



# Parishes of Portarlington & Emo



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



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
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24th MAY 2026

P E N T E C O S T

Year 'A'

### WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 6.15pm

Niall Nolan, Rathleash (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Bridie & Christopher Cooper, Ullard; Deceased members of the Cooper Family; Mary & Luke Delaney; Deceased members of the Delaney Family, Passlands; Paddy Dowling, St. Joseph's Tce. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

#### Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 12.15pm

Liam Mooney, St. Michael's Park (M.M.)  
Brendan Michael Hartnett, Annamoe (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Tony O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Paddy Douglas, Bishopswood; Paddy Flanagan, Glasshouse; Benny, Margaret & Jane Weldon; Margaret Cleary (nee Weldon); Mel Coughlan, Kilmalogue; Hugh Emerson (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Grainne Emerson (43<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Bishopswood; James & Kathleen Walsh; John & Ray Whelan, Patrick St

#### Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> May 6.15pm

Marian McNamara, Bracklone St. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Bertie Kavanagh, Assumpta Tce. (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, Annamoe (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Paul Nolan, Gracefield (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Brenda McNally-Grant, Barrowview; Donal Clancy, St. Patrick's Tce. (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Rose & Paddy Clancy & deceased members of the Clancy Family; Ned Murphy, St. Michael's Park; Dec. members of the Dunne & Carey Families, Cloneyquinn

#### Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May 12.15pm

Mary Flanagan, Ballinagar & Droughill (MM)  
Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Lar Dempsey, Clondoolusk (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Maureen & Bernard Scully, Cloneyhurke  
John & Lily Harney, Cushina  
John & Elizabeth Cleary, Cushina  
Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy), Station Road (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Robert Francis Magee, Station Road; Dec. members of the Magee & Mulcahy Families  
Edward & Sarah Roycroft, Bracklone St;  
Paddy Dyer & deceased members of the Dyer Family, Bracklone St.; Breda, Colm, Mark, Barry, Joanne, Martina & Fiona Maher, Marian Hill (30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

### ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

#### Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am

Caleb Powell, Ballybrittas (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Sr. Cora McHale, Killenard; Garrett Knight; Annie Knight; James Phillips, Seskin; Julie Slevin, Garryvacum

### ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary.

### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> May 10am** Thomas Kennedy, St. Michaels Park  
**Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> May 10am** Danny, Ellen & Jim Malone, Gracefield  
**Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> May** Gretta Brogen, Church View  
**Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> May 10am** Jerome Burke, Patrick Avenue (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
**Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> May 10am** Julia Horan, Church View (B/Day Remembrance) Ronan Yarrow, Ballymorris (B/Day Remembrance)

### ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

#### Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 7.30pm

James & Mary Mortimer, Cappakeel

#### Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 11am

Mary (May) Dooley, Ballycullane (M.M.)  
Myles Christie, Coolbanagher

### ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

#### Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> May 9am

Ang O'Connell, Bellgrove  
Frances Behan, Bellgrove

#### Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May 9am

Margaret Gregg, Newbridge (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
John Currims, Naas (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Michael Currims, Naas (21<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of the Currims & Coffey Families

### TROCAIRE

The final amount collected for Trocaire in the Parish is as follows:-  
**Portarlington €10,512**  
**Emo €2,601**

A very sincere THANK YOU for your generosity towards the Trocaire Campaign.



### IN THE SPIRIT

Alone we are only a spark,  
but in the Spirit we are a fire.  
Alone we are only a string,  
but in the Spirit we are a lyre.  
Alone we are only an ant hill,  
but in the Spirit we are a mountain.  
Alone we are only a drop,  
but in the Spirit we are a fountain.  
Alone we are only a feather,  
but in the Spirit we are wing.  
Alone we are only a beggar,  
but in the Spirit we are a king.  
**Amado Nervo**

### ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed every day for the month of May

**St. Johns Church, Killenard** - Time 4pm.  
**St. Michael's Church, Portarlington**  
Rosary every evening at 7pm



Congratulations to the children from **Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Sandy Lane National School** who received their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion this weekend.

The children from **Sacred Heart N.S., Rath** will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am** in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath.

### PRAYER FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN



*This weekend, as our young ones approach the altar for the first time, we surround them with love, joy and heartfelt prayers. May the peace of Jesus fill their hearts, the light of His love guide their steps and the joy of His presence remain with them always. Amen.*

### CEMETERY MASS 2026

Killenard – Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Portarlington - Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31<sup>st</sup> July – 7.30pm

### RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

A collection for retired Priests will take place this weekend, 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> May. Envelope available in your Development Boxes or at the Church Porch.

### WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

Penny Marie Hayden, Barrow View  
Samuel James Owens, Fairway, Killenard  
Joseph Connell Owens, Killorglin

### DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> June. Bus travelling from Mountmellick. Phone Carol on 057 8624390 for further information & booking, by Monday next, 25<sup>th</sup> May.

## EMO – RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Lotto results week no. 2019 – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
Numbers 2, 18, 19, 23 – No jackpot winner.  
€25 each to the following: Mary Broderick c/o Parish Office; Maeve Ryan c/o Maeve; PJ Gleeson c/o Parish Office; Rosie Connolly c/o Deirdre; Sean, Grace & Darragh c/o Pat.  
Next draw on 25<sup>th</sup> May with a Jackpot of €3,400.

## EMO/RATH PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – JULY 2026



The Emo/Rath Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place in July leaving Mon. 20<sup>th</sup> and returning on Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> (4 nights / 5 days). The cost is €785 per person sharing at the 4 star Hotel Roissy. Deposits are **now due** to be paid – Closing date for receipt of €200 deposit is Mon. 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Limited seats available.

Please contact Deirdre on 087 2299457 or Tony 086 1225833

## 41<sup>ST</sup> ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY

Takes place Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> June in Knock Shrine. Visit [www.allirelandrosaryrally.com](http://www.allirelandrosaryrally.com) for details

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - GOLF CLASSIC

Portarlinton Golf Club Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> May from 12 noon. 4 person Scramble Team €100; Handicap is capped at: - Men's 28 / Ladies 36 / Non GUI 18. Time sheet now open for entries.

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

O'Dempsey's Lotto Results: 18<sup>th</sup> May - Numbers 18<sup>th</sup> May: 02,16,17,30. No Jackpot winner or Match 3 winner. Lucky Dip Winners: Ann Connolly & Aidan McLernon. Promoter: Eddie Fitzpatrick. Next Draw: Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> May – Jackpot €11,000.

**Hyrox @ O'Dempsey's:** Join us at O'Dempsey's on Sun., 21<sup>st</sup> June for our Hyrox Simulation Event. Represent your club or gym for the ultimate bragging rights! Register now - [https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/K26\\_Hyrox\\_2026\\_Entryform](https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/K26_Hyrox_2026_Entryform). This is a K26 fundraiser event - for Killenard Community Centre & O'Dempsey's GFC. Places are limited so don't miss out on what promises to be a great day!

## BALLYBRITTAS TIDY TOWNS

### Litter Pick & Clean Up Dates

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10am & Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10am  
Help Keep Our Community Clean! **All Volunteers Welcome!**

## PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB PRESENT

### FAMILY NATURE TRAIL WALK

Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May in Derryounce. Reg. At 10.30am. Maps & trails provided. Fun for all the family. Explore nature with bugs, birds, trees, binoculars & magnifying glasses.

## PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

### ♫ An Evening of Music ♫

An evening of Music on Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> June from 7.30pm in St. Paul's French Church, Portarlinton. Doors open 7pm. Tickets are €15 each, available from Coopers Florist, Main St. or phone 087 6715668. Come along for a great evening of music with local Community Choir.

## MI WAIDI F.A.I. CAMP

This camp will take place at Arlington AFC from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> August (10am-1pm). It is for girls & boys aged 6 to 14 years. Cost €83 for 1 child & €73 for the second child. Jersey & football for each child. Book via [faifootballcamps.ie](http://faifootballcamps.ie)

## UPCOMING MARKET DAYS

Upcoming events at SOLAS Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road. All events open to the public  
**Car Boot Sale:** Sun. 31<sup>st</sup> May 10am – 2pm  
**Craft Market:** Sun. 7<sup>th</sup> June 11am – 4pm

## PRAYER FOR LIFE NOVENA



The *Pray for Life Novena* is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from this weekend until 31<sup>st</sup> May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection & suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers & to sign up for daily reminders. Prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) & [prayforlifenovena](https://www.instagram.com/prayforlifenovena) on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.



## PRAYER FOR THOSE DOING EXAMS



Lord our God, we pray to you at this time of examinations when some are anxious, worried and tense.

We ask you to give them your gifts of peace, calm and quiet during this time so that they can achieve their best.

We pray, that with your help, they may reap the rewards of their efforts and study during the years. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING

### COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> May (10am to 1pm). St. Peter & Paul's Church Portlaoise. Mass at 10am with Confessions afterwards. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass at 10.45am. (Adoration, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact: Michael Nerney 086 8157305 Spiritual Dir. Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP [www.spioraidnaoimh.com](http://www.spioraidnaoimh.com)



## WHY SUNDAY MATTERS



*Sunday Mass creates & celebrates Communion – An excerpt from the Letter of the Irish Bishops*  
'Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning & purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are & calls us to follow Jesus, who is *'the way, the truth, and the life'* Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving **encounter & communion** with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus & recognised Him in the breaking of the bread, so too we meet Him in the Eucharist. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. Saint John Paul II emphasised that *'none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's day and His Eucharist.'* This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, & love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God.'

**What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in Mass? What does it mean for you to encounter Jesus with others?**

## CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 2026



**Date: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

Local group will climb Croagh Patrick in aid of **Portarlinton Meals on Wheels**. Bus leaves Burbages, Main Street at 6.15am on the morning. If you would like to join us for the climb or for sponsorship, please contact Pat Burbage on 087-7716244.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

**Irish Speaking Sessions:** On Mondays at 8.30pm - €2 each night except for the June Bank Holiday Monday.

**Keep Fit:** Wednesday's only until further notice with Emer 7-8pm - €8 each night.

**Dancing Lessons:** Thursday nights with Noeleen from 7.30pm-9pm. €10 each night.

## BEALTAINE AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email [portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie) or give your name at the library desk.



## Bealtaine at Portarlinton Library

**Beginners Lino Print Workshop:** Spend a creative morning with artist Caroline Keane, learning the techniques necessary to scratch, ink up and pull your own original print. Thurs. 28<sup>th</sup> May 11am. Booking essential.

**Sage Advocacy Workshop:** National Advocacy Service for Older People. The talk will be on what services Sage Advocacy provide along with info. on the process of planning ahead & how Sage can assist older people. Questions & Answers. Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> May 2.30pm – Booking essential.

**Cruinniú na nÓg CSI Workshop:** Celebrating Cruinniú na nÓg. Suitable for children aged 10+. Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> June 10am. Places limited – Booking essential.

**Circus Skills Workshop:** Circus workshop to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg. Try your hand at some circus skills! Suitable for children aged 8-12yrs. Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> June 12 Noon. Limited places – booking essential.

## La Leche League Coffee Morning

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. 10:30-11:30. Join us to chat about all things breastfeeding.

## Regular activities

Knitting Circle / Ciorcal Comhrá - Irish / Chess Club – Give / Jigsaw Club – Help / Adult Book club / Online Book Club / Baby Book Club  
Lego Free Play

## LAOIS WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Calling all female entrepreneurs, business owners & aspiring founders in Laois - Bringing together women in business from across the county for an afternoon of networking, inspiration & practical insights. Guest speakers Alison O'Kelly (AOK Communications Ltd.) & Katelyn Cummins (Rose of Tralee). Tues. next, 26<sup>th</sup> May 12 noon to 2pm at Batonis, The Gatehouse, Emo. Lunch included. [localenterprise@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:localenterprise@laoiscoco.ie) Tel 057 8661800

## Upcoming Course Laois Enterprise

**"Be more productive with less stress & without working more:** Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> June – 10am to 1pm. Venue: LEO Training Room, County Hall, Portlaoise R32 EHP9. Tel 057 8661800 [localenterprise@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:localenterprise@laoiscoco.ie)

## COLLECTION DAY VOLUNTEER APPEAL

Can you help us with our collection day for Portarlinton Community Games. If you can give an hour to collect at SuperValu on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May or Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> May between 9am & 6pm. Contact Antje 086 1046388 [portarlinton@communitygames.ie](mailto:portarlinton@communitygames.ie)