



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 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

31ST MAY 2026

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY - 9th Sunday of the Year

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 30th May 6.15pm

Martin Byrne, Old Bawn, Tallaght (M.M.)
Marian McNamara, Bracklone St. (1st Anniv.)
Bertie Kavanagh, Assumpta Tce. (1st Anniv.)
Margaret (Peggy) Murphy, Annamoe (3rd Anniv.)
Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (4th Anniv.)
Paul Nolan, Gracefield (6th Anniv.); Brenda
McNally-Grant, Barrowview; Donal Clancy, St.
Patrick's Tce. (7th Anniv.); Rose & Paddy Clancy
& deceased members of the Clancy Family; Ned
Murphy, St. Michael's Park; Dec. members of
the Dunne & Carey Families, Cloneyquinn;

Sun. 31st May 12.15pm

Mary Flanagan, Ballinagar & Droughill (MM)
Sean Faherty, Bishopswood (4th Anniv.)
Lar Dempsey, Clondoolusk (6th Anniv.)
Maureen & Bernard Scully, Cloneyhurke
John & Lily Harney, Cushina; John & Elizabeth
Cleary, Cushina; Maria Magee (nee Mulcahy),
Station Road (11th Anniv.); Robert Francis
Magee, Station Road; Dec. members of the
Magee & Mulcahy Families; Edward & Sarah
Roycroft, Bracklone St; Paddy Dyer & deceased
members of the Dyer Family, Bracklone St.;
Breda, Colm, Mark, Barry, Joanne, Martina &
Fiona Maher, Marian Hill (30th Anniversary)

Sat. 6th June 6.15pm

Gerry Horrigan; Paddy Earley, The Boundary;
Kevin Lynch, Kilbride; Joe Delaney,
Tinnecrannagh (9th Anniv. & B/Day Rem.);
Veronica Delaney, Bracklone St; Joseph &
Catherine Crofton, Bracklone St; Tommy &
Kathleen Delaney, Spa Street

Sun. 7th June 12.15pm

Joe Keegan, Cloneyquinn (4th Anniv.)
Brian Hoey, St. Patrick's Tce. (25th Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 31st May 10.30am

Sun. 7th June 10.30am

Sr. Brigid Monagher, Lea

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY

Jude Luttrell, Monasterevin & Ballybrittas
Martina Hearty (nee Slattery), Killenard &
formerly St. Patrick's Tce.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY THROUGH BAPTISM

River George O'Brien, Patrick Avenue
Croia Sarah Molloy, Birchfields
Xavier David Heaney, Kilnacourt Woods

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 1st June Joseph, Margaret & Denis
Murphy, Ballycullane; Stephen O'Reilly,
Cushina

Tues. 2nd June 10am George, Edward &
Julia Moore, Garryhinch

Wed. 3rd June 10am Mary Hanlon, Assumpta
Terrace (5th Anniv.)

Thurs. 4th June 10am Mary Kate Dooley
Congress Terrace (2nd Anniv.)

Fri. 5th June Janet Ashton, Nottingham;
Sandra Connett, Devon; Paul Thompson, York

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 30th May 7.30pm

Larry Flynn, Emo (26th Anniv.)
William Lynch Snr. Killeen

Sun. 31st May 11am

Maura Connell, Ballycullane

Sat. 6th June 7.30pm

Rose Keane, Rath

Sun. 7th June 11am

Martin Walsh, Portarlington (2nd Anniv.)

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 31st May 9am

Margaret Gregg, Newbridge (22nd Anniv.)
John Currimis, Naas (1st Anniv.); Michael
Currimis, Naas (21st Anniv.); Dec. members of
the Currimis & Coffey Families

Sun. 7th June 9am

Mark, Mick & Serena Carroll, Fisherstown

FIRST FRIDAY – JUNE 2026

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

Rath: Thurs. 9.30am / **Emo:** Fri. 9.15am
Portarlington: Fri. 10am

PRAYER TO THE HOLY TRINITY

*Glory be to the Father, who by His
almighty power & love created me,
making me in the image & likeness
of God. Glory be to the Son, who by His
Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
& opened for me the gates of heaven.
Glory be to the Holy Spirit, who has
sanctified me in the sacrament
of Baptism, & continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from
His bounty. Glory be to the three adorable
Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever. Amen*



The children from **Sacred Heart N.S., Rath**
will receive the Sacrament of First Holy
Communion on **Saturday 6th June at 11.30am** in
Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath.



NOVENA – SACRED HEART – 2026

Takes place from **Thursday 4th June**
and ends on **Friday 12th June**,
(Which is the Feast of the Sacred Heart)
Novena leaflets available.

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart

*Lord Jesus Christ, your heart was moved with love
for those who came to you for help:*

*You healed the sick,
you fed the hungry,
you forgave sinners,
you cried over Jerusalem.*

*Above all, you showed to those who were
prepared to listen the way to true life, for you are
the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

*Lord, your heart is still moved today by your
people and their many needs.*

Open my heart to hear your Word,

*to accept your love and to respond to your call.
In particular, I beg you to grant me the favour I ask
during this novena (make your request silently),
provided that it will contribute to my own eternal
good and to the building up of your kingdom of
love, peace and justice here on earth.*

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I place all my trust in you. AMEN*

CEMETERY MASS 2026



Killenard – Fri. 3rd July – 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 10th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm

RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the
recent collection for the Priests of the Parish.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Lotto Week No. 2020 – 25th May 2026
Numbers 12, 15, 16, 19 – No jackpot winner.
€25 each to the following: John Strong C/o
Shauna; Mick Delaney c/o Parish Office;
Geraldine O'Neill c/o Bernie W.; Eoin Lalor C/o
Shauna; Kathleen Wilson c/o Mena
Next draw will take place on the 8th June
with a Jackpot of €3,600

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

An Evening of Music



An evening of Music on Fri. 19th June from
7.30pm in St. Paul's French Church,
Portarlinton. Doors open 7pm. Tickets are €15
each, available from Coopers Florist, Main St. or
phone 087 6715668. Come along for a great
evening of music with local Community Choir.

EMO/RATH PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – JULY 2026



The Emo/Rath Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will
take place in July leaving Mon. 20th & returning
on Fri. 24th (4 nights / 5 days). The cost is €785
per person sharing at the 4 star Hotel Roissy.
Deposits are **now due** to be paid – Closing date
for receipt of €200 deposit is Mon. next. 1st June.

Limited seats available. Please contact
Deirdre on 087 2299457 or Tony 086 1225833

41ST ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY

Takes place Sat. 6th June in Knock Shrine.
Visit www.allirelandrosaryrally.com for details

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

Hyrox @ O'Dempsey's:

Join us at O'Dempsey's on Sun., 21st June for
our Hyrox Simulation Event. Represent your
club or gym for the ultimate bragging rights!

Register now -

https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/K26_Hyrox_2026_Entryform. This is a K26 fundraiser
event - for Killenard Community Centre &
O'Dempsey's GFC. Places are limited so don't
miss out on what promises to be a great day!

BALLYBRITTAS TIDY TOWNS

Litter Pick & Clean Up Dates

Sat. 20th June at 10am & Sat. 18th July at 10am
Help Keep Our Community Clean! **All
Volunteers Welcome!**

UPCOMING MARKET DAYS

Upcoming events at SOLAS Eco Garden
Centre, Lea Road. All events open to the public
Car Boot Sale: Today, Sun. 31st May from
10am – 2pm – All welcome.

Craft Market: Sun. 7th June 11am - 4pm

UPCOMING COURSES AT LAOIS

ENTERPRISE

**"Be more productive with less stress &
without working more:** Wed. 17th June – 10am
to 1pm. Venue: LEO Training Room, County
Hall, Portlaoise R32 EHP9. Tel 057 8661800
localenterprise@laoiscoco.ie

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sun.
7th June. Bus travelling from Mountmellick.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Irish Speaking Sessions: Mondays at 8.30pm -
except for the June Bank Holiday Mon. €2.

Keep Fit: Wednesday's only until further
notice with Emer 7-8pm - €8 each night.

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with
Noeleen from 7.30pm-9pm. €10 each night.

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary.

COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF

JUNE

BOSCO CARROLL & FRANK FITZGERALD



The Maher Sisters are holding a
COFFEE MORNING

on Friday next, 5th June in Rose's house, 2
Rosecourt Lawns (across from SuperValu)
from 10am – 3pm, in memory of their Brother,
Robbie. Please call in for a coffee & a chat &
bring a friend. All money collected will be
donated to St. Luke's Hospital. Donations can
also be made on @rose5wkz9

EXAM PRAYER



Dear Lord,
*as I take these exams,
I thank you that my life is enfolded
in the embrace on your great love for me.
Help me with all the testing challenges of
life that will come my way.
Holy Spirit, guide me with the gifts
of wisdom, knowledge, understanding
and right judgement.
Holy Mary, pray for us and all our young
people. May they know the touch of your
loving caress.*

AMEN

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS



**An invitation to PARTICIPATE: An excerpt
from the letter of the Irish Bishops.**

*'The journey of faith often comes with its own
set of challenges. Many, particularly the
younger generation, feel disconnected from
the Church due to past abuses & how these
were addressed. Alongside this, the
pressures of modern life, the increasing levels
of anxiety & mental health difficulties –
Especially among young people – Together
with the lingering effects of the pandemic,
have contributed to a sense of distance from
the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist
continues to be a source of hope, life &
profound meaning. It invites us to
PARTICIPATE in the celebration of Christ's
death & resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In
this sacred celebration, we have the
opportunity to be transformed, to receive
God's grace, & to become the best versions of
ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joy &
struggles, the Eucharist offers us the
community & support we need to flourish &
grow in faith. Mass is not just a personal act
of devotion; it is a communal act of worship.
We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is
where the Church is mostly visibly alive, &
where every member of the community plays
an essential role. Each person's participation
is needed for the Church to truly live. It is
important to gather physically for Mass, &
although technology is helpful, it can never
replace the tangible experience of being with
the community as we listen to God's word &
receive the Body of Christ.'*

**How does your presence at Mass
contribute to making the Church visible
& alive?**

CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB 2026



Date: Wednesday 8th July 2026

Local group will climb Cragh Patrick in aid of
Portarlinton Meals on Wheels. Bus leaves
Burbages, Main Street at 6.15am on the morning.
If you would like to join us for the climb or
for sponsorship, please contact Pat Burbage
on 087-7716244.

PORTARLINGTON LIONS CLUB PRESENT FAMILY NATURE TRAIL WALK



Today, Sun. 31st May in Derryounce. Reg. at
10.30am. Maps & trails provided. Fun for all the
family. Explore nature with bugs, birds, trees,
binoculars & magnifying glasses.

BEALTAINÉ AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email
portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie or give your
name at the library desk.



Cruinniú na nÓg CSI Workshop

Join us for this fabulous sleuthing C.S.I. workshop
to celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg. Suitable for children
aged 10+. Sat. 6th June at 10am. Limited places
so booking is essential.

Circus Skills Workshop

Join us for this fabulous circus workshop to
celebrate Cruinniú na nÓg. Try your hand at some
circus skills while having lots of fun! Suitable for
children aged 8-12yrs. Sat. 6th June 12 Noon.
Limited places so booking is essential

Knitting Circle Friday's 10:30 -12:30

Ciorcal Comhrá Irish language conversation.

Chess Club Wednesdays at 6pm

Jigsaw Club Help us finish our current jigsaw.
Puzzle – Thursday mornings.

Adult Bookclub Reading one book a month &
meeting last Tuesday of the month at 11pm.

Online Book Club We read one book a month,
all titles are available in either audio or eBook
format on Borrow box. Discussion questions are
posted on our Facebook last Wed. of the month.

Baby Book Club Wed. 10.30am (except school
holidays). Booking essential.

La Leche League Coffee Morning: Second
Tuesday of the month 10.30am – 11.30am.

Lego Free Play Saturday's 10am – 1pm.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the
volunteer driver service in the Carlow & Laois area,
& are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to
join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking
for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital,
as well as St. James' Hospital & the Mater
Hospital. If you can spare 2 days per month, have
a valid driving license, & a safe, reliable vehicle,
you are the perfect candidate to make a significant
difference. For further info. on becoming a
volunteer driver contact Monica or Emily at
volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

COURTWOOD COMBINED LOTTO

Jackpot €20,000 - Purchase Membership, & Lotto
via: Clubforce App. / Through the
attached QR Code; Ballybrittas
Service Station; The Final Furlong;
Registrar Brian Nolan; Treasurers
Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly. Support
Courtwood GAA by buying a
weekly Lotto ticket. Renew your membership &
help our club grow. Thanks for all your support.

