

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo



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PARISH OFFICE

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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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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 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

22nd MARCH 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 21st March 6.15pm

Michael Pidgeon, Pine Villa, M.M.
Esther Fitzpatrick, Kilnahown (3rd Anniv.);
Bernard (Gerry) Harvey, Patrick St. (2nd Anniv.);
Sean Hunt, St. Joseph's Tce. (4th Anniv.)
Margaret Slattery, St. Brigid's Sq. (10th Anniv.)
Dinah Kelly, Derryvilla (6th Anniv.)
Patricia Bourke, Emo; Rosaleen Purcell, Marian Hill;
Maura & Patrick Williams; Mary, Joseph & Terence Maguire; Peter & Kathleen Doyle

Sun. 22nd March 12.15pm

Mary Chambers (10th Anniv.)
Bill Storey, Garryhinch (12th Anniv.)
Patricia Murray, Cushina; Stephen (Sonny) Byrne, Cloneyhurke

Sat. 28th March 6.15pm

Helen Hanlon, Gracefield (3rd Anniv.); Jimmy Hanlon, Gracefield (7th Anniv.); Michael (The Raz) Murphy, Crowe Lane; Paul Nolan, Birthday Remembrance; Sunny Kennedy, Gracefield; Margaret Slattery, Botley Court & son, John Slattery (11th Anniv.) Jack & Dora Madden,

Sun. 29th March 12.15pm

Rachael Flanagan, St. Michael's Park (8th Anniv.); Gus Hynes (9th Anniv.) & Maura Hynes (4th Anniv.), Cushina; Frances O'Neill, St. Brigid's Square (23rd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 22nd March 10.30am

Lelia Carroll (5th Anniv.)

Sun. 29th March 10.30am

Tom Flanagan, Lea; Chris Kavanagh; Clonanny; Baby Sean Kavanagh, Clonanny

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Wednesday for Lent commencing 7.30pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington.

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm finishing with Rosary. Also each Sunday of Lent from 5 – 7pm (concludes with the Rosary)

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR EASTER

Saturday 28th March at 11am in St. Michael's Church choir loft. New members very welcome.

CHRISM MASS 2025

You are invited to join with Bishop Denis and the priests of the diocese for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass on Monday, 30th March at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral, Carlow.

WEEKDAY ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 23rd March: Daniel Dargan, Carn, Emo (1st Anniversary) & we also pray for Annie Wherity, Swords (10th Anniv.)

Tues. 24th March: Mary & John Scully, Stradbally

Wed. 25th March: Catherine & James Hennessy, Bracklone Street

Thurs. 26th March: Patsy, Tom & Eddie Ryan

Fri. 27th March: ---

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 21st March 7.30pm

Sun. 22nd March 11am

(Visiting Choir Singing at this Mass)
Elizabeth O'Connor, Coolaghy, (2nd Anniv)
Helen Whyte, Killimy (4th Anniv.);
Charlotte Keller, St. Brigid's Square & deceased members of the Keller Family

Sat. 28th March 7.30pm

Sun. 29th March 11am

Tom Fennelly, Tinnakill and his sister, Maura Fennelly, Tinnakill

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 22nd March 9am

Sun. 29th March 9am

Peter Dunne, Veronica Dunne, Margaret (Rita) Dunne, Ballybrittas Village, Patrick J. Duffy, Newbridge & Ballyadden, Tone O'Connell, Coolroe, Tom Connell, Son Joseph Connell, Joe & Julia Connell,

PALM SUNDAY – 29th MARCH 2026

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday; the beginning of Holy Week. A time when we contemplate that Jesus is God made man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on the cross.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS PALM SUNDAY

St. Michael's Cemetery



Stations of the Cross will take place in St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm on Palm Sunday. All very welcome.

Confirmation



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS FROM SCOIL NAOMH EOIN, KILLENARD WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION DURING THE WEEK.

WELCOME

CHILDREN FOR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

This weekend we welcome the children from our Parishes of Portarlington & Emo to our Masses. These children will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion during the Months of May & June 2026.



TRÓCAIRE

The family on the Trócaire box this year are involved in the 'Climate Just Communities' (CJC) a Trócaire partner in Rwanda.

The CJC is run by local partners and empowers marginalised groups to adapt to the effects of climate change in their communities. It also supports people to lead and shape solutions that promote long term resilience and sustainability.

COMMUNION CALLS

MARCH 2026

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:-

Tuesday 24th March

Derrymore; Crowe Lane; St Brigid's Square; Lea; Tierhogar; Killenard; St. Michael's Park; Portlaoise Road; Deerpark; Corrig; Clanmalire; Station Road

Wednesday 25th March

Ashgrove; Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Ballintogher; Ballycullane; Tinnakill; Killimy; Coolbanagher

Thursday 26th March

Patrick Avenue; Church View; St. Patrick's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce; Shandra; Annamoe; Garryhinch; Patrick St; French Church St; Rosecourt; Droughill; Clondoolusk; Slí Na Móna; Cushina



MEET ME, LORD JESUS



*In the rising of the sun at dawn and
as the sunset fades, meet me, Lord Jesus;
In the hard decisions of the moment,
meet me, Lord Jesus;
On a well-lit road, in a time of plenty,
meet me, Lord Jesus;
On a stony path, in a time of need,
meet me, Lord Jesus;
In the faces of friends, and in the hands
of strangers, meet me, Lord Jesus;
In my setting out and in my coming home,
meet me, Lord Jesus.
Amen*

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Budgeting Talk with M.A.B.S.

Learn skills & tips for getting your household budget in order. Booking essential.

Digital Support Drop In Sessions

LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30-2:30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device / digital queries.

Ciorcal Comhrá: Every Tuesday 11am.

New members always welcome.

Knitting Club: Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30. All skill levels from beginner to advanced.

Lego Free Play: Every Saturday 10am-1pm

Social Chess (Adults only): Wed. 6pm-7pm. Game of chess, cuppa & chat. New members always welcome

Puzzle Club: Thursday mornings

Portarlington Junior Book Club: Meet last Wed. of the month. Suitable for 9-12 year olds. Booking is essential

Baby Book Club: Baby Book Club meets on Wed. 10:30am - Booking essential.

Adult Book Club: Meet the last Tuesday of every month.

Booking of any of above & further info. 057 8643751 portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of Portarlington Angling Club will take place on Weds. 25th March 2026 in the Market House, the Square, Portarlington from 7pm until 8pm. Existing members, permit holders and prospective members are very welcome to attend.

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly

Retreat Saturday 28th March (10am-1.20pm)
St. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise R32K023
Mass at 10am - Confessions available after Mass. Retreat continues in **Campa Room Parish Centre after Mass @ 10.45 am.**
(Adoration, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry)
Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305 Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill P.P
www.spioraidnaoimh.com All Welcome.

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

Journey through the Sacred Music of the Easter Triduum

Daily reflections given by Dr. John O'Keeffe, Dir. Of Sacred Music at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. FREE ONLINE RETREAT. www.prioryinstitute.com

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP - MARCH EVENTS

Fri. 27th March - Free Play & Crafts - 10.30am - 11.30am. All at Sandra's Studio, Community Centre, Portarlington. Come along!

AGM

The AGM of Portarlington Social Services/Meals on Wheels takes place on Friday March 27th at 7.30pm in the Social Services Centre, Link road. All very welcome.

C.E. VACANCIES

Portarlington CE Project

Environmental Expert (Amenity Areas) Ref. 2434846 / **Groundsperson** (Arlington Soccer Club) Ref. 2435241 / **Environmental Expert** (Derryounce Lakes & Trails) Ref. 2435763. Contact: Martina Smyth (Supervisor) Portarlington CE Project CLG C/o Portarlington Community Centre, Link Rd., Portarlington R32 D797. 057 8643458.

EMO/RATH PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO

LOURDES 2026

20th - 24th July 2026 - (5 nights). Departing from Dublin Airport. Staying in the 4**** Hotel Roissy. €785 per person sharing. Further info. & booking contact Deirdre on 087 2299457 or Tony on 086 1225833.

PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO

LOURDES

The 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 17th July until Fri. 24th July (7 nights full board). Flying from Dublin Airport. Buses included from Portarlington. Cost €1195 per person sharing. Queries & booking contact Marie Corcoran on 087 7589896.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE

Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take place on Sat. 21st March. Music by "The Wicklow Man". Adm: €10. Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served. Great night guaranteed.

Irish Speaking Sessions: Irish speaking on Monday nights at 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy the cupla focal, have an enjoyable night and a cup of tea. We thank Natasha and the pupils from Cloneyhurke School who joined with us on Weds evening. Tá fáilte romhaibh le gach duine.

Keep Fit: Wed. & Fri. 7-8pm with Eimear. €8 each night. **Dancing Lessons:** Thurs. 7.30-9pm with Noeleen. €10 each night.

OVER 60s ACTIVATOR WELLNESS EVENT

With Lorna O'Regan - Free Event!

March 23rd from 9.30am - 1pm in the Market House, The Square, Portarlington. Food & drink producer's market; Functional fitness & dancing; Producer profile & sampling; Singing & dancing to awaken the body; Food demos; Speakers & educating of the audience 'You are what you eat'; Dancing & chair yoga to finish. Free Event but registration essential!



ACCORD NEEDS YOU!

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive free professional training. The closing date for receipt of application forms is Fri. 29th May 2026. Contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie

GRACEFIELD GAA

CLUB LOTTO

16th March 2026 - Week No. 12

Numbers: 32, 24, 26, 18 - No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Patsy Weldon; Bradley Cooper; Jennifer Bryan; Mark Ward; Tom Hainsworth. Promoter prize: Breda Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot €€6,800.

EMO - RATH

PARISH LOTTO

The next Emo / Rath Parish Lotto Draw will take place on Monday next, 23rd March. **Jackpot of €2,000**

O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS

Lotto Results

16th March 2026 -Numbers drawn: 07, 17, 18, 25. No Jackpot winner. Lucky Dip: Halle Finlay (Liam Finlay), Pat Burbage (Tom Coleman). Promoter: Tony Kavanagh. Next Draw: Monday 23rd March with a Jackpot of €10,100. Thanks for your support.

Film Awards Night Information Evening

Join us for an information evening for Killenard Community Centre & O'Dempsey's joint fundraising initiative. It takes place on Tuesday, 24th March at 7pm in O'Dempsey's GFC. Talk to any Committee Member for details.

Annual Golf Scramble

5th Golf Scramble at the Heritage Golf Resort on Good Fri., 3rd April. Team Registration. link <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/golf2026> Day will be followed by the Prize Giving & Social evening at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse.

PUB TABLE QUIZ

Venue: Anvil Inn on Friday 27th March at 8pm. €40 for table of 4. €100 cash prize for the winning table. portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com.

EASTER CAMP

7th - 10th April for boys and girls of primary age. 9.30am to 2pm at Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington. Activities sport, baking, coding, arts & games. Further information email. Camp will cost €70 with sibling discounts available. EASTERCAMPPOINT@gmail.com

COURTWOOD GAA

Courtwood Combined Lotto - €18,000! □ Get your ticket at Ballybrittas Service Station, The Final Furlong, or on the Clubforce app.

Easter Egg Hunt & Cuppa

Sun. 5th April 11am - 12 Noon. A small thank you to our wonderful community - Everyone welcome.

Club Membership now open

Be part of the heartbeat of Courtwood GAA

Laois GAA County Club Monster Draw tickets

On Sale now - Our key annual fundraiser - Your support matters. Purchase membership, Monster draw tickets & Lotto via Clubforce App/ Reg: Brian Nolan or Treasurers Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly.

FASHION DESIGN QQ1 LEVEL5

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Course content: Garment construction; pattern drafting; fashion industry & design studies; design skills; drawing; communications; start your own business & work experience. Commencing Sept. 2026. Instagram @LOETBPortarlington Facebook Port. Further Education & Training Centre

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