



Parishes of Portarlinton & 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, Portarlinton
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**

CELEBRATION OF MASS VIA WEBCAM

Link to live streaming from
St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton
www.mcnlive/camera/st-michaels-church-portarlinton



Portarlinton & Emo Parish
@EmoParish

4th January 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Year 'A'

WEEKEND ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINTON

Sat. 3rd January 6.15pm

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

Sun. 4th 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. 10th January 6.15pm

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

Sun. 11th January 12.15pm

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

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINTON

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

ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

Sun. 4th January 10.30am

Sun. 11th January 10.30am

Mary O'Leary, Killenure (5th Anniv.); Eberhard
Bauer, Clonanny & Germany (11th 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. 3rd January 7.30pm

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

Sun. 4th January 11am

Mary Maher; Patrick J. Delaney,
New Inn Cross

Sat. 10th January 7.30pm

Teresa Ryan, Woodbrook (3rd Anniv.)

Sun. 11th January 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 4th January 9am

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

Sun. 11th 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

Portarlinton (Brother of Breda Farrell)

John Coughlan, Monasterevin

THE EPIPHANY

Tuesday 6th January 2026



On 6th 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 6th January, 2026 is the Feast
of the Epiphany and is a Holy Day.

Masses on the Holy Day as follows:

Portarlinton: 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 – 18th February
Good Friday – 3rd April
Easter Sunday – 5th April
Ascension – 17th May
Pentecost – 24th May
Trinity Sunday – 31st May
Corpus Christi – 7th June
First Sunday of Advent 2026 – 29th 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 1st 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): Portarlinton 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 portarlintonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

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

Dancing Lessons: Returning on Thursday nights with Noeleen, start date 8th January 7.30-9pm. €10 each night

Irish Speaking Sessions: Commence on 12th 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. 5th March 2026 at 11am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Presentation Primary School, Station Road
Thurs. 5th March 2026 at 2pm in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Sacred Heart National School, Rath
Wed. 11th March 2026 at 11am in Church of the Sacred Heart, Rath

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.
Wed. 11th March 2026 at 2pm in St. Paul's Church, Emo

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Presentation Primary School, Station Road
Sat. 9th May 2016 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

St. Paul's N.S., Emo & Cloneyhurke N.S.
Sun. 10th May 2026 at 11am in St. Paul's Church, Emo

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

Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road & Cloneyhurke N.S.,
Sat. 23rd May, 2026 at 11.30am in St. Michael's Church, Portarlinton

Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Sat. 6th 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 Cribbs.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

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



EMO – RATH PARISH

Next draw takes place on Mon. 12th 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.



Samaritans support lines are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, offering non-judgmental and confidential support whenever you need us. Free-phone 116123. Text 087 2609090 Email jo@samaritans.org

CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Mature retired healthcare worker seeks part-time childminding job in Portarlinton, 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

NEW YEARS BLESSING



**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, Portarlinton every Tuesday after the 10.30am Mass until 7pm.



COLOURING PAGE FOR CHILDREN - THE EPIPHANY

