

Parishes of Portarlington & Emo

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MASS TIMES

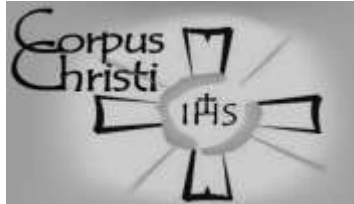
St. Michael's Church, Portarlington

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.



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

7th June 2026

CORPUS CHRISTI

Year 'A'

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

WEEKEND ANNIV. PORTARLINGTON

Sat. 6th June 6.15pm

Gerry Horrigan; Paddy Earley, The Boundary;
Kevin Lynch, Kilbride; Joe Delaney,
Tinnecrannagh (9th Anniv. & B/Day Rem.);
Veronica Delaney, Bracklone St; Joseph &
Catherine Crofton, Bracklone St; Tommy &
Kathleen Delaney, Spa Street; Jenny Moore,
Garryhinch

Sun. 7th June 12.15pm

Joe Keegan, Cloneyquinn (4th Anniv.)
Brian Hoey, St. Patrick's Tce. (25th Anniv.)
Ronald Souza

Sat. 13th June 6.15pm

Sean McEvoy, St. Patrick's Terrace; Carmel
Moriarty, Patrick Street; Lena & Jim Whelan,
Droughill; Michael McNamara, Gracefield

Sun. 14th June 12.15pm

Doreen Folen (nee Keogh), Beaumont & Patrick
St. (M.M.); Garry Keogh, Patrick St. (15th
Anniv.); Mary Dunne, Woodbrook & Clonsast
(10th Anniv.); Rose Hoey, Kilbride (B/Day
Remembrance)

ANNIVERSARIES

KILLENARD

Sun. 7th June 10.30am

Sr. Brigid Monagher, Lea

Sun. 14th June 10.30am

Thomas & Margaret Mullen, Corrig; Syl &
Elizabeth Mullen, Tierhogar & dec. members of
the Mullen Family; Jim & Mary Kennedy,
Stradbally; Charlie Raleigh; Patrick & Kathleen
Territt, Tierhogar; Luke & Mary Coneely

WEEKDAY ANNIVERSARY MASS IN PORTARLINGTON

Mon. 8th June Paddy Donagher & deceased
members of the Donagher Family

Tues. 9th June 10am ---

Wed. 10th June 10am Michael Rice, Derrymore
(75th Birthday Remembrance)

Thurs. 11th June 10am ---

Fri. 12th June Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING WHO DIED RECENTLY

Tony Mullen, Corrig

Lizzy Royal, Portarlington & Dublin

Mark Mooney, Corrig Glen & Dublin

Annie (Babby) McLoughlin, Jamestown

Lorcan Cribbin, England & formerly Main Street
(Brother of Ray Cribbin)

ANNIVERSARIES - EMO

Sat. 6th June 7.30pm

Rose Keane, Rath; Philomena Scully,
Coolaghy (35th Anniv.); Molly McEvoy,
Coolaghy (8th Anniv.)

Sun. 7th June 11am

Martin Walsh, Portarlington (2nd Anniv.)

Sat. 13th June 7.30pm

Una Moore, Morette

ANNIVERSARIES - RATH

Sun. 7th June 9am

Mark, Mick & Serena Carroll, Fisherstown
Joe & Molly Currims, Naas; Elizabeth Mullen;
Paddy Territt, Tierhogar

Sun. 14th June 9am

Edward O'Connell, Courtwood (40th Anniv.)
Paddy O'Dwyer, Newbridge (11th Anniv.) &
dec. members of the O'Dwyer Family

CORPUS CHRISTI

REFLECTION

BLESSED ARE THE HUNGRY



*'Blessed are the hungry;
they shall get their fill.'*

*It is in our emptiness that we are filled.
It is in our confusion that we are guided.*

*It is in our weakness that
we are strengthened.*

It is in our sins that we are forgiven.

*It is in our hunger that we are fed.
We believe that God has a homeland
prepared for us where all our hungers
will be satisfied and all our hopes
will be fulfilled.*

*This conviction makes it possible for us
to travel onwards with an ache in
our hearts and an unquenchable
longing in our souls.*



ADORATION BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tues. after 10am Mass until 7pm with Rosary.

COLLECTORS FOR MONTH OF JUNE

Bosco Carroll & Frank Fitzgerald



Congratulations to the children from
Sacred Heart N.S., Rath
Who received the Sacrament of First Holy
Communion this weekend.

CEMETERY MASS 2026



Killenard – Fri. 3rd July – 7.30pm
Portarlington - Fri. 10th July – 7.30pm
Emo New Cemetery – Fri. 31st July – 7.30pm

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*

RETIRED PRIESTS

COLLECTION

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the
recent collection for the Priests of the Parish.
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CROAGH PATRICK CLIMB

2026



Date: Wednesday 8th July 2026
Local group will climb Croagh Patrick in aid of
Portarlington Meals on Wheels. Bus leaves
Burbages, Main Street at 6.15am on the morning.
If you would like to join us for the climb or
for sponsorship, please contact Pat Burbage
on 087-7716244.

PORTARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHOIR

An Evening of Music

An evening of Music on Fri. 19th June from 7.30pm in St. Paul's French Church, Portarlinton. Doors open 7pm. Tickets are €15 each, available from Coopers Florist, Main St. or phone 087 6715668. Come along for a great evening of music with local Community Choir.

EMO/RATH PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO

LOURDES – JULY 2026



The Emo/Rath Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place in July leaving Mon. 20th & returning on Fri. 24th (4 nights / 5 days). The cost is €785 per person sharing at the 4 star Hotel Roissy.

Deposits are **now due** to be paid.

Limited seats available. Please contact Deirdre on 087 2299457 or Tony 086 1225833

O'DEMPSEY'S G.F.C.

O'Dempsey's Lotto Results

2nd June: 05, 07, 09, 21. No Jackpot winner.

Match 3 winners: Adam O'Leary, Louise McCormack, Georgina Behan, Caitriona Finlay, Stef Terry, Margaret Behan. Promoter: Conal Barry. Next Draw: Tues. 8th June - €11,200.

Hyrox @ O'Dempsey's: Join us on Sun., 21st June for our Hyrox Simulation Event.

Represent your club/gym! Register now - https://form.jotform.com/ODempseyGFC/K26_Hyrox_2026_Entry_form

Cúl Camps: Cúl Camps will be back in O'Dempsey's from the 15th to 19th July, for boys and girls. Places must be booked in advance at www.kelloggsulcamps.gaa.ie/

ST. BRIGID'S SOCIAL CLUB CLONEYHURKE

Irish Speaking Sessions: Mondays at 7.30pm. Cost €2.

Keep Fit: Wednesday's only until further notice with Emer 7-8pm - €8 each night.

Dancing Lessons: Thursday nights with Noeleen from 7.30pm-9pm. €10 each night.

Social Dancing: Sat. 20th June with Pat Lawlor & Michael Cahill. Great night assured.

COURTWOOD COMBINED LOTTO

Courtwood GAA has reached its maximum Jackpot of €20,000 - You could be our maximum Jackpot winner.

Purchase membership, & Lotto via: Clubforce App. / Through the attached QR Code; Ballybrittas Service Station; The Final



Furlong; Registrar Brian Nolan; Treasurers Aileen Carroll & PJ Kelly. Support Courtwood GAA by buying a weekly Lotto ticket. Renew your membership & help our club grow.

PRESENTATION PRIMARY SCHOOL

MCC – MY CANINE COMPANION



MCC (My Canine Companion) developed Ireland's first school therapy dog programme. Research has shown the benefits of these therapy dogs in educational settings. An improvement in areas of wellbeing, mental health, anxiety, absenteeism, staff & student morale etc. happens with the introduction of an MCC school therapy dog. The Presentation Primary school hopes to introduce a Canine Companion to the school. In an effort to fund-raise for this initiative, 13 staff members will Sky Dive. You can support the brave teachers on 12th September 2026.



www.idonate.ie

EMO / RATH - PARISH LOTTO

Next draw will take place on the 8th June with a Jackpot of €3,600

SOCIAL DANCE

Sat. 13th June in the Parochial Hall, Market Square, Portarlinton R32 YK24. Music by John Molloy. Adm. €10. Refreshments served. Come along for a great night.

SUAIMHNEAS, EMO

Join us for an inspiring afternoon exploring the beauty, wonder and mystery of our Universe's story in the beautiful reflective setting at Suaimhneas. Dates: Tues. 23rd June – Sat. 27th June 3-5pm. Followed by refreshments.

Contact Ann for Booking 087 8070140 info@suaimhneas.ie

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Irish Cancer Society is expanding the volunteer driver service in the Carlow & Laois area & are seeking compassionate volunteer drivers to join our pool of drivers. We are specifically looking for drivers who can take patients to Naas Hospital, as well as St. James' Hospital & the Mater Hospital. If you can spare 2 days per month, have a valid driving license, & a safe, reliable vehicle, you are the perfect candidate to make a significant difference. For further info. on becoming a volunteer driver contact Monica or Emily at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

AUDITION PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Thurs. 11th June at 8pm. Upstairs in the Parochial Hall, Portarlinton R32 YK24. Cost €10 per person (€5 members only). We also have launched a new fundraiser – Our monthly 50/50 draw. 50% of the money taken in during the month goes to one lucky winner. The other 50% goes back to the society to help fund our next production. To enter our draw find it on the link below and please include your phone number in the box (customers note) or any contact any committee member who have envelopes which you can give cash.

<https://linktr.ee/PortarlintonMusicalSociety>
Contact us on portarlintonmusicalsociety@gmail.com

WANT TO TRY AN E-BIKE



Local residents can borrow an e-bike for 3 months with a €150 refundable deposit. Return the bike at the end of the loan period & get your deposit back. It's a great way to try an E bike risk free. Travel more sustainably, save on transport costs, enjoy easier journey's around town. Contact PCDA – Love Port, Market House, The Square, Portarlinton. 057 8608395 - info@portarlinton.ie

PICKLEBALL IN PORTARLINGTON

Tuesdays from 7-9pm / Thursdays from 10am – Noon & Fridays from 7-9pm at Portarlinton Community Centre. Some spaces available €8 pay as you go. Contact Francie at 085 8582595 to sign up.

MARKET HOUSE, THE SQUARE

PORTARLINGTON

Perfect for meetings, group classes, workshops & training sessions. Flexible booking options in a comfortable central location. www.portarlinton.ie to book directly.

PADRE PIO'S GLOVE

Padre Pio's Glove will be in Fitzpatrick's House, Killybeg, Athy on Sat. 13th June from 11am to 5pm. Items of St. Pio will be available on the day. For information phone Ann on 085 1696189. Everyone welcome.

PORTARLINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year's pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel 17th July for 7 nights – Final payments now due for anyone travelling. Also required is a copy of your current Passport – Contact Marie Corcoran on 087 7589896.

CAMP PIO – SUMMER FAITH CAMP

Boys & Girls 5-13 years. Mon. – Thurs. 20th – 23rd July from 9.30am – 2.30pm. Arts / crafts / music / drama / team games / prayer. Venue: Bloom HQ, Old Convent Mountrath R32DT9F. €45 per child (€30 per additional child in family). Contact Caroline on 085 2430529 or Laura 087 6313370 or Email camppio2024@gmail.com

BEALTAIN AT PORTARLINGTON LIBRARY

To book call 057 8643751, email portarlintonlibrary@laoisccoco.ie or give your name at the library desk.



Knitting Circle Friday's 10:30 -12:30

Ciorcal Comhrá Irish language conversation.

Chess Club Wednesdays at 6pm

Jigsaw Club Help us finish our current jigsaw. Puzzle – Thursday mornings.

Adult Bookclub Reading one book a month & meeting last Tuesday of the month at 11pm.

Online Book Club We read one book a month, all titles are available in either audio or eBook format on Borrow box. Discussion questions are posted on our Facebook last Wed. of the month.

Baby Book Club Wed. 10.30am (except school holidays). Booking essential.

La Leche League Coffee Morning: Second Tuesday of the month 10.30am – 11.30am.

Lego Free Play Saturday's 10am – 1pm.

BALLYBRITTAS TIDY TOWNS

Litter Pick & Clean Up Dates

Sat. 20th June at 10am & Sat. 18th July at 10am

Help Keep Our Community Clean!

All Volunteers Welcome!

ARLINGTON SOCCER CLUB LOTTO

RESULTS

Draw held 3rd June – Letters: H Y T D / Numbers 8 25 20 4. No jackpot winner. €25 each to the following: Andrea Davoren; Phil Kane; Eamon Kelly. Next draw will take place on 16th June with a Jackpot of €10,000.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS



Sunday Mass makes us Missionaries – An excerpt from the Letter of the Irish Bishops. The Sunday Mass is not only a time for worship but also for mission. Having listened to God's word & received the gift of Christ's Body & Blood, we are sent to live out our faith in the world as missionaries; sent to share the love of Christ with others. As we participate in the Sunday Mass, we receive not only spiritual nourishment, but also the strength to live out our Christian mission in daily life. As the late Pope Francis reminded us, "We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from Him.

In the spirit, we are called to approach the Eucharist not out of obligation, but with a deep desire for spiritual transformation." This is why attending Mass on Sundays is so vital – It nurtures & nourishes our faith & prepares us for the mission to which we are called. We invite you to reflect on how your participation in Sunday Mass helps you to live as a missionary disciple, bringing the hope & joy of the Gospel to those around you, & to the world at large."

<https://www.kandle.ie/resources/liturgy-pastoral/> for more on the importance of Sunday & the Sunday Mass.