

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 (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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

SUN. 20TH JULY 2025

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 19th July 6.15pm

Kathleen Fahy, Arlington Est. (2nd Anniv.) Goretti Phelan, Avondale (5th Anniv.); Margaret Kennedy, Gracefield; Kathleen Whelan, Marian Hill; Ann Mullen, Bracklone St.; David Mullen, Bracklone St.; Edward (Ned) Murphy, Shandra (10th Anniv.)

Sun. 20th July 12.15pm

Nuala O'Donoghue, Cushina (M.M.)
Fran Dempsey, Clondoolusk (M.M.)
David Smith, Church View. (3rd Anniv.)
Ailish Lyne, Bracklone Street; Nell Redmond, Tallaght (29th Anniv.) & dec. members of the Walsh & Redmond Families

Sat. 26th July 6.15pm

Margaret Bolton, Kilbride (6th Anniv.); Philip Horan, Bracklone St. (7th Anniv.)
Geraldine O'Connor-Walsh, Bracklone St. (19th Anniv.); Rita & Margaret Gallagher, Treascon (10th Anniv.) & deceased members of the Gallagher Family; Mark Cummins

Sun. 27th July 12.15pm

Pat Treacy, Avondale (1st Anniv.); Johnny McCowen (2nd Anniv.); Jon McCowen (8th Anniv.); Marie McCowen (26th Anniv.), Station Road; George & Bridie Quinn, Bishopswood Rd; Terri Quinn, Bishopswood Rd.

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 20th July 10.30am

Peter Dowling

Sun. 27th July 10.30am

Seamus Tynan, Rathmiles

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism



Cali Margaret Behan, Killenard
Fionn Michael Deegan, Ballycarroll
Brián Jamey Gargan, Kilnacourt

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Wed. 23rd July Patrick Flood, Main Street

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 19th July 7.30pm

Esther Dunne, Athy (M.M.), *Mother of Mary Delaney, Emo*; Joe Keegan, Lough (1st Anniv.)
Peter Booth, Emo; Joe Lynch, Killeen

Sun. 20th July 11am

Myles Carroll, New Inn & deceased members of the Carroll Family

Funeral Mass

John Dowling, formerly of Morette, Emo, who died in New York last February. Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Paul's Church, Emo on Wednesday next, 23rd July at 12 Noon.

Sun. 27th July 11am

Margaret Malone (nee Lewis); Alphonsus Malone; Trisha Malone & dec. members of the Malone & Lewis Family, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 20th July 9am

Patjo Dobbyn, Ballybrittas;
Bill Dobbyn, Courtwood; Denis Tynan (6th Anniv.); Canal, Fisherstown; Elizabeth & Timothy Tynan, Canal, Fisherstown; Marcella Bolger, Belin; Breda O'Keeffe, Clogheen, Monasterevin; Kathleen Behan, Courtwood; Mary Behan, Courtwood; Betty & Michael Clifford, Kenmare

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK

Michelle Haughton (nee Harrison), Cushina
Jim McDonald, Ballycrossal, Portarlington
Christy Russell, Riverside & Dublin/Newbridge
Marian Keightly (nee Dowling), Timahoe & formerly Congress Terrace

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS

PILGRIMAGE 2025 - KNOCK SHRINE

Sun. 27th July - Celebrating the World Day for Grandparents & the elderly.

Theme: Blessed are those who have not lost hope (cf. Sir 14,2). Mass, Music, Anointing of the sick, Rosary. Inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents, send it or bring it to the CGA Knock Shrine.

www.knockshrine.ie/watch (to view online)



PORTARLINGTON PARISH 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES



This year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on Tuesday next, 22nd July. The bus to Dublin Airport will be leaving McCann Park at 8am sharp on Tuesday morning 22nd July. Please be there by 7.30am.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues. 22nd July – St. Mary Magdalene
Wed. 23rd July – St. Bridget of Sweden
Thurs. 24th July – St. Declan; St. Charbel Maklouf
Fri. 25th July – St. James
Sat. 26th July – Ss Joachim & Anne

CEMETERY MASSES 2025



The Old Cemetery (beside the Church), Emo

Sat. 16th August – 7.30pm

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2025



Do you have an article of interest, historic, sport, etc? Do you have some old photographs you could share? You can submit articles / Stories / photographs for inclusion in this year's edition of the Emigrant Newsletter to portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Drop into the Parish Office or post to Parochial House, Patrick Street, Portarlington, Co. Laois.

A special welcome for old group photographs (must include names). Closing date for articles / photographs end of August 2025.

All photographs will be scanned & returned straight away.

LIGHT THE FIRE HILL OF SLANE

Come & celebrate our Catholic faith on Sale – The hill where St. Patrick lit the first Paschal fire in 433AD. The Archbishop of Armagh will symbolically light the fire of faith, hope & love, first kindled by our patron saint. Eurovision's Dana will sing her song for St. Patrick, Light the Fire. Gathering at 12 noon – Includes Mass, Eucharistic healing, praise & worship & Rosary. www.lightthefire.ie or Email info@lightthefire.ie

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC LOTTO RESULTS

Numbers drawn 14th July: 3, 10, 24, 29. No Jackpot winner. 1 x match 3 winner: Conor and Cheryl Finlay. Promoter: Michael Finlay. Next Draw: Mon. 21st July 2025. **Jackpot €6,800.** Thanks for your support.

COMMUNITY TABLE QUIZ

Hosted by the Solar Action Group of Kilmullen & Coolnafeareagh.

Friday 1st August at The Thatch, Killenard. Starts at 8pm / Table of 4 is €40. Join us for a fun-filled evening with great questions, local prizes and community spirit — All in support of raising awareness around the proposed large-scale solar farm in our area. Come along to find out more about the future of Kilmullen and Coolnafeareagh. Raffle on the night and also a brief information session. All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



To book call 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie or give your name at the library desk.

Dogman Drawing Workshop

Wed. 23rd July 10:30am (7-12yrs.)

Lukes Deadly Dinosaurs - Tues. 29th July 2:30pm – (5-12 yrs).

Butterfly Craft Table - Thurs. 31st July 11-1:30 or while stocks last. Parent and child craft table

Storytime – Each Friday 3.30pm

Lego Freeplay Each Sat. 10.30-12.30pm

Knitting Circle Fri. 10.30-12.30pm

Puzzle Club Tues. 10am

Social Chess Club – Each Wed. 6pm.

Adult Book Club – Meet last Tues. of month.

Call 057 8643751 for more details

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SOLAS

Scruffs Dog Show Sun. 20th July 11am–3pm

A paw-some day out for all the family! Join us at SOLAS for our annual Scruffs Dog Show featuring fun competitions, a doggie fashion show, and pet-friendly market stalls. Café open all day with tasty food and drinks!

More info & dog registration

www.thegardenshop.ie/scruffs-dog-show-at-solas

LAOIS SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY

LSTEP promotes independent living for the elderly and provides supports in the community which include low-cost painting & decorating, garden maintenance, household repairs, installation personal alarms assistance.

Further information on how to avail of this service, phone 057 8661900 or Email info@laoispartnership.ie

COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT

A Country & Western Night is taking place in aid of Cuisse Cancer Support Centre. 3rd August commencing 5pm until closing time.



Spot prizes / Live music / DJ /

Dress for the Occasion. €5 entry fee. Venue:

The Anvil Inn, Portarlinton 5pm – Closing.

Come along for an enjoyable night & support this worthy cause!

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION BURSARY

Offering five €1,000 Maureen McEvoy Bursary Awards this year for 2025. This bursary is open to fifth 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.

SPIORAIÐ NAOIMH PRAYING

COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat

St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, Portlaoise Sat. 26th July 10am to 1.30pm. Mass @ 10am Confessions available. Retreat continues in Rathiniska Room, Parish Centre after Mass at 10.45am. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305 Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP. www.spioraidnaoimh.com

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

SILVER JUBILEE YEARBOOK 2000-2025

400+ full-colour pages of photos and memories charting the past twenty-five years of the school community. Available from 21st August 2025 from the school and local shops for €25.

EVENTS

Reeling in the Years

Wed. 20th August at 11am in the Heritage, Killenard for all Staff of school.

Liturgy – Bishop Denis Nulty / Tour of the School / Jubilee Book Launch / Opening of Time Capsule

Sat. 27th Sept. at 3pm – St. Michael's Church & School – All very welcome to attend.

Spoken Word / Reminiscing

Fri. 12th Dec. 7.30pm in Colaiste Íosagáin. All very welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS

Entries are being accepted for Laois County Council Community & Voluntary Awards for 2025. It's a chance to shine a spotlight on a local person or a local group who you think deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions to your community. Nomination forms available online at www.laois.ie www.ppn.ie and www.peoplefirstcu.ie. Closing date for receipt of nominations is 5th September

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

For newborn babies and toddlers (0-5 years) Venue: The Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlinton. R32 YK24. Everyone welcome – Lots of great toys, activities, music and fun! Refreshments served. Various talk of interest by professionals & themed activities for children. Friday's 9am to 11am. Come along next Friday to our Bake Sale:-

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT

With Monasterevin Gospel Choir.

Fri. 31st October in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Tickets €30 available from Monasterevin Parish Office 045 525346 & Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395. All proceeds in aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Senior Citizens.

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Alternatively phone the office (057) 8643004

VACANCY

Caring in Offaly CE scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2402450, Portarlinton area, 19.5 hours per week. Contact Alison Hackett for further info. phone 086 0213711 or ahackett@familycarers.ie

CLEANING SERVICES AVAILABLE

All types of cleaning – Homes / Businesses. Contact Konrad at 0833736660 Email contact@cleans.ie

PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID FUND

Today Sunday 20th July, 2025



**Ultimate Summer
5k Fun Run/Walk**

Commencing at 11am at the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Registration fee €10 per person open from 10am on the morning. Refreshments in the hotel afterwards. Prizes for first three ladies home and the first three men home. All welcome to take part.

EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1984 – 14/7/25

7, 8, 12, 17 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Chloe Whoriskey C/o Emo GAA

Pat Booth C/o S. Strong

Pauric Nolan c/o P. Nolan

Leona Delaney C/o B. Gorman

Fiona & Tony Keane

Next draw takes place 21st July with a Jackpot of €4,600



GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

LOTTO

14th July, 2025 – Week No. 29

Numbers 14, 13, 23, 7 – No Jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Eleanor Shortall; Amy Slevin; Charlie Evans; James Grehan; Daniel & Noah Whittle. Promoter prize: Mick Slattery. **Next week's Jackpot is €4,400**

3 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

St Brigid's 3-day Pilgrimages to Lough Derg 13th Aug – Fri 15th Aug. Bus pick-ups at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. Further info: & bookings: Joe 087-2467594 deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge & community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on **Friday, 23rd August**. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection & connection with fellow young Catholics. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thurs. 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass & Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Next Social Dance will be held on Sat. 19th July. Dancing to Brian McDermott. Doors open 9pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served.

Keep Fit – Wednesday nights with Eimear From 7-8pm. €5 per session

Dancing Lessons – With Noeleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS

Killenard Community Centre. For 4-8 years. 5th – 7th August. €55 – 10am – 1pm. Arts & Crafts; Creative Messy Play; Science Experiments; Music, Dancing & Games. Further information and booking contact Maria on 083 1857073.

SUMMER CAMP

29th July – 1st August – Venue: Scoil Phadraig, Portarlinton. 9.30am – 2pm. Further info. Email summercampport@gmail.com. Sport / Baking / Arts and Crafts / Coding. €70 (sibling discounts).