# Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

**Portarlington & Emo Parishes are part of the Pastoral Area along with Killeigh, Clonaslee, Rosenallis & Mountmellick**

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## 18TH OCTOBER 2026 — 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Mission Sunday — Year 'A'

### MASS TIMES

**St. Michael's Church, Portarlington**

10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday) / 6.15pm (Vigil Saturday) 9am & 12.15pm Sunday
**St. John's Church, Killenard** 10.30am Sunday
**St. Paul's Church, Emo** 7.30pm Sat. /11am Sun.
**Sacred Heart Church, Rath** 9am Sunday

MISSION SUNDAY

**"One in Christ, United in Mission"**

### 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

### WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

**Sat. 17th October 6.15pm**
Maureen Delaney, Bishopswood (3rd Anniv.) Teresa Ridgeway (3rd Anniv.); Trevor Ennis (4th Anniv.); Teresa Bolton, Blackhall (4th Anniv.) Bernie O'Reilly Keogh, Droughill; James & Josephine Nolan; Dec. members of the Nolan Family, Walsh Island; Lil Hebden, London & Cloneyhurke; Sheila Dunne, London & Cloneyhurke; Garda Michael Clerkin (50th Anniversary); Edward (Ned) & Kitty Murphy & son, Patrick Murphy, St. Michael's Park

**Sun. 18th October 12.15pm**
Grace O'Neill, Church View (3rd Anniv.) Maureen Delaney, Bishopswood (3rd Anniv.) Bernie O'Reilly Keogh, Droughill; Gretchan & Margo Whelan, Patrick Street

**Sat. 24th October 6.15pm**
Mick Dunne, Cloneyhurke; Mary Scully, Dublin (5th Anniv.); Joan Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (12th Anniv.)

**Sun. 25th October 12.15pm**
Veronica (Vera) Keegan, Cloneyhurke (2nd Anniv.); Tina Dempsey, Clondoolusk (32nd Anniv.) Oliver Evans, St. Joseph's Tce. (7th Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

**Sun. 18th October 10.30am**
Breda, Margaret & Mark Fitzpatrick, Tierhogar Michael Terrett, Rathleash (7th Anniv.)

**Sun. 25th October 10.30am**
Michael Costello, Lea & Ballycarroll Murt Connell, Lea (7th Anniv.) John O'Kane, Kilmullen (21st Anniv.)

### PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK

William (Bill) McEvoy, Lanesboro, Longford & formerly Emo

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

***St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Tuesday's after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary afterwards.***

**REFLECTION**

***"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, But God declared: "Go down again – I dwell among the people."***

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON AT 10AM

**Mon. 19th Oct.** Owen & Margaret McCann
**Tues. 20th Oct.** Mairead Kennedy, Bog Lane (3rd Anniversary)
**Wed. 21st Oct.** Eilish O'Neill, Bracknagh
**Thurs. 22nd Oct.** Phil & Bridie Lynch, Blackhall
**Fri. 23rd Oct.** ---

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

**Sat. 17th October 7.30pm**
Jim & Bridie Lewis, New Inn; Josephine & Edward Dunne, Clonamone; Frank Behan & Martin Joe Keating

**Sun. 18th October 11am**
John King, Morette (6th Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

**Sun. 18th October 9am**
Mike McLoughlin, Jamestown Cross Lil Coleman, Jamestown Cross

**Sun. 25th October 9am**
Lar Flynn, Fisherstown (3rd Anniv.) John Brophy, Vicarstown Brigid Dempsey, Jamestown (5th Anniv.) John & Eileen Coffey, Cork; April Hogg, Dublin, Donnacha Fox, Newbridge; Michael Kinsella, Fisherstown

WATER BAPTISM

*We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:*
***Tristan Montero, Mount Henry Drive***
***Patrick Shane Hanlon, Morette, Emo***

### MISSION SUNDAY TODAY!

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday, the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. It takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church is present. For Mission Sunday 2026 the theme is "***One in Christ, United in Mission***". Donation envelopes available in your Development boxes or at the Church porches

### CONFIRMATION 2027 ENROLMENT MASS

This weekend, we welcome the children to our Masses who are enrolling to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027.
***Presentation Primary School / Scoil Phadraig Boys School & Sandy Lane N.S.***
Sat. 17th October in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington at 6.15pm
***St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.***
Sat. 17th October in St. Paul's Church, Emo at 7.30pm
***Sacred Heart N.S., Rath***
Sun. 18th October in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath at 9am
***Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard***
Sun. 18th October in St. John's Church, Killenard at 10.30am

***Prayer for students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation***

*We offer prayers for our students who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation next Spring. May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and love and may they come to know you as the one true God who loves them without limit. May their hearts welcome you gladly; May their ears hear your voice in the scriptures; May their eyes see you in all things; Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2027

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**
Thursday 4th March at 11.30am
In St. John's Church, Killenard
**St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.**
Fri. 5th March at 11am
In St. Paul's Church, Emo
**Sacred Heart N.S., Rath**
Fri. 5th March at 2pm
In Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath
**Scoil Padraig, Canal Road, Portarlington**
Thurs. 11th March at 11am
In St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
**Presentation Primary School, Station Road& Sandy Lane N.S.**
Thurs. 11th March at 2pm In St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year's Harvest Thanksgiving Service takes place in St. John's Church of Ireland, Coolbanagher, Emo this evening (Sun. 18th October) at 7.30pm. Refreshments in the church following the service. All are welcome.

### FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Sun. 18th Oct – Feast of St. Luke, Evalgelist
Mon. 19th Oct – St. Paul of the Cross
Thurs. 22nd Oct. – St. John Paul II
Fri. 23rd Oct. – St. John of Capistrano
Sat. 24th Oct. – St. Anthony Mary Claret

### BLESSING OF THE GRAVES



Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 1st November 2026.
Blessing will take place as follows:-
Killenard Cemetery after the 10.30am Mass
St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm

### BEREAVEMENT MASS 2026



Those who have died in the parish during the year, and their families, will be remembered at Mass on Friday 20th November in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington & on Saturday 21st November in St. Paul's Church, Emo (7.30pm). A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

**Social Dancing:** Social Dance takes place Sat. 17th Oct. – Music by Brian McDermott. Admission €10. Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served.
**Keep Fit Classes:** Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear, from 7-8pm. €8 per night.
**Dancing Lessons:** With Noeleen on Thursday nights 7.30pm – 9pm. €10 each night.
**Irish Speaking:** Monday nights from 7-8pm. All welcome.

### FIRE SAFETY WEEK 2026

***Free Smoke Alarm Initiative***

Fire Safety Week has taken place this week. The Laois County Fire & Rescue Service are providing Free Smoke Alarms which will be installed by crews to support older and vulnerable people in Laois. Contact Laois County Council.

### SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY HALLOWEEN CAMP

Oct. 27th, 28th and 29th in Colaiste Íosagáin, Portarlington R32HV 25.
Junior Ballers 10am – 1pm (12 years & under)
Senior Ballers 1.30 – 4.30pm (13 years +).
For further information & cost contact Josie on 087 4026970.

### PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION October Draw Results

€10,000 Christopher Malone; €2,000 each to Valerie McDermott & to Michael Murphy; €1,000 each to Kieran & to Donna Fenlon; €500 each to Francis Hearty; Barbara Murphy; Declan & Glenda Allman; Kevin Kennedy Jnr; Rachael Whelan; Sharon Slattery; Brian Kiernan; Connie Gordon; john Guinan; Mai Lawlor; Alec Ramsay; Lorcan Dunne & to Eleanor Bourke; €450 to Dominika Konieczna
Congratulations to all our Draw Winners!

### EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2038 – 12th Oct. 2026
Numbers 3, 4, 7, 20 – No jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following: Pat Owens c/o S. Strong; Glen Ryan & Evan c/o D. Lawlor; Linda Hand c/o S. Strong; Barry Clegg c/o Maeve; Rosaleen Kirwan c/o D. Lawlor **Next draw takes place on 19th Oct. with a Jackpot of €5,200.**

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### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

12/10/2026 Week No. 42. Numbers 32, 16, 8, 28
No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Ryan Havill; Daniel Hanlon; Chelsea Murphy; Sam Byrne; Daithi & Chloe c/o Direens
Promoter prize: John Kelly
**Next week's Jackpot is €12,800**

### GRACEFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB (F.C.)

Gracefield F.C. run a weekly 50/50 fundraising draw with tickets priced at €2 for a single entry or €5 for 3 entries, taking place every Monday. You can buy tickets on line through the Gracefield FC Clubspot Fundraisers Page.
https://member.clubspot.app/club/gracefield-fc/fundraisers

### PORT RUGBY CLUB

HALLOWEEN 5TH & 6TH CLASS DISCO
Star DJ Mookie. Fri. 23 Oct 8-10.30pm.
Tickets available at Adrian Dunne's Pharmacy.

### COFFEE MORNING

***Proceeds & donations go directly to Cancer Support Services.***
Thurs. 22nd Oct. from 9am – 4pm at Breda's House R32 E5YO. Everyone welcome. Please come along and support a great cause.

### BRAVEHEARTS

*Here to support & help those in our community & have fund and enjoy life.*
With the rising cost of heating our homes, BraveHearts are looking for blankets.
If you have any to spare, we can hand them out to those in need in our community.
Contact Therese on 086 8471994.

### PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S SHED HOST THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sun. 29th Nov. from 12 Noon – 3pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Unique gifts & artisan crafts & foods, cakes, cookies and Jams Tea, coffee & cakes served. Entertainment provided. Kids craft table. Fabulous raffle prizes. FREE visit with Santa. Come along and enjoy a festive afternoon for the whole family.

### COURTWOOD G.A.A.

Courtwood Combined Lotto – €20,000!
Purchase your Lotto ticket via:
The Clubforce App
The attached QR Code
Ballybrittas Service Station,
The Final Furlong
Support Courtwood GAA by purchasing a weekly Lotto ticket and helping our club continue to grow. We would also like to thank everyone for their fantastic support throughout the Laois Senior Football Championship and extend our congratulations to Portarlington GAA on their success.

### ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO RESULTS

Draw held 6th Oct. Letters L, N, Q, W – No Jackpot winner. €25 each to Ger Donnelly; Michael Luttrell Snr. & Ann Dunne. Next draw takes place 20th Oct. with a Jackpot of €10,000

### CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND

Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to our Leinster Retreat Day on Sat. 7th Nov. from 10am–6pm at Benburb Priory. A day of prayer, reflection & spiritual renewal with guest speakers Fr Dominik Domagala, Dr Iva Beranek & Mrs Maria Steen. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: €50
Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats.
All welcome — bring a friend.

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

*To book call in to Library, Ph: 057 8643751*
*Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie*
**Finger Puppets & Music Storytime**
Delightful story time suitable for 3-5 year olds. Places limited – Please book!

**Ghost Themed Craft Table**
Prepare for Halloween with fun parent & child craft table. Tuesday 27th Oct 2:30pm. No booking required – Child must be accompanied by adult.

**Music Therapy for children with additional needs & their parents**
Music workshop for children with additional needs suitable for children 5-7 years. Places are limited Please book!

**Room on the Broom Storytime & Colouring**
Sat 31st Oct 11am. Enjoy a reading of this witchy tale and finish off with some Halloween colouring. A perfect way to get into the spooky mood.

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

**Parents First Baby Group**
Wednesday 12-1pm / Children 0-1 & their parents. Booking & further info. call Jennifer 085 8683168
**Digital Support Drop In Sessions**
An LOETB tutor will be available on Fri. 23rd Oct. 10:30-12:30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device and any digital queries you may have. No booking necessary.
**Knitting Club**
Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!
**Lego Free Play** Saturday's 10am-1pm
**Social Chess(Adults only)**
Wednesday's 6-7pm. Enjoy a game, a cuppa & chat. New members always welcome.
**Portarlington Junior Book Club**
Last Wednesday of the month for 9-12 year olds. Please book!
**Baby Book Club**
Wednesdays at 10:30am (during term time)
Suitable for children 0-3. Please book!

### CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

The School will be accepting applications for 2027 / 2028 enrolment from 23rd October to the 13th November 2026. Application Forms are available www.cloneyhurke.net or 057 8623271.

### SCOIL NAOMH EOIN, KILLENARD

***Junior Infant Admissions for September 2027***
Accepting applications from Fri. 23rd Oct. 2026 until Fri. 13th November 2026. Application forms available to download from www.naomheoin.ie via Email office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.

### BRICK WORK LEGO EXHIBITION

In the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise on Sun. 15th Nov. 11am – 4pm. Tickets €8. Under 3's Free

### GRACEFIELD GAA HEALTHY CLUB

***Social Quiz Night***
Fri. 6th Nov. from 8.30pm at the Hawthorne Bar. Come & have a chat and join in our quiz night. Teams of 4 €5 each.