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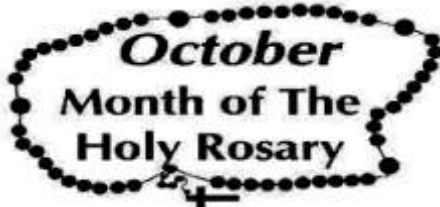
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**MASS TIMES**

**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

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2025**

**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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**WEEKEND MASSES  
 PORTARLINGTON**

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> October 6.15pm**

Marty Knight, St. Mary's Tce. (M.M.)  
 Breda O'Connell, Lansdowne Court (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
 John Knight Jnr., St. Joseph's Tce.; John  
 Eakins, Donnycarney & Cloneyhurke (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.)  
 Lisa Bracken, Arlington Estate

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> October 12.15pm**

Joan Byrne, Cloneyhurke (M.M.)  
 Walter Burke, Lanesborough (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.);  
 Deceased members of the Fitzpatrick Family,  
 Shandra; Germano Giusti

**Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> October 6.15pm**

Marlene Kennedy, Annamoe (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 Olive Dunne, Cloneyhurke; James & Peggy  
 Murphy, Assumpta Terrace; Breda Kelly,  
 Avondale

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> October 12.15pm**

Kathleen Murphy, Congress Terrace (M.M.)  
 Maureen Delaney, Bishopswood (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.)  
 Mai Byrne, Cloneyhurke;  
 Ina & Tony Keenan, Gracefield

**ANNIVERSARIES  
 KILLENARD**

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am**

Pat & Annie Monaghan, Lea;  
 David Knight, Seskin; Eileen Keogh (15<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 & James Keogh, Huntingdon; James &  
 Christina Carey, Ballycarroll

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am**

Johnny, Margaret & Mary Behan, Tierhogar  
 Jack Regan, Tierhogar

**DECEASED**

**Please pray for the following who  
 died recently:-**

Mary Hyland, Garryhinch  
 Elizabeth (Betty) Davis, Old Pound  
 Ann Clarke, Westport (Sister of Marie Smart)  
 Maria (Marita) Serres, Station Road  
 Rita Priest (nee Christie), Straffan (Sister of  
 Pearl McCormack)

**NOTICE**

The Priests of the parish visit the  
 sick and housebound every  
 Month. If you would like to have  
 your name on the list for a monthly  
 visit, or a member of your family,  
 please phone the Parish Office  
 057 8643004 (Mon. – Fri. 9.30-1.30pm)



**WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES  
 PORTARLINGTON**

**Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Kitty Lynch

**Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.** ---

**Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Moll Leavy, Assumpta Terrace

**Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Philip Coogan, French Park,  
 Roscommon; Andrew Dowling, Raheny

**Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Gerry Conway (B/Day Remem.)

**ANNIVERSARIES  
 EMO**

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm**

Martin Gleeson & Christopher Gleeson, Morette

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> October 11am**

Conor Montague, Woodbrook (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
 George Hyland, London & formerly Lime Tree

**ANNIVERSARIES  
 RATH**

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> October 9am**

Thomas Tynan, Kilbracken & deceased  
 members of the Tynan Family, Jamestown &  
 the Delaney Family, Coole;  
 Patricia Greene, Courtwood

**Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> October 9am**

Patrick Brennan, Jamestown  
 Anne & Liam Tynan Copperbeech, Jamestown

**We welcome into the  
 Christian Community  
 through Baptism:-**



*Maeve Olivia Bannon, Middleton, Cork*  
*Grace Anna Bannon, Middleton, Cork*  
*Bláithín McGlynn, Bracklone Street*  
*Jack John Bernard Delaney, Gracefield*  
*Faolan Frank Byrne, Seskin*  
*Ada Kate Byrne, Kilkeeran*

**WELCOME**

This weekend we welcome the children who will  
 receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2026,  
 to our Masses, where they will be Enrolled for  
 the Sacrament.

**FEAST DAYS DURING THE WEEK**

**Sat. 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.** St. Francis of Assisi

**Sun. 5<sup>th</sup> Oct.** St. Faustina

**Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct.** St. Bruno

**Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.** Our Lady of the Rosary

**Thurs. 9<sup>th</sup> Oct.** St. John Henry Newman

**Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct.** St. Daniel Comboni &  
 Children's Day of Mission Prayer

**MONTH OF THE ROSARY OCTOBER**



**ROSARY IN THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES**

St. John's Church, Killenard each day at 4pm  
 for the month of October.  
 St. Michael's Church, Portarlington each evening  
 at 7pm. All very welcome to join the prayers.

**OCTOBER – MISSION MONTH**

October is World Mission Month; a time when we  
 are asked to pray for and support the work of  
 missions in the church. Mission Sunday this  
 year will be celebrated over the weekend of  
 Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.

**BLESSING OF THE GRAVES**



Rosary & Blessing of Graves will take place  
 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025.

Blessing will take place as follows:-  
 Killenard Cemetery after the 10.30am Mass  
 St. Michael's Cemetery, Portarlington at 3pm

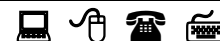
**BEREAVEMENT MASS 2025**

Those who have died in the  
 parish during the year, and their  
 families, will be remembered at  
 Mass on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November in  
 St. Michael's Church,



Portarlington & on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November in  
 St. Paul's Church, Emo (7.30pm). A family  
 member will be invited to light a candle  
 in their memory.

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



The Society of St Vincent de Paul in  
 Portarlington has introduced new Helpline  
 Contact details to facilitate people who may need  
 help from the Society. The new methods of  
 contacting the Society are as follows:

Phone 051-350725 or Email  
[info.southeast@svp.ie](mailto:info.southeast@svp.ie) or complete web  
[request at www.svp](http://www.svp)

We to thank all of the people who so generously  
 support the Society in its work throughout  
 the years.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025 / 2026

Enrolment Applications for 2025 / 2026 (Junior Infants) for all the schools listed below, are available from the Schools from Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> October. Closing Date Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> October. Check out school websites for details.

*Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard / Sacred Heart N.S., Rath / St. Paul's N.S. Emo*  
*Scoil Phadraig, Canal Road / Cloneyhurke N.S. Presentation Primary School (Junior Infants)*

## PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY UPDATE

**Seven Easy Steps to Control your Finances with Caz Mooney** - Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> Oct. 6pm. Caz will be sharing tips on how to get started with the 10 minute payday routine that will help you to take control of your finances. Booking Essential.

**Managing Grief and Loss for your Children with Melissa Moore.** Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 6pm. This talk will help you have confidence in your ability to support your child in their grief. Booking essential.

**Fire Awareness Week** – Fire Safety Stand. Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. 4.30-5.30pm. Join local firefighters & learn helpful tips on fire safety. You can download fire safety leaflet from & get fire safety advice from [www.laois.ie](http://www.laois.ie)

**Halloween Storytime & Craft.** Tues. 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. 3pm. 4-8 year olds. Booking essential.

**Halloween Puzzle Hunt** – Looking for something to keep the children occupied during mid-term. Pop in & do our Halloween puzzle hunt & win a small prize.

**Parent & Child Yoga** – Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 3pm. Booking necessary.

Lots of regular activities – See list below:  
**Puzzle Club Tuesday / Knitting Club Friday / Lego Free Play Saturday / Social Chess Wednesday / Junior Book Club / Baby Book Club / Adult Book Club /**  
For further information and booking contact: 057-8643751 / [portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie](mailto:portarlingtonlibrary@laoiscoco.ie)

## O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C. NEWS

### Lotto Results

Numbers drawn 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1, 6, 9, 19.  
No Jackpot winner. 4 match 3 winners: Monica Connolly, Cathal Bannon, Laura Fallon, Noel Behan. Promoter: Hubert O'Leary. Next Draw: Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. with a Jackpot of €7,900.

### Dinner Dance 2025

Join O'Dempsey's GFC as we celebrate the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our 1980 Minor and Senior Championship wins. On the night we'll also present our 2025 Junior C team with their league medals. It takes place **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, at the Heritage Hotel. Tickets available at this link <https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/odempseys-gfc-dinner-dance-2025> or you can contact any committee member for further details.

## HORSE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

### Laois Branch



Volunteers are required to assist adults and children with special needs. Venue: Weekly in Stradbally Hall. Further information from:- <https://www.i-vol.ie/volunteer-opportunity/?ID=a00WS0000JYHZw>

## PORTARLINGTON TAEKWON-DO SCHOOL

Beginners classes from 7 years to adult. Contact 086 3617001 for further information.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

### 2026 - MEETINGS

Meetings with Parents/Guardians of children who are to receive their First Holy Communion in 2026 will take place next week. It is important that each child is represented at the meeting by a parent/guardian. The schedule for First Holy Communion will be handed out on the night. Please see details of these meetings below:-



### Presentation Primary School, Station Road

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Presentation Primary School Hall, Station Road.

### Scoil Phadraig Primary School, Canal Road

Mon. 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in Scoil Phadraig Hall.

### Sacred Heart NS., Rath / St. Paul's NS., Emo & Cloneyhurke NS

Tues. 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in Emo School Hall.

### Scoil Naomh Eoin, Killenard

Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Killenard School

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

## BALCONY CINEMA – MOUNTMELLICK

Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> October, commencing 8pm  
FILM: WE LIVE IN TIME - €5 (includes tea & snacks). Free parking. All welcome.

## HAPPY HEARTS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The Group meet every Thurs. From 2-4pm in Portarlington Community Centre. All welcome.

## CONVERSATIONAL IRISH

Conversational Irish takes place in the Old School, Vicarstown on Wednesday's from 7.30pm until 9pm. Come along for a cuppa' & a chat. All very welcome.

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT DROP IN SESSION

### LAOIS BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

#### Community Climate Action Fund

Have your say on Laois' Biodiversity Action Plan. Hear about 100% funding for biodiversity projects in your community.

WHERE: Portarlington Community Centre

WHEN: Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> October 5-7pm.

Copy of discussion paper & related documents available at [laois.ie](http://laois.ie) or in your local Library.

## PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Birthday Party Hire. 2 hour hall hire includes Football nets & music system. Contact 057 8645728. Castle hire - John on 085 2347758.

## ADULT CROCHET CLASSES

Commencing shortly in Portarlington on Monday evenings (2 hours). Contact Facebook Jacqui Finn

## ZUMBA

Leaves are falling & my class is calling. Join me at my Zumba Class. Tues. 6.30pm in the Parochial Hall, Portarlington.  
Booking 087 6431743.

## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> November – Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co Kildare. Further info. & booking [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

## EMO ART & CRAFT FAIR

Emo Art And Craft Fair will be held on Sunday the 9th November in Emo Community Centre. We will be open from 11.30am to 5pm. If you are interested in being an exhibitor, contact Stephanie on 0868378659.

## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB, CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

**Keep Fit** Wednesday & Friday nights with Eimear from 7-8pm. €8 per session  
**Dancing Lessons** with Noleen Thurs. nights 7.30-9pm. All kinds of dancing. €10 per night.  
**Next Social Dance** will be held on Sat. 18<sup>th</sup> October with Noel Briody

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

29/9/2025 – Week No. 40

Winning numbers 11, 14, 1, 24  
No jackpot winner.

€50 each to Breda & Lucy; Bobby Earley; Andrew Burbage; John Flanagan; Eamon Brereton. Promoter prize: Breda Flanagan  
Next week's Jackpot €2,200

## EMO – RATH PARISH

### LOTTO Week No. 1994 – Date 29/9/2025

Numbers 1, 2, 7, 18 – No jackpot winner.

€25 to each of the following:-

Anna Byrne C/o Deirdre; Cella Lawlor C/o Deirdre; Donna Booth C/o Bernie; Sean, Grace & Daire C/o Pat; Mark Behan C/o Maeve. Next draw takes place 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. with a Jackpot of 2,400.

## PORTARLINGTON PARENT & TODDLER GROUP OCTOBER SESSIONS



Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. Zumbinis

Fri. 17<sup>th</sup> Oct. National Pasta Day

Fri. 24<sup>th</sup> Oct. Halloween Costume Party  
Join us for the above October classes with fun activities to keep the little ones entertained & plenty of tea/coffee for the grown-up's to enjoy.. Suitable for 0-5 year olds. New members always welcome. Venue: Portarlington Community Centre (Sandra's Studio). Friday's from 10.30am – 11.30am. Members €2 one child / €3 per family. Non members €4 / child.  
[@parenttoddlergroupport](mailto:@parenttoddlergroupport)

## MICHAEL ENGLISH IN CONCERT

### With Monasterevin Gospel Choir

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 in St. Peter & Paul's Church, Monasterevin at 8pm. Tickets €30.  
Tickets on sale from: Parish Office, Monasterevin on 045 525346, Earley's Fashion Shop 045 525395. Proceeds In aid of St. Peter & Paul's Church & Monasterevin Senior Citizens

## LAOIS COMMUNITY CLIMATE ACTION & GREEN ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

Commencing October 2025. Free training for individuals, community groups & businesses.  
7 practical training sessions: Intro. To sustainability & green Economy, Biodiversity & natural heritage in Laois, Climate change mitigation & adaption, Circular economy & community enterprise, Water, peatlands & nature based solutions, Planning for action & community collaboration, Developing project concepts & funding readiness.  
Sign up on [yosef@habitafforknowledge.ie](mailto:yosef@habitafforknowledge.ie) or visit Laois County Council website.

## CHILDRENS' ROSARY FOR PEACE

ON TUESDAY NEXT, 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2025, CHILDREN, THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS & FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN GAZA AND UKRAINE.

The Rosary is a precious treasure in our Church. It's a special prayer that is prayed by millions of people, including children all over the world. The reason it's so special is that it brings us closer to Jesus and Mary. When we pick up our Rosary, it's not just a string of beads, but a band of love that we hold in our hands.

A band that binds us together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and with God.

[www.acnireland.org/pray-the-rosary-campaign](http://www.acnireland.org/pray-the-rosary-campaign)

