

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. 31st AUGUST 2025

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 30th August 6.15pm

Jacinta (Jess) Bracken, Arlington Estate (2nd Anniv.); Michael Murphy, St. Michael's Park (2nd Anniv.); Dorothea McNamara, Gracefield (25th Anniv.); Brigid, Edward, Thomas & Mary Ann Geoghegan, Cushina; Josephine Kelly, St. Michael's Park & granddaughter Adrienne Byrne; Leonard Wright, Droughill; William & Louisa Sheerin, Marian Hill; William & Elizabeth Sheerin, Droughill

Sun. 31st August 12.15pm

Michael Smith, Corrig & deceased members of the Smith Family, Bracklone Street; Anne Cleary, Ballymorris

Sat. 6th September 6.15pm

Mary Knight, St. Joseph's Tce. (2nd Anniv.); Peter Murphy, Gracefield; John Murphy, Gracefield & Portlaoise; Maisie Curtayne, St. Mary's Tce. (4th Anniv.); Deceased members of the Cannon Family; Bridget Connolly, St. Michael's Park; Deceased members of the Connolly Family; Gary Collins

Sun. 7th September 12.15pm

Thomas Fingleton, Shandra (1st Anniv.)
Eileen Fingleton, Shandra (5th Anniv.)
Thomas & Margaret Fingleton, Shandra
Fintan Maher, Tempogue, Dublin & Gracefield
Pete McLoughlin, Kilmalogue Downs (5th Anniv.)
James Moran, Cloneyhurke

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 31st August 10.30am

Bernard (Ben) Mahony, Clonanny (11th Anniv.)

Sun. 7th September 10.30am

Pat & Maura Lawlor, Ballycarroll; Jim Lawlor, Ballycarroll; Sean Kavanagh; Kathleen Kavanagh & Joe Kavanagh, Lough; Charlie Geoghegan, Cushina

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died during the week:-

Grainne McEvoy, Whitefiels & formerly Cloneygowan

Mary (Millie) Murphy, Bellgrove, Ballybrittas



ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 1st Sept. World Day of Care for Creation

Tues. 2nd Sept. Eamon Noone, Naas & deceased members of the Noone Family

Thurs. 4th Sept. Liam Tynan, Dublin & Gracefield & John Keogh, Florida & formerly Patrick Street (2nd Anniv.)

Fri. 5th Sept. Richard McCann

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sun. 31st August 11am

Patrick Kerry, Coolbanagher (5th Anniv.)

Sun. 7th September 11am

Bridie Hyland, The Sawmill, Ballybrittas (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 31st August 9am

Joseph (Joe) Luttrell, Fisherstown (M.M.)
Christy Noons, Jamestown (10th Anniv.)
Deceased members of the O'Connor Family, Jamestown

Sun. 7th September 9am

Patrick Duffy & Peter Duffy, Ballyadden; Nan Kinsella, Fisherstown & deceased members of the Dunne, Walsh & Kinsella Families; Mary Whelan, Ballyadden & deceased members of the Whelan & Kiernan Families, Ballyadden; Annie & Joe O'Dwyer & dec. members of the O'Dwyer Family; Pat O'Doherty (33rd Anniv.)

BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community through Baptism

Thomas Jay Tynan, Birchfields, Kilmalogue
Ivy-Grace Ryan, Birchfields, Kilmalogue



FAREWELL!

to Fr. Laurentiu Turbuc

We say farewell to Fr. Laurentiu who has been assisting us in the Parishes of Portarlington & Emo for the past month. Fr. Laurentiu has been a great help to us with daily and weekend Masses and Church sacraments. He is travelling back to Romania on Tuesday next, 2nd Sept. where he will take up his new position as Professor of Moral Theology in the National Seminary in Romania.



We wish Fr. Laurentiu well.

LITURGY CONFERENCE

'It is Good for Us to be here' Mark 9:5.

Come & join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass & liturgy in our parishes. Takes place on 20th Sept.

2025 in the Cathedral of the Assumption & Carlow College. Starting with registration in Carlow College from 9-9.30am, morning

www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference.

Booking is now open on kandle.ie & workshops will fill on a first come basis.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS!



Bishop Denis (on behalf of the Irish Bishops), has launched an invitation to all Catholics to reflect on Sunday Mass. The invitation is contained within a short document, 'Why Sunday Matters', which explores the significance of Sunday and our celebration of it. 'Why Sunday Matters' also offers reflection questions for individuals and for parish groups.

You can find a copy of this document at the Church porch or download and share it www.catholicbishops.ie

SEASON OF CREATION RESOURCES

Resources for this year can be viewed and downloaded on <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/features-archive/season-of-creation/>

AUTUMN COLLECTION

☑ For the Priests of the Parish ☑

This collection will take place this weekend, 30th & 31st August. One of the five times during the year you contribute directly to the support of the priests. Envelopes for collection are in envelope boxes or available at Church Porch.

FIRST FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2025

Friday next, 5th September, is the first Friday of the Month. Mass will be celebrated as follows:-



Portarlington 10am
Rath on Thursday 4th Sept. at 9.30am
Emo on Friday 5th Sept. at 9.15am

PORTARLINGTON GOLF CLUB

GOLF CLASSIC

Golf Classic to fundraise for solar panels for Clubhouse. 11th -14th September €120 per team. Prizes worth €3,000. Raffle Prizes on the night. Timesheet now open 0578623115

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR



Do you love music or simply enjoy singing? Portarlington Community Choir is starting a new season of rehearsals and are looking for new people to join us. Meet on Tuesdays 8pm to 9.15pm commencing 16th Sept. at Portarlington Social Services Centre, Link Road. Further details Email portcommunitychoir@gmail.com or contact 086 3319128.

PORTARLINGTON'S FRENCH HERITAGE & FRENCH CULTURE – ART COMPETITION

Art Competition – Open to All Ages! The French Connection Portarlington Twinning Committee is delighted to host an art competition celebrating *Portarlington's French heritage and French culture*. All ages are welcome to take part, with fantastic art prizes to be won. Entries can be dropped to Brackens Menswear, Main Street or Emailed to thefrenchconnection30@gmail.com. Don't miss this chance to showcase your creativity and celebrate our town's unique French connection!

PORTARLINGTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Dance Workshop with Ruth. €12 per class or €40 for all 4 classes - Pre booking is essential Dates: September 10th, 17th, 24th & 1st October. 7-8pm in Parochial Hall, Portarlington.

COMHALTAS CEOLTÓIRÍ ÉIREANN

Comhaltas is a volunteer run organisation which teaches and promotes Irish traditional music & culture in the parish. Instruments we teach include Tin Whistle, Fiddle, Button Accordion, Concertina, Flute, Banjo, Keyboard & Guitar for both children & adults.

Our Registration & 'Come & Try' evening will be held Fri. 12th Sept. 7.30-8.30pm in the Boys Old school (Coláiste Iosagáin Activity Hub), Patrick St. R32NR76. If you are interested in joining, please come along. We look forward to seeing faces old and new. Further info. contact Davin 0862260782 / Edel 083 0805012 or Email portarlingtonce@gmail.com

THANK YOU

CONCERN thanks all who contributed to the recent Church gate collection. Amount raised €1,310 for overseas projects / Gaza Famine Relief. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

MUM DANCE TERM STARTING

6 week term commencing Wed. 17th Sept. in Port. Community Centre from 7-8. Further details & booking from Marian on 086 8857116 or online <https://gymcatch.com/app/provider/8358>

B # SHARP STUDIOS

Portarlington's school of music. Register anytime. All individual lessons, 30 minutes each. Lessons in all instruments and voice. All levels and ages catered for. To book in or for more information contact: Conor 0861639153 or Keith 0857516595.

PORTARLINGTON LEISURE CENTRE

Lessons 3-5 year olds (Little Swimmers) 5-15 Year olds (Free Swim Assessment) Little Swimmers – Level 6 – Lanes – Rookie now booking: 10 weeks €120 / 20% sibling discount. Starting 9th Sept. Phone 057 8645800.

THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from Sept. 1st (World Day of Prayer for Creation) until Oct. 4th - The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

A Prayer for our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, so that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

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ART COMPETITION

The NBSCCI (National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church) invites children & young people to participate in this competition by submitting a piece of art that depicts what 'A Safe & Welcoming Church' looks like or feels like to them. The piece may be a painting, sculpture, photograph or a written piece. Open to all under 18. Competition:

Opening Sept. 1st – Closing Sep. 30th
Categories 1-8 years / 9-12 years / 13-15 years / 16/18 years. Lots of prizes in each category. Further info. <https://www.safeguarding.ie/news-events/a-safe-and-welcoming-church-art0-competition-2025>

KILLENARD ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP

The club re-opens after our summer break on Tues. 9th September at 2.30pm in Killenard Community Centre. New members always welcome.

LINE DANCING CLASSES FOR BEGINNERS

Portarlington Community Centre.
Thurs. 4th Sept. from 7.30pm to 9pm. 10 classes for €70 or pay as you go €10 per class. Its not just country music, all tastes catered for. Further info./booking Ph: John 086 8333200.

STRONGBOW ARCHERS

Archery Beginners Course commencing 20th Sept – Running Saturday evenings for 6 weeks at Killenard Community Centre. Spaces limited. Pre-enquiry & pre-booking essential to secure a spot. Email strongbowarchers@gmail.com

BINGO

The Seniors Bingo resumes on Wed. 19th Sept. at the Social Services Centre, Link road. Come along for a few games & have a chat and a Cuppa after. New players always welcome.

JOIN MENO WELL 2 LAOIS

A free 6-week online programme for women in midlife & beyond. Includes live strength & mobility classes, expert-led health workshops & on-demand wellness content. Commencing 22nd September. Sign up now at edufit.ie/menowell-2-laouis
This is brought to you as part of Laois County Council Health Laois Programme.

COLAISTE IOSAGAIN

25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Jubilee Mass

3pm Sat. 27th September in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington. Celebrant Bishop Denis Nulty. Afterwards in Coláiste Iosagáin

Tour of the School

Jubilee Book Launch

Opening of time Capsule.

All Welcome to attend these events.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

Monster Auction

Monster Auction Will take place on Sun. 7th Sept. Commencing 2.30pm includes farm produce, fuel, household & many other items. Music & dancing from 5.30pm with Rock on Paddy. Refreshments served. Adm. FREE. Great entertainment guaranteed.

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

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

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

25/8/2025 – Week No. 35

Numbers 20, 22, 6, 28 – No jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-

Paddy Hurley; The Flano's C/o Breda; Mags Foster; Josie Hanlon; Maria Storey
Promoter prize: Mary Slevin.
Next week's Jackpot €5,600



EMO – RATH PARISH

LOTTO Week No. 1989 25/8/2025

Numbers 3, 6, 10, 19 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Kevin Lawlor c/o Hillary; Pt. & Marie Connolly c/o Deirdre; Shauna Dooley c/o Parish Office; Cathriona Downey c/o GAA; Alan Dunne c/o Ann Lowry. Next draw takes place 1st September with a jackpot of €5,600.



CAR BOOT SALE

Sun. 31st August. Traders arrive 8.30am. Public entry 10am - €2 / Children go free. Second hand clothes, books, toys, home-ware, vintage items & lots more. You can book a pitch to sell your own items. Contact: www.thegardenshop.ie/solas-car-boot-sale.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

We are looking for new volunteers to join our life-saving team! Are you willing to: Respond to medical emergencies; support your neighbours in times of crisis? No medical experience needed – Full training provided. If you're over 18 with your own car & full driving licence & want to make a real difference in your community, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch with Jason (087) 4170346 or check out the face book page

PORTARLINGTON TAEKWON-DO

Beginners enrolment – Free trial class. Junior classes Boys & Girls 7 to 13 years. Mon. 1st Sept. 7pm – 7.45pm or Tues. 2nd Sept. 4.30pm – 5.15pm. Contact 086 3617001.

ANAM CARA

Support Parents after Bereavement

Parent support evening on the 2nd Wednesday of each Month from Sept. to Dec. 7.30pm-9pm. Mullingar Park Hotel N91 A4EP. Also available online parent support evenings - Email info@anamcara.ie www.anamcara.ie 085 2888888

STRING QUARTET

The Midlands String Quartet presents "The Hits of ABBA" by Candlelight in St. Paul's Church of Ireland, French Church Street on Sat. 20th Sept. Commencing 8pm. Tickets available on the door. Adults €20 / OAP €15 / Child €10