



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 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

SUN. 17th AUGUST 2025

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

Our Lady of Knock

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 16th August 6.15pm

Michelle Haughton, Cushina (M.M.)
Bernard Downey Jnr., Droughill (3rd Anniv.)
Dec. members of the Wrenn Family, Cushina
Deirdre Nolan, Bracklone Street

Sun. 17th August 12.15pm

Patrick O'Meara & Donal O'Meara, Annamoe
Michael Dempsey, Barrowbank (8th Anniv.)

Sat. 23rd August 6.15pm

Noel Kelly, Derryvilla (4th Anniv.)
Elizabeth (Lily) Murphy, St. Michael's Park (4th Anniv.)
Ronan Yarrow, Ballymorris (6th Anniv.)
Janie Costello, St. Brigid's Sq. (10th Anniv.)
Michael & Sarah Chambers, Ballymorris
Bridie & Patsy Lawlor, Marian Hill
Ger Donagher, Droughill; Lill Bourke, Limerick
Neddy Ryan, Marian Hill (100th B/Day Rem.)

Sun. 24th August 12.15pm

Sean O'Reilly, Pine Villa (1st Anniv.)
Seamus McCusker, Shandra

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 17th August 10.30am

Teddy Goode
Sheila O'Mahony, St. Brigid's Sq. (10th Anniv.) &
her husband Liam O'Mahony

Sun. 24th August 10.30am

Annie Culleton, Rathleash

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK



Mary Harrington (nee Keating), who died in
Vancouver last week (formerly from Emo)

Tom Deegan, Mountmellick

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CEMETERY MASS



Ballyadden Cemetery
Thursday 21st August at 7.30pm

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 18th Aug. Faun & Stephen Hughes,
Ballintogher

Thurs. 21st Aug. Michael Moore,
St. Michael's Park

Fri. 22nd Aug. Amy Dudley

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 16th August 7.30pm (Cemetery Mass)

Mary Harrington (nee Keating), Vacouver
& formerly Emo
Julia (Dillie) Keegan, Morette
Patrick & Anne Behan, Morette
Patrick Burke, Ballybrittas (18th Anniv.)

Sun. 17th August 11am

Sun. 24th August 11am

Paddy & Ann Moore; Matthew Moore; Ellen
Moore; Suzanne Moore, Coolbanagher

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 17th August 9am

BAPTISMS

**We welcome into our Christian Community
through Baptism**

Noah Giles Boland, Rathmiles

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK

The Feast of Our Lady of Knock on August 17th celebrates the Marian apparition at Knock, Ireland, which occurred on August 21, 1879. The event underscores the intimate relationship between Mary and the Eucharist, highlighting her role in Christ's sacrifice and her guidance in Eucharistic devotion.



AUTUMN MONTHS PRAYER

Lord, remind us that it is you who give us the
breath of life. May the harvest from the fields
remind us of the abundance we have been
given and bounty we are to share with others.
May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of
your great promise that death is temporary and
life is eternal.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues. 19th Aug. St. John Eudes

Wed. 20th Aug. St. Bernard

Thurs. 21st Aug. St. Pius X

Fri. 22nd Aug. The Queenship of the Blessed
Virgin Mary

Sat. 23rd Aug. St. Rose of Lima; St. Eugen

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2025

Do you have an article of interest, historic, sport,
etc? Do you have some old photographs you
could share? You can submit articles /
Stories / photographs for inclusion in this year's
edition of the Emigrant Newsletter to
portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Drop into
the Parish Office or post to Parochial House,
Patrick Street, Portarlington, Co. Laois.
*All photographs will be scanned & returned
straight away*

PRAYER FOR STUDENTS AWAITING EXAM RESULTS



*Father God, may your presence be felt
as young people receive
exam results during
the coming week.
May they know their worth
and value is not based on
academic achievements,
but on your great love for us.
Help them to trust in your goodness,
Fix their eyes firmly on you
and guide their steps
along the path before them. AMEN*

SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCES

Resources for this year can be
viewed and downloaded on
<https://www.catholicshops.ie/features-archive/season-of-creation/>
The Season of Creation is celebrated throughout
the Christian world from 1st September to 4th
October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them for a day of prayer and adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Bishop Denis, Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill and guests will lead the day.

Concelebrated Mass at 3pm. Confessions available. Venue: Mount St. Annes, Killenard.

Saturday 30th August 9.30am – 4pm.

Refreshments & Lunch €20. Booking essential. Text or call Barbara on 086 1637311 (Stating name & numbers).

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2025

To mark National Heritage Week Portarlinton Library will host a talk on Portarlinton's architectural heritage by Martin Dalton. Martin is a conservation architect with the OPW. Liam Murphy will also deliver his concluding talk on the restoration of the old restaurant building at the railway station.

Venue: Portarlinton Library, Main Street.

Date: Thursday 21st August. Time: 7.00pm sharp. Admission free.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Teddy Bear's Picnic: Call into the Library Wed. 20th Aug. at 3pm ... Bring your furry friend for story-time & craft. Ages 0-6yrs. Places limited / booking essential.

Summer Crafts Session: Family Craft Table on Thurs. 21st August from 11am to 1pm, while stocks last. No booking req.

Heritage Talk for National Heritage Week

Thursday 21st August at 7pm – Talk on Portarlinton's architectural heritage. Booking essential.

Interactive History Show -Ancient to Modern weapons. Suitable for 8-13yrs. Booking Essential. Call 057 8643751 or email portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

Lego Free play: Saturday 10:30-12:30.

Knitting Circle: Friday 10:30-12:30. New members always welcome

Puzzle Club: Tuesday 10am. Pop in and help complete our current jigsaw

Social Chess Club: Wednesday 6pm.

Drop in for chess, chats and a cuppa

All bookings through the following:
portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
or call 057 86 43751

CONCERN

This year has been particularly bleak at times for aid agencies, with the impact of Aid Budget Cuts and the challenges faced in conflict areas such as Gaza. Finding the way to help those who are in most need of help is determined by getting the funding. Concern Church Gate collection will take place at all Masses in Portarlinton & Killenard next weekend. Your Support & Generosity will be much appreciated.

You can also contribute through
www.concern.net or phone 0818 410 510

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Dance Workshop with Ruth. €12 per class or €40 for all 4 classes - Pre booking is essential
Dates: September 10th, 17th, 24th & 1st October.
7-8pm in Parochial Hall, Portarlinton.

Music Bingo 3rd October at 8pm in The Anvil Inn. All welcome.

We are now also taking **sponsorship for our upcoming Play** from any local businesses or individuals. In return we will advertise in our programme, on social media and also our website. To get in touch please contact portarlintonmusicalsociety@gmail.com

HEARING AID FOUND

Found in Portarlinton – A left ear hearing aid in the Hidden Hearing model.
Contact the Parish Office (057 8643004).

DAY OF PRAYER FOR GAZA

At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth, Pope Leo XIV said "*We must cry out for peace in the world*" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "*We want peace in the world!*" Bishop Denis is asking that Sun. 24th August be a day of prayer & reflection for Gaza. As individuals maybe we can make some small personal penance and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people."



ART COMPETITION

The NBSCCCI (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 & is open to everyone who is under 18 years of age. The competition opens 1st Sept. 2025 & closes 30th Sept. 2025. 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>

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

SILVER JUBILEE YEARBOOK 2000-2025



400+ full-colour pages of photos and memories charting the past twenty-five years of the school community. Available from Thurs. next. 21st August from the school and local shops for €25.

EVENT NO. 1

Reeling in the Years

Wed. next, 20th August at 11am in the Heritage, Killenard for *all Staff of school.*

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY



Portarlinton Lions Club are holding a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY on Sun. 24th August at Foxcroft Street R32 P786, Portarlinton from 2pm to 5pm. Bouncy Castles / Games / Sensory Tent / Children's Races for all age groups / Tug of War / Music / Dancing and lots more. Hope to see you all there.

There are plenty of areas available if you wish to bring a picnic.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

2025

Pilgrimage will depart Dublin to Dubrovnik Thurs. 9th Oct. at 7.30am. Return via Dubrovnik on 16th Oct. to arrive in Dublin at 3.30pm. Cost €855 PPS. Single Supplement + €170. Travel insurance optional extra €35. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Ph: Michael 086 815 7305.

GRINDS

Vis Maths Grinds: Online maths grinds for leaving cert higher/ordinary students - €25 per lesson. First lesson FREE. Online group sessions with a limit of 5 students per group. 1-1 sessions are available. Places limited – Booking essential. Contact vismathsgrinds@gmail.com or WhatsApp on 089 254 9444 to reserve a place.

Chemistry & Biology: Grinds available online. Chemistry, Biology & Junior Cert Science. Cost €25. Contact 083 4810588.

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. 20th Sept. 2025. Cathedral of the Assumption & Carlow College. Hosted by Kildare & Leighlin Commission for Liturgical Formation. Further details later.

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC LOTTO RESULTS

11th Aug. - Numbers Drawn: 9, 12, 15, 24.

No Jackpot winner. 1 Match 3 winner: Eoghan O'Hora (Seller: Club). Promoter: Vincent Hogan. Next Draw: Mon. 18th Aug. Jackpot €7,200.

Thanks for your support.

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO

CROAGH PATRICK

Please note the Youth Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick scheduled for the 23rd August 2025 has been postponed. Further details later.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Social Dance

The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 23rd August. Dancing to Glen Flynn. Doors open 9pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served.

Keep Fit

Wednesday nights with Eimear
From 7-8pm. €5 per session

Dancing Lessons

With Noeleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm.
All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

Monster Auction

A Monster Auction will take place on 7th Sept. Details to follow next week.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

LOTTO

11th August 2025 – Week No.33

Numbers 12, 1, 20, 17– No Jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-

Paul Bracken; Rob Kennedy; Siobhan Egan; PJ Kavanagh; Damien Finlay. Promoter prize:

Damien Finlay.

Next week's Jackpot is €5,200.



EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 19877

Numbers 4, 5, 15, 24 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Mick Lawlor C/o B. Gorman; Des Christie C/o Maeve; Bernie Gorman C/o B. Gorman; A.H. Fitzpatrick C/o D. Lawlor; Mary Broderick C/o Parish Office. Next draw takes place 18th August with a Jackpot of €5,200

SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY

Boys & Girls. August 18th – 20th.

Junior 10pm-1pm (Born 2013 to 2017). Senior Ballers 1.30pm – 4.30pm (Born before 2013).

€70 per player. Camp T shirt included. Sibling discount €50. Coaches Jordan Fallon & Rioghan Murphy. Further info. contact Josie on 087 4026970. Venue: Colaiste Íosagáin

ARLINGTON AFC

Soccer Club 2008, 2007 and 2006. Training has commenced for U.20's. If you are new to the area or want to return to football after a break you are welcome to join in. Contact Niall (Coach) on 087 6154718 for further information.

CAR BOOT SALE

Sun. 31st August. Traders arrive 8.30am. Public entry 10am - €2 / Children go free. Second hand clothes, books, toys, home-ware, vintage items & lots more. You can book a pitch to sell your own items. Contact: www.thegardenshop.ie/solas-car-boot-sale.