

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



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

SUN. 14TH SEPTEMBER 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 13th September 6.15pm

Michael Roycroft, Avondale (1st Anniv.)
Jim & Anne Keogh, Assumpta Tce.;
Joan & Ronnie Halsall
Patrick Hurley, Cloneyquin

Sun. 14th September 12.15pm

Jack Kenny, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.)
Tom O'Shea, Arlington Est. (3rd Anniv.); Dec.
members of the O'Shea & Coyne Families;
Terry Higgins, Main Street & son, Willie Higgins;
Patrick & Dora McNamara, Bishopswood Road

Sat. 20th September 6.15pm

Jim Lynch, Ballymorris (1st Anniv.)
Michael Power, Avondale
Philomena (Ena) Gaffney, Main Street

Sun. 21st September 12.15pm

Vincent Cryan, Main St. (1st Anniv.)
Paddy Devlin, Foxcroft St. (1st Anniv.)
Breege O'Boyle, Church View (1st Anniv.)
Harry Levio, Kilnacourt Woods
Miceál Barry & Kevin Barry, Patrick St; Edward
Murray, Cushina; Rose & Luke Clarke,
Tinnecrannagh

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 14th September 10.30am

Leo & Marie Levin; Mollie Kavanagh, Lough;
Christina Keogh, Rathleash

Sun. 21st September 10.30am

John O'Kane, Kilmullen (20th Anniv.)
Murt Connell, Lea (6th Anniv.)

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who
died recently:-

Joan Byrne (nee King), Cloneyhurke
Valerie McDermott, Bracknagh

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Rían McNeill, Lough Gate
James Noel Hennessy, Walsh Island

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

SEASON OF CREATION

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 15th Sept. Mark & Margaret Ging,
Timahoe; Michael & Annie Delaney, Timahoe

Tues. 16th Sept. Patrick Dunne, Lansdowne,
formerly St. Michael's Park (3rd Anniv.)

Thurs. 18th Sept. Hugh Campbell, Lurgan
(6th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 13th September 7.30pm

Martha Morrin, Coolbanagher; Tom O'Rourke,
Kennell Cross; Elizabeth Duff, Limetree;
Jim Hyland, Limetree; George Horne, Carn

Sun. 14th September 11am

Gavin Keegan, Botley Court (12th Anniv.)
Nora O'Connor, Rossmore, Vicarstown

Sat. 20th September 7.30pm

Andy Rowe, Killimy; Elizabeth &
Edward Fenlon, Killimy Road

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 14th September 9am

Thomas & Ellen Dunne, Coolroe, Ballybrittas

Sun. 21st September 9am

George Doyle, Rath (3rd Anniv.); Dec.
members of the Keogh Family, Kildare; Michael
& Monica Costello, Lea; Frank & Lucy Carroll,
Fisherstown; Jim Bailey, Ashgrove

COMMUNION CALLS SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Tuesday 16th September

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

Wednesday 17th September

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

Thursday 18th September

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; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk;
Droughill Lawns; Cushina

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Thurs. 5th March 2026 at 11am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Thurs. 5th March 2026 at 2pm in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Sacred Heart National School, Rath

Wed. 11th March 2026 at 11am in
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Wed. 11th March 2026 at 2pm in
St. Paul's Church, Emo

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 19th March 2026 at 11.30am in
St. John's Church, Killenard

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Sat. 9th May 2016 at 11.30am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Sun. 10th May 2026 at 11am in St. Paul's
Church, Emo

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 16th May, 2026 at 11.30am in
St. John's Church, Killenard

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.,

Sat. 23rd May, 2026 at 11.30am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sat. 6th June, 2026 at 11.30am in
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The discovery of the True Cross is dated to
14th September 320. On 13th September 335,
the churches on Calvary were dedicated & the
cross that St Helena discovered was venerated
there the next day. The annual commemoration
of that event has been celebrated since, in
praise of the redemption won for us by Christ.

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir now open to new members for
2025 / 2026. All primary school children
welcome. Rehearsal: Tuesday 3-4pm
Location: St. John's Church, Killenard.
First rehearsal will be held on Tues. 23rd Sept.
For more information contact Ursula
at portarlingtonyouthchoir@gmail.com or
Eimear: 085 7775607

LITURGY CONFERENCE

'It is Good for Us to be here' Mark 9:5.

Come & join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass & liturgy in our parishes. Takes place on 20th Sept. 2025 in the Cathedral of the Assumption & Carlow College. Starting with registration in Carlow College from 9-9.30am, morning www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference. Booking is now open on kandle.ie & workshops will fill on a first come basis.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY UPDATE

Vacancy and Dereliction Advice Clinic

Looking to renovate a vacant or derelict property Drop into our clinic & speak directly to our team about available grants, eligibility criteria & the application process. Portarlinton Library Wed. 17th Sept. Time: 10:30 -1:30 2:30-4pm.

Culture Night at Portarlinton Library:

Friday 19th Sept Crafty Dreams 4-5pm.

Culture Night Trail Starting Point 6pm

Dementia Awareness Talk

Wed Oct. 1st at 6pm. To book: 057-8643751 or email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Puzzle Club join us for a jigsaw morning Tues. 10:30-12:30 New member's welcome.

Knitting Club Friday morning 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels welcome – Beginners/Advanced.

Lego Free Play: Saturday's 10am-1pm

Social Chess: Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm

Junior Book Club: The last Wed. of the month. For 9-12year olds. Booking essential.

Baby Book Club: Wed. mornings 10:30am. Booking is essential

Adult Book Club: Meet last Tues. of the month. Booking essential.

Sensory Toy Resource Collection: Service for parents of children with additional needs from County Laois. Further details:- <https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Laois-Library-Sensory-Toy-Booklet.pdf>

Laois Libraries Online Book Club: Read 1 book per month & join us on the last Wednesday of each month for discussions on Book Club Facebook page. This month we are reading *The Heart in Winter* by Kevin Barry. Available to download in audio & EBooks from Borrowbox.

PORTARLINGTON'S FRENCH HERITAGE & FRENCH CULTURE – ART COMPETITION

Art Competition – Open to All Ages!

The French Connection Portarlinton Twinning Committee is hosting an art competition celebrating *Portarlinton's French heritage and French culture*. All ages welcome – Fantastic prizes. Drop in entries to Brackens Menswear, or email thefrenchconnection30@gmail.com. Showcase your creativity and celebrate our town's unique French connection!

CULTURE NIGHT IN PORTARLINGTON

Friday 19th September 2025

Lots of events taking place – Please see below:- Talk at the newly renovated Portarlinton Train Station with Liam Murphy at 5:30pm

The Pipe Organ: Works and Poms in St. Michaels Church at 4pm with Larry "Doc" Fullam
Mount Henry Art Studio - Killenard
Presentation from Graphic Artist David Butler at Portarlinton Library

Incredible local Music & Buskers including outdoor DJ box

Portarlinton Concert Band

Dancing Jewels Ballet School Performance

Comhaltas & Burbage Irish Dancers

Crafty Dreams & Brat Bhride

Local Art, Photography and Crafts on display in the Parochial Hall

History Talk from Portarlinton Museum 4:30

The evening will wrap up with a Free Comedy Night at the Anvil at 9pm which is celebrating its 40th Anniversary on this weekend!

CARING IN OFFALY CE SCHEME

'Caring in Offaly CE Scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Portarlinton area - Vacancy No. 2409229 - 19.5 hours per week. Contact Alison Hackett for further info. 086-0213711 cio@familycarers.ie

BRIDGE

Portarlinton Bridge Club resumes on Wed. 17th Sept. at 7.30pm sharp at the Garryhinch Golf Club. New members welcome.

ART COMPETITION

The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church invites children & young people to participate in this competition by submitting a piece of art that depicts what 'A Safe & Welcoming Church' looks like or feels like to them. The piece may be a painting, sculpture, photograph or a written piece. Open to all under 18. Competition: Closing Sep. 30th. Categories 1-8 years / 9-12 years / 13-15 years / 16/18 years. Lots of prizes in each category. Further info. <https://www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art0-competition-2025>

STRING QUARTET

The Midlands String Quartet presents *"The Hits of ABBA"* by Candlelight in St. Paul's Church of Ireland, French Church Street on Sat. 20th Sept. commencing 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm. Tickets available on the door.

Adults €20 / OAP €15 / Child €10

B # SHARP STUDIOS

Portarlinton's school of music. Register anytime. All individual lessons, 30 minutes each. Lessons in all instruments and voice. All levels and ages catered for. To book in or for more information contact:

Conor 0861639153 or Keith 0857516595.

GRINDS – IRISH, ENGLISH, MATHS

Grinds are available in Irish, English & Maths - Primary School Level. Contact Tara on 085 2748447 for further details & booking.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Annual Legion Day Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun. 28th Sept. Bus leaves at 9am from Lyster Square, Portlaoise. Seats are €25 adults & €13 children. Booking: Ph: Maura on 087 121 0263 or Una on 086 2392997.

THE PIPE ORGAN

The Pipe Organ: Works and Poms. How does it work? What can it do? Call into St. Michael's Church organ loft on Fri. 19th September at 4pm. Numbers limited so phone 087 2532999 (Doc) to reserve place. Please note there are 40 steps to climb....no pain, no gain!

NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2025

SEPTEMBER 16TH, 17TH, & 18TH

Venue: Scraggan, Tullamore, County Offaly.

TOWN TWINNING

CHEESE & WINE RECEPTION

Visitors from Redessan in France, twinned with Portarlinton, will be visiting the town from 19th to 21st September. The town Twinning Committee will be hosting a cheese and wine reception in the Parochial Hall from 6.30pm on Sunday 21st. If you would like to meet our French guests and enjoy a glass of wine and some light entertainment, please come long and join us. Admission €5 includes entry for a draw to win a trip to France.

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Wed. 17th September, commencing 8pm
FILM: The Iron Claw. €5 (includes tea & biscuits). Free parking. All welcome.

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Jubilee Mass - 3pm Sat. 27th September in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton. Celebrant Bishop Denis Nulty. Afterwards in Coláiste Iosagáin **Tour of the School / Jubilee Book Launch / Opening of time Capsule.**

All Welcome to attend these events.

The 25th Anniversary Yearbook 2000-2025 is on sale in local shops & the Parish Office

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Social Dance Sat. 20th Sept. Music by Pat Costello. Doors open 9pm. Adm. €10. Refreshments served.

Keep Fit Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. €5 per session

Dancing Lessons with Noleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

8/9/2025 – Week No. 37

Numbers 27, 5, 15, 12 – No jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-

M. McLaughlin; Dickie Weldon; Christine Conroy; Tadhg, Aidin & Theo / Michael Keegan.

Promoter prize Breda Flanagan. Next week's

Jackpot €6,000

EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1991 8/9/25

Numbers 1, 7, 8, 10 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:- Shauna Strong C/o S. Strong; Pat Owen C/o S. Strong; Niall O'Reilly C/o B. Gorman; Anthony Fitzpatrick C/o D. Lawlor; Peadar Holohan C/o B. Gorman

Jackpot next week €6,000

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP SEPTEMBER SESSIONS



Fri. 19th Zumbinis with Sandra 10.30-11.30am

Fri. 26th Sensory Play 10.30-11.30am

New members welcome. Suitable for ages 0-5 years. Themed activities / Free play.

Tea/Coffee available for adults. Venue: Portarlinton Community Centre. Members €2 one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 / child. @parenttoddlergroupport

PORTARLINGTON COMHALTAS

CEÓLTOIRÍ ÉIREANN

Go raibh míle maith agat to the parishioners of Portarlinton, Killenard & Emo for their wonderful generosity at our church gate collection last week. We are delighted to have raised €750 which will continue to support our work to teach & promote Irish traditional music & culture.

Comhaltas Music Classes

Formal group classes for beginners, immediate, senior level and adults begin on Friday 28th Sept. from 6pm. We look forward to seeing faces old and new. Further info: contact

Davin 086 2260782 / Edel 083 0805012

Email: portarlintononce@gmail.com

BRIDGE

Garryhinch Bridge Club resumes on Mon. 15th Sept. at 7.30pm sharp at the Garryhinch Golf Club. New Members welcome.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, County Kildare on Fri. 7th – Sun. 9th November. Open to all married couples. Take some time to strengthen your marriage in just one weekend. Register online at www.marriageencounter.ie

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT WITH MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR

Fri. 31st Oct. in Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Booking & details: 045 525346