



# Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

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## PARISH OFFICE

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

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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**  
**@EmoParish**

**25th January 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T.**

**Year 'A'**

*Sunday of the Word of God*

## WEEKEND ANNIV. - PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 24th January 6.15pm

Danny Gallagher, Treascon (M.M.); Nuala Harris, Seskin (M.M.); Kathleen Knight, Assumpta Tce. & LaBergerie (1st Anniv.); Ann Earley, Cushina Rd. (2nd Anniv.); Edward (Stan) Kennedy, Gracefield; John Mitchell, NaCluainté (15th Anniv.); Johnnie & Mai Lalor, Cloneyhurke;

Ann Ryan, Ballymorris;  
Niall McElwaine, Station Road

### Sun. 25th January 12.15pm

Thomas (Tommy) Garry, Patrick St. (M.M.)  
Edward (Ned) Carey, Lea (4th Anniv.) & his son,  
Brendan Carey (6th Anniv.); Seamus Dowling,  
Station Court (11th Anniv.)

### Sat. 31st January 6.15pm

Ann Moore, St Patrick's Terrace (M.M.)  
Frances Maher, Gracefield (M.M.)  
Paddy Maher, Gracefield, (11th Anniv.)  
Brendan Oakley, Arlington Est. (1st Anniv.)  
Connie Gill, Ullard, (1st Anniv.)  
Patrick McEvoy, Garryhinch, Cross (2nd Anniv.)  
Philip Ward, Ballymorris Manor, (2nd Anniv.)  
Dolores Hunt, St Joseph's Tce (7th Anniv.)  
Michael Webster, French Church Street (13th Anniv.); John & Margaret Maher, Gracefield;  
John & Moira Walsh, Dublin; Jim & Mer McEvoy, St. Michael's Park, Deceased members of the Leavy family, Shandra Lane;  
John, Phil & Celine Hanlon, London; Tony Coleman (12th Anniv.); Timothy & Brigid Coughlan, Bracklone Street

### Sun. 1st February 12.15pm

Mary McCormack, Dereen, (1st Anniv.)  
Josephine Fleming, Cloneyhurke,  
Michael Walsh, Cloneyhurke,

## ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

### Sun. 25th January 10.30am

Paddy Clarke, Tierhogar (1st Anniv.); Mary (Ita) Hyland, Lea Road, Kilmullen (1st Anniv.) & her son, Patrick (Darby) Hyland, Garryvacuum;  
JJ Bannon, Lea, John Dunne, Rathmiles, (10th Anniv) James, Brigid & Denis Dunne

### Sun. 1st February 10.30am

Patsy Connell, Lea, George Monagher, Lea,  
Dolores Wogan, James Brophy, Lough

## COLLECTORS FOR RATH FEBRUARY

James Duffy & Liam Duffy

## WEEKDAY ANNIV. - PORTARLINGTON

**Tues. 27th Jan.** William Hoey, St Mary's Terrace (50th Anniv.); Shirley Hoey, Botley Court, Birthday Remembrance

**Thurs. 29th Jan.** Alice Mc Cann, The Borness; Joe Horan, Church View

## ANNIVERSARIES EMO

### Sat. 24th January 7.30pm

William (Billy) Lynch, Killeen, (5th Anniv.)  
Patrick Kirwan, Killimy, (39th Anniv.)  
Thomas Flynn, Morette, (57th Anniv.)  
Brigid Burke, Ashgrove, Ballybrittas;  
Martin & Elizabeth Kelly, Coolbanagher;  
Brian Dunne, Fieldbrook, Portlaoise & Coolbanagher

### Sat. 31st January 7.30pm

Deirdre Keogh, Morette, (9th Anniv) her Father  
John O'Flynn, Galway, Liam Ramsbottom,  
Killimy, Michael & Elizabeth Moore, Morette;  
Mary Strong, Morette

### Sun. 1st February 11am

John Dooley, Ballycullane, (8th Anniv.)  
Elizabeth Prior, Morette, (10th Anniv.)  
Tommy Duggan, Mayo,  
Mary Strong, Morette,

## ANNIVERSARIES RATH

### Sun. 25th January 9am

Michael (Mick) Murphy, Ballyadden, M.M.  
Andrew & Breda Heffernan;  
Tom & John Murphy; Jack Behan, Rath; Joe Treacy, Courtwood, Brigid Burke, Ashgrove;  
Ballybrittas, Tom Ryan, Bellgrove; Deceased members of the Ryan & Christie families;  
Patrick & Elizabeth Lacey & Sons Martin & Patrick, Bellgrove

### Sun. 1st February 9am

Sam Owens, Rath, (M.M.)  
Peter O'Connell, Coolroe; Frank Dempsey, Monasterevin; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bellgrove,  
Liam Tynan, Canal House, Fisherstown, (10th Anniv.)

## DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:



**Robert (Robbie) Maher, St Mary's Terrace**  
**John Fitzpatrick, The Heath**  
**Attracta Corcoran, Emo**

## WEDDINGS

Congratulations to the following couples who were married during 2022



### Portarlington Parish

Sean Colgan, Annamoe & Nadine Bolton, Kilbride  
Henry Wallace, Clonsast & Jane Weldon,  
Canal Gardens  
Lorcan Burke, Camross & Katie Byrne,  
Mount Henry, Killenard  
James Whelehan, Timahoe & Aoife Comerford,  
Patrick Street  
Owen Cooper, Clonanny & Orla McMahon, Athy  
Cathal Fallon, Lea Road & Sarah Mead,  
Nottingham, UK  
Simon Whyte, Dublin & Calista Bolger, Droughill  
Niall Brennan, Ballyroan & Aine Harbelin,  
Killenard  
Filip Kral, Bratislava & Melissa Donagher,  
Droughill  
Keith Colgan, Clondoolusk & Susan West, Dublin  
Niall Gibbons, Galway & Lorna McDermott,  
Killenure

### Emo Parish

Raymond Killeen, Portlaoise & Alyson Fitzpatrick,  
Cappakeel  
Anthony O'Brien, Ballinasloe & Linda Sheeran,  
Morette  
Colm Byrne, Portlaoise & Denise Keegan,  
Cappakeel  
Conor Murphy, Ballybrittas & Lisa Marum,  
Mountmellick  
Emmet Quinlan, Borris in Ossory & Delal Carroll,  
Killimy

## PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Portarlington Lourdes Committee will take place on Thursday 29th January at 7pm in the Catholic Club, Main Street. All committee members asked to attend.

## NIGHT VIGIL

A Night Vigil in honour of St. Brigid will take place in Ss. Peter & Paul's Church, Portlaoise R32 R684 after the 6.30pm Mass Saturday 31st January, ending with 8am Benediction Sunday 1st February. All very welcome to attend.



## O'DEMPSEY'S GFC NEWS

### Players and Club Volunteers for 2026

Preparations are underway at the Old Pound for the 2026 season! If you are interested in playing with O'Dempsey's (U5's up to Adult teams), or getting involved as a mentor or on one of our club committees like Facilities, Healthy Club, Fundraising, Juvenile etc.) please contact Club Chairperson Brian on 087 418 5541 or Secretary Mai on 087 419 1450 for further information.

### Last Man Standing 2026

Our Last Man Standing Competition is back for 2026 - with a €500 prize to be won / shared! Entry forms are available from any Committee member, or you can enter online at <https://form.jotform.com/O'DempseyGFC/LMS2026>

### O'Dempsey's GFC Lotto Results

19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - 2, 12, 22, 25, No Jackpot Winner. No match 3 winners.

Lucky Dip winners Paul Tynan, Mary Fenlon, Promoter Bernie Whelehan, Next draw 26<sup>th</sup> January with a Jackpot of €9,300.

Thank you for your support.

### EMO PARISH ENVELOPES

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. To register write your name & address on 1<sup>st</sup> envelope. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks for continued contributions. Please take a box!

### CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2025, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.



**Digital Support Drop In Sessions / Ciorcal Comhrá / Knitting Club / Lego Free Play: Social Chess (Adults only): Portarlinton Junior Book Club / Baby Book Club Adult Book Club**

For further information on any of the above or to book phone 057 8643751 or Email [portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

### ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE R32CY89

**Social Dance:** The next Social Dance will take place this Saturday evening 24<sup>th</sup> Jan. Music by Pat Costello. Adm: €10. Doors open 9pm. Refreshments served..

**Irish Speaking Sessions:** Continue every Monday night 7-8pm. Adm: €2. Children free (but must be accompanied by an adult). Help sheets for everyone - this week also loud speaker in use. All very welcome.

**Keep Fit:** Wednesdays & Fridays 7-8pm. Cost €8 each night.

**Dancing Lessons:** Thursdays 7.30-9pm. €10 each night.

### IS YOUR PHONE CAUSING CONFUSION?



Digital Help Hub Cliic - Call to Portarlinton Library - Fridays 10.30am to 12.30pm where we can help. We offer free confidential assistance with filling forms, digital and Smartphone support. Further info. Email [communityed@loetb.ie](mailto:communityed@loetb.ie) or phone 057 8630099.

## SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat **Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> Jan; 21<sup>st</sup> Feb., 21<sup>st</sup> Mar. & 18<sup>th</sup> Apr.** from 10am to 1.20pm. Mass 10am - Confessions available. Retreat continues in Ratheniska Room Parish Centre after Mass at 10.45am. (Exposition, Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry). Contact Michael Nerney 086 8157305. Spiritual Director Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP [www.spioraidnaoimh.com](http://www.spioraidnaoimh.com).

### SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE PORTARLINGTON 2026

Calling all groups, clubs and schools! We're getting ready to celebrate and we'd love YOU to be part of it. 2026 Parade theme:

CARNIVAL. Think colour, creativity & cheerful energy.

Costumes, music, movement, smiles and imagination are all welcome.

Bring the fun, the flair and the carnival spirit. Who can take part? Schools and youth groups; Sports clubs; Community & cultural groups; Bands, dancers & performers; Families with a great idea. If you want to get involved, contact [stpatriksdayportarlinton@gmail.com](mailto:stpatriksdayportarlinton@gmail.com)



### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW



1<sup>st</sup> Prize Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by Portarlinton Credit Union).

4 prizes of €100 each (Sponsored by Super Valu). Draw takes place 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 9pm during Bingo in the GAA Centre. Tickets €2 each (or 3 for €5) available from Committee Members or the Parish Office.

### LEARN HOW TO CROCHET

Mondays from 7-9pm in Portarlinton. Beginners & improvers welcome. Contact Jacqui on 087 2998944 for further details & venue.

### MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> until October 21<sup>st</sup>. Departs Dublin to Dubrovnik - Cost €875 for 7days.. Discount of €50 if deposit of €200 is paid by January 30<sup>th</sup>. Single Supplement + €170. Travel insurance optional. Accompanied by Spiritual Director Fr Sean Hyland C.C. For further information and booking contact Michael Nerney on 086 815 7305

### COME AND SEE

Men and women aged 18-0 interested in exploring the Carmelite Way of Life with Carmelite Friars and Nuns. WHERE? Avila Carmelite Centre, Dublin DO4 YF66. WHEN? 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 10.30am - 4pm. Cost is FREE. Light lunch provided. Please register before 25<sup>th</sup> February at [opendayAvila@gmail.com](mailto:opendayAvila@gmail.com) Nuns: [www.carmelitesisters.ie](http://www.carmelitesisters.ie) Friars: [www.ocd.ie](http://www.ocd.ie)



## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

19.1.2026 - Week No. 4 - Numbers 9, 5, 23, 22 No jackpot winner. €50 each to:- Fiona Cooper; Mary Keogh; Tommy Byrne; Mary Slevin; Trish O'Reilly. Promoter prize: James Brady. Next week's Jackpot €5,200

### EMO - RATH PARISH

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Week No. 2006 Numbers drawn 4, 9, 21, 23 - No jackpot winner. €25 each to the following:- Eddie Moore C/o DB; Mary & George Mc Evoy c/o Ann; Gareth Smith C/o Deirdre; Tony Carroll C/o Bernie Wheeler; Josie Dooley C/o Parish Office. Next draw will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January with a JACKPOT of €4,800

### BEGINNERS LINE DANCING CLASSES

Thursdays 7.30 - 9pm. 10 classes for the price of 7 (€70) or pay as you go €10 per class. Further info. call or text John on 086 8333200.



Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering Non-judgmental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123. Text 087 2609090 Email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton every Tuesday after the 10.30am Mass until 7pm.

### PORT. PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Fri. 30<sup>th</sup> Jan: Baby Rave.

The group meet on Friday's from 10.30am - 11.30am in Portarlinton Community Centre. For ages 0-5 years. New members welcome. A chance to connect with other parents while your little one enjoys some play time & activities. Fees: Members €2 / Non members €4.

### L.O.E.T.B.

Portarlinton Further Education & Training Centre Bracklone Street. January courses and timetables now available. Phone 057 8623161 or [portarlintonfetac.ie](mailto:portarlintonfetac.ie)

### EMO RETIREMENT GROUP

Emo Retirement Group will meet in the Old School, Emo on Tuesdays 8pm. New members very welcome. Fee €15 / year membership.

### ST. BRIGID'S CAMINO WALK 2026

Monasterevin Parish have organised a Camino Walk in honour of St. Brigid. It will commence at St. Brigid's Shrine, Mountrice W34X529 on the Monasterevin -Rathangan Road at 11am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 11am. Walk is approximately 6km. Car parking provided at Mountrice Cross. The walk via Umeras along the new Canal Blue Way finishing at Sts Peter & Paul's Church, with Service of Light at 12.30pm. Refreshments will be provided on the day.

### POOR CLARES, GALWAY

Half day Retreat for women 18-35 years. With Beth Davis of Blessed is She Ministries. This is an opportunity to encounter God's love & deepen your life of prayer & communion with God. Taking place on Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. from 2-6pm. Further info. & to register: <https://cherisheddaughters.eventbrite.ie>

### ZUMBA

Venue: Parochial Hall, Portarlinton R32 YK24. No experience, no membership - just fun. €10 per class. All levels welcome. 6.45pm to 7.45pm on Tuesday's. Booking through 087 6431743.