

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

Portarlington & Emo Parishes are part of the Pastoral Area along with Killeigh, Clonaslee, Rosenallis & Mountmellick



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Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.

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SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline: 116 123

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25th OCTOBER 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

MASS TIMES

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

10am Daily Mass (Monday – Friday) / 6.15pm

(Vigil Saturday) 9am & 12.15pm Sunday

St. John's Church, Killenard 10.30am Sunday

St. Paul's Church, Emo 7.30pm Sat. /11am Sun.

Sacred Heart Church, Rath 9am Sunday



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

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 24th October 6.15pm

Mick Dunne, Cloneyhurke; Mary Scully, Dublin (5th Anniv.); Joan Bourke, St. Brigid's Sq. (12th Anniv.)

Sun. 25th October 12.15pm

Veronica (Vera) Keegan, Cloneyhurke (2nd Anniv.); Tina Dempsey, Clondoolusk (32nd Anniv.)
Oliver Evans, St. Joseph's Tce. (7th Anniv.)

Sat. 31st October 6.15pm

Kathleen Keogh, Shandra (1st Anniv.)
Evan Clancy, Pine Villa (8th Anniv.); Maisie & Danny Mulvihill, Droughill; Seamus Mullally, Rosecourt (18th Anniv.); Bill & Philomena Rogers, Bracknagh, Lily Maher, Sandy Lane.

Sun. 1st November 12.15pm

Mary & Jim Carroll, Bracklone St. & dec. members of the Carroll & Bergin Family; Kate & Pat Sherlock, Co. Monaghan; Dec. members of the Sherlock Family; Maureen Weldon, Cushina (19th Anniv.); Eamonn & Kathleen Collier, Station Rd; Kathleen Burbage & dec. members of the Burbage Family; Tom (38th Anniv.) & Lily (23rd Anniv.) Coogan, Arlington Estate; John & Stella Monagher, Main St.

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 25th October 10.30am

Alice Maher, Woodview
Michael Costello, Lea & Ballycarroll
Murt Connell, Lea (7th Anniv.)
John O'Kane, Kilmullen (21st Anniv.)

Sun. 1st November 10.30am

Sean Phelan, Fisherstown (3rd Anniv.); Patrick Deffew, Garryvacum; Sally Dalton; Patrick (Paddy) & Rose Murphy, Killenard; James & Kathleen Kearney, Ballybrittas & their daughter Kathleen Malone; Mary & John Kiernan, Ballycarroll, Daughter in law Veronica Kiernan, England; John Bernard Wynne, Leitrim (40th Anniv.) & dec. members of the Wynne Family; Thomas & Bridget Kiernan, Lea Road; Eithne Hynan, Shandra

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON AT 10AM

Fri. 30th Oct. Jackie Hanlon, Gracefield

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 24th October 7.30pm

Johnny & Phil Rowe, Ballybrittas
Philip Rowe, Portlaoise

Sun.25th October 11am

Sat. 31st October 7.30pm

Peter Hyland, Emo Park; Thomas & Mary Walsh
Deceased members of the Woods Family;
Patrick Cullen

Sun. 1st November 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 25th October 9am

Lar Flynn, Fisherstown (3rd Anniv.)
Michael Kinsella, Fisherstown (8th Anniv.)
John Brophy, Vicarstown
Brigid Dempsey, Jamestown (5th Anniv.)
John & Eileen Coffey, Cork; April Hogg, Dublin, Donnacha Fox, Newbridge;

Sun. 1st November 9am

Paul Ryan, Bellgrove (1st Anniv.)
Tommy Donohar, Rath; Dan Donohar, Jamestown

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK

Attracta Whiteley (nee McDermott),
St. Patrick's Terrace & Newbridge



*We welcome into the Christian Community
through Baptism:
Ella Anne Murphy, Kilcappa*

MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent collection for Mission Sunday. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



COLLECTORS RATH NOVEMBER

Colm Wilson & Robbie Flynn



Applications for First Year 2027 / 2028.
Applications closing this weekend. Please enrol through our website to avoid the disappointment of not securing a place.
www.colaisteiosagainport.ie

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027

St. Paul's N.S., Emo

Saturday 8th May at 11am
In St. Paul's Church, Emo.



Presentation Primary School, Station Rd.

Saturday 15th May at 11am
in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Scoil Padraig, Canal Road

Saturday 15th May at 1.30pm
In St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath

Saturday 22nd May at 11am
In Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath.

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 22nd May at 1pm
In St. John's Church, Killenard

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**St. Michael's Church,
Portarlington on Tuesday's after
10am Mass until 7pm with
Rosary afterwards.**



A reminder that clocks go back this weekend.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES



Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place on Sunday 1st November 2026.

Blessing will take place as follows:-
Killenard Cemetery after the 10.30am Mass
St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm

BEREAVEMENT MASS 2026



Those who have died in the parish during the year, and their families, will be remembered at Mass on Friday 20th November in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington & on Saturday 21st November in St. Paul's Church, Emo (7.30pm). A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Keep Fit Classes: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear, from 7-8pm. €8 per night.
Dancing Lessons: With Noeleen on Thursday nights 7.30pm – 9pm. €10 each night.
Irish Speaking: No class on Mon. 26th October (Bank Holiday). Classes will resume Mon. 2nd Nov. All very welcome.

DANCE MARATHON

In aid of "Ray of Sunshine Foundation"

Venue: St. Brigid's Hall, Cloneyhurke

Date/Time: **Sat. 31st October 4pm-12**

List of Artists: *Glenn Flynn; Brian McDermot; Martin Goulding; Tommy B; Margaret Brennan; The Hearty Bro's*
Your support will help build schools and classrooms in Mombasa, Kenya.

SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY

HALLOWEEN CADRE

Oct. 27th, 28th and 29th in Colaiste Íosagáin, Portarlington R32HV 25.

Junior Ballers 10am – 1pm (12 years & under)
Senior Ballers 1.30 – 4.30pm (13 years +).

For further information & cost contact

Josie on 087 4026970.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND

Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to our Leinster Retreat Day on Sat. 7th Nov. from 10am–6pm at Benburb Priory. A day of prayer, reflection & spiritual renewal with guest speakers Fr Dominik Domagala, Dr Iva Beranek & Mrs Maria Steen.

Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: €50
Booking: www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats.
All welcome — bring a friend.

GUILD OF ST. PHILIP NERI

Members of the Guild of St. Philip Neri, Portlaoise, visit prisoners in Portlaoise and Midlands prisons as befrienders / listeners. The Guild is a conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society. To mark Prisons week the guild is accepting applications from anyone interested in this work.

Please contact 086-0462405 for further information. Thank you

TUTOR AVAILABLE

Primary school tutor available Laois/Offaly area with flexible hours. Contact Leah at 083 3589306

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2039 – 19th Oct. 2026

Numbers – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following: Joan Hennessy c/o Deirdre; Robert & Mairead Phelan c/o Maeve; Ciaran McEvoy c/o Bernie Gorman; Colm Strong c/o Shauna; Fr. Pat Hughes c/o Parish Office
Next draw takes place on Mon. 2nd Nov. with a Jackpot of €5,400.



Lotto.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

19/10/2026 Week No. 43. Numbers 30, 21, 16, 29

No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:-

Willie Dempsey; Alex Allman; Daithi & Chloe;

Gavin Smyth; Maria Storey. Promoter prize

Jacintha Byrne

Next week's Jackpot is €13,000

GRACEFIELD FOOTBALL CLUB (F.C.)

Gracefield F.C. run a weekly 50/50 fundraising draw with tickets priced at €2 for a single entry or €5 for 3 entries, taking place every Monday. You can buy tickets on line through the Gracefield FC Clubspot Fundraisers Page.

<https://member.clubspot.app/club/gracefield-fc/fundraisers>

BRAVEHEARTS

Here to support & help those in our community & have fund and enjoy life.

With the rising cost of heating our homes,

BraveHearts are looking for blankets.

If you have any to spare, we can hand them out to those in need in our community.

Contact Therese on 086 8471994.

PORTARLINGTON WOMEN'S SHED HOST THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sun. 29th Nov. from 12 Noon – 3pm in Portarlington Community Centre. Unique gifts & artisan crafts & foods, cakes, cookies and Jams
Tea, coffee & cakes served. Entertainment provided. Kids craft table. Fabulous raffle prizes. FREE visit with Santa. Come along and enjoy a festive afternoon for the whole family.

COURTWOOD G.A.A.

Courtwood Combined Lotto – €20,000!

Purchase your Lotto ticket via:

The Clubforce App. The attached

QR Code. Ballybrittas Service

Station, The Final Furlong

Support Courtwood GAA by purchasing a weekly Lotto ticket and helping our club continue to grow.

We would also like to thank everyone for their fantastic support throughout the Laois Senior Football Championship and extend our congratulations to Portarlington GAA on their success.

ANNUAL PRAYER SERVICE

To remember deceased staff & members of Laois County Council

Taking place Mon. 16th Nov. in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All people of all faiths are welcome to attend to remember our colleagues and friends. We look forward to seeing you on the evening.

SPIORAIÐ NAOIMH MONTHY RETREAT

Sat. 31st Oct – Mass 10am in the Parish Church, Portlaoise. Confessions are available. Retreat in the Ratheniska Room Parish Centre 10.30am.-1.30pm. Adoration Rosary, Holy Spirit Novena, Praise & Worship, Teaching, Prayer Ministry with individual prayer - www.spioraidnaoimh.com
Contact M. Nerney 086 815 7305
Spiritual Director Fr Ruairi O'Domhnaill PP

PORTARLINGTON



*To book call in to Library, Ph: 057 8643751
Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie*

Music Therapy for children with additional needs and their parents- 28th Oct. 10:30am
Suitable for children aged 5-7years. Please book.
Storms, Sunshine and Surprises with meteorologist Joanna Donnelly

Join former RTE weather presenter and meteorologist **Joanna Donnelly** in Portarlington Library on Wed. 4th Nov. at 6pm for an engaging and illustrated talk exploring the fascinating story of Irish weather and meteorology.

Combining science, storytelling and humour, Booking required.

Leaves Festival at Portarlington Library-Award winning author Louise Nealon in conversation with Helen Carroll.

Award-winning author Louise Nealon joins us at Portarlington Library for a special event exploring her acclaimed novels *Snowflake* and *Everything That Is Beautiful*. In conversation with Helen Carroll, she will discuss the themes that shape her writing, including family, home, love, loss, and the often-complicated journey of becoming ourselves. Free event but booking necessary.



Ghost Themed Craft Table Tuesday 27th Oct.
Halloween Scavenger Hunt : Tues 27th -Sat 31st Oct Solve the puzzle and win a small prize
Room on the Broom Storytime and Colouring - Sat 31st Oct 11am.

Also taking place:-

Ciorcal Comhrá

La Leche League Coffee Morning

Parents First Baby Group

Digital Support Drop In Sessions

Knitting Club / Lego Free Play

Social Chess(Adults only)

Portarlington Junior Book Club

Baby Book Club:

CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Open Day at Cloneyhurke NS – Sun. 8th Nov. 12 Noon -2pm R32FT51. Visit our school, meet the staff & pupils. Games & refreshments on the day. The School will be accepting applications for 2027 / 2028 enrolment to the 13th November 2026. Application Forms are available www.cloneyhurke.net or 057 8623271.

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Junior Infant Admissions for September 2027

Accepting applications until Fri. 13th November 2026. Application forms available to download from www.naomheoin.ie via Email office@naomheoin.ie or phone 057 8626217.

GRACEFIELD GAA HEALTHY CLUB

Social Quiz Night

Fri. 6th Nov. from 8.30pm at the Hawthorne Bar. Come & have a chat and join in our quiz night. Teams of 4 €5 each.

O'DEMPSEY'S WEEKLY CLUB

LOTTO

19th Oct. Numbers 01, 07, 15, 21 – No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners Gerry Maher; Aine Neilon, Ann Bourke Dunne, Christy Slevin & Peter Lawlor. Promoter Dick Whelehan.
Next draw Tues. 27th Oct. Jackpot €13,200.