

PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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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. 22nd JUNE 2025

SOLMENITY OF Ss PETER and PAUL, APOSTLES

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 28th June 6.15pm

Helen Melia, Treascon (M.M.)
Bertie Kavanagh, Assumpta Tce. (M.M.)
William Higgins, Patrick Street; Deceased members of the Hanlon Family, Gracefield; Harry & Kathleen Murphy, St. Michael's Park; John Murphy, Cloneygowan; Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Square; James O'Neill, St. Brigid's Sq. (7th Anniv.);

Sun. 29th June 12.15pm

Patrick (Sharkey) Kirwan, Foxcroft Avenue (1st Anniv.) Ena Moran, Droughill; Larry Taaffe, Ardee; Liam Carroll, St. Brigid's Square; Tom & Patricia Cooper, Patrick Street

Sat. 5th July 6.15pm

Val McGettrick, Patrick Avenue (1st Anniv.); Kathleen Lovern, Foxcroft St. (2nd Anniv.); Dec. members of the Bergin & Flynn Families, Rathmore; John Joe Maher, Ballymorris Road (25th Anniv.); Peter Broughan, St. Brigid's Square; Christy & Paul Mooney, Kilbride & dec. members of the McDonald & Mooney Families Alice Eakins, Cloneyhurke

Sun. 6th July 12.15pm

Frances & Tom Naughton, Foxcroft Avenue; their Son, Fran Naughton, Ballina (1st Anniv.); Thomas Murphy, St. Joseph's Tce. (5th Anniv.); Harry Milner, Ballymorris; Kay Lyons, Treascon

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 29th June 10.30am

Danny Donohoe, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas (3rd Anniv.); Paddy Molloy, Tierhogar (5th Anniv.); Tom, Sheila & Elizabeth Kavanagh, Lough; Thomas & Margaret Mullen, Corrig; Syl & Elizabeth Mullen, Corrig; Dec. members of the Mullen Family; Jim & Mary Kennedy, Stradbally; Richard, Kathleen & Paddy Territt, Tierhogar; Ailish Maher O'Flaherty (18th Anniv.)

Sun. 6th July 10.30am

Fergus & Philip Brophy, Lough (5th Anniv.); Ann & John McGrath; Carmel Coy; Liam McGrath & dec. members of McGrath Family, Closeland; William & Bridget Coleman, Closeland; Seamus Downey, Closelands (4th Anniv.)

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF JULY

Sacred Heart Church, Rath
Joe Carroll & Edward Fitzgerald

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Tues. 1st July Ellen, Michael & Henry Kennedy, Gracefield

Thurs. 3rd July James (Seamus) Dunne, Rosecourt (20th Anniversary);

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 28th June 7.30pm

John O'Neill, Ballybrittas; Deceased members of the O'Neill Family; Liam Murphy, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 29th June 9am

Mary & Jack O'Connell, Rathangan

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 4th July, is the First Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-
Portarlington – Friday morning at 10am
Killenard - 7.30pm Cemetery Mass

DECEASED

Pray for the following who died during the week:-

Fran Dempsey, Clondoolusk (formerly Monasterevin)

CEMETERY MASS 2025



Killenard – Fri. 4th July – 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 11th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18th July – 7.30pm
Emo Old Cemetery – Sat. 16th August – 7.30pm

CONGRATULATIONS



Sincere congratulations to Fr. Eugen who celebrated the **10th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood** on Tues. last, 24th June.

Fr. Eugen was also conferred with **Irish Citizenship** at a ceremony in Killarney on Mon. 23rd June, so double congratulations are in order.

POPE'S COLLECTION

PETERS PENCE

Collection takes place this weekend, 28th / 29th June at all Masses. Special envelope available in your box of envelopes or any envelope may be used. Feast of Ss Peter & Paul, Apostles

PORTARLINGTON 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Tues. 22nd July – Tues. 29th July.
Spiritual Director Fr. Eugen Tamaş
Full payment is now due. If paying by cheque please make payable to Portarlington Lourdes Committee.

For further information contact Marie on 087 7589896 or any Committee Member.

A Lourdes Committee Meeting

Takes place on Thurs. Next, 3rd July at 8pm in the Catholic Club, Main Street.

Church Gate Collection

Weekend of 5th / 6th July, 2025

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

Violet Rose Sweeney, St. Joseph's Tce.
Matthew Michael Hoey, Monasterevin
Michael Curran de Campos, Railway Lane
Dolly Ann Maggie Thunder, Cathair Na Gcapall
Páidí Michael McKenna, Whitefields
Croíadh Julia Carlin, Lea

COMMUNION CALLS JULY 2025

Communion calls to the sick & house bound will take place next week as follows:-

Tuesday 1st July

Congress Tce; Derrymore; Crowe Lane; Station Court; Brigid's Sq; Corrig; Deerpark; Lough; Huntingdon; Lea; Portlaoise Rd; Kilbride

Wednesday 2nd July

Tullaghan; Bellgrove; Ballybrittas; Fisherstown; Jamestown; Coolaghy; Ballycullane; Coolbanagher; Killimy; Shaen; Knightstown; Tinnakill; Cappakeel

Thursday 3rd July

St. Patrick's Terrace; St. Joseph's Terrace; Avondale; Shandra; Gracefield; Bog Road; Patrick St; Church View; Patrick's Avenue; French Church St; Rosecourt; Botley Court; Droughill; Bishopswood; Clondoolusk; Droughill Lawns; Cushina

COME & SEE DAY

Sun. 13th July 11am-4.30pm (including Eucharist). A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation. Booking only through VOCATIONS.IE Further info. contact carol.king@vocations.ie



FISHERSTOWN TRACTOR & TRUCK RUN



In aid of Medical equipment for oncology clinics at St. James's Hospital.

All lorries, tractors and vintage cars welcome. Commencing 11am on Sun. 6th July from The Final Furlong, Ballybrittas. Run leaving at 2pm. Food and music all day. Bouncing castle and kids fun area. Midlands 103 Roadcaster Live. Music on the night by Big Generator. Contact Peter on 086 2853243 (Lorries) or Dave of 087 2729446 (Tractors).

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



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

Summer Crafts Session – Tues. 1st July 2.30pm (Ages 6-8 yrs.)

Robotics Workshop – Thurs. 10th July. 11am (7-12 yrs) – Booking open.

Pom Pom Monsters Craft – Tues. 15th July 2:30pm (9-12 yrs.) – Booking from 1st July.

Reptile Zoo Visit – Wed. 16th July 3pm. (Suitable for all Family) Booking from 2nd July.

Dogman Drawing Workshop – Wed. 23rd July 10:30am (7-12yrs.) – Booking from 9th July.

Lukes Deadly Dinosaurs – Tues. 29th July 2:30pm – (5-12 yrs) Booking from 15th July.

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

CRAFTS / VINTAGE DAY

Join us for a vibrant day of handmade crafts, artisan goods and vintage finds at SOLAS next Sunday. A must-visit for unique shopping and local creativity. Further information and stall bookings at www.thegardenshop.ie. Pop in to find new plants and specials weekly. Venue: Solas Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE

The Social highlight of 2025 will take place on Sat. 28th June with **Dave Lawlor's new live Show**. Door prizes with raffle items on display. "It could be your night to win". Adm. €10 includes supper. All proceeds go to the Social Club funds to help keep the Club going from strength to strength. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PORT FOLK CHOIR



The Portarlinton Folk Choir will resume singing at the 12.15pm Mass once a month in St. Michael's Church. If you would like to sing with the choir, please contact Anne on 087 4146600.

RALLY FOR LIFE 2025

Join thousands at the biggest pro-life event of the year – the All Ireland Rally for Life. Saturday 5th July at 1.30pm. Assemble from 1pm at Parnell Square, Dublin to march at 1.30pm. www.rallyforlife.net Tel 01 8730465

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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.

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

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

Spoken Word / Reminiscing

Fri. 12th Dec. 7.30pm in Colaiste Iosagain. All very welcome to attend.

DERRYONCE COMMUNITY PARK

Maintenance Support Fund 2025

Derryonce Community Park is a Portarlinton Community Development Association (PCDA) initiative which is maintained & developed by community volunteers. PCDA is looking for community support in an effort to continue upgrading the lakes & trails at Derryonce. Our 2025 funding target is €6,000 to purchase lake & trail maintenance equipment. Your support is greatly appreciated. <https://gofund.me/84367f8a>

NAATIONAL GRANDPARENTS

PILGRIMAGE 2025 – KNOCK SHRINE

Sun. 27th July - Celebrating the World Day for Grandparents & the elderly. Theme: Blessed are those who have not lost hope (cf. Sir 14.2). Mass, Music, Anointing of the sick, Rosary. Inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents, send it or bring it to the CGA Knock Shrine.

www.knockshrine.ie/watch (to view online)
www.knockshrine.ie / Phone 094 9388100.

MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

Irish Marching Bands Assoc. in assoc. with Portarlinton Shamrocks, will host its first Summer Show in Gracefield GAA Club from 2pm on Sat. 12th July. A small section of Portarlinton's Sound Sport Band will compete against Bands from Clondalkin, Tallaght, Mullingar and Arklow.

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week. No. 1981 – 23rd June 2025
Numbers 4, 20, 22, 24– No jackpot winner.
€25 to each of the following: Vera & Sam C/o Vera; Doreen Dunne c/o Ann; Dick Donohoe c/o Ballybrittas Service Station; Pat Booth c/o Shauna Strong; Des Christie c/o Mena.
Next draw takes place Mon. 30th June with a **Jackpot of €4,000**

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

23rd June – Week No. 26

Numbers 8, 5, 7, 19– No jackpot winner.
€50 each to:- Rebecca Maher; David Murphy; Carol & Margaret Carmody; Ann Fullam; Damien Finlay. Promoter prize Noleen Murphy.
Next week's Jackpot €3,800

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

Lotto Results - Numbers drawn 23rd June: 6, 15, 16, 27. No Jackpot winner. 2 x match 3 winners: Kate Hughes, Christine Dunne. Promoter: Noel Byrne. Next Draw: Mon. 30th June with a jackpot of Jackpot €6,500. Thanks for your support.

Cúl Camps - Cúl Camps back in O'Dempsey's from the 14th–18th July, for boys and girls. Places must be booked in advance at the following link - www.kelloggsulcamps.gaa.ie/

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC

Portarlinton Community Centre on Wed. 2nd July from 3.45pm to 8pm. Check your eligibility and book your appointment at giveblood.ie or call us on 1800222111. Giveblood.ie

EXERCISE FOR HEALTH

Join our Exercise for Health Classes in Portarlinton Community Centre every Monday & Thursday at 9.15am. Classes are suitable for adults of all ages, abilities

ADDICTION SUPPORT

Are you or a loved one affected by addiction? You're not alone. Join our weekly support group every **Monday** at 7pm in the Laois Partnership Prefab, Timahoe Road, Portlaoise. All are welcome. **The Arc Project** – Take the first step—visit www.thearcproject.ie, email info@thearcproject.ie, or call 085 818 74

3 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO

LOUGH DERG

St Brigid's 3-day Pilgrimages to Lough Derg will commence Fri. 4th July until Sun. 6th July and Wed. 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

Sat. 23rd August – Bus will collect from Carlow, Portlaoise & Naas. Further info. & booking:- 059 9164084 / www.kandle.ie/

LAOIS LEISURE CENTRE

PORTARLINGTON

Swimming lessons now booking. Cost €99 Save €21 with our Summer Deal. Limited spaces. Call us on 057 8645800 (Link Road, Portarlinton - www.LaoisLeisure.ie

XXVI ST. COLUMBANUS DAY - CELEBRATIONS

St. Columbanus Day will take place from Fri. 11th July – Sun. 13th July in Carlow. This significant occasion honours St. Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries.

The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experience; taking place in Carlow Town and Myshall. Programme of events can be viewed on the poster on the Church notice boards.

Pilgrims from all over Europe will gather in our diocese to honour this great Saint. Booking for various events now open.



'THE WAY' (NEW DIGITAL PLATFORM)



"The Way" is a digital platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This platform is intended to help people to discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith.

See www.theway.ie to sign up for its e-zine and follow, like and subscribe on X, Facebook, Instagram, Spotify and YouTube.