



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

SUN. 24th AUGUST 2025

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 23rd August 6.15pm

Noel Kelly, Derryvilla (4th Anniv.)
Elizabeth (Lily) Murphy, St. Michael's Park (4th Anniv.); Ronan Yarrow, Ballymorris (6th Anniv.)
Janie Costello, St. Brigid's Sq. (10th Anniv.)
Patrick Mitchell, Derrymore (10th Anniv.)
Mark Carroll, Bracknagh; Margaret Knight, St. Mary's Tce; Megan O'Neill, U.K.
Michael & Sarah Chambers, Ballymorris
Bridie & Patsy Lawlor, Marian Hill; Catherine & George McKay, The Square; Andy & Joe Donagher, Derrylea; Finian Keating, Bishopswood; Ger Donagher, Droughill;
Lill Bourke, Limerick; Neddy Ryan, Marian Hill (100th B/Day Rem.)

Sun. 24th August 12.15pm

Sean O'Reilly, Pine Villa (1st Anniv.)
Seamus McCusker, Shandra

Sat. 30th August 6.15pm

Jacinta (Jess) Bracken, Arlington Estate (2nd Anniv.); Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Park (2nd Anniv.); Dorothea McNamara, Gracefield (25th Anniv.); Brigid, Edward, Thomas & Mary Ann Geoghegan, Cushina; Josephine Kelly, St. Michael's Park & granddaughter Adrianne Byrne; Leonard Wright, Droughill

Sun. 31st August 12.15pm

Michael Smith, Corrig & deceased members of the Smith Family, Bracklone Street;
Ann Cleary, Ballymorris

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 24th August 10.30am

Annie Culleton, Rathleash
Pat Mulhall, Ballintogher (37th Anniv.)

Sun. 31st August 10.30am



ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCES

Resources for this year can be viewed and downloaded on

<https://www.catholicbishops.ie/features-archive/season-of-creation/>

The Season of Creation is celebrated throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.



WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 25th August – Michael Joyce;
Neddy Ryan, Marian Hill (100th B/Day Rem.)
Tues. 26th August – Ronan Yarrow,
Ballymorris (6th Anniv.)
Wed. 27th August – Joe Feehan, Church View

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 23rd August 7.30pm

Lena Delaney, Coolbanagher (M.M.)
Maureen & Patrick Connolly, Clonamone,
Ballybrittas; Ciara Keegan-Loughlin, Lough (18th Anniv.); Bridie Booth, Morette

Sun. 24th August 11am

Paddy & Ann Moore; Matthew Moore;
Ellen Moore; Suzanne Moore, Coolbanagher

Sun. 31st August 11am

Patrick Kerry, Coolbanagher (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 24th August 9am

Katie Nolan, Courtwood
Margaret Flanagan, Dunamaisie
Margaret Dempsey, Monasterevin
Edward Fitzgerald, Bellgrove

Sun. 31st August 9am

Joseph (Joe) Luttrell, Fisherstown (M.M.)
Christy Noons, Jamestown (10th Anniv.)
Deceased members of the O'Connor Family,
Jamestown

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

Logan Lee Swinburne, Birchfields, Kilmalogue
Millie Daisy Rowan, Crann Nua
Matas John Bendoraitis, Kilmalogue Park
Elara Rastoder, Bracklone Street
John Ruadhán Bergin, Dangans

AUTUMN COLLECTION

For the Priests of the Parish



This collection will take place next weekend, 30th & 31st August. One of the five times during the year you contribute directly to the support of the priests. Envelopes for collection are in envelope boxes or available at Church Porch.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR GAZA



At the opening of the Jubilee of Youth, Pope Leo XIV said "We must cry out for peace in the world" and he then invited all the young people to join him in saying: "We want peace in the world!" Bishop Denis is asking that today, Sun. 24th August be a day of prayer & reflection for Gaza. As individuals maybe we can make some small personal penance and on that day "let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people."

A Prayer Before Meals

Creator God,
We thank you for the gift of this food
we are about to share.
May it nourish and strengthen us.
As we give you thanks we turn to you
in prayer for the people of Gaza
in the midst of their terrible suffering.
We pray for the innocent children
whose bodies and hearts bear
the horrendous scars of war and for their
parents who seek to protect them
in the face of starvation and physical danger.
May your peace rise up in the land
we call holy so that your people may live
in the dignity and fullness of the life
you desire for every human being.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

LITURGY CONFERENCE

'It is Good for Us to be here' Mark 9:5.

Come & join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass & liturgy in our parishes. Takes place on 20th Sept. 2025 in the Cathedral of the Assumption & Carlow College. Starting with registration in Carlow College from 9-9.30am, morning Prayer in the cathedral at 9.30am followed by a day of keynote speakers & workshops, concluding at 5pm.

www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference.

Booking is now open on kandle.ie & workshops will fill on a first come basis.



FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 25th Aug. St. Louis of France
Wed. 27th Aug. St. Monica
Thurs. 28th Aug. St. Augustine
Fri. 29th Aug. Passion of St. John the Baptist

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them for a day of prayer and adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Bishop Denis, Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill and guests will lead the day. Concelebrated Mass at 3pm. Confessions available. Venue: Mount St. Annes, Killenard. Saturday 30th August 9.30am – 4pm. Refreshments & Lunch €20. Booking essential. Text or call Barbara on 086 1637311 (Stating name & numbers).

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

Interactive History Show -Ancient to Modern weapons. Suitable for 8-13yrs. Booking Essential. Call 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
Lego Free play: Saturday 10:30-12:30.
Knitting Circle: Friday 10:30-12:30. New members always welcome
Puzzle Club: Tuesday 10am. Pop in and help complete our current jigsaw
Social Chess Club: Wednesday 6pm. Drop in for chess, chats and a cuppa
All bookings through the following:
portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie
or call 057 86 43751

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Dance Workshop with Ruth. €12 per class or €40 for all 4 classes - Pre booking is essential
Dates: September 10th, 17th, 24th & 1st October.
7-8pm in Parochial Hall, Portarlinton.

Music Bingo 3rd October at 8pm in The Anvil Inn. All welcome.

COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

Comhaltas is a volunteer run organisation which teaches and promotes Irish traditional music & culture in the parish. Instruments we teach include Tin Whistle, Fiddle, Button Accordion, Concertina, Flute, Banjo, Keyboard & Guitar for both children & adults.
Our Registration & 'Come & Try' evening for this coming year will be held Fri. 12th Sept. 7.30-8.30pm in the Old Boys school (Coláiste Íosagáin Activity Hub), Patrick St. R32NR76.
If you are interested in joining, please come along. We look forward to seeing faces old and new. Further info. contact Davin 0862260782 / Edel 083 0805012 or Email portarlingtoncce@gmail.com

SPIORAIÐ NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat
St. Peter and Paul's Parish Church Portlaoie.
Sat. 30th Aug. 2025 - 10am to 1.30pm. Mass at 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass @10.45am. Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill www.spioraidnaoimh.com

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2025

Pilgrimage will depart Dublin to Dubrovnik Thurs. 9th Oct. at 7.30am. Return via Dubrovnik on 16th Oct. to arrive in Dublin at 3.30pm. Cost €855 PPS. Single Supplement + €170. Travel insurance optional extra €35. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Ph: Michael 086 815 7305.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE

The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Register now to begin on 20th Sept. Check: prioryinstitute.com

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2025

Do you have an article of interest, historic, sport, etc? Do you have some old photographs you could share? You can submit articles / Stories / photographs for inclusion in this year's edition of the Emigrant Newsletter to portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Drop into the Parish Office or post to Parochial House, Patrick Street, Portarlinton, Co. Laois.
All photographs will be scanned & returned straight away

ART COMPETITION

The NBSCCCI (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 & is open to everyone who is under 18 years of age. The competition opens 1st Sept. 2025 & closes 30th Sept. 2025. 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>

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 local shops and the school.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY – TODAY!

Portarlinton Lions Club are holding a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY today, Sun. 24th August at Foxcroft Street R32 P786, Portarlinton from 2pm to 5pm.
Bouncy Castles / Games / Sensory Tent / Children's Races for all age groups / Tug of War / Music / Dancing and lots more. Hope to see you all there. There are plenty of areas available if you wish to bring a picnic.

NATURE WALK - DERRYOUNCE

With the Biodiversity Officer (Derryounce)
A slow-paced walk at Derryounce Lakes exploring the areas biodiversity with Ricky Whelan, Offaly County Council's Biodiversity Officer. **Location:** Derryounce Lakes
Date: 24th August **Time** 10am to 12 Noon

A PRAYER AS OUR SCHOOLS REOPEN



*Loving God, we ask you to wrap our diocesan school family in a cloak of love & protection as our schools reopen.
Bless our boards of management & staff as they continue to provide a welcoming & safe learning environment for all.
Bless our parents who entrust their children to us, confident we can all work together to help them become the very best that they can be.
Bless our pupils, the reason for our being.
May they continue to learn well & always know that they are safe, secure & protected in your loving embrace.
Gracious God, we are confident that through the intercession of our own Saints Brigid, Conleth & Laserian, your love & care for each of us always endures.
May we show the same love & care for one another in all we do & say this year.
Amen*

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Social Dance Takes place Sat. 23rd August. Dancing to Glen Flynn. Doors open 9pm. €10.
Keep Fit Wednesday 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.
Monster Auction A Monster Auction will take place on Sun. 7th Sept. Commencing 2.30pm includes farm produce, fuel, household & many other items. Music & dancing from 5.30pm with Rock on Paddy. Refreshments served. Adm. FREE. Great entertainment guaranteed.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

18th Aug. 2025 – Week 34 - Numbers 10,14,9,31
No jackpot winners. €50 to each of the following:- Laura Slevin; Sam Byrne; Beatrice Ryan; Dan Hanlon & P.J. Kavanagh. Promoter prize Marian Bryan. Next week's Jackpot €5,400



EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1988 18/8/2025

Numbers 15, 16, 18, 21 – No jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following:-
PJ Gleeson C/o Parish Office
Tommie Lawlor c/o Deirdre; Sheila Dunne c/o Deirdre; John Strong c/o Emo GAA
Ann Marie Bourke C/o Deirdre
Next draw takes place 25th August with a Jackpot of €5,400

CAR BOOT SALE

Sun. 31st August. Traders arrive 8.30am. Public entry 10am - €2 / Children go free. Second hand clothes, books, toys, home-ware, vintage items & lots more. You can book a pitch to sell your own items. Contact: www.thegardenshop.ie/solas-car-boot-sale.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

We are looking for new volunteers to join our life-saving team! Are you willing to: Respond to medical emergencies; support your neighbours in times of crisis? No medical experience needed – Full training provided. If you're over 18 with your own car & full driving licence & want to make a real difference in your community, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch with Jason (087) 4170346 or check out the face book page

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

DRAW RESULTS – AUGUST 2025

€10,000 Paula Drew / €2,000 each to Colette Knight & to Bernard O'Lawlor / €1,000 each to Emmett McKenna & Betty Murphy / €500 each to: Brian Crombie; Brian Hogan; Triona Burbage; Michael & Margaret O'Shaughnessy; Michelle Confrey; Paula Flanagan; John Clarke; Christy Lawlor; Shane Kavanagh; Pat Allman; John Flynn; Leanne McNamara & Connor Dunne / €350 to Alan Nolan

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Wed. 27th August commencing 8pm
FILM: It ends with us. €5 (includes tea & biscuits). Free parking. All welcome.

PORTARLINGTON TAEKWON-DO

Beginners enrolment – Free trial class.
Junior classes Boys & Girls 7 to 13 years.
Mon. 1st Sept. 7pm – 7.45pm or Tues. 2nd Sept. 4.30pm – 5.15pm. Contact 086 3617001.

MUM DANCE TERM STARTING

6 week term commencing Wed. 17th Sept. in Port. Community Centre from 7-8.
Further details & booking from Marian on 086 8857116 or online <https://gymcatch.com/app/provider/8358>