

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



Portarlington & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

26th July, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

World Day for Grandparents & the elderly

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 25th July 6.15pm

Mattie Gannon, Galway (M.M.); Pat Treacy, Avondale (2nd Anniv.); David & Anne Mullen, Bracklone Street; Edward (Ned) Murphy, Shandra (11th Anniv.) Mark Cummins, St. Joseph's Tce.

Sun. 26th July 12.15pm

Josephine (Jo) Kirwan Brennan, Park Lane (MM); Ailish Lyne, Bracklone Street; Eileen Mooney, Botley Court (12th Anniv.); Arthur Rock, Dublin (6th Anniv.); Mary Carthy, Patrick Street

Sat. 1st August 6.15pm

Margaret (Peggy) Whelan, Bishopswood; Geraldine Walsh (nee O'Connor), Bracklone St. (20th Anniv.); Bridie Lynch, Ballymorris

Sun. 2nd August 12.15pm

Seamus Colgan, Bishopswood (5th Anniv.); Dec. members of the Colgan Family; James & Philomena Colgan, Clondoolusk

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 26th July 10.30am

Sun. 2nd August 10.30am

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON



Mon. 27th July – Rose & Michael Sweeney; Jane & Jack Dunphy; Sheila Gopal, Church View (1st Anniv.)

Tues. 28th July – Muriel McAuley, Blackrock, Dublin (2nd Anniv.); Nell Finn, Co. Limerick (30th Anniv.)

Wed. 29th July – Hughie Nevin; Bill, Sheila, Liam & Paul Fingleton, Patrick St; Deceased members of the Predeville Family

Thurs. 30th July ---

Fri. 31st July Chris Murphy, St. Patrick's Terrace

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington on Tuesday's after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary afterwards.



ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 25th July 7.30pm

Lena Delaney, Coolbanagher (1st Anniv.)
 Anna Luttrell, Fisherstown (2nd Anniv.)

Sun. 26th July 11am

John Greaney, Athy & Ballybrittas (2nd Anniv.)
 Margaret Malone (nee Lewis) Morette Castle, (5th Anniv.); Daughter –in- law Trisha Malone & dec. members of the Malone & Lewis families; John & Elizabeth Lewis, Morette; Bertie Lewis; Mikie & Mae Lewis; Jimmy & Bridie Lewis; John & Eileen Lewis; Phil Lewis; Paddy Lewis; Tommy Lewis & Walter Lewis Jnr; Mary Dooley, Morette

Sat. 1st August 7.30pm

Peter Booth, Woodbrook

Sun. 2nd August 11am

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 26th July 9am

Charlie Kirwan, Doolagh; Eileen Mullen, Newbridge (1st Anniv.) deceased members of the Mullen family;
 Denis Tynan, Canal, Fisherstown (7th Anniv.); Elizabeth & Tim Tynan

Sun. 2nd August 9am

Ellen Donohoe, Jamestown

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism:-

Daniel Morozov, Riverside
Alaya Donna O'Sullivan, Clanmalire Crescent



DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Anne Comerford, Mooncoyne, Kilkenny & Ferrybank, Waterford (Sister of Tommy Comerford)

Paul Macken, Portarlington & formerly Raheny, Dublin.

COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST IN RATH

Phil Carroll & PJ Kelly

Coeliac Hosts available upon request. Call into the Sacristy before the Mass.

CEMETERY MASS 2026



Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm
Ballyadden Cemetery – Fri. 7th August 7.30pm

6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15), reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation & neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

PRAYER FOR THE SIXTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Holy Father

Who watches over every person
 watch over me too, when I am elderly.
 You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
 and You were not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands,
 and You caress my lines.

You will never forget me! (see is 49:15)
 Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it
 just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it
 just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it
 just as You have chosen it.

You who, though all-powerful,
 clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride
 and all division

so that we may live these years
 united in You.

You will never forget us! (see is 49:15)
 Amen.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sun. 26th July (today) - Chief Celebrant
 Archbishop Eamon Martin. Starting 2.30pm with
 anointing of the sick. A day of grace & blessing.
www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Social Dance: Sat. 18th July – Music by Noel Briody. Adm: €10. Doors open 9pm.

Refreshments served. Great night assured.

Keep Fit: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear. 7-8pm. €8 each night.

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noleen from 7.30pm–9pm. €10 each night.

MOVIES & MUSICALS BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 25th July at 8pm

Midlands String Quartet Vocal Ensemble present a magical evening of iconic music from the big screen & stage. Special guest Violinist Anne Phelan. (RTE Concert Orchestra). Venue: St. Paul's Church of Ireland, French Church Street. Adm: €20. Tickets available on the door on the night. Doors open at 7.30pm.

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

Mi-Wadi FAI Summer Football Camp. 3rd – 7th August 10am to 1pm daily. Every child receives a jersey and a football. €83 per child €10 off for siblings. Girls & Boys aged 6 – 14yrs. To book contact Bookings.faifootballcamps.ie

Golf Scramble

Portarlington Golf Club Friday 18th September. Golf, Food & Prizes. €200 per team of 4. Contact Alan on 086 8145979.

Ladies Football

Wednesday's at 7pm at Arlington. New players welcome. Contact Rhona on 085 7034252.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION

BURSERY

Offering five €1,000 Maureen McEvoy Bursary Awards this year for 2026. This bursary is open to first year students only. Students must have been awarded a place in Third level, full time education. If you are eligible check out <https://portcu.ie/about/downloads> or collect an application form in the Credit Union office. You can also request a form to be sent to you over the phone.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

Results from 14th July 2026. No jackpot winner. €25 each to Leo Kelly; Sean Robinson; Lynette Oliver. Next draw takes place 28th July with a Jackpot of €10,000.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them.

Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever.

Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future.

The chain may lengthen, but it will never part. Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, the greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory.

Grandparents are the family's strong foundation.

Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, Grandparents keep a family close at heart.

A Grandparent is one who strengthens you with Prayer, blesses you with Love and encourages you with Hope.

THANK YOU

The Portarlington Meals on Wheels committee thank Pat Burbage & all who climbed Croagh Patrick with him & raised the great amount of €5,509.15. Thanks to everyone who donated to the climb – What a fantastic donation!

POBAL SENIOR ALERT ALARM

If you or someone you know needs to register for a Senior Alert Alarm, call into Market House & the PCDA team will be happy to help with the registration process. Easy registration / Monitored 24-7 / Peace of mind. Phone 089 2544295 / www.portarlington.ie

EMO / RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 2027 – 20th July 2026

Numbers 5, 8, 12, 23 – No jackpot winner. €25 each to Angela Piggott c/o B. Gorman; Paul Kirwan c/o Deirdre; Martin Crowley c/o Shauna Strong; Catriona Downey c/o Shauna Strong; Maeve Ryan c/o Maeve. Next draw takes place on 27th July.

Jackpot of €3,000

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

20th July 2026 – Week No. 30. Numbers 2, 14, 32, 21 – No jackpot winner. €50 to each of the following:- Cathal Bryan; Ann Molloy; James Brady; Ryan, Jack, Rosie & Bobby; Paula Gallagher. Promoter prize: The Hawthorn. **Next week's jackpot €10,400.**

ST BRIGID'S LOUGH DERG

PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION

Three day Pilgrimage

Thurs. 13th – Sat. 15th August. Pick-ups available from: Monasterevin 6.25am, Kildare Town 6.35am, Newbridge 6.45am. Cost: Island: €85. Bus: €50 (approx. return).

Further information & booking:

Joe - 087-3815887 / Deirdre – 087-2467594
Email deidregleeson@medwise.ie

SUMMER CAMP

At Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington. July 28th – 31st from 9.30am to 2pm. €70 (sibling discounts 2 = €130 / 3 = €190 / 4 = €245).

Sports, baking, coding, art & much more. Please note this is a private camp. It is run by teachers who work at the school but is not affiliated with Scoil Phadraig. Register & pay by scanning this QR Code – For info. Email summercampport@gmail.com



PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

FAMILY FUN DAY

Portarlington Lions Club are holding a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY on Sun. 16th August at Foxcroft Street (R32 P786), Portarlington from 2-5pm. Bouncy Castles / Games / Sensory Tent / Children's Races for all age groups / Tug of War / Music / Dancing & lots more. Hope to see you all there. There are plenty of areas available if you wish to bring a picnic.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL

13th–16th August 2026



Calling all young people aged 16–35. Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College. This is a donation-only event – Free buses available across the country & all meals included. Expect inspiring talks & workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer & plenty of opportunities to chill out & meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."



ACCORD MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMME and COUPLES THERAPY



A programme for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and Couples Therapy. To view available bookings log onto www.accord.ie

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call in to Library, phone 057 8643751
Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie



Summer Stars Reading Challenge. The summer stars reading challenge is still ongoing, if you haven't signed up yet pop into the library this week! Children read 8 books before summers end & certificate on completion.

Parent & Child Craft Table: July 29th 2:30pm (While stocks last) Get into the summer holiday mood with this camper van themed craft table. No booking, but an adult must accompany child.

Interactive Multilingual Early Years Music Workshop: Thurs. 30th July 2:30pm. This fun interactive music workshop is suitable for children aged 2-6yrs. Places limited / Booking is essential.

Pom Pom Monster Workshop: Suitable for 9-12yrs. Tues. 4th August 11am Booking essential.

Scavenger Hunts: Find the message & win a small prize. July's hunt will be Julia Donaldson themed and August's hunt will be Monster themed.

Lego Free Play : Saturday's 10am-1pm

Heritage Week

Talk on the 1926 Census with Sinead Holland
Wed. 19th August at 2:30pm. Please book.

Children's Viking Archaeology

Workshop: Experience life as a Viking child growing up in Ireland in this interactive, hands-on workshop. Together we will work as time detectives, examining the archaeological & historical evidence to tell the story of the lives of these children in Ireland, over 1000 years ago. We will craft our own replica Viking artifacts & get hands-on with Frankie's exciting handling collection, & finish with a fun Viking quiz! Ages 6-12 years. Places limited / Booking essential.

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

Lotto Results

20th July draw – Jackpot €11,800. Numbers 8, 11, 25, 28 – No jackpot winner. Match 3 winners Neil Murray & Colette Murphy. Promoter Eddie Kelly. Next draw on 27th July with a



Jackpot of €11,900!

Thanks for your support with this club fundraiser.

COURTWOOD COMBINED LOTTO

Courtwood GAA has reached its maximum Jackpot of €20,000 - You could be our maximum Jackpot winner. Purchase membership, & Lotto via: Clubforce App. / Through the attached QR Code; Ballybrittas Service Station; The Final Furlong



RELAY FOR LIFE LAOIS

EMO COURT



Coming together with cancer survivors in the community to be part of something special. This event takes place in Emo Court House & Parklands on Sat. 8th August at 1pm until Sun 9th August at 1pm. Further info. contact Caroline on 087 4499903 or Fran on 087 9161924.