

# Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

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## PARISH OFFICE

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



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

**21st June 2026 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Fathers Day – Day for Life 2026 Year 'A'**

## WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 20th June 6.15pm

John Kennedy, Church View (4th Anniv.)  
Ciaran Orange, Canal Road (5th Anniv.) &  
deceased members of the Orange Family;  
Lil Murphy (6th Anniv.) & Mick Murphy (11th  
Anniv.), St. Michael's Park; Mary Fallon, St.  
Joseph's Tce; Elizabeth & John Fallon, St.  
Michael's Park; Bridie, Pat & Joseph Brick;  
Elizabeth Nicholls & George Nicholls; Mary  
Broderick, Main St. (17th Anniv.) Johnny Ward,  
Bracklone St. (38th Anniv)

### Sun. 21st June 12.15pm

Martina Hearty, Killenard (M.M.)  
Nuala O'Donoghue, Cushina (1st Anniv.) & dec.  
members of the O'Donoghue Family; Peter  
Sheils, Birmingham (8th Anniv.) & dec. members  
of the Sheils Family; Fran Dempsey,  
Clondoolusk (1st Anniv.); Gerry Conway,  
Avondale (3rd Anniv.); Edward, Maisie, Dessie,  
Eamon, Joe & Sis Shortall; Phyllis Hallissey  
(nee Shortall); Carmel Hallissey (nee Shortall);  
Carmel Keogh (nee Shortall), St. Michael's Park,  
Michael Corcoran, Corrig, (33rd Anniv.) & dec.  
members of the Corcoran family; Tommy Walsh,  
Bracklone St. (26th Anniv.)

### Sat. 27th June 6.15pm

Ena Moran, Droughill; Dec. members of the  
Nelligan Family, Monasterevin; Michael & Mary  
Milner, Lough; John & Margaret Delaney, Lough;  
Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq. (39th Anniv.) Dec.  
members of the Hanlon family, Gracefield;  
Pendy & Bridie Hyland & John Hyland

### Sun. 28th June 12.15pm

Patrick Kirwan, Foxcroft Avenue (2nd Anniv.)  
William Higgins, Patrick St; Tom & Frances  
Naughton, Station House & their son, Fran  
Naughton (2nd Anniv.), Ballina & Station House  
Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Sq. (39th Anniv.);  
Hughie & Dolores Keogh, St. Michael's Park &  
their daughter, Siobhan Keogh; Frances  
Costello, St. Michael's Park (5th Anniv.); George  
Moore, Garryhinch. Ailish O'Flaherty, (nee  
Maher) (19th Anniv)

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 21st June 10.30am

Jim O'Leary, The Heritage (4th Anniv.)  
Sean Connell, Avondale  
Ailish O'Flaherty, (nee Maher) (19th Anniv)

### Sun. 28th June 10.30am

Tony Mullen, Corrig (M.M.); Paddy Molloy,  
Tierhogar; Mary Kiernan, Crowe Lane; Dora  
Hickey, Corrig; Sheila & Elizabeth Kavanagh,  
Lough & dec. members of the Kavanagh Family  
Seamus Tynan, Rathmiles; Stephen Hughes,  
Ballintogher (25th Anniv)

## WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 22nd June** Jim, Theresa & Edward  
Westman; Patricia Garvey (B/Day Rem.)  
**Tues. 23rd June** Gerry Conway, Avondale  
**Wed. 24th June** Nativity of John the Baptist  
**Thurs. 25th June** Nuala & Michael Gibson,  
St. Michael's Park; Baby Gabriel Gable (2nd  
Anniv.)

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Sat. 20th June 7.30pm

Liam Murphy, Morette; Matt & Mary Hyland,  
The Heath Course; Kathleen Heffernan,  
Killimy; Elizabeth Keegan, Thomas Keegan &  
Denis Keegan, Coolbanagher, John O'Neill,  
Ballybrittas, Dec members of the O'Neill  
family.

### Sun. 21st June 11am

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## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sun. 21st June 9am

Michael Mulhare, Courtwood (4th Anniv.)  
William & Mary Flynn, Fisherstown

### Sun. 28th June 9am

Jack O'Connell, Coolroe

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community  
through Baptism:-

Madelyn Grace O'Connor, Closeland  
Rosie Kate Kelly, Slí Na Móna  
Éala Anne O'Neill, Ballybrittas

## DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died  
recently:-



**Liam McMahon**, French Church Street  
**Jim Hooks**, Patrick Street  
**Sadie Dempsey**, Patrick Street  
**Noel Coogan**, Mountmellick & Shiphouse,  
Portarlington (Funeral mass on Mon 22nd June  
at 10am in St. Michael's Church., Portarlington.  
**Dolores Campion (nee Costello)**, Drogheda  
& formerly Killenard (Funeral Mass Mon. 22nd  
June at 2pm in St. John's Church, Killenard)  
**John O'Mahony**, Dublin & Mountmellick  
(Brother of Pat O'Mahony)

## RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Portarlington Parish €3,750.00  
Emo Parish €1,265.00  
Sincere thanks to all who contributed to the  
above collection.

## DAY FOR LIFE

### Today, Sunday 21st June 2026

On this year's Day for Life, Sun. 21st June, we  
reflect on the wonder of human life from the  
moment of conception. We remember how the  
LORD Jesus Christ Himself sanctified &  
experienced the beginning of life in the world as  
an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary.  
Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God  
– God & man – as soon as He was conceived.  
John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's  
womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady  
treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until  
His birth. To read the full bishops' message  
visit [www.councilforlife.ie](http://www.councilforlife.ie)

## Pope Leo X1V

Pope Leo X1V, in speaking to the Spanish  
Parliament on June 8th, said "The defence of  
human life is neither a partisan issue nor a  
confessional issue: It is the goal of civilization,  
every human life must be recognised and  
safeguarded from conception to its natural end.



## POPE'S COLLECTION PETERS PENCE

Peter's Pence (Pope's) Collection  
takes place the weekend of 27th /  
28th June. Envelopes available in  
your boxes of envelopes. Your  
generosity is, as always, greatly appreciated.

## CEMETERY MASS 2026

Killenard – Fri. 3rd July – 7.30pm  
Portarlington - Fri. 10th July – 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm



God our Father,  
in your wisdom and love  
you made all things the loving,  
caring persons they are meant to be.  
Today & every day God, bless all the  
Fathers in the world.

## ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary

## COLLECTORS IN RATH FOR JULY

Joe Carroll & Edward Fitzgerald

## CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 2026

Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Local group will climb Croagh Patrick in aid of **Portarlington Meals on Wheels**. Bus leaves Burbages, Main Street at 6.15am on the morning. If you wish to climb or get sponsorship phone Pat Burbage on 087-7716244.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

**Social Dancing:** Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> June. Music by Dave Lawlor & Michael Cahill. 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.

## CLONEYHURKE N.S. IRISH FLAG AWARD

Cloneyhurke National School will be accepting their **Gaelbhratach Irish Flag** on Mon. next, 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 11am to 1pm in St. Brigid's Community Hall. St. Brigid's Grupa Gaeilge will also attend for fun and games with the pupils ás Gaeilge. Tá fáilte romhait le gach dúine.



## EMO COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT

Emo Community Text Alert are rolling out a new Smart phone Text Alert System called **Cairde** from **Muintir na Tire**. All current members of Emo Community Alert can download the **Cairde App** – Just sign in and register for this service. Download the App from your Apple App Store or your Google Play Store. Search for **Cairde** - It has the Muintir na Tire Logo on it. A meeting will be held on Wednesday next, 24<sup>th</sup> June in Emo Old School at 7.30pm to explain this new system.

## 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;



## FISHERSTOWN TRACTOR & TRUCK RUN

**In aid of Laois Hospice**



All lorries, tractors & vintage cars welcome! Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> July at 11am. Run leaving 2pm from the Final Furlong, Ballybrittas. Food & Music all day; Bouncing castle & kids fun area; Midlands 10-3 Roadcaster live. Phone David 086 2853243 (Lorries) / Dave 087 2729446 (Tractor)

## THE PRIORY INSTITUTE ONLINE COURSE

**Man and Woman, He Created Them**

The Priory Institute 1 week on-line course is reflective, informative & interactive & will run from 10<sup>th</sup> August. The course includes 4 recorded presentations & one online zoom discussion & is very flexible being delivered entirely online. [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

## SUMMER SKILLS

**PROGRAMME**

Designed to help young people feel calmer, stronger & more Confident. A fun & supportive Occupational Therapy-led programme focused on emotional regulation, confidence, wellbeing & practical tools for everyday life. Five daily one hour evening sessions. 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July in Portarlington Community Centre. Daily one hour evening sessions. 8-10 years and 11-15 years. If interested Email [otregulation@gmail.com](mailto:otregulation@gmail.com)

## EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Numbers 4, 6, 9, 22 – Jackpot €3,800 – Winners were the O'Rourke Family. €25 each to the following:- John Dooley c/o Parish Office; Cella Lawlor c/o Deirdre; Sheila Dunne c/o Deirdre; Gabriel Nicholson c/o Bernie; Eilish Bowe c/o Bernie  
**The next draw will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> June with a Jackpot of €2,000**

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

15<sup>th</sup> June 2026 – Week No. 25  
Numbers 1, 7, 4, 13 - No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Lil Geoghegan; Kieran Murphy; Christy Carey; Josephine Lawrence; Ciaran Byrne. Promoters prize: Joe McAtteer. **Next week's Jackpot €9,400**

## WANT TO TRY AN E-BIKE

Local residents can borrow an e-bike for 3 months with a €150 refundable deposit. Return the bike at the end of the loan period & get your deposit back. It's a great way to try an E bike risk free. Travel more sustainably, save on transport costs, enjoy easier journey's around town. Contact PCDA – Love Port, Market House, The Square.  
Ph: 057 8608395 Email: [info@portarlington.ie](mailto:info@portarlington.ie)

## MARKET HOUSE, PORTARLINGTON

Perfect for meetings, group classes, workshops & training sessions. Flexible booking options in a comfortable central location. [www.portarlington.ie](http://www.portarlington.ie) to book directly.

## PORTARLINGTON GAA CLUB

### FUNDRAISING DRAW

Incredible prize for one lucky winner of 2 tickets for the all Ireland Hurling Final plus 2 tickets for the All Ireland Football Final. Tickets €10 each. Draw date 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026.



## CAMP PIO – SUMMER FAITH CAMP

Boys & Girls 5-13 years. Mon. – Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 9.30am – 2.30pm. Arts / crafts / music / drama / team games / prayer. Venue: Bloom HQ, Old Convent Mountrath R32DT9F. €45 per child (€30 per additional child in family). Contact Caroline 085 2430529 Laura 087 6313370 or [campio2024@gmail.com](mailto:campio2024@gmail.com)



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## JUNE MEMBER PRIZE DRAW WINNERS

€10,000 prize to Philip Cullen  
€2,000 each Susan Cross & Samantha Ready  
€1,000 each Gerard Butler & Deirdre Molloy  
€500 each Anne Kennedy; Michelle Crampton; Caoimhe Jaffray; Aideen Moore; Terence Lawlor; Eric & Kerry Kinahan; Nuala Brew; Fionnuala Milner; Brigid Byrne; Elaine Byrne; Amy Naughton; Margaret Gallagher; Mehret Loftus. €450 to Donna Kiernan.  
Congratulations to all our winners.

## PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND & PORTARLINGTON SHAMROCKS

Holding an IMBA (Irish Marching Bands Association). Event on 28<sup>th</sup> June commencing 1pm in McCann Park, Portarlington. R32FW92. Donations on the door. All welcome. A Sound Sport Competition.

## ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Results of draw on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
No winner. €25 Paul Kelly, Noel Foy, Kathleen Greene, Next draw on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 & Jackpot is 10,000.

## PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel 17<sup>th</sup> July for 7 nights – Final payments now due for anyone travelling. Also required is a copy of your current Passport – Contact Marie 087 7589896.

### 5K Sponsored Run / Walk

Family Day out - Walk or run on Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> July commencing 11am at the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Registration €10 from 10am on the morning. Refreshments served afterwards.  
Red 087 9850348 / Peter 087 9872417.

## BEALTAINÉ AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoisccoco.ie) or give your name at the library desk.

**Knitting Circle** Friday's 10:30 -12:30

**Ciorcal Comhrá** Irish language conversation.

**Chess Club** Wednesdays at 6pm

**Jigsaw Club** Thursday mornings.

**Adult Bookclub** Reading one book a month & meeting last Tuesday of the month at 11pm.

**Online Book Club** Read one book per month – via audio or eBook format on Borrow Box.

Discussion questions posted on our Facebook last Wed. of the month.

**Baby Book Club** Wed. 10.30am Please book.

**La Leche League Coffee Morning:** Second Tuesday of the month 10.30am – 11.30am.

**Lego Free Play** Saturday's 10am – 1pm.

## THANK YOU!

The Maher Family would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who came to our coffee morning, those who donated online, baked buns, cakes etc. & helped out in any way. We really appreciate it. This Coffee Morning was held in memory of their brother Robbie & through everyone's generosity, we collected €4,615.00 for "The Friends of St. Luke's Hospital, Rathgar".



## PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

June 50/50 draw will take place 25<sup>th</sup> of June. 50% to the winner 50% back to the society - any funds raised will go towards our next production.

<https://linktr.ee/PortarlingtonMusicalSociety> to enter. Leave your name & number in case you win. All support greatly appreciated. Cash can also be given - Contact Rebecca on 087-3982548 or Email [portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com) Audition Preparation Workshop - 2<sup>nd</sup> July - 8pm in the Market House. Price €10 non-member/ €5 Further info. Email the above address.

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

### O'Dempsey's Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 15<sup>th</sup> June: 03, 07, 11, 14. No Jackpot winner. Match 3 winner: Aoife McDermott, Lisa Donoher, The Holland family, Darina O'Mahony, Mike Cahill jnr, Marie Fenlon Connolly, Eve Dunne, Meera Sabena, Carmel Dempsey, Lily Conlon & Mark Gallagher. Promoter: Phil Donoher. Next Draw: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June with a Jackpot of €11,400

Thanks for your support.

### Sip & Paint – 27<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm

Sip, paint and socialise for a full filled Paint & Prosecco night at the Heritage Golf Club Cafe.. Your €40 ticket includes a guided painting session with a local artist, a cheese board and a complimentary glass of prosecco Places are limited so book early. For tickets log onto:- [https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/Sip\\_Paint\\_K26](https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/Sip_Paint_K26)

### Quiz night 10<sup>th</sup> July 8.30pm

Join the Derry Girls for a Quiz Night – Quiz from 9.30pm. Enter [https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/derrygirls\\_quiznight](https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/derrygirls_quiznight)