

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo



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PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS

PARISH OFFICE

SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

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](https://twitter.com/EmoParish)

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

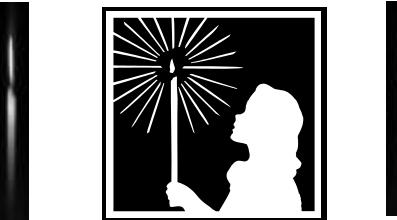
10.30am Sun.

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm Sat. / 11am Sun.

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

9am Sun.



25th January 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN O.T.

Sunday of the Word of God

Year 'A'

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, Cushinga Rd. (2nd Anniv.); Edward (Stan) Kennedy, Gracefield; John Mitchell, NaCluainte (15th Anniv.); Johnie & 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 - KILLENDAR

Sun. 25th January 10.30am

Paddy Clarke, Tierhogar (1st Anniv.); Mary (Ita) Hyland, Lea Road, Kilmullen (1st Anniv.) & her son, Patrick (Darby) Hyland, Garryvacum; 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 Burren; 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 202nd



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

PORCARLINGTON 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/ODempseyGFC/LMS2026>

O'Dempsey's GFC Lotto Results

19th 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 26th 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 1st 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 / Ciocraí Comhrá / Knitting Club / Lego Free Play: Social Chess (Adults only): Portarlington 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 portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLOONEYHURKE R32CY89

Social Dance: The next Social Dance will take place this Saturday evening 24th 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 Clic - Call to Portarlington 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 or phone 057 8630099.

SPIORAID NAOIMH PRAYING COMMUNITY

Growth in the Holy Spirit Monthly Retreat Sat. 31st Jan; 21st Feb., 21st Mar. & 18th 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. Ruairí O'Domhnaill PP 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 stpatricksdayportarlington@gmail.com



PORTARLINGTON LOURDES COMMITTEE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DRAW



1st Prize Trip to Lourdes (Sponsored by Portarlington Credit Union).

4 prizes of €100 each (Sponsored by Super Valu). Draw takes place 3rd 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 Portarlington. Beginners & improvers welcome. Contact Jacqui on 087 2998944 for further details & venue.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE



Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from Oct. 14th until October 21st. Departs Dublin to Dubrovnik - Cost €875 for 7days.. Discount of €50 if deposit of €200 is paid by January 30th. 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 18-30 interested in exploring the Carmelite Way of Life with Carmelite Friars and Nuns.

WHERE? Avila Carmelite Centre, Dublin D04 YF66. WHEN? 28th February 2026 from 10.30am – 4pm. Cost is FREE. Light lunch provided. Please register before 25th February at opendayAvila@gmail.com Nuns: www.carmelitesisters.ie Friars: 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: 19th 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 26th 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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

PORT. PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Fri. 30th Jan: Baby Rave.

The group meet on Friday's from 10.30am – 11.30am in Portarlington 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.

Portarlington Further Education & Training Centre Bracklone Street. January courses and timetables now available. Phone 057 8623161 or portarlingtonfetac.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, Mountrue W34X529 on the Monasterevin – Rathangan Road at 11am on

Monday 2nd February at 11am. Walk is approximately 6km. Car parking provided at Mountrue 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. 1st Feb. from 2-6pm.

Further info. & to register:

<https://cherisheddaughters.evenbrite.ie>

ZUMBA

Venue: Parochial Hall, Portarlington 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.