

# Parishes of Portarlinton & Emo



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## MASS TIMES

**St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton**  
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, Portarlinton**  
[www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton)



Portarlinton & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

## SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2025

## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN O.T.

## YEAR C

(Remembrance Sunday for Traffic Accident Victims)

### WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINTON

#### Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> November 6.15pm

Maura Leavy (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) & Jackie Leavy (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.), St. Brigid's Square; Noel & Aileen Hennessy, Bishopswood Road; Alice, Denis & Peter Walsh; Pat Leavy, St. Michael's Park (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Noel Clancy, Assumpta Tce. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Jean Clancy, St. Patrick's Tce. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Ellen Oakley, Paddy Oakley & Mag Oakley, St. Mary's Terrace; Peter (PJ) Dunne, Portlaoise Road; Bridget & John Lovern, Foxcroft St; Michael & Kathleen Dunne, Cushina & deceased members of the Dunne & Dillon Families; Tom & Nuala Doyle, Patrick St. Rosie Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq. (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Seamie Ryan, Droughill; Dayle Ryan, S/Africa

#### Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> November 12.15pm

Patsy Prior, Crowe Lane (M.M.); Annette Pigott, Kilmainham (M.M.); Joe Murphy, Deerpark & deceased members of the Murphy Family, Deerpark; Elizabeth Walsh, Cloneyhurke; Ann Kennelly (nee Moran), Dublin & Droughill; Rosemary Shanley (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Kevin Shanley, Patrick St. (43<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Rosie Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq. (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Gabriel Taaffe, Crowe Lane & deceased members of the 4 Taaffe Family

#### Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> November 6.15pm

Gerry Garvey, Kilbeggan (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Ann Downey, Droughill (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Robert Smart, Avondale & Drogheda; Daniel & Eileen Allman & their son John Joe Allman, St. Mary's Tce; Liam O'Connor, Patrick St. (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Gareth, Mary & Thomas Kelly, Seskin; Paddy McEvoy, Gracefield; Dec. members of the McEvoy Family; Kaelem Hainsworth

#### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> November 12.15pm

Betty, Con, John & Angela Keane, Station Rd; Jim Garry, Cloneyquinn (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of Gracefield G.A.A.  
Josephine Hoey, St. Patrick's Tce; James, Mary & Esther Kavanagh, Lough Cottage; Dec. members of the Kavanagh Family; Michael & Annie Boylan, Marian Hill; Dec. members of the Boylan Family; Josephine & Jody Slattery & dec. members of the Slattery & Dunne Family, St. Patrick's Tce.

### DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:

James (Jim) Cannon, Sandy Lane  
Br. James Theo Dunne, Dublin & Portarlinton  
Teresa (Tess) Coughlan (nee Garde), London & formerly Bracknagh

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am

Patrick Rogers, Ballymorris (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Michael Whelehan; Christina & John Whelehan; John Donnelly, Killenard; Sheila Donnelly; Angela Donnelly, Monasterevin

#### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> November 10.30am

Eddie McGouldrick, Killenard (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Bridget Finane, Killenard; Gemma O'Sullivan, Killenard (14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Jeremiah Culleton, Rathleash; Mary McHale; Thomas McHale Jnr., Killenard; Catherine Fennelly, Wolfhill; Elizabeth Whelan, Garryvacuum; Dec. members of the Fennelly & Whelan Families

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINTON

**Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Kevin & Doreen McGuire; John McGuire  
**Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Noel Egan, Kilbride; Anthony Egan  
**Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> Nov:** David Finn, Co. Limerick (29<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
**Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Nov:** ---  
**Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov:** Joe & Cissie Verso; Patrick Coffey, Killenard

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm

Thady Gorman, Woodbrook

#### Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm

Elizabeth Manas, Vienna (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Josephine Greene, Emo (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> November 9am

Richard Oldfield, USA; Dan & Pat Coffey, Naas; Deceased members of Courtwood GAA  
Tom Behan, Courtwood; John Fenlon, Ballyadden; Christopher Fenlon, Delvin; Paddy & Alice Dobbyn, Courtwood

#### Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> November 9am

Owen Boland, Ballintogher (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)



### The family of

**TONY TYNAN, Springfield, Killenard & USA**  
thank, most sincerely, everyone who sympathized with them during their recent bereavement. All those who called to the house, phoned, sent Mass Cards or attended the Mass, we thank you.

### ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

Remembering our departed relatives & friends.

#### *In November we Remember!*

Those who have died in the parish during the year, and their families, will be remembered at Mass on Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> November in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton & on Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> November in St. Paul's Church, Emo at 7.30pm.

A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory.



You are invited to place the names of your loved ones on our **Memorial Tree**.



A Bereavement Book is available in all the Churches, where you can write the names of family members who have died.



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

Tommy Lee Ryan, Ballymorris Green  
Páidí Joseph Horan, Cloneyhurke  
Sophia Grace Kehoe, Springfield

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY ON SCHOOL PATRONAGE

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland.

The survey can be accessed at  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>  
The survey closes on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.



### ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY

#### *Day of Remembrance for those who died on the roads...*

The World Day of Remembrance for road traffic victims is commemorated on the third Sunday of November each year. Today, we remember all who were so tragically killed or injured on our roads, their bereaved families and many others affected including the members of the emergency services.



### PRELIMINARY NOTICE - CHRISTMAS CHOIR

St. Michael's Church Choir - Practices are likely to take place on Wednesday's pm & Saturday's am. Watch this space! New voices always welcome.

### **CARE TO DRIVE – IRISH CANCER SOCIETY**

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most. Further information contact Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie).

### **FAMILY TIME AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**

Join us in Portarlinton Library for a **FESTIVE Family Puppet Show** to kick start the Christmas season. This **FREE** event promises fun for all the family! Booking essential  
**Digital Support Drop In Sessions:** An LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30 -12:30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring your device & any digital queries you may have.

**Ciorcal Comhrá:** Every Tuesday 11am. New members always welcome.

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

**Lego Free Play:** Saturday 10am-1pm

**Social Chess:** Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm  
**Portarlinton Junior Book Club:**

Last Wednesday of the month this club is suitable for 9-12 year olds. Booking essential.

**Baby Book Club:** Wednesday 10:30am (except for school holidays). Booking necessary

**Adult Book Club:** Last Tuesday of every month. To book or for more info call 057 8643751 or email [portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

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

#### **O'Dempsey's GFC Lotto Results**

10<sup>th</sup> Nov. No jackpot winner. No match 3 winner. Lucky dip winners: Lucy Whelehan, Geraldine Carroll (Bridge Club). Promoter: Ballybrittas Service Station. Next week's lotto takes place Mon. 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. with a Jackpot of €8,500. Thanks for your continued support.

**A.G.M. New Date for our AGM which will now take place on Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at the Clubhouse. All members encouraged and welcomed to attend. Motion and nomination forms are available now. Contact [secretary.odempseys.laois@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.odempseys.laois@gaa.ie) for further information.**

### **JOB VACANCY – FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

#### **OFFICER (School Retreats)**

Mount St. Anne's is looking for a dynamic & experienced person to join our team at this busy Centre. For detailed job description, please Email [ceo@mountstannes.com](mailto:ceo@mountstannes.com). For info. about the Centre - [www.mountstannes.com](http://www.mountstannes.com). Mount St. Anne's is an equal opportunities employer. Closing date Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

### **ANNE ANSEO**

#### **Upcoming Events**

**Full Moon Circle** – Taking place on Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm in Emo Community Centre.

**Vision Board Course** - Taking place on Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> January at 10am. Until 1pm in Emo Community Centre. If interested, contact Anne on [anne.lawlor26@gmail.com](mailto:anne.lawlor26@gmail.com) to book a space or find out additional information.

### **ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89**

**Social Dance:** Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. Music by Solitaire. Door open 9pm. €10. Refreshments served.

**Keep Fit:** On Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear. 7-8pm. €8 each night.

**Dancing Lessons:** Thursday nights with Noleen. 7.30 – 9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10.

**Senior Party:** Today, Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1.30pm.

### **CAN IRELAND – WEEK OF WITNESS FOR**

#### **PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

**16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2025**

220 million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution, while 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated. This week of Witness, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to support them with prayer.



**Red Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Today we are asked to pray for all those who are suffering for their faith in various parts of the world & to remember their strength & conviction & for the determination to be true to our Christian faith.

#### **SOLAS ECO GARDEN CENTRE**

**Vintage Market** – Today, Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 11am – 4pm. Discover unique retro treasures, vintage fashion, antiques and hand-crafted gems from a range of passionate traders.

#### **COLAISTE IOSAGAIN 25<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE**

##### **“Spoken Word / Reminiscing”**

Date now Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 from 7.30pm in Coláiste Íosagáin, Portarlinton. All welcome to attend.

#### **KILLENARD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

##### **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. commencing 11am (after Mass) our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Market. Browse local stalls or hand-crafted gifts & festive treats, enjoy arts & crafts, face painting, raffle prizes, coffee & meet Santa Claus himself! Fun for the whole family!

#### **BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK**

Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – **PHIL COULTER** is coming to town. Commencing 8pm. ‘Tranquillity by Candlelight.’ Check out website for booking: [mountmellickcommunityartscentre.ie](http://mountmellickcommunityartscentre.ie)  
**Film** showing next Wed. “Four Love Letters” commencing 8pm. €5 (includes tea & snacks).

#### **SMOKE ALARM INITIATIVE**

##### **Laois County Fire & Rescue Service**

The smoke alarm initiative aims to support older people in our community & help them live with independence & safety. If you are in this category or know someone that would benefit from a free smoke alarm, phone 057 8692168 or Email [lo@localink.ie](mailto:lo@localink.ie) or [fireadmin@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:fireadmin@laoiscoco.ie)  
Free Fire Safety in the Home booklet avail.

#### **PRAYER SERVICE**

Annual prayer service to remember deceased staff and members of Laois County Council will be held **Tues. next, 18<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2025** in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. Light refreshments served afterwards. All welcome.



#### **GRACEFIELD UNITED FUNDRAISING**

##### **RACE NIGHT**

Gracefield United are holding a Race Night on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> in Whelan's After Dark at 8pm. All support would be greatly appreciated.

##### **COMEDY BINGO**

Comedy Bingo with Steve Bennett Comedian on Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> November in the Parochial Hall, Market Square commencing 8pm. Doors open 7.30pm. Adults €10 / Children €5 (includes free bingo card). All welcome.

##### **POP STARS MUSICAL**

Students of Coláiste Íosagáin are set to present this year's Musical “POP STARS” – The 90's Musical will run from Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. to Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Tickets available priced at €15 from school reception or message Instagram [@colaisteiosagainport](https://www.instagram.com/colaisteiosagainport)

### **GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO**

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Week No. 46**

Numbers 27, 9, 5, 7 – No jackpot winner..  
€50 to each of the following:-  
Audrey Nolan; Owen Garry; Marian Dowling; Trish Fleming; Edward Geoghegan.  
Promoter prize James Brady.  
Next week's Jackpot €3,400



#### **EMO – RATH PARISH**

10/11/2025 – No. 1999

Numbers 1, 9, 18, 24

No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:  
Rosaleen Kirwan c/o D. Lawlor; Ber Wheeler c/o B. Wheeler; Colin Delaney c/o B. Gorman; David Gorman c/o B. Gorman; Tony Byrne c/o D. Lawlor. Next draw takes place 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. with a Jackpot of €3,400.



### **PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP NOVEMBER EVENTS**



**Fri. 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Phonics with Robot Reg**

**Fri. 21<sup>st</sup> Nov. Zumbini**

**Fri. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. Teddy Bear Picnic.**

From 10.30am until 11.30am each morning.  
Venue: Portarlinton Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). Members €2 one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 / child.

Instagram [@parenttoddlergroupport](https://www.instagram.com/parenttoddlergroupport)

#### **TOY SWAP**



#### **Portarlinton Parent & Toddler Group**

Get ready to spread some cheer this festive season by taking part in our Toy Swap Event – A fun, sustainable way to refresh your little one's toy box, while helping others do the same. Donate or swap second-hand toys that are in good condition. Drop off toys ahead of time or bring along on the evening. Message us on our social media page to organise drop off. For each donation, you'll receive tokens to use at the swap. If you want to join in but don't have toys to swap – no problem. You can make a €4 donation at the door and receive 4 tokens to use.

**27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 7.15pm – 8.45pm at Sandra's Studio, Community Centre, Portarlinton.**

#### **PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS TREE**

Portarlinton Christmas Tree Committee are fundraising again this year. These funds will cover the cost of insurance, electricity, new bulbs and maintenance. We need your help. You can donate on [gofundme.com Portarlinton Christmas tree](https://www.gofundme.com/PortarlintonChristmasTree) / Facebook. You can also donate in Brian Whelan's Electrical Shop.

#### **CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Come join us for some festive cheer & lovely Christmas Carols in Portarlinton Community Centre on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Proceeds in aid of Portarlingtons' Women's Shed.

#### **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

##### **Hosted by Portarlinton Concert Band**

Takes place 29<sup>th</sup> November from 12 Noon to 5pm in St. Michael's NS, Patrick Street (Girls Old School). This is also an opportunity to join our band. Come along and try out all our instruments and view live performance of the Band throughout the day. To join the market or enquire about the band phone 083 0452810.

#### **ARLINGTON WINTER ACADEMY**

For Girls & Boys born in 2018 & 2019. Starting Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2025. 6pm to 7pm At Portarlinton Community Centre. €50 for the 8 week Programme. To sign up contact Phil by WhatsApp 0868100657.