

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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## PARISH OFFICE

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**DIOCESE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

**SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

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



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

**SUN. 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2025**

**CORPUS CHRISTI – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

**YEAR C**

## WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> June 6.15pm

Marian McNamara, Bracklone St. (M.M.)  
Dr. Fergus McKeagney, Main St. (M.M.)  
Gerry Conway, Avondale (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
Ciaran Orange, Canal Rd. (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & dec.  
members of the Orange Family, Marian Hill;  
Lil Murphy, St. Michael's Park (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Kathleen Donagher, Bishopswood Rd. (6<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); Peter Sheils, Birmingham & Westmeath;  
Thomas Dunne, Station Road;  
Tommie Walsh, Bracklone Street

### Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 12.15pm

Brendan Michael Hartnett, Annamoe (M.M.)  
Mary Fallon, St. Joseph's Tce. (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Elizabeth & John Fallon, St. Michael's Park;  
Bridie Brick & Joseph Brick, St. Michael's Park;  
Elizabeth & George Nicholls, St. Michael's Park;  
Michael Corcoran, Corrig & dec. members of the  
Corcoran Family; Bridie & Dan Coogan & dec.  
members of the Coogan Family; John, Evelyn,  
Tony, Maura & Anne Marie Reddy; Andrew  
Buckley; Thelma Hart, Geashill;

### Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> June 6.15pm

Helen Melia, Treason (M.M.)  
Bertie Kavanagh, Assumpta Tce. (M.M.)  
William Higgins, Patrick Street; Deceased  
members of the Hanlon Family, Gracefield;  
Harry & Kathleen Murphy, St. Michael's Park;  
John Murphy, Cloneygowan; Liam Carroll, St.  
Brigid's Square

### Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> June 12.15pm

Patrick (Sharkey) Kirwan, Foxcroft Avenue (1<sup>st</sup>  
Anniv.) Ena Moran, Droughill; Larry Taaffe,  
Ardee; Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Square;  
Tom & Patricia Cooper, Patrick Street

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 10.30am

Jim O'Leary, 1 Sandy Lane, The Heritage  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Sean Connell, Avondale; Mary  
Kiernan, Crowe Lane & Rathleash

### Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am

Danny Donohoe, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas (3<sup>rd</sup>  
Anniv.); Paddy Molloy, Tierhogan (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Tom, Sheila & Elizabeth Kavanagh, Lough;  
Thomas & Margaret Mullen, Corrig; Syl &  
Elizabeth Mullen, Corrig; Dec. members of the  
Mullen Family; Jim & Mary Kennedy, Stradbally;  
Richard, Kathleen & Paddy Territt, Tierhogan;  
Ailish Maher O'Flaherty (18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

## ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

## WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Gerry Conway, Avondale  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)

**Tues. 24<sup>th</sup> June** ---

**Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> June** Baby Gabriel Gabel  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> June** ---

**Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> June** Nuala & Michael Gibson,  
St. Michael's Park

## ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

### Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> June 7.30pm

James & Annie Kelly, Carn; Jer, Sarah Ann &  
Matthew Kelly, Carn; Elizabeth Keegan;  
Thomas Keegan; Denis Keegan,  
Coolbanagher; Kathleen Heffernan, Killimy;  
Sheila Gorman, Woodbrook

### Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

John O'Neill, Ballybrittas; Deceased members  
of the O'Neill Family; Liam Murphy, Morette

## ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

### Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9am

Michael Mulhare, Courtwood (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.);  
Jack O'Connell, Coolroe; Betty O'Connor,  
Courtwood (35<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); William & Mary Flynn,  
Fisherstown, Ballybrittas

### Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> June 9am

Mary & Jack O'Connell, Rathangan

## DECEASED

Pray for the following who died during  
the week:-

**Liam (William) Hogan, Newmarket-on-**  
**Fergus, Clare (Brother of Vincent Hogan)**  
**Julie Mulhall (nee Dolan), Geashill**  
(Sister of Martha O'Connor, Tierhogan)  
**Nuala O'Donoghue, Cushina**

## POPE'S COLLECTION - PETERS PENCE

Collection takes place next weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup>  
June at all Masses. Special envelope available  
in your box of envelopes or any envelope may  
be used. Feast of St Peter & Paul, Apostles

## CEMETERY MASS 2025

Killenard – Fri. 4<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Portarlington – Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo Old Cemetery – Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> August – 7.30pm

## EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

A committee meeting will be held on  
Wednesday next, 25<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in Fr.  
Noonan's House. Committee members asked  
to attend.

## PORTARLINGTON 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from  
Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Spiritual Director Fr. Eugen Tamaş

*Full payment is now due. If paying by cheque  
please make payable to Portarlington  
Lourdes Committee.*

For further information contact Marie on  
087 7589896 or any Committee Member.



## CORPUS CHRISTI REFLECTION BLESSED ARE THE HUNGRY

*'Blessed are the hungry;  
they shall get their fill.'*

*It is in our emptiness that we are filled.  
It is in our confusion that we are guided.*

*It is in our weakness that  
we are strengthened.*

*It is in our sins that we are forgiven.*

*It is in our hunger that we are fed.  
We believe that God has a homeland prepared  
for us where all our hungers  
will be satisfied and all our hopes  
will be fulfilled.*

*This conviction makes it possible for us  
to travel onwards with an ache in  
our hearts and an unquenchable  
longing in our souls.*

AMEN



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June is the Feast Day of  
John the Baptist, who is a major figure in the  
history of salvation. We rejoice at the coming of  
St. John the Baptist, a man of self-denial,  
integrity of life and purpose, and an  
uncompromising prophetic voice.

John means *'The Lord has shown favour'*. This  
feast relates to the summer solstice, when the  
days begin to grow shorter, recalling John's  
words, *'He must increase, but I must  
decrease.'*

## BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community  
through Baptism

Grace May Fingleton, St. Joseph's Terrace.

### COME & SEE DAY

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July 11am-4.30pm (including Eucharist). A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation. Booking only through VOCATIONS.IE Further info. contact [carol.king@vocations.ie](mailto:carol.king@vocations.ie)



### AN SPIORAID NAOIMH GROWTH IN THE HOLY SPIRIT PENTECOST RETREAT

**Venue:** Parish Centre, St. Peter and Paul's Church Portlaoise – Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> June 6:30-9:30pm.  
**Guest: Fr. David Vard.** Sat. June 28<sup>th</sup> 10am-3.45pm. **Guest: Fr. John Mockler**  
Download programme [www.spioraidnaoimh.com](http://www.spioraidnaoimh.com)  
Spiritual Director: Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill. Further Info. contact Michael Nerney 086 8157305

### FISHERSTOWN TRACTOR & TRUCK RUN



*In aid of Medical equipment for oncology clinics at St. James's Hospital.*

All lorries, tractors and vintage cars welcome. Commencing 11am on Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> July from The Final Furlong, Ballybrittas. Run leaving at 2pm. Food and music all day. Bouncing castle and kids fun area. Midlands 103 Roadcaster Live. Music on the night by Big Generator. Contact Peter on 086 2853243 (Lorries) or Dave of 087 2729446 (Tractors).

### PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



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

**Summer Crafts Session** – Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2.30pm (Ages 6-8 yrs.)

**Robotics Workshop** – Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> July. 11am (7-12 yrs) – Booking from 26<sup>th</sup> June.

**Pom Pom Monsters Craft** – Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm (9-12 yrs.) – Booking 1<sup>st</sup> from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Reptile Zoo Visit** – Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> July 3pm. (Suitable for all Family) Booking from 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Dogman Drawing Workshop** – Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10:30am (7-12yrs.) – Booking from 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**Lukes Deadly Dinosaurs** – Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm – (5-12 yrs). Booking from 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**Butterfly Craft Table** – Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> 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

### CAR BOOT MARKET

Car Boot Sale – Sun. 29<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 2pm. Our popular Car Boot Sale is back with free entry for visitors. A great chance to buy or sell second-hand treasures. Full details & stall bookings at [www.thegardenshop.ie](http://www.thegardenshop.ie). Venue: Solas Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road.

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 from the school and local shops for €25.



### CHILDMINDER VACANCY

Looking for a kind, caring and mature childminder to look after four children in the children's home. Full time from September to include school drop offs. Ideally start part time hours during the summer". Please email [ms.nicola.flynn@gmail.com](mailto:ms.nicola.flynn@gmail.com) if interested.

### DERRYOUNCE COMMUNITY PARK

#### Maintenance Support Fund 2025

Derryounce Community Park is a Portarlington Community Development Association (PCDA) initiative which is maintained & developed by community volunteers. PCDA is looking for community support in an effort to continue upgrading the lakes & trails at Derryounce. Our 2025 funding target is €6,000 to purchase lake & trail maintenance equipment. Your support is greatly appreciated. <https://gofund.me/84367f8a>

### VACANCIES Portarlington C.E. Project CLG

#### Caretaker/Maintenance Person

Port. Community Centre – Ref. 2391904

#### Environmental Worker

Amenity Areas – Ref. 2391911

#### Environmental Worker

Tidy Towns Assistant – Ref. 2394145

#### Cleaner

Port. Community Centre – Ref. 2394661

#### Grounds person

Arlington Soccer Club – Ref. 2396038

Contact: Portarlington CE Project CLG C/o

Portarlington Community Centre, Link Road

Portarlington, Co. Laois R32 D797

Phone Martina on 057 8643458 / 086 8537784

Email: [martinasmyth@portarlingtonce.ie](mailto:martinasmyth@portarlingtonce.ie)

### THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

A Dominical Centre for Theological Studies Online Summer School 2025 – HOPE – FOR OUR PILGRIM JOURNEY. This course explores themes around the Theological virtue of Hope. Presented by Dr. Mary McCaughey. 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Cost €120, €100 for current students. Further info. & registration from [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

### MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

Hosted by The Portarlington Shamrocks

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> July at Gracefield GAA Club.

Showtime 2pm. All welcome.

### LAOIS LEISURE CENTRE

#### PORTARLINGTON

Swimming lessons now booking. Cost €99 Save €21 with our Summer Deal. Limited spaces. Call us on 057 8645800 (Link Road, Portarlington - [www.LaoisLeisure.ie](http://www.LaoisLeisure.ie)

### COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF JULY

#### Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Joe Carroll & Edward Fitzgerald

### EMO – RATH PARISH

#### LOTTO

Week. No. 1980 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Numbers 3, 6, 11, 17– No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following: Linda O'Regan C/o Mena; Niall Murphy ; Tony Moore C/o Emo GAA; Gareth Smyth C/o Deirdre; Colette Behan  
Next draw takes place Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> June with a **Jackpot of €3,800.**

### GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

#### 16<sup>th</sup> June – Week No. 25

Numbers 18, 20 17, 28 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to:- Daithi & Chloe C/o Direens; Sharon Gallagher; Pat Keegan; Mary Lalor; John Flanagan. Promoter prize Liam Corcoran. **Next week's Jackpot €3,600**

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

#### Cúl Camps

Cúl Camps will be back in O'Dempsey's from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July for boys and girls. Places must be booked in advance at the following link - [www.kelloggsulcamps.gaa.ie/](http://www.kelloggsulcamps.gaa.ie/)

### LAOIS GAA GOLF CLASSIC 2025

Fri. 27<sup>th</sup> June at Portarlington Golf Club. Team of 4 is €400. Tee Box Sponsorship €100. For Team Sheets contact:- Bosco 087 7996043 / Kieran 087 2027124

### CARER AVAILABLE

#### Portarlington & Surrounding Areas

Carer available, excellent references and years of experience. Local to the area. Cover hygiene care, house duties, meals, shopping, sleepovers, hospital appointments (car owner). Holds FETAC Level 5 Award. Available Mon. to Fri. Contact Mary on 087 6279682.

### GIG FOR GAZA



Music, Hope & Solidarity! This weekend! Charity event in aid of Gaza. Local musicians unite to raise funds for a mobile maternity unit. Sun. 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 3pm to 10pm. Tickets €10. Venue: The Anvil Inn, Portarlington. Featuring: "Dopamine", "Half the Truth", "Copper Brereton", "Bailey", "The Electrix Unplugged", "Peter Mc"

### PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

#### JUNE PRIZE DRAW WINNERS



€ 10,000 – Sabrina Dowling  
€2,000 each to Ger Green & to Noel Shortall  
€1,000 each to Linda Champ & to Mary Cronin;  
€500 each to the following:- Sheila Connolly; Rosanna White; Ewa Posolowska; Krzysztof & Mjagadalena Przybytak; Emma Dunbar; Derek Cahill; Christine Gallagher; Mary Tynan; Patricia Gorry; Ellen Mullin; Margaret Doyle; Levinia Byrne & to Janet Neilon. Congratulations to all our winners.

### XXVI ST. COLUMBANUS DAY - CELEBRATIONS

St. Columbanus Day will take place from Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July in Carlow. This significant occasion honours St. Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries.

The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experience; taking place in Carlow Town and Myshall. Programme of events can be viewed on the poster on the Church notice boards.

Pilgrims from all over Europe will gather in our diocese to honour this great Saint. Booking for various events now open



### 'THE WAY' (NEW DIGITAL PLATFORM)



"The Way" is a digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This platform is intended to help people to discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith.

See [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie) to sign up for its e-zine and follow, like and subscribe on X, Facebook, Instagram, Spotify and YouTube.