

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

PRIESTS PHONE NUMBERS

Very Rev. Thomas Dooley P.P. Tel: (057) 8643004 Rev. Eugen Dragoş Tamaş Tel: (057) 8646517
Very Rev. Michael Noonan P.E. Tel: (057) 8623431



PARISH OFFICE

Tel: 057 8643004 - Email: portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net / Parish Office Hours: 9.30am – 1.30pm Mon. – Fri.
Anniversary Masses, Baptisms and Weddings can be booked by contacting the Parish Office during opening hours.



DIOCESE www.kandle.ie **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 051-350725 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info: 1890 474 474
PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES: Jackie McNulty; Frances O'Dwyer; Mary Joyce; Clare Nerney
Ailish Higgins – Diocesan Director of Safeguarding - Tel: 085-8021633 dlp@kandle.ie E-mail safeguarding@kandle.ie

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

2nd August, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 1st August 6.15pm

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

Sun. 2nd August 12.15pm

Seamus Colgan, Bishopswood (5th Anniv.);
Dec. members of the Colgan Family,
Bishopswood; James & Philomena Colgan,
Clondoolusk; Nicholas & Mae Fenlon, Station
Rd. & Lea

Sat. 8th August 6.15pm

Lorraine Hoary, Sli Na Mona (M.M.)
Christy Bryan, Patrick St. (1st Anniv.)
Ann Murphy, Gracefield (3rd Anniv.); Madge
Knight, Assumpta Tce. (7th Anniv.); Michael &
Marcella Collins, Station Rd. & dec. members of
the Cummins Family, Gracefield; Frank
Saunders, Wilton Lawns; Bill Brady, Droughill
(7th Anniv.)

Sun. 9th August 12.15pm

Christy Bryan, Patrick St. (1st Anniv.)
Paddy Burbage & deceased members of the
Burbage Family, Main Street; Seamus Maher,
Sandy Lane

ANNIVERSARIES

KILLENARD

Sun. 2nd August 10.30am

Sun. 9th August 10.30am

Thomas McHale Snr., Killenard; Charlie Kirwan,
Doolagh; Kathleen Finlay (50th Anniv.) & William
Finlay (36th Anniv.), Tierhogar

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON



Mon. 3rd August – Bridie Lynch, Blackhall

Fri. 7th August – Michael & Brigid Wall, their
Son, Michael, Daughter Rita & Granddaughter
Michelle

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

COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST IN SACRED HEART CHURCH, RATH

Bill Carroll & PJ Kelly

ANNIVERSARIES

EMO

Sat. 1st August 7.30pm

Peter Booth, Woodbrook; Joe Lynch, Killeen
(5th Anniv.)

Sun. 2nd August 11am

Ann Maher, Killimy Road

Sat. 8th August 7.30pm

Joseph Keegan, Lough (2nd Anniv.);
Sean J. Crowley, Cappakeel (29th Anniv.)
Sheila Grehan, Four Roads, Mountmellick
(3rd Anniv.); Ned & Beth Bailey, Cappakeel,
their Son, Edward (Neddy) Bailey & their
Grandaughter, Regina Bailey.

Sun. 9th August 11am

ANNIVERSARIES

RATH

Sun. 2nd August 9am

Joseph (Joe) Luttrell, Fisherstown (1st Anniv.);
Ellen Donohoe, Jamestown; Rita Boland,
Courtwood (10th Anniv.); Mary Luttrell, Athy;

Sun. 9th August 9am

Eddie & Liam O'Reilly, Dublin; Rose Keogh,
Dunlavin; Charlie Raleigh, Bracklone Street

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian
Community through Baptism:-



David John Thayalathil, Shandra
Oscar Paul Fitzmaurice, Droughill

Friday next is the First Friday of the Month.
Mass in St. Michael's Church at 10am

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died
recently:-

Monsignor Tom Coonan,
The Oratory, Geashill

IMPORTANT LIFE LESSONS INSPIRED BY POPE FRANCIS

1. Live Simply.
2. Serve Others.
3. Be Kind Always.
4. Be Merciful.
5. Respect Life.
6. Love the Church.
7. Avoid Gossip
8. Protect the Earth.
9. Love your Family.
10. Love JESUS



CEMETERY MASS 2026



Ballyadden Cemetery

Friday next, 7th August at 7.30pm

DELANY ARCHIVE

Heritage Week Lecture

The Delany Archive welcomes Dr Niamh
NicGhabhann Coleman for a Heritage Week
lecture on "Catholic Churches & Chapels before
and after Emancipation", including examples from
churches in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. The
lecture will be held at Carlow College, St Patrick's
(R93 A003) on 18th August at 7pm. All are
welcome. Admission free – No booking required.
Further details available at www.heritageweek.ie
Dr NicGhabhann Coleman is an Associate
Professor in the School of History & Geography at
the University of Limerick & is currently
researching a book on the development of
Catholic architecture in Ireland between the
1820s and 1930s.

HERITAGE WEEK 2026

History of the Market House / Presentation on "Boglands – A future in Ireland"

A talk will take place in the Market House on Wed.
19th August commencing at 7.30pm. The event
will begin with a brief history of the Market House
from 1666 to date. This will be followed by a
presentation by the Irish Peatland Conservation
Council titled "Boglands – A Future in Ireland" with
a special emphasis on the bogs around
Portarlington. Admission is free and all are
welcome to attend.

COMMUNION CALLS - AUGUST 2026

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

Tues. 4th August: Derrymore; Crowe Lane;
St. Brigid's Sq; Lea; Tierhogar; Killenard;
St. Michael's Park; Portlaoise Rd; Deerpark;
Corrig; Clanmalire; Castle Gate

Wed. 5th August: Ashgrove; Tullegan; Bellgrove;
Fisherstown; Ballintogher; Tinnakill; Killimy;
Coolbanagher

Thurs. 6th August: Church View; St. Joseph's
Tce; St. Patrick's Tce; St. Joseph's Tce; Shandra;
Garryhinch; Sweep Rd; Patrick St; French Church
St; Rosecourt; Droughill; Clondoolusk; Sli na
Mona; Cushina

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB

CLONEYHURKE

Keep Fit: Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear. 7-8pm. €8 each night.
Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noeleen from 7.30pm-9pm. €10 each night.

ARLINGTON A.F.C.

Golf Scramble

Portarlington Golf Club Friday 18th Sept. 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 BURSARY

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.

JOIN KESTRELS BASKETBALL CLUB

New season starts this September. Boys & Girls U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 & Seniors. Everyone is welcome, beginners, returning players, new players & all abilities. Come along, have fun, make friends & be part of the Kestrels family. Further information from Louise Foster (Head Coach) 087 6134057
kestrelsbasketballclub@gmail.com
Also on Facebook & Instagram.

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB

LOTTO 28.7.2026

No jackpot winner. €25 each to Noel Foy; Luke Carey & to Damien Oliver (online).
Next draw takes place 11th August with a Jackpot of €10,000.

NEURO ART - FAMILY FESTIVAL - LAOIS

Midlands first Arts and Neurodiversity Festival. Sat. 22nd August at Old Fort Quarter, Portlaoise 11am to 5pm (quiet time 11am to 12 noon). Music & Dance, Sensory Experiences, Creative Arts & Crafts & Storytelling. Free Entry. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Denise on 086 8193604.

KILDARE & LEIGHLIN EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION PRAYER DAY

"Peace I leave you; My peace I give you" John 14:27. Find peace in a day of Prayer & Adoration. K&L Eucharistic Adoration Committee invites you to join us with Most Rev. Bishop Denis Nulty, Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Ms Margaret Brennan & Guest Speakers Ms Una Allen & Ms Mary Connolly. Venue: Mount St. Anne's R32 WN59. Sat. 29th Aug. 9.30am - 4pm. Concludes with Mass at 3pm. Refreshments on arrival - Lunch 12.30-1.15pm. Cost €25. Booking Essential. Call or Text Barbara Kinsella 0861637311

LOUGH DERG

St Bridget's Lough Derg Pilgrimage 2026
Three-day pilgrimages: Thurs. 13th Aug. - Sat. 15th Aug. Bus departs Monasterevin. Phone Joe 0873815887/ Deirdre 087 2467594 to book.
Email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie
One day of prayer in honour of St Carlo
Acutis: Sun. 6th Sept. Bus departs Monasterevin. Phone / Text Deirdre 087 2467594/ Email: deirdregleeson@medwise.ie

WEDDING BAND FOUND

Wedding Band found in St. Michael's Church. Contact the Parish Office.

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. 2028 - 29th July 2026
Numbers 6, 14, 16, 23 - No jackpot winner. €25 each to the following: Brenda O'Shea c/o Pat Nolan; Lynda Hand c/o Shauna Strong; Vera & Sam c/o Vera; Joan Hennessey c/o Deirdre Lawlor; John Maher c/o Ann Lowry. Next draw takes place 10th August with a Jackpot of €9,200.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB

28th July - Week No. 31 - Numbers 9, 19, 6, 1 - No jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:-
Patsy Weldon; Alex Allman; Ronan Walsh; David Hickey; Anna Walsh. Promoter prize Anthony Earley. Next week's jackpot €10,600. Next draw will take place on Mon. 3rd August.

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Catholic movement, now formally recognised by the Holy See - its Statutes were approved by the Vatican on 11th March 2026 in the presence of Cardinal Kevin Farrell. For over 50 years, Marriage Encounter Weekends have helped thousands of couples across Ireland & the world to deepen their relationship with each other & with God, through the gift of communication, renewed commitment, & shared faith. Truly a weekend like no other.

Weekend Details

Venue: Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare
Dates: Fri. 2nd - Sun. 4th Oct. 2026
Arrival: Friday from 7pm., programme concludes Sunday approx. 4:30pm.
Register at: www.marriageencounter.ie

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



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

August Treasure Hunt - Monster themed. Find all the letters, solve the puzzle & win small prize.
Pom Pom Monsters Craft - Tues. 4th Aug 11am
Suitable for 9-12yrs. Booking essential.
Lego Free Play - Saturday's 10:30 -12:30

HERITAGE WEEK IN THE LIBRARY

1926 Census Talk with Sinead Holland
Wed. 19th at 2:30pm. Join us for this fascinating dive into the 1926 Census. Please book.
Workshop - Experience life as Viking child growing up in Ireland in this interactive hands on workshop. Suitable for 6-12yrs. Please book.
Costumed Talk on Georgian Clothing
A fascinating look at Georgian clothing presented by Dr Melissa Shiels. Please book.
Adult Chess Club Wednesday's. Pop in for a friendly game every week, all levels welcome.
Parents First group For babies aged 0-1 and their parents each Wednesday 12 Noon - 1pm.
La Leche League Coffee Morning: Tuesday 11th Aug. 10:30-11:30am. Join us for a chat. & some friendly advice. No booking necessary.
Knitting Circle: Friday's 10.30am - 12.30pm. Enjoy crafting, chat & a cuppa.
Adult Bookclub: Reading one book a month - Meeting last Tues. of the month at 11am to discuss the novel.
Online Book Club: Read 1 book a month - All titles available in either audio or Ebook format on Borrowbox. Discussion questions are posted on our facebook page on the last Wed. of the month.
Junior Book Club and the Baby Book Club
On a summer break - Returning in September

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

Lotto Results 27th July

Numbers 02, 03, 05, 14 - No jackpot winner.
Lucky dips: John Brereton; Richard Langford. Promoter Michael Finlay.
Next draw on 4th August with a Jackpot of €12,000. Thanks for your Support.



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.

SURVIVALIST SKILLS CAMP

Survivalist Ireland / Laois Partnership / Sports Ire.
Derrynounce Lakes & Trails Community park
Camp age 10-14 years - Tues. 11th Aug.
10am - 2pm
Team building games; nature trails & foraging; shelter building, wild lessons & more.
Camp Age 14-19 years. Wed. 12th Aug.
10am - 2pm.
Team building games; wilderness survival challenge; wilderness first aid training; nature, wellness & meditation; resilience task, water crossing (location dependant).
To book, phone 086 011722