



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.

DIocese www.kandle.ie **SAMARITANS 24-hour helpline:** 116 123 Email: jo@samaritans.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 087 7640557 **AWARE** Lo-call Helpline 1890 303 302 **G.R.O.W.** www.grow.ie Info: 1890 474 474

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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, Em o

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. 4TH MAY 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 3rd May 6.15pm

John (Johnny) Maher Jnr., Queensland, Australia & formerly Ballymorris (MM); John & Elizabeth Callaghan, St. Michael's Park; Angela McEvoy, St. Joseph's Tce. (9th Anniv.)

Sun. 4th May 12.15pm

Theresa (Tess) Quinn, Dublin & Blackhall (MM); Denis Hayden, Ballymorris, M.M. Mary Keller, Lea Rd. (1st Anniv.); Ellen (Nellie) Dunne, Avondale; Baby Sinead Dunne; Edward & Jane Murphy; Maureen Murphy; Joan Tynan (nee Murphy); Mary Wilson, Cushina; Lizzie Canton & Jerry Canton, Cushina; Kathleen Garry, Cloneyquinn; Magella Hyland, The Borness

Sat. 10th May 6.15pm

Celia Duffy, Ballycullane (M.M.) Sheila Monagher, Orchard Drive (M.M.) Peggy & James Murphy, Assumpta Terrace; John & Mairead Corbett, Foxcroft Street; Michael Connolly, Marian Hill; Shirley Hoey, Botley Court (B/Day Rem.)

Sun. 11th May 12.15pm

John (32nd Anniv.) & Lily (5th Anniv.) Harney, Cushina; Gus Hynes, Cushina; Kathleen Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; Anthony Carey, St. Brigid's Sq; John & Elizabeth Cleary, Cushina; William & Margaret Smith, Seskin & Daughter Agnes Powell (nee Smith), Bristol; Hugh Emerson & Grainne Emerson, Bishopswood

ANNIVERSARIES - KILLENARD

Sun. 4th May 10.30am

Alan Kavanagh, Lough (3rd Anniv.); Catherine Kavanagh, Lough; Tom Whelehan, Closeland (9th Anniv.); Keelin Fox, Killenard

Sun. 11th May 10.30am

Jimmy, Liam & Tom McCormack, Lea Road

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY PORT.

Tues. 6th May: Denis Cummins, Gracefield (1st Anniv.) & dec. members of the Cummins Family, Gracefield; James & Bridget Kelly, Cushina & dec. members of the Kelly Family; Michael & Kathleen Daly, St. Joseph's Tce; Tony McLoughlin, Birr

DECEASED

Please pray for the following who died recently:-

Brendan Coughlan, Ballynowlart, Bracknagh
Bernard Lewis, Tullamore & formerly Emo

ANNIVERSARIES EMO

Sat. 3rd May 7.30pm

Michael Whyte Snr., Killimy; Paul Whyte & dec. members of the Whyte family

Sun. 4th May 11am

Bernie Bracken, Portnahinch Patrick Delaney, Bracklone St., Larry & Joan O'Mahony, Patrick St., Brigid Delaney, Spa St.

Sat. 10th May 7.30pm

John Lalor, Shaen (1st Anniv.) Thomas Walsh, Knightstown (4th Anniv.) James Noel Moore, Emo

Sun. 11th May 11am

ANNIVERSARIES RATH

Sun. 4th May 9am

Sun. 11th May 9am

Tom McLoughlin, Jamestown Cross

MARCH FOR LIFE 2025

Organised by the Pro Life Campaign takes place tomorrow, Mon. 5th May in Dublin at 2pm (Meeting point – St. Stephen's Green). It is being held to draw attention to the rapidly increasing abortion rates in Ireland and call for support for pregnant women and their babies. The event will be suitable for families and have excellent speakers. Join us in standing up for mothers and their unborn babies! Further info. including bus travelling to Dublin check out www.marchforlife.ie



We welcome into the Christian Community through Baptism:-

Noah James Madigan, Ballybrittas
Lauren Piper Lawlor, Pinevilla
Jamie Mark Doran, Derrymore

ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

The Rosary will be prayed every day for the month of May in:-

St. Johns Church, Killenard.

Time 4pm.

All very welcome.



St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

Rosary every evening at 7pm.

All very welcome.



CEMETERY MASS 2025



Killenard – Fri. 4th July – 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 11th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18th July – 7.30pm



Congratulations to the children from

Emo National School

who receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend in St. Paul's Church, Emo.

Presentation Primary School

Sat. 10th May - 11.30am in St. Michael's Church

Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Sat. 17th May - 11.30am in St. John's Church

Scoil Phadraig / Cloneyhurke National School & Sandy Lane National School

Sat. 24th May - 11.30am in St. Michael's Church

Sacred Heart National School, Rath

Sat. 7th June - 11.30am in Sacred Heart Church

ACCORD NEEDS YOU!

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The marriage preparation programmes are fun & interactive & popular with couples. Successful applicants will receive free professional training during 7 in-person workshops at venues around the country & will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes in your local area. The closing date for receipt of application forms to be included in selections for this year is Friday 30th May. Phone Aisling on 01 5053112 or Email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie

ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

BEALTAINÉ AT THE LIBRARY

Cooking Demonstration: Tues. 6th May 3-5pm.
Booking essential.

Dry Felting: Thurs. 8th May 2.30-4.30pm.
Dry felting (also known as needle felting) is a
fibre art technique that uses barbed needles to
interlock wool fibres, creating beautiful textured
designs without the need for water or soap.
Booking essential.

Walk in Borrowbox Clinic: Wed. 14th May 2.30-
5pm. Bring your phone or tablet.

Puzzle Club – Jigsaw morning & a cuppa!
Tuesdays 10:30-12:30 New member's welcome.

Knitting Club: Friday mornings 10:30am-12:30

Friday Storytime – Fridays at 3:30pm

Lego Free Play: Saturdays 10am-1pm

Social Chess: Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm

Portarlington Junior Book Club

Last Wednesday of the month. Suitable for 9-12
year olds. *Booking is essential*

10/10 Book Club: Book club for reluctant

readers in 5th & 6th class. *Booking essential*

Baby Book Club: Wednesdays 10:30am.

Booking is essential.

Adult Book Club: The last Tuesday each
month **Sensory Toy Resource Collection** –

Service for parents of children with additional
needs. **Laois Libraries Online Book**

Club Read 1 book per month chosen from the
BorrowBox collection. Meet last Wednesday of

the month. Further details & bookings phone

057 8643751 or

Email portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES 2025

Three Day Pilgrimage

In the tradition of prayer, fasting & keeping vigil.
Fri. 30th May – Fri. 15th August. General Adm:
€85 / Students & Seniors €75.

One Day Retreat

Day of guided prayer & reflection during May,
August and September. Further details from
Email info@loughderg.org / Ph 071 9861518
www.loughderg.org

PORTARLINGTON TENNIS CLUB

Full coaching available – All levels. Phone or
text 087 9463147. Adult beginners Wed 7pm
and 8pm. Improvers Friday 7pm. Intermediate
Friday 8pm. Social Tennis for over 50's on
Mondays from 12 noon. Non members
welcome. Rackets and balls provided. Booking
is not required.



FAMILY NATURE TRAIL



Portarlington Lions Club have organised a
Family Nature Trail for Sunday 18th May.
Meeting point is in the car park at Derryvilla.
Registration from 10.30am. Prizes on the day
for the person who finds the clues. Free Event.

COLLECTORS FOR RATH – MAY

Tommy Wilson & John Lowry

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Sat. 10th May commencing at 4.30am at
McCann Park. Proceeds in aid of Pieta House

PORTARLINGTON

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

For newborn babies and toddlers (0-5 years)
Venue: The Parochial Hall, Market Square,
Portarlington. R32 YK24. Everyone welcome –
Lots of great toys, activities, music and fun!
Refreshments served. Various talk of interest
by professionals & themed activities for
children. Friday's 9am to 11am

Buggy walking group - Every Tuesday
morning 10am (Meet at Costa Car Park)
Phone /Text /WhatsApp Rebecca 087 3982548.
Come along for further information and details
of registration. – Everyone welcome.

Fees Members : €2 per child or €3 per family

Fees Non members €4 per child

MOTHER AND BABY

YOGA

Mondays in Portarlington Community Centre at
10.30am. Baby Massage Class – Next course
commences Mon. 19th May in Portarlington
Community Centre at 12 Noon.

Pregnancy Yoga – Next term starting 30th April
in Portarlington Community Centre at 7pm. No
yoga experience is needed to join. Booking
essential – Phone Catriona on 086-8890005

SUMMER CAMP

Rath N.S., Ballybrittas

For children from ECCE to Senior Infants.
Sensory play / Art / Dancing / Outdoor Play /
Games / Mindfulness / Stories / Fun.
Enchanted Forest Fest 7 11th July
Space Explorers 14th – 18th July
Book on discoverylaytime.ie

TABLE QUIZ

In Portarlington Golf Club on Fri. 23rd May at the
Clubhouse in Garryhinch. Prizes for top three,
with a raffle on the night. Table of four €40.

Contact 057 8621135 or Email
office@portarlingtongolfclub.ie

VOLUNTEER MENTORS NEEDED

Le Chéile Mentoring trains volunteers to mentor
young people who have experience of the
justice system, and their parents. Do you have
a passion to make a difference? Can you spare
1-3 hours per week? Le Chéile Mentoring are
looking for volunteers in the Midlands (Laois,
Offaly, Roscrea & Nenagh) to offer support,
which might include: Coffee & a chat, going for
a walk or other leisure activity, setting and
supporting small personal or parenting goals.
Deadline for applications is the 6th May. Sign
up now on <https://lecheile.ie/volunteer-now/>
or to fill in an application form
[https://lecheile.ie/volunteer.../volunteer-
application-form/](https://lecheile.ie/volunteer.../volunteer-application-form/)

EXERCISE AND HEALTH

EduFIT (Exercise for Health) every Monday and
Thursday 9.15am to 10am. Portarlington
Community Centre. €5 per class (pay as you
go). All very welcome. No need to pre book –
Just turn up and we will look after you.

PORTARLINGTON RUGBY CLUB

The Club's AGM will take place at the grounds
on Lea Road Thurs. 22nd May at 8pm – All paid
up full members can take part. Let's continue to
strengthen our club. Your participation would
be essential in shaping our future.

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

CLONEYHURKE - R32 CY89

KEEP FIT: Wed. & Fri. with Eimear 7-8pm €5
each night. **DANCING LESSONS** Thurs.
Nights with Noeleen 7.30-9pm. All kinds of
dancing. €10 each night.

SUPPORT FOR THE PARISH

If you wish to make a donation to
Portarlington / Emo Parishes, please see
bank details below, where you can transfer
directly to the Parish Accounts.

PORTARLINGTON PARISH

B.O.I. Portarlington BOFII2D

Portarlington Parish No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE28 BOFI 9018 6154 5717 14

Portarlington Parish Clergy Fund A/C

IBAN: IE59 BOFI 9018 6196 5850 57

EMO PARISH

B.O.I., Mountmellick BOFII2D

Emo Church No. 1 Account

IBAN - IE16 BOFI 9018 1051 4302 54

Emo Parish Clergy Fund Account

IBAN: IE34 BOFI 9018 1022 2378 77

EMO – RATH PARISH LOTTO

Week No. 1975 – 28th April 2025

Numbers 2, 5, 6, 16 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the followings:-

Michael Shaughnessy C/o Mena; John
Luttrell C/o Maeve; Rachel Carroll C/o B.
Wheeler; John O'Connor C/o Damien; Helen
Fenlon C/o Deirdre. Next draw takes place
12th May with a Jackpot of €2,800.

GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

28th April – Week No. 18

Numbers 5, 19, 12, 32 – No jackpot winner.

€50 to each of the following:-

Brigid Carmody / Jake O'Neill / Paddy
Mulligan / Jane Bryan / Fran Keogh.
Promoter prize Breda Flanagan. Next
week's Jackpot €2,200.

BLACKTHORN FESTIVAL

Gracefield GAA Club will host the Blackthorn
Festival 2025 on Sat. 17th May. Acts include
Chasing Abbey, 'Qween', Derek Warfield &
The Young Wolfe Tones, Rattle & Hum, DJ
Niall Dunne & much more. Get your tickets
now from Gracefield GAA.

2025 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY

Please join us in praying in honour of
Our Lady of Fatima on May 10th

at 4pm. The local Public
Square Rosary Rally will take
place at the Square,
Portarlington. This is one of
over 500 such Rosary Rallies
across the country. Our nation is in great
need of public prayer & repentance.



KILLENARD COMMUNITY GAMES

ATHLETICS EVENING

Mon. 12th May in O'Dempsey's GAA field
from 5pm to 7pm for Boys and Girls. Under 8
to Under 16. All those living in the area
welcome to participate. Phone 086 8883532
to register in advance for the games.

PORTARLINGTON ANGLING CLUB



Fishing permits for the 2025 season are now
open for applications. Send an expression of
interest to Kieran 085 2042101/ John 086
8744343/ Eddie 087 2778043. River and
Lake permits available for Adults, Retiree,
Disability, Student and Junior.
Lake permits strictly limited to Fly Fishing
only with the clubs preference for catch and
release on all club waters.

PORTARLINGTON TAEKWON-DO SCHOOL

Beginners Classes from 7 years to adult.

Juniors 7-13 years Mon. 7-7.45pm or

Tues. 4.30-5.15pm.

Teens & Adults 14 years & older.

Wed. 7pm-7.45pm