

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.



15th February 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY IN O.T.

Temperance Sunday

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 14th February 6.15pm

Michele McNamara, Gracefield; Deceased members of the Barnes Family, Tierhogar; Seamus Cooper, Arlington Estate; Jimmie, John & Mary Kelly, Blackwood

Sun. 15th February 12.15pm

Thomas & Rose Hoey, Kilbride; Jack Keller, Lea Road (5th Anniv.); Elizabeth McCormack, Coolraven (9th Anniv.); Frances Mason, Garryhinch (10th Anniv.); Dec. members of the Mason Family; Veronica Moran, Kilrush & Droughill; Mossie Kelly (nee Sweeney), St. Michael's Park (30th Anniv.); Patrick Crossan, Ballymorris & dec. members of the Crossan Family, Cloneygowan; Jane Moran, Cloneyhurke; Edward Gaffney, Main Street; Tom Gorman, Lea Road (6th Anniv.)

Sat. 21st February 6.15pm

Brid Whelan, Bishopswood (7th Anniv.)
Peter Hynes, Orchard Drive; Baby Ailbhe Whelan; Alo Maher, Marian Hill

Sun. 22nd February 12.15pm

Willie Flanagan, Cloneyhurke; Willie Barnes, Cloneyhurke; Kathleen Mulvey; Canal Rd, Mary Smith, Church View; Steve, Nellie & Paddy Allen, Main St. & dec. members of the Allen & Moran Families

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENDAR

Sun. 15th February 10.30am

Kathleen Kearney, Ballybrittas (4th Anniv.)
Jim Kearney, Ballybrittas; Kathleen Malone (nee Kearney), Rosecourt; Brendan McHale, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas (5th Anniv.); Patrick Keane, Killenard (14th Anniv.); Ben McCormack (5th Anniv.); Deceased members of the McCormack & Lennon Families;

Sun. 22nd February 10.30am

Eileen O'Leary, Ballintogher (7th Anniv.)
Paul Maher, The Hermitage (8th Anniv.)
Tim & Chris Brennan, Ballybrittas

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington every Tuesday after the 10.30am Mass until 7pm.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Meeting will take place on Wednesday next, 18th February at 7.30pm in Fr. Noonan's House. All Committee members are requested to attend.

WEEKDAY ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 16th Feb. May Higgins, Patrick Street
Tues. 17th Feb. Kathleen Earley, St. Patrick's Tce.; Eileen Phelan (5th Anniv.)

Wed. 18th Feb. 10am – Ambrose Doyle, Gracefield

Wed. 18th Feb. 7.30pm – Ash Wednesday

Thurs. 19th Feb. Mass in honour of the Holy Face

Fri. 20th Feb. ---

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 14th February 7.30pm

Sean & William Greene, Morette Charlie Morris, Clonamone; Richard Sinnott

Sun. 15th February 11am

Patrick (Paddy) Booth, Coolbanagher (1st Anniv.)

Sat. 21st February 7.30pm

Dan Kavanagh, The Commons

Sun. 22nd February 11am

Attracta Corcoran, Emo (M.M.)
Fr. Jack Rodgers (7th Anniv.)

Michael McKenna, Shinrone & Ballybrittas

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 15th February 9am

Patrick & Brigid Wilson, Coolroe & dec. members of the Wilson Family;
Mary Ellen O'Connor, Kylaglush
Joseph & Julia McCormack, Ballybrittas
Liam & Brigid McCormack, Ballycarroll

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:



Damien Turley, Mount Henry Drive, Killenard

Hugh O'Leary, Killenure

Anne Deegan (nee Moore), Mill Lane,

Garryhinch

Aidan O'Donnell, Main Street

Tomás Raftery, Whitefields

ASH WEDNESDAY 2026

Lent begins on Wed. next, 18th February & is a day of fast & abstinence. Masses & the blessing of Ashes on Ash Wednesday as follows:

Portarlington 10am & 7.30pm

Killenard 10.30am

Emo 11am + Rath 9.30am

DAY OF PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

Today, Sun. 15th Feb. is a Day of Prayer for Temperance, a day which offers us an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with alcohol & drugs, a day to pray for those who suffer from addiction.



P.T.A.A.



SHORT TERM PLEDGE

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish. "Off the drink for Lent" is a reminder that "the bonds of friendship and affection do not unravel with death" ... or with addiction or sickness. Prayer & penance have been part of the response by many Irish families to the challenges which they have met across the centuries. The short-term Pioneer pledge for Lent is a gesture of solidarity with people who are living "one day at a time" according to the 12 Step AA programme.

PRAYER FOR TEMPERANCE

Dear Lord, let temperance grow in me and lead me to discover other virtues that bring deeper union with you.

In your sacred name, I pray.

Temper my desires, O Lord, and turn my focus towards you. Deliver me from the tendency to go to extremes that strain both body and soul.

Free me from all that harms or enslaves me and turn my heart towards eternal joys.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations for the support of the priests of the parish will be held weekend of 21st & 22nd February, taking the form of a second collection. Envelopes available in Church porches if you haven't got envelope boxes & wish to contribute.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday for Lent commencing Wed. 11th February at 7.30pm
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM

BISHOP DENIS

Bishop Denis has issued a pastoral letter for February 2026 – **A Time to Pull in our Nets and take Stock**. Copies are available at the Church Porch. Please take one home with you.

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

The 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 17th July until Fri. 24th July. Further details next week.

PRAYER TO BEGIN MY LENTEN JOURNEY

Loving Jesus, as I receive on my forehead the sign of your saving cross you say to me, repent and believe in the Gospel.

Walking into Lent my heart is set on you. May my **fasting** fill me with hunger for you. May my **prayer** draw me deeper into your presence. May my **acts of charity** bring your love to my home and community.

Lord of life, grant that by turning back to you in these 40 days I will stir up once more the waters of my baptism and re-awaken in me the joy of my Easter faith; for you raise me up from fear and despair and call me to hope and trust in God who is with me always.

With you, I will rise again. Amen.

PRAYER, FASTING & ALMSGIVING

- **Abstain from meat or some other food**
- **Abstain from alcoholic drink or smoking**
- **Make a special effort to pray together**
- **Participate in the Mass**
- **Visit the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Fast from food for a longer period than usual giving what is saved to the needy**
- **Help the poor, sick, old or lonely.**

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Pancake Day Storytime and Craft: Wed. 18th Feb. 3pm. Suitable for 4-11yrs. Booking essential. / **Digital Support Drop In Sessions:** An LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30am-12:30pm for 1/1 support sessions. Bring along your device and any digital queries you may have. No booking necessary.

Ciocal Comhrá. Every Tuesday 11am. New members welcome. / **Knitting Club:** Meets every Friday morning 10:30am-12:30pm. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

Lego Free Play: Saturday's 10am-1pm **Social Chess (Adults only):** Wednesday 6pm-7pm. New members welcome. / **Portarlington Junior Book Club:** Last Wednesday of the month, suitable for 9-12year olds. Booking essential. / **Baby Book Club:** Meets on Wednesday mornings 10:30am (except school holidays). Booking is essential. / **Adult Book Club:** Last Tuesday of every month. Booking of any of above & further information from 057 8643751 or portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL TRACTOR RUN

Sun. 1st March 10.30am for 12 noon.

Departure at the Railway Station Carpark.

Proceeds in aid of Psychological & Full Educational Assessment for a local child. We are adding a children's tractor circuit, with prizes on the day for each child's tractor.

Complimentary refreshments and Auction immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar.

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC

Lotto Results: 9th Feb. 2026 - Numbers drawn: 02, 08, 17, 25. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners: Grace Whelehan, Cooper Family, Vanessa Lennon, Kenneth Keogh. Promoter: Michael Finlay. Next Draw is Mon. 16th Feb. with a Jackpot of €9,600. Thanks for your support. **Club Social and Awards Night:** Annual Club Social and 2025 Awards Night at O'Dempsey's on Sat., 28th February from 8.30pm. With awards on the night from Minor up to Senior & Juvenile Mentor of the Year, we hope to see you there!

SMOKE ALARM INITIATIVE

The smoke alarm initiative aims to support older or vulnerable people in our community and help them live in their own home with independence and safety in mind. Contact for further details: Email lo@locallink.ie or fireadmin@laoiscoco.ie Tel: 057 8692168.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Donagh Eoin McDermott, Clonanny
Éanna Hugh McDermott, Clonanny
Edith Maria Donaghy, Mount Henry Drive
Séan Fergal Hughes, The Glen, Kilmacourt

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from Oct. 14th until Oct. 21st. Departs Dublin to Dubrovnik - Cost €875 for 7 days. Single Supplement + €170. Travel insurance optional. Accompanied by Spiritual Director Fr Sean Hyland C.C. For further information and booking contact Michael Nerney on 086 815 7305

COME AND SEE

Men and women aged 18-30 interested in exploring the Carmelite Way of Life with Carmelite Friars and Nuns. WHERE? Avila Carmelite Centre, Dublin D04 YF66. WHEN? 28th February 2026 from 10.30am – 4pm. Cost is FREE. Light lunch provided. Register before 25th Feb: opendayAvila@gmail.com
Nuns: www.carmelitesisters.ie
Friars: www.ocd.ie

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat Sat. 21st Feb., from 10am to 1.20pm. Mass 10am – Confessions available. Retreat continues in the Parish Centre after Mass at 10.45am. Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer. Contact Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Dir: Fr. Ruairí O'Domhnaill PP www.spioraidnaoimh.com. Please note that this Retreat now takes place on the last Saturday of some months.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLOONEYHURKE

Social Dance: The next Dance will take place on 21st February. Music by Michelle Murphy.

Irish Speaking Sessions: Every Monday night commencing at 7pm. Adm: €2. Children free. All age groups welcome – Never too late to start. Help sheets available also.

Keep Fit: Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm with Eimear. Cost €8 each night.

Dancing Lessons: Thursdays 7.30-9pm with Noeleen. €10 each night.

Graduates: Don't Lose Your Seanad Vote

Irish citizens with degrees from designated 3rd level colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann. Thousands of previous voters are unaware that they have been removed from the register. To secure your vote, go to www.seanadvoter.ie before Feb. 26th. applications@seanadvoter.ie

5K CHARITY RUN / WALK

In aid of Bravehearts

St Michael's Athletic Club are holding their annual 5K Charity Run on Sunday 1st March in aid of Bravehearts. It takes place at the Boys National School. Juvenile 1K run starts at 10.30 am and 5K run at 11 am.

ALADDIN

Presented by Mountmellick Macra

Mountmellick Macra presents *Aladdin* at Macra Hall from Thurs. 19th to Sun. 22nd February. Show times: Thurs-Sat at 7.30pm, Sunday matinee at 3pm, evening show at 7pm. Tickets: €15 adults, €10 children, available from O'Gorman's Newsagents (cash only). Family rates on the door; card payment accepted on the night. All welcome!

TRÓCAIRE

TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

Storms could wash away their future!

Last year, Trócaire worked with over 40,000 people in at-risk communities across Rwanda, helping vulnerable families build resilience against climate change by: Supporting over 2,500 women to receive training in sustainable resource management / Providing over 20,000 families with fuel-efficient cook stoves to reduce firewood use / Planting over 320,000 trees across the country. Trocaire boxes are available this weekend at the Church Porch. Please take one and support those in great need.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION P.C.D.A.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the PCDA will take place on Thursday 19th February in the PCDA Office at St. Michael's NS, Kilmalogue (Girl's old school). AGM Commencing 7.30pm. All very welcome to attend this meeting.

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB – A.G.M.

Will be held at 7pm on Thursday 26th February. Check out website www.portarlingtontennisclub.ie

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

9.2.2016 – Week No. 7
Numbers 29, 2, 4, 21
€50 each to: Paddy Mulligan; David Cox; Mary & Marian; Maureen Grumbley; David & Anne Cox. Promoter prize Marian Bryan. Next week's Jackpot €5,800

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2008 – 9th Feb. 2026
Winning Numbers 7, 11, 19, 24 – Jackpot of €5,000 won by Helen Langford

€25 to each of the following:- Mick Lynsey c/o Deirdre; Angela Pigott c/o Bernie Gorman; Donna Booth c/o Bernie Gorman; Adam O'Connell c/o Ballybrittas Service Station; Aiden Conroy c/o Damien Behan. Next draw will take place on 16th February with a Jackpot of €2,000.

COURTWOOD GAA

Courtwood Combined Lotto – Support Your Club! This week's Lotto Jackpot is a massive €17,000! Every ticket helps grow our community. Tickets can be purchased from Ballybrittas Service, The Final Furlong & through Clubforce Apt.



Club Membership Now Open!

Membership can be completed through: Clubforce App / Register with Tom O'Connell / Treasurer Aileen Carroll / PJ Kelly. Buy your lotto ticket today, renew your membership, and support the future of Courtwood GAA! Together we grow.

POR. PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Upcoming events:

Fri. 20th Feb. Mid-term break – No class
Fri. 27th Feb. National Strawberry Day – Themed Crafts and Snacks 10.30am – 11.30am.

The group meet on Friday's from 10.30am – 11.30am in Portarlington Community Centre. For ages 0-5 years. New members welcome. A chance to connect with other parents while your little one enjoys some play time & activities.

Fees: Members €2 / Non members €4.

EPILEPSY IRELAND

In Ireland today over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thurs. 26th March 2026.