

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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**DIOCESE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

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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](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

## SUN. 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2025

## THE ASCENSION

## YEAR C

### WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> May 6.15pm

Bridie Higgins, Annamoe (M.M.); Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, Annamoe (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) & dec. members of the Murphy Family; Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Paul Nolan, Gracefield (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Brenda McNally-Grant, Barrowview; Bernie & Maureen Scully, Cloneyhurke; Michael McNamara, Gracefield (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Ned Murphy, St. Michael's Park; Breda, Colm, Mark, Barry, Joanne, Fiona & Martina Maher, Marian Hill (29<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of the Dunne & Carey Families, Cloneyquinn; Una & Patrick Mitchell; Dec. members of the Dillon Family; Paddy Earley, The Boundary

#### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> June 12.15pm

Mary Kate Dooley, Congress Tce. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Lar Dempsey, Clondoolusk (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.; Robert Francis Magee, Station Road; Dec. members of the Magee & Mulcahy families; Benny, Margaret & Jane Weldon; Margaret Cleary, Aughrim; Mary Kenny, Station Rd (39<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Una & Patrick Mitchell; Dec. members of Dillon Family

#### Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> June 6.15pm

Kevin Lynch, Kilbride; Gerry Horrigan; Joe Delaney, Tinnecrannagh (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv. & B/Day Rem.); Patrick, Tommy & Kathleen Delaney, Spa St; Caroline & Joseph Crofton, Bracklone St; Veronica Delaney, Bracklone St.

#### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> June 12.15pm

Joe Keegan, Cloneyquinn (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Brian Hoey, St. Patrick's Tce; Paddy Flanagan, Glasshouse; Rose Hoey, Kilbride (B/day Rem.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> June 10.30am

Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Sr. Brigid Monagher, Lea; Lily Slevin, Corrig & Mount Henry, Killenard

#### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am

Thomas & Margaret Mullen, Syl & Elizabeth Mullen, Corrig; Dec. members of the Mullen Family; Jim & Mary Kennedy, Stradbally; Richard, Kathleen & Paddy Territt, Tierhogar

### DECEASED

Pray for the following who died during the week:-

Brendan Michael Hartnett, Annamoe  
Bertie Kavanagh, Assumpta Terrace  
Mary Kinnoch (nee Murphy), London & formerly Droughill

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> June ---

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> June (*Feast of St. Kevin*) – Edward, Julia & George Moore, Garryhinch

Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> June ---

Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> June (*World Environment Day*)

Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> June (*World Day of Prayer for Priests*)

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> May 7.30pm

Molly McEvoy, Coolaghy (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Rose Keane, Rath; Larry Flynn, Emo (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); William Lynch (Snr.), Killeen; Mary & Matt Hyland, The Heath Course

#### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> June 11am

Maura Connell, Ballycullane (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

#### Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

#### Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> June 11am

Martin Walsh, Whitefields (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> June 9am

Mark, Mick & Serena Carroll, Fisherstown

### FIRST FRIDAY

Please note change of date for Emo & Rath

Friday next, 6<sup>th</sup> June, is the First Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

#### Portarlington 10am

Emo on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am

Rath on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The day of the Lord's triumphant return to his Father is not a day for narrowness or sadness. Rather, it is a day for openness and joy. Therefore, let us lift up our hearts. Let us raise up your minds.

Let our spirits soar and be free.

For sin & evil & death have been overcome.

We know nothing of the mystery of the beyond.

All we have is His word:

'Where I am, you too will be.'

Lord, you have kindled in our hearts the hope of eternal life.

Guard this hope with your grace & bring it to fulfilment in the kingdom of heaven.

Amen



St. Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Kilberry, Athy on Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> June from 11am – 5pm. Items of St. Pio will be available on the day. Further info. phone Ann on 085 1696189.



The children from the Sacred Heart National School, Rath will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion next Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath.

### ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

### RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent collection for the Retired Priests of the Diocese. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

### COLLECTORS FOR JUNE - RATH

Bosco Carroll & Frank Fitzgerald



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Culainn Ri Maguire, Crann Nua

### CEMETERY MASS 2025

Killenard – Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Portarlington – Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm

### THANK YOU

The family of Thomas Fingleton and Portarlington IFA express their heartfelt and sincere thank you to everyone for their generous donation to the Irish Cancer Society in honour of Thomas Fingleton. With your support, we were able to raise an incredible €47,576.66! These funds will go directly to the development of cancer research. Thank you to all who attended the fundraising night and made it so successful. Go raibh mile maith agat."

### PRAYER & FASTING

The recent Bishops Conference has called for prayers for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, Sudan and other troubled parts of the world during the month of June, month of the Sacred Heart. They call on all Catholics to make the First Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June, a day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Gaza.

*"We echo Pope Leo XIV's recent appeal to allow into Gaza 'the entry of dignified humanitarian aid and to put an end to the hostilities, whose heartbreaking price is paid by the children, elderly and the sick.'"*

### 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*

### SUMMER RAFFLE - RATH N.S.

Sacred Heart NS, Rath will host their Summer Raffle on June 10<sup>th</sup>. For Tickets and more details on amazing prizes check out <https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/RathNSSummerraffle>

### PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Portarlinton Musical Society are now taking new registrations for the upcoming year. Please note at the moment it's over 18's only. Our Information evening is Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlinton. For more information please contact [portarlintonmusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:portarlintonmusicalsociety@gmail.com)

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

#### Cruinniú na nÓg

Puzzle Club / Knitting Club / Friday Storytime / Lego Free Play - Saturday 10am-1pm  
Social Chess / Portarlinton Junior Book Club / 10/10 Book Club / Baby Book Club / Adult Book Club / Laois Libraries Online Book Club / Sensory Toy Resource Collection  
Further details & bookings phone 057 8643751 or [portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

### ACCOMMODATION

Professional lady who works locally seeking accommodation / room to rent - Patrick Street / Kilmalogue area if possible.  
Contact 089 4650506.

### ST. BRIGIDS SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

**KEEP FIT** - Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm  
**DANCING LESSONS** - Thurs. 7.30-9pm.

# Trocaire

### FINAL AMOUNT 2025

Amount collected:-

**Portarlinton Parish €8,509.00**

**Emo Parish €2,555.00**

Sincere thanks to all who donated.

All monies collected will be sent to Trocaire.

### VISITING RELICS OF ST. MARGARET MARY

#### ALOCOQUE & ST. CLAUDE

Two day visit of the relics from Paray le Monial, France to the Parishes of St. Fintan's, Mountrath and Ballyfin, Co. Laois.  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Mass 7.30pm - St. Fintan's Church, Ballyfin (R32 TD61)  
Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> June - Mass 10am in St. Fintan's Church, Mountrath (R32X338)  
Further details contact Fr. Joe Brophy  
087 2411594.

### KNOCK SHRINE - 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2025

Sacred Heart Crusade - Jubilee 2025. This historic event will culminate in Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin, during which Ireland will be consecrated to the Sacred Heart for the first time in over 150 years. This will take place from 9am to 5pm. Programme & details Pilgrim Statue visitations visit [www.sacredheartcrusade.ie](http://www.sacredheartcrusade.ie). Contact the Parish Office, Portarlinton on 057 8643004 (Mon. - Fri. 9am-1.30pm) or Valerie on 087 7800429, where you can leave your name if you are interested in travelling by bus. Places limited so please contact a.s.a.p.

### CLIMBING CROAGH PATRICK

Once again, Pat Burbage will climb Croagh Patrick on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July with a group. If you would like to climb, then call into Pat at his shop on Main Street or contact him on 087 7716244. Proceeds will go to Portarlinton Meals on Wheels. If you can take a sponsor card, they will be available during the week. Bus will leave at 6am on the day.

### CHILDMINDER VACANCY

Looking for a kind, caring and mature childminder to look after four children in the children's home. Full time from September to include school drop offs. Ideally start part time hours during the summer". Please email [ms.nicola.flynn@gmail.com](mailto:ms.nicola.flynn@gmail.com) if interested.

### CUISLE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

An event has been organised for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June in Emo GAA field commencing 8.30pm - "Full Moon Circle", with proceeds in aid of the Cuisle Cancer Support Centre, Portlaoise. Further details and to register contact [ann.lawlor26@gmail.com](mailto:ann.lawlor26@gmail.com). €10 per person. Thank you in advance for your support.

### PARISH ALIVE

#### Moving forward in Hope

Bishop Denis, together with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, will host a day for lay people & clergy to explore the direction of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin & how it impacts on the day-to-day life of a parish. The day comprises: Input from guest speakers, prayer, general discussion & intentional listening. It takes place Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> June in Carlow College - Registration 9.30am: 10am-4pm. Booking essential through [parishdevelopment@kandle.ie](mailto:parishdevelopment@kandle.ie)

### ANAM CARA

#### Support for bereaved parents

Anam Cara will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. Free event. Open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age their child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie). For more information visit [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie).

### ZUMBA IN KILLENARD

Looking to get fit but don't know when to start? Zumba is the perfect way - Class in Killenard commences 10<sup>th</sup> June (Tues.) at 7pm in Killenard Community Centre. €10 per class PAYG. Booking: Zaneta on 087 6431743.

### EMO - RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1978 - 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Numbers 2, 5, 14, 24 - No Jackpot winner.  
€25 to each of the following: Ger Hayden C/o Anne; Donna Booth C/o B. Gorman; Ed. Fitzgerald C/o Maeve; Brian Langford C/o Deirdre; Kieran McEvoy C/o Bernie Gorman.  
Next draw takes place on Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> June with a **JACKPOT of €3,400**

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

#### LOTTO 26<sup>th</sup> May - Week No. 22

Numbers 16, 12, 28, 8 - No jackpot winner.  
€50 to each of the following:- Gillian Rice; Ayda Whelan; Joe McAtteer; Paul Melia; Christy O'Reilly. Promoter prize: Sharon Slattery. **Next jackpot €3,000**

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

**Lotto Results:** Numbers drawn 26th May: 16, 24, 25, 27. No Jackpot winner. No match 3 winners. Lucky Dip: Stephen Fallon (c/o Marie Fallon), Claire Tynan (c/o Vincent Hogan). Promoter: Catherine Cahill. Next Draw: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June with a Jackpot of **€6,100**. Thanks for your support.

**Cúl Camps:** Cúl Camps will be back in O'Dempsey's from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July, for boys and girls. Places must be booked in advance at the following link - [www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/](http://www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/)

### SUMMER CAMP

#### Rath N.S., Ballybrittas

For children from ECCE to Senior Infants. Sensory play / Art / Dancing / Outdoor Play / Games / Mindfulness / Stories / Fun. Enchanted Forest Fest 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> July  
Space Explorers 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July  
Book on [discoverylaytime.ie](http://discoverylaytime.ie)

### IRISH CANCER SOCIETY'S TRANSPORT SERVICE

Volunteer Drivers needed. We are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in the community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a minimum of 2 days per month to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Further information please contact Monica at [volunteer@irishcancer.ie](mailto:volunteer@irishcancer.ie)

### LAOIS GAA GOLF CLASSIC 2025

Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> June at Portarlinton Golf Club. Team of 4 is €400. Tee Box Sponsorship €100. For Team Sheets contact:- Bosco on 087 7996043 or Kieran on 087 2027124

### SOLAS ECO GARDEN CENTRE

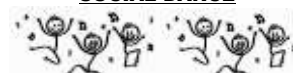
#### Craft & Vintage Market

Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> June. Explore a treasure trove of handmade crafts, vintage finds & artisan goods. Free entry 11am - 4pm.

### THANK YOU...

St. Michaels Conference of St. Vincent de Paul, Portarlinton thank, most sincerely, Portarlinton Golf Club and all our very generous sponsors for the recent golf day held May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks also to everyone who took part or contributed in any way to this great day. Proceeds were in aid of the local Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

### SOCIAL DANCE



Social Dance will be held Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> June in the Parochial Hall, The Square, Portarlinton. Doors open 8.30pm. Music by Glen Flynn. Adm: €10.