

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 (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

23rd NOVEMBER 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 22nd November 6.15pm

Gerry Garvey, Kilbeggan (2nd Anniv.); Ann Downey, Droughill (3rd Anniv.); Robert Smart, Avondale & Drogheda; Daniel & Eileen Allman & their son JohnJoe Allman, St. Mary's Tce; Liam O'Connor, Patrick St. (20th Anniv.); Gareth, Mary & Thomas Kelly, Seskin; Paddy McEvoy, Gracefield; Dec. members of the McEvoy Family; Kaelem Hainsworth; Eileen Hurley, Cloneyquinn; Willia & Jerry Murphy, Droughill; Francis Watson, Main Street

Sun. 23rd November 12.15pm

Betty, Con, John & Angela Keane, Station Rd; Jim Garry, Cloneyquinn (10th Anniv.); Dec. members of Gracefield G.A.A.
Josephine Hoey, St. Patrick's Tce; James, Mary & Esther Kavanagh, Lough Cottage; Dec. members of the Kavanagh Family; Michael & Annie Boylan, Marian Hill; Dec. members of the Boylan Family; Josephine & Jody Slattery & dec. members of the Slattery & Dunne Family, St. Patrick's Tce.; Kathleen & Paddy Finlay, Patrick St. & dec. members of the Finlay Family; Willa & Jerry Murphy, Droughill; Daisy Walsh, Station Road & Emo

Sat. 29th November 6.15pm

Angela Sheils, Patrick St. (1st Anniv.)
Ger Hyland, Station Rd. (2nd Anniv.); Mary & Lar Hyland, Station Rd; Teresa McMahon, Bracklone St; Declan Murphy, Woodbrook; Mick & Molly Dunne, Cloneyquinn

Sun. 30th November 12.15pm

Kathleen Malone, Rosecourt (2nd Anniv.); Carmel Crombie, Marian Hill (9th Anniv.); Kathleen Mangan, Crann Nua (10th Anniv.)
Patsy & Esther Murphy, Station Rd. & Lea; Dec. members of Doyle & O'Connor Family, Treascon; John & Kathleen Murphy; Eilish & Timothy Devaney; Michael, Anne, David & Marion O'Brien; Danny Hynes, St. Joseph's Tce; Adam Finlay, Crowe Lane

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:



Geraldine McCusker (nee Lawlor), Shanderry

James (Sonny) McEvoy,
St. Joseph's Terrace



ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 23rd November 10.30am

Eddie McGoldrick, Killenard (7th Anniv.)
Bridget Finane, Killenard; Gemma O'Sullivan, Killenard (14th Anniv.); Jeremiah Culleton, Rathleash; Mary McHale; Thomas McHale Jnr., Killenard; Catherine Fennelly, Wolfhill; Elizabeth Whelan, Garryvacum; Dec. members of the Fennelly & Whelan Families; Michael (Mick) Hall & dec. members of the Hall Family, Monasterevin

Sun. 30th November 10.30am

Anne McDonnell, Doolagh (1st Anniv.); Mary McElwee (3rd Anniv.); Kathleen Hickey, Lea Road; Jim McDonnell, Springfield & dec. members of the McDonnell Family

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 24th Nov. 10am: Nell McHugh

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 22nd November 7.30pm

Elizabeth Manas, Vienna (10th Anniv.)
Josephine Greene, Emo (9th Anniv.)
Daisy Walsh, Emo & Station Road

Sat. 29th November 7.30pm

Sarah Ann, Jer & Matthew Kelly, Caron

Sun. 30th November 11am

Noel Davis, Emo Park (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 23rd November 9am

Fr. Sean Murphy SBD, (2nd Anniv.), Bellgrove;
Owen Boland, Ballintogher (3rd Anniv.);
Patrick O'Connor, Rathronshin (33rd Anniv.)



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Elijah James Jason Mark O'Brien,
Clanmalire Close, Canal Road

CHRISTMAS CHOIR

St. Michael's Church Choir – Practices will take place Wednesday next, 26th November at 7.30pm / Saturday 29th November at 11am / Wednesday 3rd December at 7.30pm. All very Welcome / Witany / Bien Benido / Fáilte

CHRISTMAS STATIONS



Christmas Stations for the support of the Priests of the Parish will be taken up as a second collection at all Masses next weekend. There are envelopes in the envelope boxes & also at the Church Porch. This is one of the five times during the year you give to the direct support of the priests of the parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2025

All committee members are asked to attend a meeting in Fr. Noonan's house on next Friday, 28th November at 7.30pm. The "2025 Emigrant Newsletter" will be on sale next weekend (November 29th / 30th) after all Masses and thereafter in the usual shops. Price €5.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Portarlington & Emo Parishes
Available in Portarlington Parish Office.
Donation €3.

Intentions will be remembered at Christmas Masses celebrated in Portarlington & Emo Parishes over Christmas

SUAIMHNEAS, EMO

AN ADVENT REFLECTION



A season to open, awaken and become. Discover the nearness of God in the depth of your own heart. Readings, mindfulness, meditation and more. Thursday's from 7.30pm-8.30pm Nov. 27th / Dec. 4th / Dec. 11th / Dec. 18th
Followed by refreshments. Booking essential. Contact Anne on 087 8070140 or Email info@suaimhness.ie

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SURVEY ON SCHOOL PATRONAGE

The current Department of Education survey on the future of patronage in the primary sector is important in that it will shape the discussion on primary school divesting for the years to come throughout the Republic of Ireland.

The survey can be accessed at
<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>
The survey closes on 16th December 2025.



CARE TO DRIVE – IRISH CANCER SOCIETY

The Irish Cancer Society is seeking compassionate volunteer drivers in our community. Your time can help to continue the vital service of providing transport for patients attending cancer treatment appointments. If you have a few hours to spare, a valid driving license, and a safe, reliable vehicle, you're the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. Your generosity can ease the journey for many during a challenging time, offering comfort and support when it's needed most. Further information contact Monica at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY EVENTS

Festive Puppet Show: Join us for a festive family puppet show to start the Christmas season. This FREE event promises fun for all the family! Booking essential!

Christmas Family Craft Tables:

Saturday 6th & 13th Dec. 10:30 -12:30pm

Christmas Family Storytime & Crafts

Sat. 20th Dec. 11am. Booking essential.

Digital Support Drop In Sessions: An LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30 -12:30pm for 1-1 support sessions Bring your device.

No booking necessary.

Ciorcal Comhrá: Tuesday's at 11am

Knitting Club: Friday morning 10:30am-12:30.

All skill levels are welcome!

Lego Free Play: Saturday's 10am-1pm

Social Chess: Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm.

Enjoy game of chess, cuppa & a chat. New members are always welcome.

Portarlington Junior Book Club

Last Wednesday of each Month. Suitable for 9-12year olds. Booking essential!

Baby Book Club: Wednesday mornings

10:30am (except for school holidays)

Booking essential!

Adult Book Club: Last Tues. Of each month.

To book or for more info. on any of the above phone 057 8643751 or Email

portarlingtonlibrary@laiscoco.ie

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

A.G.M.

New Date for our AGM which will now take place on Thurs. 4th December at 7pm at the Clubhouse. All members encouraged and welcomed to attend. Motion and nomination forms are available now. Contact secretary.odempseys.laois@gaa.ie for further information.

JOB VACANCY – FAITH DEVELOPMENT

OFFICER (School Retreats)

Mount St. Anne's is looking for a dynamic & experienced person to join our team at this busy Centre. For detailed job description, please Email ceo@mountstannes.com. For info. about the Centre - www.mountstannes.com. Mount St. Anne's is an equal opportunities employer. Closing date Dec. 4th, 2025.

ANNE ANSEO

Upcoming Events

Full Moon Circle – Taking place on Thurs. 4th December at 8pm in Emo Community Centre.

Vision Board Course – Taking place on Sat. 3rd January at 10am. Until 1pm in Emo

Community Centre. If interested, contact Anne on anne.lawlor26@gmail.com to book a space or find out additional information.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE

Social Dance: Sat. 22nd Nov. Music by Solitaire. Door open 9pm. €10. Refreshments served.

Keep Fit: On Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear. 7-8pm. €8 each night.

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noeleen. 7.30 – 9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10.



SOLAS ECO GARDEN CENTRE

CARBOOT SALE

Today, Sun. 23rd Nov. from 11 – 2pm.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS – 11am – 4pm

Join us this season for our festive Christmas Markets at SOLAS Eco Garden Shop! Each market will be filled with handmade gifts, tasty treats, children's activities, and plenty of Christmas cheer. Come support our community & start your holiday season with joy! Dates for Christmas Markets: Sun. 30th Nov. / 7th Dec. / 14th Dec. / 21st Dec.

FESTIVE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

A festive celebration of Coláiste Íosagáin over 25 years with music, entertainment & refreshments. Venue: Coláiste Íosagáin, Portarlington. Date: Thurs. 11th December from 7pm – 9pm. Everyone welcome. Silver Jubilee Yearbook – Coláiste Íosagáin – Perfect gift for all past pupils. Share 25 years of memories this Christmas. 400+ full colour pages of history spanning from 2000 – 2025. ONLY €25. Available in Port. Parish Office & various shops around the town.

KILLENARD COMMUNITY CENTRE

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sun. 7th Dec. commencing 11am (after Mass) our 2nd Annual Christmas Market. Browse local stalls or hand-crafted gifts & festive treats, enjoy arts & crafts, face painting, raffle prizes, coffee & meet Santa Claus himself! Fun for the whole family!

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Dec. 13th – **PHIL COULTER** is coming to town. Commencing 8pm. 'Tranquillity by Candlelight.' Check out website for booking: mountmellickcommunityartscentre.ie Film showing next Wed. "Lee Miller" commencing 8pm. €5 (includes tea & snacks).

SMOKE ALARM INITIATIVE

Laois County Fire & Rescue Service

The smoke alarm initiative aims to support older people in our community & help them live with independence & safety. If you are in this category or know someone that would benefit from a free smoke alarm, phone 057 8692168 or Email lo@localink.ie or fireadmin@laiscoco.ie Free Fire Safety in the Home booklet avail.

POP STARS MUSICAL

Students of Coláiste Íosagáin are set to present this year's Musical "POP STARS" – The 90's Musical will run from Wed. 26th Nov. to Fri. 28th Nov. Tickets available priced at €15 from school reception or message Instagram @colaisteiosagainport

NOTICE

For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Mass, Adoration & a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If interested in attending please Email womendiscern@corkandross.org

SANTASAURUS

Presented by Jurassic Takeover In Portarlington GAA Club Hall on Sun. 30th Nov. at 2.30pm. Tickets on sale. €12. Online booking strongly advised. Dinosaurslive.ie/Christmas

ACTIVE RETIREMENT IRELAND

Contact 087 4460151. Activities include: Keep fit; Day trips; Crafts; Demonstrations; Bingo & Bowls. Thurs. 2-4pm in Portarlington Community Centre.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

17th Nov. Week No. 47

Numbers: 27, 24, 10, 30 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to: David Dunne; Lorraine Murphy; Colin Hanlon; Paul Cooper; Billy Walsh. Promoter prize Breda Flanagan. Next week's Jackpot €3,600



EMO – RATH PARISH

17/11/2025 – No. 2000

Numbers 2, 3, 13, 15

No Jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following: Elizabeth Dunne c/o Mena; Danny & Richie c/o Ballybrittas Serv. Station; Christy Smith c/o B. Gorman; Marie Connolly c/o Deirdre; Jenny Dunne c/o Deirdre. Next draw takes place 24th Nov. with a Jackpot of €3,600.

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER

GROUP NOVEMBER EVENTS

Fri. 21st Nov. Zumbini

Fri. 28th Nov. Teddy Bear Picnic.

From 10.30am until 11.30am each morning.

Venue: Portarlington Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). Members €2 one child / €3 per family.

Non members €4 / child.

Instagram [@parenttoddlergroupport](https://www.instagram.com/parenttoddlergroupport)

TOY SWAP



Portarlington Parent & Toddler Group

27th Nov. 7.15pm – 8.45pm at Sandra's Studio, Community Centre, Portarlington.

Get ready to spread some cheer this festive season by taking part in our Toy Swap Event – A fun, sustainable way to refresh your little one's toy box, while helping others do the same. Donate or swap second-hand toys that are in good condition. Drop off toys ahead of time or bring along on the evening. Message us on our social media page to organise drop off. For each donation, you'll receive tokens to use at the swap. If you want to join in but don't have toys to swap – no problem. You can make a €4 donation at the door and receive 4 tokens to use.

PORTARLINGTON CHRISTMAS TREE

Portarlington Christmas Tree Committee are fundraising again this year. These funds will cover the cost of insurance, electricity, new bulbs and maintenance. We need your help. You can donate on gofundme.com Portarlington Christmas tree / Facebook. You can also donate in Brian Whelan's Electrical Shop.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come join us for some festive cheer & lovely Christmas Carols in Portarlington Community Centre on Nov. 30th at 1pm. Proceeds in aid of Portarlington's Women's Shed.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Hosted by Portarlington Concert Band

Takes place 29th November from 12 Noon to 5pm in St. Michael's NS, Patrick Street (Girls Old School). This is also an opportunity to join our band. Come along and try out all our instruments and view live performance of the Band throughout the day. To join the market or enquire about the band phone 083 0452810.

ARLINGTON WINTER ACADEMY

For Girls & Boys born in 2018 & 2019. Starting Thurs 20th Nov. 2025. 6pm to 7pm at Portarlington Community Centre. €50 for the 8 week Programme. To sign up contact Phil by WhatsApp 0868100657.

SANTA TRUCK



Coming to Market Square on Sat. 29th Nov. at 6pm. Christmas Tree lights also being turned on.