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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. 28th SEPTEMBER 2025

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

Day of Prayer for Migrants & Refugees

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 27th September 6.15pm

Patrick (Paddy) Devlin, Foxcroft St. (1st Anniv.);
Paul Dempsey, Kilbride (2nd Anniv.); Mary
Mooney, Kilbride House; Jim Lawlor, Lea Rd.
(4th Anniv.); Joe Duffy, Ballycullane (7th Anniv.) &
his granddaughter, Rebecca (19th Anniv.);
Billy Moloney, Sweep Rd. & Cloneygowan (10th
Anniv.); Chrissy Whelan, Marian Hill; Tommy
Dobbyn, Kilmalogue Cross; Patrick Dillon,
Patrick St. (25th Anniv.)

Sun. 28th September 12.15pm

Catherine O'Reilly, Patrick St. (2nd Anniv.);
Phil McGettrick, Patrick Avenue; Paddy, Mary &
Tommie Donagher; Liam Shortall; Larry &
Evelyn Farrell

Sat. 4th October 6.15pm

Marty Knight, St. Mary's Tce. (M.M.)
Breda O'Connell, Lansdowne Court (1st Anniv.)
John Knight Jnr., St. Joseph's Tce.; John
Eakins, Donnycarney & Cloneyhurke (3rd Anniv.)

Sun. 5th October 12.15pm

Joan Byrne, Cloneyhurke (M.M.)
Walter Burke, Lanesboro (2nd Anniv.) &
deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family,
Shandra

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 28th September 10.30am

Christina Brophy, Lough

Sun. 5th October 10.30am

Pat & Annie Monaghan, Lea;
David Knight, Seskin

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who
died recently:-

William (Billy) Murphy, Foxcroft Court

Tony Tynan, Plymouth, Massachusetts formerly
Springfield, Killenard

COLLECTORS FOR RATH OCTOBER

Pauric Duffy & John Boland

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

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 29th Sept. Michael (Muller) Duffy (1st
Anniversary) & Ian Duffy; Michelle Ryan

Tues. 30th Sept. Kathleen & James Hennessy,
Bracklone Street

Wed. 1st Oct. Mairead Kennedy, Bog Lane
Matt Moore, Treascon (2nd Anniv.)

Thurs. 2nd Oct. Kathleen Hogan; Barney Harty,
Woodlands Park (10th Anniv.)

Fri. 3rd Oct. Finbarr Fitzpatrick, Barrowbank

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 27th September 7.30pm

Michelle Carroll, Clanmalire (M.M.)
Bernie Behan, Bellgrove (2nd Anniv.)
Margaret (Peggy) Dunne, Morette (4th Anniv.)
Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family,
The Heath; Deceased members of the Flynn
Family, Morette

Sat. 4th October 7.30pm

Martin Gleeson & Christopher Gleeson, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 28th September 9am

Mary (Millie) Murphy, (M.M.) & her husband
Billy Murphy (6th Anniv.), Bellgrove;
Edward Fitzgerald, Rath (4th Anniv.)
Shin Donnolly, Fisherstown Bridge (7th Anniv.)

Sun. 5th October 9am

Thomas Tynan, Kilbracken & deceased
members of the Tynan Family, Jamestown &
the Delaney Family, Coole;
Patricia Greene, Courtwood

We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-



Sean James Langton, Graigavern
Grace Siobhan Fitzpatrick-Gannon, Cushina
Serene Andrea Shores, Arlington Estate
Lukne Petkeviciute, Gracefield
Rusne Petkeviciute, Gracefield
Liam Joseph Stapleton, Rathmiles

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 3rd October, is the First Friday of
the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

Rath – Thurs. 2nd Oct. at 9.30am

Emo – Fri. 3rd Oct. at 9.15am

Portarlington – Fri. 3rd Oct. at 10am

MONTH OF THE ROSARY OCTOBER



October is the month of the Rosary.
It's a time when we are encouraged to
pray the Rosary as a family.

ROSARY IN THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES

St. John's Church, Killenard each day at 4pm
for the month of October.
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington each evening
at 7pm. All very welcome to join the prayers.

O'QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY



*O'Queen of the Holy Rosary,
each mystery blends with thine,
the sacred life of Jesus,
in every step divine.
Thy soul was His fair garden,
thy virgin breast His throne,
thy thoughts, His faithful mirror,
reflecting Him alone.
O'Queen of the Holy Rosary,
we share thy joy and pain,
and long to see the glory
of Christ's triumphant reign.
Oh, teach us, holy Mary,
to live each mystery,
and gain by patient suffering
the glory won by thee (EM Shepcote)*

OCTOBER – MISSION MONTH

October is World Mission Month; a time when we
are asked to pray for and support the work of
missions in the church. Mission Sunday this
year will be celebrated over the weekend of
Sunday 19th October, 2025.

FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 29th Sept. Ss Michael, Gabriel and
Raphael (Archangel) St. Michael is Patron
Saint of our Parish here in Portarlington

Tues. 30th Sept. St. Jerome

Wed. 1st Oct. St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Prayer to St. Michael Archangel

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the malice and snares
of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly
pray. And do you, O Prince of the heavenly
host, by the divine power, thrust into hell Satan
and all evil spirits who prowl about the world,
seeking the ruin of souls. AMEN*

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025 / 2026

Enrolment Applications for 2025 / 2026 (Junior Infants) for all the schools listed below, are available from the Schools from Mon. 6th October. Closing Date Fri. 24th October. Check out school websites for details.

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard / Sacred Heart N.S., Rath / St. Paul's N.S. Emo
Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road / Cloneyhurke N.S.
Presentation Primary School (Junior Infants)

EMO ART & CRAFT FAIR

Emo Art And Craft Fair, will be held on Sunday the 9th November in Emo Community Centre. We will be open from 11.30am to 5.00pm. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, contact Stephanie on 0868378659.

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY UPDATE

Clorcal Comhra – Starts Tues. 30th Sept. 11am. Further information contact numbers below.

Dementia Awareness Talk - Wed Oct. 1st at 6pm. Booking necessary.

Seven Easy Steps to Control your Finances with Caz Mooney - Wed. 8th Oct. 6pm. Caz will be sharing tips on how to get started with the 10 minute payday routine that will help you to take control of your finances. Booking Essential.

Managing Grief and Loss for your Children with Melissa Moore. Wed. 15th Oct. 6pm. This talk will help you have confidence in your ability to support your child in their grief. Booking essential.

Fire Awareness Week – Fire Safety Stand.

Wed. 15th Oct. 4.30-5.30pm. Join local firefighters & learn helpful tips on fire safety.

Halloween Storytime & Craft. Tues. 28th Oct. 3pm. 4-8 year olds. Booking essential.

Halloween Puzzle Hunt – Looking for something to keep the children occupied during mid-term. Pop in & do our Halloween puzzle hunt & win a small prize.

Parent & Child Yoga – Wed. 29th Oct. 3pm. Booking necessary.

Lots of regular activities – See list below:

Puzzle Club Tuesday / Knitting Club Friday /

Lego Free Play Saturday / Social Chess

Wednesday / Junior Book Club /

Baby Book Club / Adult Book Club /

For further information and booking contact: 057-8643751 / portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

MUSIC BINGO

Music Bingo will take place in the Anvil on Oct. 3rd at 8pm. This is a ticket only event. Please contact Rebecca via WhatsApp 087-3982538 to secure your ticket or Email portarlingtonmusicalsociety@gmail.com.

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Lotto Results 22/9

Numbers 1, 8, 14, 24. No Jackpot winner. One match 3 winner Anne McGlynn. Promoter Michael Finlay. Next Draw Mon. 29th Sept. – Jackpot €7,800.

Sincere thanks for all your support.

Dinner Dance 2025

Join O'Dempsey's GFC as we celebrate the 45th Anniversary of our 1980 Minor and Senior Championship wins. On the night we'll also present our 2025 Junior C team with their league medals. It takes place 1st November at the Heritage Hotel.

Tickets available at this link

<https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/odempsey-gfc-dinner-dance-2025> or contact any committee member for further details.

Quiz @ The Old Pound

We're hosting a Quiz Night at O'Dempsey's GFC clubhouse, Friday next, 3rd Oct. Open from 8.30pm, Quiz starts 9pm. Teams of 4, €10 per person. Pre-register:

link <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/table-quiz> or pay on the night. Support welcome.

CONFIRMATION 2026 - MEETINGS



Meetings with Parents/Guardians of children who are to receive their Confirmation in 2026 will take place next week. It is important that each child is represented at the meeting by a parent/guardian. The schedule for Confirmation will be handed out on the night. Please see details of these meetings below:-

Sacred Heart NS., Rath / St. Paul's NS., Emo & Cloneyhurke NS

Mon. 29th Sept. at 7.30pm in Emo School Hall

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Tues. 30th Sept. at 7.30pm in Killenard School.

Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Wed. 1st Oct. at 7pm in Presentation Primary School Hall, Station Road

Scoil Phadraig Primary School, Canal Road

Wed. 1st Oct. at 8pm in Scoil Phadraig Hall.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGE 2025

Depart: Dublin to Dubrovnik Wed. 9th Oct. at 7.30am. Return via Dubrovnik 16th Oct., arriving in Dublin at 3.30pm. Cost €855 PPS. Single Supplement + €170. Travel insurance optional extra €35. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Contact: Michael Nerney 086 815 7305. A few Tickets available

GRINDS – IRISH, ENGLISH, MATHS

Grinds are available in Irish, English & Maths Primary School Level. Contact Tara on 085 2748447 for further details & booking.

FREE EXERCISE FOR HEALTH, CLASS



FREE 'Exercise for Health' class - Suitable for adults of all ages, abilities & clinical conditions. There is no need to pre-book. Turn up and we will look after you! Venue: Portarlington Community Centre R32 D707. On Wed. 1st Oct. commencing 9.15am until 10am.

CODERDOJO

Recommencing on Sat. 4th Oct. in Coláiste Íosagáin from 11am to 12.30pm. Coderdojo is a FREE technology club for children aged from 7 to 17 run entirely by volunteers. If interested in joining us for our 15th season, or to volunteer: CODERDOJOPORTARLINGTON@gmail.com

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Wed. 1st October, commencing 8pm
FILM: Civil War - €5 (includes tea & biscuits). Free parking. All welcome.

PORTARLINGTON 4TH LAOIS SCOUTS

All 3 sections – Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are up and running again at their premises off Main Street. Contact them via Facebook.

HAPPY HEARTS ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

Meet every Thurs. From 2-4pm in Portarlington Community Centre. All very welcome.

CONVERSATIONAL IRISH

Conversational Irish takes place in the Old School, Vicarstown on Wednesday's from 7.30pm until 9pm. Come along for a cuppa' & a chat. All very welcome.

NATIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE MIDLANDS

We are recruiting for Student Paramedics in the National Ambulance Service. Closing date for applications 6th Oct. at 3pm.

<https://about.hse.ie/jobs/job-search/student-paramedic-nrs14980/>

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN YEARBOOK



The 25th Anniversary Yearbook 2000-2025 is on sale in local shops & the Parish Office.

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN OPEN NIGHT

Open night for all incoming students takes place on Thurs. 9th October 2025 at 7pm in Coláiste Íosagáin, Portarlington

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Keep Fit Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. €8 per session

Dancing Lessons with Noleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.

Next Social Dance will be held on Sat. 18th October with Noel Briody

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

22/9/2025 – Week No. 39

Winning numbers 17, 24, 14, 6

Winner: John Flanagan

€50 each to Stephen Flanagan; Mary Lalor; Sarah & JP; Billy Murphy & to Roy Bradley.

Promoter prize: Breda Flanagan

Next week's Jackpot €2,000

EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1993 – Date 22/9/2025

Numbers 7, 9, 10, 11 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:

Maureen Keegan c/o Ann; The O'Rourke's C/o Deirdre; John Dowling C/o Shauna; Jane Brophy C/o Bernie; Mary & George McEvoy C/o Ann
Next Jackpot €2,200 on Mon. 29th Sept.

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP OCTOBER SESSIONS



3rd Oct. **Autumn Craft & Free Play**
Fri. 10th Oct. **Zumbinis**

Fri. 17th Oct. **National Pasta Day**

Fri. 24th Oct. **Halloween Costume Party**

Join us for the above October classes with fun activities to keep the little ones entertained & plenty of tea/coffee for the grown-up's to enjoy.. Suitable for 0-5 year olds. New members always welcome. Venue: Portarlington Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). Friday's from 10.30am – 11.30am. Members €2 one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 / child.

@parenttoddlergroupport

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

7th – 9th November – Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Further info. & booking www.marriageencounter.ie

MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT WITH MONASTEREVIN GOSPEL CHOIR

Fri. 31st Oct. in Ss Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin. Booking & details: 045 525346.

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

We are adding to our 2018 age-group. If you have a son or a daughter in this age group interested in playing soccer, contact Stephanie on 085 1602850

RECRUITMENT NOW OPEN

This is the second Garda recruitment campaign of 2025. The campaign will run until October 9th. Apply here: <https://www.jobalert.ie/job/garda-trainees-an-garda-siochana>

LAOIS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION & GREEN ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

Commencing October 2025. Free training for individuals, community groups & businesses. Sign up on yosef@habitatforknowledge.ie