



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

17th MAY 2026

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 16th May 6.15pm

Helen Melia, Treascon (1st Anniv.); Pat McCann, St. Brigid's Sq; Bernie O'Leary, Clonanny; Marcella Dix, Gracefield; Catherine (85th Anniv.) & Patrick McNamara (70th Anniv.); Martin Dunne, Cloneyhurke; Una & Patrick Mitchell & dec. members of the Dillon Family

Sun. 17th May 12.15pm

Marija Urbasiene, The Oaks, Kilnacourt
Una & Patrick Mitchell & deceased members of the Dillon Family

Sat. 23rd May 6.15pm

Niall Nolan, Rathleash (4th Anniv.)
Bridie & Christopher Cooper, Ullard; Deceased members of the Cooper Family; Mary & Luke Delaney; Deceased members of the Delaney Family, Passlands; Paddy Dowling, St. Joseph's Tce. (7th Anniv.)

Sun. 24th May 12.15pm

Liam Mooney, St. Michael's Park (M.M.)
Brendan Michael Hartnett, Annamoe (1st Anniv.); Tony O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (7th Anniv.); Padraig Douglas, Bishopswood; Paddy Flanagan, Glasshouse; Benny, Margaret & Jane Weldon; Margaret Cleary (nee Weldon); Mel Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Hugh Emerson (22nd Anniv.); Grainne Emerson (43rd Anniv.), Bishopswood; James & Kathleen Walsh

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 24th May 10.30am

Caleb Powell, Ballybrittas (3rd Anniv.)
Sr. Cora McHale, Killenard; Garrett Knight; Annie Knight; James Phillips, Seskin; Julie Slevin, Garryvacuum

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Bishop Denis Nulty invites you to join with him & parishioners from across the diocese at the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock on Sun. 7th June. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm in the Basilica.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM



Nathan Travis Cash, Railway Mews
Daniel Robert Daly, Rathleash
Róisín Clóighi Quirke, Millbrook Manor
Seán Patrick Travers, Ballybrittas
Alice Maura Argueta, St. Joseph's Terrace
Evie Danielle Quinn, Geashill

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary.

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

Wed. 20th May Joseph & Mary O'Reilly, Cushina

Thurs. 21st May William Brennan, Shillelagh & formerly St. Michael's Pk. (MM)

Fri. 22nd May Madeline Murphy, St. Patrick's Terrace (1st Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 16th May 7.30pm

Johnny Keegan, Morette & dec. members of the Keegan Family; Norah (Peg) McGuirk, Knightstown (10th Anniv.); Michael Kelly, Emo; Francis Langford, Morette (7th Anniv.); Noel James Moore, Emo

Sun. 17th May 11am

Eileen Kirwan, Killimy (7th Anniv.)
Michael Dooley; Kieran Dooley, Morette

Sat. 23rd May 7.30pm

James & Mary Mortimer, Cappakeel

Sun. 24th May 11am

Mary (May) Dooley, Ballycullane (M.M.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 17th May 9am

Michael & Brigid McEvoy, Courtwood; Johnny Murphy, Courtwood; Cora O'Dwyer, Newbridge (B/Day Rem.); Annie O'Dwyer, Dunlavin; Dec. members of the O'Dwyer & Kirwan Families

WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY:-

Kathleen Cullen (nee Hartigan), Cappakeel, Emo & formerly Cork & Dublin.

Nan Moore (nee Slattery), Monasterevin & formerly St. Patrick's Tce., Portarlington.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

REFLECTION

We are born in exile and die there too. As soon as we set sail on the great voyage of life, we begin our return.

We spend our lives dreaming of a homeland we have never seen, like homing birds that are released in a strange country, and know no rest until they return home. So it is with us. When we die, we do not so much go to God as return to him.

You have made us for yourself, O' Lord, and our hearts will never rest until they rest in you. **Amen**

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed every day for the month of May

St. Johns Church, Killenard - Time 4pm.

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Rosary every evening at 7pm



Congratulations to the children from **Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard** who received their 1st Holy Communion this weekend.

The children from Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 23rd May at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

PRAYER FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN



This weekend, as our young ones approach the altar for the first time, we surround them with love, joy and heartfelt prayers. May the peace of Jesus fill their hearts, the light of His love guide their steps, and the joy of His presence remain with them always. Amen.

CEMETERY MASS 2026

Killenard – Fri. 3rd July – 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 10th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

A collection for retired Priests will take place next weekend, 23rd / 24th May. Envelope available in your Development Boxes or at the Church Porch.

TAKE MY HAND O'BLESSED MOTHER

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother, hold me firmly lest I fall, I am nervous when I am walking, and to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing, watch me when I'm on the stairs, let me know you are beside me, listen to my fervent prayer.

Bring me to my destination, with you safely – every day, help me with each undertaking as the hours they pass away.

And when evening falls upon me, and I fear to be alone, take my hand, O Blessed Mother and gently lead me home.



EMO – RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Mon. 11th May – Week No. 2018. Numbers 1, 2, 8, 13 – No Jackpot winner. €25 each to the following: Karl Brogan c/o Deirdre; Liz Flynn c/o Maeve; Pat Owen c/o Shauna; Eabhan Joyce c/o Bernie; Mark Hand c/o Shauna. Next draw takes place on 18th May - **Jackpot of €3,200.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - GOLF CLASSIC

Portarlington Golf Club Thurs. 28th May from 12 noon. 4 person Scramble Team €100; Handicap is capped at:- Men's 28 / Ladies 36 / Non GUI 18. Time sheet is now open for entries.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Lotto Results: 11th May – 2, 4, 20, 28. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Lucky Dip Winners: Paddy Behan & Colm Purcell. Promoter: Dick Whelehan. Next Draw: Mon. 18th May with a Jackpot of €10,900 Thanks for your support.

Hyrox @ O'Dempsey's: Join us at O'Dempsey's on Sun. 21st June for our Hyrox Simulation Event. Represent your club or gym for the ultimate bragging rights! Register at: https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/K26_Hyrox_2026_Entry_form This is a K26 fundraiser event for Killenard Community Centre & O'Dempsey's GFC. Places limited.

BALLYBRITTAS TIDY TOWNS

Litter Pick & Clean Up Dates

Sat. 23rd May at 10am / Sat. 20th June at 10am & Sat. 18th July at 10am

Meet Outside the Band Hall. Help Keep Our Community Clean! **All Volunteers Welcome!** Gloves, Bags and Pickers Provided.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB PRESENT

FAMILY NATURE TRAIL WALK

Sun. 31st May in Derryounce. Reg. At 10.30am. Maps & trails provided. Fun for all the family. Explore nature with bugs, birds, trees, binoculars & magnifying glasses.

MI WAIDI F.A.I. CAMP

This camp will take place at Arlington AFC from 3rd to the 7th August (10am – 1pm). It is for girls and boys aged 6 to 14 years. Cost €83 for 1 child & 73 for the second child. Jersey & football for each child. Book via faifootballcamps.ie

C.E. VACANCIES

Environmental Expert – Amenity Areas - Ref. 2440777 / Grounds person / caretaker – Arlington Soccer Club - Ref. 2441387 / Environmental Expert – Derryounce Lakes & Trails - Ref. 2442030 / Grounds person/Caretaker – Gracefield GAA Ref. 2441391. Contact Martina 057 8643458 / martinasmyth@portarlingtonce.ie

UPCOMING MARKET DAYS

Upcoming events at SOLAS Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road. All events open to the public – Great atmosphere ensured.

Car Boot Sale: Sun. 31st May 10am – 2pm

Craft Market: Sun. 7th June 11am – 4pm

NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK 2026

National Epilepsy week takes place from 18th May until 25th May 2026. For further info. visit: www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek

IGNITE IRELAND CONFERENCE

Embers into Flames

Sat. 23rd May at Dublin Convention Centre from 9am to 7pm with Scott Hahn. Other speakers Michelle Ward; Fr. Conor McDonough OP; Maura Murphy & Fr. Patrick Cahill. Further info. & booking www.dominicans.ie Group bookings phone 01 1048187 - 10am-2pm

ART CLASSES

Painting class, relax, unwind & get creative. Portarlington Community Centre Sat. 23rd May 10am – 12 Noon. Book via Eventbrite.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS

An Invitation to all Parishioners for the coming weeks.

'Sunday has always been the day of the Lord: the day of resurrection, the day of rest, the day of Eucharist. From the very beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church & remains the heart of Christian practice. It is on this day that we gather as a community, united in our love for Christ, to encounter the risen Lord & be nourished in body & soul. The Mass is not just a ritual; it is the source & summit of our faith. It is where we encounter Christ in His living presence, & it is through the Eucharist that we are strengthened to live as true disciples. Attending Mass on Sundays, or its vigil on Saturday evening, is not just an obligation; it is a profound privilege & a chance to experience God's love in a deeply personal way. As we come to this sacred celebration let us do so with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of Christ's presence among us.'

PRAYER FOR LIFE NOVENA

The *Pray for Life Novena* is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Sat. 23rd May to Sun. 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection & suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena & prayforlifenovena.com on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

The next **Social Dance** will take place on **Sat. 16th May with Pat Daly.** Time 9.30-12
Irish Speaking Sessions: On Mondays at 8.30pm - €2 each night.
Keep Fit: Wednesday's and Friday's from 7-8pm with Emer. €8 each night.
Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Neeleen from 7.30pm-9pm. €10 each night.

CHILDLINE BREAKFAST

In aid of Childline by ISPC

We are inviting schools, crèches, clubs & community groups to host a Childline Breakfast. 20-30% of children & teenagers regularly skip breakfast. Sign up for a Childline Breakfast today, see here: [Childline Breakfast 2026](http://ChildlineBreakfast2026.com/)
Find out more: <http://childlinebreakfast.com/>

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Runs from 1st June 2026 – 31st May 2027. Membership covers the cost of insurance & allows you to take part in any events we have planned throughout the year. Adult €30 / Student €20. Check out our Facebook page.

BALLET CLASSES

In Killenard Community Centre

5.15pm Primary (4-7 year old) / 6pm (Grade 1 (8 – 10 year old). For further details Ph: 089 4672966
www.laoidanceacademy.com

FOROIGE - NEW VOLUNTEER-LED YOUTH

CLUB IN PORTARLINGTON

Would you be interested in Volunteering?
www.foroige.ie/join-us Aileen 086 0144828
aileen.costello@foroige
Full training & Garda vetting provided.

CARER REQUIRED

Kind, reliable, experienced Carer required to support & assist an elderly person. For further information contact 087 1335673.

CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB



Date: Wednesday 8th July 2026

Local group will climb Croagh Patrick in aid of **Portarlington Meals on Wheels.** Bus leaves Burbages, Main Street at 6.15am on the morning.

If you would like to join us for the climb or for sponsorship, please contact Pat Burbage on 087-7716244.

FR. LIAM LAWTON CONCERT

Sun. 24th May in St. Mary's Church, Edenderry. Tickets available via Facebook, Instagram, the Parish website (**Celebration of Liam Lawton Music Concert Tickets**).

Tickets also from Parish Centre, Edenderry.

BEALTAINÉ AT PORTARLINGTON

LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoco.ie or give your name at the library desk.



Healthy Eating for Hectic Lifestyles:

Join Dietician, Ellen from Inside Nutrition. Wed. 20th May 6.30pm. Please book.

How to Stay Safe Online - With Therese from LOETB – Informative talk. Thurs. 21st May 11am. Booking essential.

Beginners Lino Print Workshop - Thurs. 28th May 11am - Booking essential. Spend a creative morning with artist Caroline Keane – Learn the techniques necessary.

Sage Advocacy is the National Advocacy Service for Older People - Talk on what services Sage Advocacy provide along with information on planning ahead & how Sage can assist older people. Fri. 28th May 2.30pm – Booking essential.
Digital Support Drop in Sessions – Drop in with your digital queries – Friday's 10.30am-12.30pm. Last session May 15th.

Regular activities at Portarlington Library

Adult Book Club / Knitting Group / Ciorcal Comhrá / Puzzle Club / Chess Club / Jigsaw Club / Legó / Baby Book Club / Junior Book Club

ALONE (Supporting the elderly)

If you or someone you know needs support, please call 0818 222 024. **ALONE Needs You – Volunteers Wanted.** We are looking for volunteers in your area to support older people in your community.

"LIVING WELL"

A Programme for Adults with long-term Health Conditions.

Are you, or is someone you know, living with a long-term health condition? If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'.

Living Well is a FREE, Online 7 week self-management group programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke & other to name but a few. There are spaces available for the Online Programme due to start in early June. To book your place contact Aine on 041 6850676 / 087 1140371 or Elaine on 041 6860710 / 087 4308735. Closing date for registration is Friday 5th June. www.hse.ie/LivingWell

COURTWOOD G.A.A.

Combined Lotto Jackpot €19,600!

Purchase Membership, & Lotto via: Ballybrittas Service Station, The Final Furlong or Clubforce App. QR Code. Registrar Brian Nolan
Treasurers Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly