

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

15th MARCH 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year 'A'

Mothers Day

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 14th March 6.15pm

Paddy Smyth, Droughill (M.M.)
 Evan Power, Derrymore (M.M.)
 Noel McMahon, Shandra (M.M.) & his sons,
 Fergus & Shane McMahon; John Maher Snr.,
 Ballymorris (1st Anniv.) & his son Johnny Maher
 Jnr., Ballymorris & Australia (1st Anniv.); Niall
 Deere, Bishopswood (2nd Anniv.); Con & Joan
 Coughlan, Assumpta Tce; Patricia Neylon; John
 (Jacko) Roycroft & dec. members of the
 Roycroft Family, Bracklone St; Thomas Kennedy
 Snr., Gracefield; Donie McDermott & Maureen
 McDermott, Garryhinch; Dec. members of the
 Broughall, McCormack, Power & Delaney
 Families; Anne & Michael Healy, St. Patrick Tce.
 & their son, Michael Healy; Elizabeth Dunne
 (nee Slattery), Cushina (13th Anniv.); Tommy &
 Carmel O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq.

Sun. 15th March 12.15pm

Paddy Smyth, Droughill (M.M.)
 Tim & Annamaria Garry & dec. members
 of the Garry Family, Cloneyquinn; Nancy
 Delaney, Bracklone St; Sheila & Jimmy Mulhall,
 Bishopswood; Elizabeth Allen, Bishopswood;
 Patrick & Brigid Delaney, Spa St.; Lyla Murphy,
 Naas; Thomas, Kathleen & Oswald McGrath &
 dec. members of the McGrath Family,
 Closeland; John McEvoy, Trim; Patrick &
 Kathleen McEvoy; Sheila Prendergast

Sat. 21st March 6.15pm

Esther Fitzpatrick, Kilnahow (3rd Anniv.);
 Bernard (Gerry) Harvey, Patrick St. (2nd Anniv.);
 Sean Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (4th Anniv.)
 Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (10th Anniv.)
 Dinah Kelly, Derryvilla (6th Anniv.)

Sun. 22nd March 12.15pm

Patricia Bourke, Emo; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian
 Hill; Maura & Patrick Williams; Mary, Joseph &
 Terence Maguire; Peter & Kathleen Doyle
 Bill Storey, Garryhinch (12th Anniv.)
 Patricia Murray, Cushina; Stephen (Sonny)
 Byrne, Cloneyhurke

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 15th March 10.30am

Hugh O'Leary, Killenure (M.M.); Hugh & Annie
 O'Leary, Clonanny; Bridget & William Coleman,
 Closeland; Mary Whalley (nee Coleman); John
 Tynan, Springfield

Tues. 17th March 10.30am – St. Patrick's Day

John Davis Old Pound & deceased members of
 the Davis Family; Alan Donnelly, Killenard

Sun. 22nd March 10.30am

Lelia Carroll (5th Anniv.)

WEEKDAY ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 16th March 10am – Patricia Kennedy
 Lucan (B/Day Remembrance)

Mon. 16th March 6.15pm (Vigil) – Seamus
 (Jim) Gorry, St. Brigid's Sq. (21st Anniv.)

Tues. 17th March 12.15pm – Gerry Conway,
 Avondale; Kathleen Kelly, Seskin; Deceased
 members of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann;
 Sarah, William, Leonard & Brigid McEvoy,
 Gracefield; Patrick & Mary Brennan, Derryvilla
 & Crowe Lane; Thomas Carey, St. Brigid's
 Square; Tony Ryan, Lea Road

Wed. 18th March – Margaret Dunne & Fintan
 Dunne, Patrick St. Tommy & Fintan Dunne
 Jnr. / Martin Trait; Rose Lane; Paddy Dunne

Thurs. 19th March – Tom Mulhall (2nd Anniv.)
Fri. 20th March – Ned Dunne; Sean Moran,
 Droughill (100th B/Day Remembrance)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 14th March 7.30pm

Attracta Kelly, Ballybrittas; John Davis &
 deceased members of the Davis Family,
 Old Pound; Patrick Maher, Killimy;
 Tom Delaney, New Inn

Sun. 15th March 11am

Christina Walsh, Knightstown (9th Anniv.)
 & her daughter Julann

Sun. 22nd March 11am

Helen Whyte, Killimy (4th Anniv.);
 Charlotte Keller, St. Brigid's Square &
 deceased members of the Keller Family
 Elizabeth O'Connor, Coolaghy, (2nd Anniv)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 15th March 9am

Jack O'Connell (12th Anniv.) & May O'Connell,
 Rathangan; Kevin & Michael O'Dwyer;
 Mary Smyth

Tues. 17th March 9am – St. Patrick's Day

Mary Bradshaw, Jamestown

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO

DIED RECENTLY:-

John Oliver Wright, Droughill

Christopher (Christy) Deegan, Garryhinch

*Christina (Chrissie) Bennett (nee Coleman),
 Main Street, Portarlington*

Billy Crossan, Mountmellick & Kilkeeran

*Eddie Bailey, formerly Cappakeel who died in
 England recently (Member of the 1972 Emo
 Senior Football Team who won the County
 Final)*

Confirmation

This coming week the children from Scoil
 Naomh Eoin, Killenard will receive the
 Sacrament of Confirmation.

SCOIL NAOMH EOIN, KILLENARD

Service of Light, Reconciliation & Pledge
 Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm in St. John's
 Church, Killenard

Sacrament of Confirmation

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



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN
 FROM SACRED HEART N.S., RATH, ST.
 PAUL'S N.S., EMO AND CLONEYHURKE N.S.,
 PORTARLINGTON, WHO RECEIVED THE
 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DURING
 THE WEEK.**

TRÓCAIRE

Meet the Family from the Trócaire Box

As a single mother, with the weight of three
 generations of her family on her shoulders,
 Uwamohoro remains strong despite the many
 challenges she faces. "That is love", she says,
 "when things come, there is nothing else you can
 do. "For someone who has had a very difficult life,
 and continues to face very significant daily
 challenges, Verediana is quite positive and says
 that what she requires is very little.

MASSES – ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Portarlington:

Mon. 16th March 6.15pm Vigil for St. Patrick's Day
 Tues. 17th March 9am Mass / 12.15pm Comhaltas

Killenard: Tues. 17th March 10.30am

Emo: Tues. 17th March 11am.

Rath: Tues. 17th March 9am

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
 Community through the Sacrament of
 Baptism:-



*Aida Marie Walsh, Clondoolusk
 Lizzie Lil Cash, Derrymore
 Donnacha Joseph McGarr, Cushina*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday for Lent commencing 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton.

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday, St. Patrick's Day from 5pm concluding with the Rosary at 7pm. Also each Sunday of Lent from 5 – 7pm (concludes with the Rosary)

NIGHT VIGIL OF ADORATION

Mon. 16th March, starting after 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Mon., until Benediction at 8am on Tues. 17th March in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise.



Festivities commencing at 1.30pm in the Square, Portarlinton & finish around 6pm.

The activities include:- Family area with inflatables & carnival games; Music throughout the afternoon (this music will pause during the parade to allow the M.C. chat to the groups.

Art & photographs on display in the newly refurbished Market House. Face painting & stands in the Parochial Hall.

Coláiste Íosagáin's Junk Couture Group will display some of their fabulous creative work. Can all participants of the Parade start gathering from 2pm at Crowe Lane. The Parade will commence at 3pm from the Library & will travel down Main Street, where it will finish at the bottom of the Square before turning onto French Church Street. Any youths participating in the parade can be collected by parents at SuperValu & we ask all taking part to be aware of cars from this point & to use the path to get from the cross roads to the collection point. Music will then recommence & we welcome all the community to join us for the rest of the day. Anyone with a vehicle – Please be aware & keep the Main Street & Market Square clear of all vehicles for the day. If anyone would like to take part or has any queries please contact us at: stpatricksdaysportarlinton@gmail.com

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Budgeting Talk with M.A.B.S.

Learn skills & tips for getting your household budget in order. Booking essential.

Digital Support Drop In Sessions

LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30-2:30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device / digital queries.

Ciorcal Comhrá: Every Tuesday 11am.

New members always welcome.

Knitting Club: Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced.

Lego Free Play: Every Saturday 10am-1pm

Social Chess (Adults only): Wed. 6pm-7pm. Game of chess, cuppa & chat. New members always welcome

Puzzle Club: Thursday mornings

Portarlinton Junior Book Club: Meet last Wed. of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. Booking is essential

Baby Book Club: Baby Book Club meets on Wed. 10:30am - Booking essential.

Adult Book Club: Meet the last Tuesday of every month.

Booking of any of above & further info. 057 8643751 portarlintonlibrary@laoiscco.ie

BRIGIDINE PAST PUPILS REUNION

Keadeen Hotel, Newbridge Sun. April 12th at 1pm - €40. Contact Maeve Flanagan 087 656 9975.

COMMUNITY CEILI

Portarlinton CCE presents a Community Ceili on Tues. 17th March from 5-7pm in Portarlinton GAA Club. Caller - Maureen Culleton and live band. All levels welcome. Free raffle and refreshments. Tickets €10, OAP and Family Discount. Contact 087 295 2372 for details.

C.E. VACANCIES

Portarlinton CE Project

Environmental Expert (Amenity Areas) Ref. 2434846 / **Groundsperson** (Arlington Soccer Club) Ref. 2435241 / **Environmental Expert** (Derryounce Lakes & Trails) Ref. 2435763. Contact: Martina Smyth (Supervisor) Portarlinton CE Project CLG C/o Portarlinton Community Centre, Link Rd., Portarlinton R32 D797. 057 8643458.

EMO/RATH PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2026

20th – 24th July 2026 – (5 nights). Departing from Dublin Airport. Staying in the 4**** Hotel Roissy. €785 per person sharing. Further info. & booking contact Deirdre on 087 2299457 or Tony on 086 1225833.

PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 17th July until Fri. 24th July (7 nights full board). Flying from Dublin Airport. Buses included from Portarlinton. Cost €1195 per person sharing. Queries & booking contact Marie Corcoran on 087 7589896.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 21st March. Music by "The Wicklow Man". Adm: €10. Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served. Great night guaranteed.

Irish Speaking Sessions: No Irish Speaking class this Mon. (16th March). Class will continue from Mon. 23rd March - 7-8pm. Adm: €2. Children free. Tá fáilte romhaibh le gach duine.

Keep Fit: Wed. & Fri. 7-8pm with Eimear. €8 each night. **Dancing Lessons:** Thurs. 7.30-9pm with Noeleen. €10 each night.

THANK YOU

Church of the Sacred Heart Rath

On behalf of Rath-Ballybrittas Development Association & the Sacristan, we would like to say a massive thank you to all that turned out to help with the clean-up of the Church last weekend. From one of the oldest members of the community down to the youngster members it was a great team effort by all and greatly appreciated!

OVER 60s ACTIVATOR WELLNESS EVENT

With Lorna O'Regan – Free Event!

March 23rd from 9.30am – 1pm in the Market House, The Square, Portarlinton. Food & drink producer's market; Functional fitness & dancing; Producer profile & sampling; Singing & dancing to awaken the body; Food demos; Speakers & educating of the audience 'You are what you eat'; Dancing & chair yoga to finish. Free Event but registration essential!

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of Portarlinton Angling Club will take place on Thurs. 19th March 2026 in the Market House, the Square, Portarlinton from 7pm until 8pm. Existing members, permit holders and prospective members are very welcome to attend.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

9th March 2026 – Week No. 11

Numbers: 20, 02, 21, 01 No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Promoter prize €6,400. €50 to each of the following:- Anna Kirwan; Paul Walsh; Pat & Catherine Gorry; Adrian Dunne & to Josh Kelly. Promoter prize Mary Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot €6,600.

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

9th March 2026 – Week No. 2012

Numbers 9, 14, 18, 19 – Congratulations to Jackpot winner John Strong. €25 each to the following:- Colm Strong c/o Shauna; Colette Burke c/o Maeve; Jamie O'Connor c/o Deirdre; Hilary Lawlor c/o Hilary; John Dowling c/o Shauna No draw next Monday, 16th March. The next draw will take place on Mon. 23rd March with a Jackpot of €2,000

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS

Lotto Results: Numbers drawn 9th March: 01, 02, 07, 29. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winners: Pauline Dalton & Lisa Donohoe. Promoter: Vincent Hogan. Next Draw: Mon. 16th March with a Jackpot of €10,000. Thanks for your support.

Film Awards Night Information Evening

Join us for an information evening for Killenard Community Centre & O'Dempsey's joint fundraising initiative. It takes place on Tuesday, 24th March at 7pm in O'Dempsey's GFC. Talk to any Committee Member for details.

Annual Golf Scramble

5th Golf Scramble at the Heritage Golf Resort on Good Fri., 3rd April. Team Registration. link <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golf2026> Day will be followed by the Prize Giving & Social evening at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse.

PUB TABLE QUIZ

Venue: Anvil Inn on Friday 27th March at 8pm. €40 for a table of 4. €100 cash prize for the winning table. portarlintonmusicalsociety@gmail.com.

EASTER CAMP

7th – 10th April for boys and girls of primary age. 9.30am to 2pm at Scoil Phadraig, Portarlinton. Activities sport, baking, coding, arts & games. Further information email. Camp will cost €70 with sibling discounts available. EASTERCAMPPORT@gmail.com

COURTWOOD GAA

Combined lotto €17,800 – Get your ticket at Ballybrittas Service Station, the Final Furlong or on the Clubforce app.

Easter Egg Hunt & Cuppa Sun. 5th April 11am – 12 Noon. A small thank you to our wonderful community – Everyone welcome.

Club Membership now open

Be part of the heartbeat of Courtwood GAA **Laos GAA County Club Monster Draw tickets** On Sale now – Our key annual fundraiser – Your support matters. Purchase membership, Monster draw tickets & Lotto via Clubforce App/ Reg: Brian Nolan or Treasurers Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly.

FASHION DESIGN QQ1 LEVEL 5

5M3865 - L.O.E.T.B. PORTARLINGTON

Course content: Garment construction; pattern drafting; fashion industry & design studies; design skills; drawing; communications; start your own business & work experience. Commencing Sept. 2026. Instagram @LOETBPortarlinton F/Book Port. Further Education & Training Centre

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP – MARCH EVENTS

Fri. 20th March – Absolutely Incredible Kid Day – 10.30am – 11.30am

Fri. 27th March – Free Play & Crafts – 10.30am – 11.30am. All at Sandra's Studio, Community Centre, Portarlinton. Come along!