

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.



18th January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY IN O.T.

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 17th January 6.15pm

Tom Dunne, Main Street (3rd Anniv.); Michael (Mick) Murphy, Annamoe (10th Anniv.); Josephine (Josie) Lynch, Ballymorris; Julia & Matt Colgan, Annamoe; John & Kathleen Wright; Leonard Wright, Droughill; Elizabeth Dempsey (nee Knight), Monasterevin & St. Mary's Terrace (10th Anniv.); Maurice & Rachel Kelly, St. Michael's Park; Joseph Murphy, Gracefield (30th Anniv.); Bernadette (Berlo) Greene (B/Day Remembrance)

Sun. 18th January 12.15pm

Ann Hennessy, NaCluaine (2nd Anniv.); Michael Dunne, Cushina (3rd Anniv.); James & Kathleen Walsh; Reg & Leah Youster; Patrick Bradshaw Jnr. & dec. members of the Bradshaw Family, Lea; Pauline Hooks, Patrick Street; Brian Conroy, Avondale (25th Anniv.); Joseph & Ellen Bracken & sons J.J. & Milo, & sons-in-law, Joe Dunne & Charlie Dunne; Mary O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq; Brian (Bruno) Higgins, Main Street; Lill & John Tinkler, Station Road

Sat. 24th January 6.15pm

Danny Gallagher, Treascon (M.M.); Kathleen Knight, Assumpta Tce. & LaBergerie (1st Anniv.); Ann Earley, Cushina Rd. (2nd Anniv.); Michael Webster, French Church St. (13th Anniv.); Edward (Stan) Kennedy, Gracefield; John Mitchell, NaCluainte (15th Anniv.); Johnnie & Mai Lalor, Cloneyhurke; Nuala Harris, Seskin, Ann Ryan, Ballymorris

Sun. 25th January 12.15pm

Thomas (Tommy) Garry, Patrick St. (M.M.) Edward (Ned) Carey, Lea (4th Anniv.) & his son, Brendan Carey (6th Anniv.); Seamus Dowling, Station Court (11th Anniv.)

WEEKDAY ANNIV. - PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 19th Jan. – Betty Spain

Tues. 20th Jan. Michael Gordon, Monasterevin Dinny Lyons, Derrymore (3rd Anniv.)

Wed. 21st Jan. – Anthony (Bo) Reddin, Portlaoise / Peter Dempsey

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENDAR

Sun. 18th January 10.30am

Catherine McGill, Ballycarroll
Patsy McGurrell, Garryvacum (26th Anniv.)
Margaret O'Sullivan, Cork

Sun. 25th January 10.30am

Paddy Clarke, Tierhogar (1st Anniv.); Mary (Ita) Hyland, Lea Road, Kilmullen (1st Anniv.) & her son, Patrick (Darby) Hyland, Garryvacum; JJ Bannon, Lea

ANNIVERSARIES

EMO

Sat. 17th January 7.30pm

William Dunne, Morette

Sun. 18th January 11am

Danny Brophy, Killeen (20th Anniv.)

Sat. 24th January 7.30pm

William (Billy) Lynch, Killeen, (5th Anniv)

Sun. 25th January 11am

ANNIVERSARIES

RATH

Sun. 18th January 9am

Teresa O'Connell, Courtwood; Edward Boland, Jamestown (11th Anniv.); Mary Duffy, Ballyadden; Moira Donoher, Ballyadden; Lar Nolan, Courtwood; Joe Flanagan, Dunmaise; P. Corcoran, Courtwood (4th Anniv.); John & Josephine Corcoran, Courtwood; Millie Redmond, Sallyfort

Sun. 25th January 9am

Andrew & Breda Heffernan; Tom & John Murphy; Jack Behan, Rath

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:

Sr. Carmela (Ben) Fitzpatrick, Presentation Sisters, Mountmellick

Lar Cribben, Leixlip & formerly Portarlington

Eamonn O'Connell, Straboe & formerly Cappakeel

Breda Redmond (nee Carroll), Crumlin, Dublin formerly St. Michael's Park (Sister of Carmel O'Neill, Bog Road)



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place from 18th Jan. until 25th January.

Theme: "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope" (Ephesians 4:4)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

This weekend we welcome the children who will receive their

First Holy Communion

in May & June of 2026, to our Masses in the Parish.



18th – 24th January 2026.

Normal lives, called to Holiness

Catholic Schools Week 2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by Pope Francis's reflection on Saint Carlo Acutis, recently canonised as the first millennial saint—this year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, (and grandparent!) living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ.

<https://catholiceducation.ie/catholic-schools-week-2026-catholic-schools-normal-lives-called-to-holiness/>

COMMUNION CALLS

JANUARY 2026

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:-

Tuesday 20th January

Derrymore; Crowe Lane; St Brigid's Sq; Lea; Portlaoise Road; Kilbride; Deepark; Corrig; Clannalire; Tierhogar

Wednesday 21st January

Ashgrove; Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Ballintogher; Ballycullane; Tinnakill; Killimy; Emo; Coolbanagher

Thursday 22nd January

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace; Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road; Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue; French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court; Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Sli na Móna; Cushina

EMO PARISH ENVELOPES



The envelope boxes are available at the Church Porch in Emo and Rath. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks to all who contribute.

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS

Lotto Results 12th Jan. Numbers 7,12,21,23 No jackpot winner. Five match 3 winners: Orlaith Melia, Niall McCormack, Tom Coleman, Noel, Natalia, Ruby & Ben Whelehan, Cormac O'Hora. Promoter: Ballybrittas Service Station. Next Draw is Mon. 19th Jan. with a **Jackpot of €9,200**. Tickets available from our usual sellers and online on our O'Dempsey's club app. Thanks for your support with this club fundraiser.

Players and Club Volunteers for 2026

Preparations are underway at the Old Pound for the 2026 season! If you are interested in playing with O'Dempsey's (U5's up to Adult teams), or getting involved as a mentor or on one of our club committees like Facilities, Healthy Club, Fundraising, Juvenile etc.) please contact Club Chairperson Brian on 087 418 5541 or Secretary Mai on 087 419 1450 for further information.

Last Man Standing 2026

Our Last Man Standing Competition is back for 2026 - with a €500 prize to be won / shared! Entry forms are available from any Committee member, or you can enter online at <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/LMS2026>

PORTARLINGTON MEALS ON WHEELS

The committee thank everyone who donated money to the Service in the past 12 months. A big thank you to everyone who donated so much food items etc over the Christmas. It is much appreciated. Wishing everyone a Happy New Year.

SENIORS BINGO

The senior citizens bingo will return on Weds 28th January at 8pm in the Port Social Services Centre. Come along and play a few games and have a cuppa after. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2025, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.



Digital Support Drop In Sessions / Ciorcal Comhrá / Knitting Club / Lego Free Play: Social Chess (Adults only): Portarlington Junior Book Club / Baby Book Club Adult Book Club

For further information on any of the above or to book phone 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLOONEYHURKE R32CY89

Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 24th Jan. Music by Pat Costello. Adm: €10. Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served..

Irish Speaking Sessions: Continue every Monday night 7-8pm. Adm: €2. Children free (but must be accompanied by an adult). Help sheets for everyone – this week also loud speaker in use. All very welcome.

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

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

VACANCIES

Mount St Anne's Retreat centre, Killenard is looking for dynamic and experienced people to join their team at this busy Centre in Killenard. Vacancies for **Domestic Assistants** (duties include cleaning, vacuuming, preparing bedrooms for overnight guests, assisting in the kitchen when required, etc.). Vacancy also for a **Chef**. Duties include prepare & serve fresh food daily, create menus, ensure the health & safety of kitchen environment is maintained, keeping accurate records within HACCP and MSA policies & handbook, adhere to day to day kitchen operations complying with policies and procedures of MSA. Email CV to: operationsmanager@mountstannes.com. For information about the Centre visit our website on www.mountstannes.com.

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat **Sat. 31st Jan; 21st Feb., 21st Mar. & 18th Apr.** from 10am to 1.20pm. Mass 10am – Confessions available. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass at 10.45am. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairí O'Domhnaill PP www.spioraidnaoimh.com.

PAIR OF SUNGLASSES FOUND

Pair of sunglasses found near St. John's Church in Killenard recently. Contact the Parish Office.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

PORTARLINGTON 2026

Calling all groups, clubs and schools! We're getting ready to celebrate and we'd love YOU to be part of it. 2026 Parade theme: CARNIVAL. Think colour, creativity & cheerful energy. Costumes, music, movement, smiles and imagination are all welcome. Bring the fun, the flair and the carnival spirit. Who can take part? Schools and youth groups; Sports clubs; Community & cultural groups; Bands, dancers & performers; Families with a great idea. If you want to get involved, contact stpatricksdayportarlington@gmail.com



PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW

1st Prize Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by Portarlington Credit Union). 4 prizes of €100 each (Sponsored by Super Valu). Draw takes place 3rd Feb at 9pm during Bingo in the GAA Centre. Tickets €2 each (or 3 for €5) available from Committee Members or the Parish Office.



ZUMBA

Venue: Parochial Hall, Portarlington R32 YK24. No experience, no membership – just fun. €10 per class. All levels welcome. 6.45pm to 7.45pm on Tuesday's. Booking through 087 6431743.

LEARN HOW TO CROCHET

Mondays from 7-9pm in Portarlington. Beginners & improvers welcome. Contact Jacqui on 087 2998944 for further details & venue.

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Date: 12th January 2026 – Week No. 2005 Numbers drawn 1,2,6,14 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to the following:- Colm Strong C/o Shauna; Margaret Deegan c/o Mena; Elizabeth Fenlon C/o Maeve; Jim Bastick C/o Shauna / Gareth Smith C/o Deirdre. Next draw will take place on 19th January with a JACKPOT of €4,600

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

12th January 2026 – Week No. 3. Numbers drawn: 25, 27, 16, 20 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to:- Mary Evans; Lucy & Sarah McCormack; Rebecca Bryan; Amy Slevin & to Emer McGee. Promoter prize Noeleen Murphy. Next week's jackpot is €5,000

BEGINNERS LINE DANCING CLASSES

Thursdays 7.30 – 9pm. 10 classes for the price of 7 (€70) or pay as you go €10 per class. Further info. call or text John on 086 8333200.



Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering Non-judgmental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123.

Text 087 2609090
Email jo@samaritans.org

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

KILLENARD LEGO CLUB

Saturday's from 10am to 11.30am in Killenard Community Centre. Cost €15 (siblings €10). To register for future weeks contact Eoin on 085 1270126. Limited places.

PORT. PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Fri. 23rd Jan: Phonics with Robot Reg / Fri. 30th Jan: Baby Rave. Meets 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.

L.O.E.T.B.

Portarlington Further Education & Training Centre Bracklon Street. January courses and timetables now available. Phone 057 8623161 or portarlingtonfetac.ie

EMO RETIREMENT GROUP

Emo Retirement Group will meet in the Old School, Emo on Tuesdays 8pm. New members very welcome. Fee €15 / year membership.

ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO

Mon. 2nd Feb. – Monasterevin. Further information from Monasterevin Parish Office 045 525346. www.monasterevinparish.ie

POOR CLARES, GALWAY

Half day Retreat for women 18-35 years. With Beth Davis of Blessed is She Ministries. This is an opportunity to encounter God's love & deepen your life of prayer & communion with God. Taking place on Sun. 1st Feb. from 2-6pm.

Further info. & to register:

<https://cherisheddaughters.evenbrite.ie>

THE WAY

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