

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

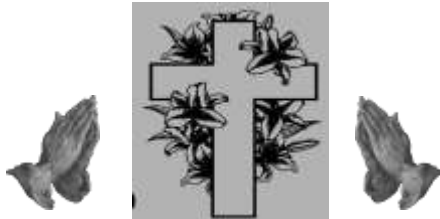
10.30am Sun.

St. Paul's Church, Emo

7.30pm (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

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

ALL SOULS DAY

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES - PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 1st November 6.15pm

Mary Hyland, Garryhinch (M.M.); Billy Hyland, Garryhinch; Evan Clancy, Pine Villa; Con Doyle, Garryhinch (4th Anniv.); Frank & Mary Ward & Daughter Ann, Bracknagh; Lily Maher, Sandy Lane; Annie & Mick Nolan, Killenure; Matt & Julia Colgan, Annamoe, Dan & Mary Gallagher, Treascon, Dec. members of the Gallagher Family, Christy, Paddy & Ned Whelan, Treascon; Dec. members of the Whelan Family, Andy & Mary Gallagher, UK.

Sun. 2nd November 12.15pm

Arthur & Julia Bryan, Cloneyquin; Daughter Kathleen, (recently deceased UK); Deceased members of the Delaney Family, Cloneyquin; Kathleen Burbage, Main St. & dec. members of the Burbage Family; Michael Rice, Derrymore; Mary & Jim Carroll, Bracklone St; Kate & Pat Sherlock, Co. Monaghan; Daniel & Maisie Mulvihill, Droughill; Kathleen & Eamonn Collier, Station Road; John & Stella Monagher, Main Street; Joe Kelly, St. Michael's Park

Sat. 8th November 6.15pm

Joseph (Joe) Whyte, Deerpark (M.M.)
Maria (Marita) Serres, Station Road (M.M.)
Paddy Boylan, Spa St; Chrissy Milner, Ballymorris; Charlie Milner, Walsh Island

Sun. 9th November 12.15pm

Mary (Molly) Douglas, Bishopswood
Margaret & Thomas Mulligan, St. Brigid's Square; Mary Keegan, Bishopswood

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 2nd November 10.30am

Bridget Kiernan (1st Anniv.) Thomas Kiernan, Lea Rd; Mary & John Kiernan, Ballycarroll; Veronica Kiernan, UK; Patrick Deffew, Garryvacum; Sally Dalton; Sean Phelan, Fisherstown (2nd Anniv.); Tom, Liam & Jimmy McCormack & dec. members of the McCormack Family, Lea; James Kearney, Ballybrittas (30th Anniv.); Kathleen Kearney; Kathleen Malone, Rosecourt; Chris Fitzgerald, Killenure; Sean Fitzgerald, Killenure; Jack & Bridie Murray, Ballycarroll; Michael Costello, Ballycarroll & Lea

Sun. 9th November 10.30am

Elizabeth (Betty) Davis, Old Pound (M.M.)
Sean Phelan, Fisherstown (2nd Anniv.)
William (Billy) O'Leary, Killenure (9th Anniv.)

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

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 3rd Nov. Veronica (Ronnie) Kiernan (nee O'Reilly), Yorkshire & Cushina

Fri. 7th Nov. Joe Brennan, Kilbride & deceased members of the Brennan Family

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 1st November 7.30pm

Johnny & Phil Rowe, Ballybrittas; Baby Philip Rowe, Portlaoise; Valerie Carroll, Killimy Road; John O'Flynn (8th Anniv.)

Sun. 2nd November 11am

Kevin Pigott, Coolaghy (M.M.); Denis Delaney, Spa St; Marie Crofton, Patrick St; Har Allen, Mountmellick

Sat. 8th November 7.30pm

Ned Ryan, Morette (1st Anniv.)
Peter Hyland, Emo Park; Thomas & Mary Walsh; Deceased members of the Slevin & Woods Family; Pat Cullen, Fisherstown

Sun. 9th November 11am

Chrissie Molloy, Fisherstown (1st Anniv.)
Paddy Sheridan, Emo Park (5th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 2nd November 9am

Dan Donohoe, Jamestown; Tommy Donohoe, Rath & dec. members of the Donohoe Family

Sun. 9th November 9am

Brigid Fitzgerald, Rath (32nd Anniv.)

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday next, 7th November, is the first Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-

Rath Thursday 6th Nov. at 9.30am

Emo Friday 7th Nov. at 9.15am

Portarlington Friday 7th Nov. at 10am

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES

Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place today, Sunday 2nd November as follows:- Killenard Cemetery after the 10.30am

Mass St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Ada Lily Gorman, Inch Cross, Stradbally

ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

Remembering our departed relatives and friends.



Those who have died in the parish during the year, and their families, will be remembered at Mass on Fri. 21st November in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington & on Sat. 22nd November in St. Paul's Church, Emo at 7.30pm.

A family member will be invited to light a candle in their memory.



You are invited to place the names of your loved ones on our **Memorial Tree**.



A **Bereavement Book** is available in all the Churches, where you can write the names of family members who have died.

DEAD LIST

If you wish to enrol your loved ones on the Dead List to be remembered at Masses during the year, an envelope is available in your development box or in the Church porch.

THE PLEDGE

Month of November

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support & encouragement to people & their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 01 8054226 or through www.pioneers.ie/pray.

IN NOVEMBER WE REMEMBER



Follow the diocesan X (@KANDLEi & Facebook KANDLEi pages to receive daily posts for the month of November, with posts on the Christian understanding of death & prayers to accompany you in this month when we especially remember & pray for our dead.

EMO / RATH SENIOR CITIZENS

Reminder to keep **Sun. 30th November** free for our Annual Christmas Party. Invitations will be handed out shortly.

CLONEYHURKE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Cloneyhurke National School invite all local families to our **Open Day & Family Fun Day** on Sun. 9th Nov. from 12–2pm. There will be displays of pupils' work, VEX robotics demonstrations, sports & games, Lego building, Green Schools project updates, & a chance to see our sensory circuits. You'll also be able to explore the history of our school. Refreshments served & lots of activities for children. We welcome families with pre-school children who may be enrolling in the coming years to come and see our school. Eircode R32FT51

PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



AUTHOR VISIT

Leaves Festival Weaving History & Heart: Writing Saga Historical Romance with Seána Tinley and Val Troy. Join us for a discussion between award-winning saga & regency romance author Seána Tinley & comedy writer Val Troy, exploring the enduring power of women's stories in commercial fiction. FREE EVENT but booking essential.

Parent and Baby/Toddler Yoga

Wed., 5th Nov. 10:30am.

Free / Booking essential.

Digital Support Drop In Sessions

An LOETB tutor will be available on Fridays 10:30–12:30pm for 1-1 support sessions. Bring along your device & any digital queries you may have. No booking necessary.

Messy Play

18 mths. - 4 year olds. Have great fun making as much mess as you want! Booking essential
Ciorcal Comhrrá - Every Tuesday 11am .New members welcome.

Knitting Club - Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30pm. All skill levels welcome.

Lego Free Play - Sat. 10am-1pm

Social Chess - Wed. evenings 6pm-7pm, enjoy a game of chess, a cuppa & a chat. New members always welcome

Portarlington Junior Book Club - Meet the last Wed. of the month – Club is suitable for 9-12 year olds. Booking essential

Baby Book Club - Wed. 10:30am (except for school holidays). Booking essential

Adult Book Club - Last Tuesday of the month. To book or for more info call 057 8643751 or email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

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

Lotto Results

Numbers drawn: 28th Oct.

14, 15, 18, 27. No Jackpot winner. No match 3 winner. Lucky Dips: Maria Kelly, Roisin & Maeve Fallon. Promoter: Ursula Dunne. Next Draw: Mon. 3rd Nov. with a Jackpot of €8,300.

A.G.M.

Club AGM is scheduled to take place on Sat. 29th Nov. commencing 7pm at O'Dempsey's Clubhouse. All members are encouraged to attend. Any queries can be directed to secretary.odempseys.laois@gaa.ie

THANKS

Portarlington Meals on Wheels thank everyone who supported their recent Church gate collection. Your generosity is much appreciated.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” — Proverbs 3:5–6

RATH COLLECTORS - NOVEMBER 2025

Colm Wilson & Robbie Flynn

BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELICK

Dec. 13th – **PHIL COULTER** is coming to town. Commencing 8pm. 'Tranquillity by Candlelight.' Check out our website for details & booking: mountmellickcommunityartscentre.ie
Film showing every Wednesday night commencing 8pm. €5 (includes tea & snacks).

EMO ART & CRAFT FAIR

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 5pm. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, contact Stephanie on 0868378659.

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Portarlington Musical Society proudly presents **EXIT ROUTES by Liz Turner.**

Directed by Tom Moore. The play will take place on the 6th and 7th of Dec. in the Parochial Hall, Market Sq. (R32 YK24). Tickets €10. <https://willwego.com/organiser/portarlington-musical-society>

COMMUNITY EMPLOYMENT VACANCY

Caring in Offaly CE Scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2415631, Portarlington area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711 or ahackett@familycarers.ie

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE



Swimming lessons – Priority booking now.

Don't forget to re-book your child for their Swimming lessons €110. Phone 057 8645800

Swimming lessons – Open bookings

Little swimmers – Level 6
Lanes & Rookie Lifeguard. Lessons start 18th November. Little Swimmers 3-5 year old. Free swim assessment 5-15 year old.

Rookie Lifeguard

Bronze, silver and gold - €120 (20% sibling discount applies). Give your child the opportunity to learn life saving water skills and dive into the knowledge of Rookie Lifeguard. Wed. 10 week course 5.55pm & 6.45pm / Fri. 10 week course 5.55pm & 6.45p. Phone 057 8645800 or email portarlington@laoisleisure.ie.

BALLYFIN PLAYERS PRESENT THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS



The Black and Tan raid in Clontyglass

The Hired Help

The Yank Outsider

Fri. 14th Nov. & Sat. 15th Nov. commencing 7.30pm. Venue: Mountmellick Community Arts Centre – Balcony Theatre. Tickets €15. Tickets available on <https://WillWeGo.com>

CROCHET

New 4 week Crochet Course starting Mon. 3rd Nov. 7-9pm in Portarlington Social Services centre. Beginners & Improvers welcome. Contact Jacqui 087 2998944 for further details.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Keep Fit Wednesday & Friday nights with

Eimear from 7-8pm. €8 per session

Dancing Lessons Thursdays – Dancing of all kinds. €10 per night.

A PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS DAY



Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our sisters and brothers.
In this life you embraced them with
your tender love; deliver them now from
every evil and give them eternal rest.
The old order has passed away:
Welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and Forever. Amen.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

27th Oct. 2025 – Week No. 44

Numbers 13, 8, 6, 2 – No jackpot winner. €50 each to:- Marian Bryan; Eamonn Conway; Jennifer Rennick; Tamara Murphy & to Laura Slevin. Promoter prize Tadhg Bryan. Next week's Jackpot €3,000.

EMO – RATH PARISH

Next draw takes place

On Mon. 3rd Nov.

Jackpot €3,000

PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER

GROUP NOVEMBER EVENTS

Fri. 7th Nov: Sensory play

Fri. 14th Nov: Phonics with Robot Reg

Fri. 21st Nov. Zumbini

Fri. 28th Nov. Teddy Bear Picnic.

From 10.30am until 11.30am each morning.
Venue: Portarlington Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). Members €2 one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 / child.

Instagram PARENTTODDLERGROUPOPPORT
@parenttoddlergroupport

JOIN THE PORTARLINGTON CONCERT BAND

We're looking for flute players to join our friendly & talented band. Whether you're a beginner or have years of experience, all ages are welcome. Our amazing flute teacher, Kevin Fitzpatrick, brings talent & experience to help you learn & grow in a fun, supportive environment. Rehearsals Mondays, Thursdays & Fridays. Contact Pat on 083 8510428 for details.

ST. BRIGID'S TEXT ALERT

In conjunction with Muintir na Tire we are setting up a Community Support Register within our text alert areas. (Shandra, Sweep Road, Annamoe, Kilnashown, Garryhinch, Portnahinch, Borness, Cloneyhurke, Cooltycanon, Cloneyquin, Woodbrook, Cloneygowan, Raheen, Bogtown, Kilcooney, Ballinvoher, Ballymacrossan, Ard.) Support can take many forms of help - from practical supports like delivering groceries; ensuring people have fuel & medicines to simply just checking in on our elderly neighbours & those living alone. We will be providing emergency packs to any vulnerable residents in our area who register with us. We can also help with personal alarms, smoke alarms & crime prevention advice. If you have a family member or neighbour living on their own please get in touch dawnchamp76@gmail.com. All details are strictly confidential.

PRAYER SERVICE

Annual prayer service to remember deceased staff and members of Laois County Council will be held Tues. 18th Nov. 2025 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Portlaoise at 6pm. Light refreshments served afterwards. All welcome.