

# Parishes of Portarlinton & Emo



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**MASS TIMES**

**St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton**  
 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, Portarlinton**  
[www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton)



Portarlinton & Emo Parish  
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**1st MARCH 2026**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Year 'A'**

**WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES  
 PORTARLINTON**

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> February 6.15pm**

Robbie Maher, St. Mary's Tce. (M.M.)  
 Patrick (Paddy) Dunne, Ballymorris (M.M.)  
 Chris & Peg Maher, St. Mary's Tce;  
 Sarah Brady, Botley Court (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.);  
 Johnny Murphy, St. Joseph's Tce. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.);  
 Patrick Cullen, St. Michael's Park (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
 Sheila Gopal, Church View (B/Day rem.);  
 Celine & Brendan Lawless, Patrick St; Paddy &  
 Mikey Doyle & Dec. members of the Doyle  
 Family, Kilkeeran; George & Annie Ridgeway,  
 Stephen, Jack & Alice Byrne, Dec members of  
 the Byrne family.

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> March 12.15pm**

Povilas Valunas, Lithuania (M.M.); Regina &  
 Vaclova Jablonsks, Lithuania; Stase &  
 Alexandera Braciskus, Lithuania; Fiona  
 Donagher, Bishopswood (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Noel  
 Kenny, Station Rd. (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Donie O'Meara  
 & son, Patrick O'Meara, Annamore

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> March 6.15pm**

Benny Maher, Arlington Est. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 Brigid & Bernard Downey, Droughill;  
 Patricia Horrigan, Gracefield (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
 John (Jock) Kelly, St. Michael's Park & his  
 daughter Anne Kelly; John Lovern & Bridget  
 Lovern, Foxcroft St; Billy Whelan, Marian Hill;  
 Mary Connolly, Marian Hill

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> March 12.15pm**

Anne Deegan, Mill Lane, Garryhinch (M.M.)  
 Sean Murray, Cushina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) & dec.  
 members of the Murray Family; Tom Fitzgerald,  
 Avondale (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Mary Walsh, Bracklone  
 Street; Tom Shortall, St. Brigid's Square

**ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD**

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am**

Jack Quinn, Killenard (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am**

Damien Turley, Killenard (M.M.); Liam & Lucy  
 Bennett, Kilbride; Martin Slevin; Richard & Brigid  
 Slevin, Ballycarroll; Sean Keogh, Rathleash;  
 Nancy Whelehan, Closeland (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
 Stephen & Josephine Kiernan, Rathleash; Marie  
 Ryan; Paul Moore, Springfield

**WE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED  
 DURING THE WEEK**

*Paddy Montague, Beragh, Co. Tyrone  
 (Father of Dr. Sean Montague)*

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton every  
 Tuesday after the 10.30am Mass.

**WEEKDAY ANNIV. PORTARLINTON**

**Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar.** Mary Redmond (B/Day Rem.)  
**Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar.** Patrick Fogarty, Avondale (1<sup>st</sup>  
 Anniv.) & his sister, Bridie Carey (1<sup>st</sup>  
 Anniversary); Frank Higgins, Main Street  
**Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Mar.** Caoimhe Carroll  
**Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> Mar.** Dec. members of the Turley  
 Family: Martin, Sarah, Patrick, Thomas,  
 Breda, Damien, Andrew, Barry  
**Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> Mar.** Phil Feehan, Church View (8<sup>th</sup>)

**ANNIVERSARIES - EMO**

**Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm**

Tom & Kathleen Dowling & their son,  
 John Dowling, Morette

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> March 11am**

Cian Hand, Morette; Ronald Butler, Phibsboro,  
 Dublin; Jimmy Conroy, Cappakeel & dec.  
 members of the Conroy Family;

Tom & Kathleen Dowling & their son,  
 John Dowling, Morette

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

Mary Flynn, Morette (59<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

Edward Carroll, Killimy Road

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> March 11am**

Christy Booth, Morette; James O'Connor,  
 Rossmore, Vicarstown & dec. members of the  
 O'Connor Family

**ANNIVERSARIES - RATH**

**Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> March 9am**

Jimmy Flynn, Fisherstown (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

Andy Mulhare, Rath, Ballybrittas

Mary Brennan, Jamestown;

Donncha Fox, Newbridge

**Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> March 9am**

Michael (Mick) Behan, Bellgrove (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)

Michael Kinsella Snr. & dec. members of the  
 Dunne, Kinsella & Walsh Families

**BAPTISMS**

**We welcome into our Christian Community  
 through Baptism:-**

*Freya Nova Kelly, St. Brigid's Square*

*Kaia Rebecca Bourke, SSt. Brigid's Square*

*Nathan Gerard Fox, Castle Gate*

*Harper Kate Christie, Droughill*

*Emilia Margaret Anne McHale, Patrick Street*

*Sophia Lucinda Fanning, Annamore*

**FIRST FRIDAY**



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

**Emo 9.15am (Friday)**

**Portarlinton 10am (Friday)**

**LENTEN STATIONS:** Sincere thanks to  
 everyone who contributed to the Lenten Stations  
 for the Priests of the Parish. Your continued  
 generosity is greatly appreciated.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Wednesday for Lent commencing  
 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton.

**ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every  
 Tuesday after 10am Mass concluding with the  
 Rosary at 7pm. Also each Sunday of Lent from  
 5 – 7pm (concludes with the Rosary)

**Confirmation**

**The Children from Scoil Phadraig & the  
 Presentation Primary will receive their  
 Confirmation during the week**

**SCOIL PHADRAIG**

**Service of Light, Reconciliation & Pledge**

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Time 7pm

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> March - 11am in St. Michael's Church

**PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Service of Light, Reconciliation & Pledge**

Tues. 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Time 8pm

**Sacrament of Confirmation**

Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> March – 2pm in St. Michael's Church

**TRÓCAIRE**

**Meet the Family from the Trócaire Box**

At just 28, Uwamahoro has the weight of three  
 generations on her shoulders. Living on the  
 equivalent of 60 cent income a day from working  
 in the fields of the local community, Uwamahoro is  
 supporting her mother (67), her daughter (7) and  
 her niece (12). Vanessa, age 12 and Ineza, age  
 7, who appear on the Trocaire box this Lent attend  
 school about a 30 minute walk from their house,  
 walking up one of the community's many steep  
 hills to start class every morning at 8am.

**The Rath-Ballybrittas Development  
 Association in conjunction with the Sacristan  
 of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath, are  
 looking for volunteers to assist in a  
 community effort to clean the Church on  
 Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026 between  
 10:30am-1:30pm. If you are free to help for an  
 hour or so please come along, many thanks.**

**COLLECTORS FOR RATH – MARCH 2026**

*Liam O'Flynn & Eamonn O'Connell*

### ACTIVATOR POLE PROGRAMME

Join Our Activator Pole Programme at Courtwood GAA! Looking to improve your fitness in a fun, supportive & social environment? We invite you to a FREE taster session of our Activator Pole programme at Courtwood GAA (R32 H6T1) on Thurs. March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. Activator Poles are specially designed to help improve balance, posture, mobility & overall strength making them ideal for adults who want to stay active & feel great. Following this session we plan to roll out a 6-week programme, giving you the opportunity to continue building strength & confidence at your own pace. Come along, give it a try, and see how great you can feel! Poles provided Contact Catriona on 086 7935234.

### SOCIAL DANCE - PORTARLINGTON

Social Dance Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. in The Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlington. Music by Glen Flynn. Doors open 8.30 Refreshments served - €10 Admission.

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

**Seachtain na Gaeilge** : Seanacháí Aideen McBride will be coming to Portarlington Library on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Join us for storytime in Irish, suitable for adults. Time 11am. Booking essential.

**Upcycling Sewing Course with the LOETB** Starting on Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> March & continuing for four weeks. Bring your sewing machine & a garment you would love to give new life to. Hand sewing also accommodated. Limited places so booking essential.

### La Leche League Coffee Morning

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> March 10.30-11.30am Join us to chat about all things breastfeeding. Whether you are pregnant, breastfeeding or simply interested in finding out more, you are warmly invited to our informal & friendly gathering.

### St. Patricks Day Craft Table

Pop in & make your very own leprechaun. Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> March 10:30-12:30 (or while stocks last). No booking required but children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Budgeting Talk with M.A.B.S.

As part of our Skills for Life programme, we will be hosting a budgeting talk with MABS. Learn skills & tips for getting your household budget in order. Booking essential.

### Digital Support Drop In Sessions

An LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30-2:30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device & any digital queries you may have. No booking necessary.

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

**Knitting Club**: Meet every Friday morning 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced are welcome!

**Lego Free Play**: Every Saturday 10am-1pm

**Social Chess(Adults only)**: Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm, enjoy a game of chess, a cuppa & a chat. New members always welcome

**Puzzle Club**: Drop in on Thursday mornings & help us finish our current jigsaw

**Portarlington Junior Book Club**: Meet last Wed. of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. Booking is essential

**Baby Book Club**: Baby Book Club meets on Wed. mornings 10:30am (except for school holidays). Booking essential.

**Adult Book Club**: Meet the last Tuesday of every month.

**Booking of any of above & further info. 057 8643751 [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)**

### KENPO KARATE

Tuesdays from 4-6pm in Sandra's Studio, Portarlington Community Centre. Contact Sensei, Paul Brennan on 086 4069573 for booking information & costs.

### PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE



The 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July until Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2026. Further details later.

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

#### CLONEYHURKE

**Irish Speaking Sessions**: Every Monday night commencing at 7pm. Adm: €2. Children free. All age groups welcome – Never too late to start. Help sheets available also.

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

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

### SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF

#### PERPETUAL HELP

In. Sts Peter & Paul Church, Monasterevin – Theme – Baptised & Sent. Time 7.30pm

**Mon. 9<sup>th</sup> March** – Dana Scallan (Singer / Politician)

**Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Speaker from Cuan Mhuire

**Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> March** – Declan Prendergast (Recently ordained Deacon from Kildare)

**Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> March** – To be decided.

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Conor Kelly (Trocaire)

*Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pray for Us*

#### PUB TABLE QUIZ

Venue: Anvil Inn on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm. €40 for a table of 4. €100 cash prize for the winning table. Further info. [portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com).

### 5K CHARITY RUN / WALK

#### In aid of Bravehearts

St Michael's Athletic Club are holding their annual 5K Charity Run on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March in aid of Bravehearts. It takes place at the Boys National School. Juvenile 1K run starts at 10.30 am and 5K run at 11 am.

#### ALADDIN

Mountmellick Macra presents *Aladdin* at Macra Hall Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> February (today). Show times: Sunday matinee at 3pm, evening show at 7pm. Tickets: €15 adults, €10 children, available from O'Gorman's Newsagents (cash only). Family rates on the door; card payment accepted on the night. All welcome!

#### PART-TIME CLEANER IN RATH N.S.

Part-Time Cleaner. Afternoon / Evening cleaning. School Term Position Competitive Hourly Rate *Ideal Candidate*: • Reliable & punctual • Trustworthy • Able to work independently • Cleaning experience desirable (not essential) Further information please phone 057 862 6270 or [principal@rathns.com](mailto:principal@rathns.com)

#### EPILEPSY IRELAND

Over 45,000 people in Ireland live with epilepsy. For further information: [www.epilepsy.ie](http://www.epilepsy.ie). Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) - Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

#### SOCIAL GATHERING

Art, Craft, Up-cycle gathering on the last Friday of each month, starting Friday next, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb. from 10am – 12 Noon in the Old School, Vicarstown. Welcome to all – Suitable for retired persons & anyone who is free to join in. Join us on a drop-in basis, no booking and no charge - Craft, cuppa n chat.

#### ANAM CARA

Organisation that support bereaved parents. Monthly Parent Support Evening. Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> March 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. You do not need to register in advance. Also online support group meeting. Contact 01 4045378 email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

### GRACEFIELD GAA

#### CLUB LOTTO

23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2026 – Week No. 9

Numbers 16, 23, 02, 01 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following: - Sinead McEvoy; Josie Hanlon; PJ Duffy; Johnny Lawrence; Paddy Maree. Promoter prize Sheila Brereton.

**Next week's Jackpot €6,200**

#### EMO – RATH

#### PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2010 – 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. 2026

Winning Numbers 1, 4, 18, 24 – **No Jackpot winner.** €25 to each of the following: - Dawn Mackey c/o Deirdre; Laura Booth c/o Bernie Gorman; Poppy Behan c/o Damien; Bernie Fenlon c/o Deirdre; Chris Brophy c/o Deirdre. **Next draw 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Jackpot of €2,400.**

### COURTWOOD GAA

**Courtwood Combined Lotto** Jackpot this week €17,400. Tickets can be purchased from Ballybrittas Service, The Final Furlong & through Clubforce Apt.

By simply scanning this QR Code it will bring you straight to the Clubforce apt. Make sure you enter before Monday at 5pm. Club membership now open.

#### LAOIS GAA MONSTERS DRAW

Tickets are now on sale through Clubforce App, Register with Brian Nolan Treasurer Aileen Carroll or Contact P.J.Kelly.

#### PORT. PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

The group meet 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.

#### PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

#### ANNUAL TRACTOR RUN



Today, Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> March 10.30am for 12 noon. Departure at the Railway Station Carpark.

Proceeds in aid of Psychological & Full Educational Assessment for local children. We are adding a children's tractor circuit, with prizes on the day for each child's tractor. Complimentary refreshments and Auction immediately afterwards in the Railway Bar.

#### PORTARLINGTON TAEKWON-DO

Free Trial Class - Beginners classes from 7–13 years. New members welcome. Dedicated beginners class Tues. 4.30 to 5.15pm. Contact 086 3617001 for further information.

#### PROTECTING & RESTORING LAOIS' NATURAL WATERS

Community Information Meeting in the Maldron Hotel, Meelick, Portlaoise R32 HKN3 on Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm. Find out about LAWPRO's work to improve water quality in the area. Discover how you can help protect & improve your local natural waterways. Everyone welcome. [www.lawaters.ie](http://www.lawaters.ie)

#### RECYCLE BOOK FAIR

#### KILLENARD – MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>



Due to last year's huge success, the Book Fair is back at Scoil Naomh Eoin. This is a lovely opportunity to clear out shelves, recycle pre-loved books and discover new stories to enjoy. Details: Children's books only / Must be in good condition / All books €2 each or 3 books for €5. Books must be handed in by 28<sup>th</sup> February. BAKE SALE – Fri. 6<sup>th</sup> March, while browsing the fair.