows:

First Holy Communion 2026:

Killenard 41 / Emo 21 / Cloneyhurke 4 / Presentation Primary 29 / Rath 18 / Scoil Phadraig 57 / Sandy Lane 1

Total: 171 children

Confirmation 2026:

Rath 19 / Killenard 42 / Pres. Primary 72 / Scoil Phadraig 62 / Emo 27 / Cloneyhurke 4

Total: 226 children

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE – ONLINE COURSE

Man and Woman, He Created Them
The Priory Institute 1 week on-line course is reflective, informative & interactive & will run from 10 August. The course includes 4 recorded presentations & one online zoom discussion & is very flexible b3eing delivered entirely online. Find out more and register: prioryinstitute.com

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

An Evening of Music



An evening of Music on Fri. 19th June from 7.30pm in St. Paul's French Church, Portarlinton. Doors open 7pm. Tickets are €15 each, available from Coopers Florist, Main St. or phone 087 6715668. Come along for a great evening of music with local Community Choir.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Social Dancing: Sat. 20th June. Music by Dave Lawlor & Michael Cahill. Adm: €10 – Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served. Great night assured.

Irish Speaking Sessions: Monday nights from 7.30pm – 9pm. Cost €2 each night.

Ta failte romhait le gach duine!

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.

PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

MCC – MY CANINE COMPANION

MCC (My Canine Companion) developed Ireland's first school therapy dog programme. Research has shown the benefits of these therapy dogs in educational settings. An improvement in areas of wellbeing, mental health, anxiety, absenteeism, staff & student morale etc. happens with the introduction of an MCC school therapy dog. The Presentation Primary school hopes to introduce a Canine Companion to the school. In an effort to fund-raise for this initiative, 13 staff members will Sky Dive. You can support the brave teachers on 12th September 2026.
www.idonate.ie



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; Registrar Brian Nolan; Treasurers Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly. Support Courtwood GAA by buying a weekly Lotto ticket. Renew your membership & help our club grow.

Courtwood GAA Golf Classic Fundraiser
Sincere thanks to all who supported the above –
Wishing you every success.

FISHERSTOWN TRACTOR & TRUCK RUN

In aid of Laois Hospice



All lorries, tractors & vintage cars welcome!
Sun. 5th July at 11am. Run leaving 2pm from the Final Furlong, Ballybrittas. Food & Music all day; Bouncing castle & kids fun area; Midlands 10-3 Roadcaster live. Phone David 086 2853243 (Lorries) / Dave 087 2729446 (Tractor)



SPIORAID NAOIMH MONTHLY

RETREAT



Sat. next, 20th June commencing with Mass at 10am in the Parish Church, Portlaoise - Confessions available. Retreat Continues in the Ratheniska Room Parish Centre from 10.30am – 1.30pm. Adoration Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry with individual prayer - All Welcome
www.sporaidnaoimh.com
Contact M. Nerney 086 815 7305
Spiritual Director Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill

EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2021 – 8th June 2026

Numbers 2, 10, 11, 21 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to the following:- Geraldine Finlay c/o A. Lowry; Eamon Strong c/o S. Strong; Dick Donohoe c/o Ballybrittas Stores; Louise Gorman c/o Bernie Gorman; Anton Ryan c/o Maeve Ryan. **The next draw will take place on 15th June with a Jackpot of €3,800.**

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

8th June 2026 – Week No. 24
Numbers 12, 32, 19, 18 - No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Marie Smart; Patrick Maree; Eleanor Shortall; Emma Orford; Aidan Mulligan. Promoters prize: Hawthorn
Next week's Jackpot €9,200

SUAIMHNEAS, EMO

Join us for an inspiring afternoon exploring the beauty, wonder and mystery of our Universe's story in the beautiful reflective setting at Suaimhneas. Dates: Tues. 23rd June – Sat. 27th June 3-5pm. Followed by refreshments.
Contact Ann for Booking 087 8070140
info@suaimhneas.ie

WANT TO TRY AN E-BIKE

Local residents can borrow an e-bike for 3 months with a €150 refundable deposit. Return the bike at the end of the loan period & get your deposit back. It's a great way to try an E bike risk free. Travel more sustainably, save on transport costs, enjoy easier journey's around town. Contact PCDA – Love Port, Market House, The Square.
Ph: 057 8608395 Email: info@portarlinton.ie

MARKET HOUSE, PORTARLINGTON

Perfect for meetings, group classes, workshops & training sessions. Flexible booking options in a comfortable central location. www.portarlinton.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 date 16th July 2026.



SCAN HERE FOR PURCHASE OPTION

LAOIS MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

Saturday 20th June from 11am to 1pm
Portarlinton People's Park 'Men on the Move' cycle / Introduction to Meggers (Horseshoe Pitching) / Volleyball (for beginners) / Strongbow Archers Show & tell / Portarlinton Angling Club Fly Fishing Demo / 12pm in the Men's Shed Portarlinton (Old Fire Station) – Drop in showcasing ongoing projects. All welcome. It's not about being perfect, it's about making progress one small step today can lead to lasting change. Minding your health is part of staying safe.
#LaoisMensHealthAwarenessWeek2026
#MensHealthWeek #CheckInWithAFriend #OneStepAtATime

CAMP PIO – SUMMER FAITH CAMP

Boys & Girls 5-13 years. Mon. – Thurs. 20th – 23rd July from 9.30am – 2.30pm. Arts / crafts / music / drama / team games / prayer. Venue: Bloom HQ, Old Convent Mountrath R32DT9F. €45 per child (€30 per additional child in family). Contact Caroline on 085 2430529 or Laura 087 6313370 or Email camppio2024@gmail.com

BALLYBRITTAS TIDY TOWNS

LITTER PICK & CLEANUP DATES

Sat. June 20th at 10am / Sat. July 18th at 10am. Meet Outside the Band Hall. Help Keep Our Community Clean! Gloves, Bags & Pickers Provided. **All Volunteers Welcome!**

DAY FOR LIFE – SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2026

On this year's Day for Life, Sun. 21st June, we reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified & experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God – God & man – as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie
National Pilgrimage for Life
The National Pilgrimage for Life organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Sat. 20th June in Knock Shrine. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Basilica, during which the Anointing of the Sick will take place. Main celebrant & homilist will be Bishop Niall Coll. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life & to pray for the protection of all human life.

PORTARLINGTON

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel 17th July for 7 nights – Final payments now due for anyone travelling. Also required is a copy of your current Passport – Contact Marie 087 7589896.

Meeting of the Lourdes Committee will take place on Wednesday next, 17th June in the Catholic Club, Main Street at 7.30pm.

5K Sponsored Run / Walk

Family Day out - Walk or run on Sun. 5th July commencing 11am at the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Registration €10 from 10am on the morning. Refreshments served afterwards.
Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417.

BEALTAINE AT PORTARLINGTON

LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie or give your name at the library desk.

Knitting Circle Friday's 10:30 -12:30

Ciorcal Comhrá Irish language conversation.

Chess Club Wednesdays at 6pm

Jigsaw Club Thursday mornings.

Adult Bookclub Reading one book a month & meeting last Tuesday of the month at 11pm.
Online Book Club Read one book per month – via audio or eBook format on Borrow Box.

Discussion questions posted on our Facebook last Wed. of the month.

Baby Book Club Wed. 10.30am Please book.

La Leche League Coffee Morning: Second Tuesday of the month 10.30am – 11.30am.

Lego Free Play Saturday's 10am – 1pm.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

O'Dempsey's Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 8th June: 03, 04, 15, 19. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner: Mary Maher. Promoter: Catherine Cahill. Next Draw: Monday 15th June with a Jackpot of €11,300
Thanks for your support.

Cúl Camps: Cúl Camps will be back in O'Dempsey's from the 15th to 19th July, for boys and girls. Places must be booked in advance at www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/

K26 Film Awards Fundraiser

Update & Upcoming Activities

Thanks so much to all our local cast members, extras & locations for all their support for the filming of our films & series this past 2 weeks. Please keep an eye on the O'Dempsey's & Killenard Community Centre social media pages for upcoming events - **Hyrox, Sip & Paint, Quiz, and our 'Road to Croker', All-Ireland Preview Night** are some already planned. Speak with any committee member of KCC or O'Dempsey's for more information, or Email fundraiser@k26.ie