

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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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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SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

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PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney

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MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

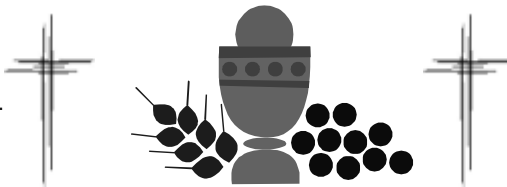
10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday)
6.15pm (Vigil – Sat.), 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

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. 21st SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 20th September 6.15pm

Jim Lynch, Ballymorris (1st Anniv.)
TJ O'Neill, St. Joseph's Tce. (6th Anniv.)
Michael Power, Avondale
Philomena (Ena) Gaffney, Main Street
Peter & Mary McEvoy, St. Patrick's Terrace
Neddy Ryan, Marian Hill

Sun. 21st September 12.15pm

Vincent Cryan, Main St. (1st Anniv.)
Paddy Devlin, Foxcroft St. (1st Anniv.)
Breege O'Boyle, Church View (1st Anniv.)
Harry Levio, Kilnacourt Woods
Sandra Rowan, Doolagh; Miceál Barry & Kevin
Barry, Patrick St; Edward Murray, Cushina;
Rose & Luke Clarke, Tinnecrannagh

Sat. 27th September 6.15pm

Patrick (Paddy) Devlin, Foxcroft St. (1st Anniv.);
Paul Dempsey, Kilbride (2nd Anniv.); Mary
Mooney, Kilbride House; Jim Lawlor, Lea Rd.
(4th Anniv.); Joe Duffy, Ballycullane (7th Anniv.) &
his granddaughter, Rebecca (19th Anniv.);
Billy Moloney, Sweep Rd. & Cloneygowan (10th
Anniv.); Chrissy Whelan, Marian Hill; Tommy
Dobbyn, Kilmalogue Cross

Sun. 28th September 12.15pm

Catherine O'Reilly, Patrick St. (2nd Anniv.);
Phil McGettrick, Patrick Avenue; Paddy, Mary &
Tommie Donagher; Liam Shortall; Larry &
Evelyn Farrell

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 21st September 10.30am

John O'Kane, Kilmullen (20th Anniv.)
Murt Connell, Lea (6th Anniv.)

Sun. 28th September 10.30am

Christina Brophy, Lough

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who
died recently:-

Kathleen Murphy, Congress Terrace

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Tues. 23rd Sept: St. Pius of
Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) & St. Eunan
Thurs. 25th Sept: St. Finbarr
Fri. 26th Feb: Ss Cosmas &
Damian
Sat. 27th Feb: St. Vincent de Paul



WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 22nd Sept. --

Tues. 23rd Sept. Leo Dempsey, Shandra

Wed. 24th Sept. Bridget Kavanagh, Kilbride
Philip Brophy, Lough (B/Day Remembrance)

Thurs. 25th Sept. Mary & Joseph O'Reilly,
Cushina

Fri. 26th Sept. Kathleen & James McKenna (1st
Anniv.), Foxcroft Avenue

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 20th September 7.30pm

Andy Rowe, Killimy;
Elizabeth & Edward Fenlon, Killimy Road
Brigid Dunne, Morette
Edward Mulhall, New Inn

Sat. 27th September 7.30pm

Bernie Behan, Bellgrove (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 21st September 9am

George Doyle, Rath (3rd Anniv.);
Dec. members of the Keogh Family, Kildare;
Michael & Monica Costello, Lea; Frank & Lucy
Carroll, Fisherstown; Jim Bailey, Ashgrove

Sun. 28th September 9am

Mary (Millie) Murphy, (M.M.) & her husband
Billy Murphy (6th Anniv.), Bellgrove;
Edward Fitzgerald, Rath (4th Anniv.)
Shin Donnolly, Fisherstown Bridge (7th Anniv.)

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



Paudi Joseph Duffy, Closeland
Donnacha McKenna, Mount Henry Close

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



NOTICE



Copies of the Annual Income & Expenditure
Report 2024 for the Parishes of
Portarlington & Emo are available at the
Church Porch. Please take one home!



CONFIRMATION 2026



Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road

Thurs. 5th March 2026 at 11am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Thurs. 5th March 2026 at 2pm in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Sacred Heart National School, Rath

Wed. 11th March 2026 at 11am in
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Wed. 11th March 2026 at 2pm in
St. Paul's Church, Emo

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Thurs. 19th March 2026 at 11.30am in
St. John's Church, Killenard

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026



Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Sat. 9th May 2016 at 11.30am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.

Sun. 10th May 2026 at 11am in St. Paul's
Church, Emo

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 16th May, 2026 at 11.30am in
St. John's Church, Killenard

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.,

Sat. 23rd May, 2026 at 11.30am in
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Sat. 6th June, 2026 at 11.30am in
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

YOUTH CHOIR



Youth Choir now open to new members for
2025 / 2026. All primary school children
welcome. Rehearsal: Tuesday 3-4pm
Location: St. John's Church, Killenard.
First rehearsal will be held on Tues. 23rd Sept.
For more information contact Ursula
at portarlingtonyouthchoir@gmail.com or
Eimear: 085 7775607

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY UPDATE

Dementia Awareness Talk

Wed Oct. 1st at 6pm.

Seven Easy Steps to Control your Finances with Caz Mooney

Wed. 8th Oct. 6pm. Caz will be sharing easy tips on how to get started with the 10 minute payday routine that will help you to take control of your finances. Booking Essential.

Managing Grief and Loss for your Children with Melissa Moore.

Wed. 15th Oct. 6pm. This talk will help you have confidence in your ability to support your child in their grief. Booking essential.

Lots of activities take place each Month at the local Library:-

Puzzle Club / Knitting Club Friday / Lego Free Play / Social Chess / Junior Book Club / Baby Book Club / Adult Book Club / Sensory Toy Resource Collection / Laois Libraries Online Book Club

For further information and booking contact:
057-8643751 or

email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

PORTARLINGTON'S FRENCH HERITAGE & FRENCH CULTURE – ART COMPETITION

Art Competition – Open to All Ages!

The French Connection Portarlington Twinning

Committee is hosting an art competition celebrating *Portarlington's French heritage and French culture*. All ages welcome – Fantastic prizes. Drop in entries to Brackens Menswear, or email thefrenchconnection30@gmail.com.

Showcase your creativity and celebrate our town's unique French connection!

MUSIC BINGO

Music Bingo will take place in the Anvil on Oct. 3rd at 8pm. This is a ticket only event. Please

contact Rebecca via WhatsApp 087-3982538 to secure your ticket or Email portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Lotto Results

Numbers Drawn: 15th Sept. 3, 13, 15, 22.
No Jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners: John Brereton (Seller Tom Coleman), and Christine Dunne (online). Promoter: Jacqueline McCormack. Next Draw: Mon. 22nd Sept. with a Jackpot of €7,700. Thanks for your support.

Dinner Dance 2025

Join us as we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of our 1980 Minor and Senior Championship wins. On the night we'll also present our 2025 Junior C Team with their league medals.

Date: 1st December at the Heritage Hotel.
For ticket details check out the club app, keep an eye on club socials, or you contact any committee member for further details.

CONVERSATIONAL IRISH



Conversational Irish takes place in the Old School, Vicarstown on Wednesday's from 7.30pm until 9pm. Come along for a cuppa' & a chat. All very welcome.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Coolbanagher Church



A Community Harvest Thanksgiving Service will take place in Coolbanagher Church on Friday 26th September at 7.30pm.

Refreshments served afterwards in Emo Old School Hall, Killimy. All very welcome to attend.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE

2025

Depart: Dublin to Dubrovnik Wed. 9th Oct. at 7.30am. Return via Dubrovnik 16th Oct., arriving in Dublin at 3.30pm. Cost €855 PPS. Single Supplement + €170. Travel insurance optional extra €35. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Contact: Michael Nerney 086 815 7305. A few Tickets available

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

Collection will be held at McLoughlin's Supervalu on Fri. 26th & Sat. 27th September in aid of the annual Senior Citizens Party. This year, the Senior Citizens party will be held on Sun. 14th December. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CARING IN OFFALY CE SCHEME

'Caring in Offaly CE Scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Portarlington area - Vacancy No. 2409229 - 19.5 hours per week. Contact Alison Hackett for further info. 086-0213711

cio@familycarers.ie



The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church invites children & young people to participate in this competition by submitting a piece of art that depicts what 'A Safe & Welcoming Church' looks like or feels like to them. The piece may be a painting, sculpture, photograph or a written piece. Open to all under 18. Competition: Closing Sep. 30th. Categories 1-8 years / 9-12 years / 13-15 years / 16/18 years. Lots of prizes in each category.

Further info: <https://www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art0-competition-2025>

GRINDS – IRISH, ENGLISH, MATHS

Grinds are available in Irish, English & Maths Primary School Level. Contact Tara on 085 2748447 for further details & booking.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Annual Legion Day Pilgrimage to Knock on Sun. next, 28th Sept. Bus leaves at 9am from Lyster Square, Portlaoise. Seats are €25 adults & €13 children. Booking: Ph: Maura on 087 121 0263 or Una on 086 2392997.

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Wed. 24th September, commencing 8pm
FILM: A SIMPLE FAVOR. €5 (includes tea & biscuits). Free parking. All welcome.

FREE EXERCISE FOR HEALTH, CLASS



As part of positive ageing week, we invite anyone to join this FREE 'Exercise for Health' class. It is suitable for adults of all ages, abilities & clinical conditions. There is no need to pre-book. Turn up and we will look after you! Venue: Portarlington Community Centre R32 D707. On Wed. 1st Oct. commencing 9.15am until 10am.

Yours in health, the EduFIT Team

NATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE

MIDLANDS

Student Paramedic Recruitment

We are recruiting for Student Paramedics in the National Ambulance Service. Closing date for applications 6th Oct. at 3pm.

<https://about.hse.ie/jobs/job-search/student-paramedic-nrs14980/>

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN CELEBRATIONS



The school community would like to invite you to the celebration of our **SILVER JUBILEE**

(25) YEARS OF EDUCATION

On Saturday 27th September 2025.

Jubilee Mass at 3pm in St. Michael's Church celebrated by Bishop Denis Nulty.

Followed in the school by the launch of our **Silver Jubilee Book**, the opening of the **time capsule**, a stroll down **memory lane** and **refreshments** until 6pm. Fáilte roimh chách.

The 25th Anniversary Yearbook 2000-2025 is on sale in local shops & the Parish Office.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Social Dance Sat. 20th Sept. (tonight)

Music by Pat Costello. Doors open 9pm.

Adm. €10. Refreshments served.

Keep Fit Wednesday & Friday nights with

Eimear from 7-8pm. €5 per session

Dancing Lessons with Noleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

15/9/2025 – Week No. 38

Numbers 12, 6, 19, 32 – No jackpot winner. €50

to each of the following:- Ann Dunne; Rose

Nolan; Teresa Direen; Conor Bryan; John Kelly.

Promoter prize Tadhg Bryan.

Next week's **Jackpot €6,200**



EMO – RATH PARISH 15/9/25

LOTTO Week No. 1992

JACKPOT WINNER – SHAUNA STRONG!

€25 to each of the following: Willie & Ann Duffy

c/o Maeve; Helen Fenlon c/o Deirdre; John

Dowling c/o Shauna; Annmarie Burke c/o

Deirdre; Rayah Lawless c/o Deirdre

Next draw takes place on 22nd Sept. with a

Jackpot of €2,000

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER

GROUP SEPTEMBER SESSIONS



Fri. 26th Sensory Play 10.30-11.30am

New members welcome. Suitable for ages

0-5 years. Themed activities / Free play.

Tea/Coffee available for adults. Venue:

Portarlington Community Centre. Members €2

one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 /

child. @parenttoddlergroupport

PORTARLINGTON COMHALTAS

CEÓLTOIRÍ ÉIREANN

Formal group classes for all levels begin on Friday 28th Sept. from 6pm. We look forward to seeing faces old and new. Further info: contact

Davin 086 2260782 / Edel 083 0805012

Email: portarlingtoncce@gmail.com

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, County Kildare on Fri. 7th – Sun. 9th November. Open to

all married couples. Take some time to

strengthen your marriage in just one weekend.

Register online at www.marriageencounter.ie

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT WITH

MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR

Fri. 31st Oct. in Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Booking & details: 045 525346.