

# 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 (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. 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## YEAR C

### WEEKEND MASSES PORTARLINGTON

#### Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> July 6.15pm

Val McGettrick, Patrick Avenue (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Kathleen Lovern, Foxcroft St. (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.); Dec. members of the Bergin & Flynn Families, Rathmore; John Joe Maher, Ballymorris Road (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Peter Broughan, St. Brigid's Square; Christy & Paul Mooney, Kilbride & dec. members of the McDonald & Mooney Families Alice Eakins, Cloneyhurke; Andrew O'Neill, Marian Hill; Eamon Haverty, Station Rd.; Sean & Michael Haverty; John & Margaret Haverty

#### Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> July 12.15pm

Frances & Tom Naughton, Foxcroft Avenue; their Son, Fran Naughton, Ballina (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Thomas Murphy, St. Joseph's Tce. (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Harry Milner, Ballymorris; Kay Lyons, Treascon

#### Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> July 6.15pm

Madeline Murphy, St. Patrick's Tce. (M.M.); Jimmy Murphy, Crowe Lane (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.); Michael Dix; Elizabeth Maree & dec. members of the Maree & Kinsella Families; Tommy Gibson, St. Michael's Park (24<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Bridie Boylan, Spa Street; **Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July 12.15pm**  
Kate O'Shea, French Church Street (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Ian McDonald (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Hughie Keogh, Dolores Keogh, Siobhan Keogh, St. Michael's Park; Frances Costello, St. Michael's Park; Fintan Dunne, Patrick Street & dec. members of the Dunne Family; Frances Cullen, St. Michael's Park (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

### ANNIVERSARIES KILLENARD

#### Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am

Fergus & Philip Brophy, Lough (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); Ann & John McGrath; Carmel Coy; Liam McGrath & dec. members of McGrath Family, Closeland; William & Bridget Coleman, Closeland; Seamus Downey, Closelands (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

#### Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am

Jimmy O'Leary (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.); Kathleen McCormack (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & dec. members of the McCormack & Lennon Families; Willie Heavey (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv.); William & Christina Carey, Bracknagh; John Slevin, Killenard; Patrick & Mary (Mamie) Murphy, Tierhogar

### ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



### WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARIES PORTARLINGTON

**Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> July 10am** Joseph & Maura Lawlor, Foxcroft Street

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup> July 10am** Breda Prout, Clonanny MM

### ANNIVERSARIES EMO

#### Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm

Esther Dunne (4<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Michael Dunne (9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), Killimy, Emo

### ANNIVERSARIES RATH

#### Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm

Margaret Gleeson, Dublin Rd., Morette;

#### Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July 9am

Elizabeth Duffy, Bellgrove (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.) Kevin & Elizabeth O'Connor, Kilbracken

### DECEASED

Pray for the following who died during the week:-

**John Patterson**, Ballymorris, Portarlington  
**Michael Mulpeter**, Clonbullogue

### CEMETERY MASS 2025



Portarlington - Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 18<sup>th</sup> July – 7.30pm  
Emo Old Cemetery – Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> August – 7.30pm

### POEM ON LOSS MUSIC

*Music, when some voices die,  
Vibrates in the memory –  
Odours, when sweet violets sicken,  
Live within the sense they quicken.  
Rose leaves, when the rose is dead,  
Are heaped for the beloved's bed;  
And so thy thoughts, when thou art gone,  
Love itself shall slumber on.*  
By Percy Bysshe Shelley

### EMO NEW CEMETERY CLEAN UP

A general clean-up will take place on Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> & Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> June after 6pm at Emo New Cemetery. Please bring along a shovel, clipping shears etc. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



### POPE'S COLLECTION PETERS PENCE

Sincere thanks for all who contributed to the recent Church Gate Collection for 'Peters Pence'.

### PORTARLINGTON PARISH 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> July.  
Spiritual Director Fr. Eugen Tamaş



Full payment is now due. If paying by cheque please

make payable to Portarlington Lourdes Committee.

For further information contact Marie on 087 7589896 or any Committee Member.

### Church Gate Collection

This Weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2025.  
All donations greatly appreciated.

### PORTARLINGTON LOURDES INVALID FUND Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2025



### Ultimate Summer 5k Fun Run/Walk

Commencing at 11am at the Heritage Hotel, Killenard. Registration fee €10 per person open from 10am on the morning. Refreshments in the hotel afterwards. Prizes for first three ladies home and the first three men home.

All welcome to take part.

### COME & SEE DAY

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July 11am-4.30pm (including Eucharist). A day to explore priesthood: talks, time for prayer, answering your questions, discerning a vocation. Booking only through [VOCATIONS.IE](http://VOCATIONS.IE) Further info. contact [carol.king@vocations.ie](mailto:carol.king@vocations.ie)



### PORT FOLK CHOIR



The Portarlington Folk Choir will resume singing at the 12.15pm Mass once a month in St. Michael's Church. If you would like to sing with the choir, please contact Anne on 087 4146600.

## FISHERSTOWN TRACTOR & TRUCK RUN

**TODAY – SUN. 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY!**



*In aid of Medical equipment for oncology clinics at St. James's Hospital.*

All lorries, tractors and vintage cars welcome. Commencing 11am on Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> July from The Final Furlong, Ballybrittas. Run leaving at 2pm. Food and music all day. Bouncing castle and kids fun area. Midlands 103 Roadcaster Live. Music on the night by Big Generator.

## PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY



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

**Robotics Workshop** - Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> July. 11am (7-12 yrs) – Booking open.

**Pom Pom Monsters Craft** - Tues. 15<sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm (9-12 yrs.) – Booking from 1<sup>st</sup> July.

**Reptile Zoo Visit** - Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> July 3pm.

(Suitable for all Family) Booking from 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

**Dogman Drawing Workshop** - Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10:30am (7-12yrs.) – Booking from 9<sup>th</sup> July.

**Lukes Deadly Dinosaurs** - Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> July 2:30pm – (5-12 yrs) Booking from 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**Butterfly Craft Table** - Thurs. 31<sup>st</sup> July 11-1:30 or while stocks last. Parent and child craft table

**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. Call 057 8643751 for more details

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT SOLAS

### French Festival & Wine Tasting

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> July from 11am–4pm - Celebrate French culture at SOLAS with a full day of wine, food, live music, and family fun! Highlights include guided wine tastings with light cheese snacks, live French-inspired music, a French-themed market, a special café menu, and free kids' activities. Wine tasting spots are limited – Booking essential. Book now & full event details: [www.thegardenshop.ie/french-festival-wine-tasting](http://www.thegardenshop.ie/french-festival-wine-tasting)

**Scruffs Dog Show** – Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> July 11am–3pm A paw-some day out for all the family! Join us at SOLAS for our annual Scruffs Dog Show featuring fun competitions, a doggie fashion show, and pet-friendly market stalls. Café open all day with tasty food and drinks!

### More info & dog registration

at: [www.thegardenshop.ie/scruffs-dog-show-at-solas](http://www.thegardenshop.ie/scruffs-dog-show-at-solas)

## XXVI ST. COLUMBANUS DAY CELEBRATIONS



St. Columbanus Day will take place from Fri. 11<sup>th</sup> July – Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July in Carlow. This significant occasion honours St. Columbanus, one of Ireland's most influential early missionaries. The three-day event promises a rich blend of cultural, spiritual and communal experience; taking place in Carlow Town and Myshall. Programme of events can be viewed on the poster on the Church notice boards. Pilgrims from all over Europe will gather in our diocese to honour this great Saint. Booking for various events now open.

## FEAST DAY - ST. LOUIS ST. ZELIE MARTIN

12<sup>th</sup> July 2025. Carmelite Friary Church, White Abbey, Kildare Town.

10am Mass celebrated by Most Rev. Bishop Tom Deenihan DD (Bishop of Meath)  
7pm Mass / 11am-9.30pm – Veneration of the Relics of St. Therese & her Parents St. Louis & St. Zelie Martin & Exhibition of Historical items from the life of St. Therese and The Martin Family. Enquiries re: St. Therese Relics – The Sweeney Family 085 8887549.

## 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

### Reeling in the Years

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

**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.

### Spoken Word / Reminiscing

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

## DERRYONCE COMMUNITY PARK

### Maintenance Support Fund 2025

Derryonce Community Park is a Portarlington Community Development Association (PCDA) initiative which is maintained & developed by community volunteers. PCDA is looking for community support in an effort to continue upgrading the lakes & trails at Derryonce. Our 2025 funding target is €6,000 to purchase lake & trail maintenance equipment. Your support is greatly appreciated. <https://gofund.me/84367f8a>

## NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS

### PILGRIMAGE 2025 – KNOCK SHRINE

Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> July - Celebrating the World Day for Grandparents & the elderly.

**Theme: Blessed are those who have not lost hope (cf. Sir 14,2).** Mass, Music, Anointing of the sick, Rosary. Inviting all children to write a prayer for their grandparents, send it or bring it to the CGA Knock Shrine.

[www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch) (to view online)

[www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) / Phone 094 9388100.

## MARCHING BAND COMPETITION

Irish Marching Bands Assoc. in assoc. with Portarlington Shamrocks, will host its first Summer Show in Gracefield GAA Club from 2pm on Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> July. A small section of Portarlington's Sound Sport Band will compete against Bands from Clondalkin, Tallaght, Mullingar and Arklow.

## THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

A Dominical Centre for Theological Studies  
Online Summer School 2025

HOPE – For our Pilgrim Journey

This course explores themes around the Theological virtue of Hope presented by Dr. Mary McCaughey. 11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Cost €120, €100 for current students. Further info. & registration [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

## 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> September.

## EMO – RATH PARISH

### LOTTO

Week. No. 1982 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Numbers 1, 6, 8, 14 – No jackpot winner.  
€25 to each of the following: Karen Purcell c/o S. Strong; Emily Behan C/o Deirdre; Steven Norton C/o Bernie; Mark Hand C/o S. Strong; Tommy Lawlor C/o Deirdre. **Next draw takes place Mon. 7<sup>th</sup> July with a Jackpot of €4,200**

## GRACEFIELD GAA CLUB LOTTO

### 30<sup>th</sup> June – Week No. 27

Numbers 3,21, 8, 31– No jackpot winner.  
€50 each to:- Ray Murphy; Sheila Clarke; Mary & Marian; Nicola Maher; Melanie Broderick  
Promoter prize Jamie Hanlon  
**Next week's Jackpot €4,000**

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

**Cúl Camps:** Cúl Camps back in O'Dempsey's from the 14<sup>th</sup>–18<sup>th</sup> July, for boys and girls. Places must be booked in advance at the following link - [www.kelloggsclubcamps.gaa.ie/](http://www.kelloggsclubcamps.gaa.ie/)

## ADDICTION SUPPORT

Are you or a loved one affected by addiction? You're not alone. Join our weekly support group every **Monday** at 7pm in the Laois Partnership Prefab, Timahoe Road, Portlaoise. All are welcome. **The Arc Project** – Take the first step—visit [www.thearcproject.ie](http://www.thearcproject.ie), email [info@thearcproject.ie](mailto:info@thearcproject.ie), or call 085 818 74

## 3 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

St Brigid's 3-day Pilgrimages to Lough Derg 13<sup>th</sup> Aug – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Aug. Bus pick-up's at Monasterevin, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Sallins, Clane, Kilcock, Maynooth and Dunboyne M3 park and ride. Further info: & bookings: Joe 087-2467594 [deirdregleeson@medwise.ie](mailto:deirdregleeson@medwise.ie)

## 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, Naas & Carlow. For full details and to register, visit: [kandle.ie](http://kandle.ie).

## KILDARE ANIMAL FOUNDATION

Kildare Town R51 YE00.

Our **Open Day** will take place on Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. Plants, crafts, bottle stall, cake stall, teas, antiques, face painting, pet gifts, kids games, BBQ & much more. Free admission. Please join us for a fun-filled family day out. No visiting dogs please as we have plenty to be petted on site. Further info. contact Michele on 087 6315082.



## ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB,

### CLONEYHURKE R32 CY89

**Next Social Dance** will be held on Sat. 19<sup>th</sup> July. Dancing to Brian McDermott. Doors open 9pm. Adm: €10. Refreshments served.

**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.

## TAEKWONDO CAMP

Portarlington Taekwondo Group hold Summer Camp from 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July. 11am-1.30pm daily. Some places left – Contact 086 3617001.

