

# 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.

**The Priests of the Parish  
wish all Parishioners a  
HAPPY, SAFE & PEACEFUL  
2026**

4th January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Year 'A'

## WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

### Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> January 6.15pm

Mary Lawlor, Kilbride (M.M.)  
Lauri Lawlor Snr. (23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) & Lauri Lawlor  
Jnr. (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.), Kilbride; Tom Murphy, Corrig;  
Rose McCann, St. Brigid's Square (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.);  
Julia Sheila Gorry, St. Brigid's Square (10<sup>th</sup>  
Anniv.); Eamon Scott, Shandra; Nuala Murphy,  
Main St. (41<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); William & Bernadette  
Maloney & deceased members of the Maloney  
Family; Maggie Kelly & her granddaughter,  
Grace O'Neill; Derek Dunne, Garryhinch  
(36<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> January 12.15pm

Jack Hyland, Garryhinch  
Frank & Sheila McCague, Station Road;  
John & Annie Dunne, Garryhinch; May, Bridie &  
Peter Dunne; Patrick & Dora Goley; Stephen  
McCormack Dereen

### Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> January 6.15pm

Ray McEvoy, Garryhinch Cross (M.M.)  
Martin Harte, Marian Hill (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Joseph  
Sweeney; Ann Sweeney & son Thomas  
Sweeney; Ann Connolly, Spa St; Marie Confrey  
& deceased members of the Dowling Family;  
Mary O'Leary, Killenure (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); John  
Gorman, Cloneygowan (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> January 12.15pm

Maureen McEvoy, Avondale; John & Bridie  
O'Donnell, St. Brigid's Sq. & grandson, Philip  
Brennan

## WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. Holy Day – The Epiphany  
Christina O'Connor, St. Brigid's Square

## ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

### Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am

### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am

Mary O'Leary, Killenure (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Eberhard  
Bauer, Clonanny & Germany (11<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Paul  
Carroll, London & Clonanny;

## PARISH OFFICE



Please be aware that all notices / anniversaries  
for the Parish Newsletter MUST be with the  
Office by Wednesday of each week for inclusion  
in the following weekend Newsletter.

## ANNIVERSARIES EMO

### Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> January 7.30pm

Matthew & Mary Ellen Dunne, Coolaghy;  
May Rowe, Killimy; Kathleen Keegan, Lough,  
(8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Andy & Nuala Hyland, Morette

### Sun.. 4<sup>th</sup> January 11am

Mary Maher; Patrick J. Delaney,  
New Inn Cross

### Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm

Teresa Ryan, Woodbrook (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)

### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> January 11am

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## ANNIVERSARIES RATH

### Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> January 9am

Liam Carroll, Courtwood (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Caroline Malone, Fisherstown (6<sup>th</sup> Anniv.);  
Anne Delaney, Coole; Anne Tynan,  
Jamestown; Tim O'Connell, Coolroe; Mary  
Nugent & sister Sarah Whitebread, Essex,  
London; Richard O'Connor, Courtwood (3<sup>rd</sup>  
Anniv.); Clare Dunne, Bellgrove (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
Ena O'Connell, Fisherstown

### Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> January 9am

Anne Tynan, Jamestown; Anne Delaney,  
Coole

## BAPTISMS

We welcome the following into our  
Christian Community, through  
Baptism:-

James Sean Flynn, Courtwood, Ballybrittas

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Bernice Winnie Theresa Patricia Cawley,  
Gracefield

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Penelope Rose Liston, Rathmiles Avenue  
Juliette Imelda Whelehan, Closeland

## DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died  
recently:

Michael (Mick) Murphy, Ballyadding  
Frances Maher, Gracefield

Ann Moore, St. Patrick's Terrace

Seamus Wrenn, Drumcondra & formerly  
Cushina (Brother of Philomena Tynan)

Sean Dolan, Newbridge & formerly of  
Assumpta Terrace

Sam Owens, Rath, Ballybrittas

Andrew Donagher, Newbridge & formerly  
Portarlington (Brother of Breda Farrell)

John Coughlan, Monasterevin

## 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**

## THE EPIPHANY

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026



On 6<sup>th</sup> January we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, which commemorates the arrival of the three wise men and their recognition of Jesus as the Messiah, the One sent by God.  
In the Irish tradition it is often called Nollaig na mBan or Women's Christmas.

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 is the Feast of the Epiphany and is a Holy Day. Masses on the Holy Day as follows:

**Portarlington:** 10am & 7.30pm  
**Killenard:** 10.30am

**Emo:** 7.30pm **Rath:** 9am

## PRAYER FOR THE EPIPHANY

### A STAR IS BORN



*The Magi were led to Christ by the light of a star.*

*But they saw the star only because they were not afraid to travel in the dark.*

*The fact is, we cannot see the stars in the bright light of day, but only in the darkness of night, and the darker the night, the brighter they shine.*

*In a sense, all of us are night-time travelers. However, we need no longer fear the darkness, because with the coming of Christ a light has come into the world, a light that shines in the dark, a light that no darkness can overpower.*



## A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, You make all things new.  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year

And for all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame,  
so that in our time, many will see the wonders  
of God and live forever to praise Your glorious  
name. Amen

**IMPORTANT DATES****2026**

Ash Wednesday – 18<sup>th</sup> February  
 Good Friday – 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
 Easter Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> April  
 Ascension – 17<sup>th</sup> May  
 Pentecost – 24<sup>th</sup> May  
 Trinity Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> May  
 Corpus Christi – 7<sup>th</sup> June  
 First Sunday of Advent 2026 – 29<sup>th</sup> November

**PORTARLINGTON PARISH****ENVELOPES**

The envelope boxes are available at the Church porches. The boxes contain weekly collection envelopes & special collection envelopes. To register write your name & address on 1<sup>st</sup> envelope. This contribution goes towards the upkeep of schools, churches & parish buildings. Sincere thanks for continued contributions. Please take a box!

**CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Any Parishioner giving more than €250 to the Parish will entitle the Parish to a tax refund. This includes donations made by both PAYE persons and Self Employed persons. On this basis any Parishioner who contributes €250 or more to the Parish in 2025, this donation will entitle the Parish to a tax rebate. Forms available from the Parish Office. Sincere thanks for your generosity in contributing to the Parish.



Digital Support Drop In Sessions / Ciorcal Comhrá / Knitting Club / Lego Free Play: Social Chess (Adults only): Portarlington Junior Book Club / Baby Book Club Adult Book Club

For further information on any of the above or to book phone 057 8643751 or Email [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

**ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLOONEYHURKE**

**Keep Fit:** Returns on Wednesday's and Friday's with Eimear, starting on 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 7-8pm. Cost €8 each night.

**Dancing Lessons:** Returning on Thursday nights with Noleen, start date 8<sup>th</sup> January 7.30-9pm. €10 each night

**Irish Speaking Sessions:** Commence on 12<sup>th</sup> January 7-8pm. €2 each night. Children free, but must be accompanied by an adult. Come and enjoy learning to speak Irish in a pleasant and happy atmosphere. Help sheets will be provided with everyday phrases and words. All very welcome.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION****2026**

**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road**  
 Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

**Presentation Primary School, Station Road**  
 Thurs. 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 2pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

**Sacred Heart National School, Rath**  
 Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11am in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

**St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Clooneyhurke N.S.**  
 Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 2pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**  
 Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION****2026**

**Presentation Primary School, Station Road**  
 Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

**St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Clooneyhurke N.S.**  
 Sun. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo

**Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard**  
 Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 at 11.30am in St. John's Church, Killenard

**Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Clooneyhurke N.S.**  
 Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2026 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

**Sacred Heart N.S., Rath**  
 Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2026 at 11.30am in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

**THANK YOU**

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the recent collection for the Priests of the Parish and also for your contributions to the parish over the year. Your generosity is to be commended. We thank all who attended the Christmas Ceremonies and who viewed the Ceremonies on our Webcam. We thank the Organists, Choirs, Musicians, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Sacristans, Altar Servers, those who decorated the four Churches and who erected the Cribs.

**GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO**

Next Jackpot is €4,600 – Draw will take place Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**EMO – RATH PARISH**

Next draw takes place on Mon. 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 with a Jackpot of €4,400.

**BEGINNERS LINE DANCING CLASSES**

Thursdays 7.30 – 9pm. 10 classes for the price of 7 (€70) or pay as you go €10 per class. Further info. call or text John on 086 8333200.



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Text 087 2609090  
 Email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

**CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE**

Mature retired healthcare worker seeks part-time childminding job in Portarlington, Ballybrittas & surrounding areas. Can also babysit days or evenings as required. Full clean driving licence. Contact Marion on 086 1719070

**COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY  
SACRED HEART CHURCH, RATH**

Frank Duffy & Paddy Wilson



**MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU  
AND KEEP YOU:  
THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE  
TO SHINE UPON YOU,  
TO SHINE UPON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS,  
AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU.  
AMEN.**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT**

St. Michael's Church, Portarlington every Tuesday after the 10.30am Mass until 7pm.

**COLOURING PAGE FOR CHILDREN - THE EPIPHANY**