

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

19th July, 2026

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 18th July 6.15pm

Liam McMahon, French Church St. (M.M.); Noel Coogan, Mountmellick & Shiphouse (M.M.); Michelle Houghton, Cushina (1st Anniv.)
Goretti Phelan, Avondale (6th Anniv.); Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill; Michael Dix, Margaret Bolton, Kilbride, (7th Anniv) Elizabeth & Patrick O'Brien, The Deanery,

Sun. 19th July 12.15pm

Dave Smith, Church View; Johnny McCowen (3rd Anniv.); Jon McCowen (9th Anniv.); Marie McCowen (27th Anniv.), Station Road, Tony Kelly, Seskin,

Sat. 25th July 6.15pm

Mattie Gannon, Galway, M.M.
Pat Treacy, Avondale (2nd Anniv)
David & Anne Mullen, Bracklone St, Edward (Ned) Murphy, Shandra, (11th Anniv) Mark Cummins, St. Joseph's Tce.

Sun. 26th July 12.15pm

Josephine (Jo) Kirwan Brennan, Park Lane, M.M.
Ailish Lyne, Bracklone St,
Eileen Mooney, Botley Court, (12th Anniv)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 19th July 10.30am

Peter Dowling; John Slevin, Killenard;
William & Christina Carey, Bracknagh

Sun. 26th July 10.30am

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON



Mon. 20th July Jim Hooks, Patrick St, M.M.
Weds. 22nd July Hughie Nevin,

Thurs. 23rd July Patrick Flood, Main St,
his Son Bill Flood, Nenagh & formerly Main Street, Portarlington. (recently deceased)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington
on Tuesday's after 10am Mass until 7pm with
Rosary afterwards.**

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 18th July 7.30pm

Esther Dunne, Killimy (5th Anniv.)
Michael Dunne, Killimy & UK (10th Anniv.)
James & Ellen Lewis, Morette, Catherine & William Ging, the Heath, deceased members of the Ging family, Michael & Mollie Lewis, Mary Lewis, deceased members of the Lewis family,

Sun. 19th July 11am

Sat. 25th July 7.30pm

Lena Delaney, Coolbanagher, (1st Anniv)

Sun. 26th July 11am

John Greaney, Athy & Ballybrittas, (2nd Anniv)
Margaret Malone, (nee Lewis) Morette Castle, (5th Anniv)
her daughter –in- law Trisha Hunn, deceased members of the Malone & Lewis families.

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 19th July 9am

David Mullen (16th Anniv.); Anne & Eamonn Mullen; John Doyle, Newbridge; Tom Linehan, Newbridge; Marcella Bolger, Belin; Della & Richard Bolger & dec. members of the Bolger & Shortall Families

Sun. 26th July 9am

Charlie Kirwan, Doolagh, Eileen Mullen, Newbridge, (1st Anniv) deceased members of the Mullen family.

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:-



Luke Daniel Kelly, Jamestown, Ballybrittas,
Bodhi Mulpeter, Rathmiles,
Poppy Mulpeter, Rathmiles,

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Paul Finlay, Shannon & formerly Station Rd
Mattie Gannon, Galway, (Brother of Gertie Gannon)

William (Bill) Flood, Portroe, Nenagh & Formerly Main St Portarlington.

Coeliac Hosts available upon request. Call into the Sacristy before the Mass.

CEMETERY MASS 2026



Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm
Ballyadden Cemetery – Fri. 7th August 7.30pm

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

13th –16th August 2026



Calling all young people aged 16–35. Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer & plenty of opportunities to chill out & meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

POBAL SENIOR ALERT ALARM

If you or someone you know needs to register for a Senior Alert Alarm, call into Market House & the PCDA team will be happy to help with the registration process. Easy registration / Monitored 24-7 / Peace of mind. Phone 089 2544295 / www.portarlington.ie

ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME and COUPLES THERAPY

A programme for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and Couples Therapy. To view available bookings log onto www.accord.ie



WELCOME BACK

Fr. Lawrence Turbuc



We welcome Fr. Laurentiu back to the Parishes of Portarlington & Emo. Fr. Lawrence is from the Diocese of Iasi in Romania and will be with us until 19th of August. We look forward to working together with Fr. Laurentiu.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Social Dance: Sat. 18th July – Music by Noel Briody. Adm: €10. Doors open 9pm.

Refreshments served. Great night assured.

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

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noeleen from 7.30pm–9pm. €10 each night.

SUMMER SKILLS PROGRAMME

A fun & supportive Occupational Therapy-led programme focused on emotional regulation, confidence, wellbeing & practical tools for everyday life. Five daily one hour evening sessions. 27th – 31st July in Portarlington Community Centre. Daily one hour evening sessions. 8-10 years and 11-15 years. If interested Email otregulation@gmail.com

ST. PAUL'S L.G.F.A.

St. Paul's LGFA invite parents / guardians to register their interest with the St. Paul's LGFA U.6 nursery for 2026. Following a hugely successful Gaelic4Girls programme, we are delighted to continue to grow and facilitate ladies Gaelic football opportunities for all girls in the community. This is open to girls born in 2020 and 2021 and it is a great opportunity to keep your girls active over the summer! Registration can be found on our social media (Instagram / Facebook) at [stpaulsgfa](https://www.stpaulsgfa.com)

NEURO ART

Family Festival Laois

Midlands first Arts and Neurodiversity Festival. Saturday 22nd July at Old Fort Quarter, Portlaoise 11am to 5pm (quiet time 11am to 12 noon)

Music & Dance, Sensory Experiences, Creative Arts & Crafts & Storytelling. Free Entry. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Denise on 086 8193604.

Movies & Musicals

by Candlelight

Saturday 25th July at 8pm.

Midlands String Quartet Vocal Ensemble present a magical evening of iconic music from the big screen and the stage.

Special guest Violinist Anne Phelan. (R.T.E Concert Orchestra)

Venue St. Paul's Church of Ireland, French Church Street, Portarlington. Admission €20.

Tickets available on the door on the night.

Doors open at 7.30pm.

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

Mi Wadi FAI Summer Football Camp. 3rd – 7th August 10am to 1pm daily. Every child receives a jersey and a football. €83 per child €10 off for siblings. Girls & Boys aged 6 – 14yrs. To book contact Bookings.faifootballcamps.ie

Golf Scramble

Portarlington Golf Club Fri 18th September. Golf, Food & Prizes. €200 per team of 4. Contact Alan on 086 8145979.

Ladies Football

Weds at 7pm at Arlington. New players welcome. Contact Rhona on 085 7034252.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION BURSARY

Offering five €1,000 Maureen McEvoy Bursary Awards this year for 2026. This bursary is open to first year students only. Students must have been awarded a place in Third level, full time education. If you are eligible check out <https://portcu.ie/about/downloads> or collect an application form in the Credit Union office. You can also request a form to be sent to you over the phone.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO



Week No. 2026 – 13th July 2026

Numbers 8, 10, 11, 20 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to Karen Purcell c/o S.S.; Rose & Martin Foy C/o Rose; Bernie Gorman c/o B.G.; Tony Byrne c/o Deirdre; Annemarie Lowry c/o A.L.
Next draw takes place on 20th July.
Jackpot of €2,800

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

13th July 2026 – Week No. 29. Numbers 7, 14, 31, 10 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Maureen Murphy; Bradley Cooper; Teresa Direen; Antoinette Mitchell; P.J.Duffy;. Promoter prize John Kelly. **Next week's Jackpot €10,200**

MARKET HOUSE, PORTARLINGTON

Perfect for meetings, group classes, workshops & training sessions. Flexible booking options in a comfortable central location. www.portarlington.ie to book directly.

ST BRIGID'S LOUGH DERG

PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

Three day Pilgrimage

Thurs. 13th – Sat. 15th August. Pick-ups available from: Monasterevin 6.25am, Kildare Town 6.35am, Newbridge 6.45am. Cost: Island: €85. Bus: €50 (approx. return). Further information & booking: Joe - 087-3815887 / Deirdre – 087-2467594 Email deidregleeson@medwise.ie

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS ASSOC.

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Celebrating 6th World Day for Grandparents. Taking place Sun. 26th July at Knock Shrine. Chief Celebrant Archbishop Eamon Martin. Commencing 2.30pm with anointing of the sick. A day of grace & blessing for the family, as we honour grandparents & the elderly. www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

SUMMER CAMP

At Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington. July 28th – 31st from 9.30am to 2pm. €70 (sibling discounts 2 = €130 / 3 = €190 / 4 = €245). Sports, baking, coding, art & much more. Please note this is a private camp. It is run by teachers who work at the school but is not affiliated with Scoil Phadraig. Register & pay by scanning this QR Code – For info. Email summercampport@gmail.com



PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY

Portarlington Lions Club are holding a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY on Sun. 16th August at Foxcroft Street R32 P786, Portarlington 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.

LAOIS LEISURE – PORTARLINGTON

Swimming lessons in Portarlington. Places till available. Book now on 057 8645800. Or portarlington@laoisleisure.ie

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call in to Library, phone 057 8643751 Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie



SUMMER STARS EVENTS

Parent and Child Craft Table: Wed. 23rd July 2.30pm. Pop in and have fun making monster faces.

Slime Workshop: Fun for children aged 7-9years Thurs. 23rd July 3pm. Please book.

Parent and Child Craft Table: July 29th 2.30pm. Get into the summer holiday mood with this camper van themed craft table.

Interactive Multilingual Early Years Music Workshop: Thurs. 30th July 2.30pm. Fun, interactive music workshop – For children 2-6 years. Please book.

Scavenger Hunts: Find the message & win a small prize. July's hunt - Julia Donaldson themed & August's hunt - Monster themed.

Lego Free Play : every Saturday 10am-1pm
Biodiversity Pop Up Stand: Sat. 18th July 10am – 1pm. Laois County Council's biodiversity officer will be on hand to answer all your questions.

La Leche League Coffee Morning: Tues. 14th July 10:30-11:30.

Social Chess (Adults only): Wed. 6-7pm. Enjoy a game of chess & a cuppa. New members welcome.

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

Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 13th July 2026
Numbers 08, 18, 19, 23.

No jackpot winner. Match 3 winner Ronnie Culliton: Promoter The Railway Bar.. Next Draw is Monday 20th July with a Jackpot of €11,800!

Thanks for your support with this club fundraiser.



COURTWOOD COMBINED LOTTO

Courtwood GAA has reached its maximum Jackpot of €20,000 - You could be our maximum Jackpot winner. Purchase membership, & Lotto via: Clubforce App. / Through the attached QR Code; Ballybrittas Service Station; The Final Furlong

Courtwood GAA

Thank everyone involved in our recent Golf Classic. Our sponsors, volunteers, Portarlington Golf Club and all the golfers who made the day a success. We look forward to seeing you all in 2027.



RELAY FOR LIFE LAOIS – EMO COURT

Coming together with cancer survivors in the community to be part of something special. This event takes place in Emo Court House & Parklands on Sat. 8th August 1pm to Sun 9th at 1pm. For more info contact Caroline on 087 4499903 or Fran on 087 9161924.

A PRAYER FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Heavenly Father, please bless our holiday
Help our family to have patience and understanding.

Guide us to be mindful of this gift of time together. Help us to make compromises when necessary and handle any chaos that comes our way with Your love and grace.

Open our eyes to truly see the beauty of the memories we are creating that will last a lifetime. Amen..