Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

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

PRIESTS CONTACT NUMBERS

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PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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1st November 2026 — All Souls Day — 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



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. 31st October 6.15pm
Kathleen Keogh, Shandra (1st Anniv.)
Evan Clancy, Pine Villa (8th Anniv.); Maisie & Danny Mulvihill, Droughill; Seamus Mullally, Rosecourt (18th Anniv.); Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh, Lily Maher, Sandy Lane
Sun. 1st November 12.15pm
Mary & Jim Carroll, Bracklone St. & dec. members of the Carroll & Bergin Family; Kate & Pat Sherlock, Co. Monaghan; Dec. members of the Sherlock Family; Maureen Weldon, Cushina (19th Anniv.); Eamonn & Kathleen Collier, Station Rd; Kathleen Burbage & dec. members of the Burbage Family; Tom (38th Anniv.) & Lily (23rd Anniv.) Coogan, Arlington Estate; John & Stella Monagher, Main St.; Michael & Margaret Dempsey, Cloneyhurke; Con Doyle, Garryhinch (5th Anniv.)
Sat. 7th November 6.15pm
Anne Cobbe (nee Slevin), Portlaoise Road (M.M.) Paddy Boylan, Spa Street; Billy Hyland, Garryhinch (16th Anniv.); Joseph Dunne, Cloneyhurke; Matt & Julia Colgan, Annamoe. Danny & Eileen Allman, St Mary's Tce, Son John Joe Allman, Granddaughter Roslyn Allman. Ellen Oakley, St. Mary's Tce; Paddy & Margaret Oakley
Sun. 8th November 12.15pm
Geraldine McCusker, Shandra (1st Anniv.); Seamus McCusker, Shandra (13th Anniv.); Michael Rice, Derrymore; Molly Douglas, Bishopswood; John Noonan, St. Joseph's Terrace (9th Anniv.); Joe Brennan, Kilbride

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 1st November 10.30am
Sean Phelan, Fisherstown (3rd Anniv.); Patrick Deffew, Garryvacum; Sally Dalton; Patrick (Paddy) & Rose Murphy, Killenard; James & Kathleen Kearney, Ballybrittas & Kathleen Malone; Mary & John Kiernan, Ballycarroll, Veronica Kiernan, England; John Bernard Wynne, Leitrim (40th Anniv.) Dec. members of the Wynne Family; Thomas & Bridget Kiernan, Lea Road; Eithne Hynan, Shandra; Liam McCormack, Lea
Sun. 8th November 10.30am
William (Billy) O'Leary, Killenure

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON AT 10AM

Wed. 4th Nov: Michael Rice, Derrymore

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 31st October 7.30pm
Peter Hyland, Emo Park; Thomas & Mary Walsh Deceased members of the Woods Family; Patrick Cullen; John Dunne, Coolbanagher; Pascal John Dunne, Coolbanagher
Sat. 7th November 7.30pm
Ned Ryan, Morette (2nd Anniv.)
Chrissie Molloy, Fisherstown (2nd Anniv.)
Sun. 8th November 11am
Paddy Sheridan, Emo Park (6th Anniv.)
Michael Gleeson, Morette,

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 1st November 9am
Paul Ryan, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.)
Tommy Donoher, Rath; Dan Donoher, Jamestown
Sun. 8th November 9am
May Tynan, Canal House, Fisherstown (1st Anniv.); Brigid Fitzgerald, Rath (33rd Anniv.)



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:
Eamonn Lauri Lawlor, Belan, Fisherstown



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Sunday 1st November is the Feast of All Saints. Usual Sunday Masses in all Churches

FEAST OF ALL SOULS

Monday 2nd November is the Feast of All Souls. Mass will be celebrated on Tues. as follows:-
Portarlington 10am **Emo** 7.30pm

INDULGENCES

The faithful who visit a cemetery & pray for the dead may gain a plenary indulgence for the holy souls, one per day, from 1st to 8th Nov. (1 Our Father & Hail Mary for the Popes Intentions).

COLLECTORS IN RATH NOEMBER

Colm Wilson & Robbie Flynn

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS 2026

Remembering our departed relatives and friends.



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

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You are invited to place the names of your loved ones on our **Memorial Tree**.

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A Bereavement Book is available in all the Churches, where you can write the names of family members who have died.

DEAD LIST

If you wish to enrol your loved ones on the Dead List to be remembered at Masses during the year, an envelope is available in your development box or in the Church porch.

THE PLEDGE

Month of November

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support & encouragement to people & their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 01 8054226 or through www.pioneers.ie/pray.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES



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

NOTICE

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

"Church Gate" collections are entirely outside the jurisdiction & responsibility of the Parish. Such collections are sanctioned by permit by An Garda Síochana as "street collections". This permit expressly forbids such collections from taking place on parish property, therefore the collections must take place outside the Church gates.

REFLECTION

Throughout the month of November our thoughts & prayers turn to the faithful departed. We remember with gratitude those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. At the beginning of the month the feasts of All Souls & All Saints remind us that all is not ended when earthly life comes to a close, we are promised eternal life.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

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: Classes will resume Mon. 2nd Nov. All very welcome.
Social Dance: Sat. 21st November Music by Dave Lawlor & Michael Cahill.

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.

TUTOR AVAILABLE

Primary school tutor available Laois/Offaly area with flexible hours. Contact Leah at 083 3589306

EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the Date – Sunday 29th November 2026 in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

IRELAND'S 3RD NATIONAL FIRST SATURDAYS CONFERENCE

At Fatima Our Lady promised that if we did as she asked there would be peace in the world & that many souls would be saved.
This year's conference will take place in Knock on Sat. 28th Nov. The day begins at 10am & finishes at 5pm and includes Mass, Adoration, talks & a healing service. Speakers include: Fr. Patrick Cahill, Geraldine O'Donnell, Fr Leon Pereira OP, Nikki Kingsley, Fr. Marius O'Reilly, Fr. Jaimie Twohig, Christine O'Hara, Fr. Mark Quinn & Fr. Philip Kemmy. Fr. John Keane will lead a Eucharistic Healing Service. Check out www.firstsaturdays.ie

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY BECOME A VOLUNTEER DRIVER

As a volunteer driver you will be bringing patients undergoing chemotherapy to the hospital for their treatment and back home. Requirements are a minimum of two drives per month & be available for the full day / Roadworthy car, a clean drivers licence, insurance & NCT. The Irish Cancer Society will provide you with training. Garda Vetting necessary. Further information contact Emily or Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie

CHAIR SABRINA WITH SABRINA

Portarlington Community Centre, Mon. 9th, 16th & 30th November from 10am – 11am. Cost €10.
4 week course. Contact Catriona on 086 7935234.

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Next draw takes place on Mon. next, 2nd Nov. with a Jackpot of €5,400.



GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

26/10/2026 – Week No. 44 – Numbers 32, 21, 12, 22 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to:- Melanie Broderick; Jerry Dempsey; Jack & Rose Byrne; Molly Kavanagh; Alan Bracken. Promoter prize – The Hawthorn.
Next week's Jackpot €13,200

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

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.

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE

To remember deceased staff & members of Laois County Council
Taking place Mon. 16th Nov. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 2nd Nov. All Souls
Tues. 3rd Nov. St. Malachy
Wed. 4th Nov. St. Charles Borromeo
Thurs. 5th Nov. Feast of St. Martin de Porres
Fri. 6th Nov. All the Saints of Ireland

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

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

Storms, Sunshine and Surprises with meteorologist Joanna Donnelly
Join former RTÉ weather presenter and meteorologist **Joanna Donnelly** in Portarlington Library on Wed. 4th Nov. at 6pm for an engaging and illustrated talk exploring the fascinating story of Irish weather and meteorology. Combining science, storytelling and humour, Booking required.
Leaves Festival at Portarlington Library- Award winning author Louise Nealon in conversation with Helen Carroll.
Award-winning author Louise Nealon joins us at Portarlington Library for a special event exploring her acclaimed novels *Snowflake* and *Everything That Is Beautiful*. In conversation with Helen Carroll, she will discuss the themes that shape her writing, including family, home, love, loss, and the often-complicated journey of becoming ourselves. Free event but booking necessary.

Also taking place:-
Ciorcal Comhrá
La Leche League Coffee Morning
Parents First Baby Group
Digital Support Drop In Sessions
Knitting Club / Lego Free Play
Social Chess(Adults only)
Portarlington Junior Book Club
Baby Book Club:



Applications for First Year 2027 / 2028. Applications closing this weekend. Please enrol through our website to avoid the disappointment of not securing a place.
www.colaisteiosagainport.ie

RATH N.S. ENROLMENT

Junior Infant enrolment for Rath NS has opened. Closing date Friday 13th Nov. All forms available on our website rathns.ie Rath National school is looking for a bus escort starting soon. If you are interested or have any questions please contact principal@rathns.com / 057-8626270.

CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Open Day at Cloneyhurke NS – Sun. 8th Nov. 12 Noon -2pm R32FT51. Visit our school, meet the staff & pupils. Games & refreshments on the day. The School will be accepting applications for 2027 / 2028 enrolment 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 until Fri. 13th November 2026. Application forms available to download from www.naomheoin.ie
via Email office@naomheoin.ie
or phone 057 8626217.

O'DEMSPEY'S WEEKLY CLUB LOTTO

28th Oct. Numbers 19, 23, 25, 30. No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners Mary Lalor. Promoter Catherine Cahill. Next draw 2nd November with a Jackpot of €13,300.