

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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PARISH OFFICE

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

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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 (Vigil – 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

SUN. 27TH JULY 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

National Grandparents Day

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 26th July 6.15pm

Margaret Bolton, Kilbride (6th Anniv.);
Philip Horan, Bracklone St. (7th Anniv.)
Geraldine O'Connor-Walsh, Bracklone St. (19th
Anniv.); Rita & Margaret Gallagher, Treascon
(10th Anniv.) & deceased members of the
Gallagher Family; Mark Cummins, Eileen
Mooney, Botley Court, (11th Anniv)

Sun. 27th July 12.15pm

Pat Treacy, Avondale (1st Anniv.);
Johnny McCowen (2nd Anniv.); Jon McCowen
(8th Anniv.); Marie McCowen (26th Anniv.),
Station Road; George & Bridie Quinn,
Bishopwood Rd; Terri Quinn, Bishopwood Rd.
Arthur Rock, Dublin (5th Anniv) Mary Carthy,
Patrick Ave, (5th Anniv)

Sat. 2nd August 6.15pm

Peggy Whelan, Bishopwood, (5th Anniv)
Carmel Tynan, Patrick Ave, (11th Anniv)
Eugene, Ellen & Terry Sullivan,

Sun. 3rd August 12.15pm

Seamus Colgan, Clondoolusk, (4th Anniv) James
& Phyllis Colgan, Clondoolusk, Deceased
members of the Colgan family, Bishopwood,
Betty Kavanagh, Sandy Lane, Seamus Maher,
Sandy Lane, Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien, The
Deanery, Main St, Pat & Mary Fitzgerald,
Cushina, (15th Anniv) Bridie Lynch, Ballymorris,

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 27th July 10.30am

Seamus Tynan, Rathmiles, Charlie & Margaret
Kirwan, Doolagh, Deceased members of the
Kirwan family, Charlie Raleigh, Bracklone St,

Sun. 3rd August 10.30am

Cait Whelan, (1st Anniv) Glasnevin,

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
every Tuesday after 10am Mass
concluding with the Rosary at 7pm.



WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 28th July Nell Finn,
Co. Limerick (29th Anniv)

Tues. 29th July Peter & Mary Dempsey,

Wed. 30th July ---

Thurs. 31st July Chris Murphy, St Parick's Tce

Fri. 1st Aug. ---

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sun. 27th July 11am

Margaret Malone (nee Lewis); Alphonsus
Malone; Trisha Malone, John & Elizabeth
Lewis, Morette, Bertie, Mikie, Jimmy & Bridie
Lewis, John & Eileen Lewis, Paddy, Tommy,
Phil, Walter (Jnr) Lewis & dec. members of the
Malone & Lewis Family, Morette,
Mary Dooley, Morette, Deceased members of
the Dooley family.

Sat. 2nd August 7.30pm

Sean Crowley, Cappakeel, (28th Anniv)

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 27th July 9am

Anna Luttrell, Fisherstown, (1st Anniv)

Sun. 3rd August 9am

Tom & Lucy Behan, Bellgrove, Ellen Donohoe,
Jamestown, Ann & Eamon Mullen, David
Mullen, (16th Anniv) Bracklone St,

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK

Lena Delaney, Coolbanagher,

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 1st August, is the first Friday of the
Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-
Portarlington – Friday 10am

BAPTISMS

**We welcome into our Christian Community
through Baptism**

Leo Patrick Molloy, Lower Lea,
Aaron James Mark Nolan, Garryhinch,
Sam Andrew Wilkinson, The Orchard,
Graigaverne,
Billy D.J. Carter, Garryvacum.

PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every season
of life,

Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.

May your Spirit of love fill us with Your
tenderness

And teach us to say:

"I will not abandon you!"

To those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness of
loneliness.

Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
And make the World Day for Grandparents and
the Elderly

A day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first-fruits of Your peace.
Amen.

COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF August

Sacred Heart Church, Rath

Bill Carroll & P.J. Kelly

CEMETERY MASS

**The Old Cemetery (beside the Church),
Emo - Sat. 16th August – 7.30pm**

EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2025

Do you have an article of interest, historic, sport,
etc? Do you have some old photographs you
could share? You can submit articles /
Stories / photographs for inclusion in this year's
edition of the Emigrant Newsletter to
portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Drop into
the Parish Office or post to Parochial House,
Patrick Street, Portarlington, Co. Laois.
All photographs will be scanned & returned
straight away

COMMUNITY TABLE QUIZ

Hosted by the Solar Action Group of Kilmullen & Coolnafearagh.

Friday 1st August at The Thatch, Killenard. Starts at 8pm / Table of 4 is €40. Join us for a fun-filled evening with great questions, local prizes and community spirit — All in support of raising awareness around the proposed large-scale solar farm in our area. Come along to find out more about the future of Kilmullen and Coolnafearagh. Raffle on the night and also a brief information session. All very welcome.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



To book call 057 8643751 or Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie or give your name at the library desk.

Lukes Deadly Dinosaurs - Tues. 29th July 2:30pm – (5-12 yrs).

Butterfly Craft Table - Thurs. 31st July 11-1:30 or while stocks last. Parent and child craft table

Storytime – Each Friday 3.30pm

Lego Freeplay Each Sat. 10.30-12.30pm

Knitting Circle Fri. 10.30-12.30pm

Puzzle Club Tues. 10am

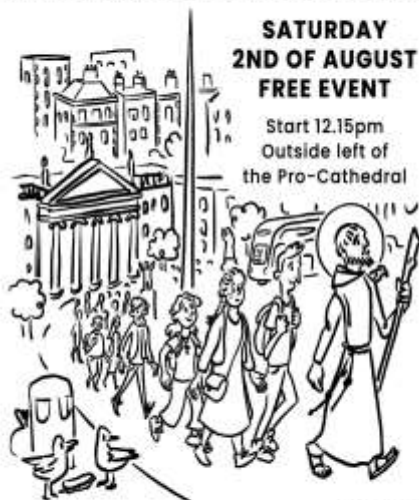
Social Chess Club – Each Wed. 6pm.

Adult Book Club – Meet last Tues. of month.

Call 057 8643751 for more details

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE

A FRANCISCAN JOURNEY THROUGH DUBLIN



**SATURDAY
2ND OF AUGUST
FREE EVENT**

Start 12.15pm
Outside left of
the Pro-Cathedral

All adults 18-35 welcome.
Prayer-Song-Reflection-Joy-Fellowship
www.pilgrimageofhope.eu
franciscanpilgrimageofhope@gmail.com
Sign up before 25th July.

Contact us | Sr. Suzanne FNM 0873433155 | Francesco Giusti 0899661257

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

SILVER JUBILEE YEARBOOK 2000-2025

400+ full-colour pages of photos and memories charting the past twenty-five years of the school community. Available from 21st August 2025 from the school and local shops for €25.

EVENTS

Reeling in the Years

Wed. 20th August at 11am in the Heritage, Killenard for all Staff of school.

Sat. 27th Sept. at 3pm – St. Michael's Church & School – All very welcome to attend.

Liturgy – Bishop Denis Nulty / Tour of the School / Jubilee Book Launch / Opening of Time Capsule

Fri. 12th Dec. 7.30pm in Coláiste Íosagáin. All very welcome to attend.

Spoken Word / Reminiscing

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

A Dominical Centre for Theological Studies
Online Summer School 2025

HOPE – For our Pilgrim Journey

This course explores themes around the Theological virtue of Hope presented by Dr. Mary McCaughey. 11th – 22nd August. Cost €120, €100 for current students. Further info. & registration prioryinstitute.com

COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS

Entries are being accepted for Laois County Council Community & Voluntary Awards for 2025. It's a chance to shine a spotlight on a local person or a local group who you think deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions to your community. Nomination forms available online at www.laois.ie www.ppn.ie and www.peoplefirstcu.ie. Closing date for receipt of nominations is 5th September

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT

With Monasterevin Gospel Choir.

Fri. 31st October in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Tickets €30 available from Monasterevin Parish Office 045 525346 & Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395. All proceeds in aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Senior Citizens.

PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION BURSARY

Offering five €1,000 Maureen McEvoy Bursary Awards this year for 2025. This bursary is open to fifth 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.

COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT

A Country & Western Night is taking place in aid of Cúisle Cancer Support Centre. Sun. 3rd August, 2025 5pm – Closing time.

Spot prizes / Live music / DJ / Dress for the Occasion. €5 entry fee. Venue: The Anvil Inn, Portarlington 5pm – Closing. Come along for an enjoyable night & support this worthy cause!

3 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

St Brigid's 3-day Pilgrimages to Lough Derg 13th Aug – Fri 15th Aug. Bus pick-up's at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. Further info: & bookings: Joe 087-2467594 deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge & community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on **Friday, 23rd August**. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection & connection with fellow young Catholics. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thurs. 14th August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass & Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: kandle.ie.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Keep Fit – Wednesday nights with Eimear From 7-8pm. €5 per session

Dancing Lessons – With Noeleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS

Killenard Community Centre. For 4-8 years. 5th – 7th August. €55 – 10am – 1pm. Arts & Crafts; Creative Messy Play; Science Experiments; Music, Dancing & Games. Further information and booking contact Maria on 083 1857073.

SUMMER CAMP

29th July – 1st August – Venue: Scoil Phadraig, Portarlington. 9.30am – 2pm. Further info. email summercampport@gmail.com. Sport / Baking / Arts and Crafts / Coding. €70 (sibling discounts).

VACANCY

Caring in Offaly CE scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2402450, Portarlington area, 19.5 hours per week. Contact Alison Hackett for further info. phone 086 0213711 or Email ahackett@familycarers.ie

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

LOTTO

21st July, 2025 – Week No. 30
Numbers 2, 23, 26, 29 – No Jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Thomas Garry, Luke Lawrence, Jennifer Bryan, Marian Coogan, Mary Evans. Promoter prize: Damien Finlay
Next week's Jackpot is €4,600

EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1985 – 21/7/25

4, 9, 16, 24 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- John Dooley, c/o Parish Office Paul Ryan, c/o Maeve, James O'Rourke, c/o B. Gorman, Sharon Mooney, c/o B. Gorman, Maura Hyland, c/o Deirdre
Next draw takes place 28th July with a Jackpot of €4,800

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY – 27TH JULY, 2025 "Blessed are those who have not lost hope (cf. Sir 14:2)

As elderly persons, we can hope. Our affection for our loved ones – for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes. Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort.

These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, give us courage and remind us that "even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16). Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass.

Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

Pope Leo: From the Vatican, 26th June 2025

