

# PARISHES OF PORTARLINGTON & EMO



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**DIOCESE** [www.kandle.ie](http://www.kandle.ie)

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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](http://www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlington)



Portarlington & Emo Parish  
@EmoParish

## SUN. 3<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2025

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## YEAR C

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> August 6.15pm

Peggy Whelan, Bishopswood, (5<sup>TH</sup> Anniv)  
Carmel Tynan, Patrick Ave, (11<sup>TH</sup> Anniv)  
Eugene, Ellen & Terry Sullivan;  
Bridie Lynch, Ballymorris

#### Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 12.15pm

Seamus Colgan, Clondoolusk, (4<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)  
James & Phyllis Colgan, Clondoolusk &  
deceased members of the Colgan family,  
Bishopswood; Betty Kavanagh, Sandy Lane;  
Seamus Maher, Sandy Lane; Patrick &  
Elizabeth O'Brien, The Deanery, Main St.;  
Pat & Mary Fitzgerald, Cushina, (15<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)  
Bridie Lynch, Ballymorris; Mae Fenlon,  
Station Road;

#### Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> August 6.15pm

Ann Murphy, Gracefield (2<sup>ND</sup> Anniv.); Elizabeth  
(Betty) Clancy, Assumpta Tce. (2<sup>ND</sup> Anniv.)  
Madge Knight, Assumpta Tce. (6<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)  
Peter Ryan, Ballymorris (6<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)  
Pat & Dina Bracken, St. Brigid's Sq. (9<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.);  
Paschal McBride, NaCluainte (13<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)  
May Shanley, Patrick Street

#### Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> August 12.15pm

Paddy Burbage, Main St. & dec. members of  
the Burbage Family; Anne Murphy (40<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)  
& Patsy Murphy (4<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.), St. Brigid's Square;  
Marcella & Michael Collins, Station Rd; Paddy  
Cummins, Gracefield; Michael (Chips) Dunne

### ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

#### Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 10.30am

Cáit Whelan, (1<sup>ST</sup> Anniv.) Glasnevin

#### Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am

Joe O'Neill, Rosecourt (1<sup>ST</sup> Anniv.)  
Thomas McHale Snr., Killenard

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED DURING THE WEEK



Michael McCann,

Flushing, New York & formerly Bracklone  
Street, who died recently in New York.

### ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> Aug. – Michael & Rose Sweeney,  
Main Street; Jack & Jane Dunphy, The Elms

Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> Aug. – Paddy Murphy, Avondale

Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> Aug. – Michael & Bridget Wall & son,  
Michael, daughter Rita & Michael's daughter,  
Michelle; Frank Saunders, Wilton Lawns;  
J.J. Bannon (B/Day Remembrance)

### ANNIVERSARIES EMO

#### Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> August 7.30pm

Sean Crowley, Cappakeel, (28<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)  
William & Kathleen Byrne, Killimy; Frank &  
Bridget Copeland & deceased members of the  
Copeland Family

#### Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 11am

Ann Maher, Killimy, Emo

#### Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> August 7.30pm

Sheila Grehan, Four Roads, Mountmellick,  
(2<sup>ND</sup> Anniv.)

#### Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> August 11am

Anthony (Nanno) Dunne, Morette (13<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES RATH

#### Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 9am

Fr. John Boland, Jamestown; Rita Boland,  
Courtwood; Tom & Lucy Behan, Bellgrove,  
Ellen Donohoe, Jamestown,  
Ann & Eamon Mullen; David Mullen,  
Bracklone St. (15<sup>TH</sup> Anniv.)

#### Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> August 9am

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### BAPTISMS

We welcome into our Christian Community  
through Baptism

Nevaeh Ivy Kiernan, Walsh Island  
Aliyah Maisie Kiernan, Walsh Island

## WELCOME

Fr. Lawrence Turbuc



We welcome Fr. Laurentiu to the  
Parishes of Portarlington & Emo. Fr. Lawrence  
is from the Diocese of Iasi in Romania and will  
be with us for the month of August. We look  
forward to working together with Fr. Laurentiu.

### COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF AUGUST

Sacred Heart Church, Rath  
Bill Carroll & P.J. Kelly

### CEMETERY MASS

The Old Cemetery (beside Emo Church)

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm



Ballyadden Cemetery

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm

### FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> August St. John Mary Vianney, Priest

Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> August Dedication of The Basilica of  
St. Mary Major

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> August Transfiguration of Our Lord



*Great God of dazzling beauty  
and overshadowing majesty,  
in Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
we glimpse the image of your glory.  
Teach us to listen to him  
so that we may hear your voice  
and follow your holy way;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

Thurs. 7<sup>th</sup> August St. Cajetan & St. Sixtus II

Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> August St. Dominic

### EMIGRANT NEWSLETTER 2025

Do you have an article of interest, historic, sport,  
etc? Do you have some old photographs you  
could share? You can submit articles /  
Stories / photographs for inclusion in this year's  
edition of the Emigrant Newsletter to  
[portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net](mailto:portarlingtonparishoffice@eircom.net) / Drop into  
the Parish Office or post to Parochial House,  
Patrick Street, Portarlington, Co. Laois.  
All photographs will be scanned & returned  
straight away

### KNOCK

"Pilgrims of Hope"

National Novena to Our Lady of Knock  
13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Novena Ceremonies 3pm and 8pm in the  
Basilica. Workshops 12.45 daily in St. John's  
Centre. Themed Guided Prayer 11.15am &  
1.15pm – Daily Prayer Centre.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

The Kildare & Leighlin Diocesan Adoration Committee invites you to join them for a day of prayer and adoration. The day will feature a special Carlo Acutis Exhibition and Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition. Bishop Denis, Fr. Ruairi O'Domhnaill and guests will lead the day.

Concelebrated Mass at 3pm. Confessions available. Venue: Mount St. Annes, Killenard. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August 9.30am – 4pm.

Refreshments & Lunch €20. Booking essential. Text or call Barbara on 086 1637311 (Stating name & numbers).

### **PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY**



**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.**

To book call 057 8643751 or Email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie) or give your name at the library desk.

### **FUNDRAISING SALE**

**For Cuan Mhuire**

**Date:** Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Time:** 10am - 4pm

**Venue:** An Gairdín Beo, Dublin Road, Carlow  
Join us for incredible bargains while supporting Cuan Mhuire's drug rehabilitation unit in Athy, Co. Kildare. This treasure trove sale features clothes, bags, shoes, books, jewellery, and household items - with 80% being brand new. Browse quality goods at unbeatable prices knowing every purchase helps fund vital addiction treatment and recovery services. Donation buckets available throughout the hall. Whether you're bargain hunting or supporting a great cause, this sale has something for everyone. Come early for the best selection!

### **CRAFT & VINTAGE MARKET**

Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 11am-4pm

Solas Eco Garden Centre, Lea Road.

Our popular Craft & Vintage Market returns to SOLAS with a wide range of handmade crafts, vintage treasures, and artisan goods. Whether you want to shop or sell, this is the place to be! Free entry. Limited stalls available – booking essential.

### **BBQ BANK HOLIDAY EVENT**

Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> August. Solas Eco Garden Centre. Join us for a delicious BBQ feast at SOLAS this Bank Holiday Monday. Enjoy ribs, pulled pork burgers, hotdogs, and our specialty potatoes, all served with refreshing drinks and a great atmosphere.

Bring your friends and appetite for a BBQ to remember!

### **ARLINGTON AFC SOCCER CLUB**

2008, 2007 and 2006 players wanted. Under 20's training has commenced. If you are now to the area or want to return to football after a break you are welcome to join in. Contact Niall on 087 6154718.



**COMMIT TO THE LORD WHATEVER YOU DO, AND HE WILL ESTABLISH YOUR PLANS.**

*Proverbs 16:3*

### **ALL IRELAND FINAL**



Wishing the Laois Ladies the very best of luck in the All-Ireland Intermediate Final against Tyrone today (Sunday) in Croke Park  
View live on TnaG 1.45pm.

We have six ladies on the team from the Parish: Aoihe Byron; Eva Galvin; Emma Lawlor; Shifra Havill; Mary Cotter & Ciara Crowley

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025 from the school and local shops for €25.

#### **EVENTS**

##### **(1) Reeling in the Years**

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> August at 11am in the Heritage, Killenard for all Staff of school.



##### **(2) Liturgy – Bishop Denis Nulty / Tour of the School / Jubilee Book Launch Opening of Time Capsule**

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



##### **(3) Spoken Word / Reminiscing**

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm in Colaiste Íosagáin. All very welcome to attend.

#### **COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY AWARDS**

Entries are being accepted for Laois County Council Community & Voluntary Awards for 2025. It's a chance to shine a spotlight on a local person or a local group who you think deserves recognition for their outstanding contributions to your community. Nomination forms available online at [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie) [www.ppn.ie](http://www.ppn.ie) and [www.peoplefirstcu.ie](http://www.peoplefirstcu.ie). Closing date for receipt of nominations is 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2025.

### **PORTARLINGTON CREDIT UNION BURSERY**

Offering five €1,000 Maureen McEvoy Bursary Awards this year for 2025. This bursary is open to fifth 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.

### **COUNTRY & WESTERN NIGHT (TONIGHT)**

A Country & Western Night is taking place in aid of Cúisle Cancer Support Centre. Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2025 5pm – Closing time. Spot prizes / Live music / DJ / Dress for the Occasion. €5 entry fee. Venue: The Anvil Inn, Portarlington 5pm – Closing. Come along for an enjoyable night & support this worthy cause!

#### **THANK YOU**

Portarlington Meals on Wheels once again thank Pat Burbage and all who climbed Croagh Patrick on July 8<sup>th</sup>. A big thanks to all who donated. €5,000 was raised for the service.

#### **A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS**

*Lord, when our mothers are tired,  
give them strength.*

*When they feel alone, bring them comfort.*

*When they are overwhelmed  
bless them with peace.*

*In their hardest moments be their Light.*

*Today, we ask You to bless them with  
what they need most. AMEN*

### **YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO**

#### **CROAGH PATRICK**

For young adults (16-35) in the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin. Join us for a day of faith, challenge & community as we undertake the ancient pilgrimage to the summit of Croagh Patrick on **Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August**. Buses will depart from: Naas, Carlow and Portlaoise. This spiritual journey offers an opportunity for prayer, reflection & connection with fellow young Catholics. Registration is essential and a short meeting for all 16-18 year old pilgrims and a parent/guardian will take place on Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in Portlaoise, Nass & Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie).

### **ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,**

#### **CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89**

##### **Keep Fit**

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

##### **Dancing Lessons**

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

#### **VACANCY**

Caring in Offaly CE scheme: Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2402450, Portarlington area, 19.5 hours per week. Contact Alison Hackett for further info. phone 086 0213711 or Email [ahackett@familycarers.ie](mailto:ahackett@familycarers.ie)

### **GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB**

#### **LOTTO**

28<sup>th</sup> July – Week No. 31

Numbers 21, 7, 1, 11 – No Jackpot winner. €50 each to the following:- Edel Coleman; Nicola O'Connor; Tommy Finlay; Adam O'Sullivan; Mags Foster. Promoter prize: Johnny Lawrence. Next week's Jackpot is €4,800 & draw will take place on Bank Holiday Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **EMO – RATH PARISH**

##### **LOTTO Week No. 1986 – 28/7/25**

2, 3, 6, 11 – No jackpot winner. €25 to each of the following:- Catriona Downey C/o S. Strong; Podge Booth C/o Deirdre; Bernie Fenlon C/o Deirdre; PJ Gleeson C/o Parish Office; Martin Crowley C/o S. Strong.

**Next draw takes place ON 11<sup>th</sup> August with a Jackpot of €5,000.**

#### **SOCIAL DANCE**

Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> August in the Parochial Hall, The Square, Portarlington. Music by Pat Costello. Doors open 8.30pm. Admission €10. Raffle in aid of Hall refurbishment.

#### **Y O G A**

FOR ALL – Tues 7pm with Theresa in Portarlington Community Centre. 085 2531128.

### **CARA DOG FEST 2025**



Today, Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 12 Noon – 2pm in Emo Park. Excellent advice / Competitions, lucky dips, raffles. Come along

### **SWISH BASKETBALL ACADEMY**



Boys & Girls. August 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>. Junior 10pm-1pm (Born 2013 to 2017). Senior Ballers 1.30pm – 4.30pm (Born before 2013). €70 per player. Camp T shirt included. Sibling discount €50. Coaches Jordan Fallon & Rioghan Murphy. Further info. contact Josie on 087 4026970  
Venue: Colaiste Íosagáin, Portarlington.